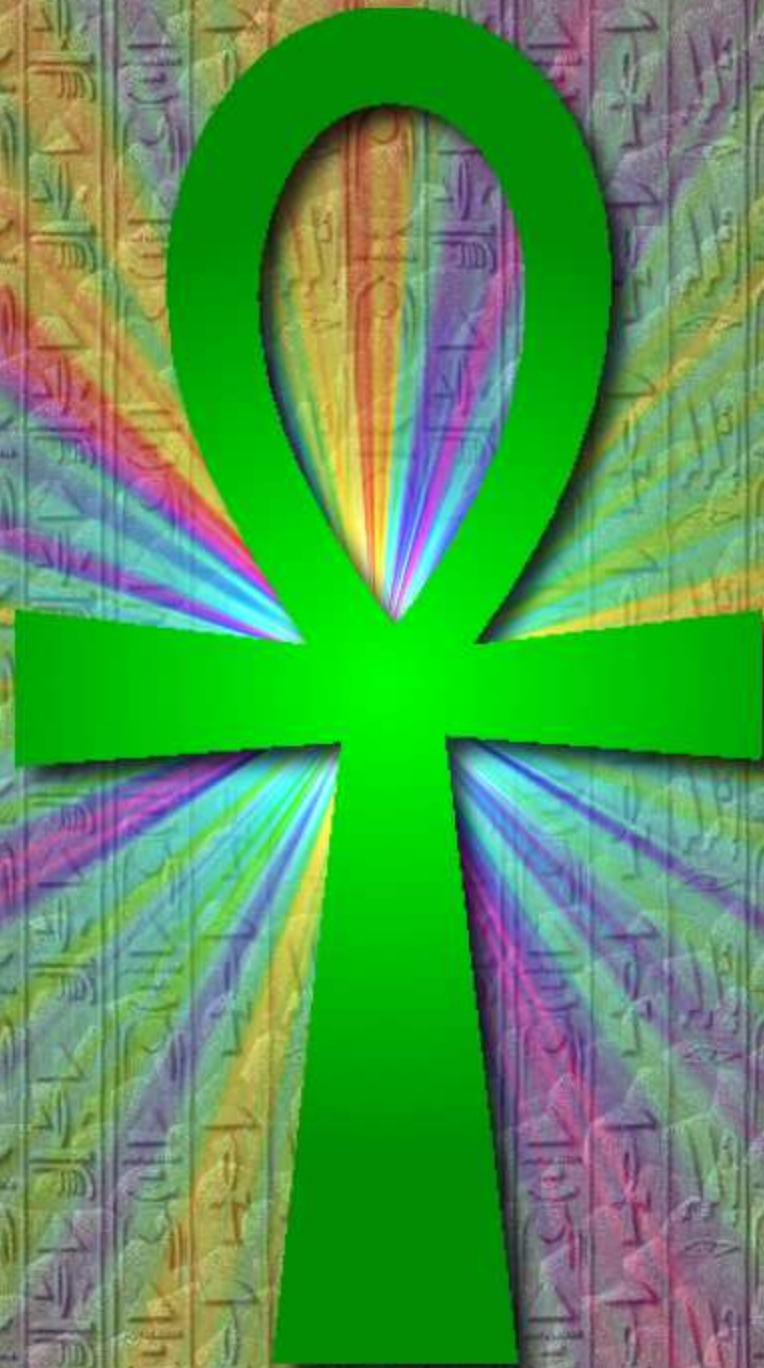


# THE GUARDIAN POWERS



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ONCE THEY REPRESENTED THE NEXT GENERATION OF SUPERHERO TEAMS... THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN! THEY BATTLED CRIME LORDS, CORRUPT GOVERNMENT AGENTS, AND EVEN GODS AND DEMIGODS. THEY MADE A DIFFERENCE WHEN MANY BELIEVED THEY WOULD NOT.

BUT WHILE THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN ARE NO MORE, SEVERAL OF THE HEROES REFUSE TO GIVE UP THE FIGHT TO MAKE THAT BRIGHTER FUTURE POSSIBLE. CONTINUING TO OPERATE COVERTLY AS A "GHOST GROUP", THEY ARE KNOWN COLLECTIVELY AS...

# THE GUARDIAN POWERS



**ALEX WENTWORTH - PARAGON CITY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

FORMERLY THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER, THIS ONE-TIME "CELEBUTANT" BECAME THE WORST NIGHTMARE FOR CROOKED COPS AND ABUSIVE PROSECUTORS. NOW HE WORKS FROM WITHIN THE SYSTEM TO BRING IT IN LINE.

## ICON POWERS/KENT PODERES - TECHNICAL CONSULTANT

THE GREATEST HERO OF HIS EARTH, AND FOSTER FATHER OF GALATEA, KENT SACRIFICED EVERYTHING, INCLUDING HIS COUSIN'S TRUST. NOW HE HAS LOST MUCH OF HIS POWERS AND SEEKS TO REBUILD THE TRUST OF HIS TEAMMATES.



**MALCOLM ROCHSPARE - LEGAL "FIXER"**

BORN IN ENGLAND, STUDIED IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES, MALCOLM KNOWS THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND KNOWS HOW TO MANIPULATE IT TO HIS ADVANTAGE... AND ALSO SOMETIMES FOR HIS CLIENTS.

## MS. ELLE MAPLE - SHADOWBORN DEPUTY

AS THE LOYAL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO LORD LEE GEDDY OF THE ROCINANTE GROUP, MS. MAPLE SHOULD NEVER BE UNDERESTIMATED IN HER WILLINGNESS TO DO EVERYTHING SHE CAN TO PROTECT HER BOSS AND GET THE JOB DONE.



AND INTRODUCING...



**PHARON - PHARAOH'S CHAMPION**

RESURRECTED FROM THE DAYS OF EGYPTIAN RULE, THIS ANCIENT WARRIOR LIVES AGAIN THANKS TO KHELDIAN TECHNOLOGY AND THE REINCARNATION OF ITS CREATOR, RAMSEN-SET.

# "PHARON ARISE!"

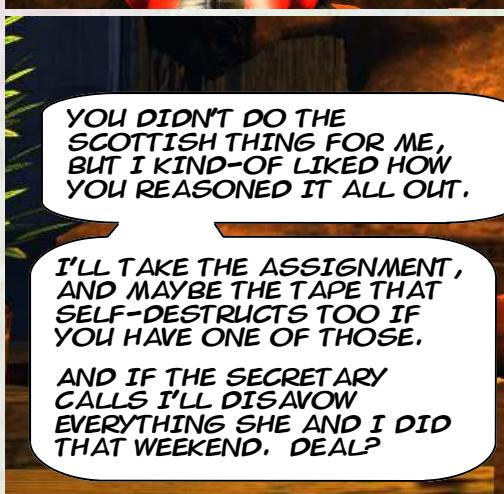
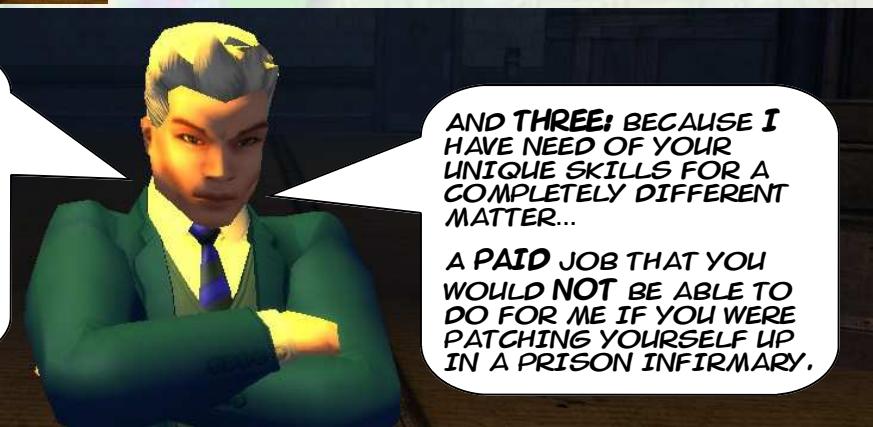
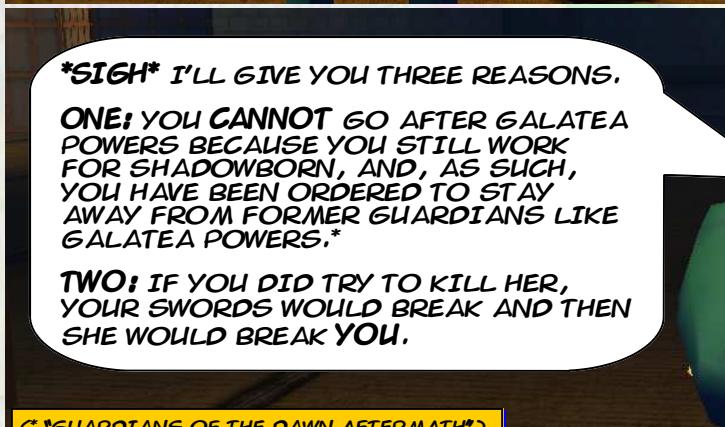
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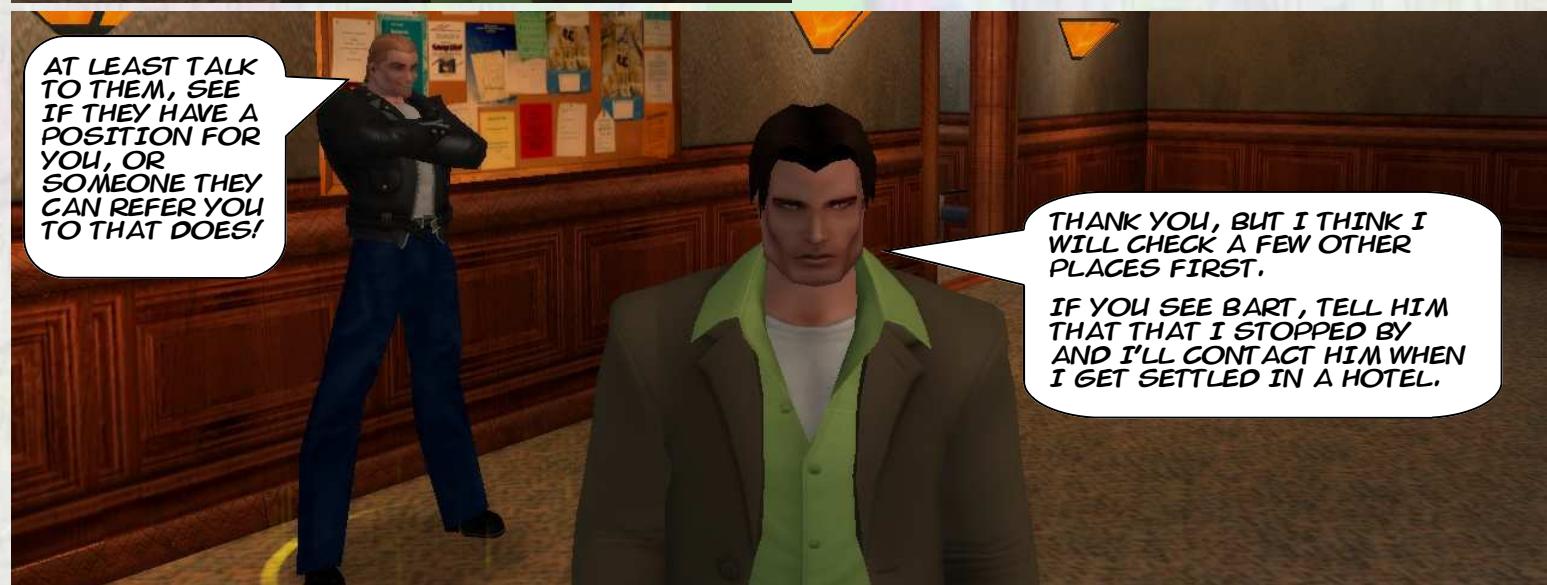


SOMEWHERE IN PEREZ PARK...









CALL #1...

NO, SET... S-E-T.

SET RAMSES.

THE AIRLINE SAID TO CALL YOU  
ABOUT THE STATUS OF MY  
LUGGAGE FROM FLIGHT 918.

IMMIGRATION STATUS? WHAT  
IMMIGRATION STATUS? I AM  
AN AMERICAN CITIZEN! I ONLY  
HAVE DUAL-CITIZENSHIP WITH  
EGYPT BECAUSE OF MY FATHER.

YES I KNOW PEOPLE ARE  
CONCERNED ABOUT  
TERRORISM!

NO I DON'T HAVE A NUMBER  
THAT YOU CAN REACH ME! I  
DON'T EVEN HAVE A HOTEL  
ROOM YET!

FINE, I'LL CALL YOU BACK  
WHEN I DO GET A HOTEL!

CALL #2...

YES, MY  
NAME IS SET  
RAMSES...

SET! NOT  
SETH!

I WAS HOPING THAT I  
COULD ARRANGE A  
MEETING WITH YOUR  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
DIVISION TO SEE IF  
WENTWORTH'S IS IN  
NEED OF A HISTORICAL  
APPRAYER FOR SOME  
OF YOUR EGYPTIAN  
ARTIFACTS.

CALL #5...

S-E-T, SET!

I KNOW THAT  
PANDORA'S BOX  
DEALS IN MYSTICAL  
ARTIFACTS, BUT  
SOME OF THEM MAY  
COME FROM EGYPT!

AFTER CALL #8...

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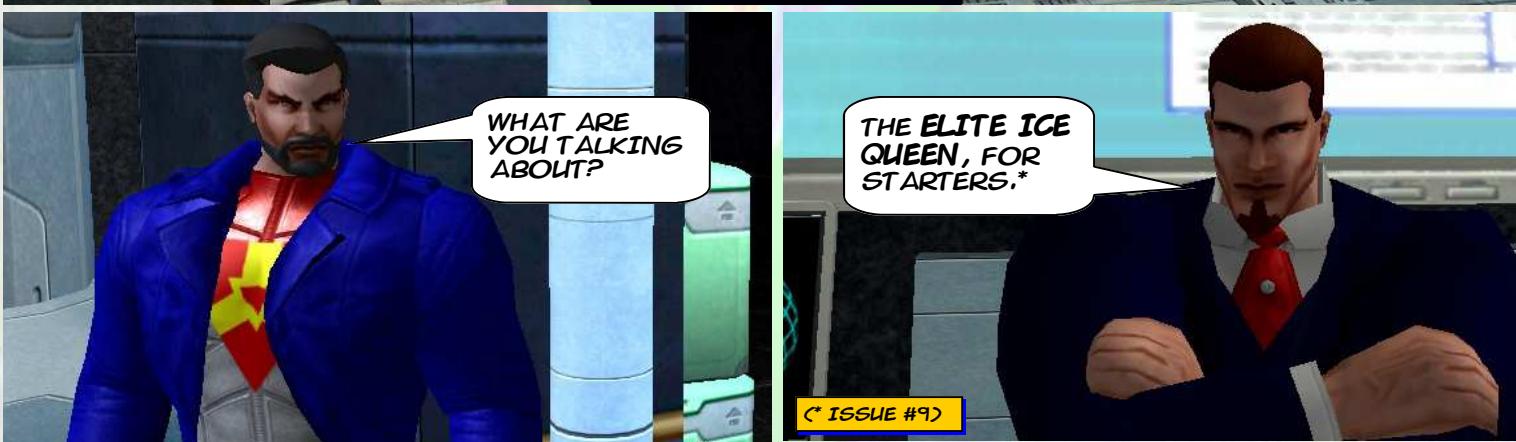
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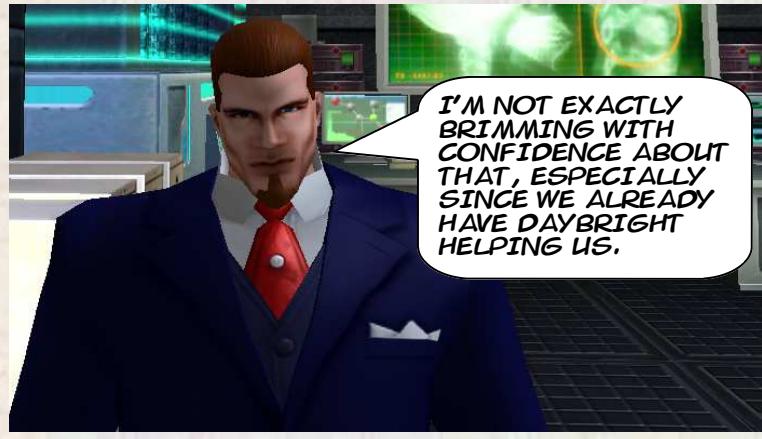
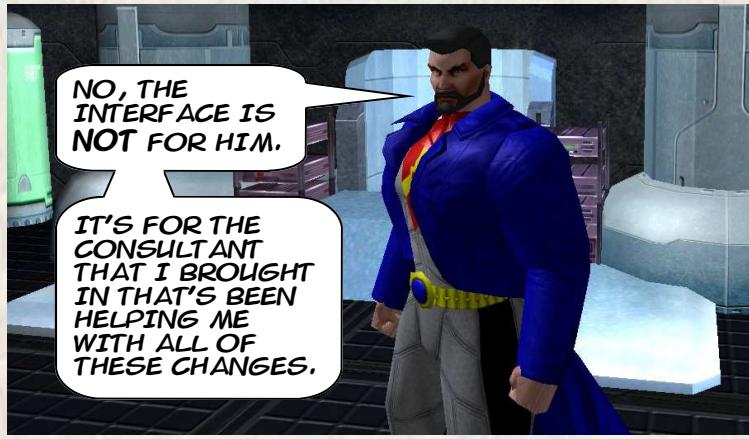
CALL #9

PARAGON CITY.

I NEED THE NUMBER  
FOR THE MYSTICAL  
ARCANE GUILD OF  
INVESTIGATION,  
PLEASE.

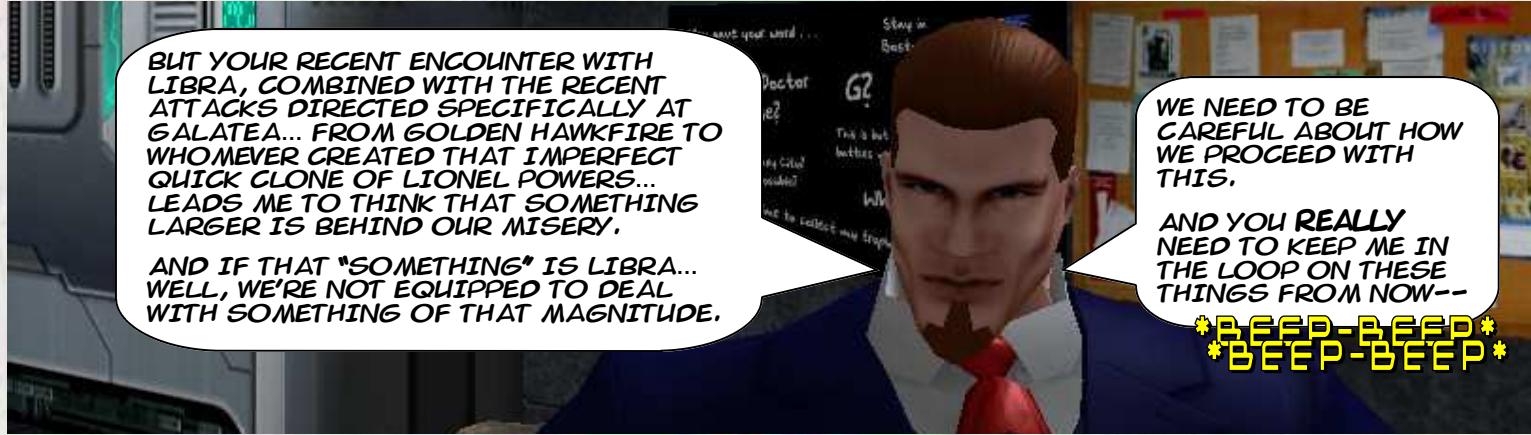
YES, THEIR MAIN  
OFFICE.



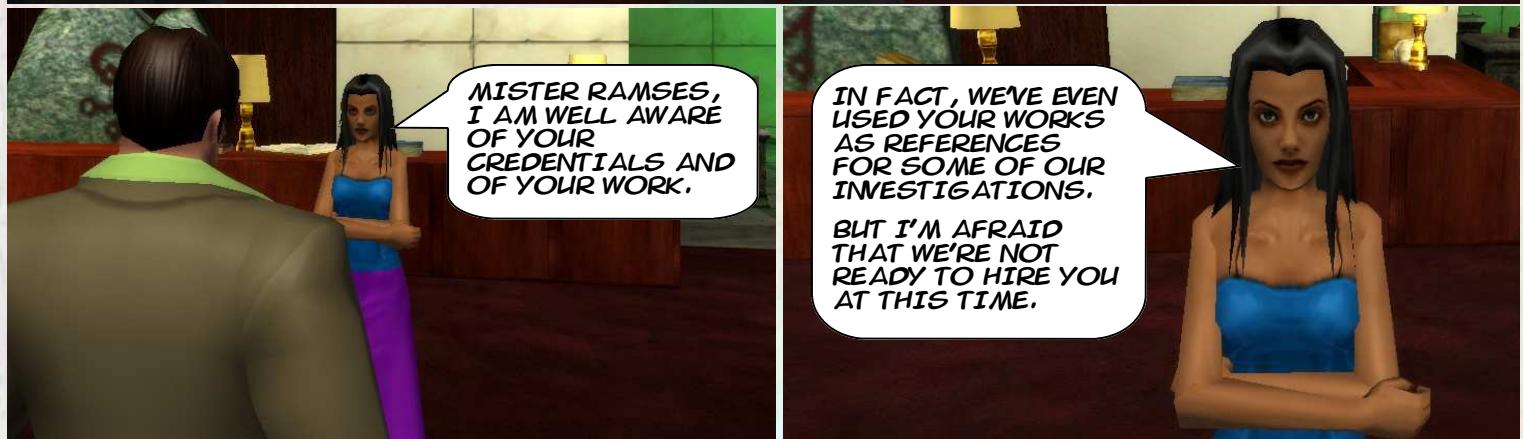


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*FROM THE CREATOR OF JUSTICE-KNIGHTS...*

# STALKTRESS

**Vengence or Justice?  
Cruelty or Mercy?  
Angel or Monster?**



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## Why wait until disaster strikes to stock up for it?

### It's a FACT:

- ▷ Paragon City is the disaster capital of the world!
- ▷ The first thing cut and the last thing restored in a disaster is civilian electricity.
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Pouch**

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Don't wait until the next invasion! Get prepared NOW!

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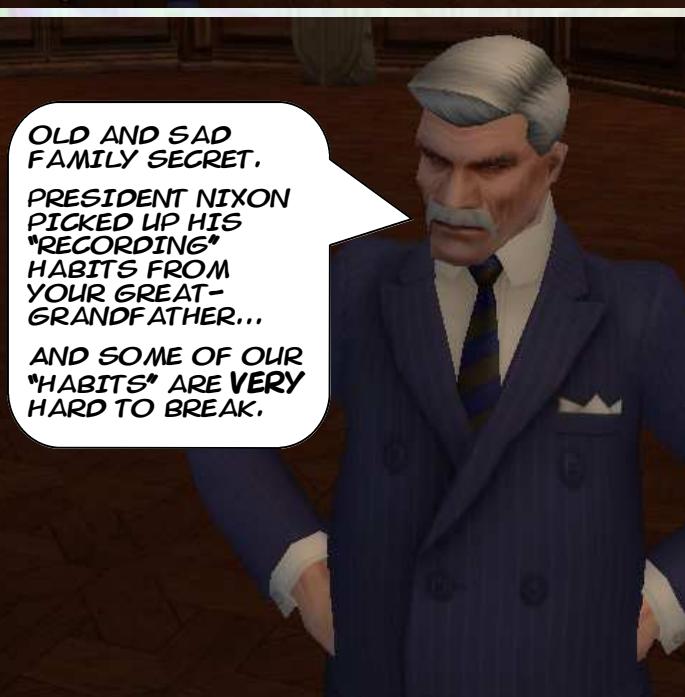


ALEX. THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE SO QUICKLY.

 ANDREW WENTWORTH  
CEO WENTWORTH'S FINE CONSIGNMENT



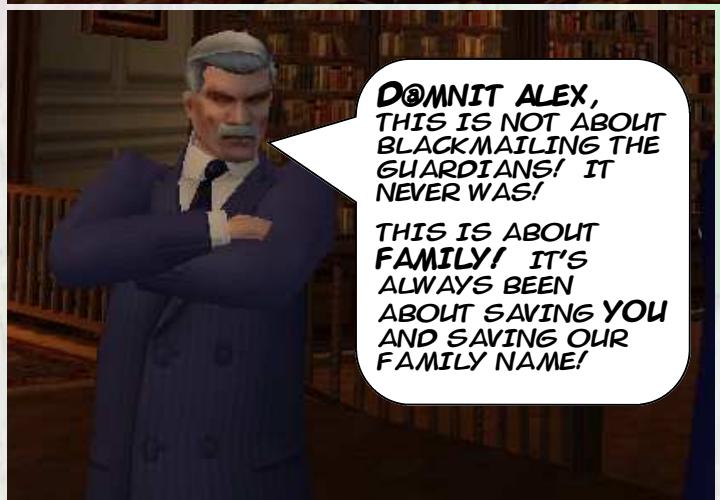
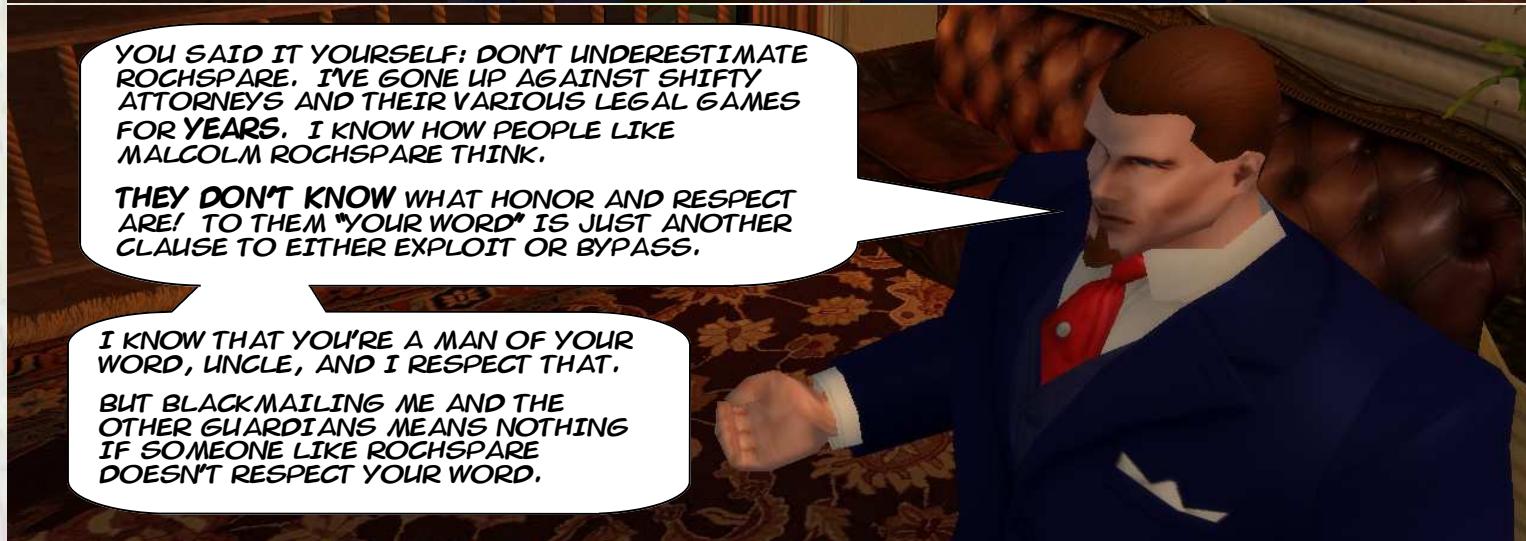
THAT IT IS. AND PERHAPS WE SHOULD HAVE THIS DISCUSSION UP IN THE SITTING AREA.

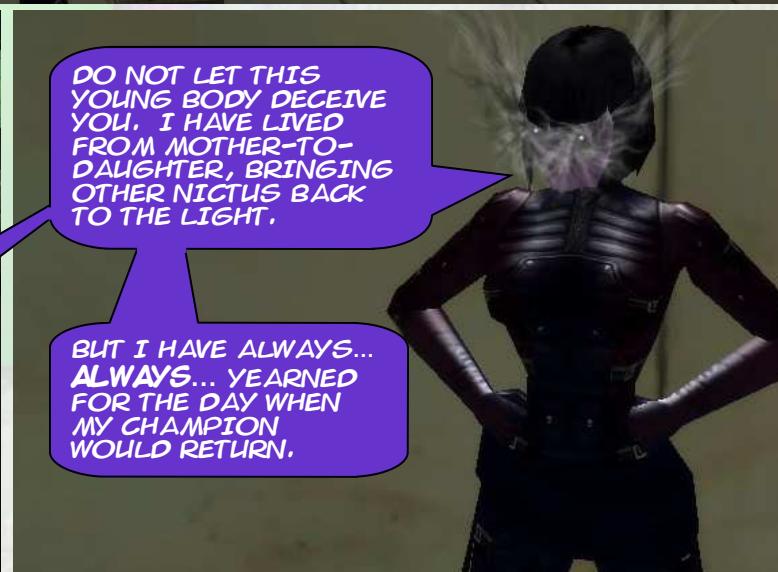
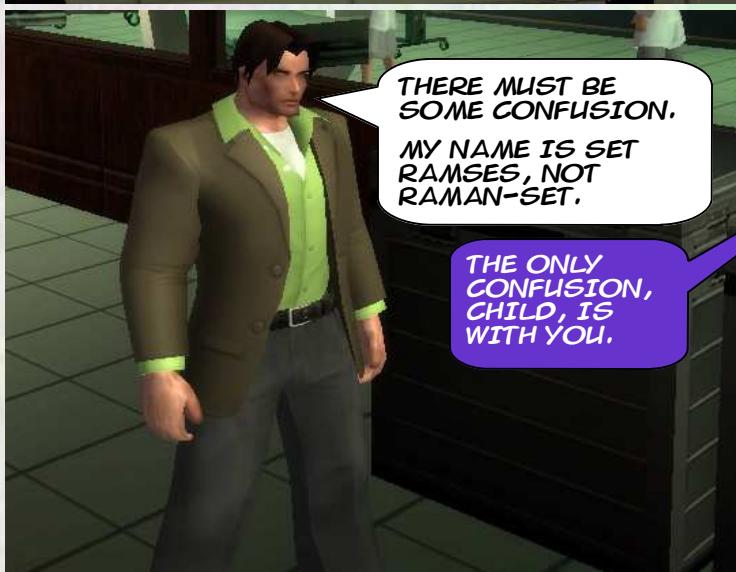
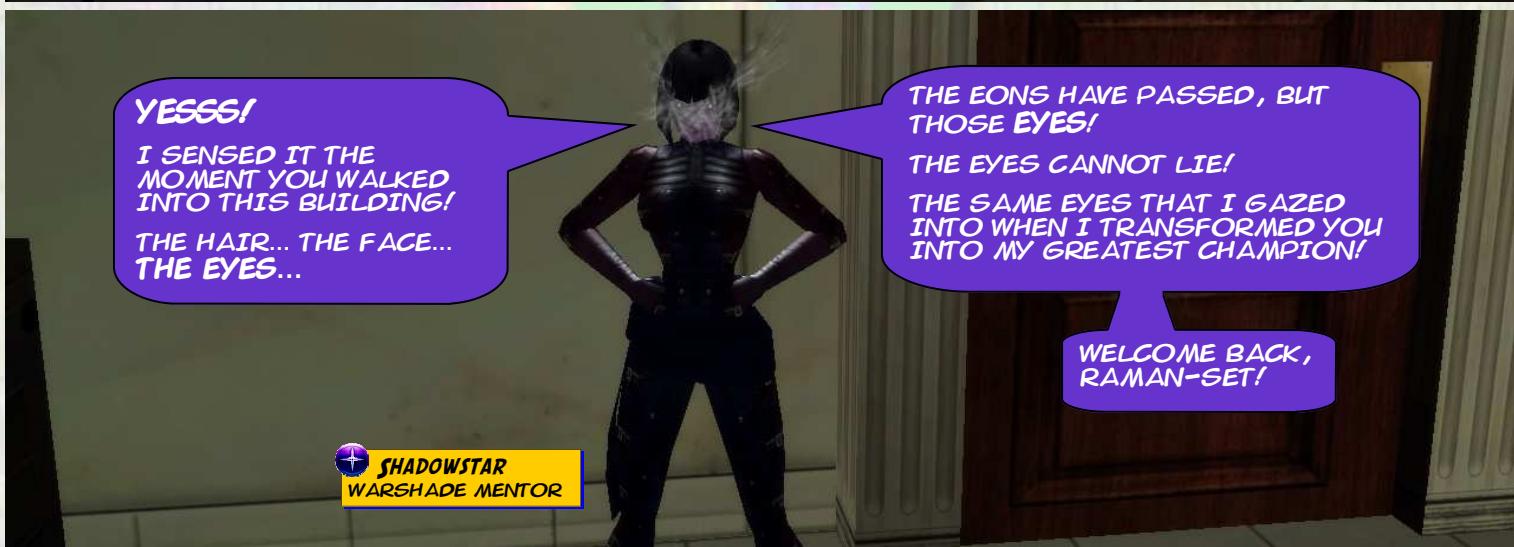




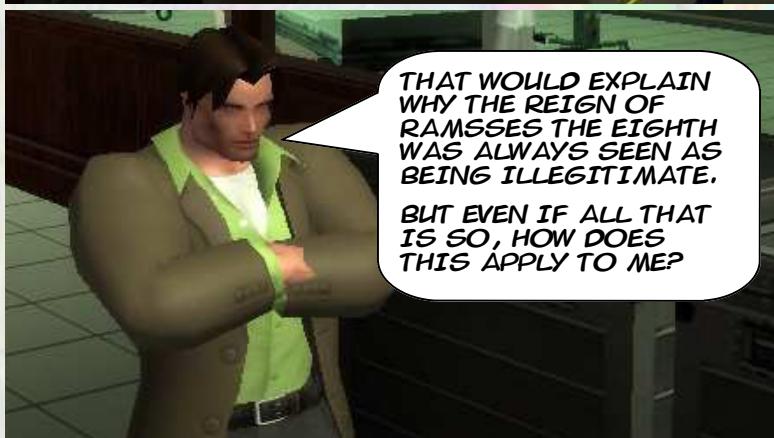
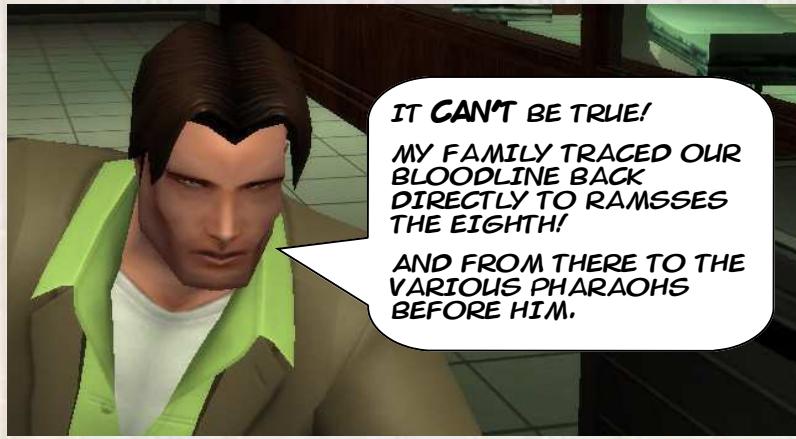


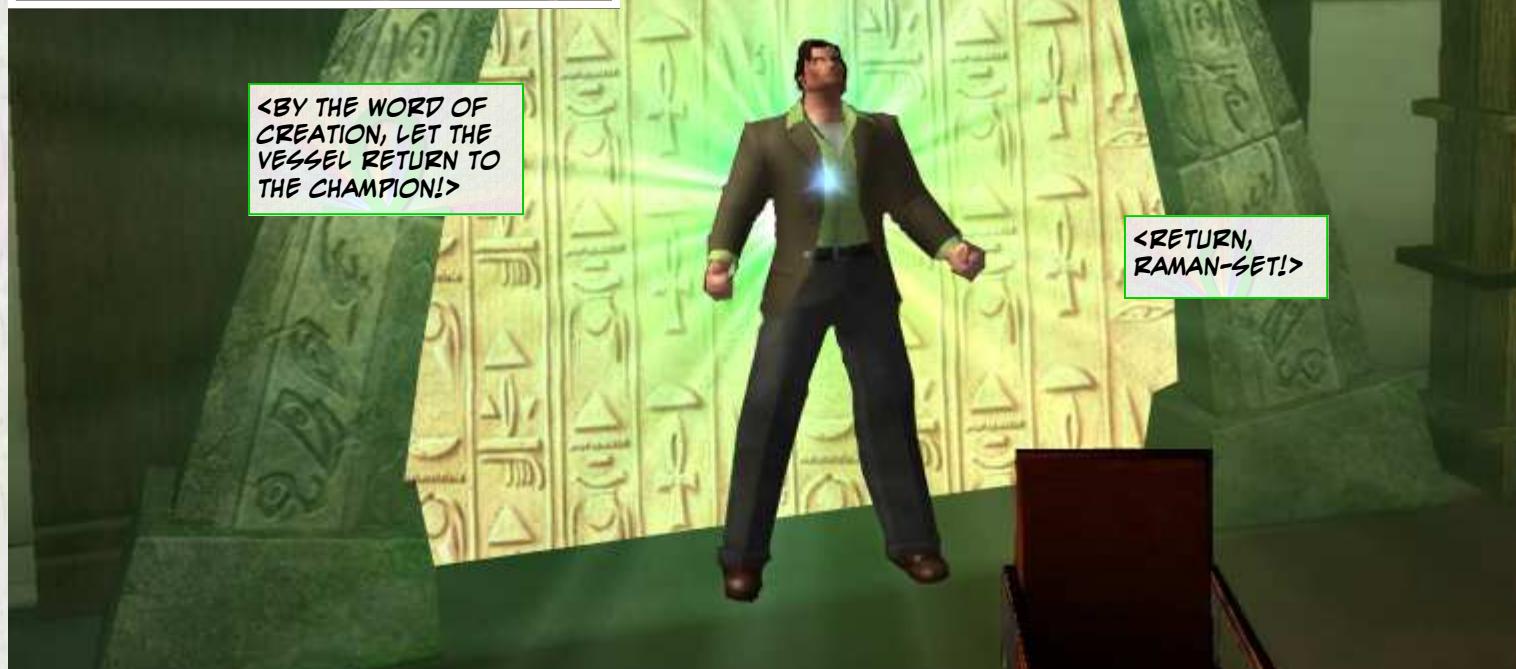
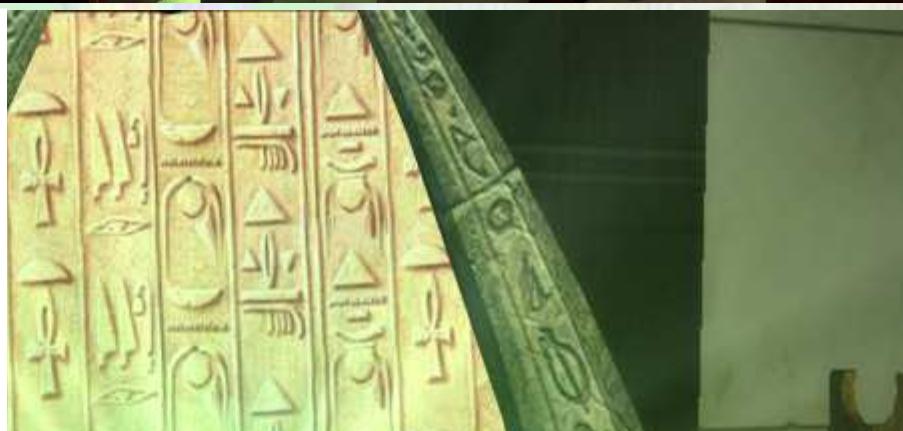
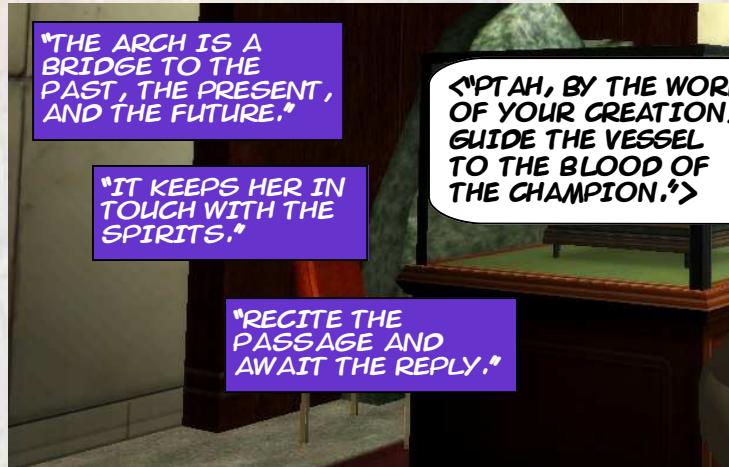
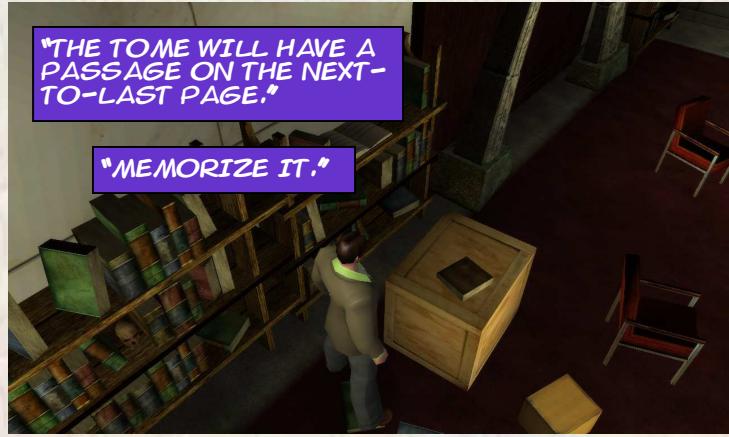
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<RETURN THROUGH THE BLOOD OF YOUR CHILDREN OF TIME!>

<TAKE UP THE CAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AGAIN. SERVE HUMANITY AS ITS GREAT CHAMPION.>



<PHARON, ARISE!>

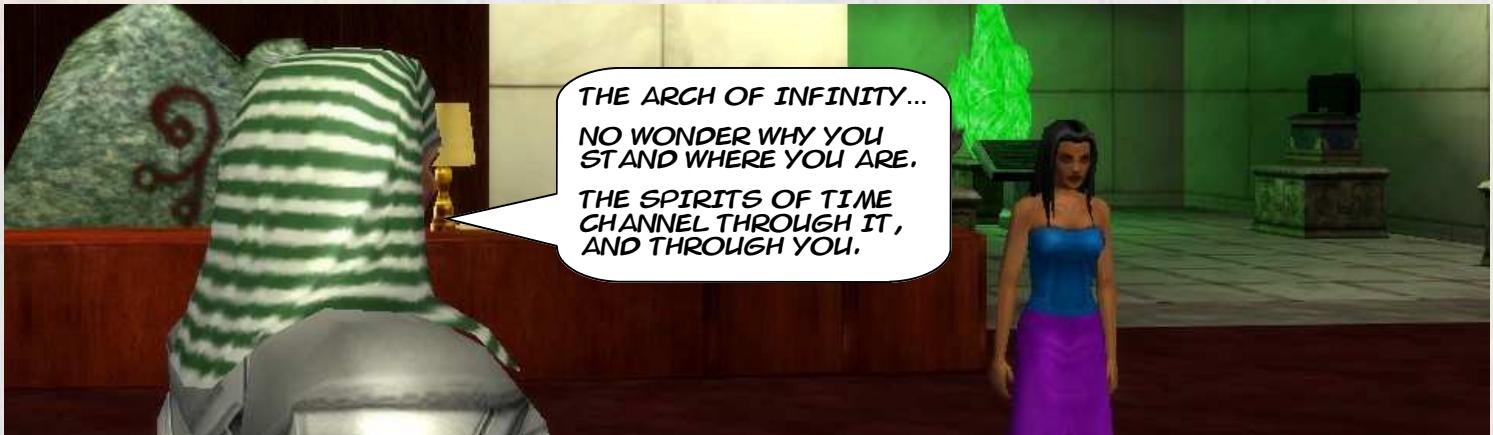
PHARON  
EGYPTIAN CHAMPION

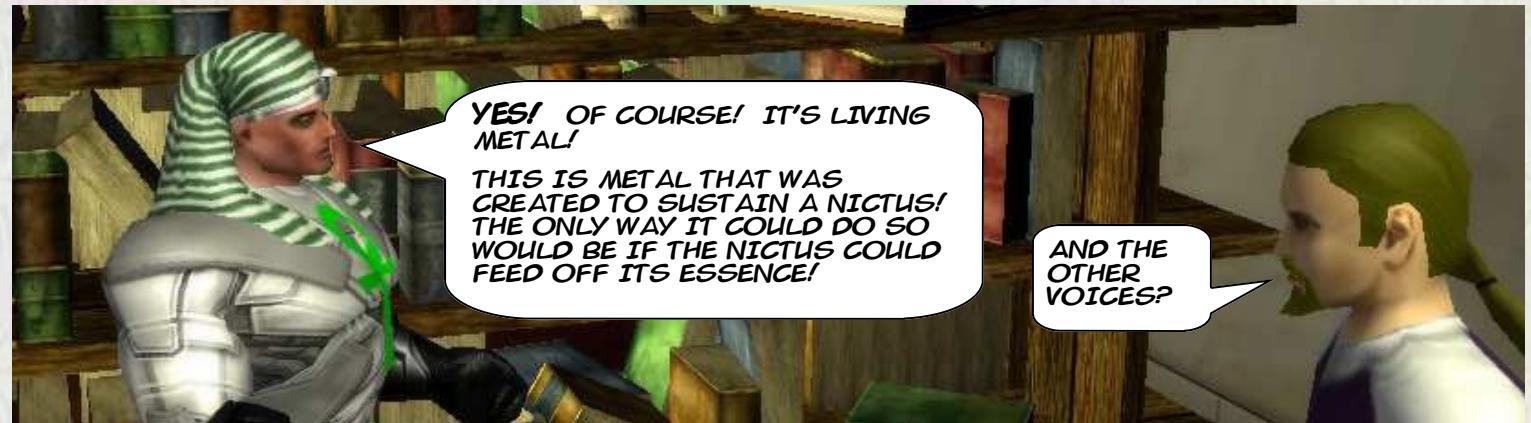
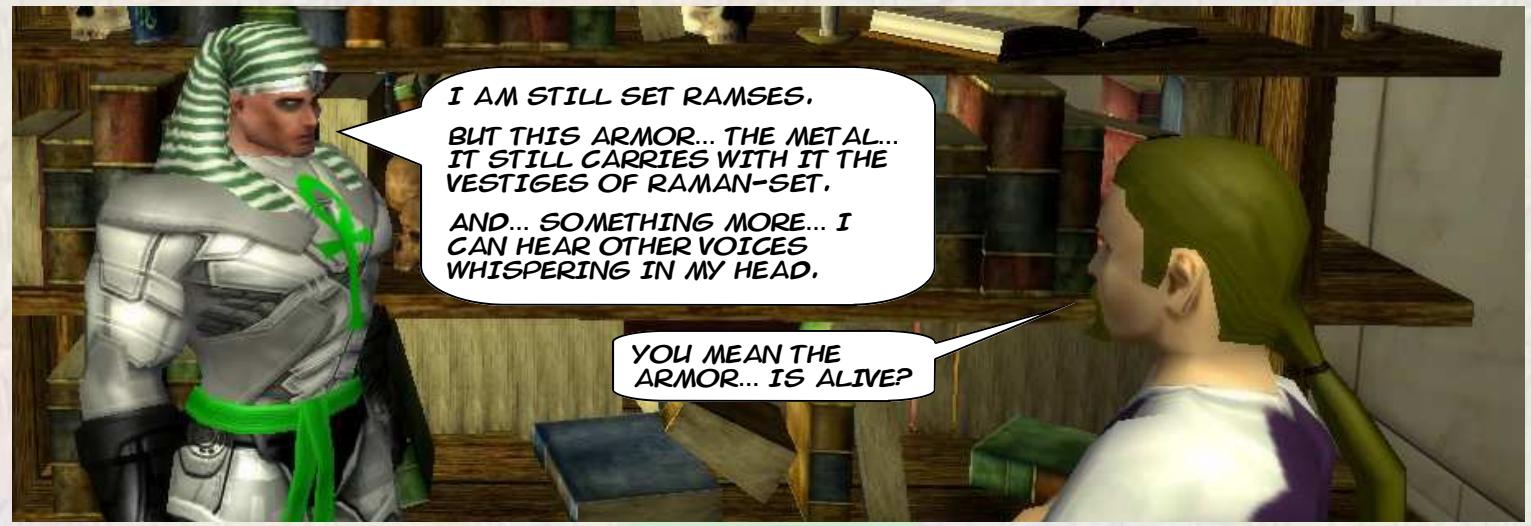


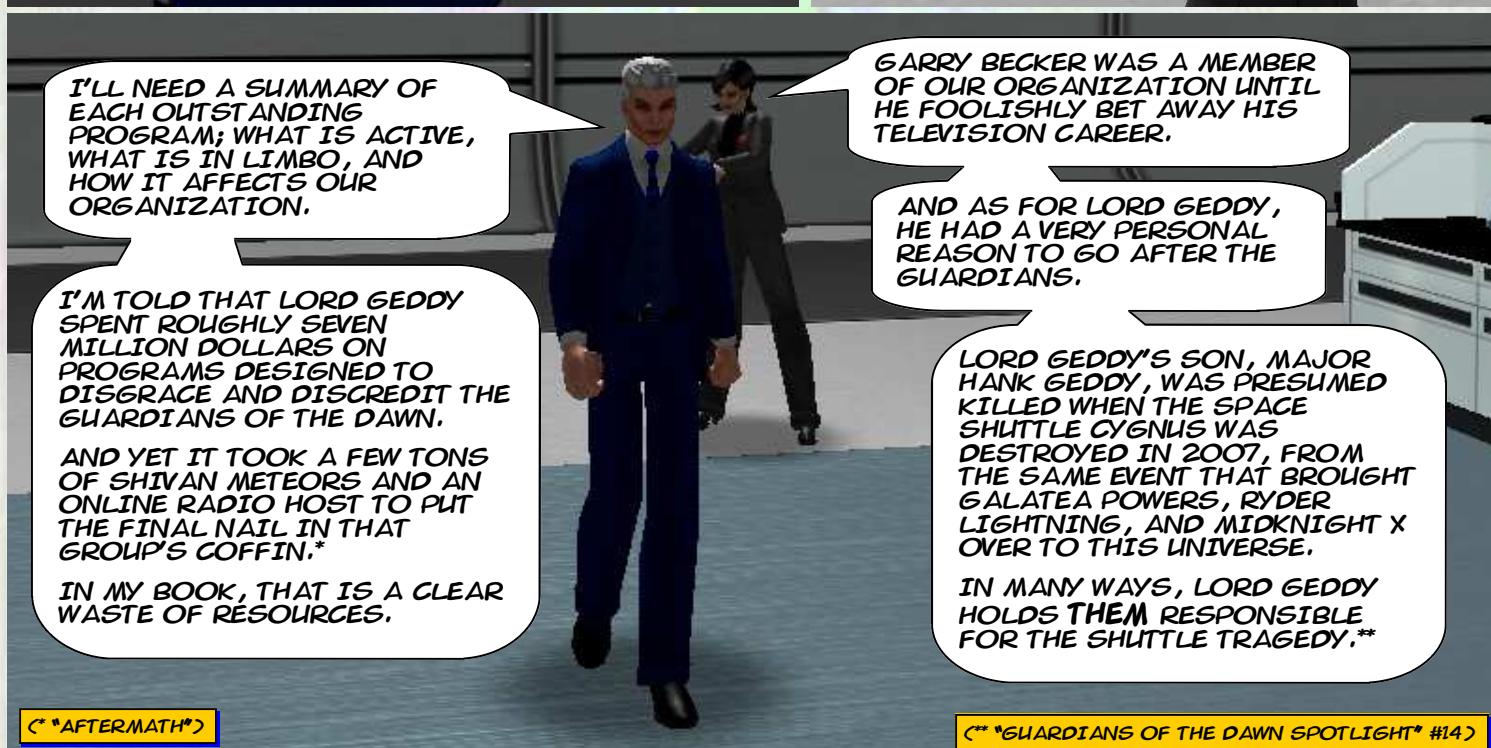
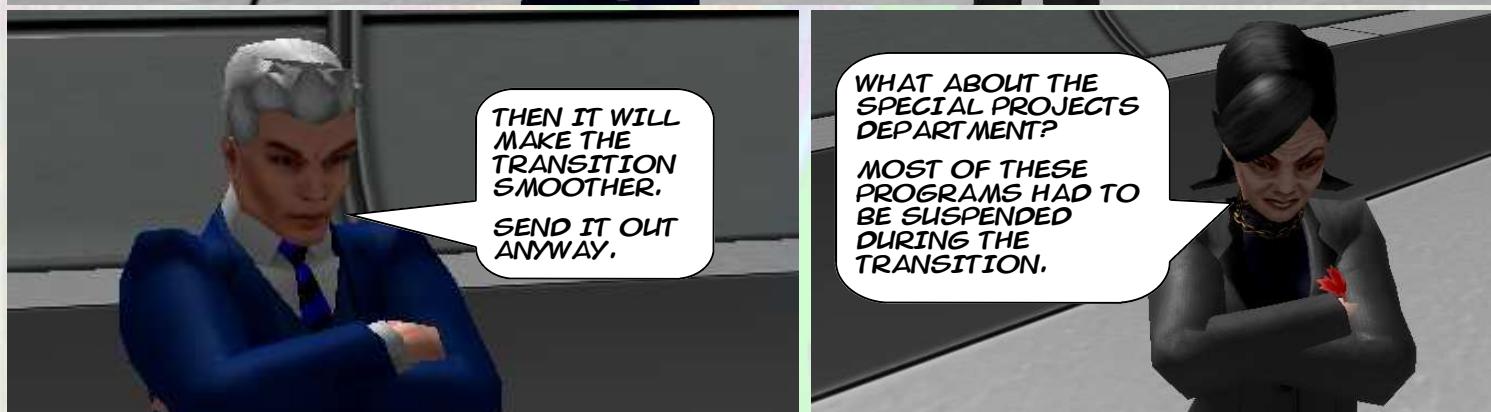
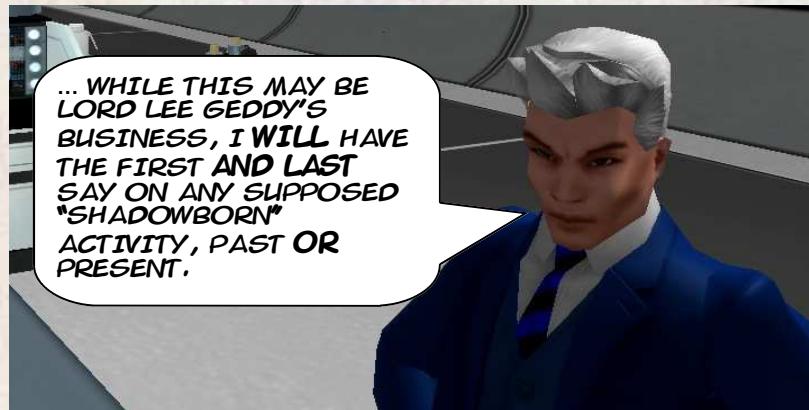
OF COURSE!  
WHEN SHE SAID  
"VESSEL", SHE  
DIDN'T MEAN  
METAPHYSICALLY!

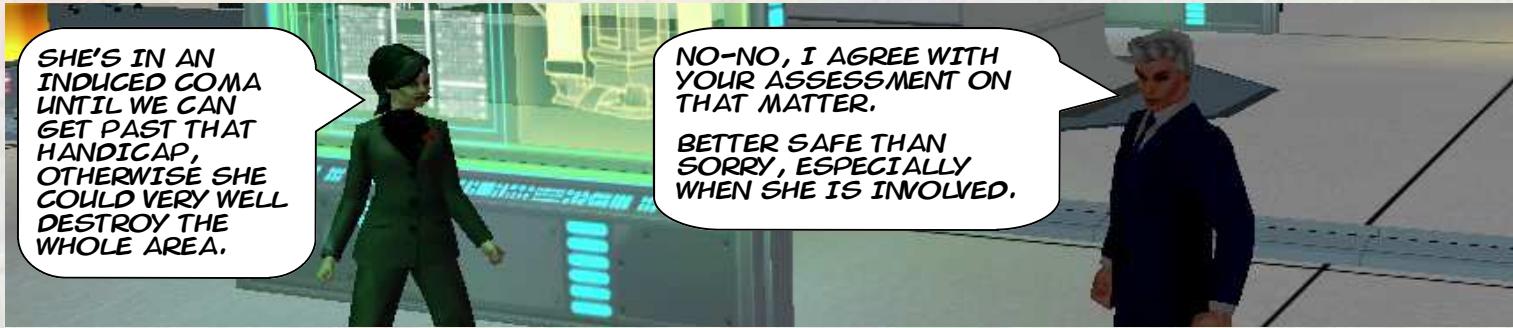
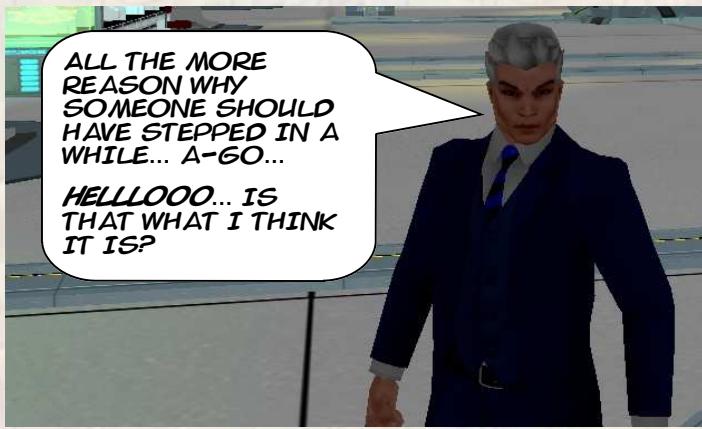
SHE MEANT HER CONTAINMENT VESSEL, FORGED FROM KHELDIAN SCIENCE, WHICH WAS USED TO SUSTAIN HER ESSENCE WHEN NOT BOUND TO A HOST BODY!

SHE RE-PURPOSED THE DEVICE TO SERVE RAMAN-SET AND THEN BOUND IT TO HER CHAMPION THROUGH A GENETIC CODE, A KEY THAT WOULD BE PASSED FROM PARENT TO CHILD!  
INGENIOUS!

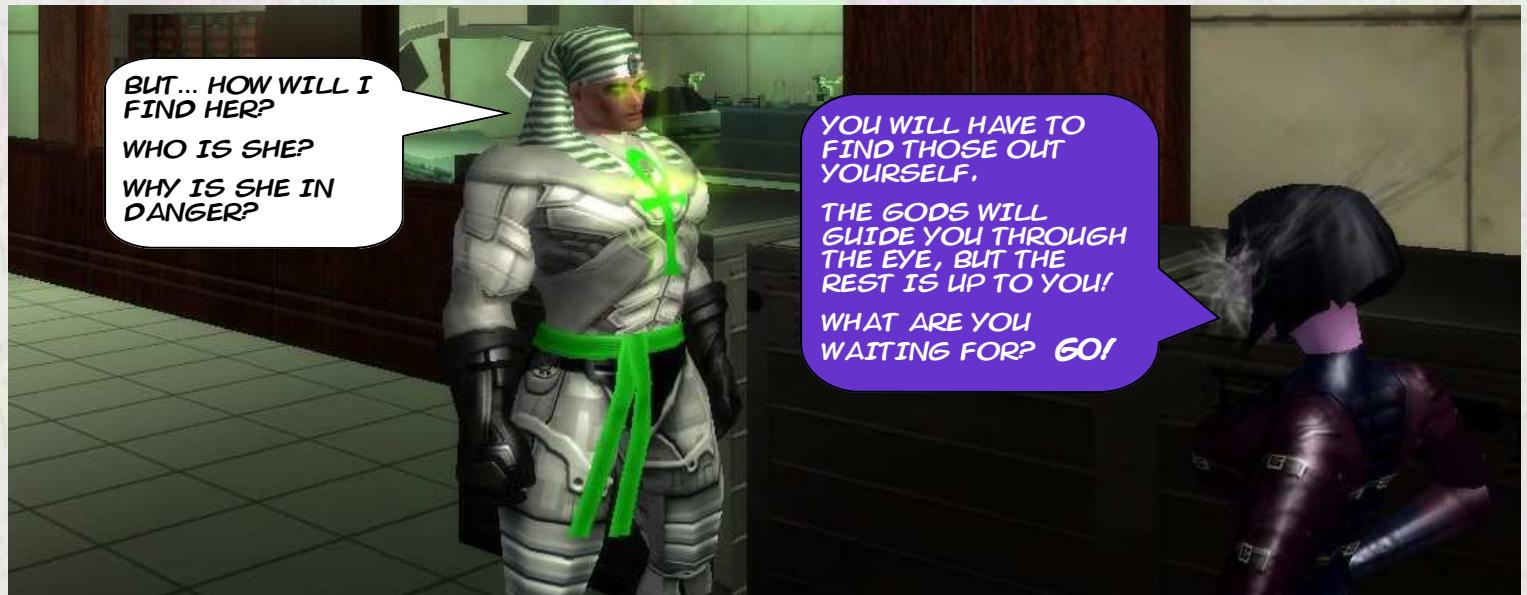


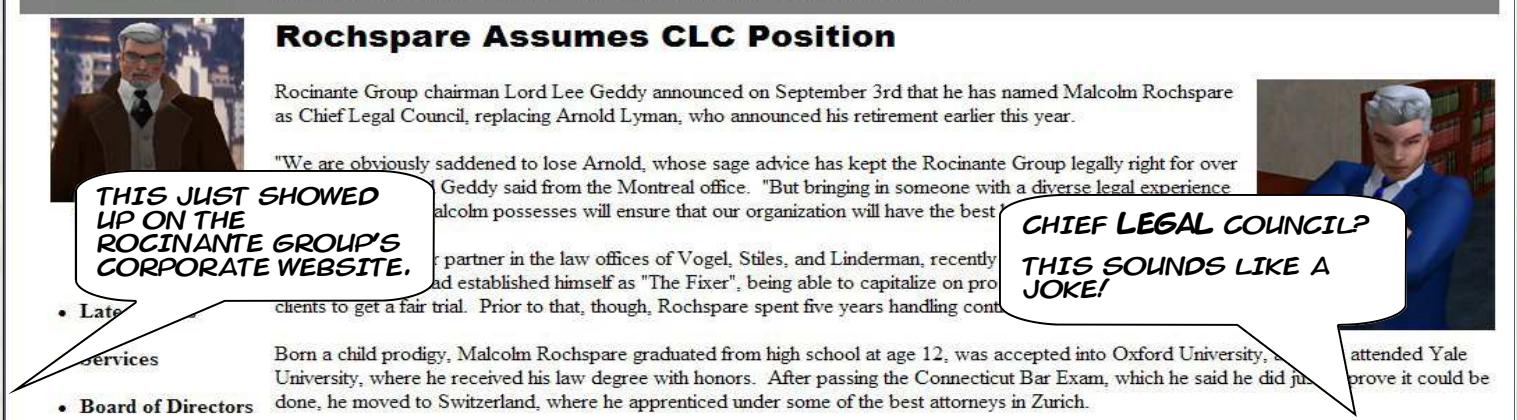


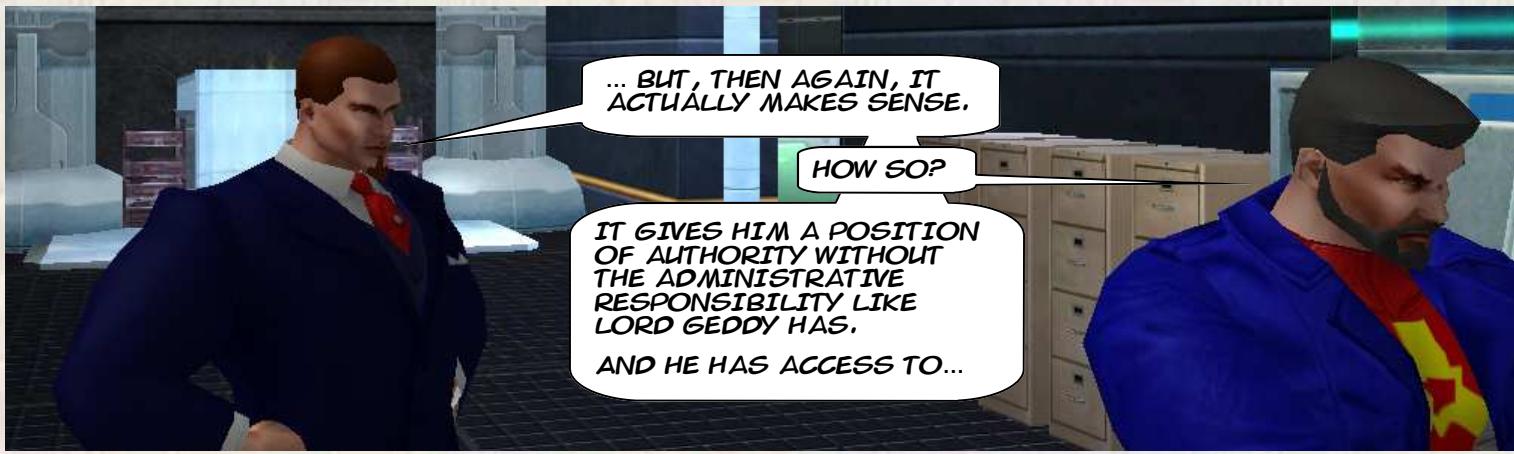












IT GIVES HIM A POSITION OF AUTHORITY WITHOUT THE ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY LIKE LORD GEDDY HAS.

AND HE HAS ACCESS TO...



 CAPTAIN PARAGONNA  
SUPERHERO POLICEWOMAN



# POWER TRIP



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

Selected excerpts from the book...

## “My Uncle’s Keeper: The Story of Lionel Powers” - by Icon Powers

### Part 2: The Meteoric Rise

Nothing could divide the Powers brothers more than how to deal with their newfound superhuman abilities.

Both Jonathan and Lionel received superhuman abilities from the strange “War of the Worlds” meteor shower of 1938. And while the changes to everyone affected by them appeared at first to be random mutations, it was soon discovered that those mutations were actually based on the individual’s personal strengths and talents.

Jonathan’s abilities were based on his physical strengths. As a hard worker, his strength, speed, and invulnerability increased. He became the physical “Beyond-Man” archetype that Nietzsche would talk about in his books.

But because Lionel was more of a thinker than a doer, the meteor radiation increased his intelligence to super-genius levels. He became aware of how things worked right down to the smallest component; a talent that he did his best to conceal.

It was easier to do than one would think. At this point in his life, Lionel was already dismissed by many as being aloof and a loner. He believed he was better than others, so having increased intelligence fit right in with the prejudices of him at the time.

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The Powers Engine did more than just give Lionel his first taste of financial success. It opened the door for him to meet with others “like” him. Of course, there were few that were on his level of intelligence, so the word “like” is relative.

With many speculating that the war in Europe would soon spread to the United States, the military sought out intelligent and creative minds to come up with ways to bring the war to a quick and decisive end. A think-tank of the best and brightest with unlimited time and ways to bring about victory at any cost. Lionel was being recruited to what would eventually be referred to as the Manhattan Project.

To Lionel, it was like being handed the keys to the candy factory.

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The selection of the codename “Shiva” for the first atomic bomb dropped on Berlin was no accident. Following the successful test in New Mexico, Lionel overheard Robert Oppenheimer proclaim “I have become death, the destroyer of worlds.” Lionel would remember that statement and then pass it on to President Roosevelt when he gave his assessment of the bomb’s capacity.

When told that the name of the bomb that would obliterate Berlin was based on his statement, Oppenheimer punched Lionel in the nose, and then proceeded to throw up over the unconscious man before storming out of the building in disgust.

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The designs on the drawing table for Powers Enterprises were things that could never be imagined outside of a Jules Verne story. Everything from personal electronic communication devices to bombs that only kill people and not damage buildings. Rockets would do more than just launch weapons in his ideal world; they would take man to other worlds, even to other galaxies.

Lionel Powers was ready to single-handedly bring America into the “Space Race” almost a whole decade before the Soviet Union launched Sputnik. He even designed the suits the “Astral Crew” would wear in space, based partially on Verne’s ideas.

He was unaware that, in just a few short months, all of his designs would come to a screeching halt.

And he would have his own brother to blame for it.

[TO BE CONTINUED...]

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## Important Announcement:

On August 31st, NCSoft, the parent company behind the City of Heroes MMO, announced that they were closing down development on City of Heroes and will be shutting down the MMO itself on November 30th.

Obviously this news has a tremendous impact on this comic series, as well as many of the other comic series done by the City of Comic Creators. As with all of the other players, we have come to consider the City of Heroes to be our second home, a place where our imaginations can grow and flourish. While we continue to hope for a reprieve for the MMO, it will be hard to say goodbye to all of this.

While there are other superhero-themed MMOs out there, none have been as helpful as the City of Heroes has been in its eight years of operation in encouraging in-game activity from the players. There have been websites, artist forums, YouTube videos, Internet radio stations, and, of course, the comics. The end of the MMO will also end all of these creative means.

“The Guardian Powers” will obviously end when the MMO does. There is no viable alternative. But those that have visited the Guardian website know that there are “other worlds” to visit and to chronicle, and those stories will once again be told.

In the meantime, please stay with us as we wrap up the last few issues so we can say goodbye in a grand fashion. And for more about those “other worlds”, visit the official website of the Guardians of the Dawn supergroup...

**<http://GuardiansOfTheDawn.wordpress.com>**

**NEXT ISSUE...**



*Will Captain Paragonna show up in time to save Alex's witness from BloodBlader?*

*And how does Pharon fit in?*

*Plus: is Welsh Fury, the sister of Lyon Powers, still alive?*

*Find out next month!*



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