



FROM THE CREATOR OF "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT"



TALES FROM PARAGON CITY

FEATURING... **KDave**

YOU GOT A
PROBLEM
WITH THAT?



IN 1931, A MAN CALLING HIMSELF STATESMAN APPEARED IN THE STREETS OF PARAGON CITY. CLAIMING TO HAVE RELEASED HIS "INNER WILL", HE WAGED A ONE-MAN WAR ON CRIME AND INJUSTICE IN A CITY TORN APART BY DEPRESSION AND ORGANIZED CRIME. HIS CAUSE WAS SOON JOINED BY OTHERS, AND EVENTUALLY THE WHOLE CITY RALLIED BEHIND HIM AND HIS TEAM OF SUPERHEROES.

DECades LATER THOSE HEROES WOULD CONTINUE TO INSPIRE OTHERS TO JOIN IN THE FIGHT IN THEIR OWN UNIQUE WAYS AND HELP TO MAKE PARAGON CITY A SAFER PLACE TO BE FOR EVERYONE. THESE ARE THEIR STORIES...

TALES FROM PARAGON CITY

"NERD NO MORE!"

- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

SOME PEOPLE BECOME HEROES DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THEIR CONTROL.

OTHER PEOPLE BECOME HEROES TO MAKE A QUICK BUCK.

AND THEN THERE ARE THOSE WHO WANT TO BECOME A HERO SIMPLY TO ESCAPE THEIR LOT IN LIFE.

FOR A MIDDLE-LEVEL CIVIL SERVANT NAMED PHIL SKI, BEING A HERO MEANS A WAY OUT OF THE YEARS OF REJECTION FOR BEING THE WORST OF ALL THINGS IN PARAGON CITY... NORMAL.

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POCKET D NIGHTCLUB, UPPER BLUE SIDE



CITY HALL, ATLAS PARK

THIS IS WHERE I WORK.

YES, I AM AN ACTUAL CIVIL SERVANT.

PARAGON CITY HALL

UM... HI.

GOT A SEC?

HER NAME IS SUSAN DAVIES. SHE RUNS E.L.I.T.E.

I GUESS WE SORT OF GOT OUR WIRES CROSSED, BECAUSE I THOUGHT WE WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET IN POCKET D LAST NIGHT.

I KNOW I WAS THERE...

COULDN'T MAKE IT. SORRY.

WELL, THAT'S OKAY, I SUPPOSE THINGS DO HAPPEN.

SO... FAMILY EMERGENCY? LAST-MINUTE CALL? ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE? RIKTI INVASION?

YEAH, THAT'S IT. ALL OF THE ABOVE.

LISTEN, IF YOU DIDN'T WANT TO GO OUT WITH ME, ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS TO SAY NO.

THIS ISN'T HIGH SCHOOL ANYMORE, SUSAN. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ADULTS.

I DIDN'T APPRECIATE HAVING TO WASTE TWO HOURS IN THE BAR IF YOU WEREN'T GOING TO BE THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE HIGH SCHOOL. SHE WAS ALWAYS UNATTAINABLE.

I THOUGHT SINCE WE WERE ALL GROWN-UP THAT SHE WOULD HAVE CHANGED.

LOOK, I HAD EVERY INTENTION OF HUMORING YOU AND BEING THERE. BUT THEN MY BROTHER'S FRIENDS CALLED UP AND I COULDN'T SAY NO TO THEM.

YOU'RE A NICE GUY, PHIL, BUT YOU'RE NOT WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR IN MY LIFE.

I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE... DIFFERENT. SOMEONE A LITTLE MORE... OH HELL, I'M LOOKING FOR A HERO, AND YOU'RE JUST NOT IT.

I'M SORRY YOU DIDN'T GET THE HINT LAST NIGHT, BUT I'M MAKING IT LOUD AND CLEAR NOW.

THAT HURT.

BUT I SUPPOSE I WAS ASKING FOR IT.

SHE WAS LIKE THIS IN HIGH SCHOOL AS WELL. ALWAYS AIMING FOR THE JOCKS.

AT LEAST SHE DIDN'T SAY THAT I WAS A NERD.

TWENTY YEARS LATER AND I'M STILL DEALING WITH THAT SLUR.

MISTER SKI!

A WORD, PLEASE...

UH-OH...

THAT'S MY BOSS... BRIGHID MOREIRA

AND THAT TONE ALWAYS BODES ILL FOR ME.

I GOT ANOTHER COMPLAINT THAT YOU WERE HASSLING SUSAN DAVIES OVER AT E.L.I.T.E. AND NOT LETTING HER DO HER JOB THERE.

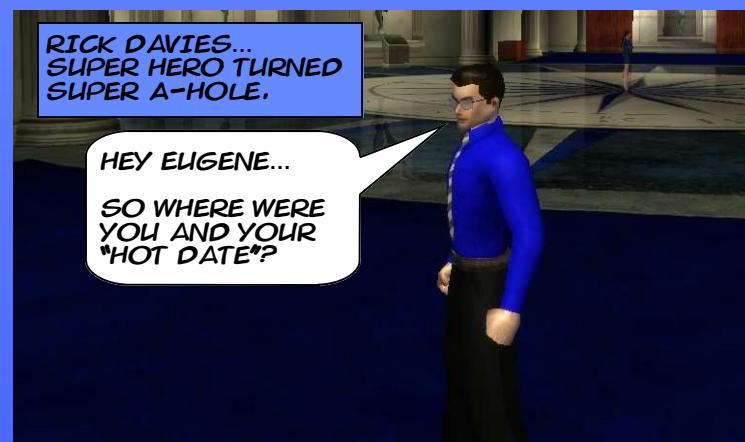
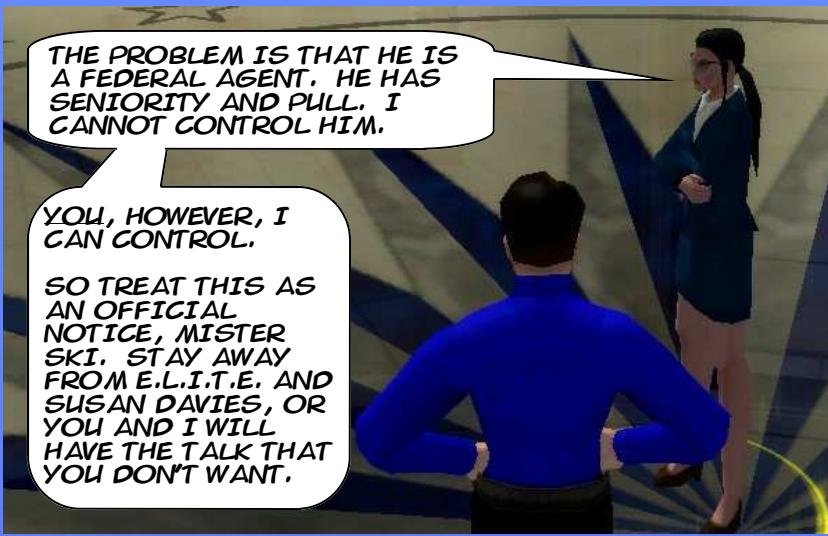
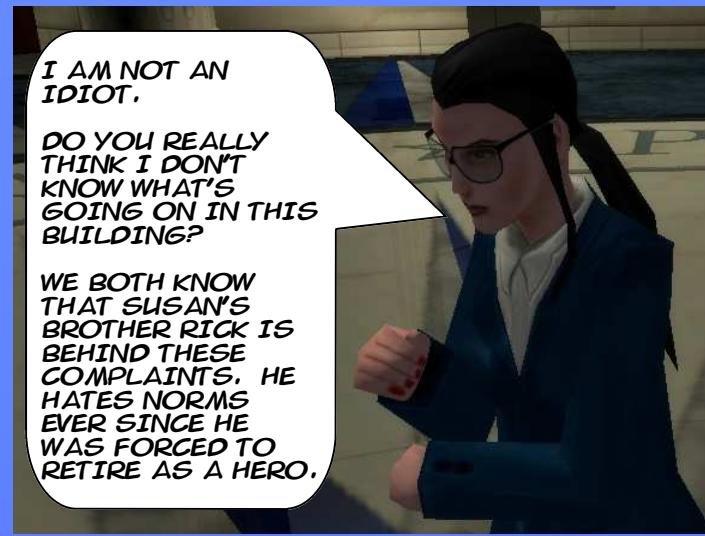
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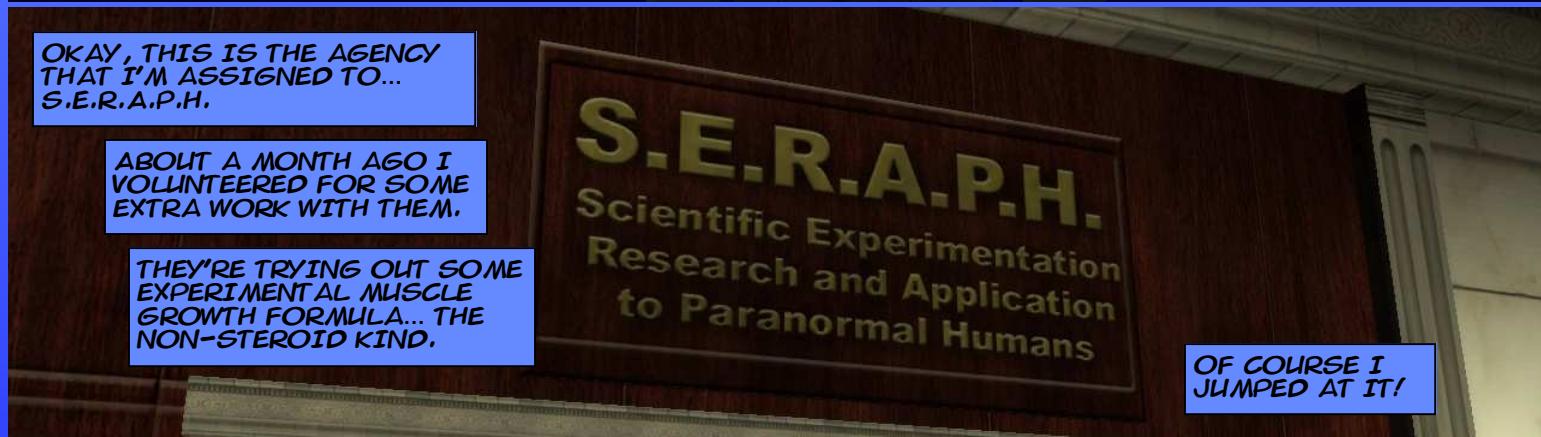
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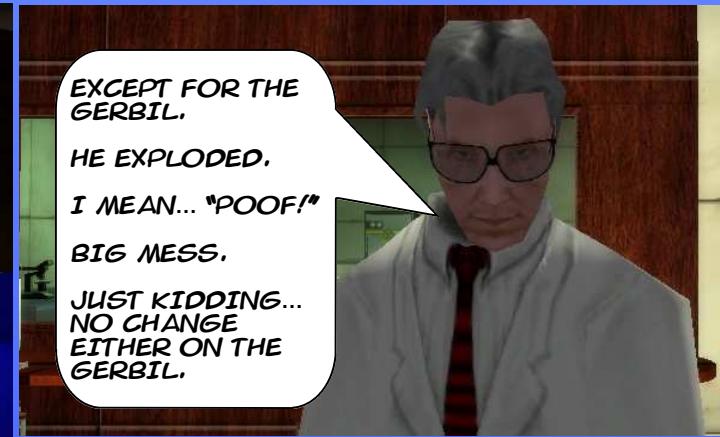
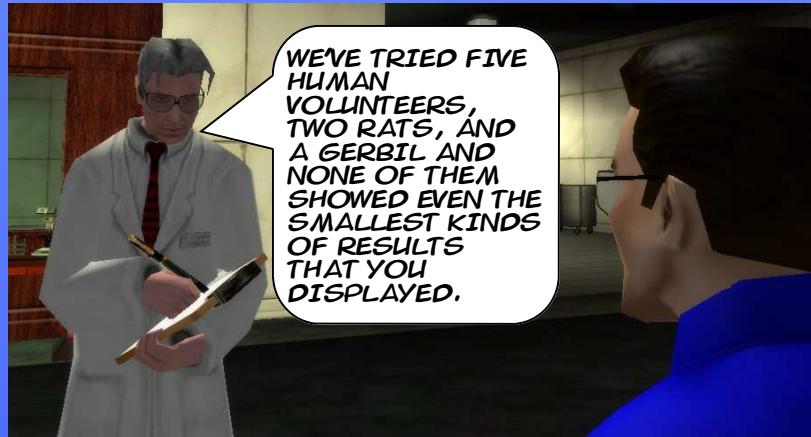
SHE ASKED ME OVER THE OTHER DAY TO FIX A PROBLEM WITH HER PDA. I GOT IT FIXED AND WE JUST STARTED TALKING...

THAT'S WHEN...

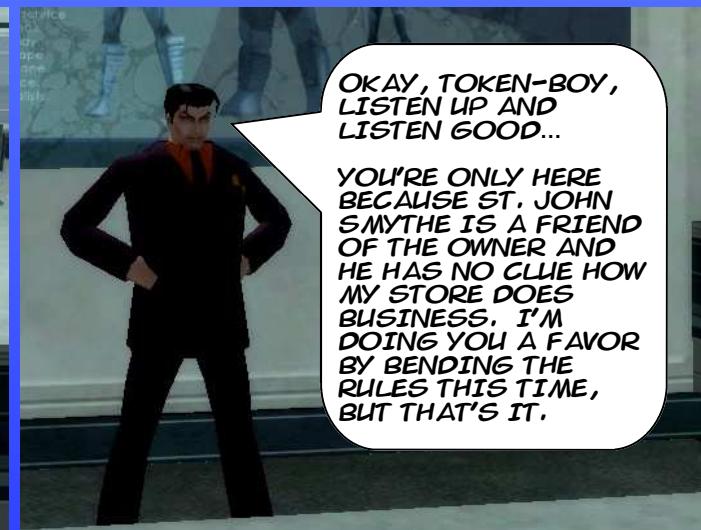
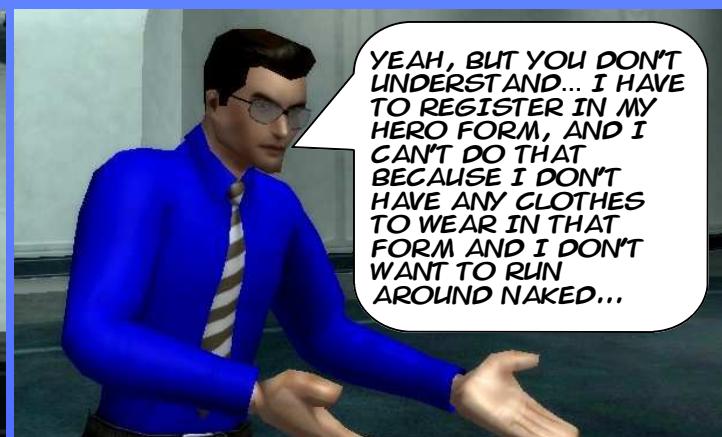
MISTER SKI, BEFORE YOU GO ANY FURTHER I SHOULD POINT OUT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS BEFORE.

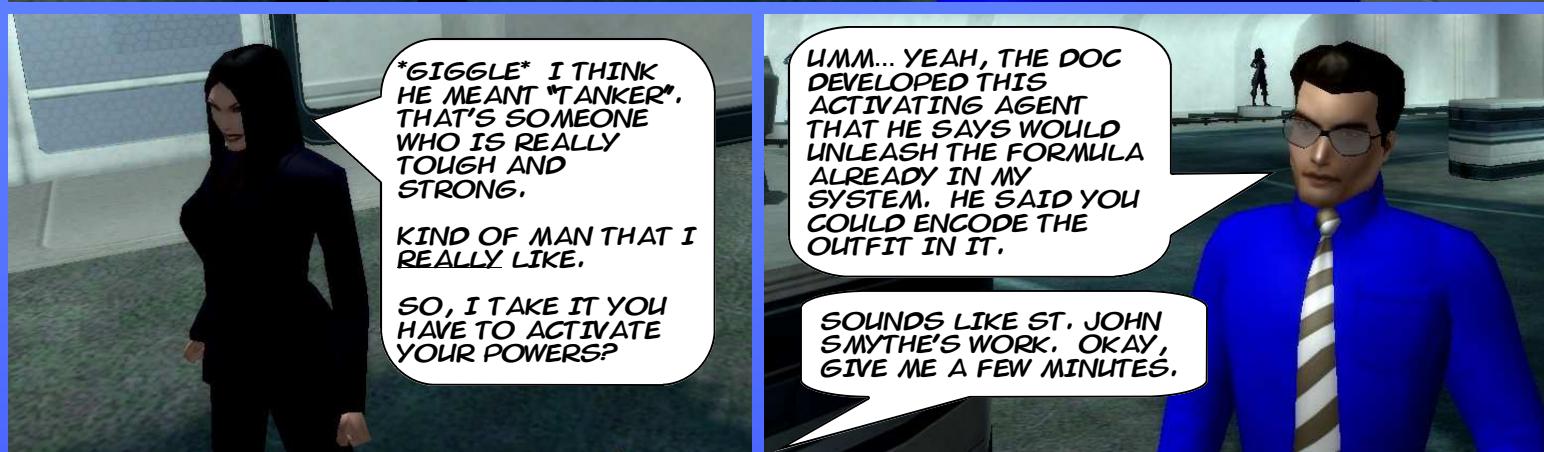






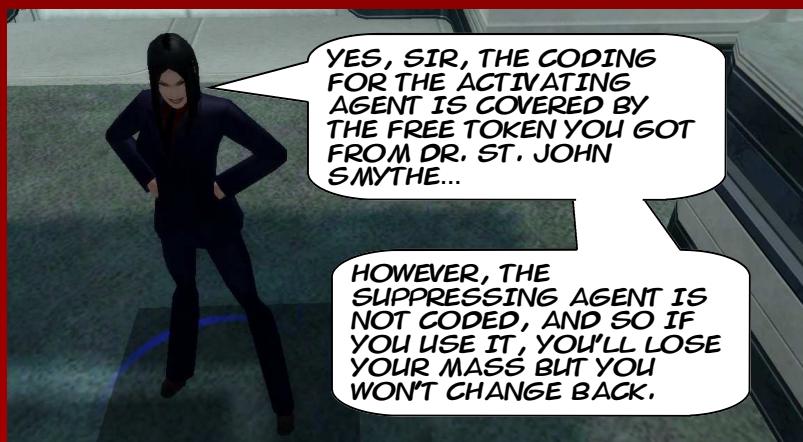






NERD NO MORRRRE!





HOWEVER, THE SUPPRESSING AGENT IS NOT CODED, AND SO IF YOU USE IT, YOU'LL LOSE YOUR MASS BUT YOU WON'T CHANGE BACK.



GALAXY CITY

OKAY, NEXT STOP HAS TO BE FREEDOM CORPS HEADQUARTERS IN GALAXY CITY.

TIME TO OFFICIALLY BECOME A HERO.

YEAH, I COULD GO TO CITY HALL TO DO IT...

BUT THE DOC SAID I HAD TO DO THIS UNDER STRICT CONFIDENCE, SO I COULDN'T SHOW UP AT MY WORKPLACE AND HAVE SOMEONE THERE RECOGNIZE ME.

HELLO? BIG BEEFY SUPER-STRONG GUY LOOKING TO BECOME A REGISTERED SUPERHERO HERE!

WAIT, THAT REALLY SOUNDS LAME.

HELLOOO! ANYONE BACK THERE?

IF YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR THE GUY HANDLING SUPERHERO REGISTRATION, HE'S ONLY THERE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

YOU MIGHT WANT TO TRY CHECK WITH THE EFF-SEE GIRL OVER THERE BY THE STATUE.

THANK YOU, MA'AM. I'LL BE SURE TO DO JUST THAT.

BUSINESS HOURS ONLY? THAT MUST BE A SWEET DETAIL. CITY HALL DOESN'T EVEN HAVE THAT!

UM... HI... BIG BEEFY SUPER-STRONG GUY LOOKING TO BECOME A REGISTERED HERO... I WAS TOLD THAT...

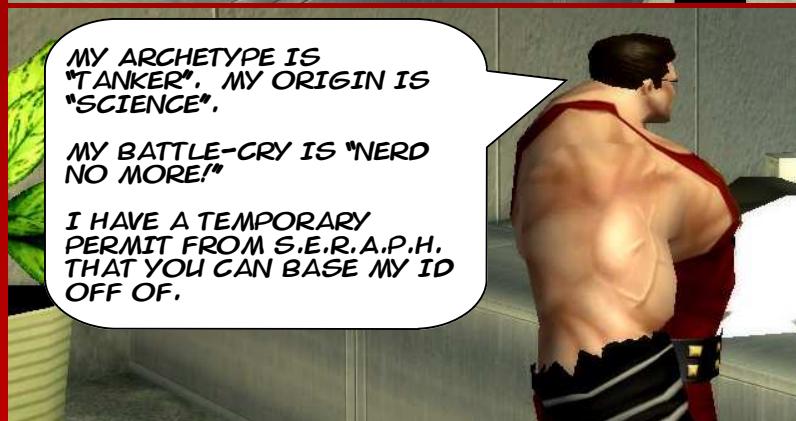
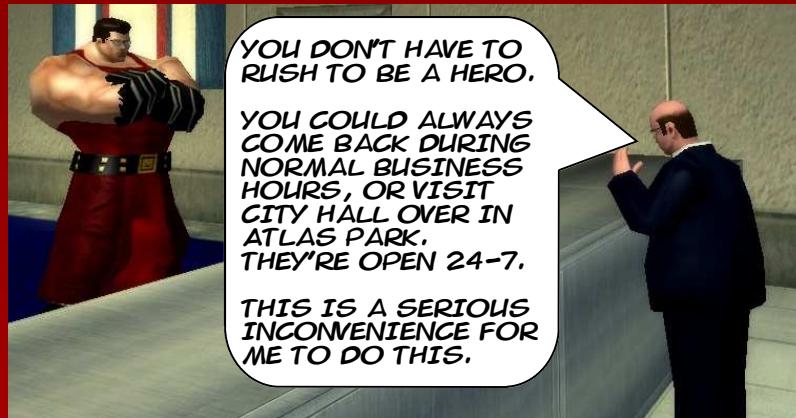
YES, I COULDN'T HELP BUT HEAR YOU OVER THERE...

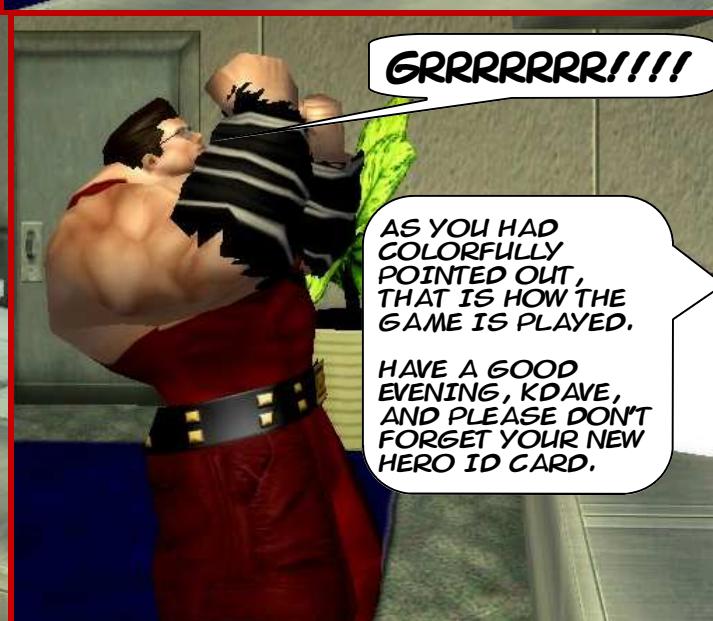
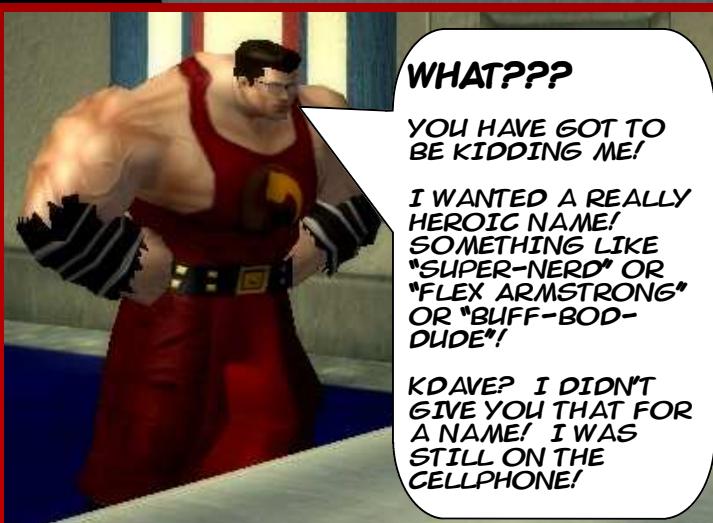
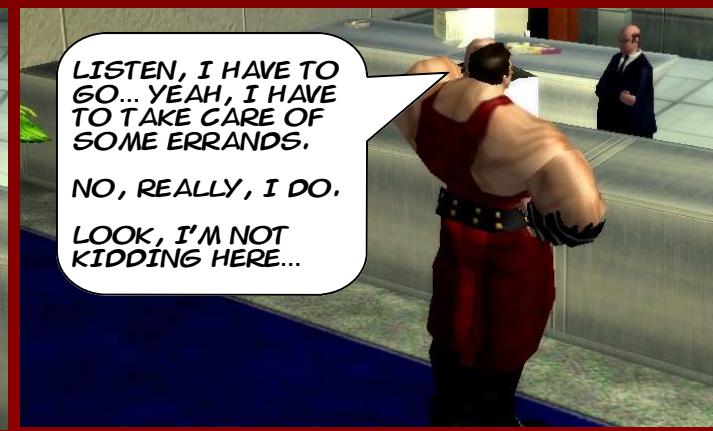
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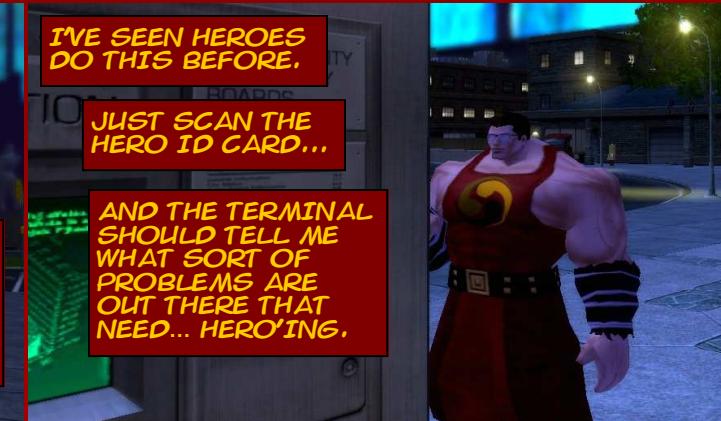
THOSE FREEDOM CORPS PEOPLE SURE KNOW HOW TO FILL OUT A BODYSUIT!

DOES SHE DO FIELD-WORK? WILL I BE ALLOWED TO TEAM-UP WITH HER AS A HERO?









WELCOME KDVE!

WANT A BUTT-CAPE CHEAP? WE HAVE THEM!

Real HOT Rikti Girls - Click Here! They're ready for you!

Inspirations! Who has them? WE DO, KDVE! Click here for more!

SOY-CHOW DINER
Pan-Asian Cuisine - Full Sushi Bar

Let our chefs prepare a Feast from the East!

Apply for your Crey Capital Credit Card here!

DAMN STUPID POP-UP ADS!

PLEASE PRESS HERE TO GET TO THE MAIN MENU.

PARAGON CITY HERO NETWORK

powered by CreyWare

OPEN CASE

WHOA! WENDY WOHAN IS IN TROUBLE! THIS IS PERFECT!

SHE WENT FROM PERKY KID TO DOUBLE-DELIGHT IN NO TIME!

DJ STARLET KIDNAPPED!

ACTRESS/MODEL/DEE-JAY WENDY WOHAN, A.K.A. DJ STARLET, HAS BEEN ABDUCTED BY A GANG CALLED THE JERZEY DEBAGS.

POLICE SUSPECT THE DEBAGS HAVE A BASE IN ATLAS PARK NEAR THE PEREZ PARK GATE.

ACCEPT **IGNORE**

Please do not complain about the ads - they help keep this service free.



ABANDONED WAREHOUSE

HEY, IT'S A RAVE PARTY!

I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A RAVE BEFORE! WONDER IF I'LL GET WASTED?

YEAH, RIGHT...

EYES ON THE PRIZE, MEAT MOUNTAIN... YOU'RE NOT HERE FOR FUN.

WHAT THE... ?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

IT'S LIKE EVERY JOCK'S WORST NIGHTMARE!

THE DEBAGS ARE REAL D-BAGS!

THEY'RE SHORT, FULL OF THEMSELVES...

AND THEY USE SO MUCH SPRAY-ON TAN THAT THEY'VE BECOME ORANGE!

YO, OOMPA-LOOMPAS! YOU DUDES WANNA MAKE IT EASY AND TELL ME WHERE YOU HAVE DJ STARLET HIDDEN?

WOOA, CHECK OUT THE ROID-RAGER!

HEY, YOU DON'T DISRESPEC TH' JERZEY DEBAGS LIKE THIS!

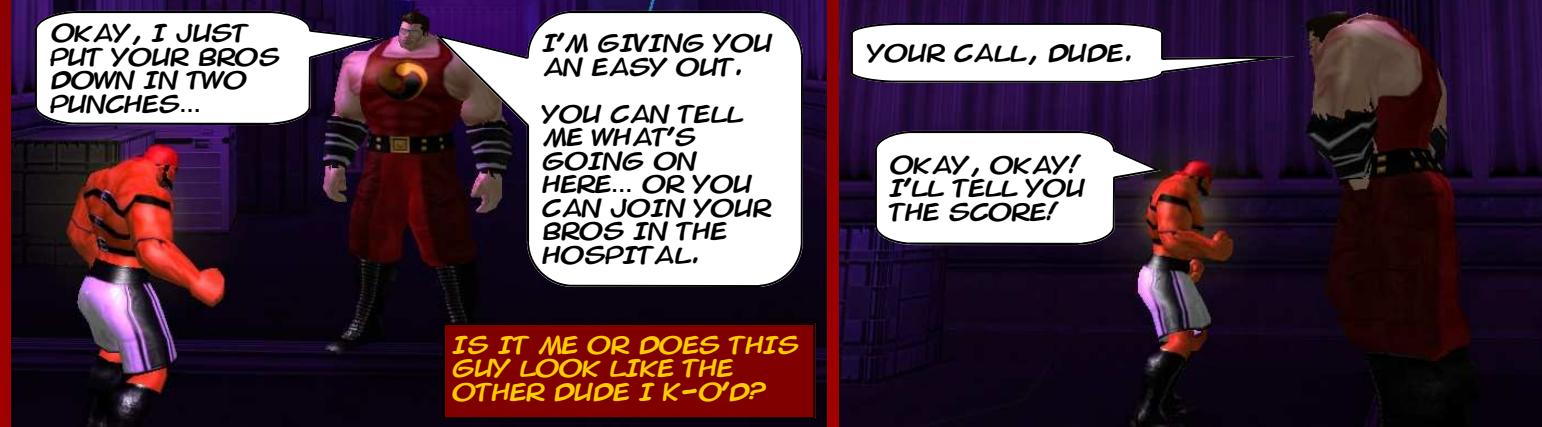
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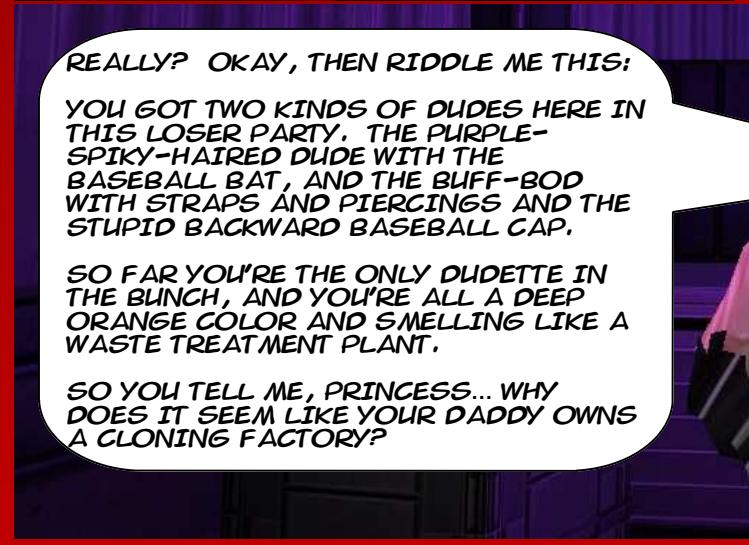
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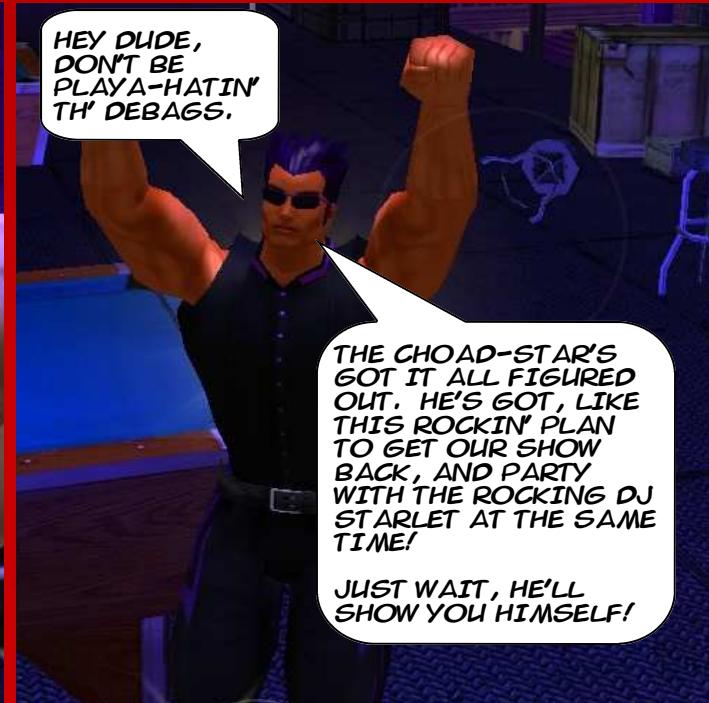
MESS THAT PASTY-FACE ROID RAGER UP BIG TIME!

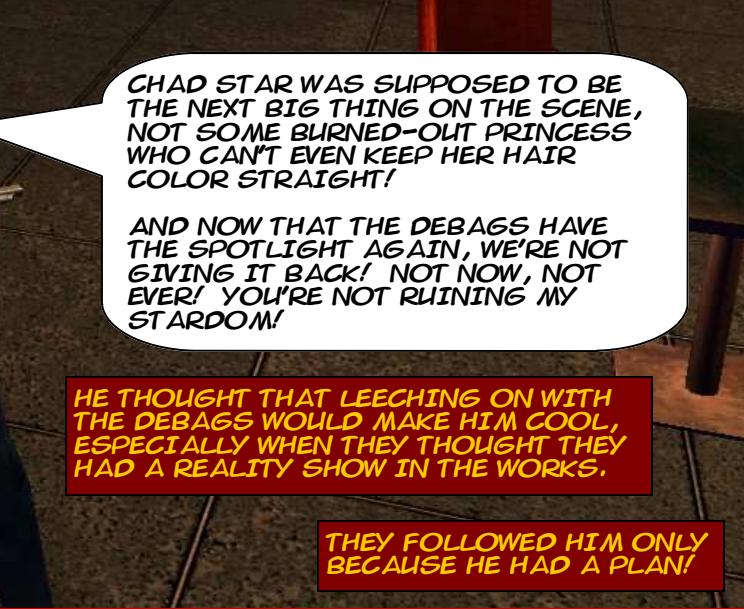
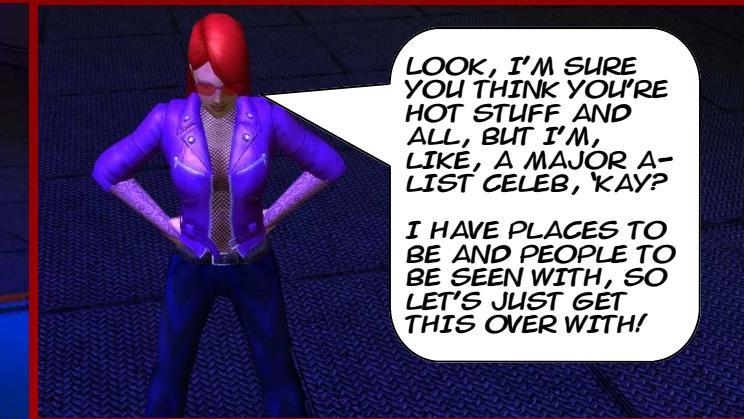
JER-ZEE DEBAGS REPRESENT!

STUPID IDIOTS! I'M SEVEN FEET TALL AND BUILT LIKE A TRUCK. WHY CAN'T THEY SEE I COULD WHIP THEIR BUTTS JUST BY SNEEZING ON THEM!











LATER...

DJ STARLET IS
SAFE, DEBAGS
ARE IN JAIL...

JUST GOTTA
REPORT IN WITH
S.E.R.A.P.H.

MAN THE
PLACE LOOKS
SO DIFFERENT
AT NIGHT.

OR MAYBE IT'S
JUST BECAUSE
OF MY NEW
PERSPECTIVE.

OR MAYBE IT'S
BECAUSE I CAN
SUPER-JUMP THERE
IN NO-TIME .

SURE BEATS WALKING
ALL OF THE TIME.

WHOOPS! OVERSHOT
THE BUILDING AND
LANDED ON THE ROOF!

OH WELL, I'M SURE
I'M NOT THE FIRST
SUPERHERO TO DO
THAT.

HERE'S THE TRICKY
PART... GOTTA WALK
PAST BRIGHID LIKE
I DON'T KNOW HER.

KEEP ON WALKING...
HOPE SHE DOESN'T
RECOGNIZE ME...

SUSAN'S NOT
IN YET...

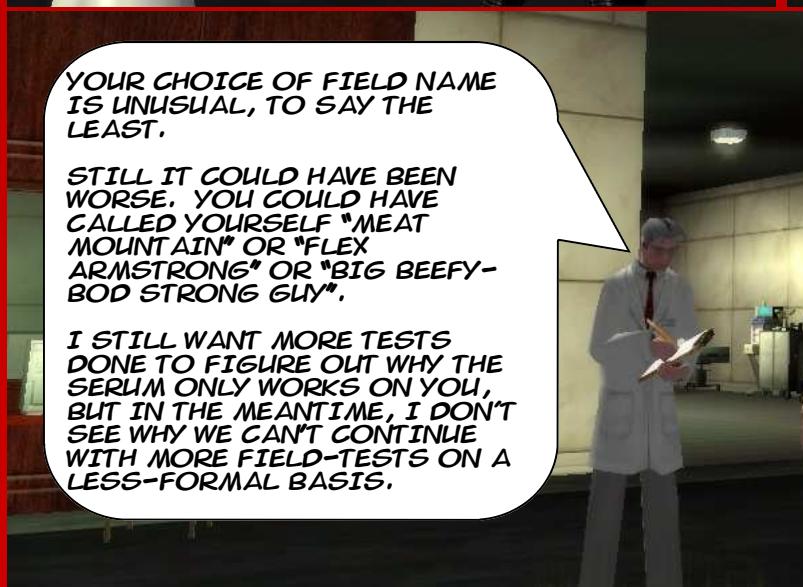
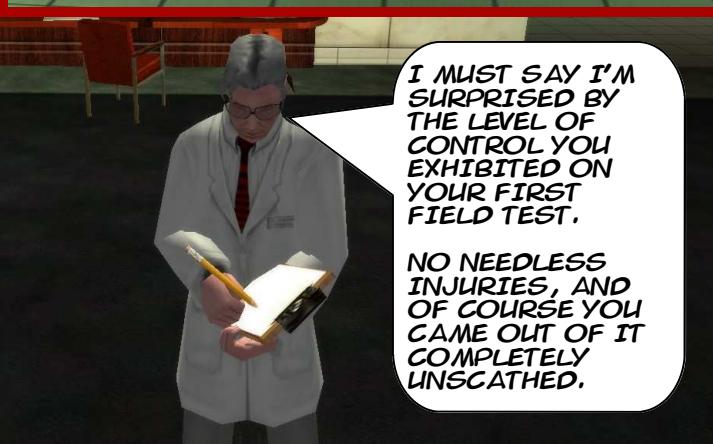
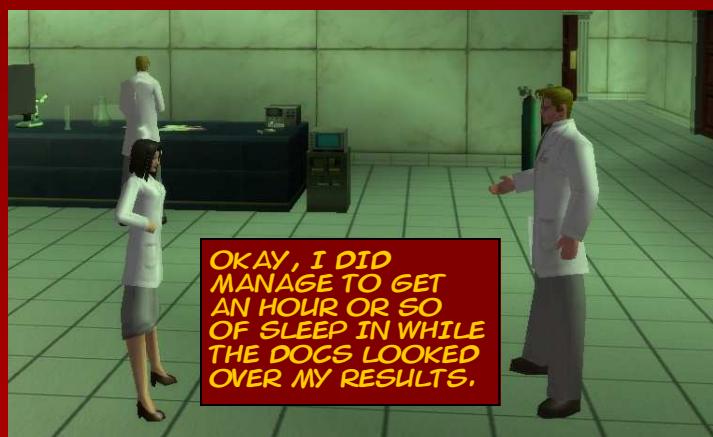
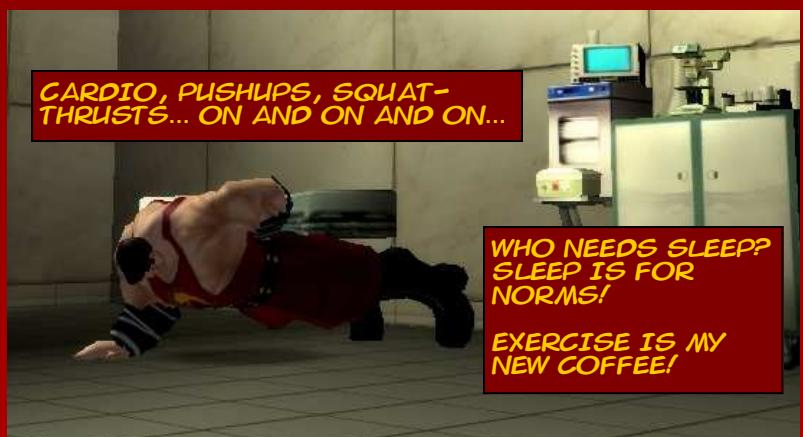
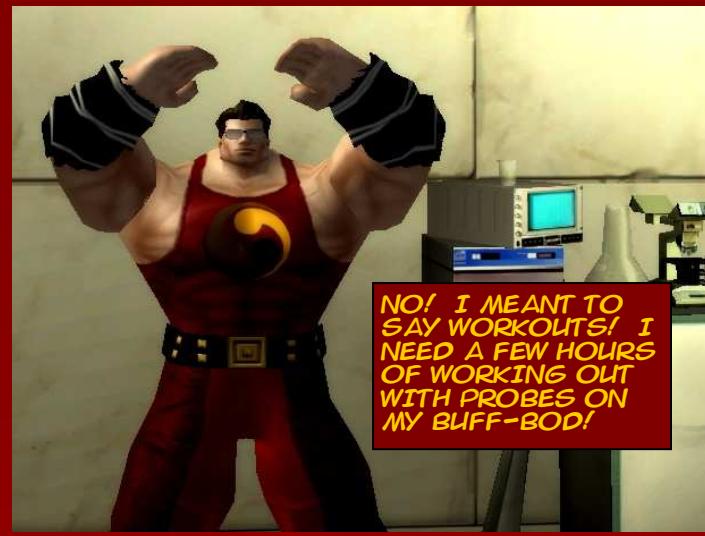
E.L.I.T.E.
Enhanced Logistics
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Tactical Excellence

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SEE HOW SHE'D
REACT TO ME NOW
THAT I'M NOT A
"NORM" ANYMORE.

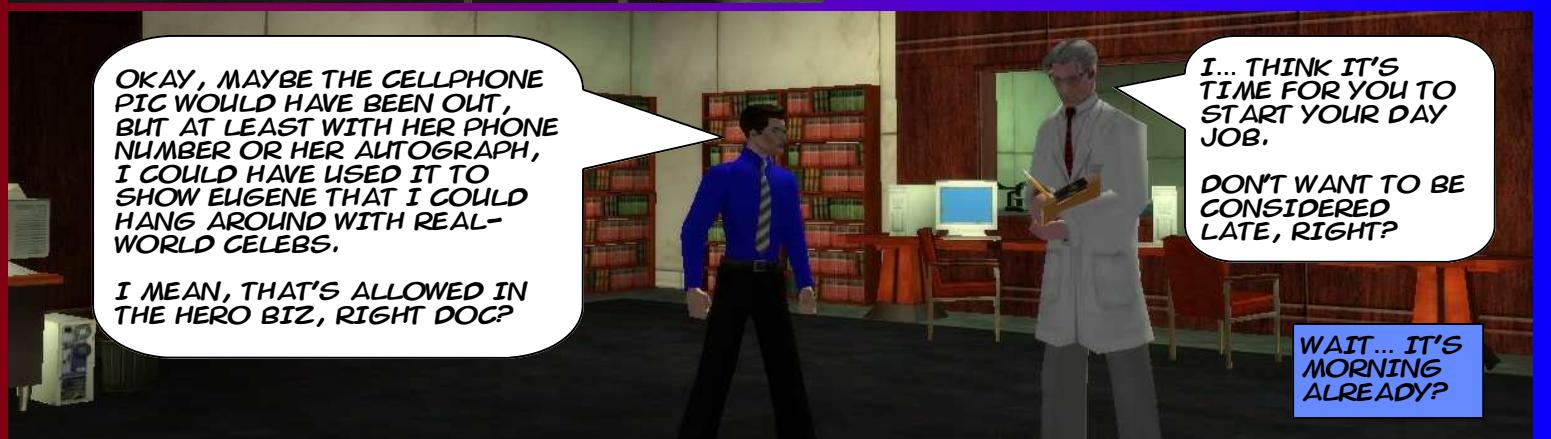
MAYBE AFTER
SMYTHE GIVES THE
GREEN-LIGHT FOR
MORE WORK I'D
PUT THAT TO TEST.

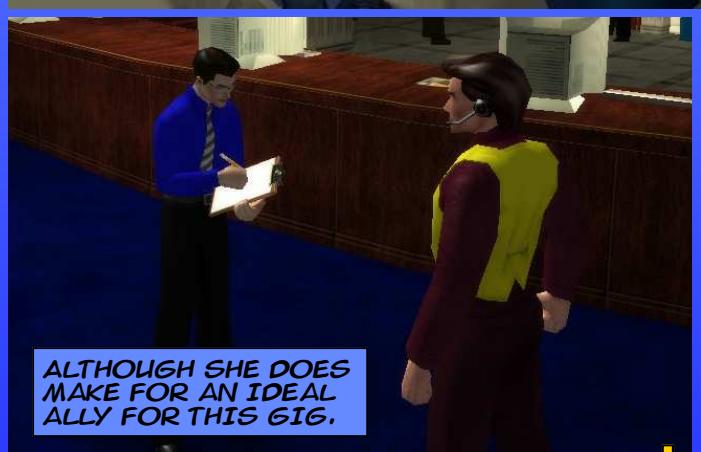
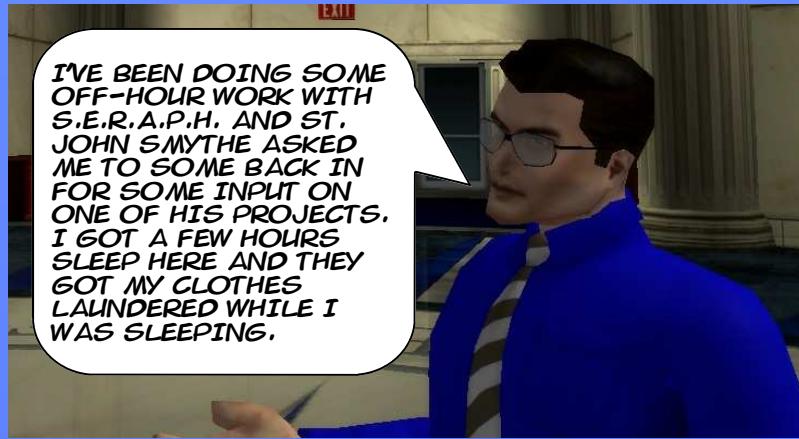
S.E.R.A.P.H.
Scientific Experimentation
Research and Application
to Paranormal Humans

IT'S BEEN A LONG
NIGHT. I COULD
USE A FEW HOURS
OF SLEEP.









THIS 2...

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

Welcome to a new and interesting take on life in Paragon City.

“*Tales from Paragon City*” is a look at life in the fictional metropolitan area known as Paragon City, otherwise known as the **City of Heroes**. It is the central location for the **City of Heroes** subscription-based Massive Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game.

For those who are not too familiar with Paragon City, here’s a quick tutorial...

Paragon City is located on the coastal region of Rhode Island. It is the home to **Statesman**, the city’s favorite son and the first modern-day superhero.

Statesman got his start in the 1930’s, taking his inspiration from the heroes and gods of Greek legend. Not long afterwards, other heroes took to the streets to help clean it up. Pretty soon there were plenty of heroes not only in Paragon City, but in every city on the planet. Heroes fought in World War II. Heroes were involved in the Cold War. The whole human civilization changed, reportedly for the better, because there were heroes.

In 2002, Earth is invaded by a bunch of extra-dimensional aliens. They decimate the planet. They decimate a lot of Paragon City. The heroes make a stand and make a huge sacrifice to win the day, and because of that sacrifice, Paragon City is not only rebuilding, but it has become the biggest collection of superheroes on the planet. There are seemingly more superheroes than civilians.

That may sound good at first, but think about it for a moment... all of those heroes and superheroes, all of those crime-fighting, spandex-wearing, cape-and-cowl, enhanced, financed, sponsored, crusaders, protectors, defenders, and champions of life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, truth, justice, big money, the Big Dream, and the American Way all in one city at one time. That makes being “normal” pretty much a statistical minority.

Okay, so you may remember the most legendary of heroes. You may know about Statesman and his group, the **Freedom Phalanx**. Some heroes, like Atlas and Talos and Galaxy Girl, have HUGE statues to remember them by, so it is really hard to NOT think of them.

But what about the rest of that statistical majority?

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If one hero can bend steel with his bare hands, or have knives pop out of his hands, or read minds, then that makes them extraordinary. Even if you have ten or twenty people who can do those things, they still stand out. But what happens when you're the ten-thousandth person to do those things? You sort of get forgotten.

That's where "**Tales from Paragon City**" comes in. This series is here to showcase the other lesser-known heroes and give them their day in the sun.

Unlike one of my other creations in Paragon City... namely "**Guardians of the Dawn Spotlight**"... this series won't focus with any one group or any one person. In fact it won't even be focused solely on Paragon City.

Yes, "**Tales from Paragon City**" will look at the Rogue Isles as well, home of the **City of Villains**. It will eventually look at Praetoria, the alternate universe where their heroes didn't just save the planet... they conquered it.

Some of the heroes in this series may look familiar. **Battlerock X**, the author's own in-game character, will be featured in a future issue, as well as some of his other **Omega 2** teammates besides **KDave**. YouTube viewers will also recognize **Captain Catastrophe**, his evil brother **Major Catastrophe**, and the Captain's teammates from **Noble Champions** in a few future issues. Those are all just a small sample of the various characters you can look forward to reading about here.

There is one more thing that needs to be mentioned...

Unlike "**Guardians of the Dawn Spotlight**", this will be an *irregular* series. Coming up with new issue takes time and resources. The production for this first issue itself spanned several months, with most of my work going to the Guardians. So going into this, I don't want people to think this will be a regular monthly series.

For more information, please be sure to check out **The Battlerock X Chronicles**. This is where you'll find information about this and all other news related to the City of Heroes.

See you guys in the next issue!

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- **NEO-CHAMBER FROM GRRRR**
- **GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN (WITH A SPECIAL CELEBRITY APPEARANCE)**
- **STALKTRESS FROM JUSTICE-KNIGHTS**

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