

GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN AFTERMATH



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FALL 2011



PARAGON CITY: THE CITY OF HEROES! THE ONLY PLACE IN THE WORLD WHERE THE HERO-TO-PROBLEM RATIO IS ALMOST ONE-TO-ONE. IF YOU NEED A HERO IN THIS CITY, YOU JUST HAVE TO LOOK AROUND THE CORNER.

BUT NOT ALL HEROES ARE THE SAME. SOME ARE MORE MERCENARY THAN THE OTHERS. BUT THERE ARE SOME WHO SEE THE CALLING AS A SIGN OF BRIGHTER DAYS AHEAD FOR ALL MANKIND. THESE ARE THE HEROES WHO FIGHT FOR SOMETHING BETTER. THEY ARE THE...

GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN AFTERMATH

ONCE THEY WERE THE TEAM FOR A NEW GENERATION OF SUPERHEROES...

THEY TOOK ON THE WORST OF HUMANITY AND THE DEADLIEST OF THREATS. THEY SAVED NOT ONLY PARAGON CITY, BUT ALSO THE WHOLE UNIVERSE.

THEY GAVE THE PROMISE OF A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR PARAGON CITY.

AND THEN... SUDDENLY... THEY WERE GONE.

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PARAGON CITY, RHODE ISLAND

ARCHITECT ENTERTAINMENT BUILDING ACROSS FROM ATLAS PLAZA IN ATLAS PARK

JULY, 2011



THE NEWS, MY FRIENDS, IS GOOD... THE STRUGGLE WE'VE WAGED IS ALMOST AT AN END.

WE'RE ONLY TWO WEEKS UNTIL THE ELECTION AND ALL OF THE POLLS SUGGEST THAT WE'VE GOT A STRONG LEAD OVER EDWARD VANCE.

BUT NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO BE CONFIDENT. NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO BE VIGILANT!

THIS IS THE TIME WHEN DIRTY POLITICS COME INTO PLAY! THIS IS THE TIME WHEN MISTER VANCE'S FRIENDS COME OUT OF THE WOODWORK TO PLAY THEIR LITTLE GAMES ON US.

ALEX WENTWORTH

OUR TIME IS HERE...
THE FUTURE IS IN OUR GRASP!

LIBERTARIAN CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

LIBERTARIAN AVENGER



"AGENT BLUE"



A NEW DAY IS ABOUT TO DAWN FOR PARAGON CITY...

ONE WHERE JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL FOR EVERYONE.



OCTOBER, 2011

"AFTERMATH"

- A SPECIAL CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

BREATHTAKING.

I'VE BEEN HERE FOR A FEW YEARS NOW AND IT STILL TAKES MY BREATH AWAY TO HAVE THIS BE THE FIRST THING THAT PEOPLE SEE WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT ATLAS PLAZA.

OF COURSE A FEW MILLION IN CORPORATE- AND-TAXPAYER-FUNDED RENOVATIONS HELPS OUT AS WELL.

MR. CYRIL AND OYCORP CREATED BY AARON NELLIS. SIN STALKER CREATED BY JOSEPH COHEN. GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN CHARACTERS CREATED BY DAVID 2

THE GREEK TITAN ATLAS SUPPORTED THE HEAVENS ON HIS SHOULDERS...

A CAKEWALK COMPARED TO THE BURDENS TODAY'S HEROES HAVE HAD TO BEAR OF LATE.

SOME, MORE SO THAN THE OTHERS.

 **ICON POWERS**



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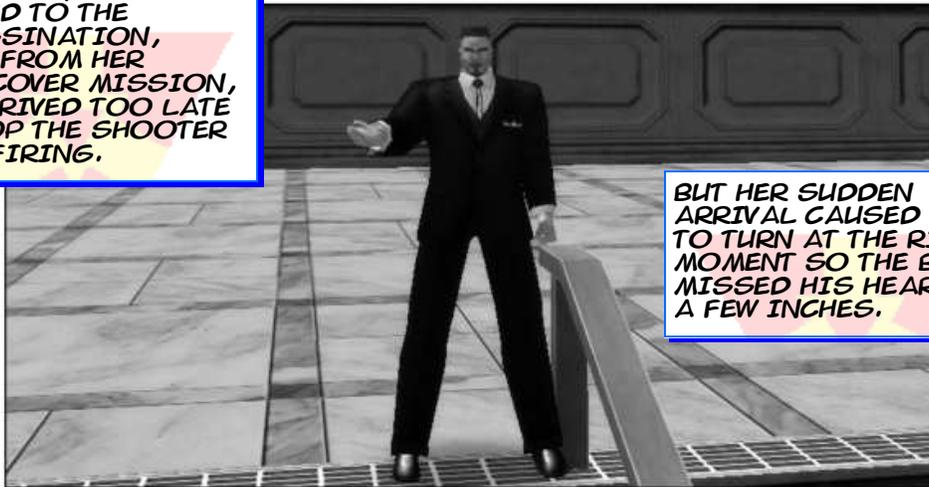
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City, but are
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**WE ALL WERE SHOCKED
TO SEE OUR TEAMMATE
ALEX GET SHOT ON
LIVE TELEVISION.**

**DAYBRIGHT, WHO WAS
ALERTED TO THE
ASSASSINATION,
BROKE FROM HER
UNDERCOVER MISSION,
BUT ARRIVED TOO LATE
TO STOP THE SHOOTER
FROM FIRING.**

**BUT HER SUDDEN
ARRIVAL CAUSED ALEX
TO TURN AT THE RIGHT
MOMENT SO THE BULLET
MISSED HIS HEART BY
A FEW INCHES.**



Libertarian candidate Alex Wentworth, seen in a campaign rally in Atlas Park just minutes before being shot by an unknown assassin. Prior to being shot the candidate warned of "dirty politics". (Photo: Cam Era)

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Wentworth
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Top Contender In Critical Condition

Paragon City, RI (PTN) - The race for the long-vacated position of District Attorney for Paragon City took a violent turn yesterday when front-runner Alex Wentworth was shot during a rally in Atlas Park.

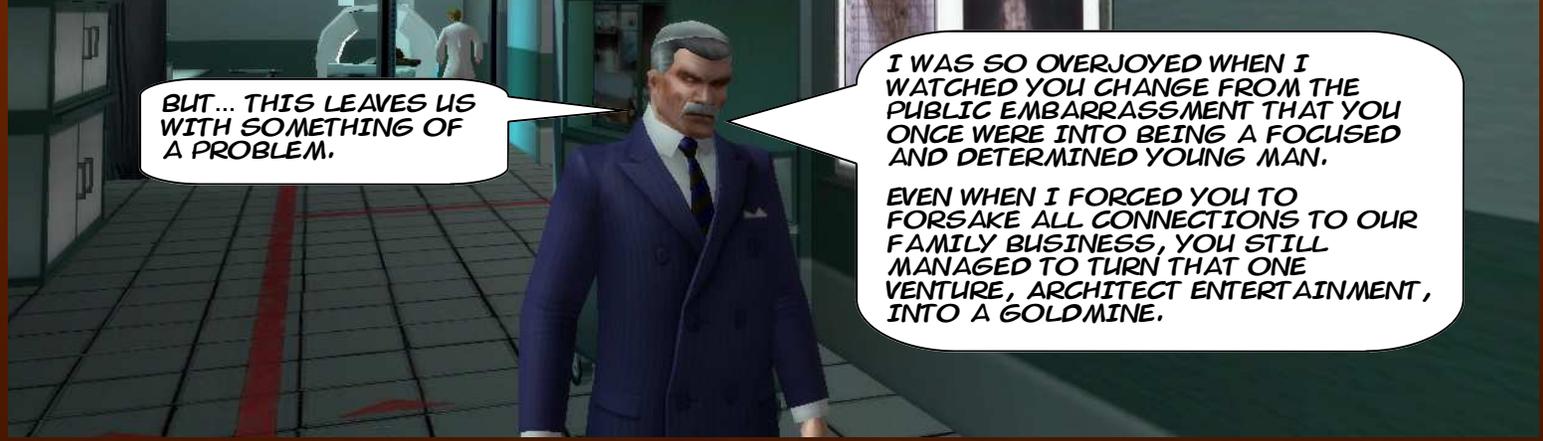
CHIRON MEDICAL CENTER

JULY, 2011



SO... YOU'RE AWAKE.
YOU SHOULD COUNT YOURSELF
LUCKY. IF YOUR KHELDIAN
FRIEND DAYBRIGHT DIDN'T RUIN
THE SHOT, YOU'D BE DEAD.
LORD LEE GEDDY'S PEOPLE
USUALLY DON'T MISS.

ANDREW WENTWORTH, CEO,
WENTWORTH'S FINE CONSIGNMENTS



BUT... THIS LEAVES US WITH SOMETHING OF A PROBLEM.

I WAS SO OVERJOYED WHEN I WATCHED YOU CHANGE FROM THE PUBLIC EMBARRASSMENT THAT YOU ONCE WERE INTO BEING A FOCUSED AND DETERMINED YOUNG MAN.

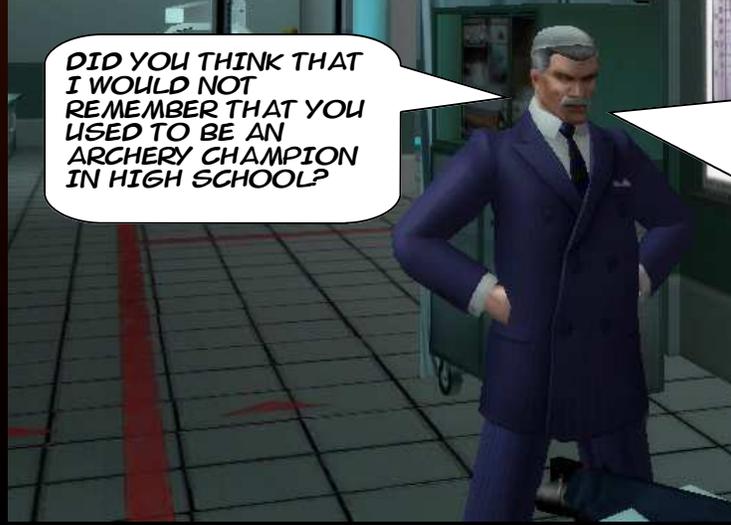
EVEN WHEN I FORCED YOU TO FORSAKE ALL CONNECTIONS TO OUR FAMILY BUSINESS, YOU STILL MANAGED TO TURN THAT ONE VENTURE, ARCHITECT ENTERTAINMENT, INTO A GOLDMINE.



I WAS PROUD OF YOU, NEPHEW. VERY PROUD.



THEN I HEARD RUMORS THAT YOU HAD ANOTHER VENTURE... OF BEING A HERO THAT WENT AFTER BAD COPS.

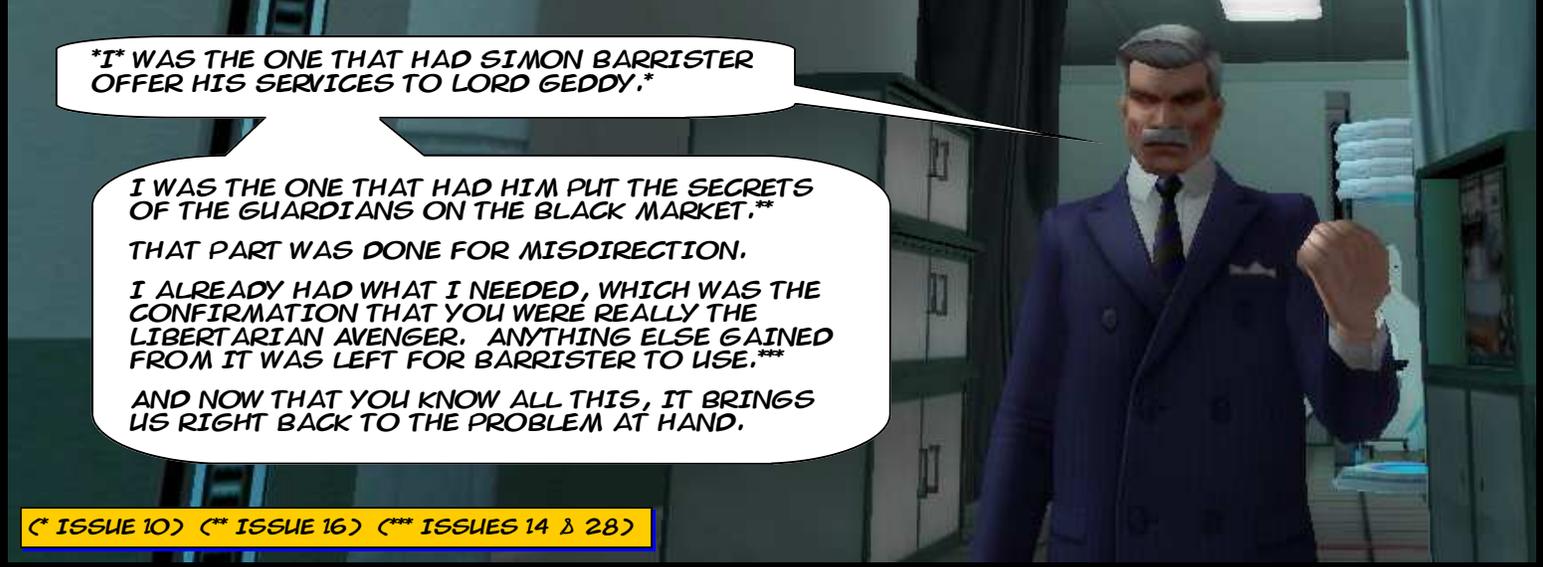


DID YOU THINK THAT I WOULD NOT REMEMBER THAT YOU USED TO BE AN ARCHERY CHAMPION IN HIGH SCHOOL?

DID YOU NOT THINK THAT I WOULD PUT TOGETHER THE CONNECTION BETWEEN YOU AND THE SO-CALLED "LIBERTARIAN AVENGER" AFTER WHAT YOU WENT THROUGH IN JAIL?

BUT, MUCH LIKE YOU AND YOUR HERO FRIENDS, I NEEDED PROOF. I NEEDED CONFIRMATION.

SO I HIRED THE BEST.



I WAS THE ONE THAT HAD SIMON BARRISTER OFFER HIS SERVICES TO LORD GEDDY.*

I WAS THE ONE THAT HAD HIM PUT THE SECRETS OF THE GUARDIANS ON THE BLACK MARKET.**

THAT PART WAS DONE FOR MISDIRECTION.

I ALREADY HAD WHAT I NEEDED, WHICH WAS THE CONFIRMATION THAT YOU WERE REALLY THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER. ANYTHING ELSE GAINED FROM IT WAS LEFT FOR BARRISTER TO USE.***

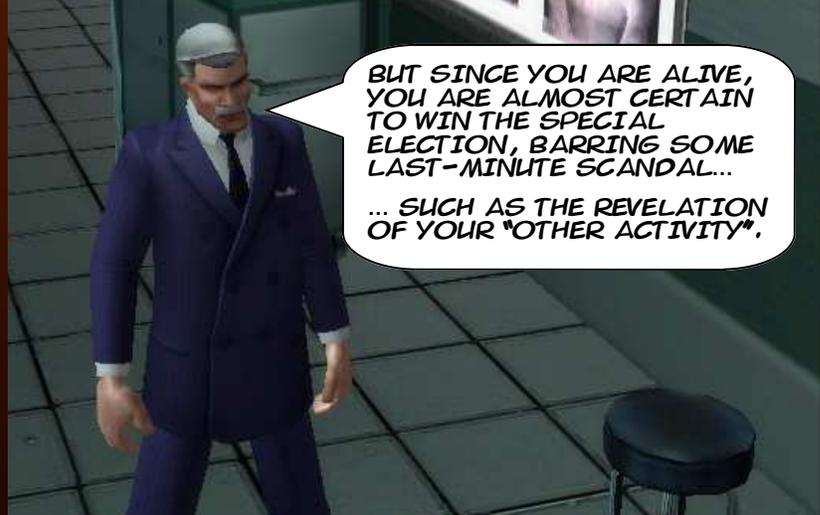
AND NOW THAT YOU KNOW ALL THIS, IT BRINGS US RIGHT BACK TO THE PROBLEM AT HAND.



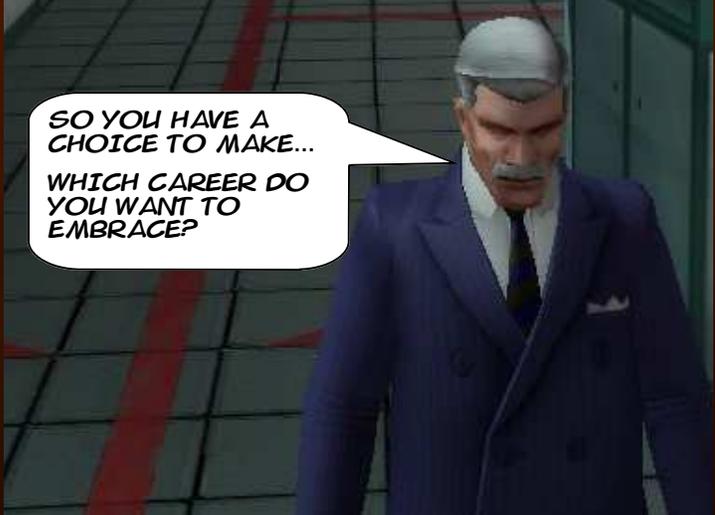
YOUR DEATH, ALTHOUGH TRAGIC, WOULD HAVE ALLOWED US TO CONTROL WHO BECAME THE NEXT DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT THE BILDERBURG ALLIANCE COULD NOT ALLOW GEDDY TO MANIPULATE COMPLETELY WITH HIS SHADOWBORN ORGANIZATION.

IT ALSO WOULD HAVE BEEN THE LYNCHPIN TO DISSOLVE THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN ONCE AND FOR ALL; AN ORGANIZATION THAT ALSO BECAME TOO MUCH OF A LIABILITY FOR US TO ALLOW TO CONTINUE IN THIS CITY.



BUT SINCE YOU ARE ALIVE, YOU ARE ALMOST CERTAIN TO WIN THE SPECIAL ELECTION, BARRING SOME LAST-MINUTE SCANDAL...
... SUCH AS THE REVELATION OF YOUR "OTHER ACTIVITY".

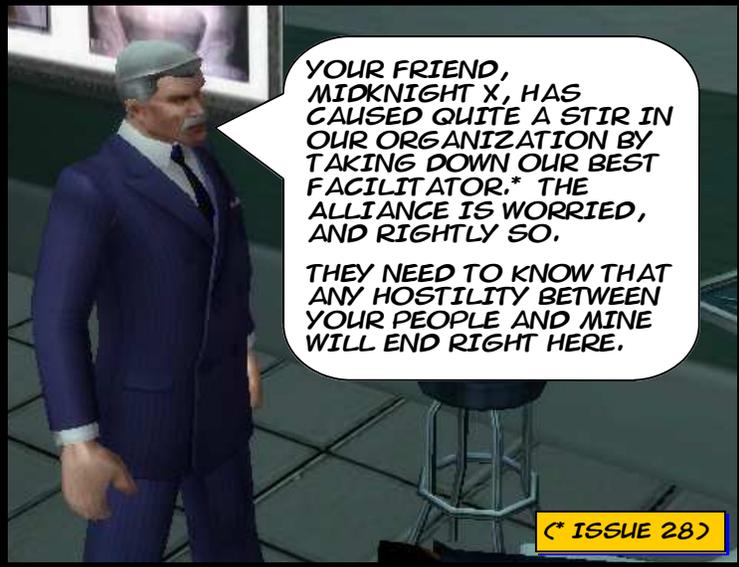


SO YOU HAVE A CHOICE TO MAKE...
WHICH CAREER DO YOU WANT TO EMBRACE?



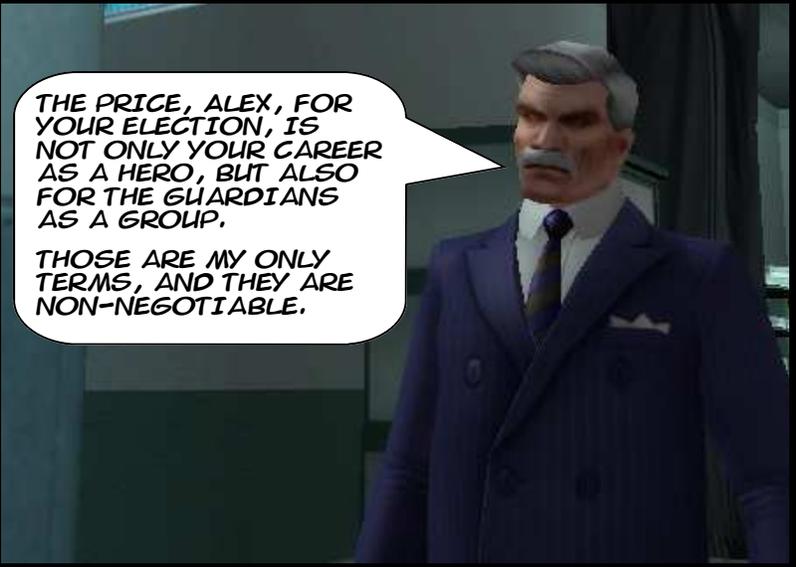
YOU CAN CHOOSE TO BECOME THE NEXT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND BRING THAT OFFICE IN LINE AS YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO, WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE FROM EITHER MY ASSOCIATES OR FROM SHADOWBORN. AND YOU WILL HAVE MY PERSONAL ASSURANCE ON THAT.

BUT IT WON'T HAPPEN WITHOUT SOME SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES ON YOUR PART.



YOUR FRIEND, MIDNIGHT X, HAS CAUSED QUITE A STIR IN OUR ORGANIZATION BY TAKING DOWN OUR BEST FACILITATOR.* THE ALLIANCE IS WORRIED, AND RIGHTLY SO.

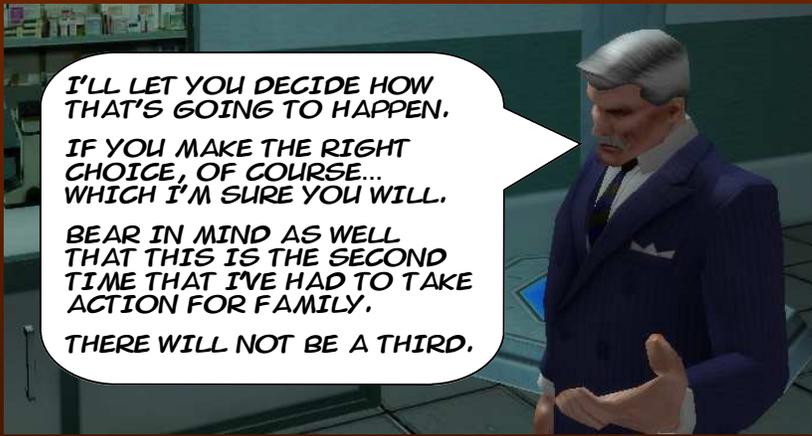
THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT ANY HOSTILITY BETWEEN YOUR PEOPLE AND MINE WILL END RIGHT HERE.



THE PRICE, ALEX, FOR YOUR ELECTION, IS NOT ONLY YOUR CAREER AS A HERO, BUT ALSO FOR THE GUARDIANS AS A GROUP.

THOSE ARE MY ONLY TERMS, AND THEY ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE.

(* ISSUE 28)



I'LL LET YOU DECIDE HOW THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. IF YOU MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE, OF COURSE... WHICH I'M SURE YOU WILL. BEAR IN MIND AS WELL THAT THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THAT I'VE HAD TO TAKE ACTION FOR FAMILY. THERE WILL NOT BE A THIRD.



OCTOBER, 2011

THE "RIGHT" CHOICE... LIKE THERE REALLY WAS ONE...



IT WAS RIGHT HERE THAT ALEX WAS SHOT. WE NEVER CAUGHT THE WOMAN RESPONSIBLE. "AGENT BLUE" DISAPPEARED RIGHT AFTER FIRING THE SHOT.

NOT HARD TO DO WHEN SHE ONLY HAD TO DITCH HER BRIGHT BLUE WIG AND SUNGLASSES AND THEN FADE INTO THE CROWD.

WHEN JASON KNIGHT, MIDNIGHT X, RETURNED FROM EUROPE, HE VOWED TO HUNT DOWN THE SHOOTER AND THEN GO AFTER LORD GEDDY, AS HE EARLIER PROMISED GEDDY HE'D DO.



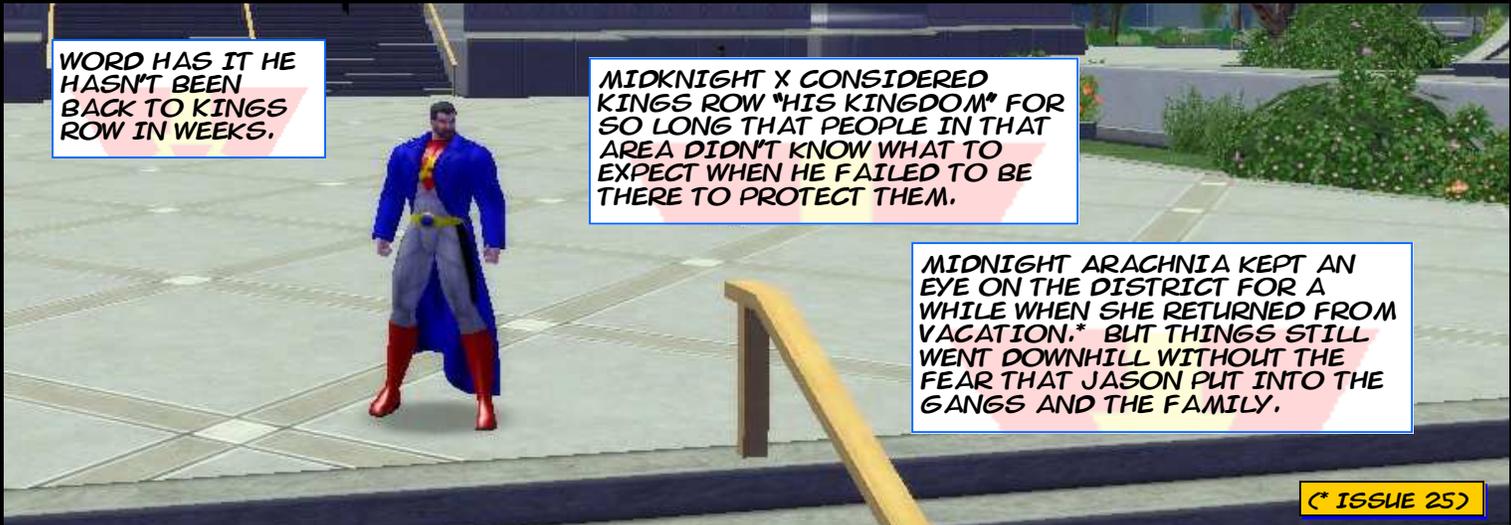
PEREZ PARK

I'VE KNOWN JASON ALMOST AS LONG AS HIS MENTOR, DAMIAN. I KNOW HE NEVER BACKS DOWN ON A PROMISE.

 MIDNIGHT X



HE'S STILL IN PEREZ PARK RIGHT NOW, STILL BIDDING HIS TIME... JUST WAITING FOR HIS MOMENT TO STRIKE.



WORD HAS IT HE HASN'T BEEN BACK TO KINGS ROW IN WEEKS.

MIDNIGHT X CONSIDERED KINGS ROW "HIS KINGDOM" FOR SO LONG THAT PEOPLE IN THAT AREA DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN HE FAILED TO BE THERE TO PROTECT THEM.

MIDNIGHT ARACHNIA KEPT AN EYE ON THE DISTRICT FOR A WHILE WHEN SHE RETURNED FROM VACATION.* BUT THINGS STILL WENT DOWNHILL WITHOUT THE FEAR THAT JASON PUT INTO THE GANGS AND THE FAMILY.

(* ISSUE 25)

ALEX SPOKE WITH MYSELF AND MAXIMUS REX AFTER THE ENCOUNTER WITH HIS UNCLE.



AS THE FORMER LEADER OF A SUPERHERO GROUP IN MY WORLD, I KNEW IT WOULD BE A HARD DECISION TO MAKE.

BUT IN THE END, THE CHOICE WAS TO EITHER KEEP A SUPERHERO GROUP ALIVE OR REIGNING IN ONE OF THE BIGGEST ABUSERS OF GOVERNMENT POWER IN PARAGON CITY.



OF COURSE SOME PEOPLE MADE THAT CHOICE A LOT EASIER.

AUGUST, 2011

TWO DAYS BEFORE THE SPECIAL ELECTION

YOU'RE BEING DECEIVED, PARAGON CITY! WHY CAN'T YOU SEE THIS?
WHY CAN'T YOU LISTEN TO ME WHEN I TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE BEING FOOLED WHEN YOU SUPPORT A WANTON HEDONIST LIKE ALEX WENTWORTH?



HE IS A KNOWN PARTY-DOG! HE'S AN ADMITTED GAMBLING ADDICT AND AN ALCOHOLIC.
THE ONLY WAY HE COULD EVEN GET A LAW DEGREE WOULD BE IF HE PAID SOMEONE TO TAKE THE BAR EXAM FOR HIM!

GARRY BECKER

BECKER EXPERIENCE · BEHIND LAW-AND-ORDER CAND



OKAY! OKAY! I'LL ADMIT, I MADE THAT PART UP. I'M SORRY!
I'LL END UP PAYING PNN A THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THAT, BUT THAT JUST SHOWS YOU HOW FRUSTRATED I AM AT THE RECENT PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR SOMEONE LIKE ALEX WENTWORTH!



I UNDERSTAND THAT HE'S BEEN SHOT, AND THAT GENERATES TREMENDOUS SYMPATHY. BUT THAT DOESN'T AUTOMATICALLY MAKE HIM THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB.
THE VERY IDEA OF A LIBERTARIAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS ABOUT AS CRAZY AS... WELL IT'S CRAZIER THAN ANYTHING THAT I'VE EVER DONE, AND I'VE DONE A LOT OF ZANY THINGS!

CANDIDATES LIKE DDA EDWARD "THE TRUST" VANCE ·



SO I PROMISE YOU THIS: IF YOU, MY LOYAL PARAGON CITY VIEWERS, ALLOW THE LIBERTARIAN ALEX WENTWORTH TO WIN THIS ELECTION... THEN I...
I WILL QUIT MY JOB! I WILL LEAVE THIS STATION FOR GOOD!
THIS IS NOT A JOKE. I MEAN IT. I HONESTLY CANNOT SPEAK ON BEHALF OF A CITY THAT CLEARLY FORSAKES ME.



MY CAREER IS IN YOUR HANDS, PARAGON CITY.
I TRUST YOU WILL MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE... NOT JUST FOR MYSELF BUT FOR YOU AND FOR YOUR CHILDREN.



BECKER: ALL-OR-NOTHING



"WENTWORTH OR ME!"





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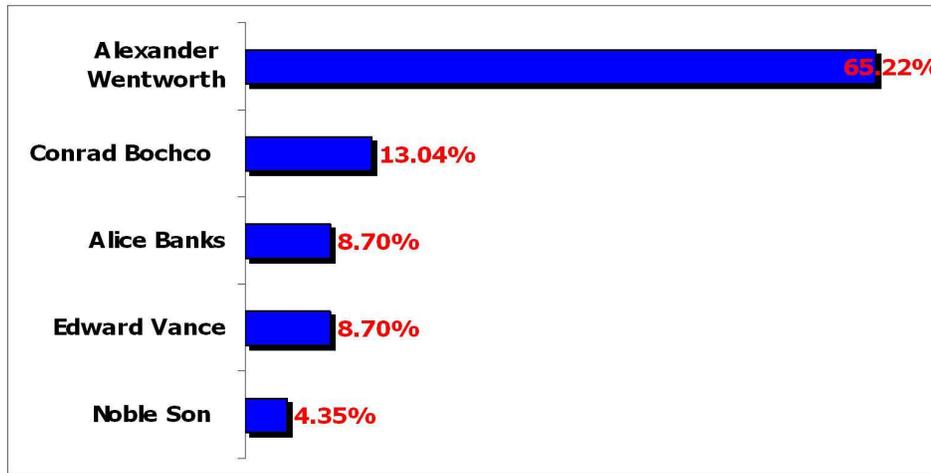
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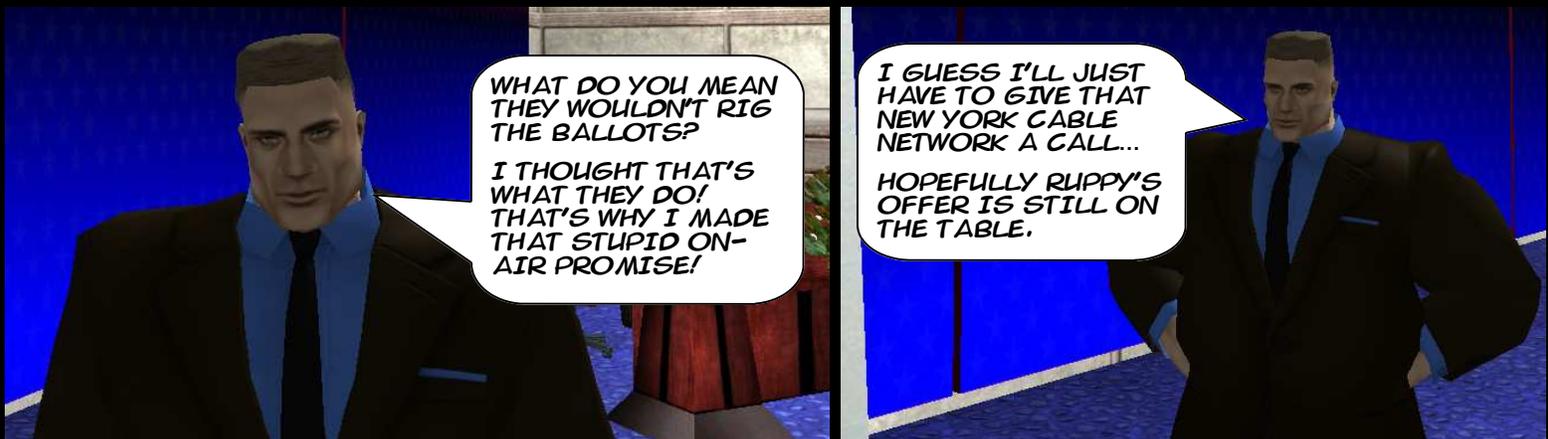
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 sitcom based on



Landslide Victory Shocks Election Experts

Paragon City, RI (PTN) - Libertarian candidate
 Alexander Wentworth shocked the political landscape when he came out as the clear winner in a special election to determine the next District Attorney for Paragon City.

With all of the votes now tallied as of this publication, Wentworth won the position in a landslide victory that surprised pundits and even seasoned politicians, taking a



OF COURSE NOT EVERYONE WAS HAPPY WITH THE RESULTS.

THE POLICE UNION, WHICH WAS SUPPORTING FORMER CHIEF BOCHCO FOR THE POSITION, THREATENED A WORK SLOWDOWN, AND EVEN TOYED WITH THE IDEA OF HAVING A STRIKE.

THEN THERE WAS THE QUESTION OF WHAT TO DO WITH EDWARD VANCE... THE DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY THAT HAS BEEN A THORN IN OUR SIDES ALMOST FROM DAY ONE.



LATE AUGUST, 2011

WE BOTH KNOW WHAT'S COMING NEXT, WENTWORTH.

SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST GET IT OUT IN THE OPEN AND GET IT OVER WITH?

FINE.

RUMORS TO THE CONTRARY, I AM NOT GOING TO FIRE YOU.

 EDWARD "THE TRUST" VANCE

SOMEWHERE IN THAT SHARK-LIKE PERSONA IS STILL ONE OF THE BEST PROSECUTORS IN PARAGON CITY, AND THAT'S A RESOURCE THAT I STILL NEED IN THIS OFFICE.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT WILL BE BUSINESS-AS-USUAL FOR YOU.

HMPH... WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT I WON'T JUST RESIGN AND TAKE MY "RESOURCE" OVER TO ANOTHER CITY?

DETROIT, MAYBE? OR EVEN THAT LITTLE METRO-GOTH AREA THAT'S BEEN IN THE NATIONAL NEWS OF LATE?

FIRST, BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T WALK AWAY FROM SOMETHING YOU'VE INVESTED SO HEAVILY IN.

AND SECOND, BECAUSE I STRONGLY SUSPECT THAT THE PEOPLE THAT HELPED PUT YOU WHERE YOU ARE NOW ARE TELLING YOU TO STAY WHERE YOU ARE.

NO DOUBT TO KEEP YOU READY IN THE EVENT THAT I SHOULD FAIL.

"KEEP YOUR FRIENDS CLOSE AND YOUR ENEMIES CLOSER."
VERY SUN TZU.

GLAD TO KNOW WE'RE ON THE SAME PAGE ON THIS.
BY THE WAY, I'VE ORDERED A FULL AUDIT OF YOUR PAST CASES. IN-HOUSE, OF COURSE.
EXPECT A CALL FROM D.D.A. PATRICK LATER TODAY.

YES... OF COURSE. RIGHT OUT OF MY OWN BOOK. WELL PLAYED.

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, MISTER CADE.

MR. CADE

THERE IS NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE, MISTER WENTWORTH.
THESE ARE YOUR OFFICES NOW, AND I AM, AS ALWAYS, AT YOUR DISPOSAL.

THAT'S GOOD, BECAUSE I'LL NEED YOUR HELP PROBABLY MORE THAN ANY OTHER DA HAS ASKED FOR.

THAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A TECHNOMANCER, MISTER WENTWORTH.
WHILE YOUR POSITION WAS VACANT, I ENSURED THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF THIS DEPARTMENT CONTINUED. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THAT SERVICE UNDER YOUR ADMINISTRATION.

THANK YOU. I JUST WISH WE HAD IT IN THE BUDGET TO HIRE MORE LIKE YOU.

I WANT YOU TO CONTACT BRIGID MOREIRA OVER AT CITY HALL AND ARRANGE TO HAVE A LIAISON ASSIGNED TO THIS OFFICE. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THE REGISTERED HEROES ARE HANDLING INVESTIGATIONS AND ARRESTS BY-THE-BOOK AND SHOWING UP AT COURT WHEN ORDERED TO.



HMM... THAT IS NOT SOMETHING I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED OF SOMEONE LIKE YOU. MAY I ASK WHY?



PRE-EMPTIVE MEASURE. I'M NEUTRALIZING A FUTURE ARGUMENT ABOUT THIS OFFICE.



BEING A LIBERTARIAN IS A MATTER OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY. BUT EVEN IN AN IDEALIZED LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY, THERE WOULD STILL BE SOME NEED FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. THERE WOULD STILL BE A NEED FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND PROSECUTORS AND PRISONS.

I'M NOT HERE TO ELIMINATE THIS OFFICE OR TO NEUTER IT. I'M HERE TO MAKE SURE IT WORKS THE WAY IT IS SUPPOSED TO AND WORK BY-THE-BOOK. THAT MEANS GOING AFTER THE TRUE CRIMINALS AND NOT CLOSING CASES JUST TO FILL A QUOTA.



A RATHER UNIQUE REPLY. THANK YOU.



I JUST E-MAILED MS. MORIERA. SHE WILL CONTACT YOU SHORTLY ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE POSITION.

THANK YOU, MISTER CADE.

OCTOBER, 2011



ALEX HAD EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL THEN.

VANCE WAS TIED DOWN IN PAPERWORK... THE POLICE UNION'S "BLUE FLLI" PROTEST FELL SHORT THANKS TO THE HEROES... CRIME WAS GOING DOWN EVERYWHERE EXCEPT FOR KINGS ROW...

BUT CITY HALL COULDN'T GIVE HIM THAT LIAISON JUST YET.

A MORE PRESSING MATTER CAME UP...

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2011

IT HIT WITH VERY LITTLE WARNING.

THE LAST TIME THE SHIVAN METEORS APPROACHED EARTH, A TEAM OF HEROES SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES TO LIMIT THE DEVASTATION TO JUST ONE ISLAND... BLOODY BAY.

IN 2010, A PLAN BY THE COUNCIL TO BRING ANOTHER METEOR TO EARTH WAS THWARTED BY DOC TOR.*

THIS TIME... NOTHING WOULD STOP THE DEVASTATION FROM REACHING EARTH.

(* ISSUE 10)

FREEDOM CORPS HEADQUARTERS, GALAXY CITY

HOLY SH...

EVERYONE TAKE SHELTER...
NOW!

HUNDREDS OF HEROES CALLED THE FREEDOM CORPS HEADQUARTERS THEIR HOME AWAY FROM HOME, WITH ITS VAST UNDERGROUND BARRACKS AND DORM-STYLE FACILITIES.

MANY DID NOT SURVIVE ITS DESTRUCTION.



GALAXY CITY DESTROYED!



An unknown hero assesses the devastation near what remains of the Freedom Corps Headquarters in Galaxy City, one of the first casualties of the Shivan meteors that hit the area and brought about numerous Shivan minions from the city's infrastructure. (Photo: B.Style)

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Can Galaxy City be saved or must it become another Hazard Zone? - Page 8

Thousands Hurt, Killed, In Shivan Attacks

Paragon City, RI (PTN) - For years, Galaxy City stood as a district defiant not only from the Rikti invaders, but also from the scourge of crime. The district formerly known as Paragon Heights was re-named in honor of Galaxy Girl, Paragon City's longtime heroine who gave her life during the Rikti Invasion of 2002.

Today, Galaxy City is unrecognizable as death came from above and below, killing thousands and injuring tens of thousands.

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Former TV Host Becker launches website tirade: "Someone knew this would happen! That person needs to be charged and executed for high treason!" - Page 14

Weather:

Today: Sunny, Warm, 70's
Tomorrow: More of the same
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THE SHIVANS THAT AROSE FROM THE DESTRUCTION OF GALAXY CITY WERE FAR DIFFERENT THAN THE ONES FROM BLOODY BAY.

THE FREEDOM PHALANX COULD NOT STEM THE DAMAGE THESE NEW SHIVANS CAUSED.

WHILE THE BLOODY BAY SHIVANS EMULATED THE GRAVEYARD CORPSES, THE GALAXY CITY ONES EMULATED THE GALAXY CITY INFRASTRUCTURE.

 **SISTER PSYCHE**

EVEN WITH THE ARRIVAL OF NEW HEROES, IT BECAME CLEAR TO US THAT GALAXY CITY WAS LOST.

 **BLUE SPECTRUM**

GIANT SHIVANS COMING UP FROM THE GROUND MADE RESCUING TRAPPED HEROES IMPOSSIBLE.

THE BEST WE COULD DO WAS TO EVACUATE AS MANY LIVES AS WE COULD...

 **COYOTE**

ELDRIC!

MY WIFE... I CAN'T FIND MY WIFE!

MY BABY! NOOO!

... AND PRAY FOR THE REST.

BUT THAT APPARENTLY WAS NOT ENOUGH FOR SOME PEOPLE.

NO, THAT'S JUST NOT ACCEPTABLE.

I DON'T LIKE IT EITHER, BUT FACTS ARE FACTS, MA'AM.

CYRIL CORPORATION IS RAISING A STINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT THEY HAD AN ANTI-SHIVAN DEFENSE SYSTEM READY TO BE TESTED LAST YEAR AND IT WAS SHUT DOWN BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF DOG TOR.*

IT'S BAD ENOUGH WE HAVE THAT JACK@SS GARRY BECKER SCREAMING ONLINE FOR SOMEONE'S HEAD ON A PLATTER; NOW CYCORP IS POINTING FINGERS AT THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN AND ACCUSING THEM OF HAMSTRINGING OUR GLOBAL DEFENSE PROGRAMS.

 **APEX**

(* NOT ENTIRELY - SEE ISSUE #10)

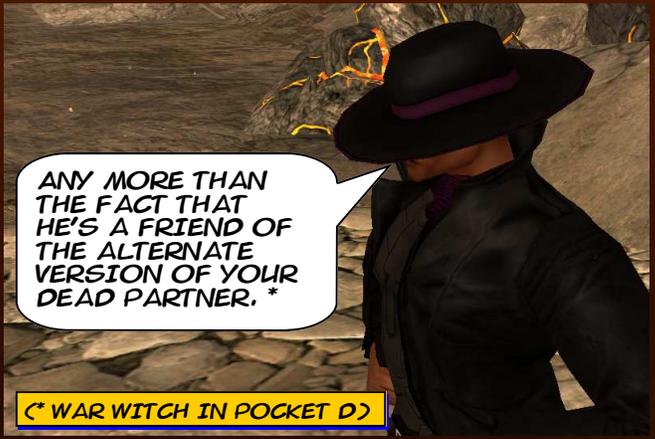


I WAS THE ONE THAT DEBRIEFED DOC TOR ON THAT CASE ALONG WITH SIN STALKER. THE COUNCIL WERE THE ONES THAT WERE TRULY BEHIND THE SABOTAGE OF PROJECT NEUTRON.

 **DARK WATCHER**



NEVER MIND THAT YOU HAPPEN TO BE ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE HE CALLS A "FRIEND", RIGHT?



ANY MORE THAN THE FACT THAT HE'S A FRIEND OF THE ALTERNATE VERSION OF YOUR DEAD PARTNER. *

(* WAR WITCH IN POCKET D)



THAT IS QUITE ENOUGH FROM BOTH OF YOU! THIS WILL NOT BECOME A STAR CHAMBER TRIAL ON THE GUARDIANS!

NEED I REMIND YOU THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES THANKS TO THE SACRIFICES THEY MADE?

 **THE LADY GREY**



LOOK, I'M NOT KNOCKING WHAT THEY'VE GONE THROUGH THE PAST YEAR OR SO... WE'VE ALL APPRECIATED THE RECENT TACTICAL SUPPORT MAXIMUS REX HAS GIVEN US ON THE FRONT LINES IN THE RIKTI WAR ZONE, AND IT'S BEEN A JOY WATCHING GALATEA POWERS RATTLE THE RIKTI MOTHERSHIP.

BUT CYCORP IS RAISING A STINK AND LOOKING TO PIN ALL THIS ON SOMEONE SO THEY CAN GET MORE PROJECT FUNDING, AND SINCE DOC TOR IS ONE OF THE HEROES THAT ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR, THEY'RE READY TO HAVE IT FALL ON HIS HEAD.



AND WE CAN'T HAVE MISTER WENTWORTH'S OFFICE LOOK INTO THIS BECAUSE OF HIS OWN CONNECTIONS TO THE GUARDIANS.

A FINE MESS THIS THING HAS BECOME.



IF I MAY... THERE MIGHT BE A WAY TO NEUTER SOME OF THAT BLAME.

GO ON...

PARAGON POLICE HEADQUARTERS

KINGS ROW

DUE TO THE DEPARTMENT BEING SHORT-STAFFED THANKS TO GALAXY CITY, AND BECAUSE OF THE RECENT CRIME SURGE IN KINGS ROW, THE POWERS-THAT-BE HAVE DECIDED TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS ABOUT THE PROGRAM.

YOU'LL BE RESTORED TO FULL AUTHORITY STARTING TOMORROW, INCLUDING A WHOLE NEW BATCH OF BIOMED ENHANCEMENT DRUGS THAT WILL PUT YOU ON PAR WITH YOUR OLD LEVELS IN NO TIME.

YOUR ACTIONS WILL BE HEAVILY SCRUTINIZED IN THE BEGINNING, BUT YOU'LL BE BACK OUT ON THE STREETS WHERE YOU BELONG.

DEPUTY CHIEF GLENN MCMILLAN,
DIRECTOR, HERO SHIELD PROGRAM

ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ADD TO THAT, COMMANDER KESTREL?

I JUST WANT TO BE ON RECORD AS SAYING THAT I OPPOSE THIS COURSE OF ACTION. THIS DECISION IS ILL-TIMED IN MY OPINION, AND HIGHLY POLITICIZED.

SO NOTED. ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY ON THE RECORD?

ONLY THAT IT'LL BE GOOD TO BE BACK ON THE STREETS, SIR.

 STEVIE WALKER-RODGERS

COMMANDER KESTREL WAS RIGHT IN THAT THE DECISION WAS VERY POLITICAL.

RESTORING STEVIE TO ACTIVE-DUTY STATUS TOOK THE HEAT OFF THE GUARDIANS, SINCE STEVIE REPRESENTED THE ORIGINAL FACE OF THE SUPERGROUP.

WE HAVE YOUR UNIFORM READY FOR YOU. BLUE STEEL WILL BE DOING A PUBLIC SWEARING-IN FOR YOU AT 1800 HOURS... MOSTLY FOR PUBLICITY SINCE THE BIOMED INJECTIONS WON'T BE READY UNTIL TOMORROW.

WE WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE BACK ON DUTY.

PNN AIRED THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND THE SWEARING-IN LIVE ON THEIR EVENING NEWS HOUR.

AT THAT SAME TIME, A U.S. SENATOR'S PRESS CONFERENCE CALLING FOR HEARINGS INTO PROJECT NEUTRON CAME TO A QUICK END WHEN HE REALIZED THE MEDIA WAS NO LONGER COVERING HIM.

DO YOU SOLEMNLY DECLARE ON YOUR HONOR AND CONSCIENCE THAT YOU WILL FAITHFULLY ENFORCE THE LAWS OF PARAGON CITY, PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS, TO KEEP THE PEACE AND PRESERVE ORDER WHENEVER POSSIBLE, AND TO DO SO FOLLOWING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS EXPECTED OF YOU AS A POLICE OFFICER OF THIS CITY?

 **BLUE STEEL**

I DO.

WELCOME BACK, CAPTAIN PARAGONNA.

 **CAPTAIN PARAGONNA**

TALOS ISLAND

LATER THAT EVENING...

BUT CAPTAIN PARAGONNA'S RETURN WAS A PYRRHIC VICTORY FOR HER.

SHE ALWAYS PROMISED THAT SHE WOULD RETURN TO THE GUARDIANS WHEN SHE WAS REINSTATED TO ACTIVE DUTY.

ONLY THE GUARDIANS WERE NO LONGER ACTIVE. THE BASE WAS SHUT DOWN. THE STATUE OF TALOS WAS ONCE AGAIN ALONE, SAVE FOR ONE HERO CORPS HONOR GUARD.

SNIFF

SORRY GUYS... I'M A LITTLE LATE... BUT I'M BACK... JUST LIKE I PROMISED I WOULD BE.



MAXIMUS REX
- SERVING AS
TACTICAL ADVISOR
FOR VANGUARD'S
SHIELD DIVISION



RYDER LIGHTNING
- TEACHING
LITERATURE AT STEEL
CANYON UNIVERSITY.



JIMMY HELLFIGHTER
- ASSISTING IN RESCUE-
AND-RECOVERY EFFORTS
IN GALAXY CITY.



ARKTIC CHILL
- MISSING



COEUR DU FEU
- MISSING



STREET JUSTICE
- MISSING



WHYSPERA
- MISSING



TASHATIGER
- MISSING



"DOC" TOR
- MISSING

SO MANY PEOPLE GONE... SO MANY
HEROES THAT DISAPPEARED NOT LONG
AFTER THE GUARDIANS DISBANDED, SO
MANY THAT WENT MISSING IN THE WAKE
OF THE TRAGEDY OF GALAXY CITY.

WE DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE DEAD... WE
HOPE THAT THEY'RE NOT.

MERCY ISLAND, ROGUE ISLES

SEPTEMBER, 2011

NOT ALL ABSENT FRIENDS WERE LOST IN THE SHIVAN ATTACK.

NOT LONG AFTER GALAXY CITY FELL, FREEDOM CORPS' LONGBOW DIVISION TOOK FORT DARWIN AWAY FROM ARACHNOS.

EVEN THOUGH IT RISKED HER LIFE AND EVERYONE IN THE ROGUE ISLES, MIDNIGHT ARACHNIA RETURNED HOME TO FIND HER FRIEND JOHN COLE AND HER ADOPTED BROTHER, MATTHEW BURKE.

NO ONE HAS HEARD FROM EITHER COLE OR ARACHNIA.

DAYBRIGHT CONTINUES TO WORK FOR CITY HALL UNDER HER HUMAN GUISE OF GRACE FELLOWS, LOOKING FOR MORE EVIDENCE AGAINST LORD GEDDY AND SHADOWBORN.



THIS IS APRIL HERNANDEZ, PNN AFTERNOON NEWS, AND NOW BACK TO YOU, ROBIN.

OMEGA SHIFT HAS NOT BEEN SEEN OUTSIDE OF HER APRIL HERNANDEZ IDENTITY SINCE THE SHOOTING.

NOBODY KNOWS WHY THAT IS.

ACCORDING TO DOCTOR TREVOR SEABORN, THE TRAUMA OF MAY SHIFT'S VARIOUS PERSONALITIES MAY HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH FOR HER TO ENDURE.

SHE WAS ALREADY WORKING ON VERY LITTLE SLEEP TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH MULTIPLE IDENTITIES, INCLUDING PRETENDING TO BE THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER WHILE ALEX WAS CAMPAIGNING.*

SEABORN BELIEVES THAT MAY JUST SNAPPED, AND SHE RETREATED INTO A PERSONA THAT WAS "NORMAL" FOR HER.

BUT THERE WAS SOME GOOD NEWS...

(* ISSUE 27)

STEEL CANYON UNIVERSITY

KATIE LEA POWERS IS STILL IN PARAGON CITY.

SHE'S BALANCING BETWEEN BEING A STUDENT AND BEING A HERO, BUT AT LEAST SHE IS STILL HERE AND READY TO HELP WHEN SHE CAN.

LYON POWERS

Dear Mister Powers,

Thank you for letting me know that Mister Hellfighter is okay, and that he's out looking for the other Guardians. I hope he will have time to write to me soon, but I understand why he cannot answer my emails right now.

Boston is okay, I suppose. My parents say that Hero Corps is pretty busy. People are scared about more Shivan attacks. They don't trust Vanguard. They're having a hard time trusting heroes after everything Mister Becker has been saying online.



My parents lined me up with a Hero Corps specialist who has been showing me how to operate in secret. He says that with people outside of Paragon City not trusting heroes, I have to know how to operate without being noticed or wearing a costume. I guess this means I can really be a "fire ninja" soon.

Please tell Galatea and Lyon I said "Hi", and if you find any of the other Guardians, tell them I miss everyone and I still wish I was there.



PYROGURL

- Kryz ... aka, PyroGurl

AT LEAST PYROGURL IS OKAY AND THAT SHE'S SAFE IN BOSTON, AWAY FROM THE CHAOS HERE.

THAT JUST LEAVES ALEX'S NEW LIAISON FROM CITY HALL...

HER NAME IS FAITH KARL. SHE HAS A DEGREE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY.

TEN YEARS EXPERIENCE IN VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS BEFORE COMING TO PARAGON CITY TO WORK FOR CITY HALL; OVERSEEING THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU FOR SUPER-POWERED ACTIVITIES.

LET'S GET ONE THING STRAIGHT, MS. KARL.

YOU WORK FOR ME. YOU DO NOT WORK FOR MISTER WENTWORTH.

WHILE YOU'RE THERE, YOU REPRESENT CITY HALL, NOT THE DA'S OFFICE. I SIGN YOUR PAYCHECKS, SO YOU KEEP MY HOURS, NOT HIS.



CITY REPRESENTATIVE



DRESS CONSERVATIVELY AT ALL TIMES WHILE YOU'RE THERE. WHAT YOU HAVE ON NOW SHOULD BE THE BARE MINIMUM.

YOU ARE NOT TO BE DOING ANY CASE INVESTIGATIONS FOR THEM UNLESS I APPROVE IT BEFOREHAND.

YES, MS. MOREIRA, I UNDERSTAND.

THERE'S A REASON WHY BRIGHID MOREIRA IS THE BEST CITY REPRESENTATIVE IN PARAGON CITY'S HISTORY... AND THAT'S BECAUSE SHE MAKES SURE EVERYTHING THERE WORKS HER WAY OR NOT AT ALL.



PARAGON CITY HALL
INFORMATION

AND AS FAR AS YOUR... *AHEM*... *EXTRA ACTIVITIES* ARE CONCERNED...

YOU ARE TO MAKE SURE THEY DO NOT INTERFERE WITH YOUR ROLE AS LIAISON.

IF I HEAR ABOUT A HERO MISSING HIS COURT DATE BECAUSE OF SOMETHING YOU WERE TOO BUSY WITH, THEN YOUR TIME HERE WILL BE VERY SHORT. CLEAR?

IT'S ALSO THE REASON WHY SHE NEVER NEEDED AN ASSISTANT...

UNTIL NOW.

CRYSTAL.

GOOD.

AND TELL ALEX THAT BLUE SPECTRUM'S DEPOSITION WILL HAVE TO BE RE-SCHEDULED UNTIL HE CAN GET OUT OF INTENSIVE CARE.

MAKE SURE THEY FEED YOU OVER THERE...

AND DON'T TRUST ANYTHING THAT VANCE GIVES YOU!

YES MA'AM!



EXCUSE ME...

HAVE A SECOND?



I'M SORRY, BUT I'M A LITTLE BUSY RIGHT NOW...

NO, I REALLY UNDERSTAND... THIS WILL JUST TAKE A SECOND.



YOU LOOK GOOD, YOU... YOU LOOK REALLY...

THAT'S IT... I'M GOING...



ATRIUM, SOUTH CORNER, NINE-O'CLOCK TONIGHT. BE THERE.

GO TO HELL.



LATER THAT EVENING...

I KNEW SHE'D BE HERE, DESPITE HER PROTESTS.

SHE COULD HAVE COME UP WITH A MILLION WAYS TO SAY "NO", BUT I KNEW SHE WOULDN'T.



I WAS THE ONE THAT DESIGNED THE ATRIUM; THE PERFECT PLACE FOR A PRIVATE CONVERSATION.



WHY NOW?
WHY REACH OUT
TO ME NOW?

SOUND-PROOF
GLASS AND
PSIONIC
JAMMERS.



BECAUSE WE
NEED YOU.
I NEED YOU.
KAREN...

IT'S ONE OF THE FEW PLACES
THAT HEROES CAN TRULY HAVE A
PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITHOUT
PREYING EYES OR MINDS.



DON'T! DON'T YOU CALL ME THAT!

WHEN I'M DRESSED LIKE THIS, MY
NAME IS FAITH KARL.

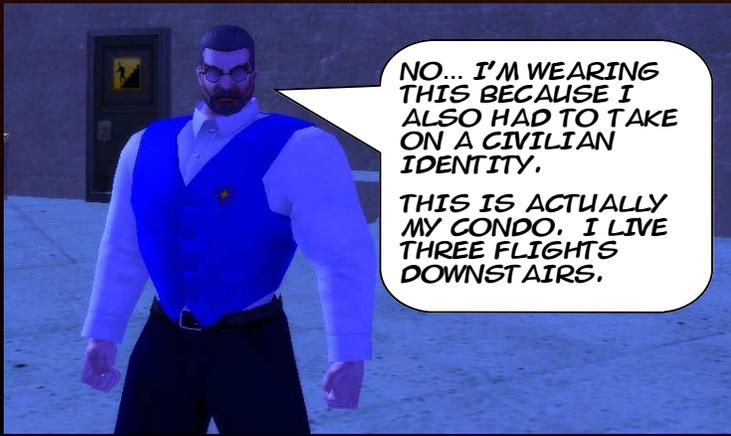
THIS IS WHO I AM NOW.

I SPENT A LONG TIME BUILDING MY
LIFE UP AGAIN AFTER THE MESS
THAT YOU HELPED TO CREATE!

WEEKS OF VANGUARD COACHES, MY
HISTORY RE-CRAFTED, FINANCIAL
HISTORY RE-CONSTRUCTED AND...

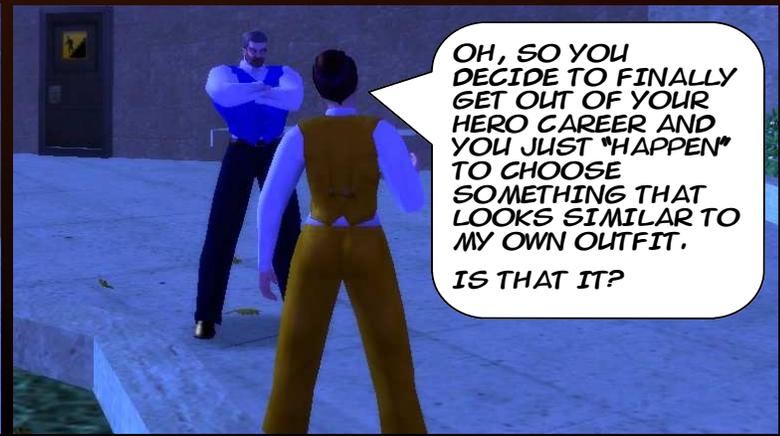
AND... WHY ARE
YOU DRESSED
LIKE THAT?

ARE YOU... TRYING
TO MIMIC ME?

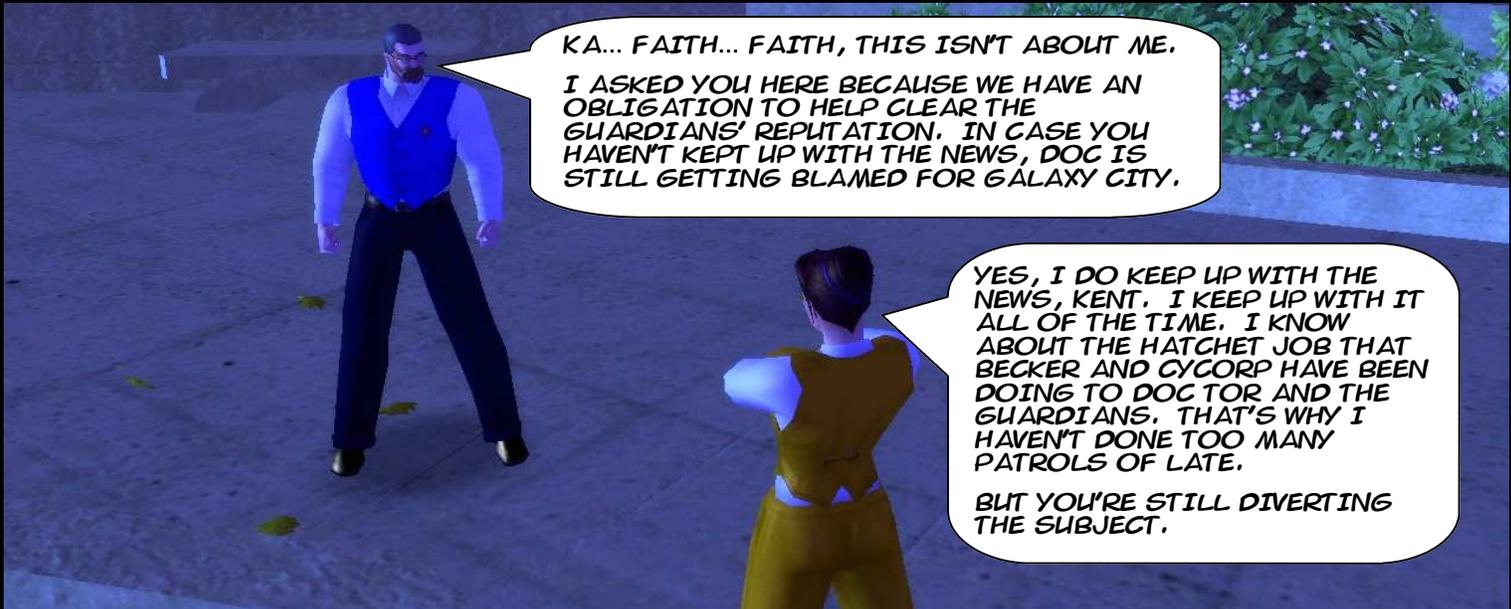


NO... I'M WEARING
THIS BECAUSE I
ALSO HAD TO TAKE
ON A CIVILIAN
IDENTITY.

THIS IS ACTUALLY
MY CONDO. I LIVE
THREE FLIGHTS
DOWNSTAIRS.



OH, SO YOU
DECIDE TO FINALLY
GET OUT OF YOUR
HERO CAREER AND
YOU JUST "HAPPEN"
TO CHOOSE
SOMETHING THAT
LOOKS SIMILAR TO
MY OWN OUTFIT.
IS THAT IT?



KA... FAITH... FAITH, THIS ISN'T ABOUT ME.
I ASKED YOU HERE BECAUSE WE HAVE AN
OBLIGATION TO HELP CLEAR THE
GUARDIANS' REPUTATION. IN CASE YOU
HAVEN'T KEPT UP WITH THE NEWS, DOC IS
STILL GETTING BLAMED FOR GALAXY CITY.

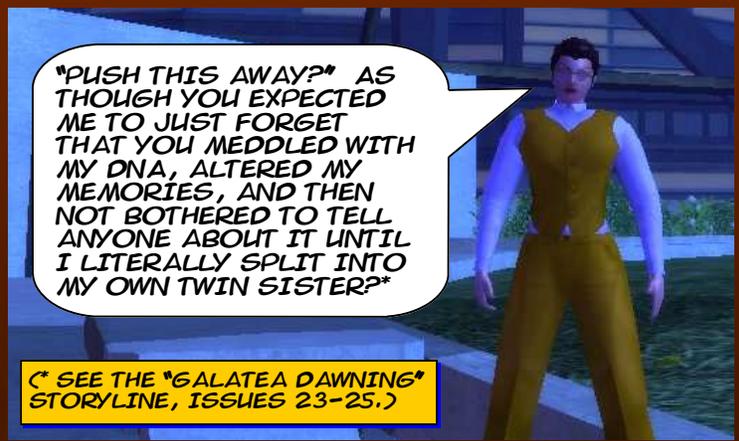
YES, I DO KEEP UP WITH THE
NEWS, KENT. I KEEP UP WITH IT
ALL OF THE TIME. I KNOW
ABOUT THE HATCHET JOB THAT
BECKER AND CYCORP HAVE BEEN
DOING TO DOC TOR AND THE
GUARDIANS. THAT'S WHY I
HAVEN'T DONE TOO MANY
PATROLS OF LATE.

BUT YOU'RE STILL DIVERTING
THE SUBJECT.



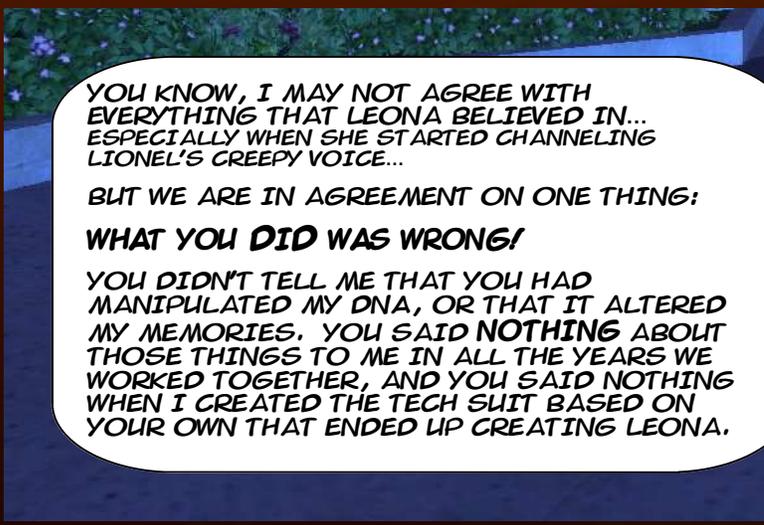
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET UP ON THIS, ARE YOU?

SIGH OKAY, FINE... I SUPPOSE I CAN'T KEEP PUSHING THIS AWAY.



"PUSH THIS AWAY?" AS THOUGH YOU EXPECTED ME TO JUST FORGET THAT YOU MEDDLED WITH MY DNA, ALTERED MY MEMORIES, AND THEN NOT BOTHERED TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT IT UNTIL I LITERALLY SPLIT INTO MY OWN TWIN SISTER?"

(SEE THE "GALATEA DAWNING" STORYLINE, ISSUES 23-25. *)*



YOU KNOW, I MAY NOT AGREE WITH EVERYTHING THAT LEONA BELIEVED IN... ESPECIALLY WHEN SHE STARTED CHANNELING LIONEL'S CREEPY VOICE...

BUT WE ARE IN AGREEMENT ON ONE THING:

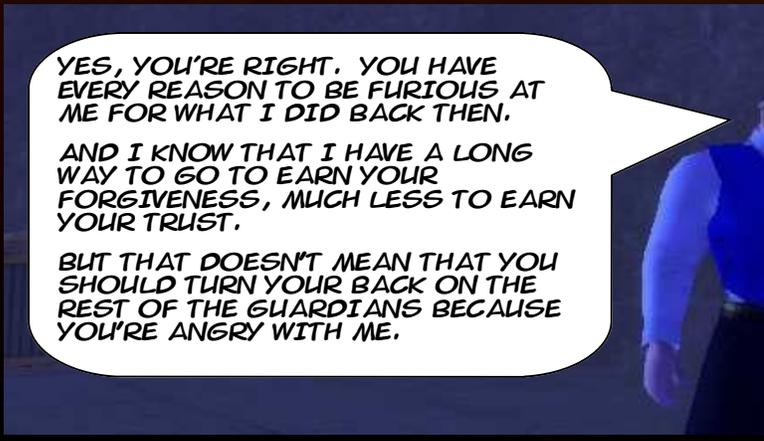
WHAT YOU DID WAS WRONG!

YOU DIDN'T TELL ME THAT YOU HAD MANIPULATED MY DNA, OR THAT IT ALTERED MY MEMORIES. YOU SAID **NOTHING** ABOUT THOSE THINGS TO ME IN ALL THE YEARS WE WORKED TOGETHER, AND YOU SAID NOTHING WHEN I CREATED THE TECH SUIT BASED ON YOUR OWN THAT ENDED UP CREATING LEONA.



YOU VIOLATED MY TRUST...

AND I FIND IT REALLY **HARD** TO TRUST ANYTHING THAT YOU HAVE TO TELL ME, NEVER MIND BE WILLING TO WORK WITH YOU AGAIN!



YES, YOU'RE RIGHT. YOU HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE FURIOUS AT ME FOR WHAT I DID BACK THEN.

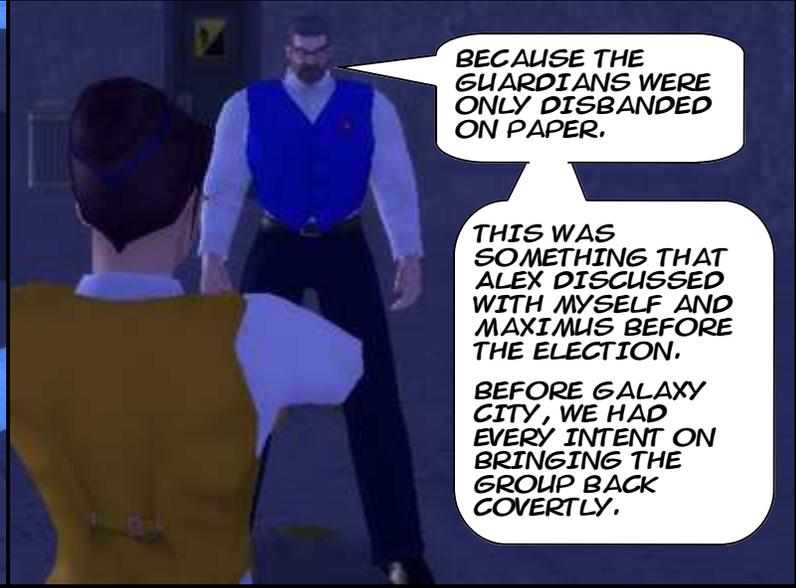
AND I KNOW THAT I HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO TO EARN YOUR FORGIVENESS, MUCH LESS TO EARN YOUR TRUST.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU SHOULD TURN YOUR BACK ON THE REST OF THE GUARDIANS BECAUSE YOU'RE ANGRY WITH ME.



I'M ONLY HERE BECAUSE I FIGURED YOU'D BRING UP THE GUARDIANS AT SOME POINT.

THE GROUP IS DISBANDED, THE BASE IS SHUT DOWN, SO YOU TELL ME HOW YOU SOMEHOW GOT IT IN YOUR HEAD THAT WE STILL HAVE A GROUP "REPUTATION" TO SALVAGE.



BECAUSE THE GUARDIANS WERE ONLY DISBANDED ON PAPER.

THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT ALEX DISCUSSED WITH MYSELF AND MAXIMUS BEFORE THE ELECTION.

BEFORE GALAXY CITY, WE HAD EVERY INTENT ON BRINGING THE GROUP BACK COVERTLY.



OUR LOOK INTO SHADOWBORN HAD BEEN COMPLICATED WHEN ALEX'S UNCLE AND THE BILDERBURG ALLIANCE GOT INVOLVED. THE ONLY WAY WE COULD CONTINUE WOULD BE IF EVERYONE BELIEVED THAT WE WERE SHUT DOWN. THE PROBLEM THEN WAS THAT IF MAX WAS PART OF THAT COMEBACK, IT REALLY WOULDN'T BE COVERT. HE NEEDED TO STAY OUT OF THE LOOP, WHICH WAS WHY HE WENT TO VANGUARD.



YOU'RE VISIBLE AND POPULAR ENOUGH TO STILL OPERATE PUBLICLY WITHOUT DRAWING SUSPICION. SAME WITH KATIE LEA, AND NOW THAT STEVIE IS BACK IN UNIFORM, WE CAN INCLUDE HER.



THREE FEMALE SUPERHEROES... I HOPE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TELL ME THAT YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY "CHARLIE" TO THREE "ANGELS" WITH CAPES.



MORE "BOSLEY" THAN "CHARLIE". MY POWERS HAVE BEEN ON A GRADUAL DECLINE FOR YEARS NOW.



RIGHT NOW ALL I CAN DO IS PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE TEAM.

THIS IMAGE OF "KENT PODERES", TECHNICAL CONSULTANT, IS NOT JUST A COVER; THIS IS MY NEW CIVILIAN LIFE.

NO, THIS IS REALLY ALEX'S TEAM. HE'S THE ONE CALLING THE SHOTS.



"PODERES"... WHICH IS PORTUGUESE FOR "POWERS". CUTE.

SO I GUESS THE WHOLE THING WITH MY LIAISON POSITION WAS, WHAT, A CHARADE? A HOAX? ALEX'S WAY TO BRING ME INTO HIS LITTLE "LIBERTARIAN ANGELS" TEAM?



D@MMIT NO! THAT JOB IS FOR REAL! IN FACT IT'S THE REASON WHY HE ASKED ME TO APPROACH YOU AND NOT DO IT HIMSELF!

I'M SERVING AS THE GO-BETWEEN FOR HIM BECAUSE PEOPLE KNOW THAT ICON POWERS HAS BEEN ON THE "OUTS" WITH THE GUARDIANS.

IF THE BILDERBURGS OR SHADOWBORN WERE TO TRACE OUR TEAM BACK, THEY'D FIND ME, NOT ALEX. THEY'D SEE YOU AND THINK FAMILY. THEY'D SEE LYON AND THINK FAMILY. THEY'D SEE CAP AND THINK AN OLD FRIEND. THEY WOULDN'T JUMP TO CONCLUDE THAT THE GUARDIANS WERE BACK.



AT LEAST HELP US WORK TO CLEAR DOC'S NAME OVER WHAT HAPPENED IN GALAXY CITY. CAN YOU AT LEAST WORK WITH US FOR THAT LONG?

NEXT MORNING...

SHE SAID SHE NEEDED TIME.



GIVEN WHAT SHE WENT THROUGH BECAUSE OF ME, I SUPPOSE SHE'S BEING EXTREMELY GENEROUS TO GIVE ME THIS MUCH AT LEAST.



BUT I'M FAIRLY SURE THAT SHE'LL STILL SAY "YES" TO THE NEW TEAM.



AND, NO, IT WASN'T BECAUSE I WAS THAT PERSUASIVE, OR BECAUSE OF SOME FAMILY OBLIGATION.



 GALATEA POWERS

IT'S BECAUSE I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT HER THAT SHE DOESN'T WANT TO ADMIT TO.



DESPITE HOW SHE FEELS ABOUT ME AND WHAT I DID, I DID RAISE HER LIKE A DAUGHTER, AND I KNOW THAT SHE HAS WITHIN HER A SENSE OF RIGHT AND WRONG THAT RIVALS THOSE OF THE LEGENDARY HEROES OF PARAGON CITY.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT SHE HAS MORE WARDROBE OUTFITS THAN A POP SINGER, THE ONE THING ABOUT HER THAT RARELY CHANGES IS HER SENSE OF DUTY AND HONOR.



SHE'LL HELP US OUT, NOT BECAUSE OF ANYTHING I SAID... BUT BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.



SO WHY COME TO US?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE ONES WITH ALL OF THE SPECIAL CONNECTIONS.



PEREZ PARK

NORMALLY I WOULD AGREE WITH YOU.
BUT THAT WAS BEFORE A CERTAIN "EUROPEAN GROUP" STEPPED UP AND CLAIMED MOST OF OUR ORGANIZATION.
MY EMPLOYER IS ALSO NOW IN HIDING BECAUSE OF THE EVER-PRESENT THREAT OF REPRISAL FROM MIDNIGHT X.

MS. MAPLE



I SEE... BUT WITH THE GUARDIANS DISBANDED AND DESTROYED THERE ISN'T ANYONE LEFT...

ACTUALLY THERE IS ONE THAT IS STILL OPERATING REGULARLY IN THE CITY...
GALATEA POWERS.



NOW THAT WILL CERTAINLY BE A CHALLENGE, MS. MAPLE.
WE'LL BE IN TOUCH TO ARRANGE THE FINANCIALS.

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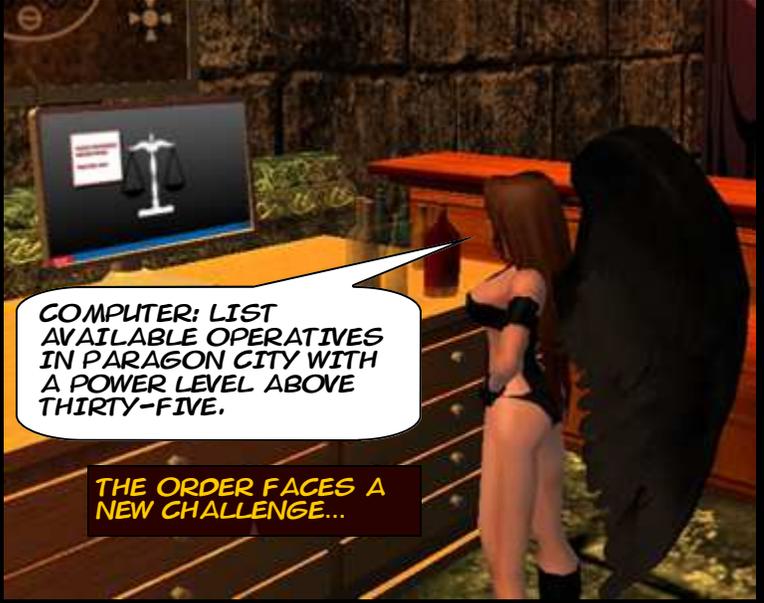
LIBRA ORDER HEADQUARTERS

WELL THIS IS CERTAINLY A STRANGE TURN OF EVENTS FOR US.
I GUESS THE "ARRANGEMENT" IS OVER WITH CONCERNING THE GUARDIANS.

THEN AGAIN, EVER SINCE GALAXY CITY, THE BALANCE HAS BEEN UPENDED.



I HAVE NOT HEARD FROM LIBRA, MY PATRON, SINCE THE DISASTER.
LIMBO HAS BEEN EMPTY.
EVEN JOHN COLE IS MISSING, AND HE WAS THE ONE THAT KEPT THIS GROUP FIRMLY IN THE GREY ZONE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL.



COMPUTER: LIST AVAILABLE OPERATIVES IN PARAGON CITY WITH A POWER LEVEL ABOVE THIRTY-FIVE.

THE ORDER FACES A NEW CHALLENGE...

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN MAKE LIBRA PROUD.

OH MY... THIS ONE WILL BE PERFECT.



AND THE ADVENTURE RESUMES...



We're Back... Back in a Paragon Groove...

And it is great to BE back in Paragon City!

When I had to leave in the start of August, I always knew that at some point I would return once NC Soft and Paragon Studios launched “**City of Heroes Freedom**”, their “Freemium” combination of free-2-play and subscription-based services. What I did not know at the time was in what capacity I would return.

Using “the competition” as a guide, I believed that I would have maybe one or two characters to come back to. As someone who used to relish creating dozens of different characters and bounced around with them on a regular basis, this would be a serious change for me. Much to my pleasure and surprise, as a long-time player, I was given a larger collection of characters to return with. But it still meant that there would be some that would have to remain “in limbo” at least for the time being.

I was extremely thankful to find out that my absence from Paragon City and the Paraverse would be limited to just two months. I had thought that it wouldn't be until late fall or even early winter before City of Heroes Freedom was launched, which was why I wasn't planning on the return to be December until maybe early 2012.

I would dare suspect, though, that part of the reason why “Freedom” was released sooner rather than later in the year may have to do with the announcements of several other MMOs also switching to a “Freemium” service in the next few weeks, including a certain big-name company's hero-based MMO (*you can guess which one I'm talking about*).

Whatever the reason, though, City of Heroes Freedom is online, and I am back in Paragon City, picking up where I last left, albeit in a limited capacity.

But my return to Paragon City does not mean that “**Guardians of the Dawn Spotlight**” will be back. As much as I would like to pick up where that regular series left off, I don't have the means to do so under the current system. Issue #28 of that series was the last one, and this special one-shot issue closes the door on the series itself.

That's not to say that the “Guardians” won't be back as a whole group in the future.

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The supergroup itself is still there, still getting prestige credits, but the base itself is inaccessible, and that's the way it will have to be for now.

And that takes me right to the NEW series... the one that **AFTERMATH** has transitioned us to from "Spotlight".

You may notice a few things different about AFTERMATH from the "Spotlight" series. They are minor details to be certain, but these are details that you will see in the new series. Another one will be the change in Editor's Notes, which means this will be the last time you see the "Guardian Log" since the new series will have an Editor's Notes that will reflect the new title.

The new series will focus on our core group of five: Galatea Powers, Lyon Powers, Icon Powers, Captain Paragonna, and Alex Wentworth (*formerly the Libertarian Avenger*). Obviously there will be other residents of Paragon City and the Rogue Isles showing up, and even one from Praetoria (*hints of which were given in "Spotlight" if you looked very carefully*). Some repeat characters will be back, but some won't. Some characters will be new. There might even be some characters from other comic series showing up.

But the key thing is that WE are back! Galatea Powers and her extended family are back on the case, Captain Paragonna is back on duty, and even if they can't say it too loudly anymore, the Guardians ARE back in action, and you'll be seeing more of them in the new series, which you can find more information on over at our official website...

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