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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

Over the years, relations between the Paragon City Police Department and the superhero community have been strained.

But they have gotten exponentially worse in recent months.

The return of the notoriously abusive Blue Dog Squad has taken a dramatic turn, with the corrupt cops now wearing blue uniforms with dog-like helmets when they engage in their criminal activities. And the first victim of their more "public" actions was the "professional decoy agent", Karen Manning, aka "Streetangel".

Now, with evidence of the abusive actions made public, the police are doing everything they can to make the complaints against them go away.

"NWNC AGAIN?"

- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

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WELCOME BACK. THIS IS THE PNN MIDDAY NEWS, AND I'M ROBIN STEED, COMING TO YOU FROM THE PNN CENTER IN STEEL CANYON.



FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD THIS MORNING FOR HARPER HARRISON, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SUPERHERO DEFENSEMAN. THE THIRTY-SEVEN YEAR-OLD HERO WAS FOUND DEAD IN SKYWAY CITY FOLLOWING A BRUTAL ALTERCATION WITH A MEMBER OF THE TROLLS.



DEFENSEMAN STARTED OUT IN HIS HOME CITY OF DETROIT AND WAS THE LEADER OF THE MOTOR CITY HEROES BEFORE COMING TO PARAGON CITY IN 2015.

FILE FOOTAGE



POLICE FOUND DEFENSEMAN DEAD LAST FRIDAY. THE OFFICIAL CAUSE OF DEATH WAS A BROKEN NECK.



HIS DEATH CAME JUST DAYS AFTER BEING THE LATEST HERO TO SUBMIT A FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST THE PARAGON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR GROSS CORRUPTION AND ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR, ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED BY LIEUTENANT WILLIAM MCCADE.

LIEUTENANT MCCADE IS CURRENTLY ON PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE, FOLLOWING AN ALLEGED "HERO-SHAMING" INCIDENT INVOLVING THE ROOKIE HERO STREET ANGEL.

FORTY-THREE YEAR-OLD DOWTER RAMI, A CAREER CRIMINAL AND MEMBER OF THE TROLLS, HAS CONFESSED TO KILLING DEFENSEMAN.

THEY ALL WORE
THE SAME POLICE
UNIFORMS... DARK
BLUE, WITH THOSE
DOG-SHAPED
HELMETS.

DID ANY OF THEM
HAVE NAME TAGS?
COULD YOU MAKE
OUT A BADGE
NUMBER?

THEY ALL HAD THE
SAME NAME TAG.
IT JUST SAID
"OFFICER".

AND THE BADGES
WERE ALL THE SAME
AS WELL... NUMBER
ZERO-ZERO.

 **Karen Manning**
AKA STREET ANGEL

BUT HIS VOICE...
OH I KNEW HIS VOICE!
FROM THE MOMENT HE
FIRST THREATENED TO
STRIP ME NAKED IF I
DIDN'T GIVE UP... I
KNEW IT WAS HIM!

I'M SURE YOU
WOULD WANT TO
BELIEVE IT WAS HIM.
YOU COULD HAVE
IMAGINED IT WAS
HIM UNDER ONE OF
THOSE HELMETS.

NO, IT WAS MORE
THAN JUST ME
WANTING TO THINK
IT WAS MCCADE.
IT WAS HIM!

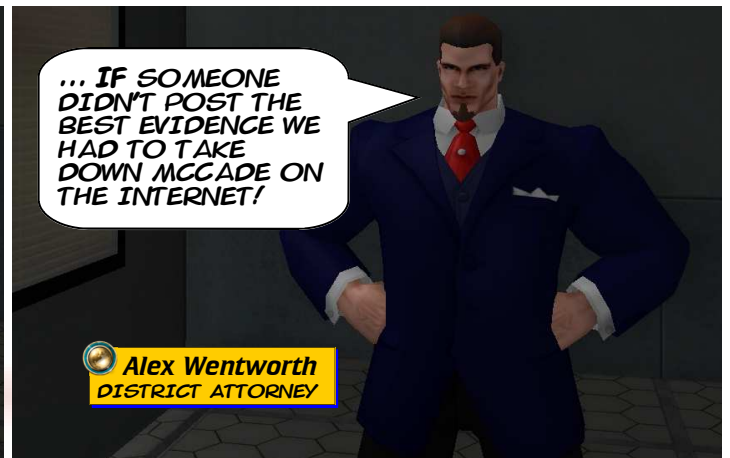
HOW HE TALKED,
HOW HE CARRIED
HIMSELF AROUND
ME... EVEN IN
DISGUISE.

HOW HE CALLED ME "LITTLE
MISS STREET ANGEL" IN THAT
CONDESCENDING TONE LIKE HE
WAS TALKING TO A CHILD.

EVEN IF I DIDN'T HAVE AUDIO
RECORDINGS ON MY BODY AT
THE TIME, I COULD SPOT HIS
VOICE JUST BY HOW HE SAID
THOSE THREE WORDS.



SHE WOULD MAKE ONE HELL OF AN EYE-WITNESS...



... IF SOMEONE DIDN'T POST THE BEST EVIDENCE WE HAD TO TAKE DOWN MCCADE ON THE INTERNET!

Alex Wentworth
DISTRICT ATTORNEY



YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT ANY EVIDENCE WE COLLECTED WOULD HAVE BEEN EITHER CONTAMINATED OR IT WOULD "MAGICALLY VANISH" EVEN BEFORE MCCADE COULD FACE ARRAIGNMENT.

Fiona Poderes
AKA FURIA POWERS

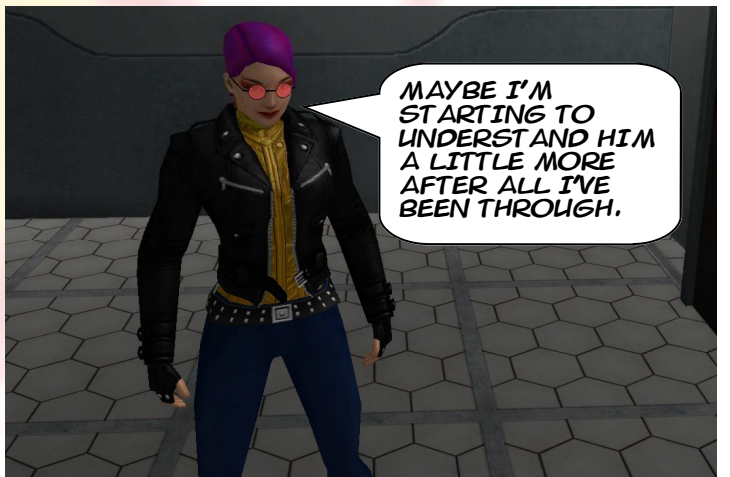
YOU SAW HOW FAST THOSE ARREST TELEPORT LOGS WERE SCRUBBED OF THE BLUE DOG COPS JASON BUSTED THAT NIGHT!*

COPS PROTECT EACH OTHER, ALEX. WE BOTH KNOW THAT FROM EXPERIENCE!

(PREVIOUS ISSUE)



NOW YOU'RE STARTING TO SOUND LIKE JASON.



MAYBE I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND HIM A LITTLE MORE AFTER ALL I'VE BEEN THROUGH.




IT TOOK ME TWO YEARS OF BEING UNDER VANGUARD'S SUPERVISION BEFORE I COULD BE TRUSTED ON MY OWN IN THIS UNIVERSE.

AND ALL THE WHILE, I WAS SHOWN HOSTILITY AND SUSPICION FROM THE POLICE HERE.

YOU SAW WHAT THEY DID TO ME WHEN I TRIED TO HELP TASHATIGER AND CARDINAL SYN. I WAS PHYSICALLY MESSED UP FOR WEEKS!*


AND THEN YOU HAD TO COME TO MY RESCUE WHEN THE POLICE WANTED ME ARRESTED FOR THEIR BRUTALITY!**

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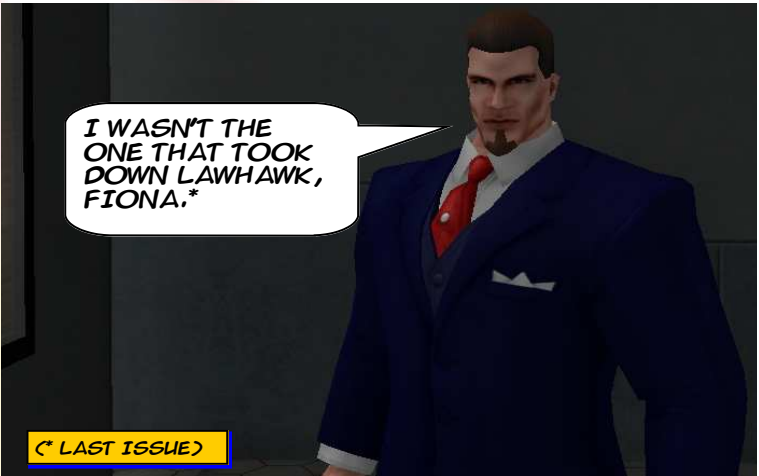
A woman with purple hair and red glasses, wearing a black leather jacket and a yellow scarf, stands in a hallway. She is talking to a man whose back is to the camera; he is wearing a dark blue suit. The scene is lit with dramatic, low-key lighting.

SPEAKING OF WHICH... I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO THANK YOU FOR THAT OTHER SAVE.

I'M SORRY... BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

A close-up shot of Fiona. She has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the right.

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
PLAYING DUMB BECAUSE "NOBODY IS SUPPOSED TO KNOW" THAT IT WAS YOU ON THE ROOFTOP?

A close-up shot of the man in the suit. He has a goatee and is looking towards the camera with a neutral expression.

I WASN'T THE ONE THAT TOOK DOWN LAWHAWK, FIONA.*

(** LAST ISSUE*)


A close-up shot of the man in the suit. He is looking towards the left, listening to Fiona.

BUT... THAT WAS YOUR KIND OF ARROW THAT I SAW IMPALED IN LAWHAWK'S JET PACK!

WHEN LORD GEDDY TRIED TO HAVE ME ASSASSINATED IN 2011*, THE BULLET TORE ACROSS MY CHEST AND MY PECTORAL MUSCLES.

AND DESPITE RIKTI-ENHANCED SCIENCE, THEY NEVER WERE ABLE TO FULLY REPAIR THOSE MUSCLES.

(** "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT" #28*)

A close-up shot of the man in the suit. He is looking towards the camera with a serious expression.

WHAT YOU MAY THINK IS MUSCLE UNDERNEATH THIS SHIRT IS REALLY A PADDED HARNESS THAT ALLOWS ME TO USE MY ARMS PROPERLY.
I CAN NEVER DRAW A BOWSTRING AGAIN.

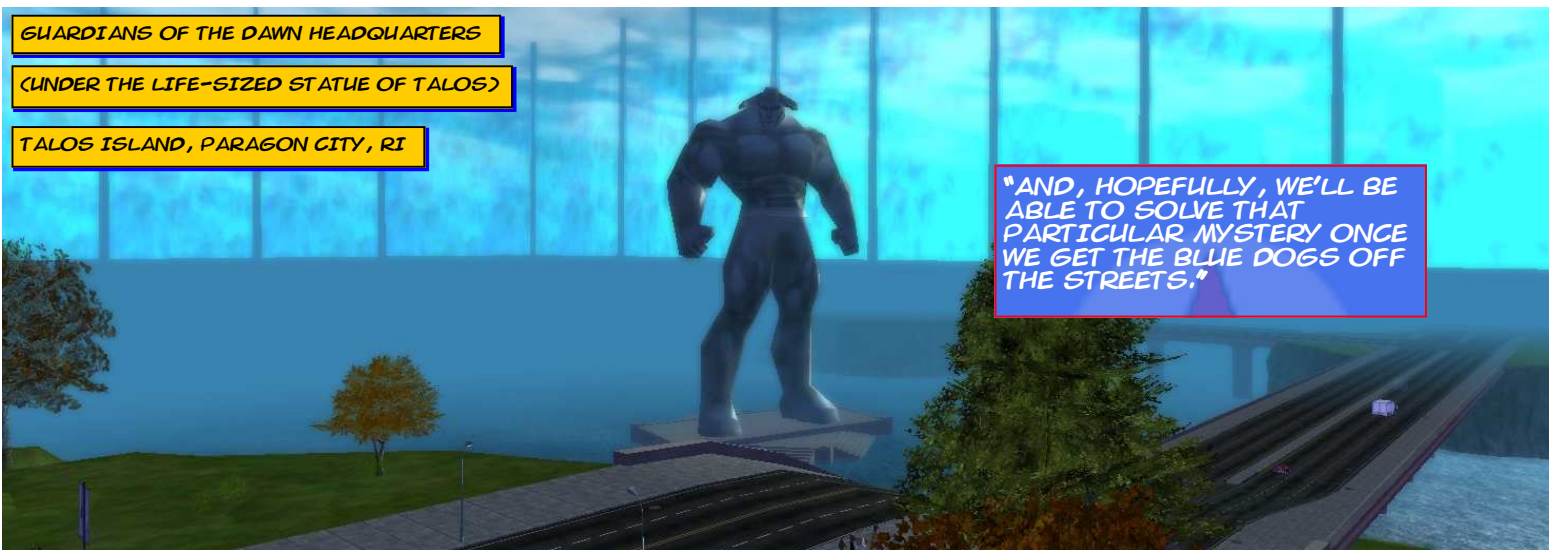
THE ARCHER THAT HELPED YOU OUT THAT NIGHT IS AN IMPOSTOR.

JASON IS TRYING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT... BUT, OF COURSE, WE'VE BEEN A LITTLE DISTRACTED.

GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN HEADQUARTERS

(UNDER THE LIFE-SIZED STATUE OF TALOS)

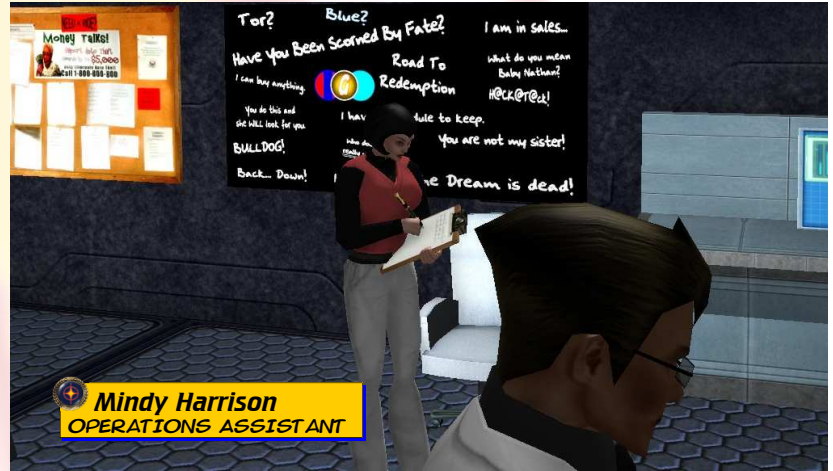
TALOS ISLAND, PARAGON CITY, RI



"AND, HOPEFULLY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO SOLVE THAT PARTICULAR MYSTERY ONCE WE GET THE BLUE DOGS OFF THE STREETS."



Carlton Sage
VANGUARD OVERSEER

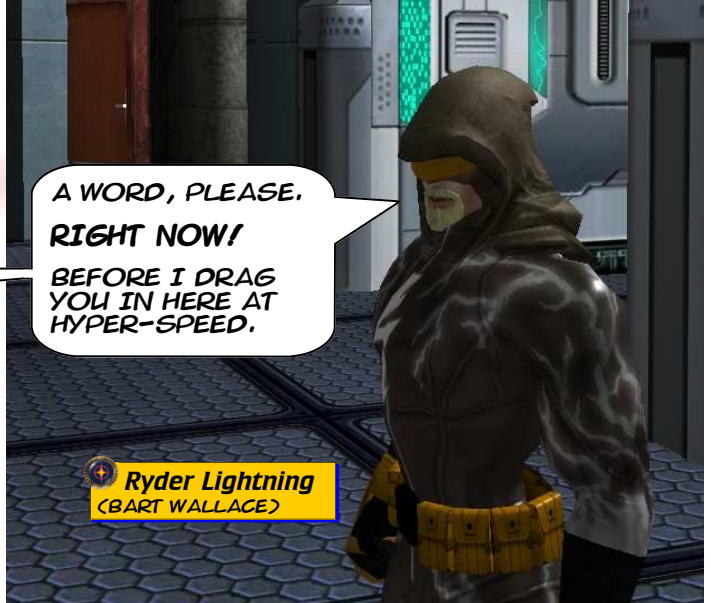


Mindy Harrison
OPERATIONS ASSISTANT



MISS HARRISON!
SO NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN! I--

MISTER SAGE...



A WORD, PLEASE.
RIGHT NOW!
BEFORE I DRAG YOU IN HERE AT HYPER-SPEED.

Ryder Lightning
(BART WALLACE)



WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, WALLACE?!?
I DO NOT ANSWER TO YOU!

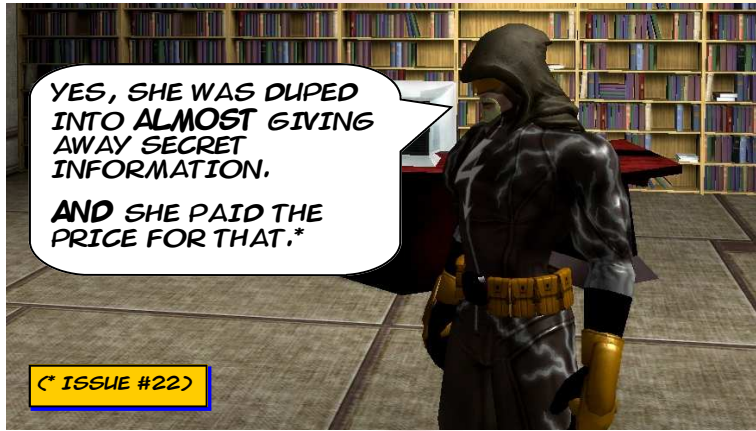
WELL THAT'S THE FIRST THING THAT ENDS, SAGE.
I TOLD THAT TO LADY GREY AND I'M TELLING IT TO YOU NOW.



MINDY HARRISON IS A GUARDIAN.
AND, AS OF RIGHT NOW, SHE IS OFF-LIMITS TO YOUR "AUDIT"!



DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHO SHE REALLY IS?
THAT LITTLE BITCH WAS CAUGHT GIVING SECRET INTEL! HELL, SHE EVEN TRIED TO KILL ME!



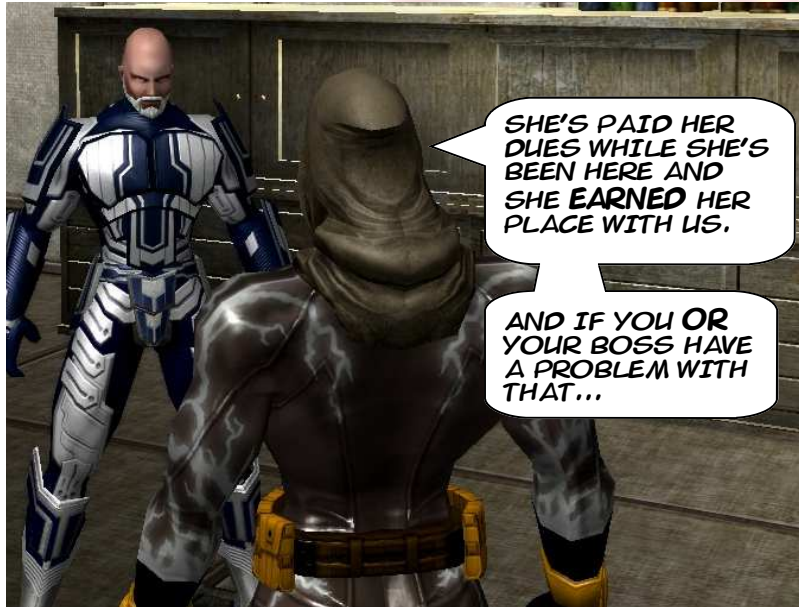
YES, SHE WAS DUPED INTO ALMOST GIVING AWAY SECRET INFORMATION.
AND SHE PAID THE PRICE FOR THAT.*

(* ISSUE #22)



BUT SHE DIDN'T TRY TO KILL YOU.
THE KNIVES OF ARTEMIS WANTED HER TO KILL YOU.*
AND, THANKFULLY FOR YOU, SHE HAD A CHANGE OF HEART.

(* ISSUE #23)



SHE'S PAID HER DUES WHILE SHE'S BEEN HERE AND SHE EARNED HER PLACE WITH US.

AND IF YOU OR YOUR BOSS HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT...



... THEN YOU BOTH CAN TAKE IT UP WITH ME!

"I WON'T LIE TO YOU..."

... THE ONLY THING THAT SAVED MCCADE FROM JAIL WAS HAVING THOSE RECORDINGS POSTED ON THE INTERNET.

Edward Vance
DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

UNFORTUNATELY IT ALSO MEANS THAT THE WHOLE CITY NOW KNOWS WHAT KIND OF MAN MCCADE REALLY IS. I CAN'T SQUASH THIS AND YOUR PEOPLE CAN'T SIMPLY "DELETE" IT LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE.

AND THAT MEANS THERE'S NEW PRESSURE AT CITY HALL TO GET RID OF MCCADE.

WORD I'VE BEEN HEARING IS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE BRINGING THE MATTER UP AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

NOBODY WANTS TO KEEP A SEX PREDATOR IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

OVER MY DEAD BODY.

WE ARE **THIS** CLOSE TO RIDDING THE CITY OF THOSE HEROES AND GETTING CONTROL OF THE STREETS AGAIN.

I WILL NOT LET THEM STOP US LIKE THEY DID BEFORE.

Deputy Chief Thomas Wield
PARAGON CITY POLICE

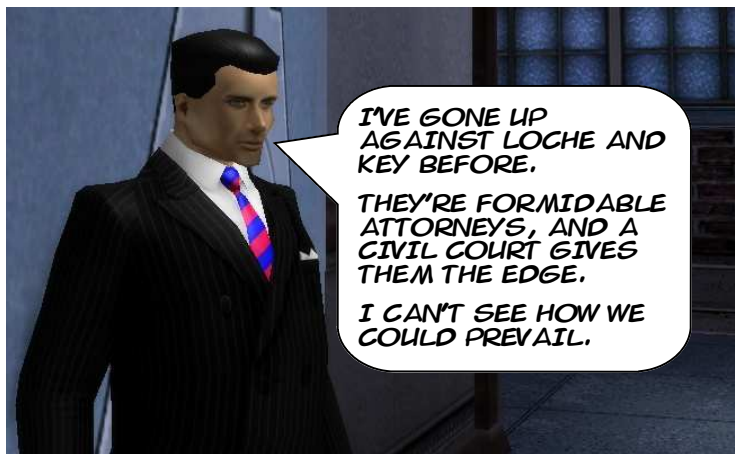
YOU MAY HAVE NO CHOICE IN THE MATTER, THOMAS.

THE DEPARTMENT IS FACING A CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUIT FROM LOCHE & KEY THAT COULD GO CLASS-ACTION.

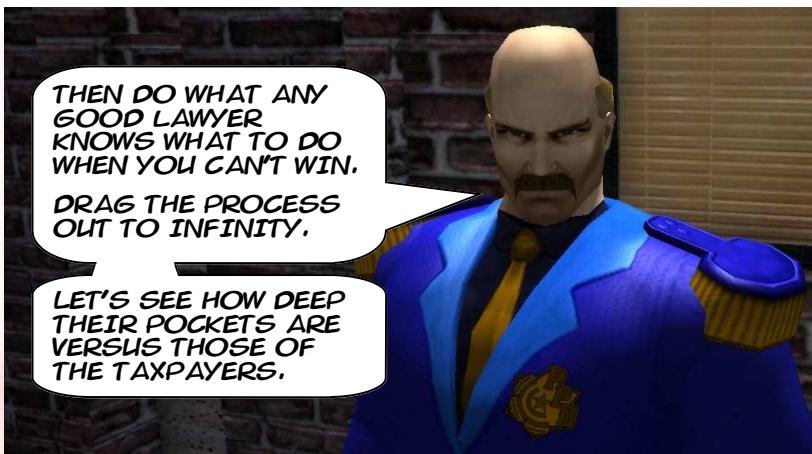
THE RULES ARE DIFFERENT IN A CIVIL LAWSUIT. I'D BE DEFENDING YOU AND THE DEPARTMENT INSTEAD OF ORCHESTRATING A BOTCHED PROSECUTION.

PLUS, WHAT I CAN'T USE IN A CRIMINAL TRIAL CAN BE ALLOWED IN A CIVIL ONE, WHICH MEANS STREET ANGEL'S RECORDINGS OF MCCADE'S THREATS CAN BE ENTERED AS EVIDENCE AND PLAYED.

YOU'RE A LAWYER. YOU'LL FIND A WAY TO BEAT IT.

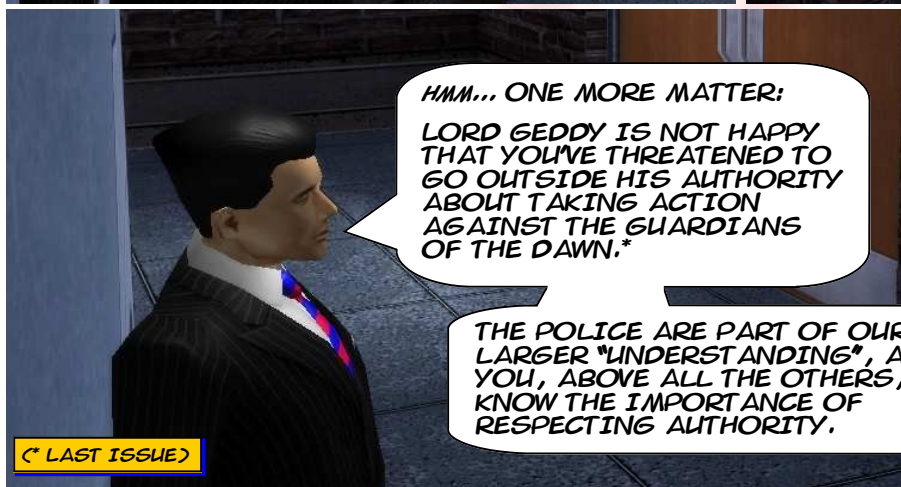


I'VE GONE UP AGAINST LOCHE AND KEY BEFORE. THEY'RE FORMIDABLE ATTORNEYS, AND A CIVIL COURT GIVES THEM THE EDGE. I CAN'T SEE HOW WE COULD PREVAIL.



THEN DO WHAT ANY GOOD LAWYER KNOWS WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU CAN'T WIN. DRAG THE PROCESS OUT TO INFINITY.

LET'S SEE HOW DEEP THEIR POCKETS ARE VERSUS THOSE OF THE TAXPAYERS.



HMM... ONE MORE MATTER: LORD GEDDY IS NOT HAPPY THAT YOU'VE THREATENED TO GO OUTSIDE HIS AUTHORITY ABOUT TAKING ACTION AGAINST THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN.*

THE POLICE ARE PART OF OUR LARGER "UNDERSTANDING", AND YOU, ABOVE ALL THE OTHERS, KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPECTING AUTHORITY.



HMPH...

(* LAST ISSUE)



GEDDY IS WEAK. WE CAN'T GET CONTROL OF THE STREETS WITH WEAK PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF THINGS.



YOU TELL GEDDY THAT I'M GOING TO USE EVERYTHING I HAVE AT MY DISPOSAL TO RID THE CITY OF THESE "HEROES"...



... AND THEN I'LL HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH HIS "LORDSHIP" OVER WHO GIVES THE ORDERS IN OUR SO-CALLED "UNDERSTANDING".



YOUR FUNERAL, THOMAS.

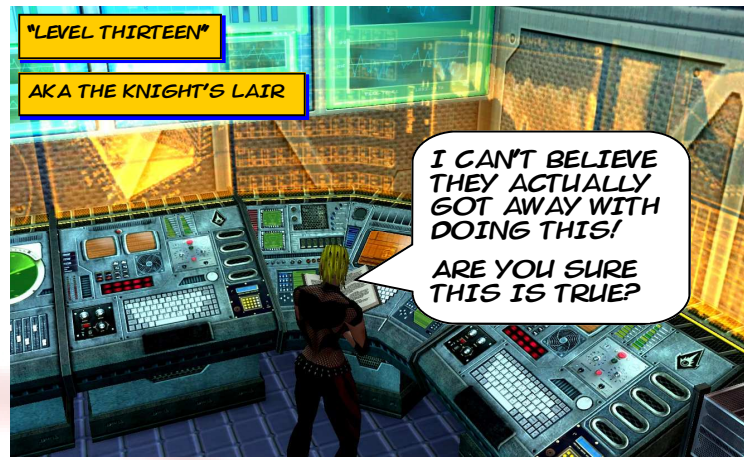
ARCHITECT ENTERTAINMENT BUILDING

KINGS ROW... LATER THAT DAY...



LEVEL THIRTEEN

AKA THE KNIGHT'S LAIR



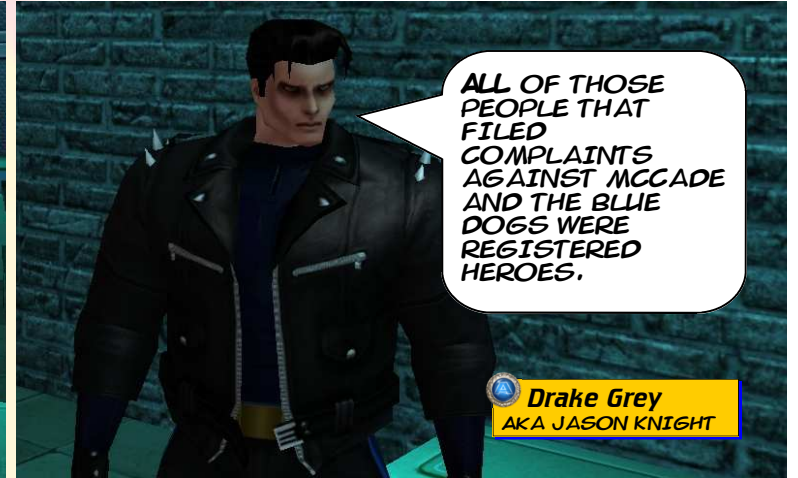
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY ACTUALLY GOT AWAY WITH DOING THIS!
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS TRUE?

I VERIFIED IT ALL MYSELF THROUGH MY HACKED CONNECTION TO THE POLICE DATABASE.



ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT FILED COMPLAINTS AGAINST MCCADE AND THE BLUE DOGS WERE REGISTERED HEROES.

Drake Grey
AKA JASON KNIGHT



AND THEY'RE ALL DEAD, KILLED IN RELATIVELY THE SAME WAY...
...ALL IN THE SAME WEEK.

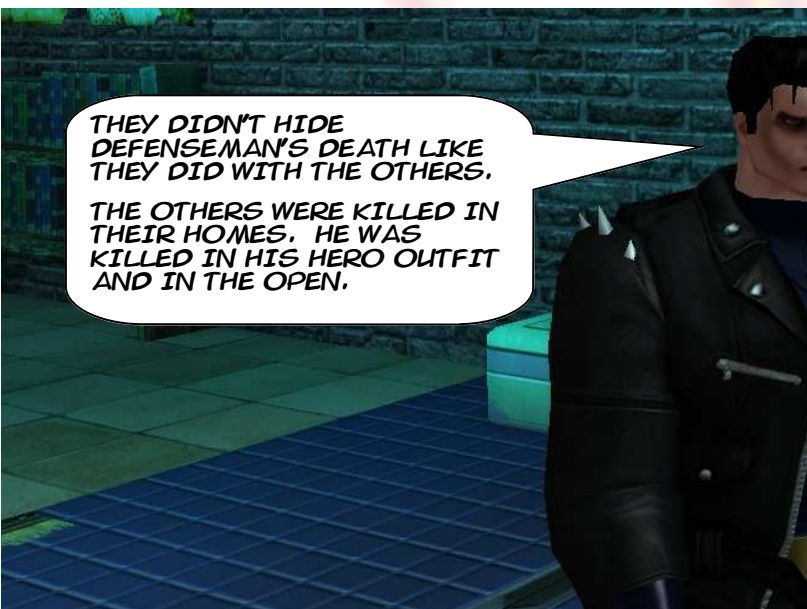


BUT THE MEDIA ONLY REPORTED ONE HERO KILLED.
HARPER HARRISSON.

Cassandra Dare
AKA CARDINAL SYN



THEY DIDN'T HIDE DEFENSEMAN'S DEATH LIKE THEY DID WITH THE OTHERS.
THE OTHERS WERE KILLED IN THEIR HOMES. HE WAS KILLED IN HIS HERO OUTFIT AND IN THE OPEN.

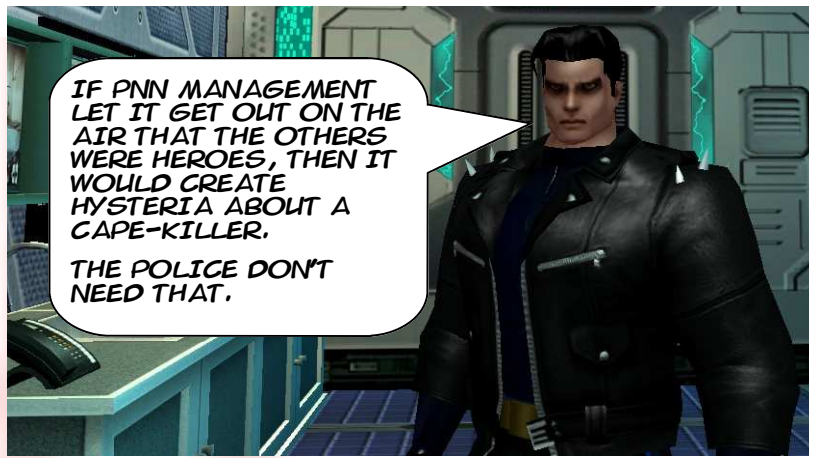


THEY WANTED HIS DEATH TO BE PUBLIC.
THEY WANTED TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE REST OF THE HEROES TO BE QUIET.





STILL... PNN DISCLOSED HARPER'S IDENTITY AS A HERO BUT NOT THAT OF WITCHGREEN, ZIPZAP, METALMIGHT, BLUE NOTE OR DARK MARK.



IF PNN MANAGEMENT LET IT GET OUT ON THE AIR THAT THE OTHERS WERE HEROES, THEN IT WOULD CREATE HYSTERIA ABOUT A CAPE-KILLER. THE POLICE DON'T NEED THAT.

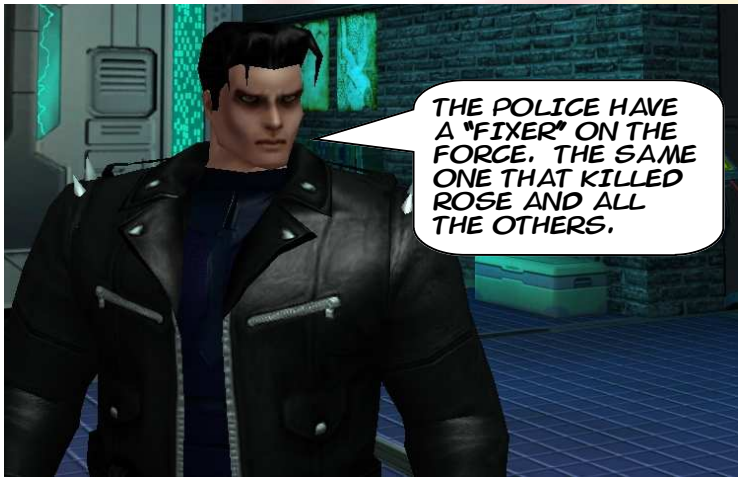


BECAUSE THE POLICE ARE SILENCING THEIR COMPLAINERS.

"N.W.N.C."
"NO WITNESS, NO CASE".

YOU KILL OFF THE COMPLAINER, YOU KILL THE COMPLAINT. JUST LIKE THEY DID TO ROSE VEST A.*

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THE POLICE HAVE A "FIXER" ON THE FORCE. THE SAME ONE THAT KILLED ROSE AND ALL THE OTHERS.



THE SAME ONE THAT WILL GO AFTER KAREN MANNING NEXT.

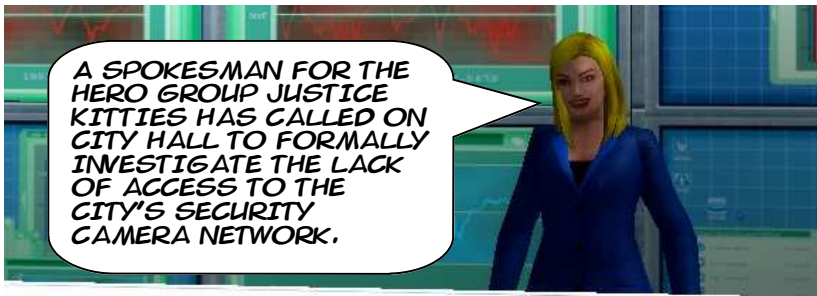
AND THEN GO AFTER TASHATIGER...
... AND YOU.



BECAUSE WE WITNESSED THEIR BRUTALITY AS WELL...
GREAT! NO PRESSURE, HUH?



I KNOW WHO THEIR "FIXER" IS. NOW I'M GOING TO GET THE BLUE DOGS TO SEND HIM TO US.



A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HERO GROUP JUSTICE KITTIES HAS CALLED ON CITY HALL TO FORMALLY INVESTIGATE THE LACK OF ACCESS TO THE CITY'S SECURITY CAMERA NETWORK.



POLICE OFFICIALS SAY THAT THE DISCONNECT IS STEMMING FROM A NETWORK UPGRADE AND NOT TO BE INTERPRETED AS PART OF ANY ONGOING DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE HERO COMMUNITY.

Pnn EVENING NEWS

FAITH NOTTINGHAM



HERO GROUPS HAVE COMPLAINED IN THE PAST OF SELECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. BUT, SERIOUSLY, WHO CAN SAY NO TO THE "JUSTICE KITTIES"?

Pnn EVENING NEWS



ATLAS PARK POLICE STATION

THE PROMENADE, ATLAS PARK

HADN'T SEEN YOU 'ROUND HERE IN A WHILE, GORDON. HEARD YOU WERE DOING DESK DUTY OVER IN KALLISTI WHARF.



YOU KNOW HOW IT IS, JOE. DESK DUTY IS JUST ANOTHER WORD FOR "CRAP DETAIL". THEY GOT ME DOING A WITNESS BABYSITTING JOB HERE IN ATLAS. SOME CAPES FOR THE D.A.'S OFFICE.

"Detective Gordon James"
(A.K.A. JASON KNIGHT)



CAPES? THEY GOT YOU WATCHING CAPES? GODDAMNED SNOWFLAKES!

TELL YOU WHAT, GORDON, WHY DON'T YOU GIVE ME THE ADDRESS AND I'LL HAVE SOME "UNIS" HERE COVER FOR YOU, OKAY?

(* UNIFORMED OFFICERS)



YOU'RE GREAT, JOE. OKAY, IT'S AT FOURTEEN QUAD CORNER. SHOULD JUST BE A COUPLE OF BABES.



YOU KNOW THE BLUE ALWAYS HAS YOUR BACK, GORDON. ENJOY THE NIGHT OFF.

I'LL CERTAINLY DO THAT. THANKS JOE!

NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WAIT FOR THEM TO SHOW UP...

THE "TALON ROOM"

A SECRET FLOOR IN THE ROCINANTE GROUP

PEREZ PARK

BILDERBURG ALLIANCE
INNER CIRCLE MEETING
CALL ESTABLISHED.

SECURE LINE
IS ACTIVE.

AS PER THE RULES
OF THE INNER
CIRCLE OF THE
ALLIANCE, NO
NAMES OR VOCAL
NUMBERS ARE TO
BE USED FOR ONE-
ON-ONE
COMMUNICATION.

THIS IS
THE VOICE
OF NEW
YORK CITY.

AND THIS IS
THE VOICE OF
PARAGON CITY.

AN ASSOCIATE HERE
IN THE ALLIANCE HAS
GONE OUTSIDE OF MY
AUTHORITY AND
CONTACTED SOMEONE
HE KNOWS IN NEW
YORK CITY FOR
ASSISTANCE.

 **Lord Lee Geddy**
MARGRAVE OF NIAGARA

THE WORD HE USED
WAS "DESPAIR".
WHAT CAN YOU TELL
ME ABOUT IT OR HIM?

WE'RE FAMILIAR
WITH "DESPAIR".
HE'S THE
ENFORGER FOR
AN INDEPENDENT
OPERATIVE THAT
HAS DEEP
CONNECTIONS TO
THE PRESIDENT.

I'M PRESUMING
THAT, JUST LIKE OUR
CURRENT PRESIDENT,
THIS OPERATIVE IS
NOT SOMEONE THAT
THE ALLIANCE CAN
RECRUIT.

TELL ME WHAT YOU
KNOW ABOUT THIS
PERSON.

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 fleeing. 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.



IT'S LIKE SHE'S WEARING NOTHING!

Don't get caught with ugly underwear lines under your skin-tight hero outfit, or risk possible embarrassment by having nothing on underneath.

Our patented Skin 2 lingerie covers you where you need it the most, preventing you from having those embarrassing moments of being "overexposed", as well as providing miracle support even in the most harrowing of deathtraps.

And no matter the intensity of the crisis, nobody will mistake your seriousness for anything else as long as you're wearing Skin 2 under your costume.

Whether defending the world or rescuing kittens, Skin 2 is there for you like it was your own skin.

Skin 2

Available exclusively at your nearest
ICON tailor store.



YOU DESERVE SOME FUN!

LONG DAYS, ALL WORK, STRESS AT HOME...

YOU NEED A VACATION, BUT CAN'T AFFORD IT!

SO GET AWAY TO LARRY'S TIKI LOUNGE!



LOCATED IN THE NEWLY-RENOVATED MERCY DISTRICT, LARRY'S TIKI LOUNGE IS THE PLACE TO GO WHEN YOU NEED TO GET AWAY BUT JUST CAN'T LEAVE.

THE TIKI LOUNGE HAS EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO GET AWAY FROM THE TROUBLES OF THE WORLD.

BOOZE, GAMES, POLYNESIAN FOOD, TROPICAL MUSIC...

AND IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, YOU CAN ALSO...



WIN LARRY'S LOOT!

YES, LARRY HAS SO MUCH MONEY SOMETIMES THAT HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT ALL! SO HE DECIDES TO GIVE SOME OF IT TO YOU!

EVERY NIGHT YOU CAN GET A CHANCE TO WIN EVERY PENNY LARRY HAS IN HIS OFFICE AT THE END OF THE NIGHT. IT COULD BE A THOUSAND DOLLARS. IT COULD BE A MILLION. BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT COULD BE YOURS!

SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? YOUR ESCAPE IS READY WHEN YOU ARE!

LARRY'S TIKI LOUNGE

MERCY DISTRICT, MERCY ISLAND, ROGUE ISLES

Larry's Tiki Lounge is located in the Rogue Isles, one of the most dangerous parts of the Isles, as well as part of a nation considered an active sponsor of international terrorism. Larry cannot personally guarantee your safety to or from the lounge. Hell, Larry can't guarantee your safety inside the lounge! The "Win Larry's Loot" contest is a contest of Larry's own creation and he makes up the rules as he goes. Your odds of winning at any given night depends on how drunk you are, how drunk Larry is, and what you're willing to do that night. There is no guarantee of a winner, except for Larry, of course.



YOU'RE LEAVING
A LOT TO
CHANCE, JASON.
I DON'T KNOW
ABOUT THIS.



IT WILL WORK.
THE COPS WANT
THIS MATTER
GONE QUICKLY.
IT'S JUST A
QUESTION OF
HOW BAD THEY
WANT IT GONE.



TRUST ME ON
THIS, BART.
I KNOW WHAT
I'M DOING.



YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD
MY TRUST, OLD
FRIEND.
EVEN WHEN IT
SEEMED OTHERWISE.
BUT I'M NOT THE
ONE YOU REALLY
NEED TO CONVINCE.



... IF IT AIN'T
"CITIZEN" MCCADE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER,
BILLY-BOY? GET
LOST ON THE WAY TO
THE UNEMPLOYMENT
OFFICE?



HELLO BEAR.
YOU CAN GUESS
WHY I'M HERE.

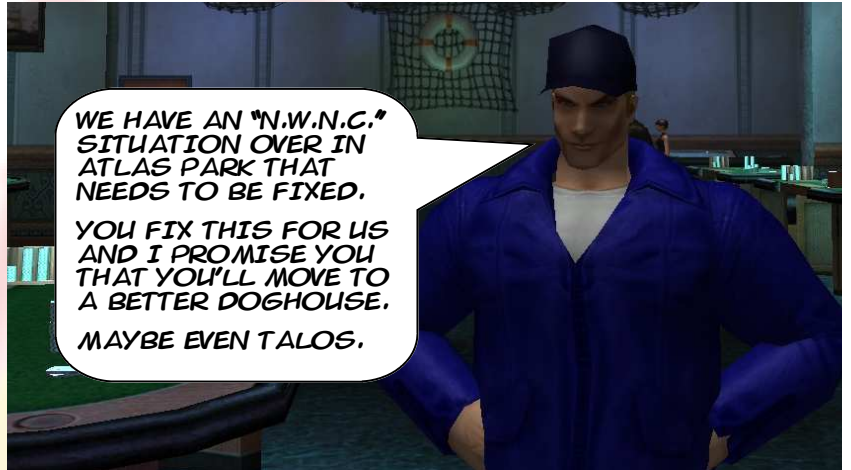


BLUURP!

I DON'T GOTTA GUESS.
BUT HERE'S THE THING:
I WORK FOR COPS, NOT
FOR CIVILIANS. THAT'S
WHAT SEPARATES THE
LAWDOG FROM THE
MERCENARIES.



YEAH, WELL THAT
CAN CHANGE REAL
FAST FOR YOU AS
WELL IF YOU
DON'T DO THIS
JOB FOR US.



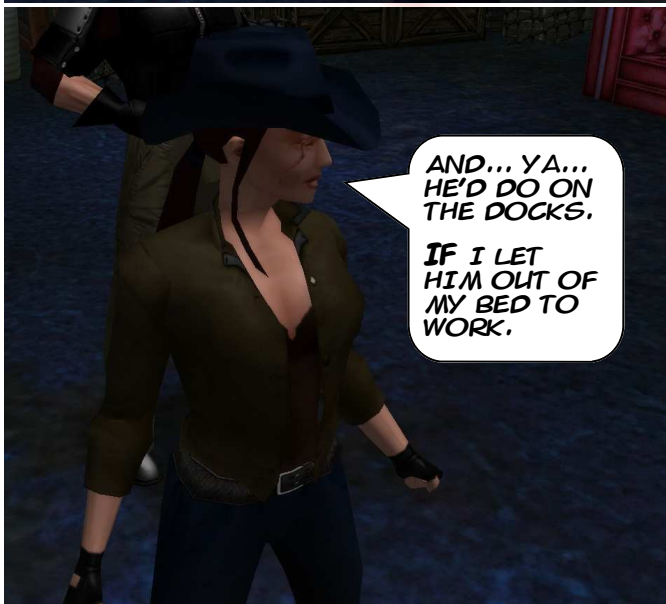
WE HAVE AN "N.W.N.C."
SITUATION OVER IN
ATLAS PARK THAT
NEEDS TO BE FIXED.
YOU FIX THIS FOR US
AND I PROMISE YOU
THAT YOU'LL MOVE TO
A BETTER DOGHOUSE.
MAYBE EVEN TALOS.



YOU KNOW WHAT?
I THINK BILLY-
BOY HERE NEEDS
SOME NEW
FRIENDS... AND
MAYBE EVEN A
NEW JOB.

SUZIE, YOU
THINK YOU
CAN USE
HIM ON THE
DOCKS?

IT'S MITZI.



AND... YA...
HE'D DO ON
THE DOCKS.
IF I LET
HIM OUT OF
MY BED TO
WORK.



SEEP NOW
THAT'S JOB
CREATIN'!

SO... HE'S
BUYING, YOU'RE
DRINKING...
AND I'M GOING TO
TAKE A REALLY
LOOOONG PISS!
SO DON'T WAIT
FOR ME TO START
GETTIN' BUSY.

AUDIO MESSAGE
SYSTEM OPEN.
COMMENCING
RECORDING.

THIS IS LORD LEE GEDDY OF
THE ROCINANTE GROUP.

THIS IS A SPECIAL MESSAGE
GOING OUT TO "THOSE IN THE
KNOW" OF OUR LITTLE
"UNDERSTANDING".

AS SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE HEARD,
OUR FRIENDS IN THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT HAVE TAKEN IT UPON
THEMSELVES TO ACT OUTSIDE OF
OUR LITTLE "UNDERSTANDING" AND
TO BRING IN AN OUTSIDE GROUP
FROM NEW YORK.

I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED
TO RELAY THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION TO THOSE
OF US "IN THE KNOW".

THE POLICE WILL BE ALLOWED TO
BRING IN THIS OUTSIDE GROUP
TO RESOLVE THEIR CONFLICT WITH
THE SUPERHERO COMMUNITY.

HOWEVER, EVERY ACTION HAS AN
EQUAL AND OPPOSITE REACTION.
AND IN THIS CASE, OUR REACTION
TO THEIR ACTION IS CLEAR.

THEY SHALL RECEIVE NO
ASSISTANCE FROM ANY OF US
"IN THE KNOW" FOR THE
DURATION OF THIS... ACTIVITY.

IF THE POLICE WISH TO ACT
INDEPENDENT OF OUR
"UNDERSTANDING", THEN
THEY SHALL STAND OR FALL
ON THEIR OWN AS WELL.

I WOULD HOPE, AS I AM SURE
MANY OF YOU HOPE AS WELL,
THAT THE POLICE WILL GET
PAST THEIR MADNESS
SOONER RATHER THAN LATER
SO THEY CAN ONCE AGAIN
HELP BRING ABOUT A BETTER
SOCIETY TOGETHER.

UNTIL THEN, WE ALL MUST SIT
BACK AND WATCH.

KAREN MANNING'S APARTMENT

ATLAS PARK

OKAY...

SECURITY IS IN PLACE AND EVERYTHING IS READY TO GO. HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP?

Furia Powers
(CFIONA PODERES)

NERVOUS... AND IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE OF THE COFFEE.

I DON'T LIKE WAITING AROUND FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN. I WANT TO...

YOU WANT TO MAKE IT HAPPEN INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR IT. I KNOW THAT ALL TOO WELL.

WHEN I WAS WORKING WITH THE PRAETORIAN POLICE, I HAD TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME SITTING ON MY HANDS WHEN EVERYTHING INSIDE ME SCREAMED TO KICK SOME ASS.

I WAS GOING TO SAY "RUIN". I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN DO WHAT YOU DO. BE A HERO, I MEAN.

EVEN WHEN I WAS DRESSED AS "STREET ANGEL", I NEVER REALLY SAW MYSELF AS A HERO. IN MY HEAD, I WAS JUST PLAYING ANOTHER ROLE. IT WAS JUST PART OF THE JOB.

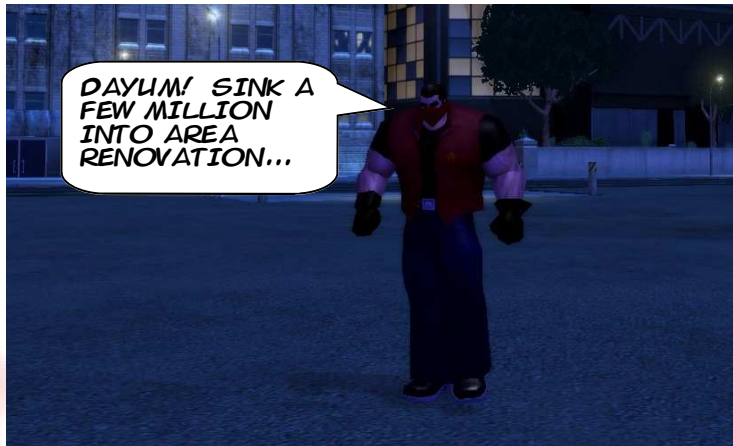
WELL, I KNOW FOR SOME PEOPLE IT'S JUST A JOB TO THEM TOO. NOT FOR ME, THOUGH.

BUT TRUST US ON THIS... YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO FIGURE IT OUT ONCE WE GET THE BLUE DOGS OFF THE STREETS.

NEARBY...



DAYUM! SINK A FEW MILLION INTO AREA RENOVATION...



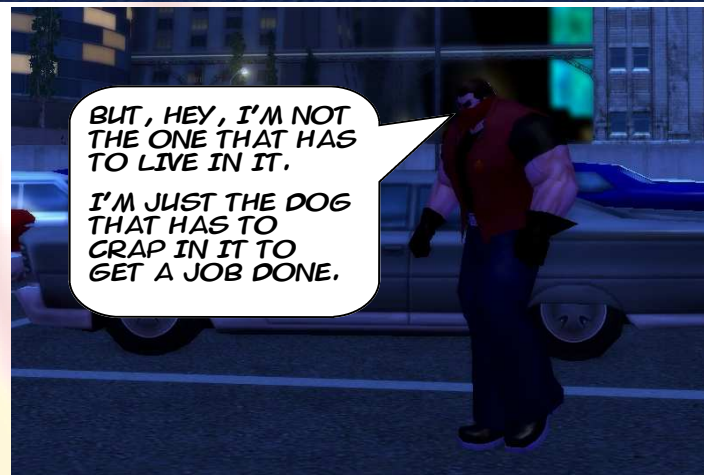
... STILL COMES OUT LOOKING LIKE STACKED SHIT!

WHOEVER GOT PAID TO DO IT SHOULD HAVE TO GIVE BACK THE MONEY.



BUT, HEY, I'M NOT THE ONE THAT HAS TO LIVE IN IT.

I'M JUST THE DOG THAT HAS TO CRAP IN IT TO GET A JOB DONE.

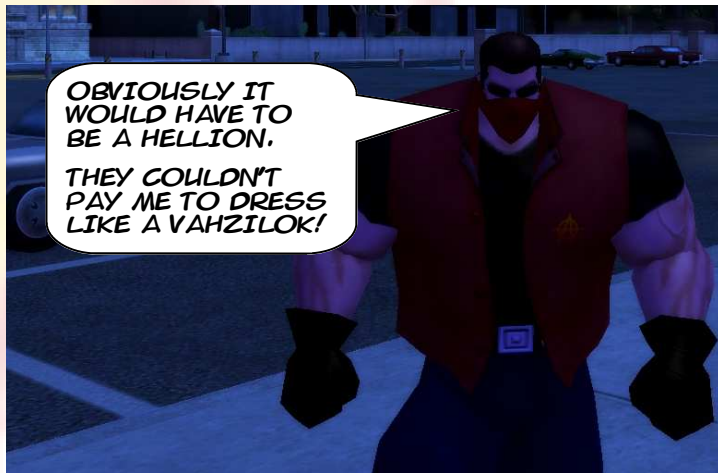


I WONDER WHO THEY'LL GET TO TAKE THE FALL THIS TIME?



OBVIOUSLY IT WOULD HAVE TO BE A HELLION.

THEY COULDN'T PAY ME TO DRESS LIKE A VAHZILOK!



HMM... BUT I THINK ALL THE LIFER-WANNABE HELLIONS ARE ALREADY SERVING LIFE SENTENCES.

WAIT... NO... DERF IS STILL OUT HERE!
WE CAN USE DERF!







YOU MEAN BULLIES THINK YOU KNOW WHAT FEAR IS?

Tasha Tiger
(NATASHA PRISS)



I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT FEAR IS!
DO IT, UR-BAST!



OH SHIT!

RRRRRRRRRRROOOOARRRRR!

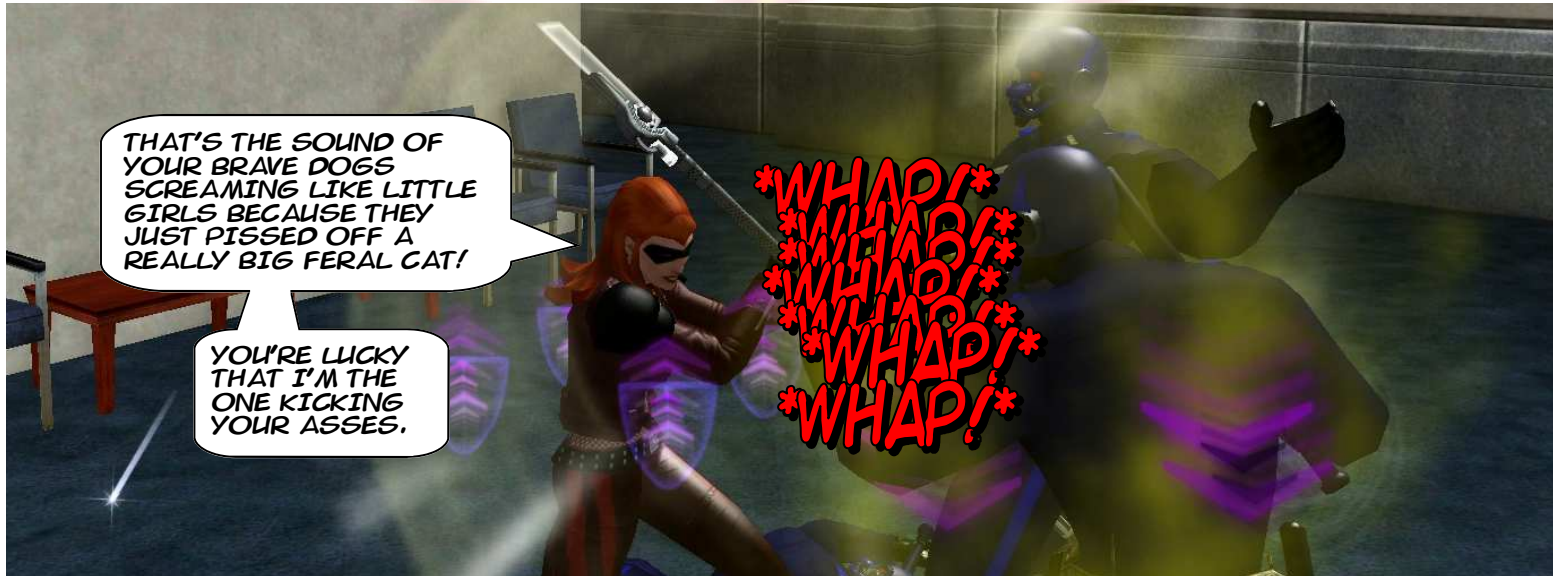


WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?

Cardinal Syn
(CASSANDRA DARE)

WHAT IS THAT SOUND?
THAT SOUNDS LIKE... GIRLS.

IEEEEEF!* IEEEEEF!* IEEEEEF!



THAT'S THE SOUND OF YOUR BRAVE DOGS SCREAMING LIKE LITTLE GIRLS BECAUSE THEY JUST PISSED OFF A REALLY BIG FERAL CAT!

YOU'RE LUCKY THAT I'M THE ONE KICKING YOUR ASSES.

WHAP!* WHAP!* WHAP!* WHAP!* WHAP!* WHAP!* WHAP!* WHAP!* WHAP!* WHAP!

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FOUNDERS FALLS

ALEX...
GOT A
MINUTE?

WHAT'S ON YOUR
MIND, EDWARD?

I JUST WANTED TO
LET YOU KNOW THAT
I'M DONE.

IT'S OVER.

I'LL STILL HANDLE
CASES FOR YOU,
BUT I WON'T BE THE
ONE TO PROSECUTE
THE POLICE.

IF YOU'LL ALLOW IT,
I'D SUGGEST
LETTING ADELE
HERRIN HANDLE THE
COMPLAINTS AND
GRAND JURIES
GOING FORWARD.

I THINK YOU'LL FIND
SHE'S THOROUGH
AND FAIR.

I'LL CONSIDER IT.

THIS IS PRETTY
LEFT-FIELD,
EDWARD.

WHAT'S UP?

LET'S JUST SAY
SOMETHING IS
COMING... AND I
CAN'T BE A PART
OF IT WHEN IT
HAPPENS.

AND FOR WHAT
IT'S WORTH...

I REALLY HOPE
YOUR FRIENDS
SURVIVE IT.

GOOD NIGHT.



UH! THINK YOU... MAY HAVE BROKEN... A RIB THERE...





THIS IS FURIA.



I GOT A SIDE O' BEEF WITH A BAD HELLION COSTUME AND A BADGE IN 'IS POCKET TRUSSSED UP LIKE A CHRISTMAS GOOSE FER YER FRIEND JASON.



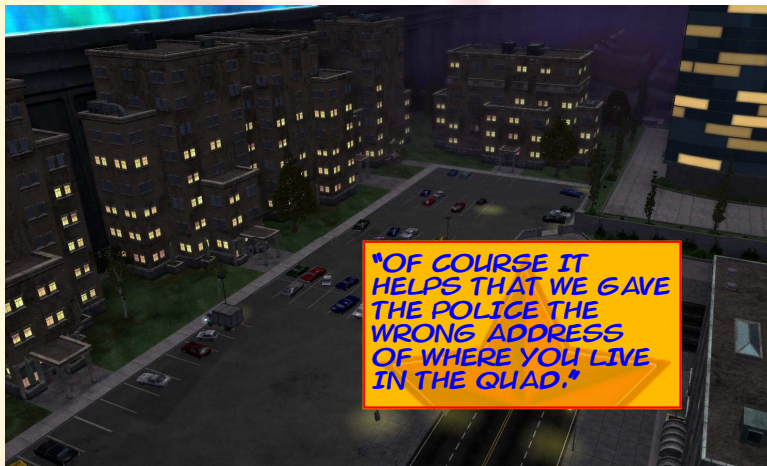
THANKS CUZ, JASON SHOULD BE THERE SOON TO PICK HIM UP.



I DON'T GET IT... WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WHO WAS THAT?



THAT WAS MY COUSIN, BULLDOG POWERS. HE'S... ON LOAN... FROM CARDIFF. AND HE JUST TOOK DOWN THE BAD COP THAT TRIED TO KILL YOU.



"OF COURSE IT HELPS THAT WE GAVE THE POLICE THE WRONG ADDRESS OF WHERE YOU LIVE IN THE QUAD."



SO... THE BLUE DOGS... THEY WENT TO ANOTHER BUILDING INSTEAD OF THIS ONE.



AND WE WERE WAITING FOR THEM WHEN THEY SHOWED UP.

THAT'S WHAT THE GUARDIANS DO, KAREN. WE LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER, AND WE TRY TO MAKE THE CITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

LATER THAT NIGHT AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...



ALRIGHT...
SOMEONE TOLD
ME TO BE OUT
HERE... SO I'M
OUT HERE.



YOU HAVE TWO
SECONDS TO
COME OUT AND
TELL ME WHAT'S
SO GODDAMNED
IMPORTANT
BEFORE I GO
BACK IN AND
SEND OUT THE
TELEPA--

#KLINKLE



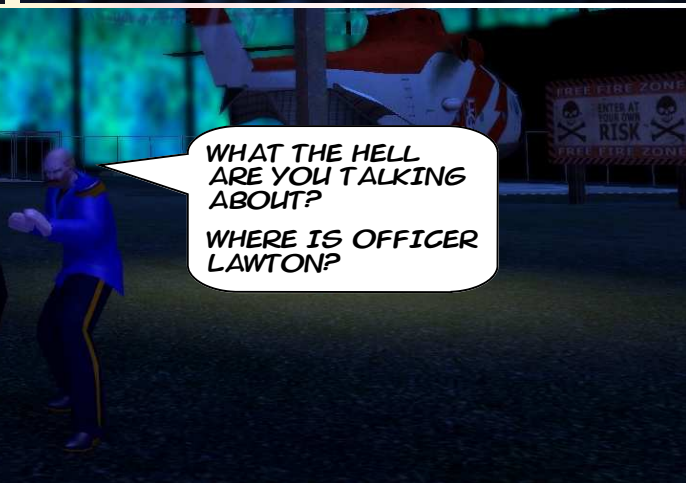
WHAT
THE
HELL?



BADGE 763.
OFFICER BENJAMIN
'BEAR' LAWTON,
A.K.A. 'LAWDOG',
BLUE DOG 'FIXER'.



WHAT THE HELL
ARE YOU TALKING
ABOUT?
WHERE IS OFFICER
LAWTON?

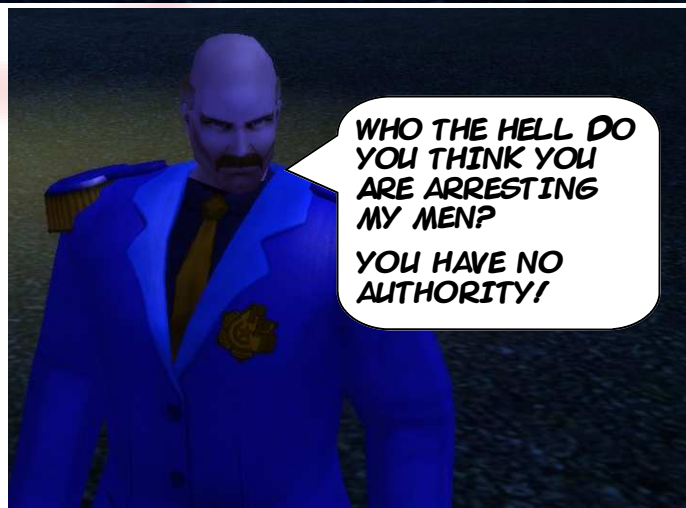



LAWTON WAS TAKEN
INTO CUSTODY TWO
HOURS AGO FOR
MURDER, ATTEMPTED
MURDER, WITNESS
INTIMIDATION, AND
CONSPIRACY TO
COMMIT MURDER OF
A REGISTERED HERO.

Jason Knight
(DRAKE GREY)



WHO THE HELL DO
YOU THINK YOU
ARE ARRESTING
MY MEN?
YOU HAVE NO
AUTHORITY!






AFTER WE ARRESTED LAWTON WE GOT A JUDGE TO SIGN OFF ON A SEARCH WARRANT OF HIS INDEPENDENCE PORT APARTMENT.

WE HAVE ALL THE EVIDENCE WE NEED TO LOCK HIM AWAY.

YOU HAVE NOTHING!
ANY EVIDENCE YOU HAVE WILL DISAPPEAR, JUST LIKE HIS ARREST WILL DISAPPEAR!
WE CONTROL THE JAIL IN THIS CITY!



YOU DON'T GET IT.
LAWTON WAS ARRESTED ON FEDERAL CHARGES, SO HE'S IN THEIR CUSTODY.

AND NOT JUST ATTEMPTED MURDER AND WITNESS TAMPERING, BUT ALSO FOR THE MURDER OF DEFENSEMAN, A REGISTERED HERO WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

YOU SHOULD HAVE WAITED FOR THAT TROLL'S GUILTY PLEA TO BE ENTERED IN COURT BEFORE SENDING LAWTON BACK OUT.


NOW THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE "N.W.N.C." SOLUTIONS FOR YOU OR YOUR BOY MCCADE.



THE BLUE DOGS ARE FINISHED, WIELD.

SHUT THE REST OF IT DOWN, OR I'LL DO IT FOR YOU.

AND I WON'T STOP UNTIL YOU JOIN THEM IN PRISON.



THIS ISN'T OVER, BOY.
NOT BY A LONG SHOT.

THE NEXT DAY...

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PARAGON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS CONFIRMED THAT EMBATTLED LIEUTENANT WILLIAM MCCADE HAS SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE POLICE FORCE.



PNN MIDDAY NEWS WITH ROBIN STEED



MCCADE RESIGNS



DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALEX WENTWORTH HAD THIS TO SAY ABOUT THE NEWS:

MCCADE'S RESIGNATION ALSO ENDS THE NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS FILED AGAINST HIM FOR GROSS ABUSE OF POWER THAT HAVE STAINED THE POLICE.



OBVIOUSLY WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO HAVE MISTER MCCADE FACE CRIMINAL CHARGES FOR HIS ALLEGED GROSS ABUSES, BUT WE ARE CONTENT THAT HE WILL NO LONGER BRING SHAME TO THE CITY.

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ABUSIVE COP RESIGNS



NEW OVERBROOK - FAULTLINE

STILL BOTHERING YOU, ALEX?

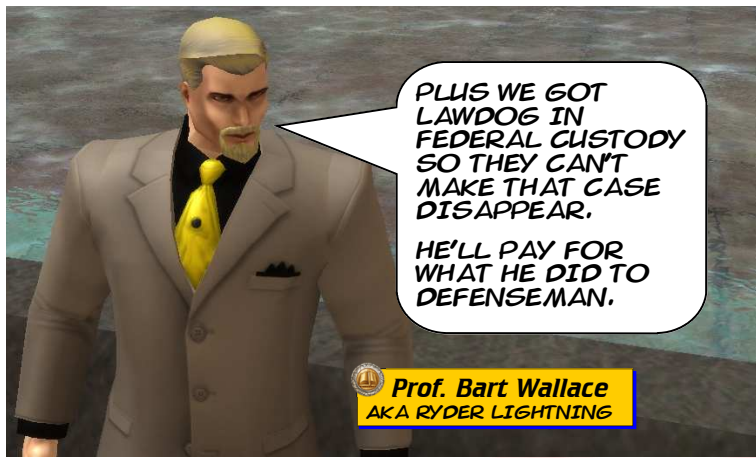
THAT'S TWICE SO FAR THAT I'VE NOT BEEN ABLE TO PUT MCCADE BEHIND BARS. TWICE!



BUT MCCADE IS NOT A COP ANYMORE, AND HE WON'T BE ABLE TO HIDE UNDER ANOTHER NAME LIKE HE DID THE LAST TIME.

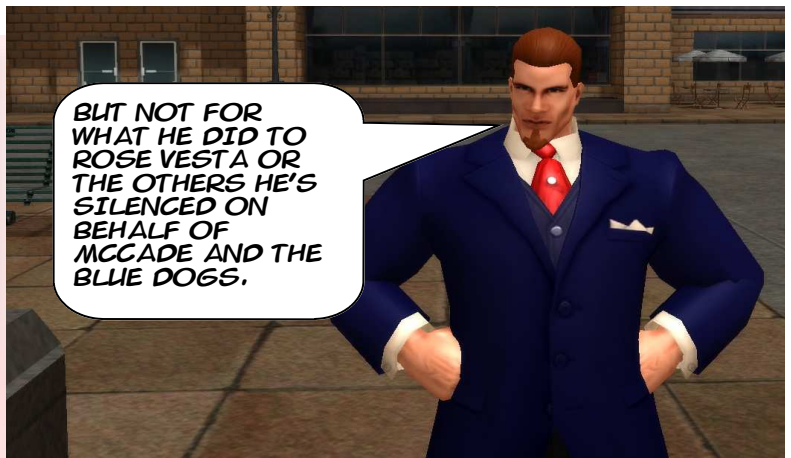
THAT'S TRUE. I'VE TALKED WITH MY OLD FRIENDS IN PROVIDENCE AND THEY SAID THAT TECHNOLOGY IS FINALLY CATCHING UP WITH KEEPING TRACK OF DISGRACED EX-COPS.





PLUS WE GOT
LAWDOG IN
FEDERAL CUSTODY
SO THEY CAN'T
MAKE THAT CASE
DISAPPEAR.
HE'LL PAY FOR
WHAT HE DID TO
DEFENSEMAN.

Prof. Bart Wallace
AKA RYDER LIGHTNING



BUT NOT FOR
WHAT HE DID TO
ROSE VEST A OR
THE OTHERS HE'S
SILENCED ON
BEHALF OF
MCCADE AND THE
BLUE DOGS.



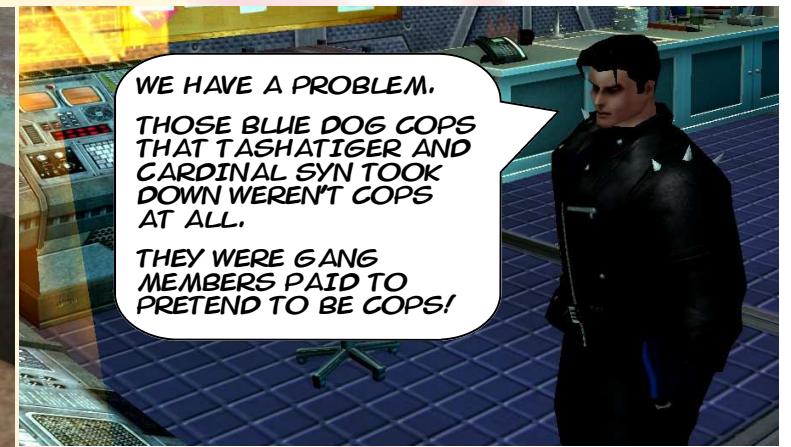
YOU WERE THE ONE THAT
TOLD ME THAT SOMETIMES
WE HAVE TO PLAY THE HAND
THAT WE'RE DEALT WITH.
NOW... WHERE DO YOU WANT
TO GO FOR LUNCH?

BEE-DO BEE-DO

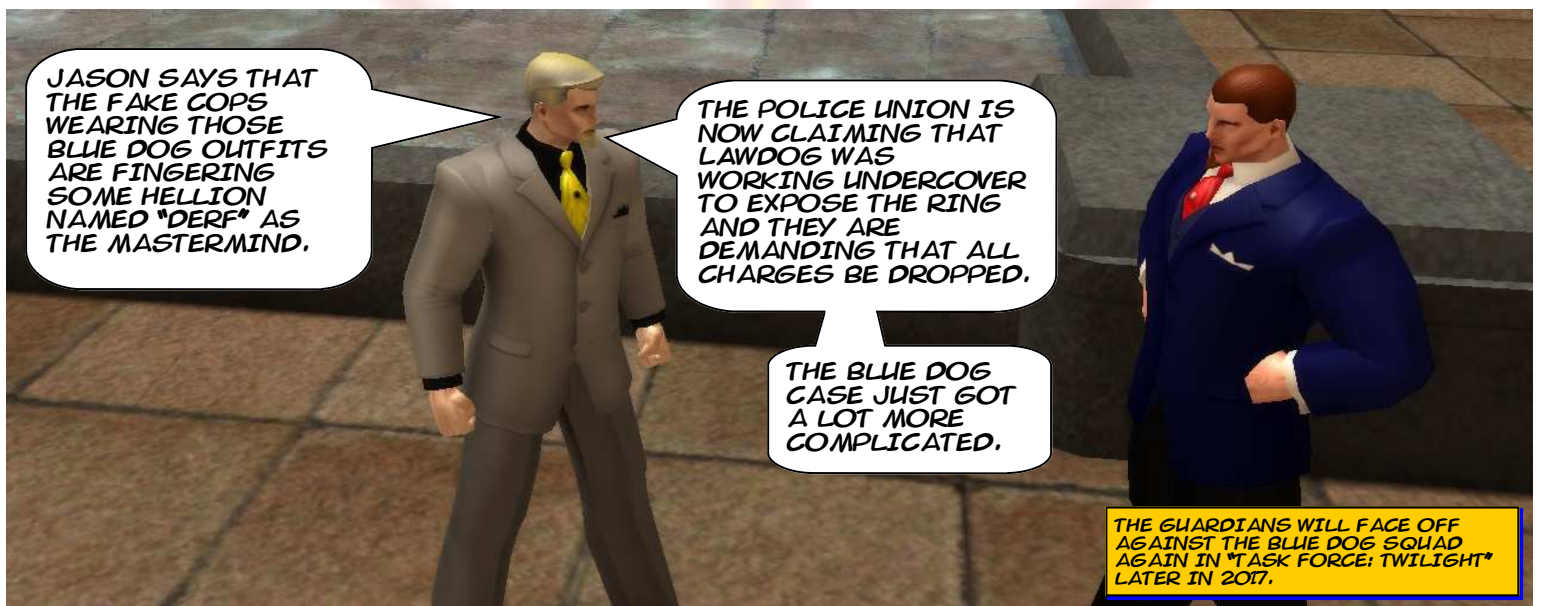
DON'T TELL ME
YOU REALLY DID
JOIN A CRISIS
HOTLINE.



VERY FUNNY.
THIS IS
BART...
WHAT'S UP
JASON?



WE HAVE A PROBLEM.
THOSE BLUE DOG COPS
THAT TASHATIGER AND
CARDINAL SYN TOOK
DOWN WEREN'T COPS
AT ALL.
THEY WERE GANG
MEMBERS PAID TO
PRETEND TO BE COPS!



JASON SAYS THAT
THE FAKE COPS
WEARING THOSE
BLUE DOG OUTFITS
ARE FINGERING
SOME HELLION
NAMED "DERF" AS
THE MASTERMIND.

THE POLICE UNION IS
NOW CLAIMING THAT
LAWDOG WAS
WORKING UNDERCOVER
TO EXPOSE THE RING
AND THEY ARE
DEMANDING THAT ALL
CHARGES BE DROPPED.

THE BLUE DOG
CASE JUST GOT
A LOT MORE
COMPLICATED.

THE GUARDIANS WILL FACE OFF
AGAINST THE BLUE DOG SQUAD
AGAIN IN "TASK FORCE: TWILIGHT"
LATER IN 2017.



FURIOUS SCRIBBLINGS

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.



Federal Bureau for Super-Powered Affairs **Office of Brigid Moreira** City Representative - Paragon City, R.I.



Subject: "Blue Dog Squad"

The recent arrest of Officer Benjamin "Bear" Lawton and the ongoing investigation into the corrupt members of the Paragon City Police Department have serious consequences that the FBSA and City Hall need to address quickly.

"Lawdog" Arrest

According to Jason Knight, Officer Lawton was arrested by registered hero Bulldog Powers, a respected member of the European superhero group Dawn Patrol on loan to the Guardians of the Dawn. *(Note: The FBSA have a cross-jurisdictional agreement with both the Dawn Patrol and Interpol.)* At the time of his arrest, Officer Lawton was disguised as a member of the Hellions street gang and had in his pocket what was believed to be the civilian address of a registered superhero by the name of "Streetangel" written down on a notepad. Knight says that the address was given to a detective in the Atlas Park district stationhouse as a "lure" to draw out the person he believes has been killing those who file complaints against the police department for gross abuse of power.

Officer Lawton has refused to answer any questions since his arrest other than for his demand of an attorney provided by the Paragon City Police Union.

Following his arrest, Knight acquired a legal search warrant for Lawton's residence in Independence Port, where it was revealed that Lawton had several outfits and makeup applications that would allow someone to impersonate known gang members. Knight says that there was other evidence in the residence that suggests that Lawton may have been responsible for the deaths of several witnesses and complainants, including the recent death of registered hero Defenseman.

Federal Arrest

It should be noted that Lawton's arrest was not done through normal city channels, but through the Federal Bureau for Super-Powered Affairs, which makes this case a federal one.

Knight says that this had to be done because the Paragon City Police Department controls the arrest and incarceration facilities normally conducted in the city, and he has provided several recent instances where arrests made of suspected corrupt police officers have been purged from all records, along with any evidence collected to substantiate said arrests.

This is the first time since the trumped-up "treason" investigation of Midnight Arachnia that federal authority was specifically exercised in Paragon City, and the first time it was used against police officers. Since we lack the capacity to detain suspected individuals due to our over-reliance on city assistance, we had to transfer custody of Officer Lawton to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where he is being detained in their facility in Founders Falls.

This incident raises new questions and challenges for us.

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First, should we consider new federal facilities for additional arrests of suspected officers? Since the investigation of suspected police corruption and abuse has now become a federal matter, we should not assume that the arrest and detention of Officer Lawton would be an isolated incident.

Second, the allegations made by Jason Knight of the Paragon City Police Department actively destroying evidence and deleting arrests of suspected officers give us reason to question our ongoing relationship with the city police. Going forward, do we need to have a separate detention facility for all arrests made by heroes registered with the FBSA?

Past Convictions Questioned

The evidence collected by Jason Knight at the residence of Officer Lawton exposes what could be a serious and long-term gross injustice through our judicial system.

In the case of the murder of registered hero Defenseman, police claimed that a known gang member for the Trolls named Dowter Rami confessed to the crime and was prepared to enter a guilty plea and accept a life sentence without parole. However, the evidence collected in Lawton's residence suggests that it was Lawton himself who killed Defenseman while disguised as a member of the Trolls, and that Rami was convinced to accept a guilty plea for the "comforts" of lifetime incarceration. Rami's plea has not yet been entered in court, and his case is now suspect.

Career "lifers" are well-known in this city, but offering a lifetime conviction as a form of "retirement" in exchange of covering up the criminal actions of corrupt police officers is appalling to consider.

I have asked the city's District Attorney, Alex Wentworth, to go through the recent incidences where such hasty confessions and convictions have been made and to review each to see if any require re-examination and possible re-investigation.

I am asking for a full meeting of all FBSA heads as well as representatives of City Hall to examine all these issues as well as to come up with an action plan to address the current situation and prevent it from escalating into a matter of jurisdiction. Hopefully we will be able to come to an actionable program before this issue becomes a matter to be examined by the President and his cabinet.

- Brighid Moreira

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ONE MORE BATTLE...

ONE LAST BATTLE?



A THREAT RETURNS...

ONE MORE BATTLE...

ONE LAST BATTLE?

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