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# TASK FORCE TWILIGHT



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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'

In Paragon City, the so-called “City of Heroes”, relations between the hero community and city police always been strained at best.

Under the direction of Deputy Chief Thomas Wield, the police have been quietly bringing back the aggressive and abusive divisions of old and shutting down the technology they once shared with the hero community.

The lines are being drawn between the two groups, and it is becoming clearer and clearer that something needs to be done before the city suffers the consequences.

## "OPERATION 'TWILIGHT'"

- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

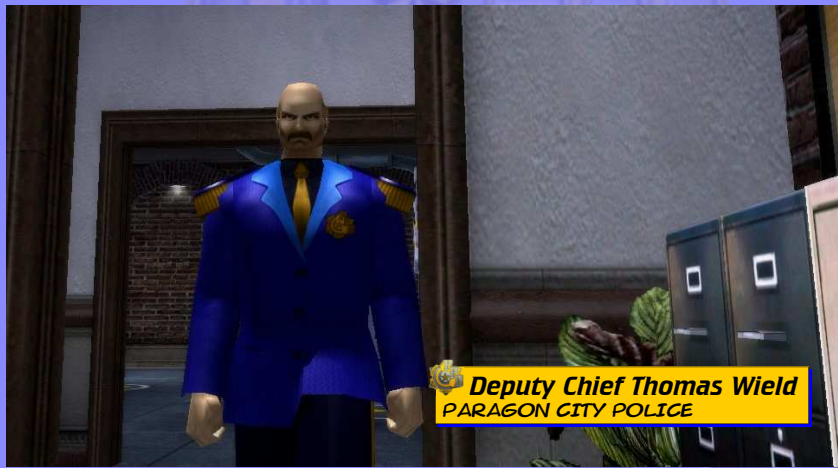
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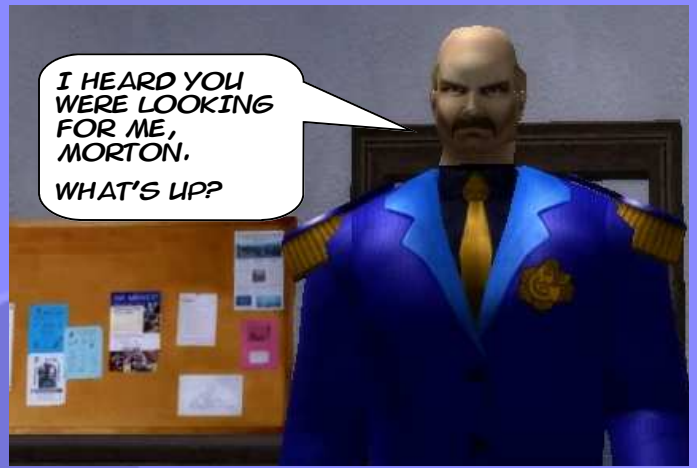
PARAGON CITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS

KINGS ROW, PARAGON CITY, RI

YEAR: 2015



**Deputy Chief Thomas Wield**  
PARAGON CITY POLICE



I HEARD YOU  
WERE LOOKING  
FOR ME,  
MORTON.  
WHAT'S UP?



I'VE BEEN GOING  
OVER THE BUDGET  
AND I WANTED TO  
HEAR WHAT YOU HAD  
TO SAY ABOUT A  
CERTAIN LINE ITEM  
I FOUND.

**Chief Morton Clayton**  
PARAGON CITY POLICE

WELL I'M NOT PRIVY TO  
EVERYTHING IN THE  
BUDGET, BUT IF  
THERE'S SOMETHING  
YOU WANT MORE INF--



"OPERATION  
TWILIGHT."



GODDAMNED  
HAPPERSTEIN...  
I TOLD HIM NOT  
TO LIST IT BY  
NAME.





SO WHAT I HEARD  
IS TRUE...

WHAT YOU'VE HEARD  
ARE PLANS TO TAKE  
BACK OUR CITY  
FROM A PERPETUAL  
STATE OF ANARCHY.



THIS POLICE FORCE  
HAS BEEN WORKING  
SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH  
HEROES FOR ALMOST  
EIGHTY YEARS.

IF NOT FOR  
STATESMAN AND THE  
FREEDOM PHALANX...



**STATESMAN IS DEAD!**  
AND SO ARE THE OTHER  
VIGILANTES OF THAT TIME!

HELL, THE ONLY REAL HERO  
THIS CITY HAS IS RIGHT  
OUTSIDE OUR FRONT DOOR,  
BEING USED AS A  
GLORIFIED MASCOT!

THIS CITY HAS CODDLED THE  
VIGILANTES FOR FAR TOO  
LONG, AND THEY HAVE NOT  
MADE THE CITY ANY SAFER.

EVERY DAY THAT WE LET  
THOSE ANARCHISTS RUN  
LOOSE, THIS CITY SUFFERS!



MY GOD... GLENN  
MCMILLIAN\* WAS  
RIGHT ABOUT YOU.  
YOU DO HAVE IT IN  
FOR THE HEROES.

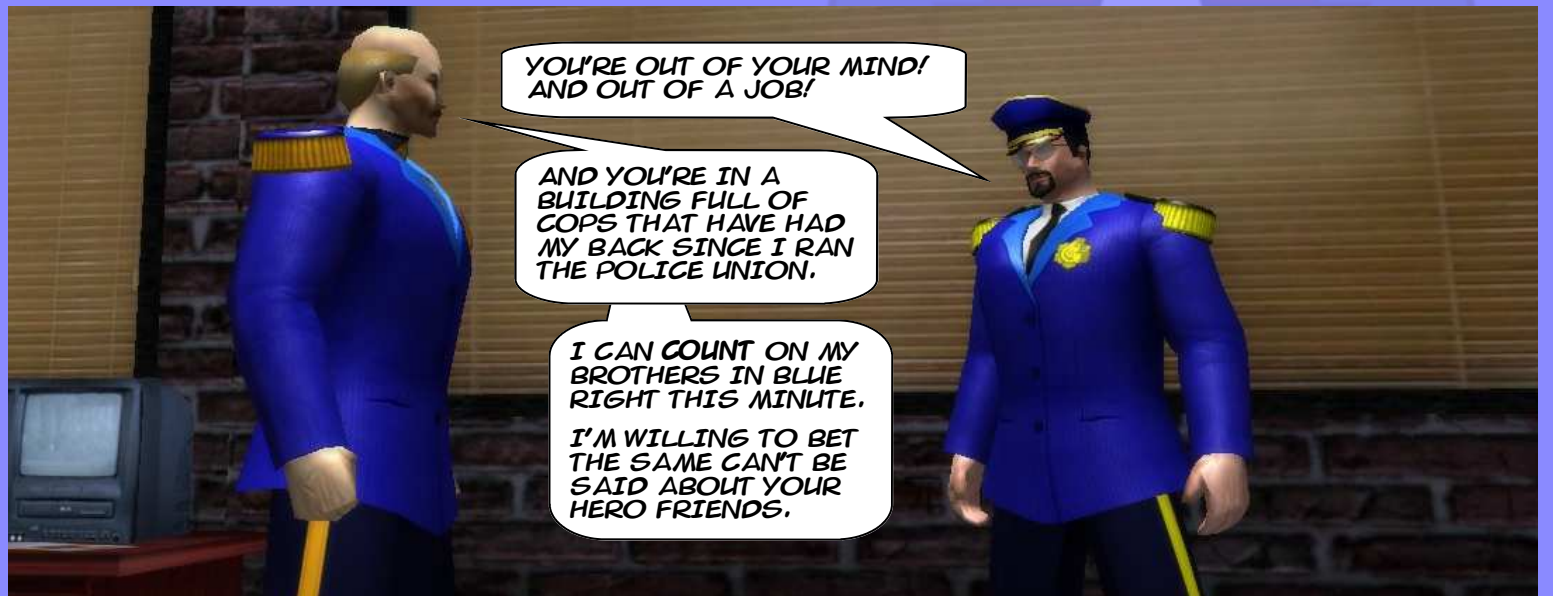
WELL YOU CAN  
KISS THAT  
PROJECT GOODBYE.

\* MCMILLIAN WAS THE  
PREVIOUS DEPUTY CHIEF.>



MCMILLIAN WAS  
WEAK... AND BLIND.  
HE DIDN'T KNOW THE  
TRUTH UNTIL IT WAS  
TOO LATE.

I'VE HAD YEARS TO  
PUT THIS TO  
MOTION, AND IT  
CAN'T BE STOPPED  
SIMPLY BECAUSE OF  
YOUR WEAKNESS.



YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND!  
AND OUT OF A JOB!

AND YOU'RE IN A  
BUILDING FULL OF  
COPS THAT HAVE HAD  
MY BACK SINCE I RAN  
THE POLICE UNION.

I CAN COUNT ON MY  
BROTHERS IN BLUE  
RIGHT THIS MINUTE.

I'M WILLING TO BET  
THE SAME CAN'T BE  
SAID ABOUT YOUR  
HERO FRIENDS.



YEAR: 2017

# PNN

Paragon News Network

THIS IS P-N-N... THE EPIC  
ARCHETYPE FOR NEWS!

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

THE INVESTIGATION  
CONTINUES AS TO  
THE SECRET BATTLE  
IN THE RIKTI WAR  
ZONE LEAKED TO  
THE INTERNET.

AFTERNOON NEWS WITH ROBIN STEED



\*THE FOOTAGE SHOWS A  
CLEARLY BATTERED FURIA  
POWERS ENGAGED IN A  
KNOCK-DOWN BRAWL WITH THE  
SUPERVILLAIN DESTITUTION.\*\*

\*WHILE THE UNITED NATIONS  
SECURITY GROUP VANGUARD  
DOES NOT DENY THE EXISTENCE  
OF THE VIDEO, THEY REFUSE TO  
GIVE DETAILS AS TO HOW A  
VILLAIN BELIEVED TO BE DEAD  
CAME BACK TO LIFE TO  
THREATEN THE CITY AGAIN.\*

\*MEMBERS OF THE  
UNITED STATES  
SENATE ARE  
PRESSING FOR A  
FULL HEARING ON  
THE MATTER.\*

(\* SEE \*FURIA AND THE  
GUARDIANS\* #25 IF YOU  
MISSED OUT ON IT.)

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER,  
WE WILL GET THE  
ANSWERS THAT THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE  
DESERVE ON THIS.

LADY GREY CANNOT  
HIDE FROM US LIKE SHE  
DID REPEATEDLY UNDER  
PRESIDENT OBAMA.

SENATOR THON STRONGHOLD [R] · RI



IN RELATED NEWS...

SOURCES CLOSE TO  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
SAY THAT PRESIDENT  
DONALD TRUMP IS  
GETTING ANNOYED  
AT THE ONGOING  
DISPUTE IN  
PARAGON CITY  
BETWEEN HEROES  
AND POLICE.

AFTERNOON NEWS WITH ROBIN STEED



IT'S BEEN THREE MONTHS SINCE  
THE SENATE CONFIRMED FORMER  
GREY CFO DARRIN BURGESS AS  
THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEWLY-  
FORMED DEPARTMENT OF HERO  
AFFAIRS, AND IN THOSE THREE  
MONTHS, VERY LITTLE HAS COME  
FROM EITHER DIRECTOR  
BURGESS OR HIS DEPARTMENT  
REGARDING THE RIFT BETWEEN  
SUPERHEROES AND THE POLICE.

WHEN ASKED BY P-N-N FOR A  
COMMENT, A SPOKESMAN  
FOR DIRECTOR BURGESS  
REPEATED A COMMENT  
POSTED THREE MONTHS AGO  
BY PRESIDENT TRUMP.

DIRECTOR OF HERO AFFAIRS INEPT? CRITICS SAY SO.





"WE WILL TRANSFORM THE FAILED SYSTEM OF REGULATING HERO ACTIVITY INTO ONE THAT WILL KEEP NOT JUST PARAGON CITY SAFE, BUT THE NATION AS WELL. AND, IN DOING SO, WE WILL ONCE AGAIN MAKE PARAGON CITY THE SHINING EXAMPLE OF AMERICA."

• PRES D. TRUMP • SEPT. 12, 2017

US HERO ADMIN REPEATS TRUMP POST



MEANWHILE, CRIME CONTINUES TO SKYROCKET AS MORE AND MORE HEROES STOP ARRESTING CRIMINALS.



CRIME CONTINUES TO RISE



AT ISSUE IS THE "TELEPORT ARREST PROTOCOL" OR T.A.P., WHICH BOTH HEROES AND POLICE HAVE BEEN USING SINCE 2004 TO TELEPORT ARRESTED CRIMINALS TO JAIL.

THE POLICE HAD SHUT OFF ALL HERO USE OF THE T.A.P. BACK IN SEPTEMBER.

HEROES STOP ARRESTING CRIMINALS



FACED WITH THE UNREALISTIC PROSPECT OF PHYSICALLY TRANSPORTING CRIMINALS DIRECTLY TO JAIL, MOST HEROES ARE FOCUSING ON OTHER THREATS TO THE CITY.

HEROES STOP ARRESTING CRIMINALS



ATTEMPTS TO COME UP WITH A HERO VERSION OF THE TELEPORT ARREST PROTOCOL SYSTEM HAVE BEEN STYMIED BY LOCAL JUDGES THAT QUESTION THE LEGALITY OF COMPETING SYSTEMS.

OTHER HEROES HAVE RESORTED TO WHAT THEY CALL THE "ORIGINAL METHOD" OF SIMPLY BEATING UP THE SUSPECTED CRIMINALS AND LEAVING THEM TIED-UP FOR THE POLICE TO ARREST AND CHARGE.

A MOVE THAT LEGAL EXPERTS SAY VIOLATE THE VERY LAWS THAT ALLOW REGISTERED HEROES TO OPERATE IN THE CITY.

GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS SUBJECT AT [PNN.PARA](http://PNN.PARA)



P-N-N HAS ATTEMPTED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH POLICE CHIEF MORTON CLAYTON, BUT HIS OFFICE HAS YET TO GIVE A RESPONSE TO OUR INQUIRIES.

AFTERNOON NEWS WITH ROBIN STEED





LATER THAT NIGHT...

THIS USED TO  
BE MY DOMAIN.

WHEN I FIRST  
ARRIVED TO THIS  
UNIVERSE TEN  
YEARS AGO, I PUT  
THIS AREA UNDER  
MY WATCH.

I WAS A  
DIFFERENT  
MAN THEN.

 **Jason Knight**  
(DRAKE GREY)

THE POLICE WERE  
DIFFERENT THEN  
AS WELL.

THEY WERE JUST PURGED  
OF THEIR MORE ABUSIVE  
OFFICERS AND PUT  
UNDER A NEW CHIEF THAT  
WORKED WITH HEROES.

IT MADE THINGS  
EASIER FOR ME  
AND FOR THE CITY.

NOW THOSE DAYS OF  
TERROR ARE BACK,  
ALONG WITH THE ABUSE.

THE WORSE OF THE POLICE,  
THE BLUE DOG SQUAD, WAS  
SECRETLY BROUGHT BACK  
INTO KINGS ROW.

NOW THEY'RE NOT A  
SECRET. NOW THEY  
WORK IN THE OPEN.

EVERY NIGHT, I CAN HEAR THEM  
PREYING ON THE INNOCENTS  
LIKE THIRD-WORLD THUGS.

YOU CAN'T TAKE THAT! HOW  
DO YOU EXPECT ME TO FEED  
MY FAMILY?

WHAT? THEY DON'T  
LIKE FALAFEL?

YOU KNOW THE RULES HERE  
IN KINGS ROW! EVERYONE  
PAYS TO BE PROTECTED.

SHUT UP, LADY! WE  
ARE THE COPS!

NEXT TIME YOU SEE US, YOU  
CROSS THE STREET, OR WE'LL  
SHOOT YOUR GODDAMNED LEG!

AND, TRY AS I  
MAY, I KNOW I  
CAN'T STOP  
THEM ALL.



AT LEAST NOT ALONE...

ARE YOU READY, STREETANGEL?

I'M IN POSITION.  
BUT... I'M NERVOUS  
AS HELL.

 **Streetangel**  
(KAREN MANNING)

KAREN MANNING WAS A PROFESSIONAL DECOY AGENT FOR LAW FIRMS AND PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS BEFORE SHE GOT INVOLVED WITH INVESTIGATING THE BLUE DOG SQUAD.\*

THEY TRIED TO BREAK HER. NOW SHE WORKS FOR ME.

(\* SEE THE PAGES OF \*FURIA AND THE GUARDIANS\* FOR DETAILS.)

THIS ISN'T A SIMULATION IN ARCHITECT ENTERTAINMENT.  
IF THEY KNOW I'M NOT THE REAL THING...

SHE'S STILL SCARED OF THE DOGS AND WHAT THEY TRIED TO DO TO HER.

THEY WON'T. I HAVE FAITH IN YOUR ABILITIES.  
YOU NEED TO HAVE FAITH IN THEM AS WELL. DO IT.

\*BAMFFFFFFF!\*

STREET ANGEL'S NATURAL ASSET IS BEING ABLE TO DISGUISE HERSELF AND PLAY A ROLE.

BEFORE, SHE PRETENDED TO BE A HERO SO SHE COULD GET THE ATTENTION OF THE BLUE DOGS, NOT REALIZING WHAT THEY WOULD DO TO HER AFTERWARD.

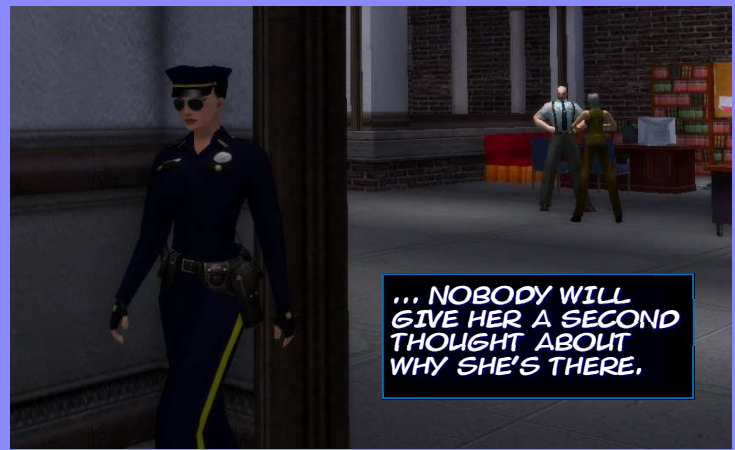
BUT THIS BATTLE IS GOING TO BE WON BY INTELLIGENCE, NOT BY BRUTE FORCE.

THAT MEANS STREET ANGEL NEEDS TO BE GETTING INFORMATION INSTEAD OF GETTING NOTICED.

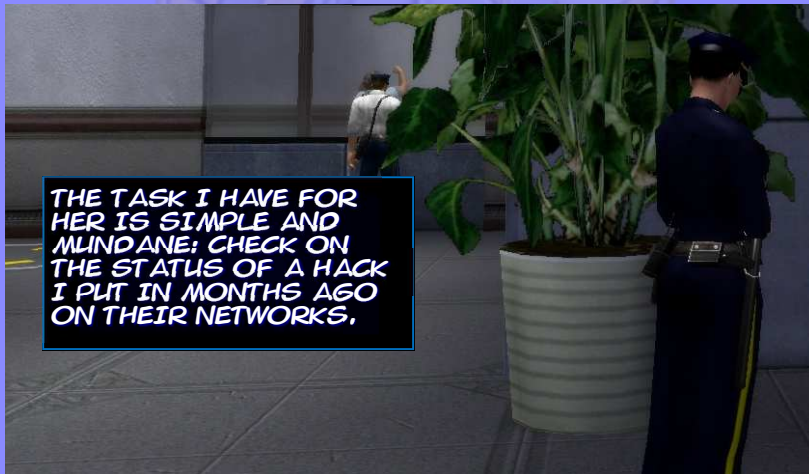




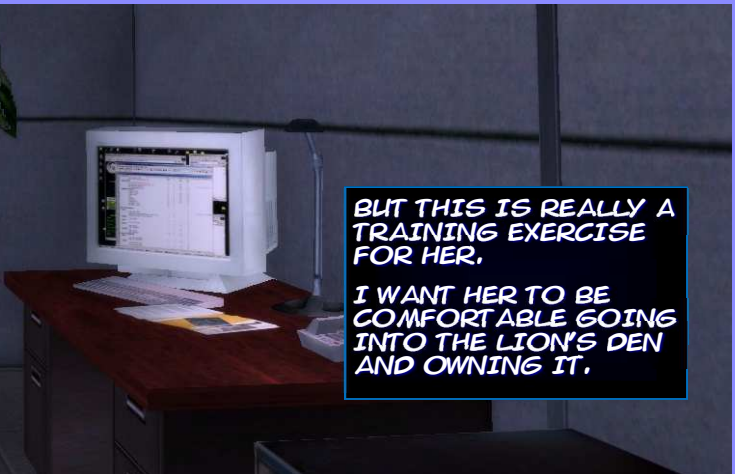
IF SHE LOOKS LIKE A COP AND WALKS LIKE SHE BELONGS THERE...



... NOBODY WILL GIVE HER A SECOND THOUGHT ABOUT WHY SHE'S THERE.



THE TASK I HAVE FOR HER IS SIMPLE AND MUNDANE; CHECK ON THE STATUS OF A HACK I PUT IN MONTHS AGO ON THEIR NETWORKS.



BUT THIS IS REALLY A TRAINING EXERCISE FOR HER.

I WANT HER TO BE COMFORTABLE GOING INTO THE LION'S DEN AND OWNING IT.



IT SEEMS YOUR LITTLE GIFT IS WORKING JUST FINE.

OF COURSE HER HANDS-FREE COMMLINK IS LEFT ON FOR THIS.



IN CASE SHE COMES ACROSS SOMETHING UNEXPECTED.

EXCUSE ME... YOU'RE NEW HERE AREN'T YOU?

I WANT TO HEAR HOW SHE HANDLES IT.



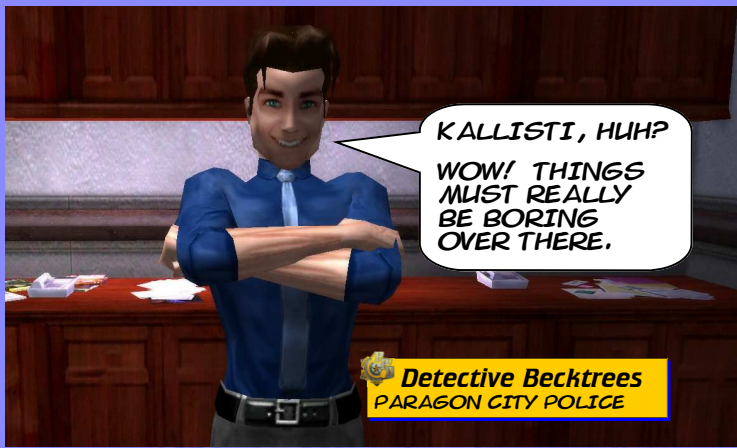
GO AHEAD. MAKE A NEW FRIEND.




OFFICER KAY PAIGE. I'M NORMALLY IN KALLISTI WHARF, BUT THEY HAVE ME DOING SOME CROSS-TRAINING.

I GAVE HER THE COVER STORY OF A REAL COP IN CASE ANYONE LOOKS UP HER NAME.





KALLISTI, HUHP?  
WOW! THINGS  
MUST REALLY  
BE BORING  
OVER THERE.

 **Detective Beckett**  
PARAGON CITY POLICE

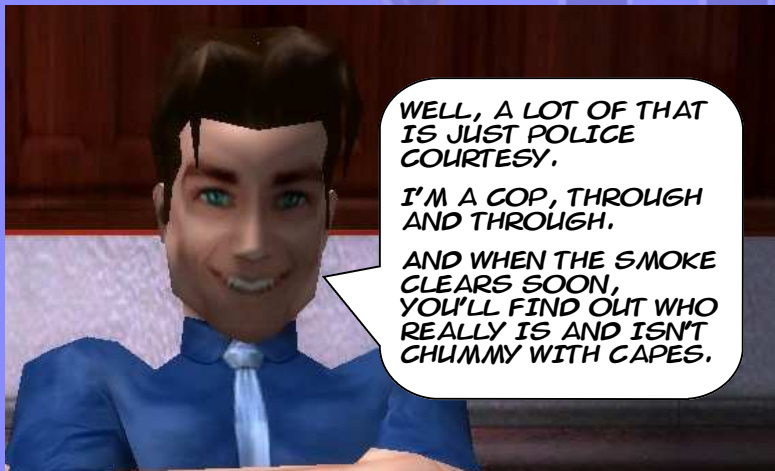


WELL, YOU KNOW,  
WHEN THEY FINALLY  
GET THAT PLACE  
OPENED UP AGAIN,  
THAT'S WHEN IT'LL  
GET BUSY FOR US.  
YOU'RE BECKETT,  
RIGHT? THEY TOLD  
ME TO KEEP AN EYE  
OUT FOR YOU.



REALLY? WELL I  
HOPE IT'S BECAUSE  
OF MY CHARMING  
PERSONALITY AND  
CAN-DO ATTITUDE!

THAT'S... ONE WAY  
OF PUTTING IT.  
I THINK THEY ALSO  
SAID IT WAS  
BECAUSE YOU'RE  
TOO CHUMMY WITH  
THE CAPES.



WELL, A LOT OF THAT  
IS JUST POLICE  
COURTESY.  
I'M A COP, THROUGH  
AND THROUGH.  
AND WHEN THE SMOKE  
CLEARS SOON,  
YOU'LL FIND OUT WHO  
REALLY IS AND ISN'T  
CHUMMY WITH CAPES.



WELL I'LL GUESS  
WE'LL FIND OUT  
THEN, RIGHT?  
SEE YOU AROUND.

SO... IT'S  
HAPPENING  
SOON.



TELL ME  
YOU HEARD  
ALL THAT.

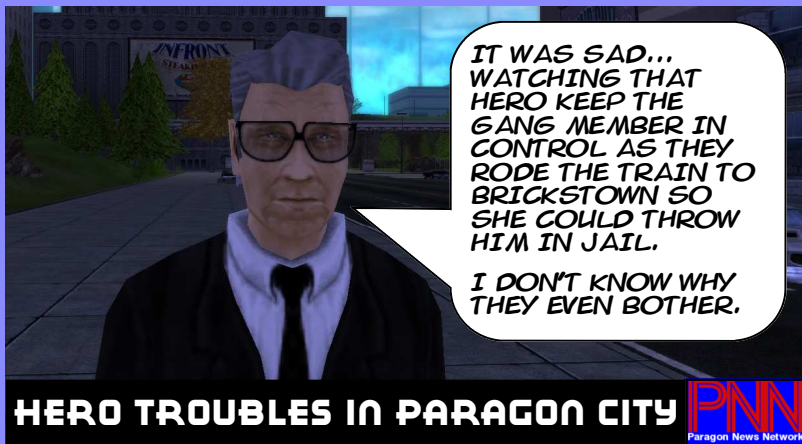


I DID, YOU  
DID GOOD.  
CHANGE BACK  
AND CALL IT  
A NIGHT.

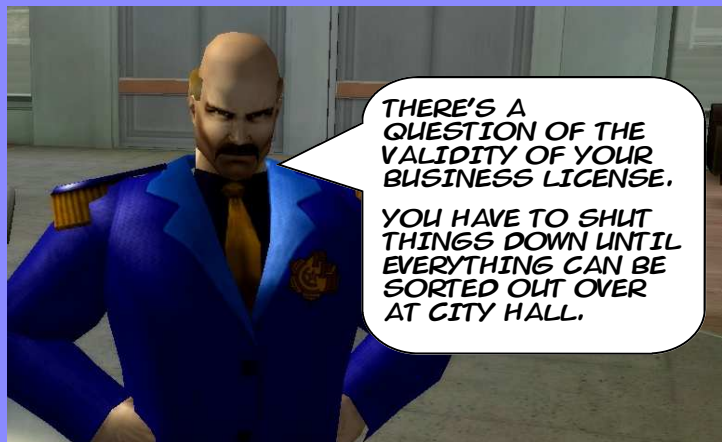


GREAT,  
BECAUSE I'LL  
NEED A REALLY  
LONG SHOWER  
AFTER THIS.  
AND I THINK I  
MIGHT THROW  
UP WHILE I'M  
AT IT.





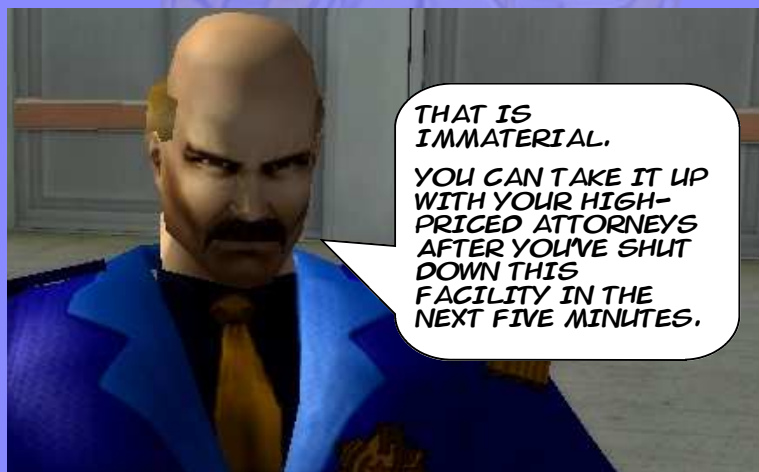




THERE'S A QUESTION OF THE VALIDITY OF YOUR BUSINESS LICENSE. YOU HAVE TO SHUT THINGS DOWN UNTIL EVERYTHING CAN BE SORTED OUT OVER AT CITY HALL.



THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. I PERSONALLY OVERSAW THE RENEWAL OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE ALONG WITH THE PRINCIPAL OWNERS.



THAT IS IMMATERIAL. YOU CAN TAKE IT UP WITH YOUR HIGH-PRICED ATTORNEYS AFTER YOU'VE SHUT DOWN THIS FACILITY IN THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES.



I CAN SEND THE CLIENTS AWAY, BUT IT WILL TAKE DAYS BEFORE WE CAN SAFELY SHUT DOWN THE REACTOR CORE. THIS ISN'T SOME LIGHT BULB YOU CAN JUST TURN OFF.



YOU ARE THIRTY SECONDS AWAY FROM BEING ARRESTED FOR DISOBEYING A POLICE OFFICER, GREY. AND THEN I'LL HAVE MY OWN ELECTRICIANS HERE TO SHUT IT ALL DOWN.



YOU DO THAT, DEPUTY CHIEF WIELD, AND I PROMISE YOU THAT YOUR OFFICE JUST UP THE ROAD WILL BE A RADIO ACTIVE HOT ZONE FOR THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS. YOU DO IT MY WAY, AND YOU CAN STILL GLOAT ALL YOU WANT ABOUT IT AFTERWARD.




... FINE. BUT THESE DOORS BETTER BE CLOSED IN THIRTY MINUTES.



ESTHER, PLEASE TELL THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TO BEGIN SHUTDOWN PROCEDURES. I'LL NOTIFY THE OWNERS.






ROBIN, WHILE IT IS TRUE MY OFFICE IS OVERFLOWING WITH HERO-ABUSE CASES, WE ARE CERTAINLY NOT RELISHING THE RUSH.

MOST OF THESE SO-CALLED "HEROES" DON'T MAKE ANY MONEY, AND THEY DON'T HAVE ANY HERO "INSURANCE" WE CAN TAP INTO TO PAY FOR THE DAMAGES.

I OFTEN HAVE TO TELL MY CLIENTS TO EXPECT TO GET NOTHING EVEN IF THEY WIN.

**CHRIS JENKINS · FAMED HERO-SUING ATTORNEY**



AND YET YOU'VE BEEN THE LOUDEST CRITIC TO COMING UP WITH A HERO ALTERNATIVE TO THE ARREST PROTOCOLS.

YOU'VE EVEN SUBMITTED FRIEND-OF-COURT BRIEFS ON THE MATTER.



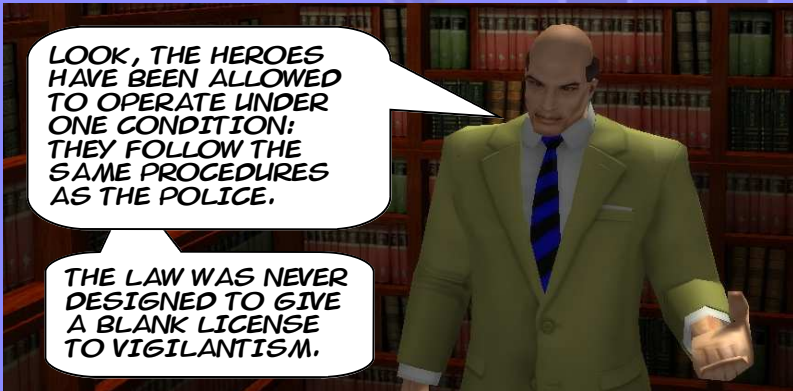
SO HAS YOUR STATION'S OWN LEGAL EXPERT, NAN BRAGER.

SHE IS JUST AS CONCERNED ABOUT THE RULE OF LAW AS I AM.

**HEROES OR VIGILANTES?**



**CHRIS JENKINS · ATTORNEY**



LOOK, THE HEROES HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO OPERATE UNDER ONE CONDITION: THEY FOLLOW THE SAME PROCEDURES AS THE POLICE.

THE LAW WAS NEVER DESIGNED TO GIVE A BLANK LICENSE TO VIGILANTISM.



THE POLICE SET THE STANDARD.

IF THE POLICE DECIDE TO NOT INCLUDE THE HEROES, THEN THEY SHOULD HONOR THAT DECISION.

**HEROES OR VIGILANTES?**



**CHRIS JENKINS · ATTORNEY**



AND IF THEY CAN'T?

IF THEY ARE CONFRONTED WITH A CRIME AND THEY CAN'T USE THE SAME TOOLS AS THE POLICE...

YOU EXPECT THEM TO DO... NOTHING?



I EXPECT THEM TO FOLLOW THE LAW, JUST LIKE YOU OR I WOULD HAVE TO

REPORT IT TO THE POLICE, OR PAY THE SAME LEGAL CONSEQUENCES AS THE CRIMINALS THEY CLAIM TO FIGHT. PERIOD.

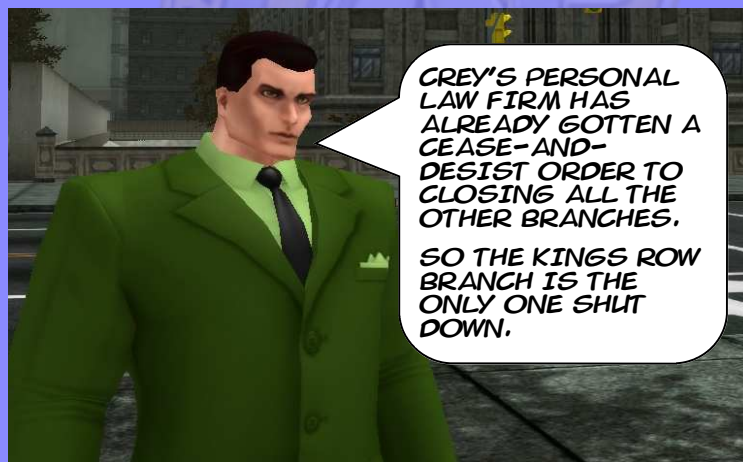
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SO YOU SENSE A  
MASTER PLAN AT  
WORK...

OH, WAIT, OF  
COURSE YOU DO.

WIELD WANTS TO FORCE  
OUT THE HEROES FROM  
KINGS ROW.

HE WON'T STOP THERE,  
THOUGH.

HE'S STARTING THERE  
BECAUSE THAT'S HIS  
BACK YARD, WHERE THE  
BLUE DOGS WERE PUT  
DOWN THE LAST TIME.



BY JIMMY  
HELLFIGHTER AND  
THE LIBERTARIAN  
AVENGER.

AND NOW JIMMY  
IS DEAD... AND...



AND NOW THERE'S  
A FAKE AVENGER.

I THINK I KNOW  
WHO IT IS, BUT  
IT'S JUST TOO  
DANGEROUS TO  
HAVE THAT PERSON  
REVEALED.

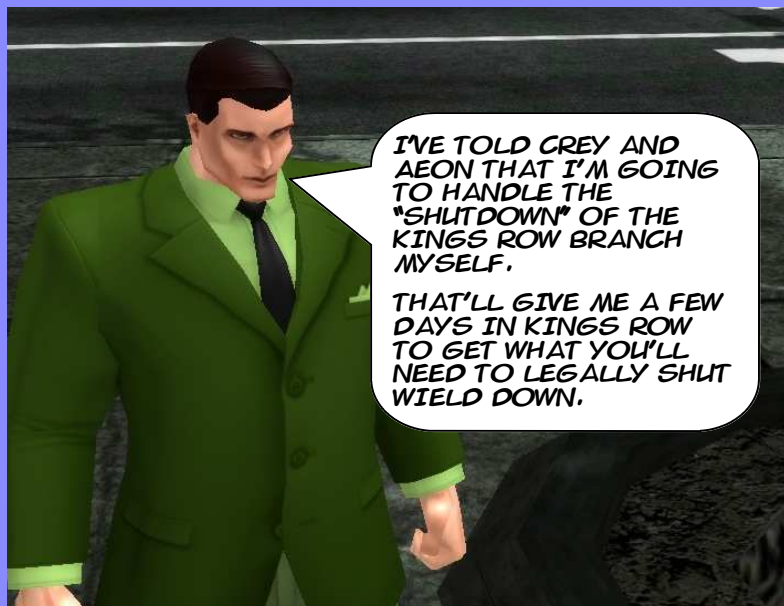


RIGHT NOW, THAT  
FAKE AVENGER IS  
A WILD CARD THAT  
WILL SLOW DOWN  
WIELD'S PLAN.

BUT AT SOME POINT YOU  
WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS IT.

THE LAST THING WE NEED  
IS SOMEONE TO COME  
OUT AND LINK THAT  
PERSON WITH ME.

EVERYTHING I'VE DONE  
SINCE BECOMING  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
WOULD BE IN JEOPARDY.



I'VE TOLD GREY AND  
AEON THAT I'M GOING  
TO HANDLE THE  
"SHUTDOWN" OF THE  
KINGS ROW BRANCH  
MYSELF.

THAT'LL GIVE ME A FEW  
DAYS IN KINGS ROW  
TO GET WHAT YOU'LL  
NEED TO LEGALLY SHUT  
WIELD DOWN.



I'LL BE WAITING  
FOR YOUR CALL.

JUST DON'T GET  
YOURSELF  
KILLED IN THE  
PROCESS.



MEANWHILE...

I KNOW YOU SAID HE WORKS ON HIS OWN SCHEDULE, BUT I NEED TO KNOW THAT HE IS AT LEAST ON SOME KIND OF SCHEDULE!

NO... OF COURSE I'M NOT ASKING FOR A MEETING.

I JUST NEED TO KNOW THAT HE'LL BE DOING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE SOON.

YES, OF COURSE.

I'M SORRY, BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO CUT THIS SHORT.

MY APPOINTMENT JUST ARRIVED.  
WE'LL TALK AGAIN SOON.

I'M SORRY DEPUTY CHIEF WIELD, AM I INTERRUPTING SOMETHING IMPORTANT?

YOU KNOW HOW IT IS, DIRECTOR BURGESS.

AT OUR LEVEL, EVERYTHING IS IMPORTANT.

**Director Darren Burgess**  
DEPARTMENT OF SUPERHUMAN ACTIVITIES

HOWEVER, ONCE I SHOW YOU WHAT I HAVE IN MOTION, I THINK YOU'LL FIND WE HAVE MUTUAL INTERESTS THAT CAN BE DEALT WITH RATHER EASILY.

THEN BY ALL MEANS, SIR, LEAD THE WAY.



WELCOME BACK TO "SHINING LIGHTS", I'M SALLY CARSON-RAMIREZ.

NORMALLY ON THIS PROGRAM WE TALK ABOUT THE UP-AND-COMING SUPERHEROES AND HERO GROUPS IN PARAGON CITY.



BUT TODAY WE WANT TO FOCUS ON SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH SUPERHEROES IN PARAGON CITY LONGER THAN ANYONE STILL ALIVE.

## SHINING LIGHTS WITH SALLY CARSON-RAMIREZ



EARLIER TODAY, PARAGON CITY SALUTED A WOMAN MOST PEOPLE KNOW SIMPLY AS "GRANDMA CAPE".

SHE MAY NOT HAVE ANY POWERS, BUT SHE HAS HEART, OPTIMISM, AND PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE.



SHE JOINS US FROM CITY HALL, AND I SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT SHE JUST TURNED NINETY!

SO... HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

THANK YOU MY DEAR.



PARAGON CITY SALUTES GRANDMA CAPE



GRANDMA CAPE · CITY HALL



NOW, I UNDERSTAND FROM MY PRODUCERS THAT IN ADDITION TO BEING A REGISTERED HERO, YOU'RE ALSO ONE OF THE FIRST RECRUITS OF OUR OWN FREEDOM CORPS!

SO... HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?



WELL IT WAS NOT LONG AFTER MISS LIBERTY GOT STARTED AS A SIDEKICK TO STATESMAN.

SOME OF US SAW THIS YOUNG GIRL TRYING TO DO GOOD AND, YOU KNOW, WE JUST WANTED DO OUR PART TO HELP.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRANDMA CAPE!



GRANDMA CAPE · CITY HALL



WE WERE HOUSEWIVES AND DELIVERY BOYS AND TAXI DRIVERS... ORDINARY PEOPLE.

WE DIDN'T WEAR SKIN-TIGHT OUTFITS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. WE WERE LUCKY IF WE WORE MASKS AND A JACKET OVER OUR STREET CLOTHES.

WE'D BANDAGE UP THE HEROES, HELP CLEAN UP THE MESS... SOMETIMES EVEN HELP DETAIN THE CREEPS UNTIL THE POLICE ARRIVED.



IT WAS A DIFFERENT TIME BACK THEN.

THE POLICE CHIEF MAY HAVE HATED THE HEROES IN THE PAPER, BUT THE OFFICER-ON-THE-STREET WOULD THANK US FOR DOING OUR LITTLE BIT TO HELP OUT.

GRANDMA CAPE CELEBRATES HER 90TH BIRTHDAY AT CITY HALL







HOURS LATER, NOT FAR FROM  
POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

IT'S GONE THROUGH  
SEVERAL OWNERS OVER  
THE YEARS, AND EACH  
OF THEM HAD A  
DIFFERENT NAME FOR  
THE BUILDING.

BUT THEY NEVER STUCK  
AROUND LONG  
ENOUGH TO CHANGE  
THE OLD NEON SIGN.

IT DIDN'T MATTER,  
THOUGH, BECAUSE  
NO MATTER WHO  
OWNED IT, IT WAS  
ALWAYS CALLED  
"THE COP SHACK".

BAR

IT'S THE ONE PLACE  
COPS WOULD GATHER  
OUTSIDE OF A POLICE  
STATION...

SAVE, OF COURSE, FOR  
DRENCHED DONUTS.

WHAT ARE YOU  
LOOKING FOR?

I SAW HIM,  
ERNIE.  
I SAW THAT  
STUPID  
REPORTER  
SNEAKING  
AROUND!

THAT FAKE NEWS  
HACK AIN'T GONNA  
COME BACK FOR  
SECONDS, BURT.  
HE CAN'T EVEN  
WRITE AFTER YOU  
BROKE HIS HANDS.

STRIKE FAST  
AND HARD...  
BEFORE THEY  
CAN ALERT THE  
OTHER COPS.

I TRY TO TELL  
MYSELF THAT  
IT'S JUSTICE  
FOR THAT  
REPORTER.

BUT I'LL HAVE TO  
GET SENTRY TO  
DIG UP HIS  
STORY BEFORE I  
CAN BELIEVE  
WHAT I'M  
TELLING MYSELF.





LOOK WHO  
DECIDED TO  
CRASH THE PARTY.  
YOU GOT A DEATH  
WISH, KNIGHT?

**Lawdog**  
(BENJAMIN LAWTON)



I'VE BEEN DEAD  
BEFORE, LAWTON.  
DOESN'T SCARE ME.  
SHOULD SCARE YOU,  
THOUGH.



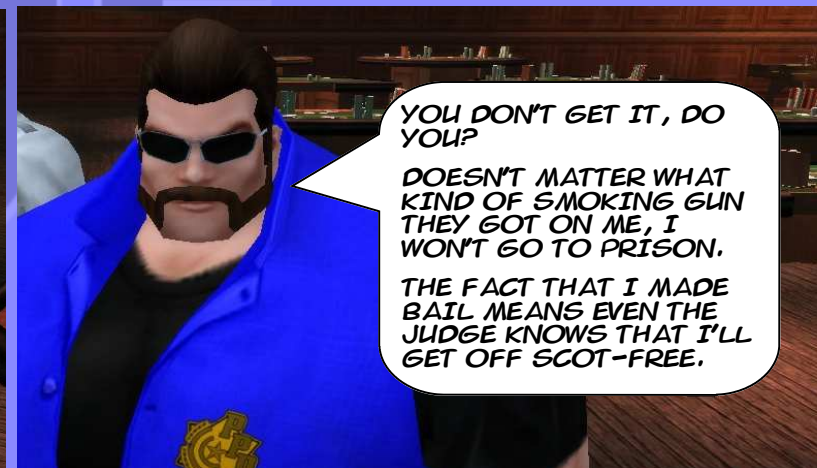
SAY THE WORD,  
BEAR. WE GOT  
YOU COVERED.  
JUSTIFIABLE  
HOMICIDE.



NAW... LET HIM HAVE  
HIS SAY, BOYS.  
AS LONG AS HE  
LEAVES AFTERWARD.  
THAT OKAY, KNIGHT?  
MY GIFT TO YOU.



YOU GOT LUCKY  
WITH THE JUDGE.  
BUT YOU'RE STILL  
GOING TO FACE  
JUSTICE FOR WHAT  
YOU DID.



YOU DON'T GET IT, DO  
YOU?  
DOESN'T MATTER WHAT  
KIND OF SMOKING GUN  
THEY GOT ON ME, I  
WON'T GO TO PRISON.  
THE FACT THAT I MADE  
BAIL MEANS EVEN THE  
JUDGE KNOWS THAT I'LL  
GET OFF SCOT-FREE.



YOU CAPES AND MASKS, YOU  
THINK IT'S JUST A MATTER OF  
BUSTIN' THE BAD GUY, AND  
THEN THEY GO TO PRISON.  
THAT'S NOT HOW THE REAL  
WORLD WORKS, KNIGHT.

I AIN'T NO SAINT, BUT I DO WHAT I  
DO FOR THIS BADGE ON MY CHEST.  
SAME WITH ALL MY BROTHERS AND  
SISTERS HERE WHO WEAR THE SAME  
BADGE.  
WE MAY BE A GANG, BUT WE'RE THE  
CITY'S GANG. SO WE'RE UNTOUCHABLE.






IS THAT WHAT YOU TELL  
YOURSELF WHEN YOU PUT ON  
A DISGUISE AND MURDER  
SOMEONE OUTRIGHT?

OR WHEN YOUR "BROTHERS  
AND SISTERS" MAKE DEALS  
SO CAREER CRIMINALS TAKE  
THE RAP FOR YOUR CRIMES?




THAT'S WHAT FAMILY  
DOES, KNIGHT.  
THESE ARE MINE.  
NO DIFFERENT THAN  
YOUR GROUP.




OR DID YOU THINK  
WE ALL FORGOT  
THAT YOU BECAME  
AN APOSTLE FOR  
SOME PHONY GOD  
AND TRIED TO TAKE  
OVER THE CITY?\*

(\* SEE "GUARDIANS OF  
THE DAWN REUNION" #3)



WE LOST THIRTEEN  
COPS THAT DAY.  
THIRTEEN OF MY  
BADGE BROTHERS.  
AND YOU WALKED  
AWAY UNTOUCHED.



I LOST MORE THAN YOU COULD  
EVER IMAGINE, LAWTON, AND I'VE  
BEEN PAYING FOR IT EVERY  
SINGLE DAY.

BUT THAT DOESN'T JUSTIFY WHAT  
YOU'VE BEEN DOING FOR YEARS  
WHILE WEARING THAT BADGE!





YEAH, WELP... TIME FOR YOU TO CALL IT A NIGHT, KNIGHT.  
MY BROTHERS OF THE BADGE WILL LET YOU WALK OUT HERE THIS TIME... AND ONLY THIS TIME.  
BELIEVE ME, THERE WON'T BE ANOTHER.



ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM WHILE YOU CAN, LAWDOG.

JUST REMEMBER ONE THING:  
WHEN YOUR MASTERS DECIDE THAT YOU'RE TOO WILD TO KEEP ROAMING ABOUT, \*I\* WON'T BE THE ONE THEY SEND TO PUT YOU DOWN.



I'LL BE THE ONE DEBATING ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT I SHOULD SAVE YOUR SORRY ASS JUST SO IT CAN ROT IN THE ZIG AFTERWARD.



GODDAMNED HYPOCRITE!

KEEP WALKING, ZERO, RIGHT OF OUR CITY.

MAGA, BITCH!

DEAD, JUST DON'T KNOW IT.

DEAD CAPE WALKING.

COPS ALWAYS WIN!

THIS IS OUR CITY, NOT YOURS.

COP ALWAYS WINS, ASSHOLE.





MY BEST FRIEND'S SECOND-**COUSIN** WAS ATTACKED BY SOME **SKULLS** AND THE **HEROES** DID NOTHING.

THEN THE COPS SAID SHE SHOULD BLAME THE **HEROES** FOR IT!

HERO TROUBLES IN PARAGON CITY



I THINK BOTH GROUPS ARE AT FAULT FOR WHAT IS GOING ON.

THEY SHOULD JUST CUT THE **\*BEEP\*** AND GET OVER IT.

HERO TROUBLES IN PARAGON CITY



NORMALLY I'D BE COMFORTED BY THE SIGHT OF THE **ARCHITECT ENTERTAINMENT BUILDING** LIT UP AT NIGHT.

IT WOULD STAND OUT AS A BEACON IN THIS **HELL-HOLE** OF A DISTRICT.

BUT NOW... QUITE LITERALLY... THE LIGHTS ARE ON, BUT NOBODY'S HOME.

THEY'RE ON BECAUSE **DR. AEON'S "CLEAN" REACTOR** IS STILL SUPPLYING POWER TO THE WHOLE BUILDING, AND IT SUPPOSEDLY TAKES DAYS FOR IT TO BE **"SAFELY" SHUT DOWN.**

IT'S A LIE, OF COURSE, BUT IT ALLOWS ME TO KEEP THE POWER RUNNING FOR MY LAIR INSIDE THE BUILDING.

IT TOOK ME A LONG TIME AND WHAT WAS LEFT OF MY MONEY TO SET UP THE LAIR.

EVEN IF I WANTED TO, I COULDN'T AFFORD TO RELOCATE MY OPERATIONS AND STILL WORK TO SHUT DOWN THE **BLUE DOGS.**





WIELD HAS UNITS  
ASSIGNED TO  
WATCH THE  
ENTRANCEWAYS.

TO MAKE SURE  
THE BUILDING  
STAYS CLOSED.

SO I HAVE TO  
RESORT TO MY OLD  
METHOD OF TRAVEL  
THROUGH THE AREA.

I ONCE HATED TO TRAVEL  
THROUGH THE SEWERS.

I ONCE ASKED HOW  
SHODDEN FREID WOULD  
PREFER LIVING IN THE  
SEWERS IN PRAGUE.\*

HE NEVER ANSWERED MY  
QUESTION. BUT I FOUND  
OUT HOW EASY IT WAS  
WHEN I FORCED MYSELF TO  
LIVE IN THESE SEWERS.\*\*

FOUR TURNS AND I  
SHOULD BE RIGHT  
UNDERNEATH THE  
A.E. BUILDING AND  
HOME.

\* SHODDEN FREID WAS THE PREMIERE  
INVESTIGATOR FOR THE EUROPEAN  
SUPERGROUP DAWN PATROL. HE WORKED  
WITH JASON KNIGHT IN "GUARDIANS OF  
THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT #28."

C\*\* "THE GUARDIAN POWERS" #4  
AND "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN  
GRADUATION" #2-3)





WAIT...

I'M NOT  
ALONE  
HERE...

I BETTER  
ACTIVATE MY  
STEALTH DEV--



**\*CRUNCH!\***



**\*WHUMP!\***



YOU... WON'T...



**\*KE-RACK!\***



**\*KA-THUD\***



YOU WILL DIE  
SOON ENOUGH,  
JASON KNIGHT.



ONCE YOU  
KNOW...  
DESPAIR.

**Despair**  
PROBLEM-SOLVER

**Next:**  
*The Hand  
of God.*



# TASK FORCE NOTES

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



## Longbow Intelligence Unit

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**Subject:** The Teleport Arrest Protocol System (T.A.P.)

The Teleport Arrest Protocol, or TAP for short, was a revolutionary way of dealing with arrests and detainment of criminals in Paragon City.

**Background:** During the First Rikti Invasion of 2002, a besieged Paragon City was specifically divided by huge war walls constructed in an insanely rapid period of time by the other-dimensional Rikti. Not only did the walls isolate the city from the rest of the world, but the Rikti also divided the city itself within specific zones. This seriously hindered our heroes from moving from one zone to another, while the Rikti themselves could travel to anywhere in the city through spatial portal technology that they mastered in their own universe.

After the Rikti Invasion ended, there was extensive debate about how to deal with the War Walls. One of the arguments for breaking down the walls involved dealing with emergencies such as crime or injuries. Heroes and emergency personnel could not travel fast enough when bottlenecked through a singular entranceway, and travelling above the walls was problematic because of the design of the energy barriers at the top of the walls.

Then came the invention of the emergency medial teleport system (or EMT), retro-fitted from Rikti technology (which we would later discover was retrofitted from their world's benefactors). This invention allowed the severely injured to be teleported directly to the nearest emergency room by way of temporary teleport "patches". Once activated, the patch would teleport the wearer to a receiver unit.

Once this became viable, Paragon City police officials discovered they could develop something similar to deal with the arrest of suspected criminals. City officials commissioned Dr. Science to mirror the EMT system for the police, only being able to teleport suspected criminals to the nearest police station for processing and later transportation to the Zigursky Correctional Facility in Brickstown.

Dr. Science dubbed this program the Teleport Arrest Protocol (or TAP).

**How it works:** The TAP replaces handcuffs and zip-ties (although police still carry them as backups) and the need for transport vehicles. Once a suspect is incapacitated, a TAP patch is placed on them and activated. Once activated, the TAP teleports the suspect to the nearest available receiver unit in the Paragon City Police Department. However, unlike the EMT system, the TAP would be allowed to briefly "detain" the suspect in the system until officers can be made available to physically take custody of the suspect.

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Because of the extraordinary amount of energy that is consumed for this process, police officials were warned against using the TAP as an indefinite detention facility. In addition to the amount of energy that is consumed to maintain the digital information of the suspect, prolonged detainment through the TAP system can also pose a risk to the integrity of the suspect. Research has shown that keeping a suspect's digitized information longer than thirty minutes can result in permanent degradation, which would be fatal. Safeguards were installed in the system to prevent that from happening, and it is police policy to have at least one officer on-duty at all times at receiving units.

Once a suspect is processed, the officers can then teleport the individual to the receiver unit at the Zigursky facility.

The TAP system was implemented in 2004. Its first subject was a member of the Outcasts with a lengthy police record. Previous arrests were thwarted because his fellow gang members would attack the transport vehicle. With the first use of the TAP system, this suspect was teleported straight to the nearby precinct and summarily processed without risk to any officer.

Despite objections from then-Police Chief Conrad Bochco, the authorization of the TAP system was only possible after the city agreed to Dr. Science's demand that the technology would be shared between police and registered superheroes. TAP patches would only be issued by either the Paragon City Police Department or City Hall.

For legal assurances, each TAP patch issued contains digital code that identifies the person using it and when it was used. Misuse of the TAP can result in disciplinary actions for police and possible criminal charges for registered heroes.

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