



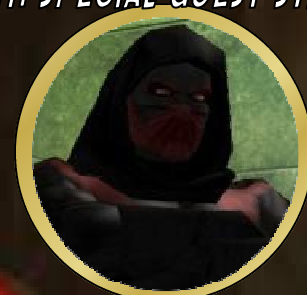
FROM THE CREATOR OF "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT"



TALES FROM PARAGON CITY

FEATURING... "The Major"

WITH SPECIAL GUEST STAR...



SIN STALKER



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 MAKE HELP TO MAKE PARAGON CITY A SAFER PLACE TO BE FOR EVERYONE. THESE ARE THEIR STORIES...

TALES FROM PARAGON CITY

"THE WYVERN CATASTROPHE" - A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

THE PRIVATE SECURITY GROUP KNOWN AS WYVERN WAS SUPPOSEDLY CREATED BY PARAGON CITY'S WEALTHIEST FAMILIES FOR PROTECTION AND PRIVATE INVESTIGATION.

IN TRUTH, THEY WERE A PRIVATE ARMY CREATED BY JUSTIN SINCLAIR, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SUPERHERO MANTICORE, TO DO THE THINGS THAT THE POLICE AND SUPERHERO GROUPS COULDN'T BY LAW OR ETHICS.

FOR YEARS, WYVERN HAD AN UNEASY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FREEDOM CORPS, THE HERO SUPPORT TEAM CREATED TO AID THE FREEDOM PHALANX. BUT IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THAT RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE PUT TO THE TEST...

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GOOD AFTERNOON PARAGON CITY, I'M ROBIN STEED AND THIS IS PNN NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 30TH, 2005...

OUR TOP STORY... WE ARE NOW TWENTY-NINE DAYS INTO THE SHIPPING BLOCKADE OF THE ROGUE ISLES IMPOSED BY THE PRIVATE GROUP WYVERN. FOR MORE INFORMATION, LET'S TURN TO OUR PNN CONTRIBUTOR, MONICA MUNROE... MONICA?



BLOCKADE

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"ROBIN, FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY, SHIPS LIKE THIS ONE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO WAIT JUST OUTSIDE OF THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE ROGUE ISLES. FORCED TO WAIT ON ORDERS OF THE PRIVATE ARMY CALLED WYVERN."



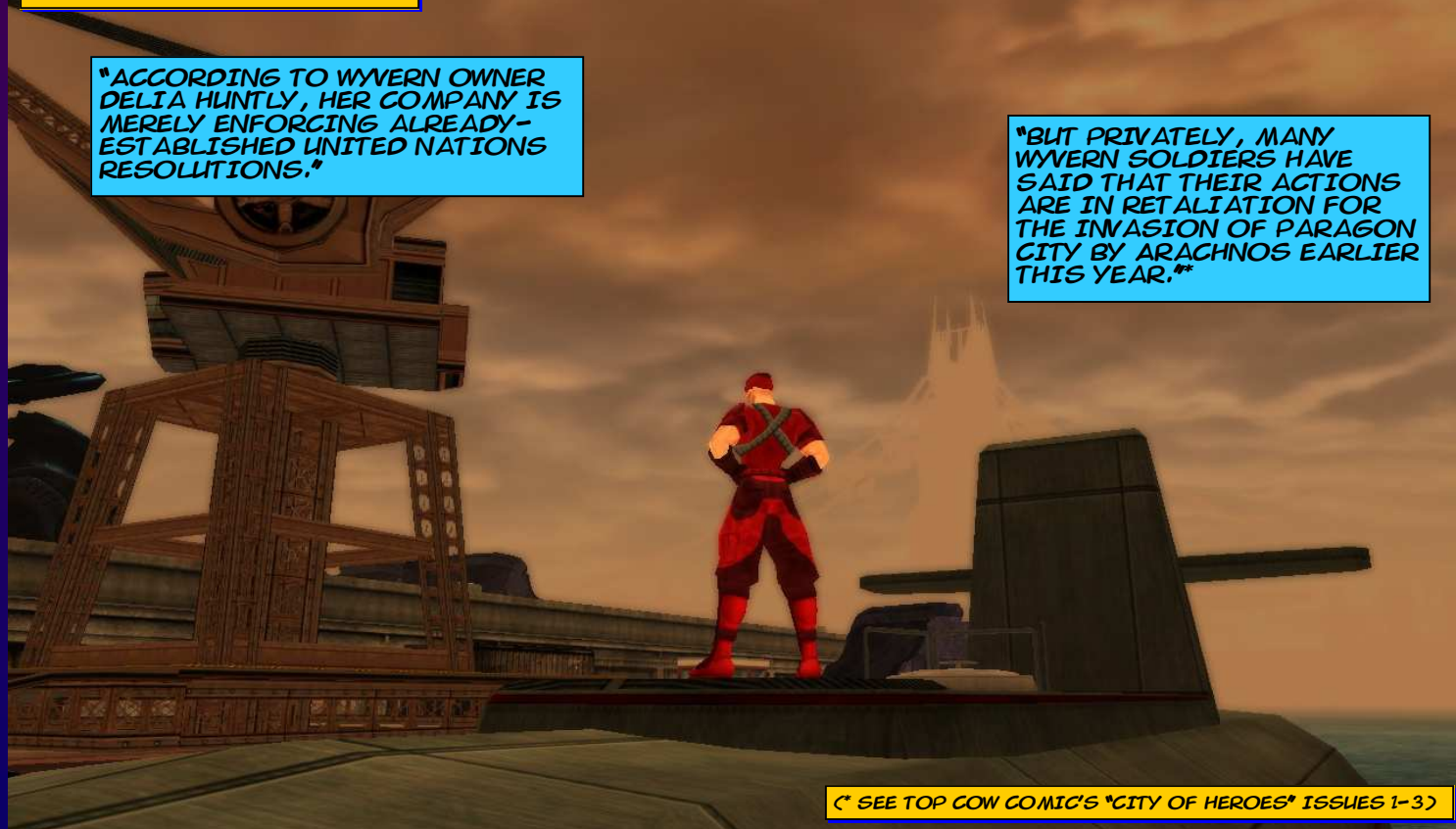
"WYVERN AGENTS HAVE BOARDED SHIPS THAT TRIED TO CHALLENGE THEIR PRIVATE BLOCKADE, SEIZING CARGO THEY CLAIM CONTAIN ILLEGAL WEAPONS."

VOICE OF MONICA MUNROE · ATLANTIC OCEAN

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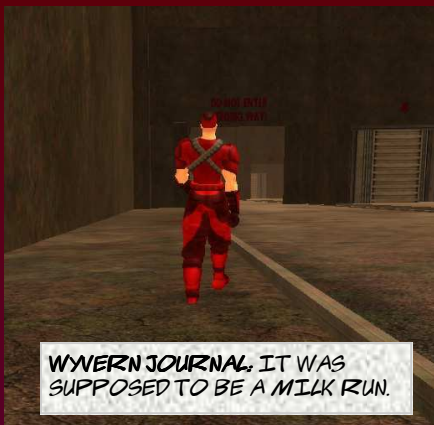
ON AN ISLAND NEAR GRANDVILLE...

"ACCORDING TO WYVERN OWNER DELIA HUNTLY, HER COMPANY IS MERELY ENFORCING ALREADY-ESTABLISHED UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS."



"BUT PRIVATELY, MANY WYVERN SOLDIERS HAVE SAID THAT THEIR ACTIONS ARE IN RETALIATION FOR THE INVASION OF PARAGON CITY BY ARACHNOS EARLIER THIS YEAR."

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WYVERN JOURNAL. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A MILK RUN.



GET SOMETHING STOLEN FROM US AND BRING IT BACK.



I SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO EVEN LEAVE THE SUB.

REPORT.



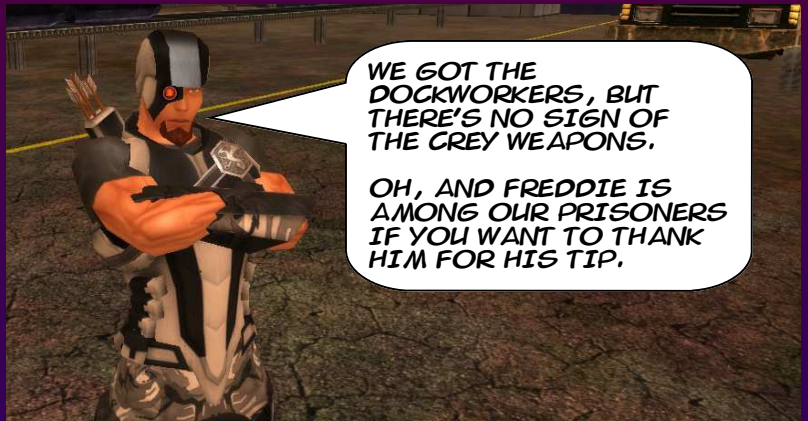
STORAGE BAY SECURED, MAJOR, BUT THE CRATES ARE NOT WHERE WE WERE TOLD THEY SHOULD BE.



I REALLY HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE LET ME DOWN.



TALK TO ME, LIEUTENANT.



WE GOT THE DOCKWORKERS, BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF THE GREY WEAPONS.

OH, AND FREDDIE IS AMONG OUR PRISONERS IF YOU WANT TO THANK HIM FOR HIS TIP.




YOU LIED TO ME, FREDDIE.




N-NO MAJOR! NO, I **SWEAR** IT WAS HERE! JUST BEFORE MY SHIFT SOMEONE CAME IN AND TOOK THE WEAPONS.




HOW
CONVENIENT.
HOW ABOUT
A NAME TO
GO WITH THE
EXCUSE?



TIBELLUS.
ARBITER TIBELLUS.
HE'S THE ONE WHO
CAME IN AND TOOK
ALL THE WEAPONS,
I SWEAR!



THIS IS THE
MAJOR. I WANT A
FULL PROFILE OF
ARBITER TIBELLUS
READY FOR MY
VIEWING WHEN I
RETURN TO
PARAGON CITY.



JONES, YOU
KNOW WHAT WE
DO TO
SNITCHES
THAT FAIL US?

YES,
MAJOR.

N-NO...
PLEASE!



RELAX. WE'RE JUST
GOING TO TIE YOU
UP AND MAKE YOU
WATCH LIVE BOLL
MOVIES WHILE WE
TAKE OFF WITH ALL
OF THE JUNK FOOD.

DO WE START WITH
HIS EARLIER
GERMAN FILMS?

ARE YOU KIDDING?

START WITH "ALONE
IN THE DARK" AND
THEN FINISH WITH
THE BOOTLEG
VERSION OF
"BLOODRAYNE"...

WITHOUT THE SKIN
SCENE!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT
WILL ANNOY LORD
RECLUSE EVEN WORSE...

HIS DOCK WORKERS
CAUGHT WATCHING
BOOTLEG MOVIES?

OR THAT WE'RE GOING
TO RETAKE ALL OF THE
MUNCHIES HE STOLE
WHEN HE RETREATED
FROM PARAGON CITY?

I HEAR THE LATTER IS
ACTUALLY A DEATH
PENALTY OFFENSE.

HE'S KIDDING, RIGHT?

I MEAN, LORD RECLUSE
REALLY IS FOND OF HIS
GARLIC CHIPS.

THEY'RE STILL SPRAYING
OFF THE WALLS FROM THE
LAST GUY THAT FORGOT TO
STOCK UP HIS SNACKS.

COME ON! AT LEAST LEAVE
HIM ONE BAG!

I HATE HAVING TO RETURN TO PARAGON
CITY EMPTY-HANDED... BUT I HAVE NO
OTHER CHOICE.

THIS "TIBELLUS" NEEDS TO PAY FOR
RUINING MY RECOVERY OPERATION.

I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M EVEN BOTHERING TO HELP YOU.

FORTUNATELY I HAVE A FRIEND IN CITY HALL...

THAT'S ALL YOU DO NOWADAYS, CAIN.

YOU CALL AND DEMAND THINGS FROM ME.

YOU DON'T EVEN BOTHER WITH THE PRETENSE OF GOING ON A DATE WITH ME!

WYVERN DOESN'T HAVE HALF THE INTEL ON ALL OF THE FIELD ARBITERS AS THEY SHOULD. THIS "ARBITER TIBELLUS" ISN'T EVEN LISTED IN OUR DATABASE.

SO YOU THINK THAT E.L.I.T.E.* SHOULD JUST FILL IN THE GAPS?

I'M JUST GETTING THAT OFFICE STARTED UP AND I'M ALREADY GETTING HEAT FROM THE FREEDOM CORPS JUST FROM MY SO-CALLED "RELATIONSHIP" WITH YOU!

(* E.L.I.T.E. - ENHANCED LOGISTICS FOR INSIGHT AND TACTICAL EXCELLENCE. FEDERAL AGENCY FOR NATURAL-BASED HEROES.)

WHAT'S THIS NOTE FOR "T. BELLO" ON LAST MONTH'S LONGBOW REPORT?

WHAT? WHAT'S THAT LOOK FOR?

I JUST ASKED YOU A QUESTION!

SIGH...

MY BROTHER WAS RIGHT ABOUT YOU.

YOU REALLY DON'T CARE ABOUT ME, DO YOU? ONLY WHAT I CAN GIVE YOU, LIKE LONGBOW FILES.

WHAT? SUSAN, YOU'RE BEING RIDICULOUS! AND YOUR GIMP BROTHER IS A MORON!

I TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT THIS BIT WITH WYVERN AND THE BLOCKADE IS IMPORTANT TO ME, AND TO THE CITY!

WE'RE KICKING LORD RECLUSE WHERE IT HURTS, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT LONGBOW DOESN'T HAVE THE TESTICULAR FORTITUDE TO DO BECAUSE THEY'RE BEING LED BY WOMEN!

SO FIRST YOU INSULT MY FAMILY, AND THEN YOU BRING SEXISM INTO THIS?

FOR THE RECORD, RICK DAVIES DID MORE FOR THIS CITY AS A HERO THAN YOU EVER WILL!

OKAY, "MAJOR", HERE'S YOUR LAST HELPFUL HINT FROM ME...

TINA BELLO IS A POP STAR FROM BLOODY BAY. SHE'S HERE TO DO A CHARITY CONCERT FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE SHIVAN METEOR ATTACK. IT'S PROBABLY A REFERENCE TO WHEN THIS "TIBELLUS" WILL BE MEETING HERE IN PARAGON CITY.



A FEMALE ARBITER?
THAT'S A SWITCH!

AND THEY DIDN'T
NOTICE THE
SIMILARITIES IN
THE NAME?

STUPID, STUPID,
STUPID!

LISTEN, SUZE, I
REALLY APPRECI-

SAVE IT,
CAIN.

THAT'S THE LAST TIME I'M
SHARING ANYTHING WITH
YOU. A ROOM, A DRINK...
ANYTHING. EVEN THE TIME
OF DAY IF I CAN HELP IT!

YOU DON'T EVEN DRESS
LIKE A NORMAL PERSON
ANYMORE! YOU'VE REALLY
LET THE WHOLE MERCENARY
ROGUE AGENT THING GO
RIGHT TO YOUR HEAD!



I'M TRYING TO FIGHT A WAR,
SUZE... WHY CAN'T YOU
UNDERSTAND THAT?

I KNOW MOST PEOPLE HERE
WANT TO PRETEND THAT
RECLUSE DIDN'T TAKE OVER
THIS CITY A FEW MONTHS BACK,
BUT HE DID! HE DID, AND WE
HAVE TO HIT HIM BACK FOR IT.

AND I'M DOING THAT! NOT
YOUR BROTHER, NOT THE
FREEDOM PHALANX, AND
CERTAINLY NOT LONGBOW!

IF IT MEANS STEPPING ON
SOME TOES... IF IT MEANS
BREAKING SOME RULES... IF
IT MEANS STARVING SOME
BABIES... THEN SO BE IT.

YOU USED TO UNDERSTAND
THAT. WHY CAN'T YOU NOW?



BECAUSE YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO BE
BETTER THAN THAT.

YOU **USED** TO BE
BETTER THAN THAT.

NOW ALL I SEE IS
SOME BITTER MERC
LOOKING FOR
BROWNIE POINTS.

GOODBYE
CAIN.

AND DON'T
EVER CALL
ME AGAIN.



DOWN STUPID
DITZ...

"SNIFF.."

CORRECTION. I HAD A FRIEND
IN CITY HALL...

GOOD LUCK GETTING THE FILE
BACK FROM ME AS WELL!

A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...

THE CITY IS A FRAUD. HALF THE BUILDINGS ARE STILL CLOSED.

THIS "QUICK LOAN" OFFICE IS ONE OF THE SUSPECTED ARACHNOS HIDEOUTS.

WHAT THE... ?

TIME FOR ME TO "FDIC" THIS LITTLE SPIDER-AND-LOAN BIZ.

IT TURNS OUT WYVERN IS NOT THE ONLY GROUP THAT IS "FREELANCING" THE TROOPS IN THE FIELD.

THIS ARACHNOS TROOPER LOOKS LESS LIKE A SOLDIER AND MORE LIKE A DENTIST.

I WONDER IF LORD RECLUSE EVEN KNOWS WHAT THIS "ARBITER TIBELLUS" IS DOING HERE IN PARAGON CITY.

ALTHOUGH... FEMALE ARBITER... I GUESS I SHOULD EXPECT HER TO BE A FASHIONISTA WITH THE TROOPS.

HUH? WHOP

Fwap!

HE'S WYVERN! SHOOT HIM!

THIS KEVLAR-5 STUFF STINGS! WHY CAN'T THEY JUST LET US USE GUNS?

Budda-Budda
Budda-Budda
Budda-Budda



SO YOU GOT A NAME?

SEEMS I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE LOOKING INTO THIS OPERATION.



GUESS HE AIN'T GOT ONE.



WAIT... WHAT'S THAT?



SHOOT HIM! SHOOT HIM!

Budda-Budda
Budda-Budda
Budda-Budda



STILL... IT DOES HELP HAVING A FEW TRICK ARROWS AROUND.



UNNH!

Fwap!



SO, YOU REALLY GOT A NAME? OR ARE YOU JUST GOING TO GLARE AT ME AS WELL?

..NNH.. SIN STALKER.

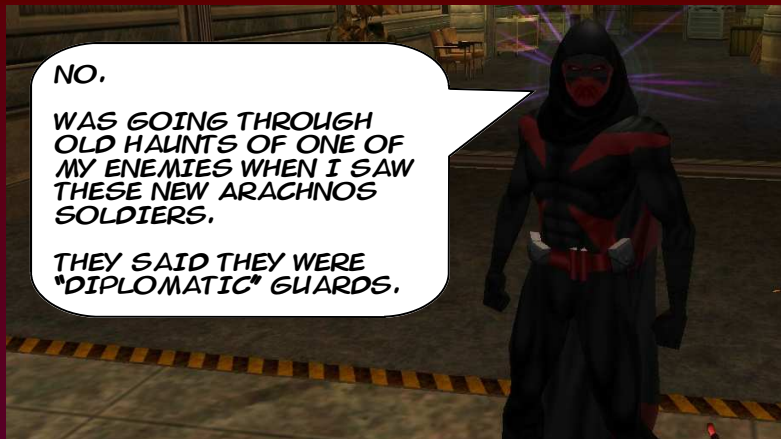
YOU'RE WITH WYVERN, BUT THAT'S NOT STANDARD ATTIRE. MY GUESS IS YOU'RE NORMALLY ON THE "BLOCKADE".

I DON'T CARE FOR THESE STREET VIGILANTES. MY KID BROTHER THINKS THEY'RE THE NEATEST THINGS IN THE WORLD. I JUST DON'T SEE THE APPEAL.

STILL... I'LL TAKE ALL THE HELP I CAN FIND RIGHT NOW. EVEN FROM CAPES.



THE NAME IS
CAIN, BUT FOLKS
JUST CALL ME
"THE MAJOR". I'M
HUNTING DOWN
AN ARACHNOS
ARBITER NAMED
TIBELLUS. EVER
HEAR OF HER?



NO.
WAS GOING THROUGH
OLD HAUNTS OF ONE OF
MY ENEMIES WHEN I SAW
THESE NEW ARACHNOS
SOLDIERS.
THEY SAID THEY WERE
"DIPLOMATIC" GUARDS.



HEH... NO SUCH
THING IN MY BOOK.

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE
COVERING THE SAME
GROUND RIGHT NOW.
WANT TO AT LEAST
SEE IT THROUGH?



FOR
NOW.

TAKE THE
LEAD.



UGH!

BANG!



YOU STUPID
\$#/T!

I HATE GETTING
SHOT LIKE THAT!

NOTE: KEVLAR-S MATERIAL ONLY
PROTECTS YOU FROM THE
BULLET. **IT DOES NOT** PROTECT
YOU FROM THE IMPACT!

NOW YOU KNOW WHY THAT CAPE
WANTED ME TO LEAD.

Fwap!



OKAY SIN
HERE'S...

YOU! WHAT ARE
YOU... AARRGGHH!

OH FRAG
ME!



I DON'T
SUPPOSE
ANY
TALKED?

HE'S GOOD. BETTER THAN I
EXPECTED. FOR A CAPE.



NO. NO
SIGN OF
THEIR
BOSS.



HE'S RUNNING ON
AUTOMATIC.

IT MAKES ME WONDER
HOW HE COULD HAVE
GOTTEN CAUGHT IN THE
FIRST PLACE.



OR IF HE LET HIMSELF
GET CAUGHT JUST TO SEE
WHO ELSE WAS HERE.



UNFORTUNATELY HE'S NOT HELPING ME
FIND THIS ARBITER. I NEED SOMEONE
AWAKE TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS.

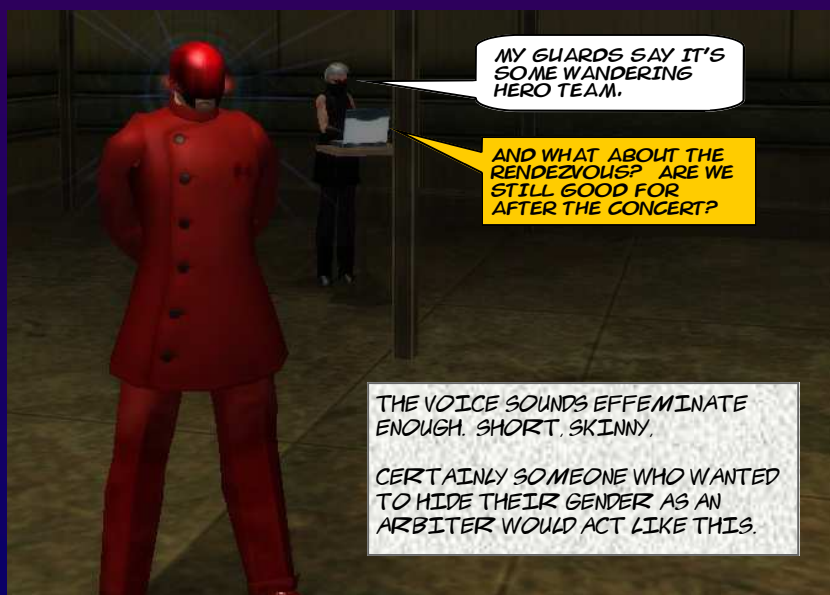
I NEED SOMEONE TO TELL ME WHERE
TIBELLUS IS BEFORE SHE DOES
WHATEVER IT IS SHE NEEDED THOSE
CREY WEAPONS FOR.



WAIT...

NO, IT'S
NOTHING.

JACKPOT!



MY GUARDS SAY IT'S
SOME WANDERING
HERO TEAM.

AND WHAT ABOUT THE
RENDEZVOUS? ARE WE
STILL GOOD FOR
AFTER THE CONCERT?

THE VOICE SOUNDS EFFEMINATE
ENOUGH. SHORT. SKINNY.

CERTAINLY SOMEONE WHO WANTED
TO HIDE THEIR GENDER AS AN
ARBITER WOULD ACT LIKE THIS.

ABSOLUTELY! I HAVE WAITED
A LONG TIME TO DO THIS,
AND I'M CERTAINLY NOT
GOING TO HAVE SECOND
THOUGHTS ABOUT IT NOW.

AFTER TONIGHT'S CONCERT,
PARAGON CITY WILL SEE THE
ROGUE ISLES IN A WHOLE
NEW LIGHT.

EXCELLENT! I CAN'T
WAIT UNTIL THEN!

STAY HIDDEN AND
DON'T GET CAUGHT!
YOU'RE THE REAL VIP
IN THIS CITY NOW.

ARBITER! THEY'VE
SEEN US! YOU
HAVE TO GO!

NOT SO FAST,
TIBELLUS. WYVERN IS
TAKING YOU DOWN.

I DON'T THINK
SO. BOYS...
MAKE HIM HURT.

YAAAAAAA!!!!

Budda-Budda
Budda-Budda
Budda-Budda
Budda-Budda

THEY DIDN'T KILL ME.

THEY SHOULD HAVE,
BUT THEY DIDN'T.

ARE YOU SURE HE
SAID WAS WITH
WYVERN? HE DOESN'T
DRESS LIKE THEM.

NO KILL-SHOTS. THEY
ALL HIT HIS KEVLAR,
SO THE MEDICAL
TELEPORTER WON'T
TAKE HIM AWAY.

ARE YOU KIDDING?
THAT'S THE MAJOR!
HE'S PROBABLY
STILL PISSSED ABOUT
THE GREY WEAPONS.

DOESN'T MATTER. AFTER
TONIGHT HE WON'T MATTER.
JUST DO YOUR JOBS AND
KEEP ME SAFE UNTIL AFTER
THE CONCERT...

MAJOR? MAJOR? IT'S
SIN STALKER... NNNH...
STILL ALIVE BUT YOU'RE
GOING TO HURT...

I'M GOING TO MAKE TIBELLUS
REGRET THAT MISTAKE.

THE CONCERT IN
ATLAS PLAZA...

WHERE TIBELLUS WILL
PARADE AROUND
UNMASKED AS A POP STAR
NAMED TINA BELLO...

THAT'S WHEN I'LL MAKE
TIBELLUS PAY FOR
HURTING ME... AGAIN!

THANK YOU
PARAGON CITY!

YOU'RE ALL
WONDERFUL!
YOU REALLY ARE!

TINA! TINA!
TINA! TINA!
TINA! TINA!
TINA! TINA!
TINA! TINA!
TINA! TINA!

TINA! TINA!
TINA! TINA!
TINA! TINA!
TINA! TINA!
TINA! TINA!

AND I WANT TO
THANK ALL OF YOU
WHO HAVE
CONTRIBUTED TO A
CAUSE THAT
MEANS SO MUCH
TO ME.

NO MATTER WHERE
I GO, BLOODY BAY
HAS ALWAYS BEEN
MY HOME.

WHICH IS WHY I
COULDN'T JUST SIT
BACK AND WATCH
AS A TRAGEDY THAT
HIT MY HOME LIKE
IT DID JUST SIT
AND FESTER
BECAUSE OF SOME
PETTY SQUABBLING
BETWEEN PARAGON
CITY AND THE
ROGUE ISLES.

AND SO TONIGHT'S
CONCERT WILL BE
SPECIAL NOT ONLY
FOR THE PEOPLE
OF BLOODY BAY
BUT ALSO FOR THE
REST OF PARAGON
CITY.

TONIGHT, THE
ANIMOSITY ENDS.

I'D LIKE TO HAVE MY
ASSISTANTS BRING OUT
THE SPECIAL PRESENT I
HAVE FOR... *UUNNNHHH!*

FFFwap!

"OHMIGAWD DID YOU SEE THAT?
SHE'S DOWN! TINA BELLO WAS
JUST KILLED WITH AN ARROW!"

"AND... IS THAT? YES, IT APPEARS
THAT IT WAS A WYVERN ARROW!"

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, OUR
LIVE COVERAGE OF THE CHARITY
CONCERT HAS JUST BECOME A
TRAGEDY AS SOMEONE JUST
KILLED POP STAR TINA BELLO!"

"WE'RE AWAITING CONFIRMATION
BUT... IT SEEMS THAT FREEDOM CORPS
MAY HAVE LOCATED THE ASSASSIN
THAT FIRED THAT ARROW!"

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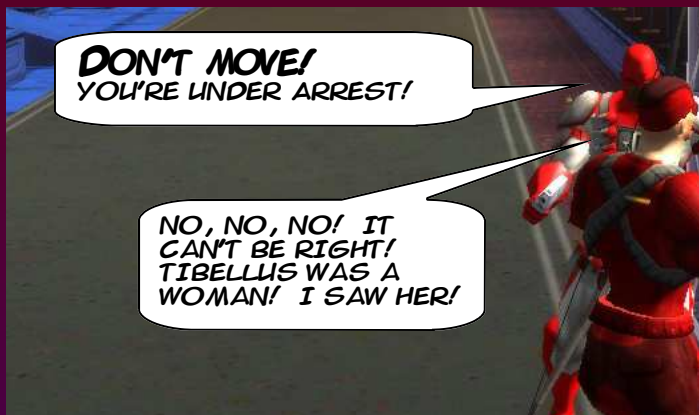
BACK DOWN,
PUSH PINS,
I JUST TOOK
DOWN YOUR
BOSS!



THE HELL
YOU DID!

YOU KILLED
HIS TWIN
SISTER!

WHAT?



DON'T MOVE!
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

NO, NO, NO! IT
CAN'T BE RIGHT!
TIBELLUS WAS A
WOMAN! I SAW HER!



YOU SAID WE
HAVE
DIPLOMATIC
IMMUNITY!

THEN LOWER
YOUR GUNS
AND BACK
DOWN!



I NEED TO
FIGURE
THIS OUT!

FFFwap!



YOU KILLED
MY SISTER!

WAIT...
NO... THAT
CAN'T BE...



UNNH!



NO! *UNNH!*

WAIT! *OW!*

I WOKE UP IN A POLICE JAIL CELL. MY DEVICES WERE GONE. MY LINKS WERE SEVERED.

I SCREWED UP.

BUT... HOW?

GET UP, KILLER!
YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER WANTS A WORD WITH YOU!

I DON'T KNOW HOW I SCREWED UP. EVERYTHING SEEMED RIGHT.

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW FAR IN IT YOU PUT US IN, "MAJOR".

YOU BETTER HAVE A GOOD REASON WHY I SHOULDN'T JUST TURN YOU OVER TO THE FREEDOM CORPS.

COLONEL REESE, SHE'S DELIA HUNTLEY'S SECOND-IN-COMMAND. NORMALLY A PAPER-PUSHER, BUT APPARENTLY SOMEONE LOANED HER A SPINE.

MA'AM, I WAS ACTING ON THE INTEL I GOT FROM LONGBOW'S FILES.

EVERYTHING IN THOSE FILES SAID THAT ARBITER TIBELLUS AND TINA BELLO WERE ONE AND THE SAME. I EVEN SAW ARBITER TIBELLUS IN THE ARACHNOS HIDEOUT AND SHE... HE... LOOKED LIKE A WOMAN IN DISGUISE.

BUT YOU DIDN'T GET THOSE FILES FROM LONGBOW, DID YOU? NO, YOU GOT THEM FROM YOUR EX-GIRLFRIEND AT E.L.I.T.E.

HAD YOU GOTTEN THE FILES FROM LONGBOW, YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT ARBITER TIBELLUS AND TINA BELLO WERE FRATERNAL TWINS, AND SHE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF BRINGING HER BROTHER OVER TO OUR SIDE!

THOSE GREY WEAPONS HE WAS BRINGING FROM THE ISLES WERE MEANT TO BE PROOF OF HIS TRUST.

SIMPLY PUT...

YOU MURDERED AN INNOCENT WOMAN IN FRONT OF THE MEDIA AND RUINED THE BIGGEST DIPLOMATIC GAIN SINCE THE RIKTI INVASION!

WE'VE TOLERATED YOUR LITTLE "FREELANCING" UP UNTIL THIS POINT BECAUSE YOU KEPT IT ON THE BLOCKADE.

BUT THAT ENDED WHEN YOU BROUGHT IT HERE TO PARAGON CITY.

AND AS MUCH AS I WOULD LIKE TO TURN YOU OVER TO THE POLICE OR TO THE FREEDOM CORPS, YOUR TRIAL WOULD BE A MEDIA SPECTACLE THAT WOULD DESTROY WYVERN COMPLETELY.

I REALLY HOPE THAT YOU DIDN'T BOTHER TO CONTACT ANYONE ELSE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT YOU WERE IN PARAGON CITY.

IF YOU FATHER KNEW WHAT YOU WERE DOING HE'D KEEL OVER.

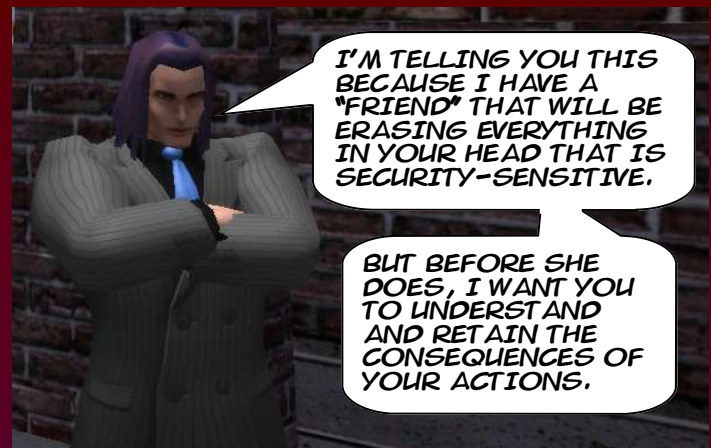
GET OUT OF MY SIGHT, CAIN. GET BACK TO YOUR CELL BEFORE I SHOOT YOU ON THE SPOT!



DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM, MISTER?

I'M JUSTIN SINCLAIR*. I'M THE ONE THAT ACTUALLY OWNS WYVERN.

(* ALSO KNOWN AS THE HERO MANTICORE)



I'M TELLING YOU THIS BECAUSE I HAVE A "FRIEND" THAT WILL BE ERASING EVERYTHING IN YOUR HEAD THAT IS SECURITY-SENSITIVE.

BUT BEFORE SHE DOES, I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND AND RETAIN THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR ACTIONS.



FOR YEARS I'VE BEEN WARNING DELIA THAT WYVERN CAN'T ACT LIKE THE MALTA GROUP OR THE SKY RAIDERS OR THE KNIVES OF ARTEMIS. THAT THERE WAS A LINE THAT HAD TO BE KEPT NO MATTER WHAT.

YOU CROSSED THAT LINE ON BEHALF OF WYVERN. AND YOU DID IT FOR THE WHOLE WORLD TO SEE.

NOW PARAGON CITY, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, HELL, EVEN VANGUARD HAS COME OUT OF SECLUSION TO WANT THE GROUP'S COLLECTIVE HEAD ON A PLATTER.

BUT RIGHT NOW THEY'LL SETTLE FOR WYVERN BEING BANNED FROM OPERATING INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

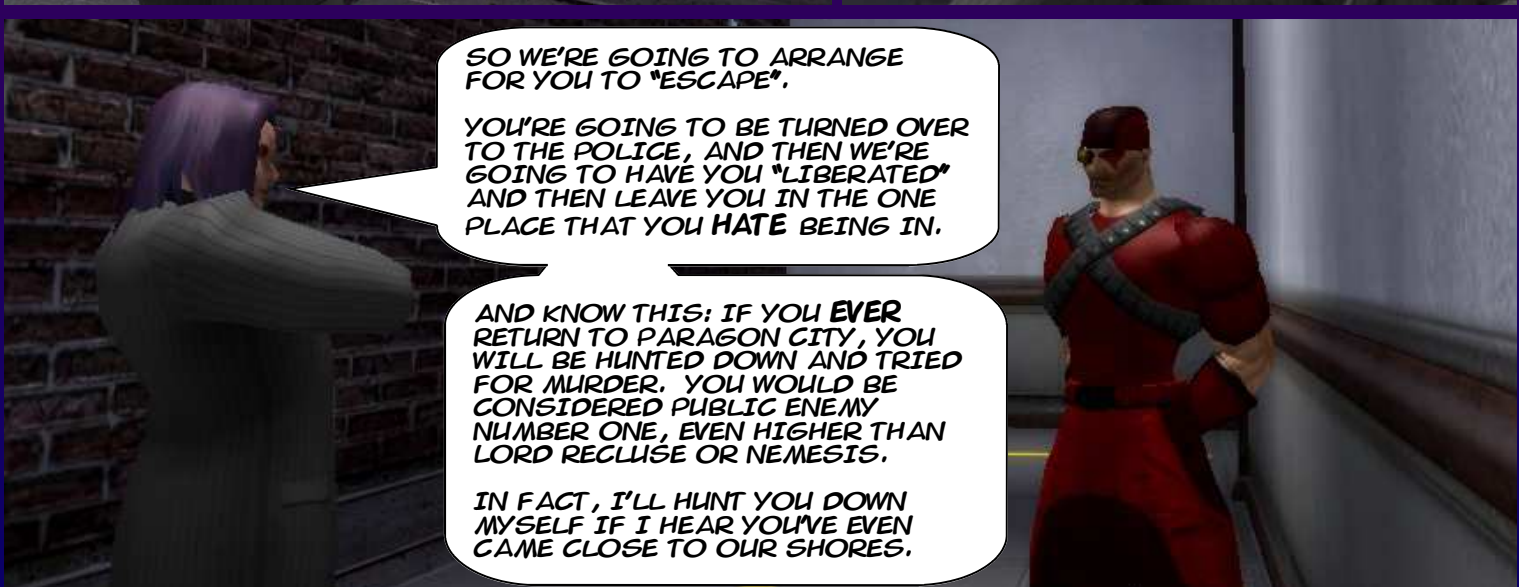


THAT LEAVES US WITH THE PROBLEM OF WHAT TO DO WITH YOU AFTER WE WIPE YOUR MIND OF ALL THAT SENSITIVE INFORMATION.

COLONEL REESE WAS RIGHT IN THAT PUTTING YOU ON TRIAL AND GOING TO PRISON WOULD ALSO DESTROY WYVERN THROUGH THE MEDIA EXPOSURE.



AND WE CAN'T RESORT TO KILLING YOU OR HAVING YOU KILLED... AS TEMPTING AS IT MAY BE RIGHT ABOUT NOW.



SO WE'RE GOING TO ARRANGE FOR YOU TO "ESCAPE".

YOU'RE GOING TO BE TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE YOU "LIBERATED" AND THEN LEAVE YOU IN THE ONE PLACE THAT YOU HATE BEING IN.

AND KNOW THIS: IF YOU EVER RETURN TO PARAGON CITY, YOU WILL BE HUNTED DOWN AND TRIED FOR MURDER. YOU WOULD BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE, EVEN HIGHER THAN LORD RECLUSE OR NEMESIS.

IN FACT, I'LL HUNT YOU DOWN MYSELF IF I HEAR YOU'VE EVEN CAME CLOSE TO OUR SHORES.

A FEW DAYS LATER...

EXCUSE ME...
SUE DAVIES?

YES... I...
NO... OH NO
NO NO NO...

YOU PROBABLY
DON'T KNOW ME,
BUT MY BROTHER
KEPT ON TALKING
ABOUT YOU EVERY
TIME HE CAME TO
VISIT.

YOU KNOW, I'VE
ALWAYS WANTED TO
WORK HERE... IT'S BEEN
A LIFELONG DREAM TO
BE A SUPERHERO IN
PARAGON CITY!

IN FACT YOU CAN
CALL ME...

**Captain
Catastrophe!**

WHY ME?
WHY?

MERCY ISLAND - ROGUE ISLES

ONE MINUTE I WAS TALKING
TO SOME STRANGERS, AND
THEN I WAS SWIMMING TO
SHORE, STRIPPED OF
EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE
CLOTHES ON MY BACK.

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO WRITE
DOWN AS MUCH AS I KNOW OF
THE EVENTS THAT BROUGHT
ME HERE... BECAUSE I KNOW
THAT I CAN'T JUST TRUST MY
MEMORIES ANYMORE.

I'M GOING TO MAKE THEM
REGRET DOING THIS TO ME.

FIRST ARACHNOS, THEN WYVERN,
AND THEN PARAGON CITY.

AND NOW I DON'T HAVE TO
WORRY ABOUT RULES OR
LIMITATIONS. NO MORE
BOWS AND ARROWS. NO
MORE TAKING SHOTS TO
THE KEVLAR.

I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE
THAT NOBODY EVER FORGETS
THE NAME...

**MAJOR
CATASTROPHE!**

AND THUS A YOUTUBE
STAR IS BORN...

HI EVERYONE!

I'M YOUTUBE SENSATION
**Captain
Catastrophe!**



"THE (REALLY) LAST WORD"

- A FINAL CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

I HOPE YOU'VE
ENJOYED READING
ALL ABOUT THE
SECRET ORIGINS
OF MY BROTHER.



TRUTH BE TOLD, THOUGH,
I NEVER KNEW HALF THE
THINGS THAT HE DID, SO
THIS WAS AN EYE-
OPENING EXPERIENCE
FOR ME AS WELL.



YOU'RE PROBABLY
WONDERING WHY I HAVEN'T
DONE ANY NEW YOUTUBE
VIDEOS OF LATE, RIGHT?

WELL YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY
ONE WONDERING ABOUT
THAT. I'VE BEEN ASKING
ABOUT THAT AS WELL.



YOU SEE, I WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE DOING A
FEW MORE OF THESE
PUBLIC SERVICE VIDEOS
TO PAY OFF MY DEBT TO
CITY HALL FOR THAT
HAMIDON GOO INCIDENT.

CITY HALL - WAY BACK WHEN...

YEAH, THAT ONE... IT WAS
A REALLY NASTY MESS.
I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER
HOW I DID ALL THAT.





ANYWAY, ONE DAY IN 2011 I SHOW UP AT CITY HALL AND MS. MOREIRA... YOU KNOW, THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE... SHE TELLS ME THAT THEY DON'T HAVE ANY MORE WORK FOR ME TO DO, AND THAT SOMEHOW MY COMMUNITY SERVICE DEBT HAS BEEN SATISFIED.



WHO KNEW, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT I SAID TOO!



SO I CHECK IN WITH THUNDERWRATH, THE LEADER OF THE NOBLE CHAMPIONS SUPERGROUP.
AND HE SAID...



LOOK, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FOR YOU RIGHT NOW.
WHY DON'T YOU CALL UP YOUR CONTACTS FOR SOME NEW MISSIONS?



WHICH IS WEIRD, BECAUSE, LIKE, I'M THE ONLY HERO THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANY KIND OF MISSION OR CONTACTS.
NEVER FIGURED OUT THE POLICE RADIO THING EITHER.



ANYWAY, WHILE WE'RE HERE, MAYBE WE CAN GO OVER SOME QUESTIONS YOU'VE SENT ME SINCE THE LAST YOUTUBE VIDEO...

... WHICH WAS IN 2011.

OKAY... SPAM... SPAM... SPAM...
I THOUGHT THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A FILTER FOR THESE THINGS.

OH, AWESOME SAUCE! I JUST GOT A NEW EMAIL! WELL THIS GOES TO THE HEAD OF THE LIST.


Hey Captain,

I seem to recall there was a thing about "The Major" in another comic already. City of Something-something-something...

So, are you recycling old stuff or what?

Oh, and what happened with your own comic thing that you said was coming up? Remember that?

- Jes Curious

A screenshot from a video game showing Captain Catastrophe, a superhero with a yellow and white suit and a large 'C' on his chest, standing in a library. He is holding a mobile phone to his ear. The background features wooden bookshelves filled with books.


THAT'S A REALLY
GOOD QUESTION.
LET ME CHECK ON
THAT COMIC THING...

HI... CAN I SPEAK WITH SAUL,
PLEASE?

RUBENSTEIN. SAUL RUBENSTEIN.

YES, TELL HIM IT'S CAPTAIN
CATASTROPHE.

YES, I'LL WAIT.

A screenshot from a video game showing Captain Catastrophe in the same library setting. He is still on the phone. A green poster on the wall behind him reads "WATCH WHAT YOU THINK!" with an image of a woman and text about telepaths.

WHILE I'M ON HOLD, I SHOULD
POINT OUT THAT THE FIRST HALF OF
MY BROTHER'S ORIGIN STORY WAS
ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE
"CITY OF COMIC CREATORS
COMPENDIUM" ISSUE #6 EARLIER
THIS YEAR.

WE WERE WAITING FOR THE NEXT
ISSUE TO DO THE SECOND HALF,
BUT THEN WE GOT THIS CALL AND...

YES, I'M WAITING FOR SAUL.

A screenshot from a video game showing Captain Catastrophe in the library. He is looking down while still on the phone.

SAUL! IT'S CAPTAIN
CATASTROPHE!

NO... NO, NOT ASCENDANT.
CAPTAIN CATASTROPHE!

YEAH, THE... THE TEAM-KILLER... THE
GUY... THE GUY FROM THE GOO THING.

NO I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOUR
PANTS ARE! WHY ARE YOU
ASKING ME WHERE YOUR...

I'M CALLING ABOUT THE
COMIC SERIES.

YOU KNOW, MY OWN STORY
IN "TALES FROM PARAGON
CITY"?

YOU PROMISED THIS
ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO!

YES, YOU WERE THE ONE
THAT SPRUNG IT ON ME!



LOOK, I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN SOME DELAYS WITH MY BROTHER'S STORY.

IT WAS ACTUALLY DONE TWO YEARS AGO BUT THEY NEVER PUBLISHED IT UNTIL THIS YEAR.

BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHY WE'VE GOTTEN NOWHERE WITH MY OWN STORY.

YOU KNOW, WHERE WE GO OVER THE WHOLE GOO INCIDENT AND FIND OUT WHO WAS REALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR...

SAUL? WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

NO, I'M NOT **MAD** AT YOU SAUL.

NO, I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOUR PANTS ARE EITHER.

I DON'T THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I SHOULD...

OKAY, OKAY...

SAUL... OKAY, I'LL BE RIGHT HERE.

CALL ME BACK, OKAY?

OKAY...

OKAY, SAUL WILL BE CALLING ME BACK.

I GUESS HE'S REALLY BROKEN UP ABOUT SOMETHING.

PLUS I THINK HE'S KIND OF LOSING IT. KEEPS ON CALLING ME "ASCENDANT".

ANYWAY, WHILE I'M WAITING, HOW ABOUT WE GO THROUGH SOME MORE QUESTIONS YOU GUYS MAY HAVE.

LET'S SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING...



OH, HEY, HERE'S SOMETHING FROM MY FRIENDS IN PARAGON STUDIOS!

I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THEM IN A WHILE. I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE UP TO?

Although it is one of the toughest decisions we've had to make, we will close *City of Heroes*® on November 30, 2012, and conclude this wonderful chapter in our history.

We thank you for being with us every step of the way, for sharing our challenges, and for encouraging us to consistently improve *City of Heroes*. We couldn't have done it without you.

The development team enjoyed crafting *City of Heroes* into such a beloved game, and we hope you will focus on the good things you remember about playing rather than dwelling on the "how" and the "why" of this decision.

Thank you for supporting *City of Heroes*!

- The *City of Heroes* Team



(BASED ON THE ACTUAL
EMAIL FROM NCSoft
AND PARAGON STUDIOS)

WAIT, WAIT, WAIT!

CLOSING?!?

THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT!

HOW CAN THEY CLOSE... US?

WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT NEXT
RELEASE THAT WAS SUPPOSED
TO COME OUT ABOUT
CUSTOMIZED TRAVEL POWERS?

WHAT ABOUT PRAETORIA AFTER
EMPEROR COLE FALLS?

WHAT ABOUT THAT
WEIRD TEASER PIC
WITH MARAUDER
STANDING IN ATLAS
PARK WHERE MS.
LIBERTY NORMALLY
STANDS?

**WHAT ABOUT MY
COMIC BOOK
ISSUE?!?!**

RING-RING

THIS IS CAPTAIN
CATASTROPHE...

YES... I SEE.

NO, NO, I JUST SAW THE EMAIL.
PLEASE GIVE MY BEST TO HIS
FAMILY, OKAY? THANKS.

SORRY... MY AGENT HAD A
HEART ATTACK.

PLUS HIS SECRETARY SAID
THAT HE WASN'T WEARING
ANY PANTS AND WAS
MUTTERING SOMETHING
ABOUT EATING XENONITE.

SO... I GUESS THIS IS IT.
HEY, AT LEAST I'M IN
THIS COMIC, RIGHT?

PLUS I GUESS
THIS MEANS THAT
MANGABLADER
WILL FINALLY GO
OUT WITH ME
SINCE IT IS THE
PROVERBIAL "END
OF THE WORLD"!

POCKET D SKI CHALET

I'D... R-RATHER...
STAY... HERRRRE...
AND FRRREEZEE...
MY... BLADES OFF!

FROM ALL THE HEROES WHOSE
STORIES WERE TOLD HERE...

KDAVE IN ISSUE #1...

MIDNIGHT PALADIN IN ISSUE
#2...

QWA IN ISSUE #3... HEY I WONDER IF
SHE'S SINGLE?

AND OF COURSE MY BROTHER AND
I IN THIS ISSUE... OH, AND FOR SIN
STALKER TOO. THANKS FOR BEING IN THIS
ONE!

AND FROM **MANGABLADER** AND
THUNDERWRATH, WHO ALSO
AGREED TO BE HERE...

SIMPLY PUT...

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU ALL...

**AND GOOD NIGHT PARAGON
CITY!**

- DAVID 2 (AKA BATTLEROCK X)

THE "TALES" ARE DONE...

BUT MORE STORIES WILL BE TOLD AT...



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