

# THE GUARDIAN POWERS



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*SAVED BY... GARRY BECKER???*

DON'T  
WORRY,  
LADIES...  
I GOT  
THIS ONE.

**CITY  
HEROES**  
FREEDOM



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 "CELEBRITANT" 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.



## 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.

## PYROGURL - NEXT GENERATION'S HERO

THE DAUGHTER OF HERO CORPS EXECUTIVES, KRYSTALYN ROMANNA WAS INSPIRED BY MS. LIBERTY TO USE HER OWN MUTANT SKILLS IN THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE. EAGER TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, EVEN IF SHE'S STILL TOO YOUNG.



## TAINTED EVE - LIBRA ORDER FOUNDER AND LEADER

ONCE ONE OF CREATION'S LOYAL CELESTIAL HOSTS, THIS FALLEN ANGEL NOW SPENDS HER MORTAL TIME SERVING THE WISHES OF HER NEW PATRON, THE MYSTERIOUS COSMIC FORCE KNOWN ONLY AS LIBRA.

## GARRY BECKER - CONTROVERSIAL LOUDMOUTH

FORMERLY THE HOST OF "THE GARRY BECKER EXPERIENCE" ON PNN, GARRY BET HIS CAREER AND THEN LOST IT. NOW HE STRUGGLES ON INTERNET RADIO BUT STILL MANAGES TO STIR UP CONTROVERSY.



# "UNFINISHED BUSINESS"

## - A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

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STEEL CANYON - PARAGON CITY, RI

S.E.R.A.P.H. OFFICES

"YOU'RE LUCKY THE OFFICE IS LARGELY EMPTY AT THIS TIME OF THE NIGHT."

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

"ONE OF YOUR OWN HAS BEEN MISSING FOR MONTHS AND YOU'RE HAGGLING OVER PETTY PROCEDURES?"

I EXPECTED FAR MORE FROM YOU OF ALL PEOPLE!"

YOU THINK THIS HAS BEEN EASY FOR ME? YOU THINK I HAVEN'T BEEN TRYING TO FIND ALL OF THE MISSING GUARDIANS?

KENT PODERES  
AKA ICON POWERS

MIDNIGHT ARACHNIA WAS NOT IN GALAXY CITY WHEN IT WAS ATTACKED BY THE SHIVANS.

YOU CANNOT WASH YOUR HANDS OF HER DISAPPEARANCE LIKE THE OTHERS!

EXGEMINI  
FORMER ASCENDED

"WASH MY HANDS OF...!"

EXGEMINI, I MAY NOT BE AS POWERFUL AS I ONCE WAS, BUT I CERTAINLY WILL NOT STAND HERE AND BE INSULTED BY YOU, FORMERLY ASCENDED OR NOT.

IF YOU WANT MY HELP, I'LL GIVE IT.

BUT YOU'RE JUST LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO ABUSE BECAUSE YOU'RE FEELING IMPOTENT OVER THIS THEN WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM.

GOOD.



I THOUGHT YOUR TIME IN THIS CIVILIAN GUISE WAS MAKING YOU SOFT.

I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT IT WASN'T.

YOU'RE STILL EVERY BIT THE MAN THAT WOULD STARE DOWN GODS.

THIS IS NOT A "GUISE", EXGEMINI.

AND I'VE NEVER STOPPED LOOKING FOR JESSICA... OR THE OTHERS.

I'VE HAD TO STRIKE A LOT OF DEALS TO KEEP THE GUARDIANS GOING AS A "GHOST GROUP."

THESE FACILITIES, ACCESS TO KEY NETWORKS, THE ABILITY TO OPERATE AS A GROUP WHILE STILL BEING CONSIDERED "DISBANDED"...

AGREEMENTS THAT CANNOT BE IGNORED JUST BECAUSE WE'RE IMPATIENT ABOUT FINDING OUR MISSING TEAMMATES, NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE CARE ABOUT THEM.

FAIR ENOUGH.

I APOLOGIZE FOR MY... LACK OF DECORUM.

I SPEND MY TIME SURROUNDED BY THOSE FOR WHOM THERE ARE NO SECRET LIVES.

I KNEW JESSICA DANVERS WHEN SHE FIRST STARTED AS MIDNIGHT ARACHNIA.

EVEN THOUGH I RETREATED TO MY ISLAND, SHE AND I STILL KEPT IN TOUCH.

"WHEN YOUR... ADOPTED DAUGHTER... BECAME TWO PEOPLE... I WAS THE FIRST HERO THAT JESSICA REACHED OUT FOR HELP."

"I WAS EAGER TO WORK WITH HER, AND NOT JUST TO STOP THE THREAT THAT WAS LEONA POWERS."

C\* AS SEEN IN THE "GALATEA DAWNING" STORYLINE IN "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT" #23-25.)



MIDNIGHT ARACHNIA  
MYSTIC CRIMEFIGHTER





**LEONA POWERS**  
"LIONEL'S TRUE DAUGHTER"

"I HELPED KEEP LEONA AT BAY, EVEN AS HER SANITY BEGAN TO UNRAVEL."



"AND, AFTERWARD, JESSICA AGREED TO GO WITH ME TO MY PRIVATE ISLAND TO ENJOY A MUCH-NEEDED BREAK AMONG OTHER HEROES."

SHE ENJOYED ONE MONTH AS AN HONORED GUEST, WITH NOTHING BUT SUN AND SAND TO WORRY ABOUT.

AND THEN... I HEARD NOTHING FROM HER AFTER SHE RETURNED HERE.



JUST PRIOR TO GALAXY CITY BEING DESTROYED, SHE SAID SHE GOT AN URGENT CALL FROM JOHN COLE, SOMETHING ABOUT HER BROTHER, MATTHEW BURKE.

SHE RISKED A CONFRONTATION WITH GHOST WIDOW TO RETURN TO MERCY ISLAND.\*

(\* "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN AFTERMATH".)

ARE YOU MAD?

DO YOU NOT KNOW THE PROPHECY SURROUNDING JESSICA AND GHOST WIDOW?

JESSICA IS PREDESTINED TO DESTROY GHOST WIDOW, AND WHEN SHE DOES SHE DESTROYS THE ROGUE ISLES AND EVERYONE THERE!



I KNOW THAT! I WAS THE ONE THAT SAVED HER THE LAST TIME SHE FACED GHOST WIDOW!\*

BUT, JUST LIKE THE LAST TIME, SHE LEFT BEFORE ANY OF US HAD THE CHANCE TO OFFER ANY KIND OF HELP.

(\* "SPOTLIGHT" ISSUES 7 AND 8.)

AFTER GALAXY CITY WAS DESTROYED, WE TRIED CONTACTING HER. WE TRIED MATT BURKE. WE EVEN TRIED REACHING OUT TO THE LIBRA ORDER FOR HELP, BUT NOBODY WANTED TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO JESSICA.

AND YET I RECEIVED A RATHER STRANGE EMAIL FROM HER JUST A FEW DAYS AGO, SENT FROM HERE IN PARAGON CITY.

YOU WHAT?

THAT'S... NOT POSSIBLE.

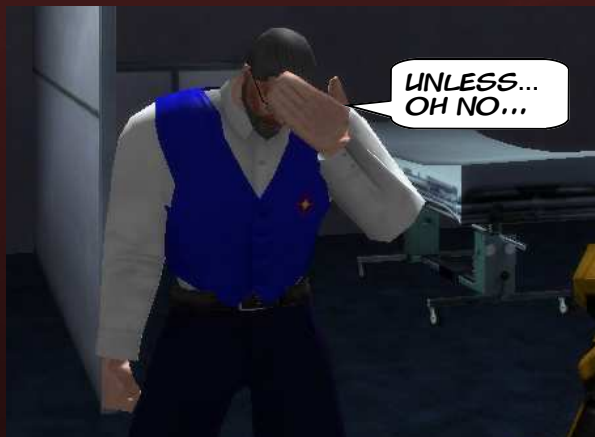






NOT POSSIBLE?  
EXPLAIN!

THE MINI-CPCU SYSTEM I SET  
UP WOULD HAVE ALERTED ME  
THE MINUTE ANY OF OUR  
MISSING GUARDIANS TRIED  
TO CONTACT ANYONE.  
  
I EVEN MADE SURE THAT  
JESSICA'S PERSONAL EMAIL  
ADDRESS WAS INCLUDED IN  
THE SEARCH PARAMETERS.



UNLESS...  
OH NO...



THERE'S A  
CHANCE THAT  
THE EMAIL  
YOU GOT  
FROM HER  
WAS IN THE  
GUARDIAN  
SERVER WHEN  
WE SHUT IT  
DOWN.

EXPLAIN.



EVERY SO OFTEN WE HAVE TO  
RUN ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF  
THE GENERATOR AND THE CPCU  
SYSTEM.

I'M GUESSING WHEN WE  
ORIGINALLY SHUT DOWN THE  
SERVERS, JESSICA'S EMAIL  
WAS STUCK IN THE BUFFER.

THEN WHEN WE RAN THE  
MAINTENANCE REMOTELY, THE  
SERVER RE-CONNECTED AND  
THE EMAIL WAS SENT.

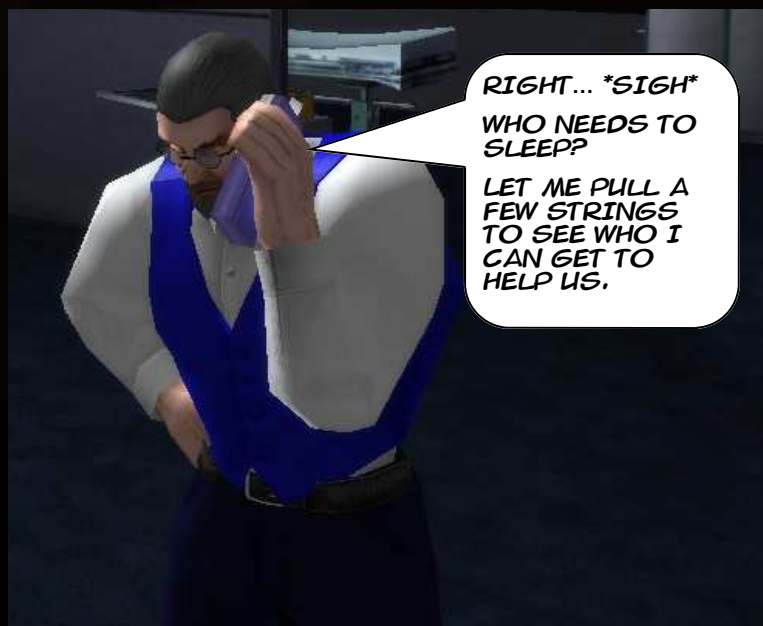
EVEN IF THAT  
WERE THE  
CASE...



... THAT DOES NOT  
IGNORE THE FACT  
THAT SHE IS STILL  
MISSING.

AND NOW THAT I  
AM HERE, WE **WILL**  
GET TO THE  
BOTTOM OF HER  
WHEREABOUTS...

TONIGHT.



RIGHT... \*SIGH\*  
WHO NEEDS TO  
SLEEP?

LET ME PULL A  
FEW STRINGS  
TO SEE WHO I  
CAN GET TO  
HELP US.



THE NEXT DAY...

"WELCOME BACK TO THE SHOW! YOU'RE LISTENING TO 'THE PARAGON REVOLUTION' HERE ON PARAGON INTERNET RADIO WITH YOUR HOST, GARRY BECKER, THE ONLY TV HOST IN PARAGON CITY TO HAVE EVER TALKED HIMSELF OUT OF A JOB."

"WE'VE HAD A LITTLE FUN SO FAR, BUT I REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK, PARAGON CITY. YOU KNOW THE NUMBER, IT'S 555-6ARY."

"IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE HEARD FROM YOU, PARAGON CITY. TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THIS WHOLE CITIZEN GRAND JURY FIASCO."

"IS IT A LOAD OF HOOEY? OR IS ALICE BANKS REALLY ON TO SOMETHING? TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK, PARAGON CITY."

555-6-A-R-Y."

"SO... WAITING ON YOUR CALLS, GUYS. 555-6-A-R-Y."

"WHILE I'M WAITING, BECAUSE THIS IS LIVE INTERNET RADIO, LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE IS IN THE NEWS TODAY."

"RESCUE TEAMS HAVE RESUMED TRYING TO FIND PEOPLE STILL ALIVE AND TRAPPED IN GALAXY CITY. I KNOW THAT SOUNDS STRANGE, BUT APPARENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN PEOPLE STILL SURVIVING IN THE RUINED STORES AND... OH, HEY, WE HAVE A CALL!"

WELCOME TO THE REVOLUTION... WHY DON'T YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND TELL US WHERE YOU'RE FROM?

HI GARRY, THIS IS STEPHANIE FROM CROATOA.

GARRY, I JUST HAVE TO SAY WE REALLY MISS YOU ON PNN. IT JUST HASN'T BEEN THE SAME SINCE THEY'VE BEEN AIRING YOUR RERUNS.

WHY THANK YOU STEPHANIE.

I MISS BEING THERE TOO, BUT, YOU KNOW, THAT SHIP HAS SADLY SAILED FOR ME.

I MADE THE BET ABOUT OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND NOW I HAVE TO LIVE WITH IT.



GARRY BECKER  
MEDIA PERSONALITY





BUT HAVE YOU SEEN WHAT THEY'VE BEEN PUTTING ON OF LATE?

THEY HAVE RONA WITH ALL THIS STUPID "GODDESS" TALK\*, THEY HAVE ROBIN WITH THAT ANNOYING ATTORNEY... WHATEVER HER NAME IS...

(\* CHECK OUT THE "COUNTDOWN TO SAWDESS" STORYLINE OVER AT [KKCOMICS.COM](http://KKCOMICS.COM) FOR DETAILS.)

NAN BRACER... HER NAME IS NAN BRACER.

AND I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR DILEMMA ABOUT THE LACK OF QUALITY.

MY STAFF AND I HAVE SPENT THE PAST FEW WEEKS SLAPPING OUR FOREHEADS WONDERING WHAT MY EX-B-F-F KENNY IS DOING OVER THERE.

BUT, HEY, IN THE END, THAT'S PART OF THE REASON WHY THE "REVOLUTION" WAS STARTED... TO WAKE PEOPLE UP AS TO WHAT'S GOING ON IN ALL OF OUR NAMES AND GET THEM TO HOLD THESE LEADERS AND HEROES TO ACCOUNT.

JUST LIKE WHAT ALICE BANKS IS DOING WITH HER CITIZEN GRAND JURY.

I SUPPOSE... BUT I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT PNN IS JUST NOT THE SAME WITHOUT YOU, AND IF YOU NEED A PUSH TO GET YOUR SHOW BACK, YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF FANS BACKING YOU UP.

WHY THANK YOU STEPHANIE. AND BE SURE TO TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE "REVOLUTION", OKAY?

I RANT MY HEAD OFF TO ANYONE THAT WANTS TO HEAR.

AND SO IT GOES...

BEGGING...  
PLEADING...


CAJOLING THE AUDIENCE TO RESPOND. TO GET THEM TO CALL IN.

I PRETEND TO HAVE A STAFF WHEN I REALLY JUST HAVE A FEW DOZEN COMPUTER SERVERS TIED INTO THE INTERNET.

ONCE UPON A TIME I WAS THE VOICE OF MILLIONS.

TODAY I'M LUCKY IF I GET A HUNDRED LISTENERS.





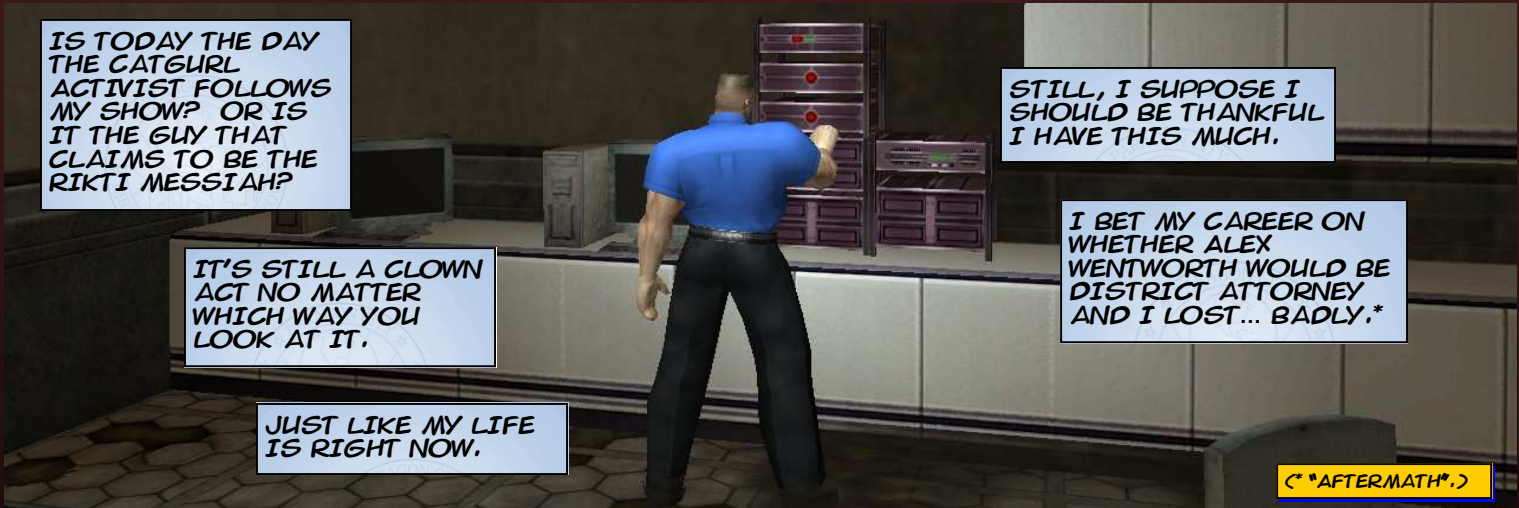
AND THAT'LL DO IT FOR TODAY... TUNE IN TOMORROW FOR THREE MORE HOURS OF NEWS FROM THE "REVOLUTION".

AND THEN... IT'S OVER.



ANOTHER DAY DONE.

SWITCH THE FEED OVER TO ANOTHER COMPUTER ON THE NETWORK SO ANOTHER HOST CAN KEEP THE LISTENERS ENTERTAINED.



IS TODAY THE DAY THE CATGURL ACTIVIST FOLLOWS MY SHOW? OR IS IT THE GUY THAT CLAIMS TO BE THE RIKTI MESSIAH?


IT'S STILL A CLOWN ACT NO MATTER WHICH WAY YOU LOOK AT IT.

JUST LIKE MY LIFE IS RIGHT NOW.

STILL, I SUPPOSE I SHOULD BE THANKFUL I HAVE THIS MUCH.

I BET MY CAREER ON WHETHER ALEX WENTWORTH WOULD BE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND I LOST... BADLY.\*

(\* AFTERMATH \*.)




BUT INSTEAD OF BEING RUN OUT ON A RAIL, I GET A PHONE CALL AND TOLD TO JUST "SIT TIGHT."


GALAXY CITY IS DESTROYED, AND I GET ANOTHER CALL TO COME HERE AND START BROADCASTING.

I GET MAYBE AN HOUR TO READ ALL THE INFORMATION PUT BEFORE ME, THEN I'M LIVE AND RANTING.

AND AN "INTERNET STAR" IS BORN.



YEAH, BIIIIIG STAR.



I TRADE MY LUXURY CONDO FOR AN ABANDONED OFFICE BUILDING THAT SOMEHOW IS FULLY-FURNISHED.

I DON'T KNOW WHO MY NEW "PATRON" IS, BUT I HOPE HE OR SHE EVENTUALLY SPRINGS FOR A MOTEL SOON.



HOME SWEET MUSTY OFFICE.



LET'S SEE WHAT MY OLD EMPLOYER IS UP TO ON THE OL' NOOB TUBE...



WELL, ROBIN, AH'M PUHLEASED TO SAY THAT AH HAVE A NEW SHOW ON PNN!



IT'S CALLED 'JUUUUSTICE FOR ALLLLL' AND IT'LL BE ON EEEVERY LATE AFTERNOON STARTING AT FIVE.

NAN BRACER · LEGAL CONSULTANT PNN

NAN BRACER · NEW PNN HOST PNN

KENNY EMERSON\* IS GIVING HER MY OLD TIMESLOT?

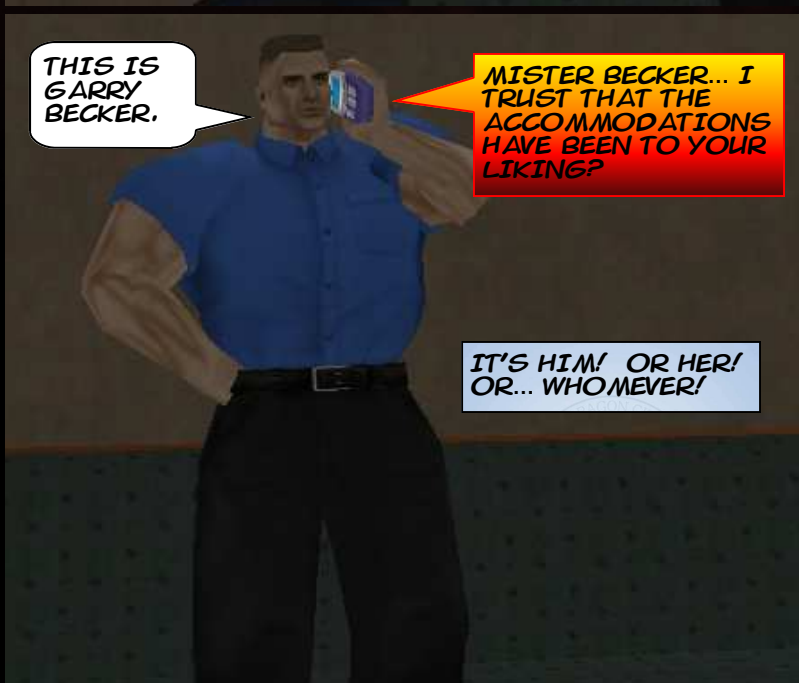
I WISH I COULDVE BEEN IN THE PNN CENTER WHEN RONA HEARD THAT NEWS. SHE'S BEEN GUNNING FOR MY SLOT EVER SINCE SHE REALIZED I PULLED BETTER RATINGS THAN SHE DID.

(\* KENNY "KC" EMERSON IS THE GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE PARAGON NEWS NETWORK. )



STILL... NAN BRACER'S ABOUT AS CHARMING AS AN AIR HORN! I DON'T SEE HOW ANYONE COULD--

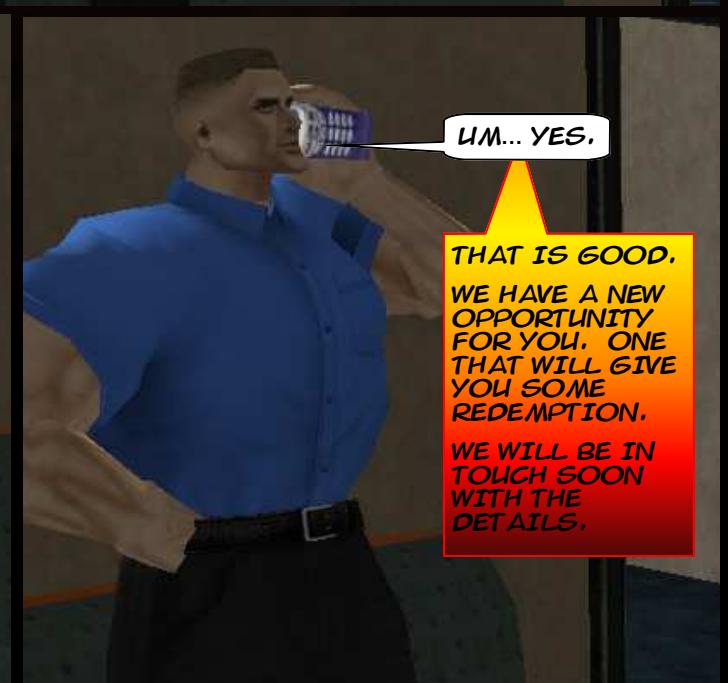
\*BEEP-BEEP\*  
\*BEEP-BEEP\*



THIS IS GARRY BECKER.

MISTER BECKER... I TRUST THAT THE ACCOMMODATIONS HAVE BEEN TO YOUR LIKING?

IT'S HIM! OR HER! OR... WHOEVER!



UM... YES.

THAT IS GOOD. WE HAVE A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU. ONE THAT WILL GIVE YOU SOME REDEMPTION. WE WILL BE IN TOUCH SOON WITH THE DETAILS.



PARAGON JUDICIAL CENTER

FOUNDERS FALLS

"MISS KARL..."

OH! YOU STARTLED ME.

SOMETHING I CAN HELP YOU WITH?

**FAITH KARL**  
AKA GALATEA POWERS

TWO THINGS, ACTUALLY.

THE FIRST BEING WHY YOU ARE HERE IN THIS ROOM.

JUST HERE TO GET A CRUNCH BAR. THEY'RE SORT OF MY "ADDICTION".

INDEED. CURIOUS HOW YOU SEEM TO FAVOR THE VENDING MACHINE IN THIS ROOM WHEN THERE ARE OTHERS IN THE BUILDING THAT OFFER THE SAME CANDY AND SNACKS. ESPECIALLY GIVEN THAT THIS ROOM IS IN A SURVEILLANCE "DEAD ZONE."

**MISTER CADE**  
D.A. TECHNOMANCER

I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE KEEPING TABS ON WHERE I AM AT ALL TIMES.

DO YOU ALSO FOLLOW ME TO THE LADIES' ROOM TO SEE WHICH STALL I PREFER?

AS OFFICE MANAGER IT IS MY DUTY TO KNOW HOW OUR RESOURCES ARE BEING USED.

I AM AWARE THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN AREAS THAT ARE POTENTIAL SECURITY WEAKNESSES. I AM TRYING TO IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATE THEM.

REALLY?

WELL IT'S STRANGE THAT YOU'D BE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS NOW...

AFTER THE GREY POLICE WALKED THROUGH OUR FRONT DOORS YESTERDAY, IN FULL ASSAULT GEAR, AND TRIED TO KIDNAP AN UNDERAGE HERO.\*

SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHERE WERE THE PARAGON SECRET SERVICE DURING THIS? THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO PREVENT THIS SORT OF STUFF FROM HAPPENING!

THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF ANOTHER INVESTIGATION.

WELL, THEN MAYBE YOU SHOULD BE FOCUSING MORE ON THAT AND LESS ON WHO'S GOT A SWEET TOOTH AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY FAVOR A CERTAIN VENDING MACHINE THAT THEY KNOW WOULD HAVE THE CANDY IN QUESTION.

(\* LAST ISSUE)



NEVER MIND THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE PLACES WHERE I GO TO IN ORDER TO "SLIP AWAY" TO BECOME GALATEA POWERS.

I GUESS I'VE BEEN USING THIS SPOT TOO OFTEN. I'LL JUST HAVE TO PICK ANOTHER ONE OF THE SPOTS THAT ALEX TOLD ME ABOUT.

THE OTHER MATTER I WANTED TO DISCUSS WITH YOU CONCERNS PYROGURL.

I HAVE NO RECORD OF WHERE SHE OR HER MOTHER ARE STAYING AT WHILE IN PARAGON CITY. WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW?

ALEX ASKED ME TO PERSONALLY MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS.

HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT I KEEP THAT INFORMATION TO MYSELF.

THE LESS PEOPLE THAT KNOW, THE BETTER.

REALLY?

THAT IS... DISAPPOINTING.

I COULD ALWAYS INFORM MS. MORIERA THAT YOU ARE NOT BEING... COOPERATIVE... AS HERO LIAISON.

AND IT'S INTERESTING THAT YOU WOULD TRY TO COERCE ME INTO GIVING YOU THAT INFORMATION, MISTER CADE.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD CHECK MY FILE; YOU'D SEE A LITTLE ENTRY IN THERE ABOUT MARY ALICE LEDFORD IN A LITTLE NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN CALLED DERRY.

HER HUSBAND WAS A REAL PIECE OF WORK... A WOMANIZING WIFE-BEATER. HE WAS ALSO A VERY INFLUENTIAL TOWN SELECT MAN.

HE THREATENED TO FIRE ME IF I DIDN'T TELL HIM WHERE HIS WIFE WAS TAKING SHELTER. I SAID NOTHING. HE TURNED TO MY ASSISTANT AND FORCED HER TO GIVE UP THE INFORMATION.

MARY DIED BECAUSE OF SOME THUG WITH A MODICUM OF POWER. I'LL LET YOU FIGURE OUT HOW THAT LESSON APPLIES HERE.

IF THAT'S ALL...

I'VE SUDDENLY LOST MY CRAVING.

THANK YOU VANGUARD FOR CREATING THAT HISTORY FOR "FAITH KARL".

THE STORY WAS TRUE, BUT IT WASN'T "FAITH" THAT WAS REALLY INVOLVED.

STILL, IT GOT CADE OFF MY BACK.



"PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND OCCUPATION FOR THE RECORD."

"MY OFFICIAL NAME IS PYROGURL. I AM A STUDENT AND A REGISTERED HERO WITH PARAGON CITY."

"AND CAN YOU GIVE US YOUR LEGAL AGE, PYROGURL?"

"I AM FOURTEEN YEARS OLD. I TURN FIFTEEN IN AUGUST."

SO YOU ADMIT THAT YOU ARE UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, AND YET YOU ARE A REGISTERED HERO. HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU WERE REGISTERED BY THE CITY?

 **ALICE BANKS**  
PRO-FAMILY CRUSADER



I WAS TWELVE WHEN I COMPLETED MY REGISTRATION WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU FOR SUPER-POWERED AFFAIRS IN 2010.

 **PYROGURL**  
THE FIRE NINJA



I SEE...

CAN YOU TELL US, PLEASE, HOW YOU REGISTERED WITH THE F.B.S.A.?

WAS IT ONLINE OR DID YOU HAVE TO GO TO CITY HALL IN PERSON?

I REGISTERED THROUGH THE FREEDOM CORPS RECRUITMENT OUTPOST IN BOSTON, WHO THEN FORWARDED IT TO CITY HALL IN PARAGON CITY.

SO LET'S SEE IF I GOT THIS RIGHT...

YOU WEREN'T EVEN IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND YET YOU SOMEHOW BECAME A REGISTERED HERO IN PARAGON CITY?

UHM... YES, MA'AM. BUT THE RECRUITERS THERE SAID THAT IT'S A FEDERAL AGENCY SO THEY WERE JUST AS AUTHORIZED TO REGISTER ME AS IF THEY WERE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.





**THANK YOU** MISS "PYROGURL", I THINK YOU'VE BEEN MORE THAN HELPFUL CONCERNING THAT PARTICULAR SUBJECT.

LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH THE SUPERGROUP KNOWN AS THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN.

ACCORDING TO THE DEPOSITION YOU GAVE RECENTLY ON ANOTHER COURT CASE\*, YOU SAID THAT YOU WERE RECRUITED INTO THE GUARDIANS AFTER BEING RESCUED FROM A BRUTAL ATTACK BY THE HELLIONS.\*\*

SINCE THAT INCIDENT, DID THE GUARDIANS EVER PLACE YOU IN A SITUATION WHERE YOU FELT THAT YOUR LIFE WAS AT RISK?

(\* LAST ISSUE \*\* \*SPOTLIGHT\* ISSUE 15)

NO, MA'AM.

ARE YOU CERTAIN YOU WANT THAT TO BE YOUR TESTIMONY?

I'LL REMIND YOU THAT YOU ARE UNDER OATH, AND MY ASSISTANT HERE IS A REGISTERED LOW-LEVEL TELEPATH THAT IS TRAINED TO DETECT WHEN SOMEONE IS LYING.

DO YOU WISH TO AMEND YOUR TESTIMONY?

WELL?

THERE WAS... ONE TIME WHEN I FELT... AFRAID.

BUT THE GUARDIANS HAD THAT TOTALLY UNDER CONTROL!

JUST TELL US WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT DAY.





THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW COMMENTS OF LATE DIRECTED AT MY OFFICE THAT I FEEL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY PRESS CONFERENCE



KINGS ROW - POLICE HEADQUARTERS

FIRST, IT HAS BEEN IMPLIED BY... CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA... THAT I HAVE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN IN MY PERSONAL EMPLOY.



ALEX WENTWORTH  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY



I HAVE NEVER MADE MY SUPPORT OF AND FOR THE GUARDIANS A SECRET, EITHER IN MY WORK WITH THE PARAGON LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY OR AS A CANDIDATE FOR THIS OFFICE.

MEMBERS OF THE GUARDIANS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN CLEARING THE NAMES OF THOSE WRONGLY CHARGED WITH CRIMES; INCLUDING, I MIGHT ADD, BRINGING DOWN THE CRIMINAL BEHIND MY OWN FRAME-UP YEARS AGO.\*

(\*SPOTLIGHT\* ISSUES 5 AND 6)



BECAUSE OF THAT, I OWE THEM A DEBT OF GRATITUDE. AND I'M SURE THE SAME CAN BE SAID FOR ALL OF THE LIVES THE GUARDIANS HAVE SAVED IN THE FOUR YEARS THAT THEY WERE OPERATING AS A GROUP.

I CAN ONLY WISH THAT I HAD HEROES OF THAT CALIBER IN MY EMPLOY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

I CAN SAY, THOUGH, AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THAT I AM PROUD TO KNOW THAT PARAGON CITY STILL HAS PLENTY OF HEROES IT CAN CALL UPON FOR HELP. BOTH HEROES AND POLICE OFFICERS LIKE BLUE STEEL AND LIKE CAPTAIN PARAGONNA, THE FORMER LEADER OF THE GUARDIANS.

AND THAT BRINGS ME TO THE OTHER COMMENT MADE ABOUT MY OFFICE. THE CHARACTERIZATION MADE BY NAN BRACER OF ME AS, QUOTE, "TOP COP".



BLUE STEEL  
SUPERHERO POLICEMAN


WHEN I THINK OF THE TERM "TOP COP", I THINK OF POLICE OFFICERS. I THINK OF PEOPLE LIKE BLUE STEEL, LIKE CAPTAIN PARAGONNA, LIKE POLICE CHIEF MORTON CLAYTON. MEN AND WOMEN THAT PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE EVERY DAY FOR THIS CITY.

I FIND IT NOTHING LESS THAN INSULTING TO HEAR A FORMER PROSECUTOR USE IT AS SOME CHEAP MEDIA SLUR ON EITHER MY OFFICE OR ON MY HISTORY OF DEFENDING THE RIGHTS OF THE CITIZENS OF PARAGON CITY.

I WOULD'VE HOPED THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE PARAGON NEWS NETWORK LEARNED THE LESSONS FROM THE ABUSIVE DAYS OF JASON SMITH AND GARRY BECKER.



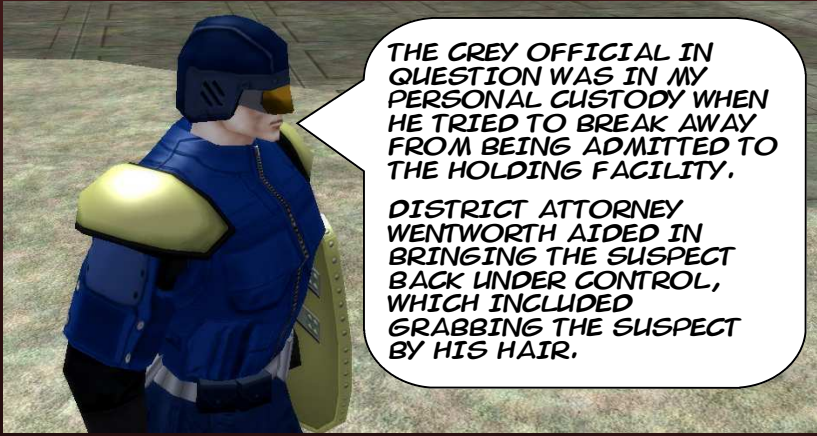




WHAT ABOUT THE REPORTS  
THAT YOU PERSONALLY  
DRAGGED A CREY POLICE  
OFFICER BY THE HAIR TO  
THE ZIGGURSKY PRISON?  
ISN'T THAT AN ABUSE OF  
A SUSPECT'S RIGHTS?

I'LL ANSWER  
THAT ONE...

(\* LAST ISSUE)



THE CREY OFFICIAL IN  
QUESTION WAS IN MY  
PERSONAL CUSTODY WHEN  
HE TRIED TO BREAK AWAY  
FROM BEING ADMITTED TO  
THE HOLDING FACILITY.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
WENTWORTH AIDED IN  
BRINGING THE SUSPECT  
BACK UNDER CONTROL,  
WHICH INCLUDED  
GRABBING THE SUSPECT  
BY HIS HAIR.



PRISON OFFICIALS  
CAN VOUCH FOR THIS.

MY SUPERIORS HAVE  
ALREADY RULED THE  
INCIDENT TO BE A  
JUSTIFIABLE USE OF  
FORCE.

MINUTES LATER...




THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
HELP ON THIS, BLUE  
STEEL.

ESPECIALLY FOR  
STICKING UP FOR ME  
WITH THE ZIGGURSKY  
MATTER.

I TOLD THE TRUTH,  
MISTER WENTWORTH,  
NOTHING MORE.

BESIDES, I WAS THE  
ONE THAT HAD THAT  
CREY FAKE BADGE  
DRUMMED OUT OF THE  
PPD FOR HIS ABUSES.



I MAY NOT HAVE AGREED WITH  
WHAT YOU DID BEFORE THE  
ELECTION, BUT YOU ARE THE  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY NOW, SO  
WE HAVE TO WORK WITH YOU.

BESIDES, CAPTAIN PARAGONNA  
IS MY PROTÉGÉE AND SHE  
VOUCHES FOR YOU SO I WILL  
HONOR THAT FOR NOW.

THAT GIVES YOU SOME SLACK.  
BUT DON'T MAKE IT A HABIT OF  
RELYING ON THAT.



ROGUE ISLES

PORT OAKES



WHAT DO YOU MEAN  
MY BASE HAS BEEN  
SHUT DOWN?  
ON WHOSE  
AUTHORITY?



**TAINED EVE**  
FALLEN ANGEL

I WASN'T HERE WHEN  
THE REQUEST WAS  
ISSUED.

ALL I KNOW IS THAT  
IT WAS SHUT DOWN.



I CAN SAY THAT IT WASN'T  
LORD RECLUSE THAT GAVE  
THE ORDER, CUZ USUALLY  
THAT MEANS WE'D ALSO  
HAVE TO KILL YOU.

OTHER THAN THAT, YOU'D  
HAVE TO CHECK WITH THE  
GROUP'S LEADER.



**I AM THE GROUP'S LEADER!**

**I AM THE ONE THAT CREATED  
THE LIBRA ORDER ON BEHALF  
OF MY BENEFACTOR!**

**I AM THE SOLE  
ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE  
LIBRA ORDER!**



I WANT TO KNOW  
WHO THE HELL  
ISSUED THE ORDER  
AND I WANT TO  
KNOW IT RIGHT  
NOW!

AND I WANT ASHLEY  
MCKNIGHT TO BEAR MY  
LOVE-CHILD.

GUESS I WON'T BE THE  
ONLY ONE LET DOWN.



YOU KNOW WHAT? I  
COULD HAVE HELPED  
YOU WITH THAT TOO.

BUT NOW YOU'VE  
P#SSED ME OFF.




**I'M GOING TO GET TO THE  
BOTTOM OF THIS...**

**AND THEN I'M GOING TO  
MAKE EVERYONE INVOLVED  
WITH THIS PAY, STARTING  
WITH YOU.**

YEAH, YEAH... LISTEN, I HEAR THOSE  
THREATS EVERY OTHER DAY BY  
PEOPLE THAT LOOK LIKE DEATH  
WARMED OVER.

I'VE SEEN NOCTURNE GO AT IT WITH  
ARBITER SANDS. COME BACK WHEN  
YOU CAN TOP THAT LEVEL OF SICK.






OF ALL OF THE THINGS THAT CAN SCREW UP...

HI... IT'S EVE.



I NEED TO CASH IN ON THAT FAVOR.


WAIT... YOU KNEW I'D CALL YOU ON THAT?



NO, IT'S NOT THAT I'M NOT GRATEFUL THAT YOU'RE LETTING ME USE YOUR FACILITY. IT'S JUST THAT I DIDN'T KNOW MY OWN BASE OF OPERATIONS WOULD BE SHUT DOWN UNTIL A FEW MINUTES AGO.

NO, I DID NOT SEND AN "ADVANCED TEAM" TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS!

WAIT, THIS "ADVANCED TEAM" WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE A HOODED WOMAN CALLING HERSELF MISTRESS LIBRA WOULD IT?



YES SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE ORDER, BUT THAT'S ONLY TO KEEP AN EYE ON HER. SHE'S A FRAUD. SHE CLAIMS TO BE LIBRA'S LOVER, DAUGHTER, WIFE, AND SISTER... ALL AT ONCE!

LIBRA HIMSELF SAID THAT SHE'S NOT WHO SHE PRETENDS TO BE, AND I WOULD RATHER TRUST HIM THAN ANYTHING SHE PRETENDS TO REPRESENT.

SO WAS IT HER THAT CONTACTED YOU?

IT WASN'T? THAT'S ODD. SO WHO DID?


YOU GOT HAND-DELIVERED LETTERS?

YES I'LL WANT TO SEE THEM WHEN I GET THERE. THANK YOU.



WAIT... YOU HAVE A MESSAGE FOR ME AS WELL?

YES, I WANT TO HEAR IT. CAN YOU PLAY IT OVER THE PHONE?



...  
THEY HAVE GOT TO BE INSANE!






CHILD NEGLECT  
AND CHILD  
ENDANGERMENT?



THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS  
LIKE BANKS IS GUNNING  
FOR WITH PYROGURL.

BANKS FOCUSED ON WHEN  
KRY'S WAS IN THE BASE  
OVERNIGHT TO KEEP HER  
SAFE FROM LEONA, AND  
THEN WHEN LEONA RATTLED  
THE BASE TO CALL OUT THE  
OTHER GUARDIANS.\*

(\*SPOTLIGHT\* #24)



OF ALL OF THE  
THINGS FOR  
BANKS TO GO  
AFTER THE  
GUARDIANS  
FOR...


HOW'S KRY'S  
HOLDING UP?



ARE YOU KIDDING?

SHE'S BEATING HERSELF  
UP OVER THIS.

SHE THINKS THAT  
SOMEHOW SHE COULD  
HAVE KEPT THAT PART A  
SECRET TO PROTECT THE  
GUARDIANS AND NOW  
SHE FEELS LIKE SHE'S  
LET US ALL DOWN.



THERE WERE A FEW TIMES  
WHEN I WAS TEMPTED TO  
JUST TELL HER THAT I WAS  
GALATEA POWERS, JUST SO  
SHE WOULDN'T FEEL SO  
ALONE HERE.

BUT... KENT SAYS I HAVE TO  
KEEP THIS NEW IDENTITY A  
SECRET TO EVERYONE EXCEPT  
OUR "LITTLE GROUP".



HOW DID YOU DO IT, ALEX?

HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO KEEP  
YOUR HERO IDENTITY A SECRET  
FOR ALL THOSE YEARS WHEN  
YOU WERE OPERATING AS THE  
LIBERTARIAN AVENGER?



WELL OBVIOUSLY I DIDN'T DO TOO  
GOOD OF A JOB OF IT, BECAUSE MY  
UNCLE DID HAVE ENOUGH SUSPICIONS  
ABOUT MY ACTIVITIES TO BRING IN  
SIMON BARRISTER.\*

BUT I CHOSE TO WEAR THE DISGUISE  
SO PEOPLE WOULDN'T CONNECT WHAT I  
WAS DOING TO THE FAMILY NAME. FOR  
ME IT WAS ABOUT DOING WHAT NEEDED  
TO BE DONE, WHILE HIDING WHO I  
REALLY WAS.

THE AVENGER WAS MY DISGUISE. BUT  
WITH YOU IT'S THE OPPOSITE. YOU ARE  
GALATEA. WHAT YOU'RE WEARING NOW  
IS THE DISGUISE.



SO THE QUESTION  
YOU ALWAYS NEED TO  
ASK YOURSELF IS...

HOW MUCH OF  
GALATEA POWERS DO  
YOU WANT PEOPLE TO  
SEE IN FAITH KARL?

(\* AS REVEALED IN THE  
"GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN  
AFTERMATH" SPECIAL. )



A man in a blue suit and red tie stands in a library with bookshelves. A woman in a yellow jumpsuit is partially visible on the right.

BUT LET'S GET BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND...

IF ALICE BANKS IS GOING TO GO AFTER THE GUARDIANS OVER WHAT HAPPENED WITH LEONA, THEN YOU'LL NEED TO GIVE A HEADS-UP TO BOTH MAXIMUS REX AND JIMMY HELLFIGHTER.

MAX IS STILL IN THE RIOT WAR ZONE, SO HE SHOULD BE EASY TO REACH.

JIMMY, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS BEEN BUSY WITH THE RECOVERY EFFORTS IN GALAXY CITY.


WAIT... I HAVE TO DO THIS? WHY NOT KENT?

COME TO THINK OF IT, HE WAS INVOLVED IN THAT INCIDENT AS WELL.

A close-up of the man in the blue suit.


TWO REASONS.

ONE: BECAUSE KENT CALLED ME THIS MORNING TO TELL ME THAT HE'S WORKING WITH EXGEMINI ON FINDING MIDNIGHT ARACHNIA.

A close-up of the man in the blue suit.

AND TWO: BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THE CITY HALL LIAISON FOR HEROES DOES, MISS KARL.

GET OUR HEROES READY FOR TRIAL.

The man in the blue suit is talking on a mobile phone. The woman in the yellow jumpsuit stands in the background.

IN THE MEANTIME, I'M GOING TO GET THE BALL ROLLING ON ANOTHER MATTER THAT HAS BEEN A THORN IN OUR SIDE.

HI MADELINE. THIS IS ALEX WENTWORTH. IS HE AVAILABLE?

A close-up of the man in the blue suit talking on the phone.

WELL THEN CAN YOU PLEASE TELL MY UNCLE ANDREW THAT HIS NEPHEW CALLED AND WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE A MEETING.

TELL HIM THAT THERE'S A LEGAL MATTER WITH HIS INSURANCE COVERAGE THAT WE NEED TO HAVE CLEARED UP SOON. THANK YOU.



LATER ON IN FOUNDERS FALLS...

\*SNIFF\*...

KRYS...

**KRYSTALYN ROMANNA**  
AKA PYROGURL

ARE YOU  
OKAY?

**GALATEA POWERS**  
OTHERWORLD HERO

GALATEA?  
BUT... YOU'RE...  
WHY AREN'T YOU  
IN, YOU KNOW,  
IN YOUR OUTFIT?

WELL I'M NOT HERE  
AS A HERO... I'M HERE  
AS YOUR FRIEND.

I HEARD YOU HAD A  
ROUGH DAY TODAY  
WITH ALICE BANKS.

\*SNIFF\*... YEAH...  
SOMETHING LIKE  
THAT...

I JUST... I FEEL LIKE  
I JUST LET THE  
GUARDIANS DOWN!  
I MEAN, I DIDN'T  
WANT TO TELL THEM  
WHAT HAPPENED...

AND THEN SHE ASKED ME IF I  
EVER FELT AFRAID OF  
ANYTHING AND I TRIED TO  
SAY NO, I REALLY, REALLY  
TRIED, AND THEN SHE SAID  
SHE HAD A TELEPATH WHO  
COULD TELL IF I WAS LYING  
AND I ASKED IF I WANTED TO  
CHANGE MY ANSWER... AND I  
HAD TO... CUZ, YOU KNOW, I  
WAS UNDER OATH AND ALL...

SO... \*SNIFF\*... SO I HAD TO TELL  
THEM ABOUT LEONA AND WHEN  
SHE SCARED ME AND WHEN  
MISTER HELLFIGHTER TOLD ME  
TO RUN AND I WENT WITH ICON  
TO THE DAWN PATROL BASE.

I MEAN, I REALLY DIDN'T  
WANT TO TALK ABOUT  
THAT BUT, YOU KNOW,  
SHE HAD THAT TELEPATH  
AND IT WAS LIKE SHE  
KNEW I WASN'T TELLING  
THE TRUTH AND...

YOU PROBABLY HATE ME,  
DON'T YOU?






HATE YOU? WHY?

YOU TOLD THE TRUTH, RIGHT?

YOU WERE IN THE BASE ALL NIGHT, AND THEN MY... SISTER... GAVE YOU A SCARE. IT'S OKAY TO ADMIT THAT YOU WERE AFRAID! EVEN IN COURT.

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH BEING A LITTLE AFRAID EVERY SO OFTEN. IT KIND OF COMES WITH THE JOB.




YEAH, BUT NOW I'VE GOTTEN THE OTHERS IN TROUBLE 'CUZ OF WHAT I SAID.



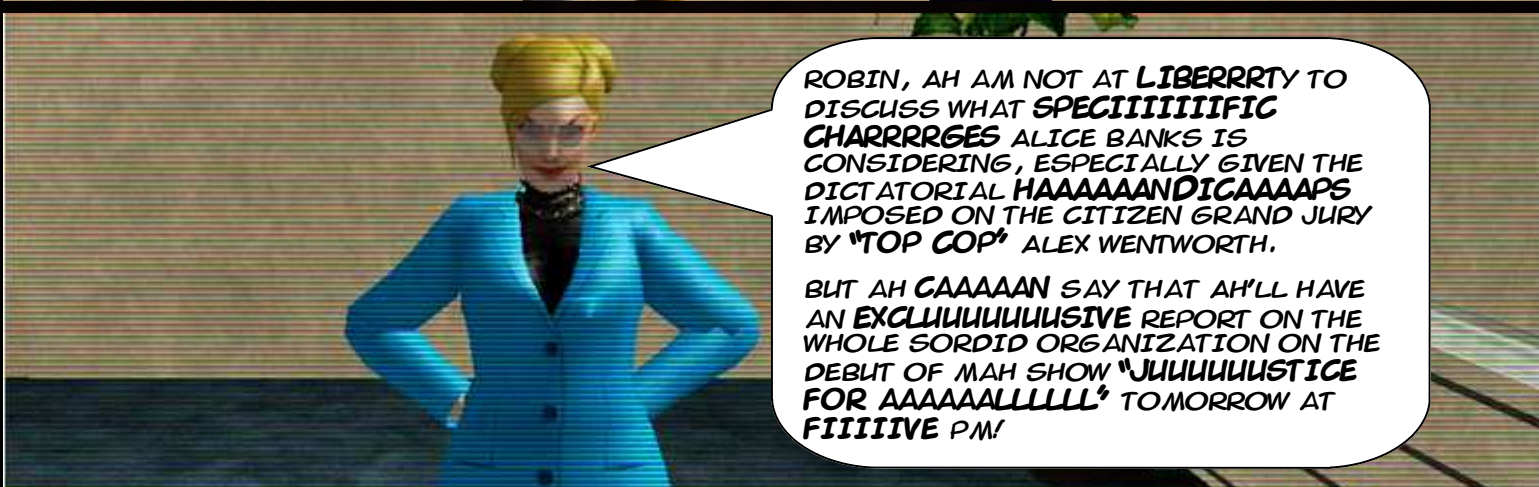
KRYS, DON'T EVER THINK THAT WAY!

YOU TOLD THE TRUTH. THAT'S ALL THAT CAN EVER BE EXPECTED.



TELL YOU WHAT... I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO IN A LITTLE WHILE, BUT... I'M TOLD THAT THERE'S A SMOOTHIE SHOP NEARBY... SO HOW 'BOUT WE GET SOME AND CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO?

SURE... I'D LIKE THAT.



ROBIN, AH AM NOT AT **LIBERRRTY** TO DISCUSS WHAT **SPECIIIIIIIFIC CHARRRRGES** ALICE BANKS IS CONSIDERING, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE DICTATORIAL **HAAAAAANDICAAAAPS** IMPOSED ON THE CITIZEN GRAND JURY BY "TOP COP" ALEX WENTWORTH.

BUT AH **CAAAAAN** SAY THAT AH'LL HAVE AN **EXCLUUUUUUSIVE** REPORT ON THE WHOLE SORDID ORGANIZATION ON THE DEBUT OF MAH SHOW "JUUUUUUSTICE FOR AAAAAALLLLL" TOMORROW AT **FIIIIIVE PM!**

LATEST SCOOP FROM NAN BRACER

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DO YOU REALIZE WHAT SORT OF DANGER YOU'RE IN JUST BY BEING HERE?

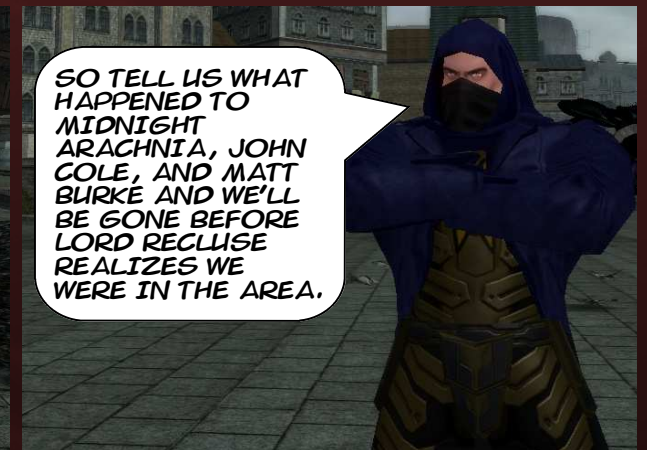
THE LAST TIME YOU WERE IN THE ISLES YOU NEARLY STARTED A NUCLEAR WAR!



ACTUALLY, THAT WAS ALL GALATEA.\*

I BELIEVE SHE MEANT ME. IT'S... A VERY LONG STORY.

(\*SPOTLIGHT\* #17)



SO TELL US WHAT HAPPENED TO MIDNIGHT ARACHNIA, JOHN COLE, AND MATT BURKE AND WE'LL BE GONE BEFORE LORD RECLUSE REALIZES WE WERE IN THE AREA.



BURKE? BURKE'S FINE. HE HAD TO RELOCATE TO INSIDE THE MERCY WALLS AFTER LONGBOW INVADED.\*

BUT... I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHERS.

(\*AFTERMATH\*)



I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD BE OBLIVIOUS TO WHAT IS GOING ON CONCERNING A MEMBER OF YOUR OWN ORGANIZATION...

ESPECIALLY GIVEN YOUR OWN ORIGINS.




BELIEVE WHAT YOU WISH, ICON POWERS. YOU ARE RISKING YOUR LIFE NOT ONLY BY BEING HERE, BUT IN ASSOCIATING YOURSELF WITH THIS BEING THAT YOU CALL EXGEMINI.

AT LEAST I'M LETTING YOU SEE ME IN MY TRUE FORM!


WHO AND WHAT EXGEMINI IS WILL BE DEALT WITH ANOTHER DAY.

RIGHT NOW WE BOTH ARE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR MISSING TEAMMATE AND HER FRIEND AND WHERE THEY ARE RIGHT THIS MINUTE.







THE ONLY BEING  
THAT WOULD KNOW  
WHERE THOSE TWO  
ARE NOW IS MY  
PATRON, LIBRA, AND  
I HAVE NOT HEARD  
FROM HIM AT ALL  
SINCE SEPTEMBER.



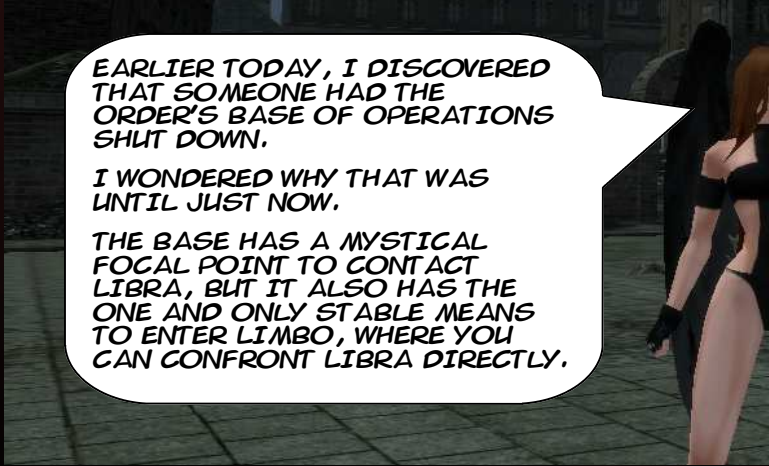
REALLY?  
AND HOW WOULD  
YOU GO ABOUT  
CONTACTING  
HIM?



NORMALLY, WE DON'T.  
HE CONTACTS US.  
ALTHOUGH AT OUR  
BASE WE HAVE A  
FOCAL POINT THAT  
WE USE TO...  
OHHHH, OF COURSE!



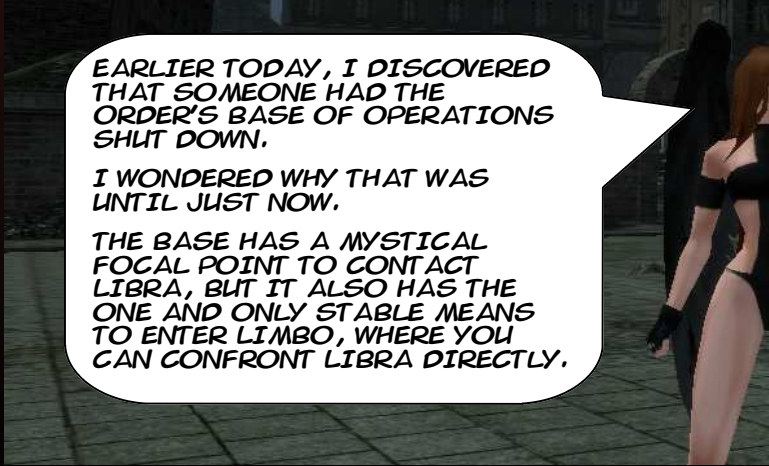
WHAT?  
OUT WITH IT!



EARLIER TODAY, I DISCOVERED  
THAT SOMEONE HAD THE  
ORDER'S BASE OF OPERATIONS  
SHUT DOWN.

I WONDERED WHY THAT WAS  
UNTIL JUST NOW.


THE BASE HAS A MYSTICAL  
FOCAL POINT TO CONTACT  
LIBRA, BUT IT ALSO HAS THE  
ONE AND ONLY STABLE MEANS  
TO ENTER LIMBO, WHERE YOU  
CAN CONFRONT LIBRA DIRECTLY.



LIBRA MUST HAVE SHUT DOWN  
THE BASE TO PREVENT ANYONE  
FROM REACHING LIMBO!

ONLY ONE BEING OUTSIDE OF  
THE ORDER HAS EVER HAD THE  
POWER TO ENTER LIMBO ON  
THEIR OWN, AND THAT PERSON  
WON'T EXIST YET FOR  
HUNDREDS, IF NOT  
THOUSANDS OF YEARS!\*

\* "GALATEA FUTURE" - THE GALATEA  
POWERS FROM AN ALTERNATE FUTURE FROM  
THE "TIME AND CHANGES" STORYLINE.)



YOU'D BE SURPRISED WHAT  
SORT OF RESOURCES WE  
CAN STILL COME UP WITH.  
IF WE CAN REACH LIMBO,  
WILL YOU HELP US?



THERE IS NOTHING TO ASK,  
ICON POWERS.

SHE WILL HELP US LOCATE  
OUR MISSING FRIENDS.

I WILL, BUT NOT BECAUSE  
OF YOUR INSISTENCE,  
FORMER ASCENDED.  
I HAVE MY OWN QUESTIONS  
THAT I WANT ANSWERED.



THE NEXT DAY...

KINGS ROW

"MISTER BECKER... YOUR OPPORTUNITY IS HERE. DO YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE?"

"YES."

"GOOD. FACILITIES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED SIMILAR TO THOSE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOY."

"I WILL GIVE YOU AN ADDRESS NOT FAR FROM YOUR CURRENT LOCATION."

"DO NOT TELL ANYONE WHERE YOU ARE GOING."

"AT LEAST LET ME TELL MY LISTENERS WHAT I'M DOING SO THEY CAN--"

"NO."

"THEY WILL BE MADE AWARE IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME."

"AS BEFORE, YOU WILL HAVE ALL OF THE NECESSARY RESEARCH MATERIAL TO DRAW UPON, AND THE BETTER PART OF THE DAY TO ARRANGE IT TO YOUR LIKING."

"OKAY. SO... WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO SAY?"



"ONLY WHAT YOU HAVE PROVEN TO BE SO MASTERFUL AT TELLING WHEN GIVEN THE RIGHT MATERIAL."

"THE TRUTH...  
... AS YOU SEE IT.."



ELSEWHERE...

WELL? HOW DID IT GO?

I CAN TELL MY FRIENDS AT S.E.R.A.P.H. THAT THE NEW STEALTH CLOTHING WORKED IN SUPPRESSING SUPERHUMAN ENERGIES FROM DETECTION.

AS FOR THE REAL REASON WHY WE WERE IN THE ROGUE ISLES... I WAS RIGHT; IT WAS LIBRA.

ICON POWERS  
"RETIRED" SUPERHERO

BUT APPARENTLY TAINTED EVE IS OBLIVIOUS TO IT ALL. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT LIBRA MOVED TO SHUT DOWN THE ORDER'S MEANS TO ACCESS LIMBO.

IS THAT GOING TO BE A PROBLEM?

NOT REALLY. I HAVE A FEW TRICKS UP MY SLEEVE THAT NOT EVEN LIBRA IS AWARE OF. WE'LL GET THERE, ALEX. AND WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO JESSICA... AND TO JOHN COLE AS WELL.

\*PING-PING\*

THIS IS DISTRICT ATTORNEY WENTWORTH.

YES, I WAS EXPECTING A CALL BACK FROM MY UNCLE.

OKAY, THAT'S GOOD. I'LL BE THERE.

WHAT ELSE? REALLY?

CURIOUSER AND CURIOUSER... I'LL BE SURE TO TUNE IN THEN. THANK YOU.



AND WE ARE JUST MINUTES AWAY FROM BRINGING YOU THE PREMIERE OF "JUSTICE FOR ALL", THE NEW LEGAL SERIES FEATURING PNN'S OWN NAN BRACER.



HOWEVER, I HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY OUR PROGRAMMING MANAGER THAT WE HAVE A SPECIAL PAID MESSAGE THAT WILL BE AIRED PRIOR TO THE DEBUT OF THAT SHOW, SO... WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, THIS IS THE PAID MESSAGE FROM EQUINOX ASSOCIATES.

## PNN AFTERNOON NEWS WITH ROBIN STEED



**PAID COMMERCIAL  
MESSAGE**

HELLO  
PARAGON  
CITY!

YOUR EYES  
ARE NOT  
DECEIVING  
YOU.  
IT'S REALLY  
ME.

**PAID BROADCAST**



FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW ME, MY NAME IS GARRY BECKER.

NOT TOO LONG AGO, I USED TO HAVE A SHOW HERE ON PNN, WHICH IS WHY THE FOLKS AT EQUINOX ASSOCIATES ASKED ME TO HOST THIS RARE ONE-TIME-ONLY SPECIAL.

I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT WHEN I DID MY SHOW THAT I TRIED TO PRESENT TO YOU THE TRUTH ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION AS IT WAS PRESENTED TO ME.

AND WHEN I WOULD LATER FIND OUT THAT THE INFORMATION WAS WRONG, I WASN'T AFRAID TO ADMIT THAT I WAS WRONG.

**PAID BROADCAST**



WELL, THIS TIME I'M HERE TO CORRECT A LITTLE MISINFORMATION THAT WAS BEING SPREAD ON THIS VERY NETWORK.

MISINFORMATION THAT WAS BEING SPREAD BY A CERTAIN PNN PERSONALITY WITH HER OWN AGENDA.

BUT FIRST, A LITTLE BACKGROUND...

I NEVER KNEW NAN BRACER WHEN I WAS STILL WITH PNN. AT THE TIME, SHE WAS BEING BROUGHT IN AS A POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT FOR RONA COSELL, AND I WAS SO FULL OF MYSELF AND TRYING TO SHAPE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY RACE THAT I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE.

**PAID BROADCAST**





## NANETTE "NAN" BRACER

Birmingham Prosecutor

- Cited in 18 complaints to Alabama Bar Association for failure to disclose crucial information to defense attorneys.
- Disbarred in 2006 for manufacturing evidence.

Atlanta TV/Radio "Legal Expert"

- Badgered young man to kill himself for a crime he never committed. Lawsuit settled with family.
- Often cited personal opinions in place of actual legal precedence.

"IN HINDSIGHT, I SUPPOSE WE ALL SHOULD HAVE PAID A LITTLE MORE ATTENTION TO HER CAREER."



"DON'T GET ME WRONG, I'M FAR FROM PERFECT HERE, BUT IF I HAD THIS RECORD I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT I WOULD HAVE BEEN TRUSTED WITH A TV SHOW."

## PAID BROADCAST

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SPEAKING OF TV SHOWS... THAT BRINGS US TO THAT "SPECIAL REPORT" THAT MS. BRACER DID FOR PNN. THE INTERVIEW WITH MICHAEL YORKTON, FORMERLY THE "BRONX BOXER".



I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT WAS HER AT THE BAR THAT NIGHT. THEY DID THEIR BEST TO DISGUISE HER, COACHED HER ON WHAT TO SAY AND HOW TO ACT.

## PAID BROADCAST

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## FROM PNN SPECIAL REPORT

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BUT THE NEXT MORNING, THERE SHE WAS. AND ALL SHE COULD SAY WAS... "SORRY."

## FROM PNN SPECIAL REPORT

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OOOH! CHILLING! THAT INTERVIEW GAVE ME GOOSEBUMPS. IT SOUNDED LIKE MICHAEL DID SOMETHING RATHER NASTY WITH HIS TEENAGE SIDEKICK.

## PAID BROADCAST

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ONLY... IT DIDN'T HAPPEN LIKE THAT AT ALL.

THE BRONX BOXER WAS THE LEADER OF THE NEW YORK CITY-BASED SUPERGROUP KNOWN AS THE CITY SWEEPERS, MOSTLY STREET-LEVEL VIGILANTES THAT KEPT THE STREETS GANG-FREE.

BUT HE ALSO HAD AN EX-WIFE KNOWN AS HOLIDAY CHANCE. AN ADMITTED THRILL-SEEKER, HOLIDAY, OR "HOLLY" TO HER FRIENDS, WOULD SWAP OUT BETWEEN BEING GOOD AND BAD DEPENDING ON HER MOOD. DON'T WORRY, IT'LL ALL MAKE SENSE IN A MINUTE.

## PAID BROADCAST

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PARAGON NEWS NETWORK





BEAR WITH ME,  
PARAGON CITY...  
I'M NOT TRYING TO  
BE RUDE; IT'S JUST  
THAT I'M A ONE-  
MAN OPERATION  
HERE, SO I HAVE TO  
CUE ALL THE  
FOOTAGE MYSELF.

**PAID BROADCAST**

**PNN**  
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SO TELL US  
WHAT HAPPENED  
WHEN YOU MET  
UP WITH YOUR  
EX-WIFE THAT  
NIGHT.

**RAW FOOTAGE**

**PNN**  
PARAGON NEWS NETWORK



OH, I NEED TO  
POINT OUT THAT  
MS. BRACER DIDN'T  
CONDUCT THE  
INTERVIEW HERSELF.  
SO THE VOICE YOU  
HEAR OFF-CAMERA  
IS ACTUALLY PNN'S  
OWN FAITH  
NOTTINGHAM.

**PAID BROADCAST**

**PNN**  
PARAGON NEWS NETWORK



HOLLY CALLED ME  
UP OUT OF THE  
BLUE, SAID SHE  
NEEDED TO TALK  
TO ME.  
NOTHING NEW... WE  
WOULD MEET,  
TALK, SOMETIMES  
WE'D EVEN ...

**RAW FOOTAGE**

**PNN**  
PARAGON NEWS NETWORK



LOOK, THIS IS  
EMBARRASSING. I  
THOUGHT YOU SAID  
THIS WAS SUPPOSED  
TO HELP FLY-6 OUT.

IT WILL. PEOPLE NEED TO  
HEAR YOUR SIDE OF THE  
STORY IN ORDER FOR  
THEM TO UNDERSTAND  
WHAT YOU DID.

I'M DOING THIS FOR  
HER SAKE, NOT FOR  
MINE. SHE GETS THE  
HELP SHE NEEDS.  
THAT'S THE DEAL.

**RAW FOOTAGE**

**PNN**  
PARAGON NEWS NETWORK



I DIDN'T KNOW 6 HAD A CRUSH ON ME.  
I ALWAYS THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST  
INTO THE WHOLE "HERO-THING".

BUT SOMEONE KNEW. SOMEONE WAS  
HELPING FUEL THAT CRUSH.

I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT WAS HER AT  
THE BAR THAT NIGHT.

THEY DID THEIR BEST TO DISGUISE  
HER, COACHED HER ON WHAT TO SAY  
AND HOW TO ACT.

I WAS WAITING FOR HOLLY, AND  
SUDDENLY 6 SHOWED UP ALL  
DOLLED-UP, CARRYING ON LIKE I  
WAS REALLY WAITING FOR HER.

**RAW FOOTAGE**

**PNN**  
PARAGON NEWS NETWORK



I HAD TO GET G OUT OF THERE BEFORE SHE CAUSED MORE OF A SCENE THAN SHE ALREADY DID.

BUT IT WAS TOO LATE... THE DAMAGE WAS ALREADY DONE.

I GO BACK TO THE BAR AND THERE'S AN ENVELOPE WAITING FOR ME.

SOMEONE TOOK PICTURES OF US EARLIER, WITH G... WITH HER... FAWNING... OVER ME LIKE A LOVESICK PUPPY.

AND THERE WAS MORE... LOVE LETTERS... PAGES FROM G'S DIARY... SOME INSTA-SPAPS OF HER N... I DON'T EVEN WANT TO SAY WHAT THEY WERE...

AND A NOTE THAT SAID "WE'LL BE IN TOUCH."

**RAW FOOTAGE**

**PNN**  
PARAGON NEWS NETWORK

I WAS PI... I WAS ANGRY... I KNEW HOLLY WAS INVOLVED IN IT SOMEHOW.

SHE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE NERVE TO SHOW UP AT THE BAR AFTERWARD, SO I KNEW SHE HAD SET ME UP.

BUT THE NEXT MORNING, THERE SHE WAS...

AND ALL SHE COULD SAY WAS "SORRY."

THEN SOME SCUMBAG REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER BARGES IN AND SAYS HE KNOWS SOMEONE IN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT THAT WOULD HAVE ME PUT AWAY FOR LIFE IF I DIDN'T DO WHAT HE SAID FROM THAT POINT ON.

**RAW FOOTAGE**

**PNN**  
PARAGON NEWS NETWORK

I THREW HIM OUT THE WINDOW.

THIRTY STORIES DOWN.

THEN I TURNED MYSELF IN.

I ASKED THE OTHERS TO HELP FLY-G OUT... GIVE HER THE HELP THAT SHE NEEDS.

BUT THEN ALICE BANKS STARTED IN WITH HER DIATRIBE ABOUT THE PHOTOS... AND SUDDENLY MY GUILTY PLEA IS MORE THAN JUST FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

**RAW FOOTAGE**

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**RAW FOOTAGE**

**PNN**  
PARAGON NEWS NETWORK

I THINK WE'VE HEARD ENOUGH... DON'T YOU?

CERTAINLY MORE THAN ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT THERE WAS MORE GOING ON WITH MISTER YORKTON THAN WAS BEING LED ON BY MS. BRAGER IN HER PNN SPECIAL LAST WEEK.

SO YOU'RE PROBABLY ASKING WHAT HAPPENED TO FLY-G, THE TEENAGE SIDEKICK WITH THE CRUSH ON THE BRONX BOXER.

WELL THAT'S THE REALLY SAD PART ABOUT THIS WHOLE ORDEAL...

SHE WAS FORGOTTEN.

ALICE BANKS HAD HER POSTER CRIMINAL, MISTER YORKTON WAS ON HIS WAY TO A LIFE SENTENCE, AND FLY-G WAS FORGOTTEN.

**PAID BROADCAST**

**PNN**  
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HER OBSESSION TURNED INTO A DEPRESSION, THEN SHE TURNED TO DRINKING... A LOT OF DRINKING.

THE CITY SWEEPERS HAD TO DISBAND, SO THERE WAS NOBODY LEFT TO LOOK AFTER HER.

PRETTY SOON SHE DROPPED OFF THE HERO RADAR COMPLETELY.

THANKFULLY THE FOLKS AT EQUINOX ASSOCIATES FOUND FLY-6 AND SHE'S NOW IN A SPECIAL REHAB CLINIC IN ALBANY FOR SUPERHUMANS.

THINK ABOUT IT: IN A WHOLE CRUSADE SUPPOSEDLY WAGED IN HER NAME, SHE ENDED UP BEING THE ONE LEFT OUT OF IT ALL.

**PAID BROADCAST**

**PNN**  
PARAGON NEWS NETWORK

BUT THERE'S A MUCH LARGER MESSAGE THAT NEEDS TO BE SAID.

AND IT'S NOT ABOUT ME PLAYING ONE-UP ON MY FORMER EMPLOYER.

I MAY NOT AGREE WITH YOUR CHOICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PARAGON CITY, BUT I WILL SAY THIS...

YESTERDAY HE SPOKE THE TRUTH.

I WAS A PART OF THE PROBLEM IN THE PAST.

**PAID BROADCAST**

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ALEX WENTWORTH WAS RIGHT TO CALL ME OUT FOR THE THINGS I DID IN THOSE DAYS.

BACK THEN I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THE TRUTH. I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT WHO WAS HURT IN MY QUEST TO GET PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT WHAT I SAID.

THE TRUTH WAS THE FIRST CASUALTY, BUT IT WASN'T THE ONLY ONE.

AND FOR A NETWORK THAT PRIDES ITSELF IN GIVING YOU THE TRUTH, I DID MUCH HARM TO THE NETWORK'S REPUTATION.

I WOULD HOPE THAT THE EXECUTIVES AT THIS NETWORK LEARNED FROM MY MISTAKES AFTER I LEFT.

**PAID BROADCAST**

**PNN**  
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IT IS SAID THAT THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE.

WELL OBVIOUSLY IT'S FAR TOO LATE FOR THE TRUTH TO HELP MICHAEL YORKTON. HE WILL HAVE TO ATONE FOR HIS ACTIONS FOR YEARS TO COME.

BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO USE MISTER YORKTON AS THE EXAMPLE, THEN LET'S BE TRUTHFUL ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM AND WHY HE IS BEHIND BARS TODAY.

LET'S NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES OUR PREDECESSORS MADE. LET'S NOT USE HALF-TRUTHS IN PLACE OF THE TRUTH.

FOR EQUINOX ASSOCIATES, I'M GARRY BECKER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

**PAID BROADCAST**

**PNN**  
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PNN CENTER - STEEL CANYON

I'M MAKING  
THE CALL.  
PULL IT.

BUT MISTER  
EMERSON--

I WILL NOT HAVE THIS  
NETWORK SCHOOLED IN  
BROADCAST ETHICS  
BY... OF ALL PEOPLE...  
GARRY FREAKING  
BECKER!!!

YES SIR.  
PULLING  
THE SHOW.

"DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES  
BEYOND OUR CONTROL,  
'JUSTICE FOR ALL' WILL  
NOT BE AIRING AT ITS  
SCHEDULED TIME."

**PNN**  
PARAGON NEWS NETWORK

**PROGRAMMING  
CHANGE**

"STAY TUNED FOR A  
SPECIAL BROADCAST  
OF 'SHINING LIGHTS'  
WITH SALLY CARSON-  
RAMIREZ."

LATER...

I SUPPOSE  
CONGRATULATIONS  
ARE IN ORDER.

WHAT TH...? HOW THE  
HECK DID YOU FIND  
WHERE I WORK?

A LITTLE THING  
CALLED HYPER-  
SENSSES.

A SUPPOSEDLY  
"ABANDONED"  
BUILDING WITH  
ELECTRICITY SORT  
OF STANDS OUT.

BUT GIVEN YOU'RE IN KINGS ROW,  
YOU SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT  
I'M THE ONE PAYING YOU A VISIT  
INSTEAD OF MIDNIGHT X.

AND YOU DO MORE THAN JUST  
"WORK" HERE. I HEAR A  
REFRIGERATOR UPSTAIRS, AND  
THE RUSH OF WATER FROM A  
RECENTLY-USED BATHROOM.

I TAKE IT THERE'S A REASON WHY  
YOU'VE INTRUDED INTO MY HOME  
AND WORKPLACE.

MAYBE YOU EXPECT ME TO  
APOLOGIZE FOR SOME OF THE  
THINGS I'VE SAID ABOUT YOUR  
OLD TEAMMATES RECENTLY?



THAT'S A GOOD PLACE TO START.

BUT BEFORE YOU DO, I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I JUST HEARD THAT THE NEW YORK PRISONS AND PAROLE BOARD WILL BE REVIEWING MICHAEL YORKTON'S SENTENCE FOLLOWING YOUR BROADCAST.

THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR...

BUT IF YOU'RE STILL LOOKING FOR THAT APOLOGY, I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE IT.

WHAT I SAID THEN ABOUT THE GUARDIANS WAS THE TRUTH. YOUR PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED IN THE GALAXY CITY DISASTER.

THAT'S BULL AND YOU KNOW IT.

I WANT TO KNOW WHO'S BEEN FEEDING YOU THESE LIES, MISTER "LET'S BE TRUTHFUL".

THEY'RE NOT LIES, MISS POWERS.

AND YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO CHECK WITH THE MAN THAT GAVE ME THAT INFORMATION HIMSELF.

HIS NAME IS RICHARD CYRIL, CEO OF CYRIL CORPORATION.

OH, AND I SUGGEST YOU MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH HIM FIRST INSTEAD OF JUST BARGING IN.

SHE DOESN'T SAY ANOTHER WORD. SHE JUST FLIES AWAY.

YOU'RE WELCOME, BY THE WAY!

STILL, IT WAS A GREAT DAY FOR ME.

I WAS BACK ON PNN.

I CALLED OUT MY SO-CALLED "SUCCESSOR".

AND I EVEN MADE GALATEA POWERS SPEECHLESS.

I STILL HAVE IT!

YEAH... HAIL THE CONQUERING HERO... AS HE SITS BACK DOWN IN HIS MUSTY OFFICE OF A HOME.

\*SIGH\*... SHOULDVE AT LEAST HAGGLED FOR PIZZA.

NEXT ISSUE:  
LIMBO!



# POWER TRIP



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

FROM THE DESK OF...

## Kent Poderes Technical Consultant

### Garry Becker:

*When I was a child on my Earth, before my superhuman abilities manifested, I wanted to be a TV Anchorman. I had the utmost respect for broadcast legends like Walter Rather and Dan Cronkite. I thought these people could only speak the truth.*

*Then I became a hero in my own right, and I found out the hard way that not everyone that called themselves a reporter were as honest or upfront as I believed the vocation required. I found reporters that used my own words against me, tried to twist my comments to suit some political agenda. Even when I dated a reporter, she would be quick to say that the truth is not as important as the story is.*

*Unfortunately, coming to this universe, I was sad to discover that the news media outlets here are just as bad ... if not worse.*

*Garry Becker apparently is one of the worst. Unlike Rona Cosell, Becker isn't a reporter. He's what someone once referred to as a "media personality". He started out as a bad magician and part-time radio disc-jockey. He wasn't as much of an entertainer as he was a pitchman. At first it was for car dealerships and jewelry franchises, but then he realized that he could use those same skills to pitch an "illusion" of how he saw life to be and sell himself as the "voice of Paragon City".*

*Becker wrote this book called "I Want MY Paragon City Back", which was pretty much full of every conservative idea that was ever expressed in the past fifty years. But it worked in that even national conservative groups were buying the books by the crate-load. And it sold people on the idea that Garry was some great conservative visionary, which led to his TV show on the Paragon News Network cable channel.*

*Unfortunately he used his media platform to insult Paragon City and its heroes at every opportunity. While he gushed praises on Statesman, he openly mocked Statesman's granddaughter, Ms. Liberty. When he learned that she was once called "Statesman's Sidechick", he began to refer to her by that nickname, and dubbed her Vindicators supergroup as the "Sidechick Brigade". He ran an annoying tally at the number of times Frostfire was arrested and how many prisoners have escaped from Ziggursky prison. There wasn't a hero or hero group around that was safe from his media barbs aside from the Freedom Phalanx.*

*It wasn't long before he focused his attentions on the Guardians of the Dawn, and he did so in a big way.*

*Becker ran an "exclusive" where he supposedly "exposed" Midnight Arachnia as being a spy for Arachnos. Using material that he claimed was given to him by "anonymous sources", he showed images of Midnight Arachnia when she was a teenager in the Rogue Isles. It would later be revealed that she was working for the heroic mystics known as Legacy Chain, not Arachnos. But the truth did not come out until after Becker's hatchet job resulted in the Guardians being suspended and Jessica fleeing back to the Isles as a fugitive.*

*Yes, the truth did come out, Jessica was vindicated, and Becker ultimately did himself in with a certain on-air four-letter swear, but he wouldn't stay off-the-air for long.*



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*His next look at the Guardians was focused on my "adopted relative", Lyon Powers. Becker claimed that he was doing the Guardians a favor by highlighting her career both with the Dawn Patrol and with the Guardians, but it turned out his "favor" was a backhanded way to attack her credibility as a hero. Thankfully fortune smiled on us through a costume-themed nihilist group called Anarchy-999 taking over the PNM studios. Anarchy-999 gave us the opportunity to shine, and it gave Lyon and her "adopted sister" Galatea the opportunity to work as a team with all of Paragon City watching on.*

*We long suspected that Becker was being sponsored by some larger organization, such as the Shadowborn network. But we could never prove his involvement with Lord Geddy's organization.*

*Then came the special election to fill the vacated District Attorney position. From day one, Becker put his support behind Deputy District Attorney Edward Vance, another person we suspected was a member of Shadowborn. He didn't care how many election rules he broke to push Vance as being the "clear choice" or how many fines PNM was hit with for violating those election rules. All he cared about was getting Vance elected.*

*As Election Day got closer, Becker went for broke. He made an on-air wager on the eve of the election that if Alex Wentworth won, he would quit his job and leave PNM. He was so confident that Vance would win that he bet his own job on it... and lost.*

*But, once again, Becker did not stay away for very long.*

*After the Shivan meteor attack on Galaxy City, Garry Becker found himself a new venue for his ramblings: internet radio. Somehow he got airtime on a community service known as the Paragon Internet Radio Network and began his new "job" by attacking the Guardians of the Dawn, blaming us for the devastation and deaths. He claims that he has proof of this involvement but he has never presented it on-air, saying that he's waiting for a grand jury inquiry. It was bad enough that the Guardians were disbanded by then; we also then had to have our own group's reputation tarnished even further by this self-admitted clown.*

*It is said that the media is the "Fourth Estate" in society. If this is true, then Garry Becker represents the black sheep faction of that estate that should have long been disowned.*

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## NEXT ISSUE...



***In their quest to find their missing teammates, Icon Powers and ExGemini, along with Tainted Eve, take a trip to Limbo to confront the mysterious cosmic force called Libra...***

***But what they will find there will surprise everyone!***





When all seems lost...  
there will be redemption.

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