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FURIA AND THE GUARDIANS



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Not All Holiday Events Are "Fun"!

It's a FACT:

- ⇒ Even though they first appear in brightly-colored boxes, Winter Horde monsters are far from festive creatures.
- ⇒ Even when defeated, still-melting snow creatures have been known to cause havoc with the daily commute and have even caused power-outages.
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Now Furia Powers is a member of the Guardians of the Dawn, a superhero team dedicated to helping humanity to that bright future that is always just beyond the horizon. It is a team that is on the brink of becoming legend. They are...

FURIA



AND THE GUARDIANS

It's 2017...

A few months ago, the world was spared the worst coronal mass ejection in human recorded history, thanks to some of Earth's most powerful heroes.

Time passes, and society goes on. A new President is about to take office and the current one is on his way out.

Some things change, but some things still remain...

Some problems still remain in our beloved "City of Heroes" that need to be dealt with.

"CHANGE IS IN THE AIR"

- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

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KINGS ROW - PARAGON CITY, RI, USA

JANUARY 18TH, 2017

"TEN MINUTES AFTER THE HOUR, AND YOU'RE LISTENING TO THE REVEREND NEO-CON SHOW HERE ON WPNN!"

"I AM YOUR HOST, THE MINISTER OF THE AIRWAVES, SEAN RUSH, A.K.A, THE REVEREND NEO-CON."

"AND WHAT A GLORIOUS TIME TO BE ALIVE IN AMERICA, ESPECIALLY FOR THE TRUE AMERICANS, THE TRUE CONSERVATIVE AMERICANS!"

"WE ARE JUST A DAY-AND-A-HALF AWAY FROM THE SWEARING-IN OF A BRAND NEW PRESIDENT!"

"A PRESIDENT THAT TRULY CARES ABOUT THE REAL AMERICANS INSTEAD OF THAT TRAITOR OBAMA AND HIS COMMIE GANG OF CRIMINAL LIBERALS."

"CHANGE IS IN THE AIR, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS! AND IT IS A CHANGE THAT WILL BLOW AWAY THE WICKED!"

"IN FACT, ONE MIGHT SAY THAT IT'S ALREADY HERE."

"I'LL LET YOU IN ON A LITTLE SECRET..."

I LOVE PARAGON CITY...
I REALLY DO.

IT'S WHY I PUT ON THIS UNIFORM EVERY SINGLE DAY.

SURE, THE PAY IS OKAY, BUT I DON'T DO THIS FOR A PAYCHECK. I DO THIS BECAUSE I LOVE THIS CITY AND I WANT TO KEEP IT SAFE.

Lt. William McCade
PARAGON CITY POLICE

BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT I REALLY WANT TO CHANGE ABOUT IT.

AND THAT IS THIS ASININE DELUSION THAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE OF PARAGON CITY BEING A "CITY OF HEROES".

YOU TELL HER, CADE!

LET'S TAKE YOU, FOR INSTANCE...

YOUNG TWENTY-SOMETHING WOMAN, COMES HERE WITH SOME HALLOWEEN COSTUME AND A COUPLE OF HAI-KARATE MOVES FROM YOUR LITTLE GIRLY GYM CLASS AND YOU THINK THAT PUTS YOU IN THE SAME LEAGUE AS THE REST OF US!



I HAD TO PAY MY DUES TO WEAR THIS BADGE, LITTLE MISS "STREET ANGEL".
ALL OF THESE OFFICERS DID TOO.



YOU AND YOUR KIND THINK "ALL I HAVE TO DO IS PUT ON A COSTUME AND GIVE MYSELF A TOUGH-SOUNDING NAME AND THE BAD GLYS WILL JUST PISS THEIR PANTS!"



I GOT NEWS FOR YOU, LITTLE GIRL...
KINGS ROW ISN'T QUIET TONIGHT BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR SO-CALLED "HEROES".

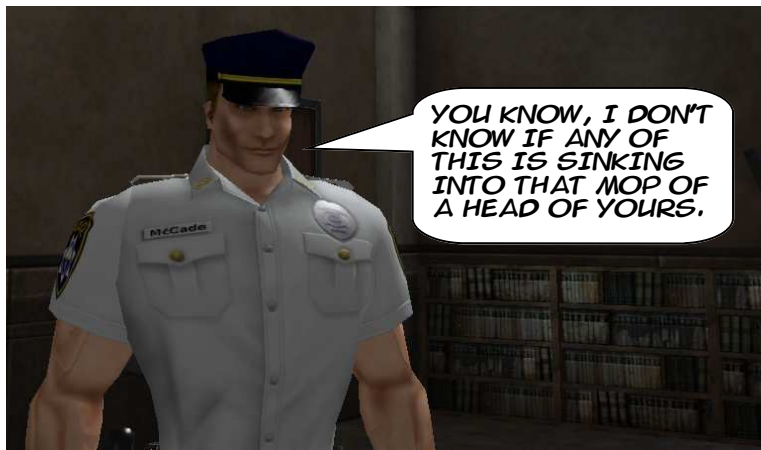
YOU'RE JUST THE EYE-CANDY OF THE MOMENT.
YOU SHAKE YOUR ASS AND JIGGLE YOUR TITS AND THEN YOU MOVE ON TO ANOTHER ZONE.



WE'RE THE ONES THAT ARE KEEPING THE STREETS QUIET.

NOT YOU... NOT SIN STALKER OR HIS LITTLE JUNKIE WHORE OR THAT PUNK-ASS JASON KNIGHT AND HIS REDHEAD SLUT.

WE'RE THE ONES THAT ARE STILL HERE WHEN YOU AND THE OTHER PRETENDERS HAVE MOVED ON TO FIND ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD TO PLAY YOUR LITTLE GAMES IN.



YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF THIS IS SINKING INTO THAT MOP OF A HEAD OF YOURS.



IS IT BECAUSE WE TOOK OFF YOUR PLAYTIME WIG AND YOUR WIDDLE PLAYTIME COSTUME MASK?



HOW ABOUT SHE GIVES A SHOW, HUH? BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE HAD A LITTLE FUN.

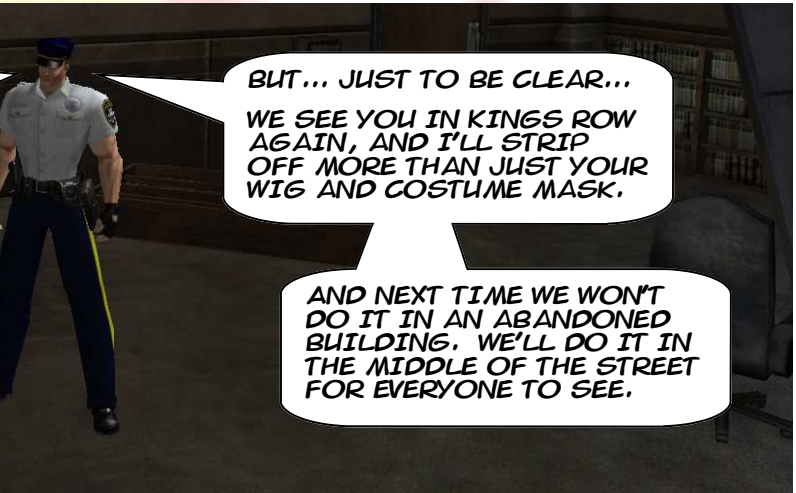


THAT'S ALL YOU REALLY ARE TO US, MISSY "STREET ANGEL"...

YOU'RE JUST A COSPLAY MODEL LOOKING FOR A FANCLUB.

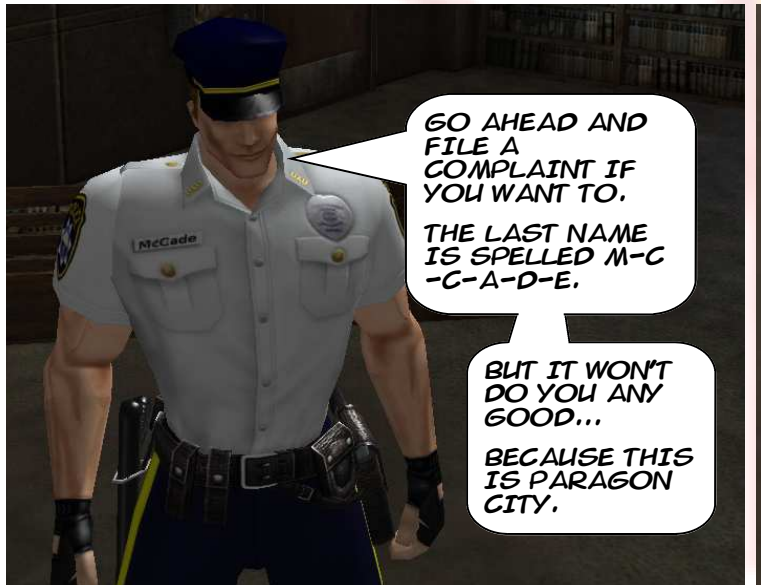


I THINK WE'LL LET YOU OFF WITH JUST A WARNING.



BUT... JUST TO BE CLEAR... WE SEE YOU IN KINGS ROW AGAIN, AND I'LL STRIP OFF MORE THAN JUST YOUR WIG AND COSTUME MASK.

AND NEXT TIME WE WON'T DO IT IN AN ABANDONED BUILDING. WE'LL DO IT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET FOR EVERYONE TO SEE.



GO AHEAD AND FILE A COMPLAINT IF YOU WANT TO. THE LAST NAME IS SPELLED M-C -C-A-D-E.

BUT IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD... BECAUSE THIS IS PARAGON CITY.



AND HERE, THE COP ALWAYS WINS. ALWAYS!

HELIOS TOWERS - HERO-FRIENDLY CONDOMINIUM

TALOS ISLAND

JANUARY 19, 2017

"NO, NO, I'M STILL HERE."

RIGHT, I'M CALLING ABOUT THE STATUS OF MY BENEFITS. PODERES. P-O-D-E-R-E-S.

Fiona Poderes
AKA FURIA POWERS

RIGHT, I WAS EMPLOYED BY THE PARAGON LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY LAST YEAR AS A CASE INVESTIGATOR.

WELL I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF HANDLING MY FIRST CASE WHEN I WAS ASSAULTED. WHEN I WAS WELL ENOUGH TO CHECK IN, I WAS TOLD I WAS OUT OF A JOB.

WELL, WHILE I WAS RECOVERING, I WAS TOLD THAT THE CLIENT I WAS HELPING WAS MURDERED.* BUT THAT WASN'T BECAUSE OF ANYTHING THAT I DID OR FAILED TO DO.

WHA..? DENIED? WHY?

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YES, I SEEM TO RECALL THEM TELLING ME THAT I WOULD BE SERVING AS A FREELANCER FOR THE FIRST FEW CASES, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT...

... NO, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT FREELANCE WORKERS WERE INELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

WELL THERE MUST BE SOMETHING SOCIAL SERVICES COULD TO DO HELP ME UNTIL I CAN FIND A NEW JOB.

HELLO? HELL...?



AAAAAAAARR
HHHHH!!!!



OKAY, CALM DOWN,
FURIA... I'LL GO GET
CHANGED, AND I'LL
POUND ON SOME
GANG MEMBERS...

BEEP-BEEP
BEEP-BEEP



THIS IS FIONA...
I GUESS WE LOST
CONTACT AND--

OH! I'M SORRY, I
THOUGHT YOU WERE
SOCIAL SERVICES. WE
HAD A... BAD CONNECTION.

NO, NO, IT'S NOT
THAT IMPORTANT.
YES... YES, I AM
LOOKING FOR WORK.



NO, IT'S NOT A
PROBLEM. I'D BE
HAPPY TO MEET WITH
YOUR PARTNER.
I JUST NEED TO GET
DRESSED AND...



WHAT DO YOU
MEAN SHE'S
RIGHT OUTSIDE
MY FRONT DOOR?

DING-DONG!
YOU HAVE A
VISITOR AT THE
DOOR.



FIONA
PODERES,
RIGHT?



I'M ABBEY LOCHE,
OF THE LAW FIRM
OF LOCHE & KEY.

CAN I COME IN, OR
DO YOU WANT TO
DO THE INTERVIEW
IN THE HALLWAY?

Abbey Loche
LOCHE & KEY LAW FIRM



NO, NO, COME IN!
JUST GIVE ME A
MINUTE TO GET
CHANGED.



ACTUALLY, YOU'RE
FINE AS YOU ARE.

WE KNOW ALL
ABOUT YOUR
"OTHER LIFE".

IN FACT, THAT
ACTUALLY WORKS
FOR BOTH OF US.



BUT... COULD I
TROUBLE YOU FOR
SOME TEA?

GREEN TEA IF YOU
HAVE IT, BUT EVEN
JUST REGULAR TEA
WOULD DO NICELY.



SURE! I BELIEVE
MY YOUNGER
SISTER KATE KEPT
A FEW BAGS OF
EARL GREY IN THE
PANTRY FROM WHEN
SHE LIVED HERE.



AND I THINK I
REMEMBER WHERE
SHE KEPT THE
KETTLE TOO.

NO, NO, DAMMIT...



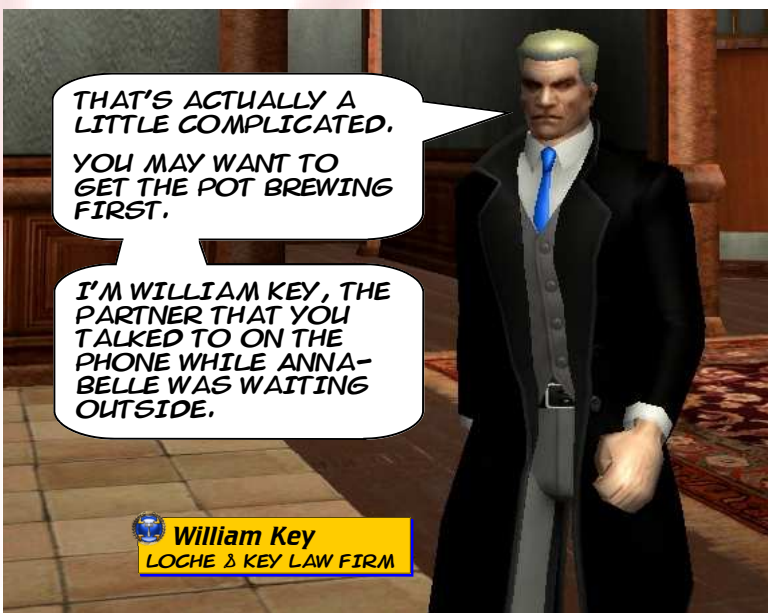
ACTUALLY, COULD
YOU MAKE THAT
COFFEE INSTEAD
OF TEA?

DON'T WORRY
ABOUT CREAM OR
SUGAR. I'LL TAKE
IT BLACK.



WHO THE HELL ARE
YOU?

WHAT HAPPENED
TO ABBEY LOCHE?



THAT'S ACTUALLY A
LITTLE COMPLICATED.
YOU MAY WANT TO
GET THE POT BREWING
FIRST.

I'M WILLIAM KEY, THE
PARTNER THAT YOU
TALKED TO ON THE
PHONE WHILE ANNA-
BELLE WAS WAITING
OUTSIDE.

William Key
LOCHE & KEY LAW FIRM

WENTWORTH ESTATE

"GENTLEMEN,
THANK YOU
FOR COMING."

OF COURSE,
UNCLE.

Alex Wentworth
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

I'M SURPRISED
THAT CARLTON
SAGE ISN'T A
PART OF THIS
LITTLE MEETING.

Prof. Bart Wallace
AKA RYDER LIGHTNING

MISTER SAGE IS NOT
A PART OF OUR
ORGANIZATION.

IF ANYTHING, HE IS
PART OF THE REASON
WHY I FELT WE NEEDED
TO HAVE THIS MEETING
BETWEEN THE LEADERS
OF THE GUARDIANS.

Andrew Wentworth
CEO WENTWORTH'S FINE CONSIGNMENT

THE WHOLE IDEA OF
VANGUARD PUTTING IN
AN OVERSIGHT
OPERATIVE SHOULD GIVE
EVEN YOU PAUSE, ALEX.

IT DOESN'T SIT WELL WITH MY
OWN LIBERTARIAN BELIEFS, IF
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GETTING
AT, UNCLE.

AND THE FACT THAT WE'RE A DAY
AWAY FROM HAVING A NEW
PRESIDENT TAKE CHARGE MAKES
ME WONDER HOW HE'LL USE THAT
SPECIFIC GOVERNMENT POWER.

DO WE HAVE
ANYTHING TO
FEAR FROM
DONALD TRUMP
AS PRESIDENT?

HE TRIED TO JOIN THE
BILDERBURG ALLIANCE
NUMEROUS TIMES, BUT
WE TURNED HIM DOWN.
HE WAS JUST TOO LOUD
FOR THE GROUP.

THAT ONLY SHOWS
THAT EVEN THE ELITE OF
ELITES HAVE TASTE.




JUST DON'T REPEAT THAT ON SOCIAL MEDIA.



I STOPPED PLAYING THOSE GAMES WHEN I GOT RID OF MY "CELEBRITANT" DAYS.
SO LET'S TALK ABOUT THE GUARDIANS.




OBVIOUSLY WE GOT SOME GOOD P.R. FROM THE SOLAR STORM.*
WE TOOK THE LEAD AGAIN AND WE SAVED THE PLANET TWICE.



UNFORTUNATELY, PROFESSOR, GOOD PUBLICITY IS FLEETING.
AND WE CAN'T KEEP RELYING ON JUST GALATEA POWERS AND DAYBRIGHT AND SOME GLOBAL CRISIS.

◀ "IGARUS", ISSUES 18-20 ▶




AND LET'S NOT FORGET THAT MESS WITH FURIA POWERS AND THE PARAGON POLICE DEPARTMENT!*
THAT LED TO MISTER SAGE SHOWING UP AT GUARDIAN BASE IN THE FIRST PLACE.



UNFORTUNATELY THAT ISSUE IS GOING TO GET WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER.
JASON KNIGHT WILL BE RENEWING HIS CRUSADE TO SHUT DOWN THE BLUE DOGS SOON.

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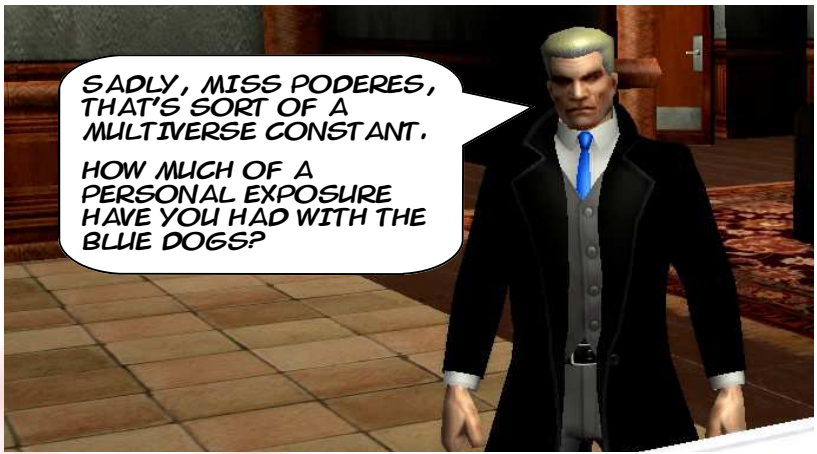


AND AS MUCH AS I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS BE AN ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK SITUATION, WE CAN'T LET THE GUARDIANS BE SEEN AS JUST A GANG OF COP-BUSTERS.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BLUE DOG SQUAD?



THEY'RE THUGS WITH BADGES.
NO BETTER THAN THE COPS I HAD TO WORK WITH IN THE PRAETORIAN UNIVERSE.



SADLY, MISS PODERES, THAT'S SORT OF A MULTIVERSE CONSTANT.
HOW MUCH OF A PERSONAL EXPOSURE HAVE YOU HAD WITH THE BLUE DOGS?

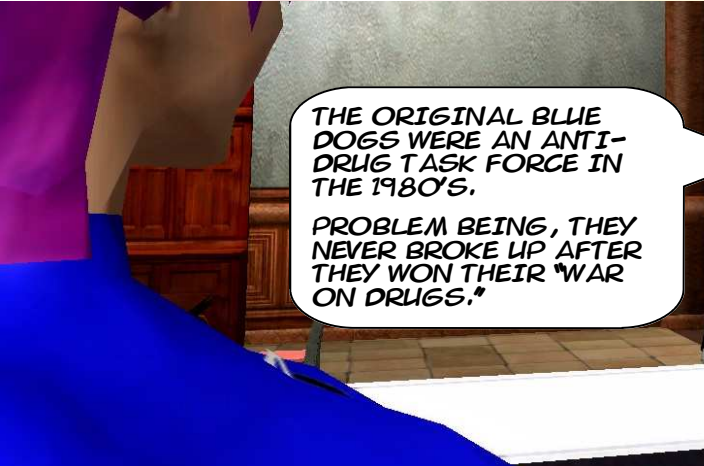


NOT MUCH, OTHER THAN GETTING THE BEAT-DOWN BY THE PSI DIVISION AND THEIR HEAVY ARMOR UNITS.



TECHNICALLY THOSE DON'T COUNT BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT PART OF THE BLUE DOGS.

THEY WERE JUST LOOKING OUT FOR THEIR FELLOW COPS.



THE ORIGINAL BLUE DOGS WERE AN ANTI-DRUG TASK FORCE IN THE 1980'S.
PROBLEM BEING, THEY NEVER BROKE UP AFTER THEY WON THEIR "WAR ON DRUGS."



THEY EVENTUALLY DISCOVERED THEY COULD USE THEIR BADGES TO RUN A PROTECTION RACKET IN KINGS ROW.

RIGHT UNDER THE SHADOW OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS NO LESS!



TWO FUTURE GUARDIANS FINALLY TOOK DOWN THE BLUE DOGS... THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER AND THE LATE JIMMY HELLFIGHTER.

BUT... LIKE ANY CORRUPT GROUP, THE COPS BEHIND IT DIDN'T WANT IT TO STAY GONE FOR LONG.
UNDERSTAND?



I'M TRYING TO.

NO, I DON'T UNDERSTAND AT ALL!
I WAS SEXUALLY HARASSED AND THREATENED!

★ Streetangel
(KAREN MANNING)

WHY CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT?

AS MUCH AS I'D LIKE TO, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A WELL-CONNECTED MEMBER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.
PLUS, I'VE BEEN HEARING SOME BAD THINGS ABOUT THIS AGENCY ONCE TRUMP IS SWORN IN TOMORROW.

● Brigid Moreira
CITY REPRESENTATIVE

I'M SORRY... I REALLY AM.
BUT MY HANDS ARE TIED ON THIS.

I SAW YOU GESTURE ME.
WHATEVER IT IS, I'M NOT IN THE MOOD.

I KNEW BRIGID WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HELP.
NOT HER FAULT, THOUGH.

YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST ONE THAT WAS GIVEN THE ROUGH INTRODUCTION FROM MCCADE AND HIS TIN-BADGE THUGS.
BUT I HAPPEN TO KNOW SOMEONE THAT THEY REALLY FEAR. SOMEONE WHO IS LOOKING FOR A REASON TO TAKE THEM DOWN FOR GOOD.

YOU INTERESTED IN MEETING HIM?



IT'S FUNNY...
WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE BLUE DOGS, BUT THEY'VE BEEN PRETTY QUIET THESE PAST FEW MONTHS.



THAT'S STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR THEM.
IF THEY BRING TOO MUCH ATTENTION, THEY COOL THINGS DOWN A BIT.



FURIA'S ENCOUNTER WITH THE HEAVY UNITS COMBINED WITH MY OWN LEGAL BRINKSMANSHIP WITH DEPUTY CHIEF WIELD MADE THE DOGS TOO "VISIBLE".
THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT MYSELF AND JIMMY HELLFIGHTER NOTICED WHEN WE TOOK ON THE ORIGINAL BLUE DOGS.

BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO KEEP IT LOW FOR VERY LONG. THEY DON'T WANT TO LOSE THEIR CONTROL OVER THE AREA.



SO YOU PRESUME THAT THEY WILL GO BACK TO THEIR OLD WAYS SOON.

THEY CAN'T HELP IT. YOU KNOW THE OLD SAYING... YOU CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS.



WE CAN EXPECT JASON TO STEP THINGS UP AS WELL. BUT I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT IS WHOEVER IS OUT THERE IMPERSONATING ME AS THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER.*

HE'S BEEN QUIET AS WELL, BUT IF THE DOGS START ACTING UP, THEN WE'LL PROBABLY BE SEEING MY COPYCAT AS WELL, AND WE NEED HIM OFF THE STREETS BEFORE HE ESCALATES THINGS IN TO A FULL "BADGE WAR".

Tough As Nails... But Still Needs Help.

Time are getting tough for Paragon City, and your police officers are getting tough as well.

We can give our officers the latest in technology, the most advanced weapons, and the toughest of body armors. We can turn every officer into a walking, talking, super-powered tank.

And all of that will still not be enough.

Because the police still need loyalty and support from you, the public.

They put their lives on the line for you, fighting the worst of the worst.

Heroes in spandex are fleeting. They're here today and gone tomorrow.

The real heroes are the ones that are out there each and every day, fighting the good fight not for glory, but because you're worth it.



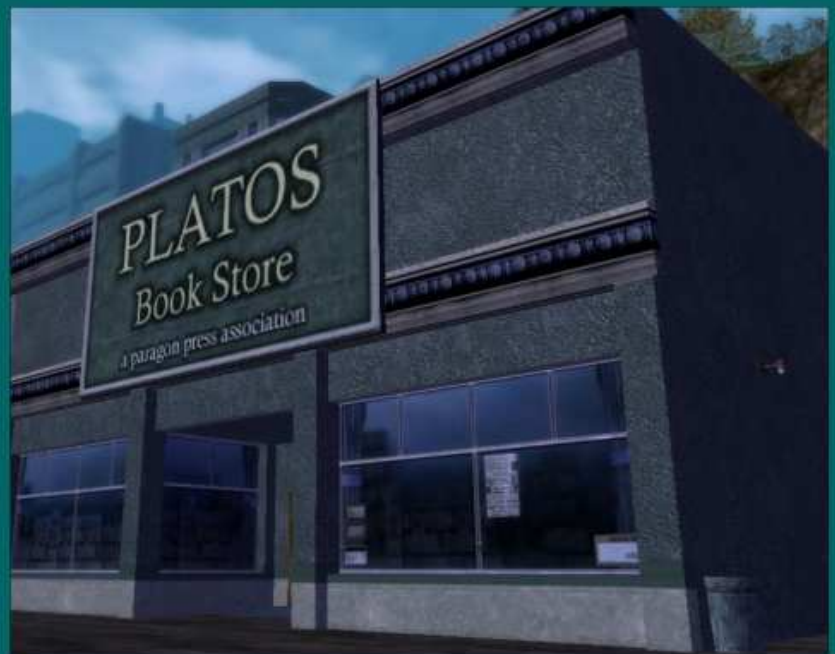
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"It's Not Fluff!"

When I first started covering stories here in Paragon City, I thought it would be a piece of cake. After all, we're in the "City of Heroes", right?

But I've quickly learned that when you're trying to keep up with heroes, you have to take risks, and you have to put yourself out there with them.

Can I get hurt? Sure! But it's worth it.

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Faith Nottingham
On-The-Scene Correspondent

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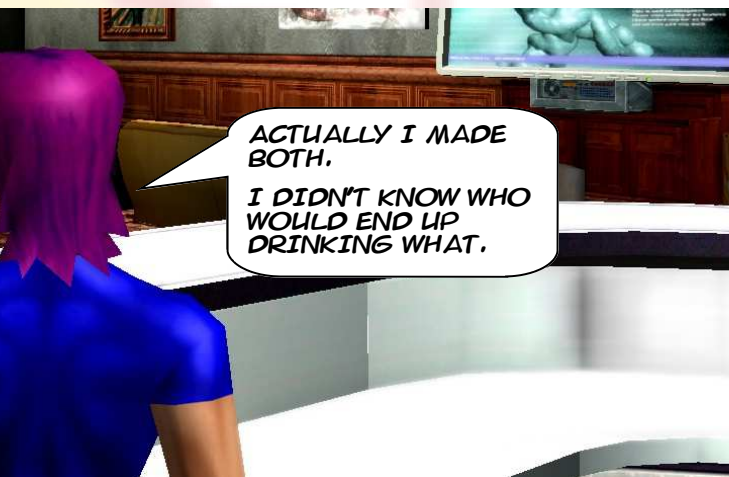
AND THEN THAT HAPPENED...
 LISTEN, DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY, BUT ARE YOU A SHAPESHIFTER?
 I MEAN, IT'S OKAY IF YOU ARE.



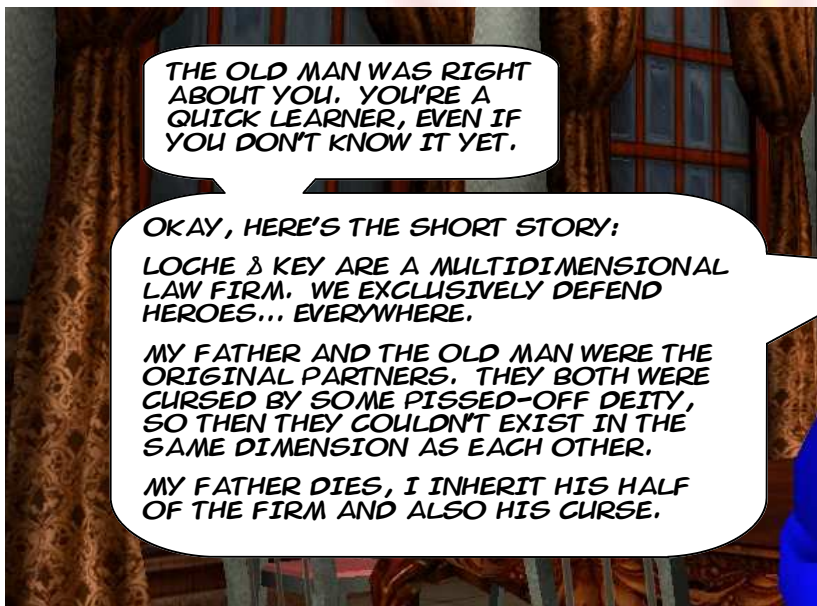
NO, WE'RE TWO SEPARATE PEOPLE...
 JUST LINKED BY A MULTI-DIMENSION CURSE.



OH YOU DID MAKE SOME TEA FOR ME!
 THANK YOU!



ACTUALLY I MADE BOTH.
 I DIDN'T KNOW WHO WOULD END UP DRINKING WHAT.



THE OLD MAN WAS RIGHT ABOUT YOU. YOU'RE A QUICK LEARNER, EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET.

OKAY, HERE'S THE SHORT STORY:

LOCHE & KEY ARE A MULTIDIMENSIONAL LAW FIRM. WE EXCLUSIVELY DEFEND HEROES... EVERYWHERE.

MY FATHER AND THE OLD MAN WERE THE ORIGINAL PARTNERS. THEY BOTH WERE CURSED BY SOME PISSED-OFF DEITY, SO THEN THEY COULDN'T EXIST IN THE SAME DIMENSION AS EACH OTHER.

MY FATHER DIES, I INHERIT HIS HALF OF THE FIRM AND ALSO HIS CURSE.



AND MY SEX LIFE PRETTY MUCH DIED SOON AFTERWARD, 'CUZ, YOU KNOW, OLD MAN IN THE BACK OF MY MIND.



OKAY, SO HOW DO I FIT IN WITH ALL OF THIS?
DO YOU WANT ME TO SUE THE POLICE FOR WHAT THEY DID TO ME?



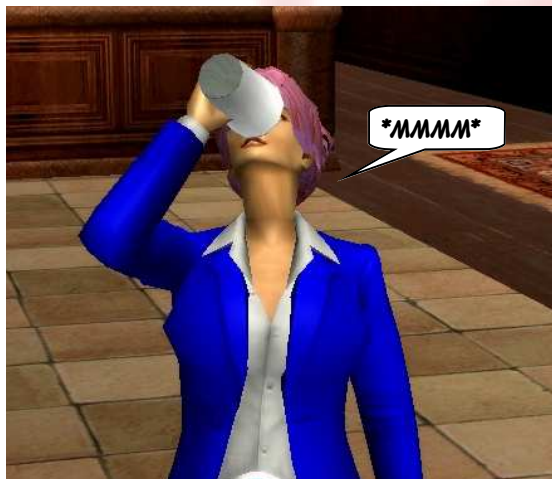
WELL IF YOU DID, WE'D GLADLY REPRESENT YOU... BUT WE'RE NOT HERE FOR THAT. THE OLD MAN AND I NEED AN INVESTIGATOR AND WE WANT YOU TO DO IT.



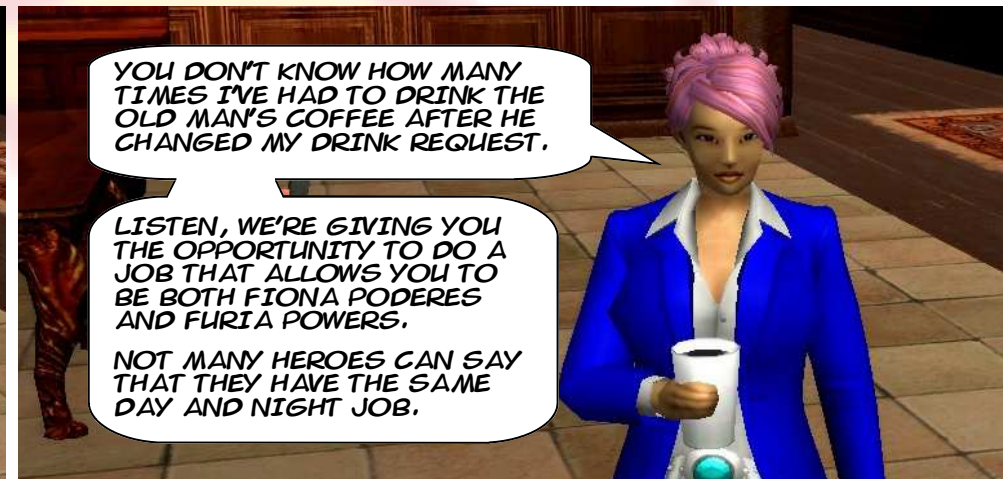
THIS IS A JOKE, RIGHT?
YOU DO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME I WORKED A CASE, RIGHT?
THE CLIENT WAS MURDERED AND I WAS LAID UP FOR WEEKS!



YES, WE KNOW. AND THE ONES THAT DID IT ARE STILL OUT AND ABOUT. IN FACT, THE REASON WHY I WAS CALLED AWAY WAS BECAUSE WE MAY HAVE A POSSIBLE NEW CLIENT THAT COULD BLOW THIS WHOLE THING WIDE OPEN.



MMMM



YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I'VE HAD TO DRINK THE OLD MAN'S COFFEE AFTER HE CHANGED MY DRINK REQUEST.
LISTEN, WE'RE GIVING YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO A JOB THAT ALLOWS YOU TO BE BOTH FIONA PODERES AND FURIA POWERS. NOT MANY HEROES CAN SAY THAT THEY HAVE THE SAME DAY AND NIGHT JOB.



THINK OF IT AS A KIND OF REDEMPTION. FOR YOURSELF, OF COURSE, BUT ALSO FOR ROSE VESTA. SHE STILL DESERVES JUSTICE, AND IF THE HERO SIDE OF YOU CAN'T DELIVER THAT, THEN, MAYBE THE CIVILIAN SIDE CAN THROUGH OUR FIRM. WHAT DO YOU SAY?

JASON LIKES TO THINK THIS IS HIS DOMAIN.

UNFORTUNATELY, HE ONLY DOES HIS BIT AT NIGHT.

THAT LEAVES THE DAYLIGHT HOURS WIDE OPEN.

AND THE BAD GUYS KNOW IT.

"W-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO ME?"



BE SILENT! IT WILL BE OVER BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.

HEY!



MIND IF I PLAY THROUGH?

Cardinal Syn (CASSANDRA DARE)



YOU WILL NOT STOP THE CIRC--AKK!

WHAP!

TYPICAL! YOU ATTACK THE LEADER AND THE MINION RUNS TO GET BACKUP!



**LIGHTWEIGHT...
AND OF COURSE
THE HOST AGE
RUNS AWAY.**



WHAP!



WHAP!

WHAP!

WHAP!

WHAP!



**GUARDIAN BASE: I
HAVE FIVE TAGGED
FOR JAIL, ASSAULT
AND KIDNAPPING.**

**PROCESSING:
STAND BY...**



**THIS IS SENTRY,
CARDINAL SYN.
I HAVE CUT INTO
YOUR BASE
COMMUNICATION.**



**SO I NOTICED.
I HOPE YOU
HAVEN'T SCREWED
WITH MY ARREST.**



**GUARDIAN BASE HAS TELEPORTED
THE CIRCLE OF THORNS FOLLOWERS
TO JAIL AND PROCESSED THE
CRIMINAL REPORT ACCORDINGLY.
JASON KNIGHT HAS REQUESTED
YOUR PRESENCE IN THE LAIR AT
YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.**

**GREAT! NOW HE HAS HIS
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
AS HIS PERSONAL
SECRETARY.**

**I'M STARTING TO MISS THE
DAYS WHEN HE WAS MOT'S
UNWILLING APOSTLE.**



I THINK WE ARE ALL IN AGREEMENT THAT WE DON'T WANT THE GUARDIANS TO BE SEEN AS JASON KNIGHT'S EXTENDED POLICE-BUSTING TASK FORCE. THE ONLY WAY TO GET AROUND THAT IS TO RECRUIT MORE GUARDIANS.



I HATE TO DISAPPOINT YOU, ANDREW, BUT THE LAST TIME WE DID A RECRUITMENT CALL, IT WAS A DISASTER.

WYSPERA RAN THE ONLY ONE WE HAD, AND WE ONLY ENDED UP RECRUITING ROCKY ROCKROCKER.*

YES, I READ THE REPORT ON THAT.

*(* GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT * #27)*



BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE SHOULD SCRAP THE WHOLE IDEA.



WHAT IF WE LET ALL THE OTHER GUARDIANS DO THE RECRUITING?



HAVE AN OPEN PERIOD OF RECRUITMENT. EACH GUARDIAN CAN RECRUIT ONE HERO. OF COURSE, BART HAS THE FINAL SAY.

HMM... I WOULD LIKE TO SCREEN THOSE RECRUITS MYSELF BEFORE PROFESSOR WALLACE HAS HIS SAY... AND I'M SURE MISTER SAGE WILL WANT TO DO THE SAME.

MINUTES LATER...

THAT WENT BETTER THAN I EXPECTED.

ABSOLUTELY.

THE ONE THING I DIDN'T WANT TO BRING UP WITH HIM IN THERE... I HAVEN'T SEEN MINDY EVER SINCE SAGE FIRST APPEARED.

I WAS WONDERING ABOUT THAT AS WELL.

TALOS ISLAND

"THEN... YOU DIDN'T HIRE HER. BECAUSE I THOUGHT SHE WORKED FOR YOU."

"NO, SHE WAS ONE OF MY UNCLE'S FIRST RECRUITS."
"HE SAID SHE WOULD MAKE THE JOB EASIER FOR US, AND UP UNTIL RECENTLY, SHE'S BEEN DOING THAT."

Mindy Harrison
OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

"BUT MAYBE WE SHOULD LOOK CLOSER INTO WHAT HER REAL JOB IS FOR US."

"AND FIND OUT WHO SHE REALLY WORKS FOR IF SHE ISN'T WORKING FOR THE GUARDIANS."

KNIGHT'S LAIR

DO YOU ACTUALLY DO YOUR DAY JOB DRESSED LIKE THAT?

I WAS DOING SOME MORE TRAINING IN THE SIMULATOR. I'M NOT GOING TO GET CAUGHT UNAWARE AGAIN BY MCCADE.

Jason Knight
(DRAKE GREY)

SO I TAKE IT THERE'S A REASON WHY YOU CALLED ME HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY.

I'VE PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF HEROES FOR MY TASK FORCE. BUT THERE'S ONE I JUST ADDED THAT I WANT YOU TO APPROACH YOURSELF.

I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU'D WANT TO PASS ANY PART OF YOUR PLAN OFF TO ME.

Cassandra Dare
AKA CARDINAL SYN

YOU WOULD HAVE MORE IN COMMON WITH HER THAN I WOULD. YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO REACH HER BETTER THAN ME.

HER NAME IS KAREN MANNING, BUT SHE'S REGISTERED UNDER THE HERO NAME "STREET ANGEL".

SHE WAS THE LATEST VICTIM OF MCCADE'S BLUE DOGS, AND I THINK SHE'D BE EAGER FOR SOME PAYBACK.



I HATE THE FACT THAT ROSE'S CASE WAS LEFT UNRESOLVED AND THAT I COULDN'T PROTECT HER.



OKAY!
YOU WANT ME, YOU GOT ME!



PERFECT!
YOU'LL START TOMORROW.
THE OLD MAN IS SETTING UP A COURIER TO DELIVER YOUR BRIEFING PACKAGE.



BRIEFING PACKAGE?
HASN'T HE HEARD OF THE INTERNET?



ARE YOU KIDDING? THE OLD MAN IS VERY MUCH OLD SCHOOL.
AS IN PENCILS, PAPER, AND CATHODE-RAY TUBE TELEVISION SETS!
NOT ME, THOUGH. I'M ALL ABOUT THE TECH.

OH, AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR PAY.
AS LONG AS YOU'RE ABLE TO PICK UP CASES, WE WILL HAVE A COMPETITIVE PAYCHECK WAITING FOR "FIONA PODERES".



JUST HAVE ON SOMETHING LESS... "CASUAL".
YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT WILL BE TO TALK TO A POTENTIAL CLIENT.

SOMEONE WHO KNOWS MCCADE'S ABUSIVE PRACTICES FIRST-HAND.
SHE GOES BY THE NAME OF "STREET ANGEL".

KINGS ROW

JANUARY 20TH, 2017

12 HOURS UNTIL THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT TRUMP.



THEY TELL ME THAT THE COPS ARE SCARED OF YOU.

THEY ARE.



WHATEVER IT IS YOU NEED ME TO DO TO HELP BRING THEM DOWN, I'LL DO IT.



AS LONG AS I'M THERE WHEN YOU DISH OUT JUSTICE ON MCCADE.



I WANT HIM TO FEEL SMALL AND INSIGNIFICANT AND NAKED, LIKE HE MADE ME FEEL!

I WANT HIM AND HIS FRIENDS TO KNOW THAT YOU DON'T DO THAT TO ANOTHER HUMAN BEING!



SO YOU WANT REVENGE.

Libertarian Avenger
(????)

YES! IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG WITH WANTING IT?

REVENGE IS SELFISH. IT'S PERSONAL.
JUSTICE IS IMPERSONAL.
I WILL BRING MCCADE TO JUSTICE. IF YOU WANT TO HELP, YOU WILL DO WHAT I TELL YOU TO DO AND NOTHING MORE.



I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME.

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“ALT-RIGHT” RADIO PERSONALITY CONSIDERS PRESIDENT TRUMP HIS VINDICATION

Steel Canyon, Paragon City, RI, (PCN) - For most people, noontime is the middle of the day. Not so for Sean Rush, who works tirelessly during the midnight hour.

And yet, on Friday, January 20th, Sean Rush will force himself to be awake to witness what he sees as his personal vindication take place.

“Oh I’m absolutely going to be up!” he proudly proclaims as he finishes his fifth cup of coffee in an hour. “This is a day that I’ve long dreamed of happening.”

But Sean Rush is more than just your average devoted conservative or supporter of incoming President Donald Trump. He’s also Paragon City’s self-appointed “Minister of the Airwaves”, the controversial host of “The Reverend Neo-Con Show” on WPNN radio.



Most people would consider Sean to be just another ranting talk radio personality like his afternoon counterpart, Garry Becker. But Sean says that he and Becker are nothing alike.

“I know I’m not supposed to say anything bad about Garry,” he said in hushed whispers, “but he’s a lightweight compared to me. He’s always been a lightweight. He folds too easily.”

Sean Rush is not afraid to cause trouble, though. Even if that trouble was of his own creation.

He started his career in talk radio in 1994 for Paragon City University’s student radio station in his senior year. By the time he graduated, though, he was already getting calls from local radio stations.

The “Reverend Neo-Con” was born in the shadow of the 2002 Rikti Invasion. As the world recovered from the global devastation, Sean wanted to remind everyone what happened and who was at fault.

“Almost instantly, the liberals wanted us to embrace the Rikti,” he said. “They kept on saying that they were so very like us when any idiot with eyes would know that they are nothing at all like us human beings.”

During the first few years, Sean’s popularity grew, but so did the controversy. He was a firm supporter of then-Police Chief Conrad Bochco’s aggressive stance on crime, even downplaying the growing complaint filed against the Paragon City Police Department for gross abuse of power and attacking those who did complain on his radio program.

“Sean Rush was one of the most vicious media attack dogs we had to deal with,” said Stuart Levington of the Paragon Libertarian Society, a frequent advocate for victims of police abuse under Chief Bochco.

“This was a man that knew no boundaries. He had no qualms posting personal information about some of the victims on his website and then proclaimed it was his ‘First Amendment privilege’ when the victims would back out of their complaints after getting death threats and having friends and acquaintances threatened.”

Sean dismissed those complaints, however.

“Those snowflakes are nothing more than spoiled crybabies,” he said. “Our officers put their lives on the line day-in-and-day-out, without capes or superpowers, and, yeah, sometimes they have to play rough, but this is a rough world. We have aliens invading our world from other dimensions! We have rocks from space falling our heads. Our own sun just tried to kill us! And these cupcakes want to whine about being given a little scare? They should be on their knees thanking the police for doing their jobs!”

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But Sean's lowest point came in the summer of 2008, when he arbitrarily left the studios of WPNR and fled to the one place that nobody would ever expect him to run to... The Rogue Isles.

Sean claims that his sudden departure happened because of bad information.

"I had gotten word that the liberals were ready to have me arrested on some trumped-up charge of inciting a riot or some other nonsense like that. Anyway, I was in the middle of my broadcast when I got a message on my phone to just leave, right that minute. I had my go-bag ready, so I just fled."

Levington, however, told a different story.

"You want to know the truth? Sean was on the air that night attacking Statesman and accusing him of being a traitor! The greatest superhero our world has ever seen, and he was being accused of being a traitor. No provocation. No explanation. His ego was writing checks he couldn't pay, and he finally went too far."

Sean refused to say what he did during his extended self-appointed "exile", other than to say that he refused to serve Arachnos.

"I kept a small internet radio station going," he said. "My loyal fans will testify to my fidelity to the core conservative principles that kept me going during my long and torturous exile."

Sean said that he refused to return to Paragon City until he was assured that there were no criminal charges pending against him for fleeing to the Isles.

"I wouldn't put it past the liberals for keeping a complaint or two," he said.

"Nobody had any charges against him, criminal or otherwise," said Levington. "We were just surprised he was still around."

Sean's transition into midnight radio for WPNN has proven to be a success for himself and for the station. Since he took over the timeslot of "That Darn Midnight Sports Guy" show in 2014, he's maintained a steady audience that caters to the so-called "alt-right" crowd.

Sean bristles at the term "alt-right" even if he accept it as a description of himself and his listening audience.

"A better term would be 'all-right', because we are just that. We've been right from day one, and we've been proven to be right. That's not arrogance. That's just the way things are, no matter how much it pains the liberals to know it. That's why they hate us."

Sean says that people like him are the reason why Donald Trump became President of the United States and why he will fix all that ails the nation.

"We've seen what eight years of a filthy commie Muslim can do to the nation," he said, referring to outgoing President Barack Obama. "He's bankrupt us and made us weak. President Trump will undo the mistakes and set us back on course."

"And you know what?" he added. "Myself and my loyal listeners will be behind him all the way."

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**SHE'S BEEN WORKING AT
GUARDIAN BASE ALMOST
SINCE ITS RESTORATION...
BUT WHO IS MINDY HARRISON
REALLY WORKING FOR?
FIND OUT AS HER STORY
IS FINALLY TOLD!**



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