

# THE GUARDIAN POWERS



TEAM-UP IN KING'S ROW...

AND RETURN TO  
OUROBOROS!



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 "CELEBLANT" BECAME THE WORST NIGHTMARE FOR CROOKED COPS AND ABUSIVE PROSECUTORS. NOW HE WORKS FROM WITHIN THE SYSTEM TO BRING IT IN LINE.

## GALATEA POWERS - PARAGON CITY'S "TRUE GUARDIAN"

BORN FROM ANOTHER WORLD, GALATEA CAME TO THIS WORLD WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHO SHE WAS. GIVEN A NEW LIFE AND A NEW NAME, SHE'S NOW ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR HEROES IN PARAGON CITY.



## CAPTAIN PARAGONNA - PARAGON CITY'S SUPERHERO POLICEWOMAN

THE ORIGINAL FOUNDING MEMBER AND FORMER LEADER OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN, STEVIE WALKER-RODGERS CONTINUES THE FIGHT FOR LAW AND ORDER, AS WELL AS BRING THAT PROMISE OF A BRIGHT FUTURE.

## LYON POWERS - WELSH SUPERHERO

THIRD-GENERATION SUPERHERO FROM ENGLAND, KATIE LEA POWERS IS QUICK TO DEFEND HER FAMILY'S HONOR AND REPUTATION, EVEN WHEN EXTENDING IT TO HER NEW "ADOPTED" SISTER, GALATEA POWERS.



## 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.

# "CHOICE ENCOUNTERS"

## - A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

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PARAGON CITY, RHODE ISLAND

KINGS ROW

REASON #1: IT'S PRACTICALLY NEXT TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

NORMALLY NOBODY ROBS THE BANK IN KINGS ROW.

REASON #2: THE AREA IS PROTECTED BY SUPERHEROES.

INCLUDING MYSELF...

THAT IS, IF I WASN'T WORKING UNDERCOVER TRYING TO BREAK UP THE TEAM THAT HAS BEEN ROBBING BANKS.\*

A TEAM THAT HAS BEEN RECRUITING FROM THE RANKS OF THE UNEMPLOYED AND HOMELESS.

(\* SEE LAST ISSUE)

 "RAVEN" AKA STEVIE WALKER-RODGERS  
AKA CAPTAIN PARAGONNA



THEY WASTED NO TIME TAKING OUT THE GUARDS.



AND THEY HAVE FULL ACCESS TO THE VAULT.

THESE AREN'T ALL AMATEURS EITHER.

SOME OF THE CREW HAVE MILITARY EXPERIENCE, ESPECIALLY THE TEAM LEADER.



YOU CAN'T JUST BUY A VANGUARD REDDING RIFLE ON THE STREETS. THE BIO-SIGNATURE SAFEGUARD ALONE WOULD PREVENT MOST PEOPLE FROM USING ONE.

I'M GUESSING HE'S A VANGUARD RESERVIST, WHICH MEANS THAT HE'S PROBABLY KILLED BEFORE!

THAT BRINGS ME BACK TO  
MY FAVORITE QUESTION:

WHAT THE HELL AM I  
DOING OUT HERE?

LIKE LAMBS TO  
THE SLAUGHTER,  
DEPENDING ON  
WHO SHOWS UP  
FIRST.

MOST OF THE  
"AMATEURS" WERE  
SENT OUT FRONT TO  
KEEP WATCH IN CASE  
THE POLICE OR A  
HERO SHOWED UP.

SO... THIS IS IT?  
WE'RE SUPPOSED  
TO JUST... WAIT  
HERE? FOR WHAT?

FOR WHATEVER.  
I DON'T EVEN KNOW  
WHY YOU'RE STILL  
WITH US! I MEAN,  
YOU DIDN'T EVEN  
BOther TO GET THE  
REST OF THE GEAR!

YOU'RE JUST LUCKY  
THE BOSS DECIDED  
TO RISK THIS JOB  
WITH YOU. YOU DO  
YOUR PART AND YOU  
GET YOUR FEE, AND  
YOU DON'T ASK  
QUESTIONS!

YEAH, WELL THIS "JOB"  
REMINDS ME SOMETHING  
MY COUSIN ALMOST GOT  
CAUGHT UP IN OVER IN  
CLEVELAND... ONLY IT WAS  
ACCEPTING PACKAGES  
THAT TURNED OUT TO BE  
BOUGHT BY STOLEN...

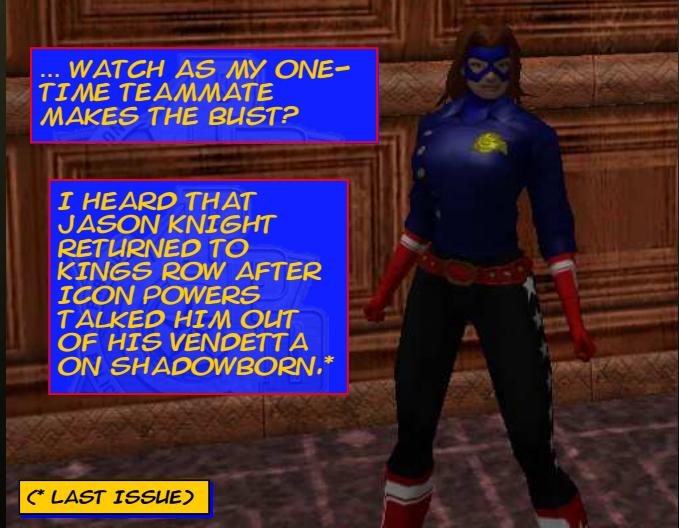
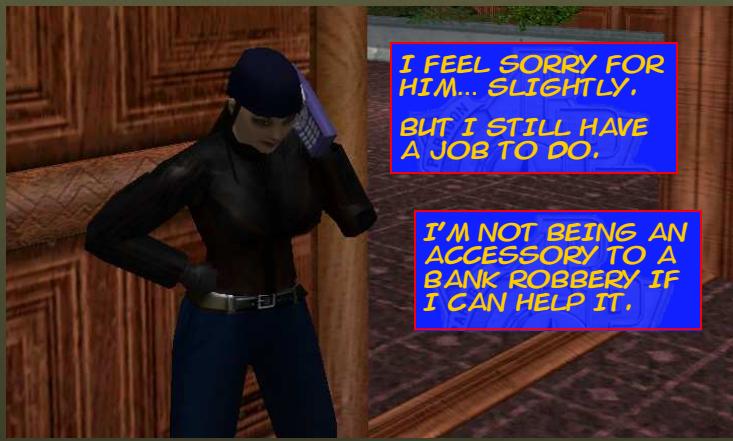
HEY, NEW GIRL, YOU  
TRYING TO GET US  
IN TROUBLE?

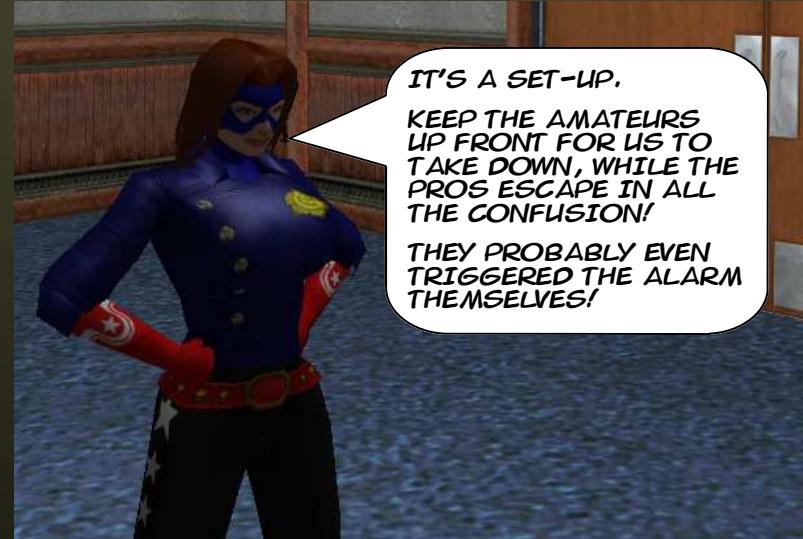
I GOT A MORTGAGE  
THAT I HAVE TO PAY  
THAT'S "UNDERWATER".  
NO WAY AM I GOING  
TO LET THE BANKS  
TAKE MY HOUSE!  
YOU MESS THIS JOB  
UP, YOU ANSWER TO  
ME, YOU GOT THAT?

WHATEVER... AT LEAST  
YOU STILL HAVE A  
HOUSE!

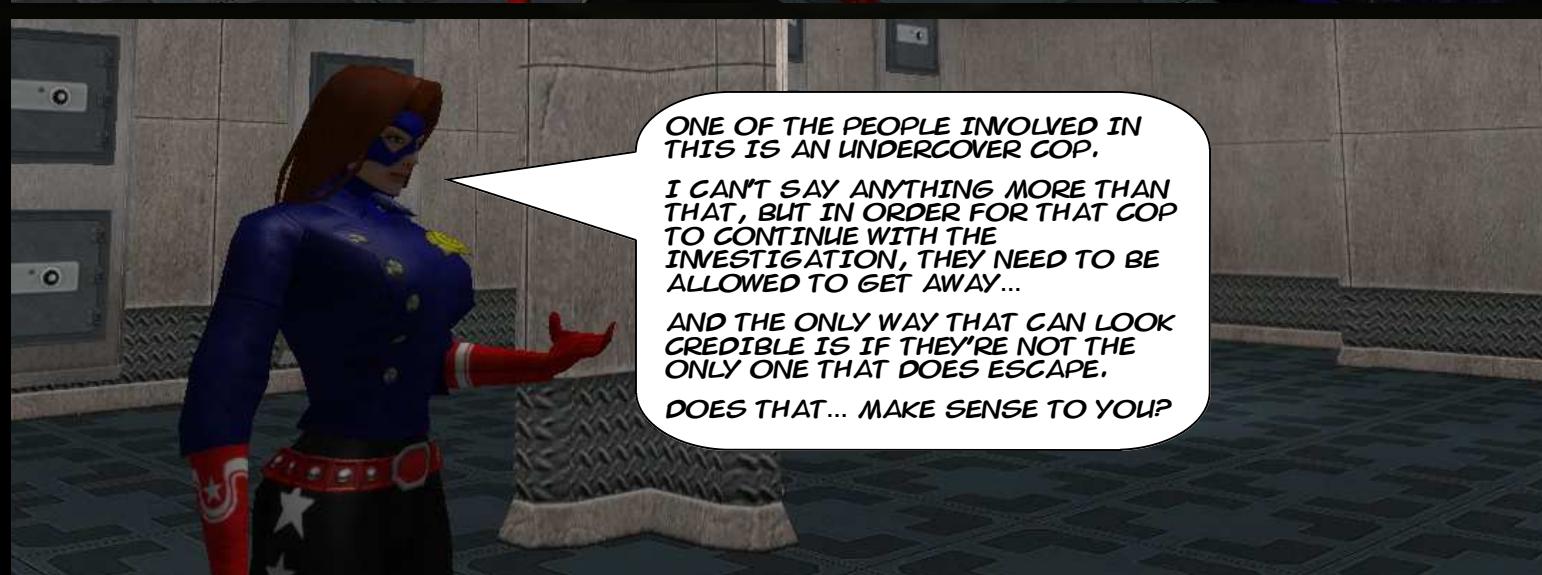
I'M GOING TO CHECK  
THE CAMERAS. TRY NOT  
TO GET YOUR SKI MASK  
IN A BUNCH OVER IT.

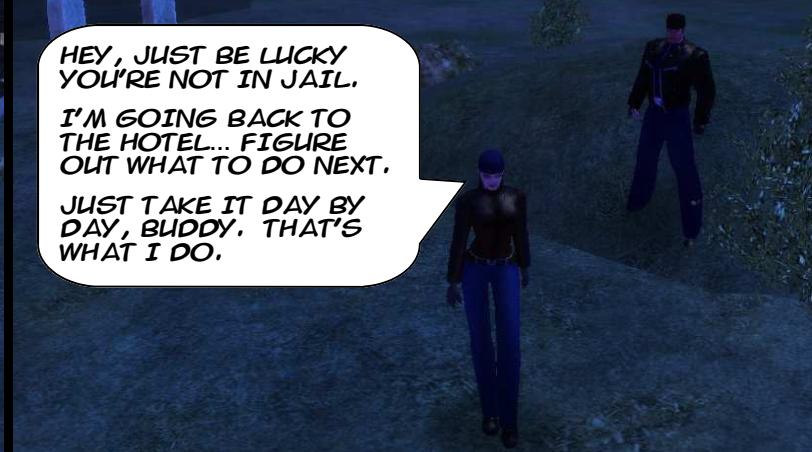
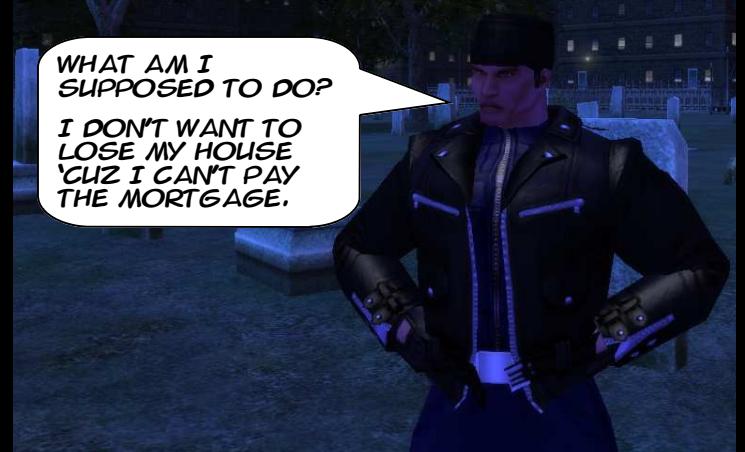
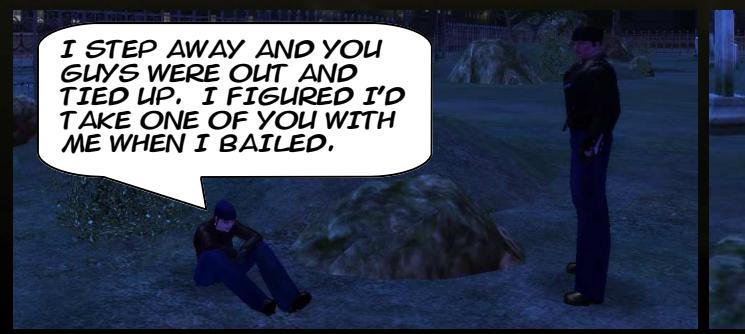
I'M NOT REALLY  
HOMELESS... THAT'S  
JUST PART OF THE  
COVER THAT WE SET  
UP FOR "RAVEN".











TALOS ISLAND

THE NEXT MORNING...

DAWN.

THE SUN FEELS  
GOOD.

WISH THE REST  
OF ME FELT  
THAT GOOD.

I'VE BEEN UP  
ALL NIGHT.

THE LAST TIME I  
HAD PROBLEMS  
SLEEPING, IT ENDED  
WITH ME HAVING A  
LITERAL SPLIT  
PERSONALITY.\*

"GOOD MORNING  
PARAGON CITY! THIS IS  
PNN RADIO AND HERE'S  
YOUR MORNING NEWS..."

"THE BIG NEWS... A LATE-  
NIGHT BANK ROBBERY IN  
KINGS ROW WAS SHUT  
DOWN BY THE AREA'S  
RESIDENT GUARDIAN,  
MIDNIGHT X, ALONG WITH  
CAPTAIN PARAGONNA."

"A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID  
THAT TEN PEOPLE WERE  
ARRESTED, INCLUDING A  
VANGUARD RESERVIST, BUT  
SEVERAL MORE MANAGED TO  
ESCAPE IN THE CONFUSION."

 **GALATEA POWERS**  
OTHERWORLD SUPERHERO

(\* "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT" ISSUES 23-25)

I STILL CAN'T GET  
RECENT EVENTS OUT  
OF MY HEAD.

I GOT BEAT! BADLY!  
BY A GLORIFIED  
CYBERNETIC PUPPET  
NO LESS!\*

AND THE WORST  
PART IS... IT USED  
MY OWN FEARS TO  
HELP DEFEAT ME.

(\* ISSUES 2 & 3)

MY "MYSTERIOUS FRIEND"  
WAS RIGHT... I AM AFRAID  
OF FAILURE, OF BEING  
VULNERABLE, OF BEING  
MANIPULATED.

FIRST FROM MY BIRTH-  
FATHER, LIONEL POWERS.  
THEN BY MY FOSTER  
FATHER, KENT, WHEN HE  
TRIED TO "SAVE ME" FROM  
LIONEL'S GENETIC  
PROGRAMMING.

I COULDN'T STOP ALOR FROM  
KILLING PHOTONIS OR  
SAVING MY OWN UNIVERSE  
FROM DESTRUCTION.

I WASN'T ABLE TO HELP  
THE GUARDIANS AND  
THE FREEDOM PHALANX  
STOP ALOR.\*

I COULDN'T SAVE  
GALAXY CITY.

(\* "SPOTLIGHT" ISSUES 18-22)

SOME "TRUE GUARDIAN"  
I TURNED OUT TO BE.

KATIE LEA SHOULD BE WAKING UP SOON.

I LEFT A NOTE SAYING I'M ON PATROL, SO HOPEFULLY SHE WON'T FREAK OUT.

I'M STILL NOT USED TO HAVING A SISTER, ADOPTED OR OTHERWISE.

THE POWERS FAMILY OF THIS WORLD ARE GOOD PEOPLE, FAR BETTER THAN MY BIRTH-FAMILY.

HMM... WARRIOR AND TSOO ARE STARTING THEIR FEUD EARLY.

AND NOW THE FREAKSHOW JOINED IN. WONDERFUL.

MAYBE MY FEAR IS WHAT IS KEEPING ME FROM FORGIVING KENT FOR DOING WHAT HE DID.

MAYBE I'M AFRAID THAT IF I FORGIVE HIM, I'D ACCEPT THAT WHAT HE DID TO ME WAS RIGHT.

THE MORNING NEWS IS STILL TALKING ABOUT THE BUST IN KINGS ROW.

NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST IS BOASTING THAT MIDKNIGHT X IS KINGS ROW'S "TRUE GUARDIAN".

JASON CAN HAVE THE TITLE IF HE WANTS IT. BUT I KNOW HE DOESN'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THAT SORT OF STUFF.

THE FUNNY PART IS THAT I WASN'T EVEN THE ONE THAT CREATED THAT TITLE! THAT WAS ARKTIC CHILL'S IDEA WHEN HE WAS WORKING AS THE ADMIN TO ONE OF MY FAN SITES.

I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT SITE? MAYBE I SHOULD LOOK IN ON THAT.

DOWN BELOW ME, HUNDREDS OF TALOS ISLAND RESIDENTS ARE STARTING THEIR DAY.

WITH ALL THAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD, THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE STILL THINGS THAT THEY CAN COUNT ON WHEN THEIR DAY BEGINS.

THEY NEED TO  
KNOW THAT  
SOMEONE IS  
WATCHING OUT  
FOR THEM.



SOMEONE THEY  
CAN COUNT ON.



EMPHASIS ON THE  
"GUARDIAN" PART.

I WAS GIVEN A SECOND  
CHANCE AT LIFE  
BECAUSE THE OTHER  
GUARDIANS DIDN'T  
GIVE UP ON ME.



IT'S UP TO ME TO PAY  
THAT FORWARD AND  
GIVE THE CITIZENS A  
REASON TO NOT GIVE  
UP ON THE HEROES.

KINGS ROW - FOUR HOURS LATER...

"GOOD MORNING,  
SOVEREIGN INSURANCE."

"NO, MISSUS KING, NO MONEY  
WAS REPORTED MISSING IN LAST  
NIGHT'S ATTEMPTED ROBBERY. ALL  
ACCOUNTS ARE REPORTEDLY  
INTACT AND ACCESSIBLE."

"GOOD MORNING,  
SOVEREIGN INSURANCE."

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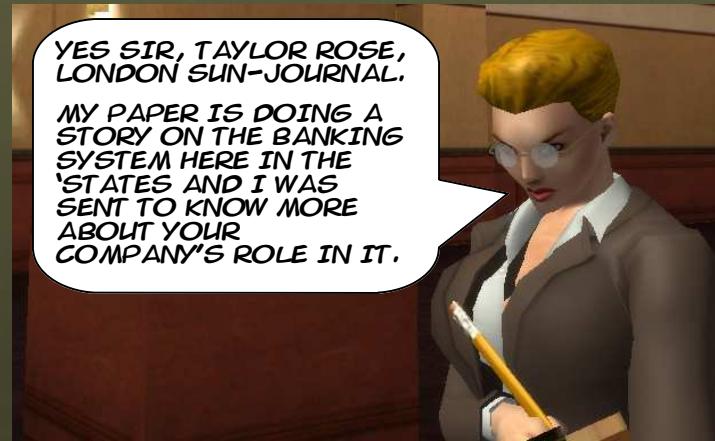
"YES, WE COVER ALL  
ACCOUNTS, BOTH  
PERSONAL AND  
CORPORATE."

"GOOD MORNING,  
SOVEREIGN INSURANCE."

"GOOD MORNING,  
SOVEREIGN INSURANCE."

"YOUR CLAIM CHECK  
SHOULD BE  
DELIVERED TO YOU  
BY TOMORROW..."

"EXCUSE ME...  
MISTER CRESLO?"



 DONALD CRESLO  
CEO, SOVEREIGN INSURANCE



"IN THE 1930'S THE WORLD SUFFERED UNDER THE WORSE ECONOMIC DEPRESSION EVER EXPERIENCED, FAR WORSE THAN EVEN RECENT ECONOMIC EVENTS."

"THE BLAME EASILY WENT TO THOSE STILL WITH MONEY, NAMELY THE BANKS."



"BANK ROBBERIES SKYROCKETED IN THE 1930'S AS EVERYONE FROM HARDENED CRIMINALS TO OUT-OF-WORK FARMHANDS TOOK THEIR FRUSTRATIONS OUT ON THE BANKING INDUSTRY."



"THANKFULLY, A YOUNG SUPERHERO SHOWED UP HERE IN PARAGON CITY AND PUT A STOP TO MOST OF THE AREA ROBBERIES."



"THAT YOUNG MAN, OF COURSE, WAS STATESMAN."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: IMAGES TAKEN FROM 2004 "CITY OF HEROES" VIDEO)

BUT THE DEBUT OF STATESMAN AND OF THE FREEDOM PHALANX WERE STILL NOT ENOUGH TO STOP THE WAVE OF ROBBERIES, OR TO STOP THE DEBILITATING SECONDARY EFFECTS OF THOSE ROBBERIES.

CITIZENS REFUSED TO KEEP THEIR MONEY IN BANK ACCOUNTS IF THE BANKS CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT MONEY WOULD BE SECURE AND AVAILABLE.

THAT IS WHAT CAUSED THE INITIAL BANK COLLAPSES IN THE FIRST PLACE.

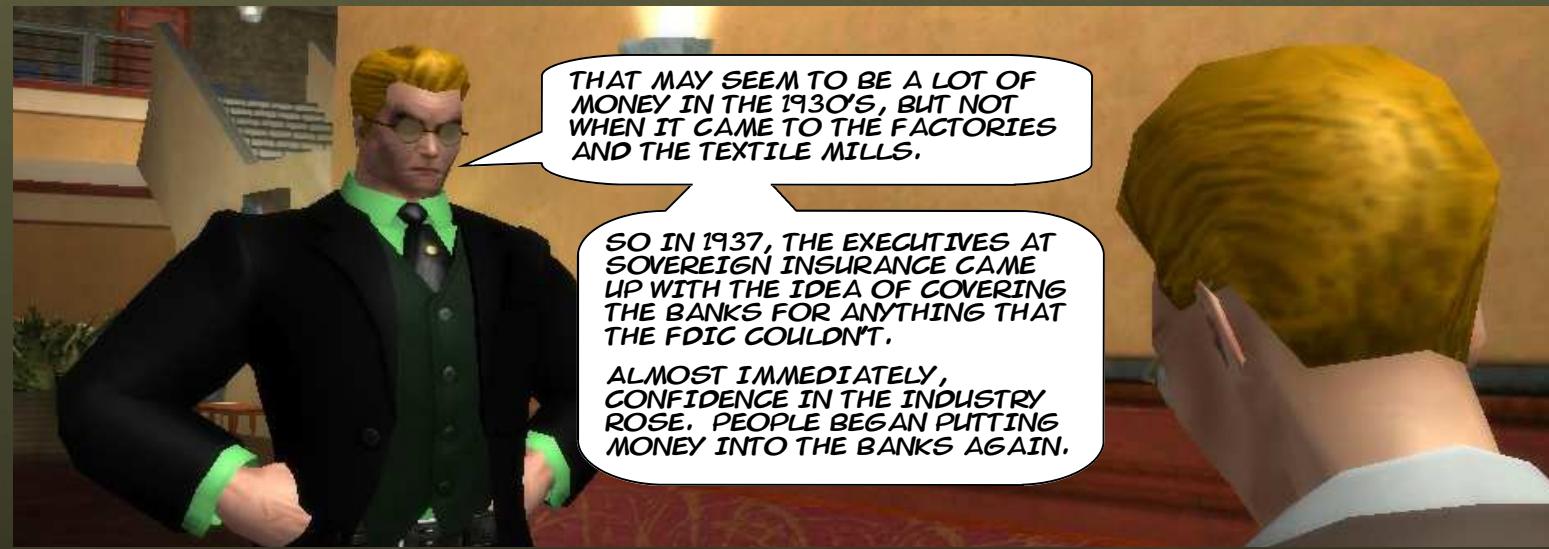
YES, BUT DOESN'T THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INSURE EVERY BANK ACCOUNT IN AMERICA?

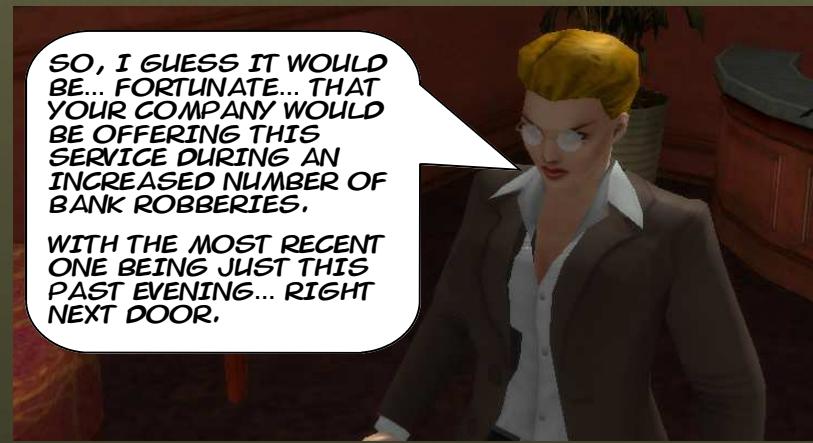
I THINK IT'S CALLED THE... FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION?

WEREN'T THEY CREATED TO MAKE SURE THAT CUSTOMERS HAD UNHINDERED ACCESS TO THEIR ACCOUNTS?

YES, BUT THERE ARE LIMITS TO THAT COVERAGE.

IN 1935, THAT LIMIT WAS FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER ACCOUNT.





A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...

MY GOD... ARE YOU SERIOUS? THEY ACTUALLY HAD YOU... ROB THAT BANK?

WELL, I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS FOR REAL UNTIL THEY TOLD US TO WAIT OUT FRONT.

I GUESS I WAS KIND OF LUCKY, OR ELSE I WOULD HAVE BEEN IN JAIL TOO.

WOW... THAT... THAT REALLY COMPLICATES THINGS!

I MEAN, YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAD NO IDEA THAT THIS WAS GOING ON! WE HERE WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS WAS A LEGITIMATE OPERATION; DONE WITH THE FULL APPROVAL OF THE BANKS!

 ROBERT  
"EMPLOYMENT RECRUITER"

I'LL HAVE TO TAKE THIS UP WITH MY SUPERIORS.

IN THE MEANTIME, WHY DON'T YOU HEAD ON BACK TO THE HOTEL, AND I'LL GET THIS SQUARED AWAY AND I'LL CONTACT YOU AS TO WHAT WE CAN DO NEXT.

O-OKEY... BUT ONLY BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN SO KIND TO ME...

I HAD TO PRETEND TO BE "GRATEFUL" TO ROBERT, EVEN THOUGH EVERY INSTINCT IN ME SAID TO ARREST HIM.

I ALSO NEEDED TO SEE HIM HERE AT HIS OFFICE SO WE WOULD KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN WE EVENTUALLY RAID IT TO SHUT THIS WHOLE "RECRUITMENT" SCAM DOWN.

OUROBOROS - NEAR THE END OF TIME.

OH COME ON!

OUROBOROS AGAIN?!

I'M GETTING REALLY TIRED OF BEING SHANGHAIED BY YOU GUYS!

THE LAST TIME I GOT DRAGGED HERE AGAINST MY WILL, I ENDED UP LOSING SEVERAL MONTHS OF MY LIFE, NOT TO MENTION THE GUARDIANS HAD TO TAKE ON STARYGNUS WITHOUT ME!\*

AND AT LEAST THEN I HAD A RECEPTION COMMITTEE WELCOMING ME HERE!

I GUESS THIS TIME AROUND I DON'T EVEN RATE AN ACOLYTE.

(\*SPOTLIGHT\* 18-22 AGAIN)

SUPPOSE I BETTER START AT THE TOP.

MENDER SILOS...

I THINK SOMEONE HERE OWES ME AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY I GOT PULLED OUT OF THE 21ST CENTURY.







YEAH, BENDIX V.  
PARAGON CITY.

BENDIX WAS A  
FREEDOM CORPS  
OFFICER THAT WAS  
FIRED FOR GROSS  
NEGLIGENCE AND  
NOW HE'S DECIDED  
TO FIGHT IT.

BENDIX...

BENDIX...

WHY SHOULD I  
REMEMBER THAT  
NAME?

 NOBLE SON  
JUNIOR PROSECUTOR

WELL I'M NOT SURPRISED THAT  
YOU'VE HEARD NAME BEFORE...

THE GUY WAS A REAL SLACKER,  
SET UP A QUOTA SYSTEM FOR  
BAGGING GANG MEMBERS IN  
ATLAS PARK, AND THEN WENT  
TO THE OFFICER'S CLUB TO  
GET DRUNK WITH HIS TEAM.

THEN SOME JUNIOR HERO  
NEEDED HELP AND THEY  
WEREN'T THERE FOR HER. GOT  
BEAT UP PRETTY BAD TOO.

IN FACT I JUST  
CALLED UP THE  
JUNIOR HERO  
IN QUESTION  
TO COME HERE  
AND VERIFY THE  
INCIDENT IN A  
DEPOSITION.

PYROGURL  
SAID SHE'D BE  
HERE LATER IN  
THE WEEK.

WHAT?!?

ARE YOU OUT OF  
YOUR MIND?  
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN  
KEEPING EYE ON  
THE NEWS?

WELL I KNOW THAT  
THERE'S THAT  
CITIZEN GRAND  
JURY THING WITH  
HER\*, BUT THIS IS  
A COMPLETELY  
SEPARATE CASE.



ONE OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A NORMAL GRAND JURY AND ONE INVOKED BY THE CITIZENS UNDER OUR CITY'S CHARTER IS THAT THE CITIZEN GRAND JURY DOESN'T HAVE THE SAME POWER TO SUBPOENA PEOPLE AS WE DO.

IN OTHER WORDS, AS LONG AS PYROGURL STAYS IN BOSTON, ALICE BANKS CAN'T FORCE HER COME HERE TO TESTIFY AND USE HER TESTIMONY AS AMMUNITION FOR HER ANTI-HERO WITCH HUNT.



IT'S VERY POSSIBLE THAT THE WHOLE CASE WITH BENDIX SUDDENLY DECIDING TO FIGHT HIS TERMINATION WAS FABRICATED JUST TO BRING PYROGURL HERE TO PARAGON CITY!

YOU COULD HAVE JUST AS EASILY PERFORMED THE DEPOSITION IN BOSTON AND KEPT HER AWAY FROM MISSUS BANKS.

DID YOU ALREADY CONFIRM THE DEPOSITION WITH COUNCIL?



KINGS ROW STATIONHOUSE - AN HOUR LATER...

CAPTAIN?

A WORD PLEASE.

OF COURSE.

I JUST GOT BACK  
FROM CHIEF  
CLAYTON'S  
OFFICE...

THE BRASS HAS  
GREEN-LIT THE RAID  
ON THE CLEAN-UP  
TEAM'S WORKPLACE.

BUT... NOT ON THE  
RECRUITMENT GROUP,  
AND CERTAINLY NOT  
ON SOVEREIGN  
INSURANCE.

WHAT?

LIEUTENANT KEENE,  
THAT DOESN'T  
MAKE SENSE!

THE CLEANERS  
WORK FOR THE  
RECRUITERS, AND  
THEY IN TURN WORK  
FOR SOVEREIGN  
INSURANCE!

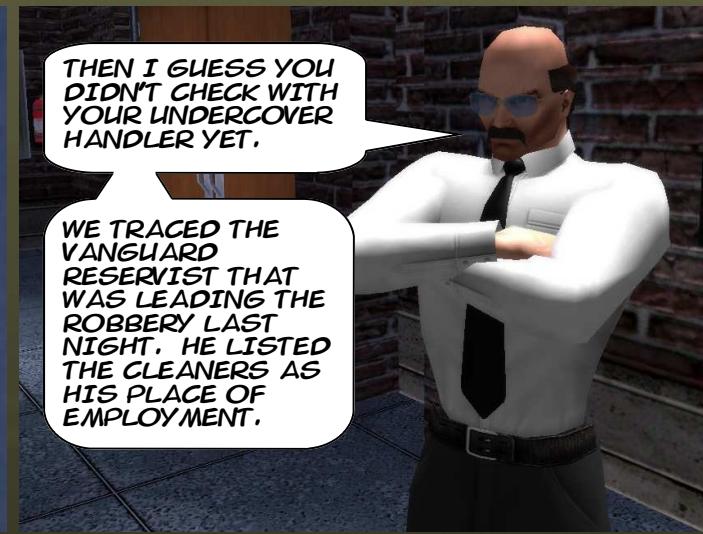
THE BACKGROUND  
WORK THAT LYON  
POWERS DID WITH  
THE F.B.S.A.  
EARLIER SHOWED  
THAT SOVEREIGN  
HAS BEEN  
PROFITING FROM  
THE STORIES OF  
THE INCREASED  
ROBBERIES.

AND IT WAS  
GOOD WORK ON  
HER PART...

BUT IT WAS ALSO  
CIRCUMSTANTIAL.  
YOU NEED PROVE A  
DIRECT LINK... "A"  
TO "B" TO "C".

THE LINK TO THE RECRUITERS IS  
SHAKY AT BEST. FROM YOUR OWN  
REPORT YOU SAID THAT THE  
"TRAINING SEMINAR" WAS SET UP  
VERY CAREFULLY TO MAKE IT  
SOUND LIKE THE BANKS WERE IN  
ON ALL THE OPERATIONS.

WE NEED TO PROVE THAT THEY  
KNOW OTHERWISE.



(\* ISSUE #2)



"THIS IS RELAY CENTER 2853.  
PLEASE LEAVE A NAME AND  
CONTACT NUMBER." \*BEEP\*

"THE CONFIRMATION WORD  
IS SLEEPING BEAR."

"PLEASE HOLD."

"PLEASE REPEAT THE  
CONFIRMATION WORD."

"THE CONFIRMATION WORD  
IS SLEEPING BEAR."

"SLEEPING BEAR, YOU WERE  
INSTRUCTED TO NOT UTILIZE  
THIS RELAY CENTER UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE."

"WE HAVE AN URGENT UPDATE ON CAPTAIN  
PARAGONNA'S INVESTIGATION.  
PRIORITY: PARASOL."

"WE WILL RELAY THE INFORMATION THIS  
ONE TIME, BUT THIS RELAY CENTER  
MUST BE SHUT DOWN AFTERWARD."

"UNDERSTOOD.

WE WERE ABLE TO VETO THE RAID ON THE  
GENERAL, BUT NOT ON THE SERVICE."

"THIS DOES NOT WARRANT A  
PARASOL PRIORITY."

"IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT A  
NEGATIVE MEDIA PRESENCE WILL  
TURN PUBLIC SUPPORT AWAY  
FROM FURTHER ACTION."

"THE RAID WILL BE COMMENCING  
WITHIN THE HOUR. OPERATIVES  
NEED TO TAKE STEPS TO MINIMIZE  
INCRIMINATING MATERIAL."

"WE MUST REMIND YOU THAT  
THIS NETWORK IS TO REMAIN  
LOW-KEY, ESPECIALLY IN  
REGARDS TO MATTERS  
INVOLVING CAPTAIN  
PARAGONNA'S FORMER GROUP."

"OPERATIVES IN THE SERVICE  
WILL BE ALERTED TO RESPOND  
ACCORDINGLY.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE?"

"IF YOU WANT ONE OF THE  
OLDEST MEMBERS OF THE  
NETWORK TO BE TAKEN DOWN  
BY THEM, THAT'S FINE."

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
PROTECT MEMBERS OF THE  
NETWORK WHENEVER  
POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, WE  
MUST DO SO WITHOUT  
ATTRACTING ATTENTION."

"VERY WELL.  
ARRANGEMENTS  
WILL BE MADE  
THIS ONE TIME.  
DO NOT CONTACT  
THIS RELAY  
CENTER AGAIN."

"WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THE  
SAFETY OF SAID MEMBER  
FROM THIS INVESTIGATION  
WITHOUT PUBLIC PRESSURE.

WILL YOU CONTACT THE  
MEDIA TO MAKE THE  
ARRANGEMENTS?"

 MISTER CADE  
TECHNOMANCER

AN HOUR LATER...



I DON'T LIKE BEING  
TOLD TO JUST STAND  
BACK. WHY EVEN  
BRING ME IN IF I'M  
JUST GONNA STAND  
HERE LIKE A DONKEY?

LYON POWERS  
WELSH SUPERHERO



IT'S... JUST THIS...  
FIRST GROUP...

DON'T WORRY...



WHO'S WORRIED? I  
JUST THINK YOU HAVE  
SOME ANGER ISSUES.

YOU TRY LIVING UNDERCOVER  
FOR A FEW DAYS AND YOU'LL  
GET A LITTLE ANTSY TOO.

OKAY... I THINK I GOT IT OUT  
OF MY SYSTEM. FEEL FREE TO  
JUMP IN ANYTIME.





MINUTES LATER...

OKAY, THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.

WHAT? I MEAN, WE ARRESTED THE STAFF MEMBERS THAT ATTACKED US... WE HAVE THE AREA CLEARED OUT AN' HAVE UNIFORMS AT ALL THE ENTRANCES.

THE OWNER'S OFFICE.  
IT'S... TOO CLEAN.  
NO PHONE, NOT EVEN PERSONAL PICTURES.

IT'S ALMOST LIKE... IT'S A STORE DISPLAY.  
EVEN THE PAPERS ON THE DESK LOOK LIKE THEY'RE JUST GIBBERISH.

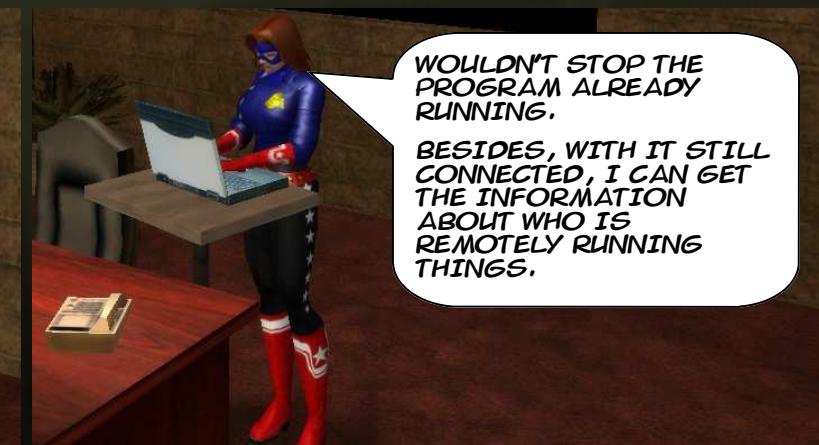
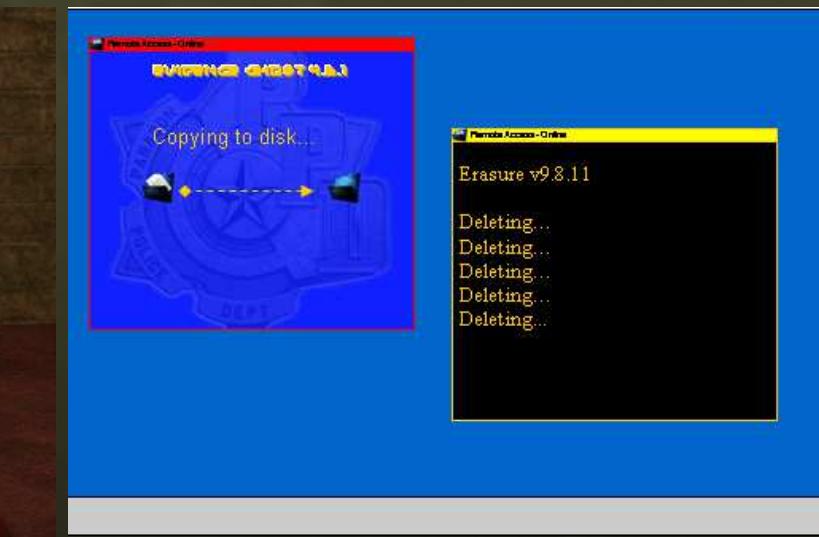
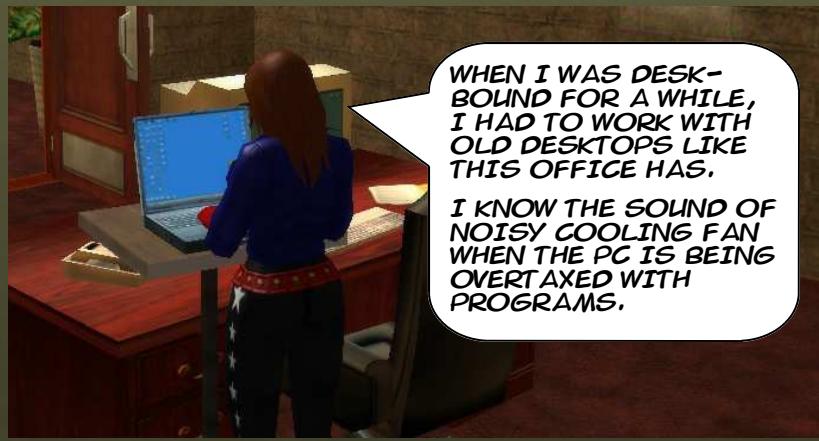
THEY KNEW THAT WE WERE COMING.  
THEY WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO MAKE SURE ANY KIND OF POTENTIAL EVIDENCE IS DESTROYED.

HOLD ON...  
THAT SOUNDS LIKE...

CAP? WHY ARE YOU GOIN' IN THERE?

COME ON!  
I FOUND IT!

I WAS RIGHT!  
THESE COMPUTERS ARE BEING SCRIBBED BY A REMOTE SYSTEM ON THEIR NETWORK!  
BUT THIS IS AN OLDER COMPUTER, SO IT TAKES LONGER TO COMPLY!



LATER THAT DAY...





**POLICE RAID: WRONG?**

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**CITIZENS REACT ON RAID** **PNN**  
Paragon News Network



**WAS RAID WRONG?**

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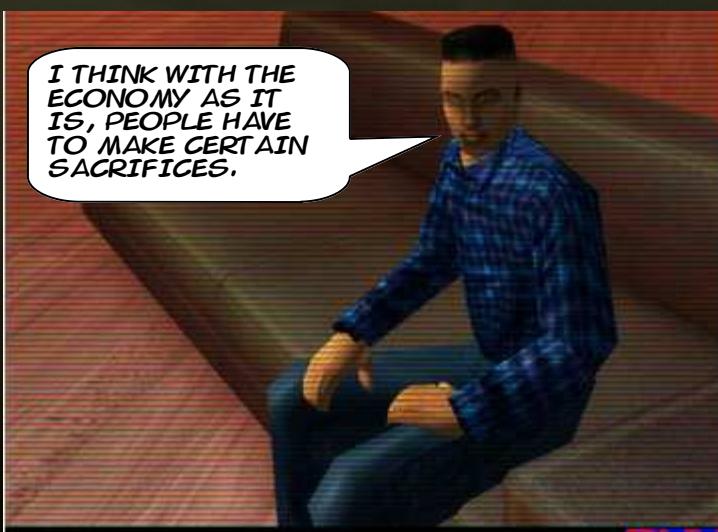
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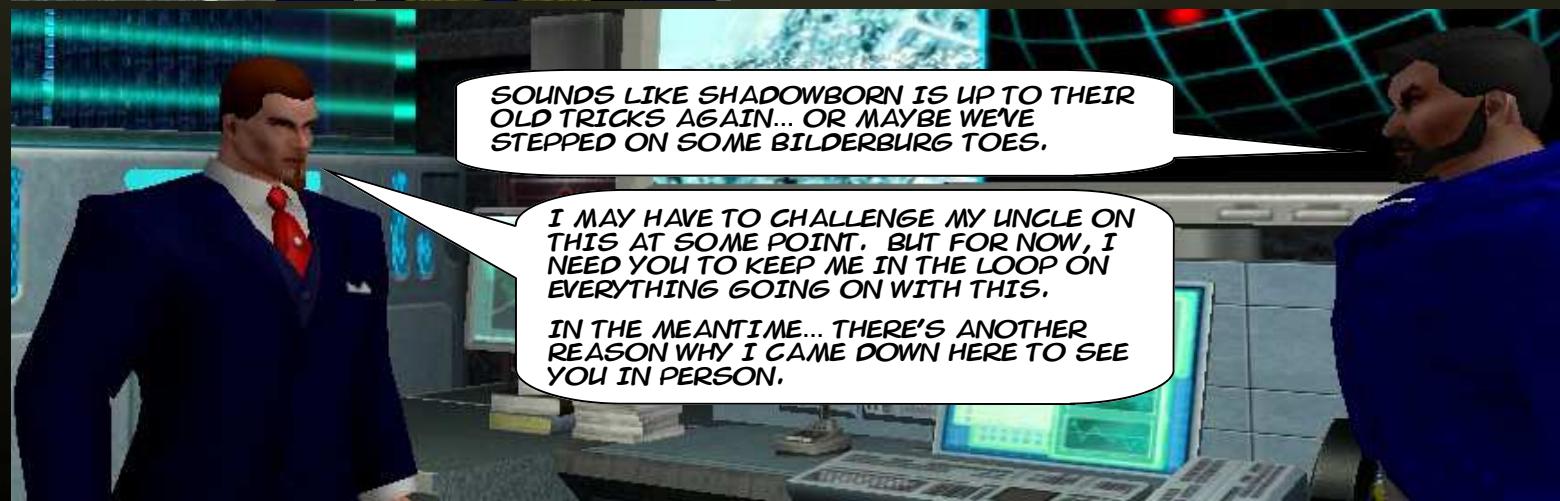


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# POWER TRIP



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

FROM THE DESK OF...

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### Ouroboros:

I often consider it to be arrogant presumptiveness to think that time would be something that can be policed and controlled. The entities that consider themselves to be the "masters of time" end up being either woefully impotent or dangerously megalomaniacal.



The first group of "ultimate enforcers" that I encountered were the Utopians; the same beings from the universe that Doc Tor came from. At first, they were masters of just time and space for their own universe, but once they discovered the existence of other universes, they claimed jurisdiction over them as well. They claimed that they're just observers, but when the time came to deal with the demigod Alor, they finally decided they needed to act only after Tor took action on his own. Their "action" involved recruiting hundreds of heroes, such as myself, from other universes and time periods. When the battle was done, though, only myself and one other hero survived, and I didn't know until recently that this other hero was Daybright, a hero that recruited in 2010 by Libra, not by the Utopians.

The second group of "time enforcers" that I have come across are the Menders of Ouroboros. Unlike the Utopians, though, they are quite content in sticking to matters of time within this universe.

The Menders claim to be operatives from various points in time, although most of the operatives appear to be from humanity's future. They each talk about a future event known as "The Coming Storm", and that they have been trying to prevent it from taking place, even though by their own admission, it has already started with the destruction of Galaxy City.

Their base of operations, Ouroboros, is situated near the theoretical end of all time. It is a continual paradox, keeping itself minutes away from complete oblivion by folding time in on itself into a bubble. What holds it in that state of perpetual paradox is something called the Pillar of Ice and Flame, a living paradox in and of itself. The Pillar also allows others to travel through time and thus make changes to it.

The Menders have insulated themselves with a collection of allies, including the Greek god Prometheus, and with several of Paragon City's heroes, including Flower Knight. They have also recruited Galatea on more than one occasion, and in one instance they held her for several months with no reason given. This has rightly made her question their motives.

There is one hero that they refuse to work with, though.

As a former time manipulator, Doc Tor has been deemed too "dangerous" for the Menders to allow access to the Pillar. They have every reason to be concerned, although you have to wonder if that fear is out of concern for what he could do, or of what he will find out about their activities.

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## EDITOR'S NOTES:

### THE WRITING ON THE WALL...

Readers of “**Guardians of the Dawn Spotlight**” may recall that certain “cryptic messages” were scribbled on chalkboards in various locations, most notably in the Guardian Base. Some were in reference to events that soon happened, and others were references to things that went on in Paragon City.



In Issue #3, we saw the return of the “cryptic chalkboard” and its strange messages, and I’m sure you’ll find that some of them are strange indeed.

But if you pay attention to the story, you’ll start to discover that each message is connected somehow to an event that either has happened or will happen. In fact, at least two references are connected to this very issue. Can you spot them?

For more about the “cryptic chalkboard” and other little secrets of the series, be sure to visit the official website for The Guardian Powers...

<http://GuardiansOfTheDawn.wordpress.com>

### NEXT ISSUE...



WITH PYROGURL RETURNING TO PARAGON CITY, CAN THE GUARDIANS KEEP HER FROM BEING USED IN ALICE BANKS' WITCH-HUNT?

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