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FUTURE'S GUARDIAN



**CHAMPIONS
ONLINE**

PERFECT
WORLD

A HERO'S IDENTITY IS THEIR LIFE!

A mask may seem to be the flimsiest of things.



But when worn by a hero, it is not only part of their hero identity, but also a protective shield for their friends and loved ones, no matter if it is a mask, a hood, a helmet, or even a pair of sunglasses.

Millennium Insurance recognizes the importance of keeping a registered hero's secret identity safe and secure against those who would do them harm. That's why we offer Hero Identity Protection as part of our basic health package for all registered heroes. Our team of identity agents, investigators, and legal experts will make sure that every instance of a identity breach is contained and either minimized or else deleted from all sources, including social media.

Because Millennium Insurance believes that heroes do enough for us already. They should not have to worry about whether or not their personal identities would be exposed for revenge or cheap thrills.

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From another time and from another world, Galatea Future arrived in the world of the Champions to do the one thing she tried so desperately to avoid before... to live.

It's not easy, though, when you're over a thousand years old and suddenly you're given a new life in more ways than one. Life is literally starting over again for her, and yet she is still doing what she does best: serving humanity alongside her friends as...

FUTURE'S GUARDIAN

"BROKEN FREE"

- A CHAMPIONS ONLINE STORY BY DAVID 2

EVER SINCE THE HOMETOWN HERO DISCOVERED WHO STARLETT WAS, HE AND HIS TECH-ONLY PARTNER VOXPOP 2.0 HAVE BEEN USING THAT KNOWLEDGE TO BLACKMAIL THE REDHEADED VIGILANTE.

THEY HAVE FORCED HER TO BREAK UP WITH HER BOYFRIEND, FORCED HER TO WEAR HER ORIGINAL SALACIOUS OUTFIT, AND HAVE BEEN DOING EVERYTHING ELSE THEY CAN TO DEGRADE AND CONTROL HER LIFE IN EXCHANGE FOR NOT REVEALING HER SECRET IDENTITY TO THE WORLD.

NOW, WITH THE HELP OF RED SINNER, STARLETT IS ON THE VERGE OF ENDING THE BLACKMAIL AND TO TAKE DOWN THE TWO PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN A THREAT FOR HER AND THOSE SHE LOVE.

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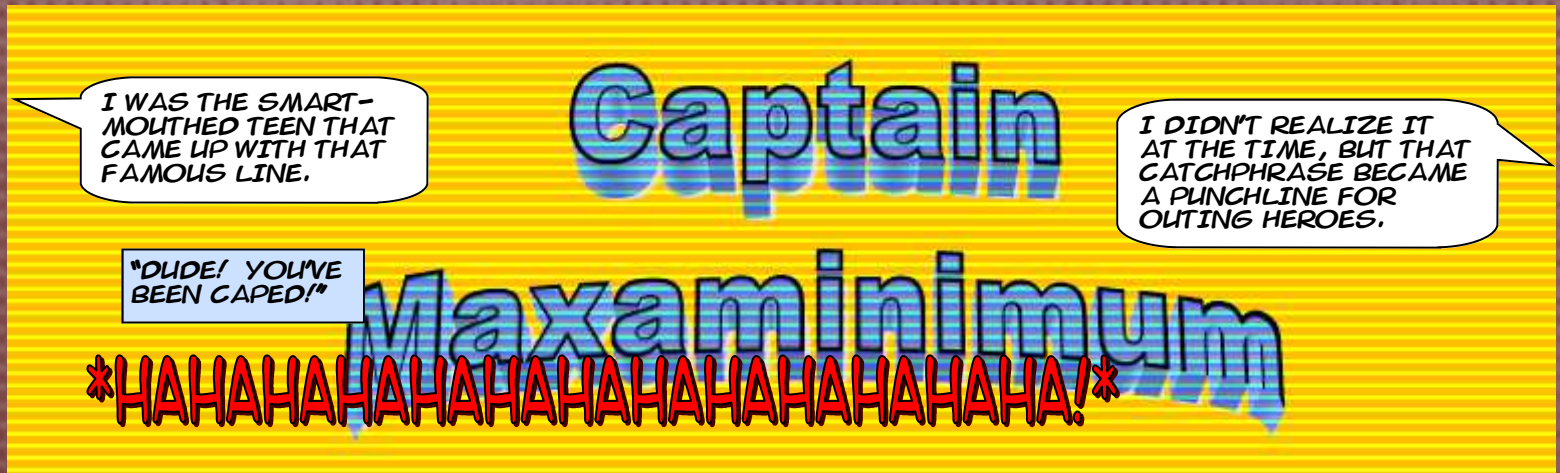


HI.
MY NAME IS
TOBY STORIES.

Toby Stories
Former TV Actor



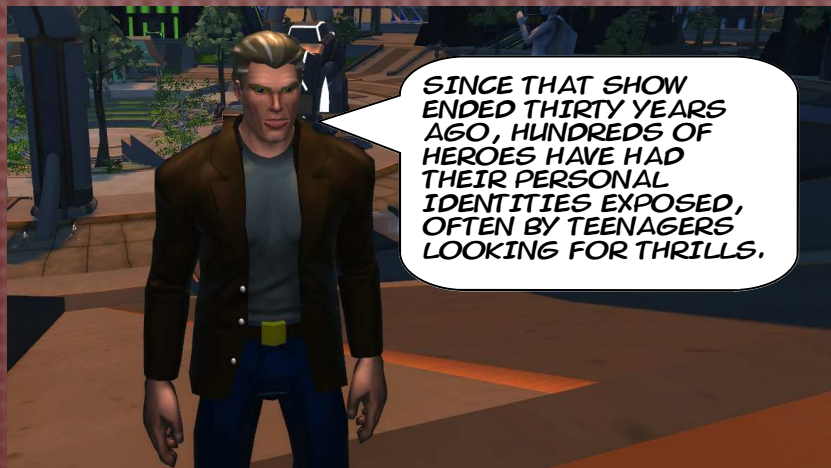
SOME OF YOU
MAY REMEMBER
ME FROM A TV
SHOW IN THE 80'S
CALLED "CAPTAIN
MAXAMIMUM."



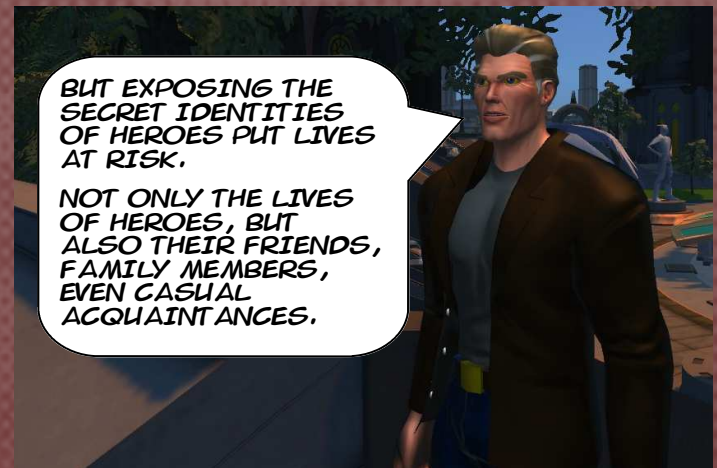
I WAS THE SMART-
MOUTHED TEEN THAT
CAME UP WITH THAT
FAMOUS LINE.

"DUDE! YOU'VE
BEEN CAPED!"

I DIDN'T REALIZE IT
AT THE TIME, BUT THAT
CATCHPHRASE BECAME
A PUNCHLINE FOR
OUTING HEROES.

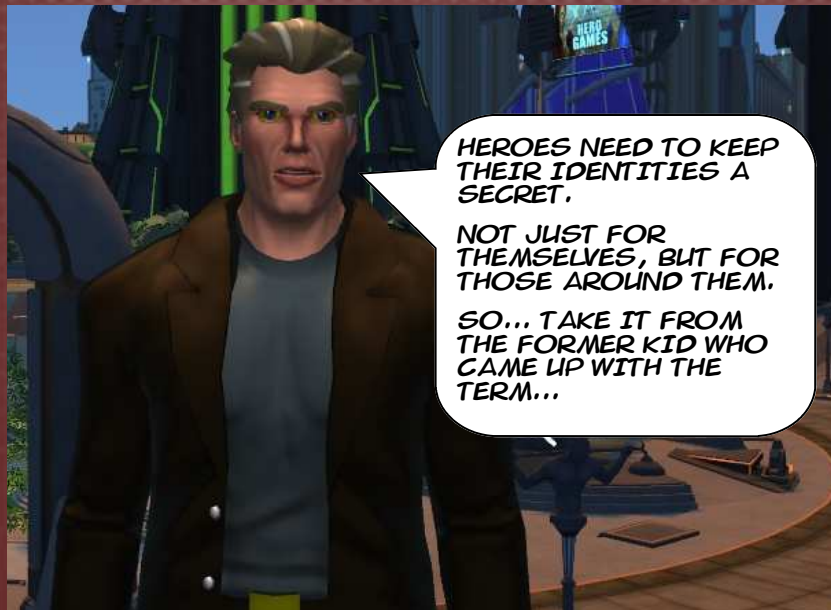


SINCE THAT SHOW
ENDED THIRTY YEARS
AGO, HUNDREDS OF
HEROES HAVE HAD
THEIR PERSONAL
IDENTITIES EXPOSED,
OFTEN BY TEENAGERS
LOOKING FOR THRILLS.



BUT EXPOSING THE
SECRET IDENTITIES
OF HEROES PUT LIVES
AT RISK.

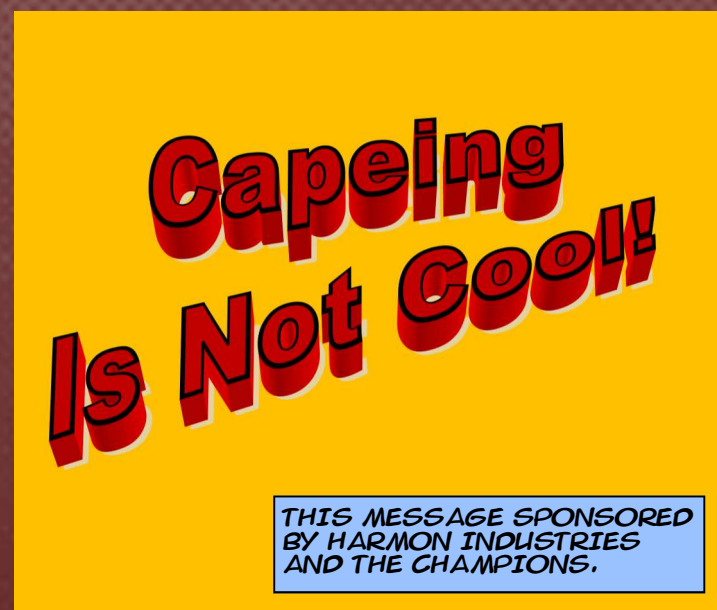
NOT ONLY THE LIVES
OF HEROES, BUT
ALSO THEIR FRIENDS,
FAMILY MEMBERS,
EVEN CASUAL
ACQUAINTANCES.



HEROES NEED TO KEEP
THEIR IDENTITIES A
SECRET.

NOT JUST FOR
THEMSELVES, BUT FOR
THOSE AROUND THEM.

SO... TAKE IT FROM
THE FORMER KID WHO
CAME UP WITH THE
TERM...



Capeing
Is Not Cool!

THIS MESSAGE SPONSORED
BY HARMON INDUSTRIES
AND THE CHAMPIONS.

UNITED NATIONS TRIBUNAL ON
INTERNATIONAL LAW (U.N.T.I.L.)

MILLENNIUM CITY, MI, USA

UNTIL

MAJOR XAVIER CROSS
PROJECT MYCROFT

YOU BETTER HAVE A
GOOD REASON TO
BRING ME OUT HERE.

WELL I WAS GOING
TO MEET WITH YOU
INSIDE...
BUT YOUR MEN HERE
ARE UNDER THE
IMPRESSION THAT I
AM NOT AUTHORIZED
TO ENTER THE
U.N.T.I.L. FACILITY.

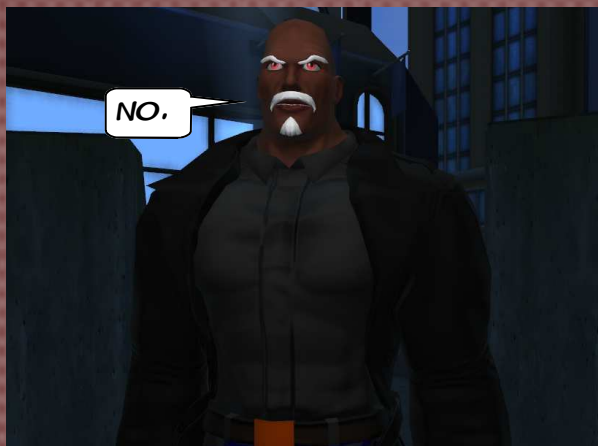
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU'RE NOT.

HOMETOWN HERO
STREET VIGILANTE

WELL, THAT HAS TO
CHANGE.

YOU SEE, I'M STARLETT'S
PARTNER NOW, AND,
SINCE SHE WORKS FOR
YOU, I'LL BE WORKING
ALONGSIDE HER ON
WHATEVER MISSIONS
YOU HAVE HER ON.

SO GO AHEAD AND
READ ME IN OR GIVE
ME A LANYARD OR
WHATEVER YOU USE
FOR CLEARANCE, BUT
WHEREVER SHE GOES,
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE
WITH HER.



NO.

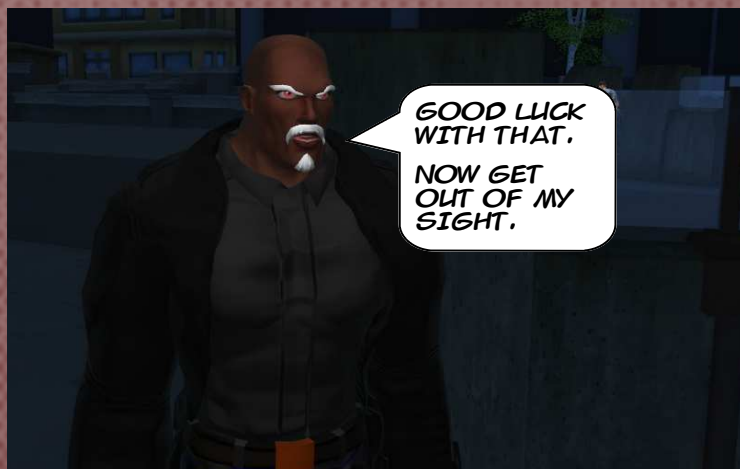


Y-YOU DON'T SEEM
TO UNDERSTAND.
THIS IS A PACKAGE
DEAL HERE.
WHERE SHE GOES, I
GO WITH HER.
WHATEVER SHE DOES,
I'M DOING IT TOO.

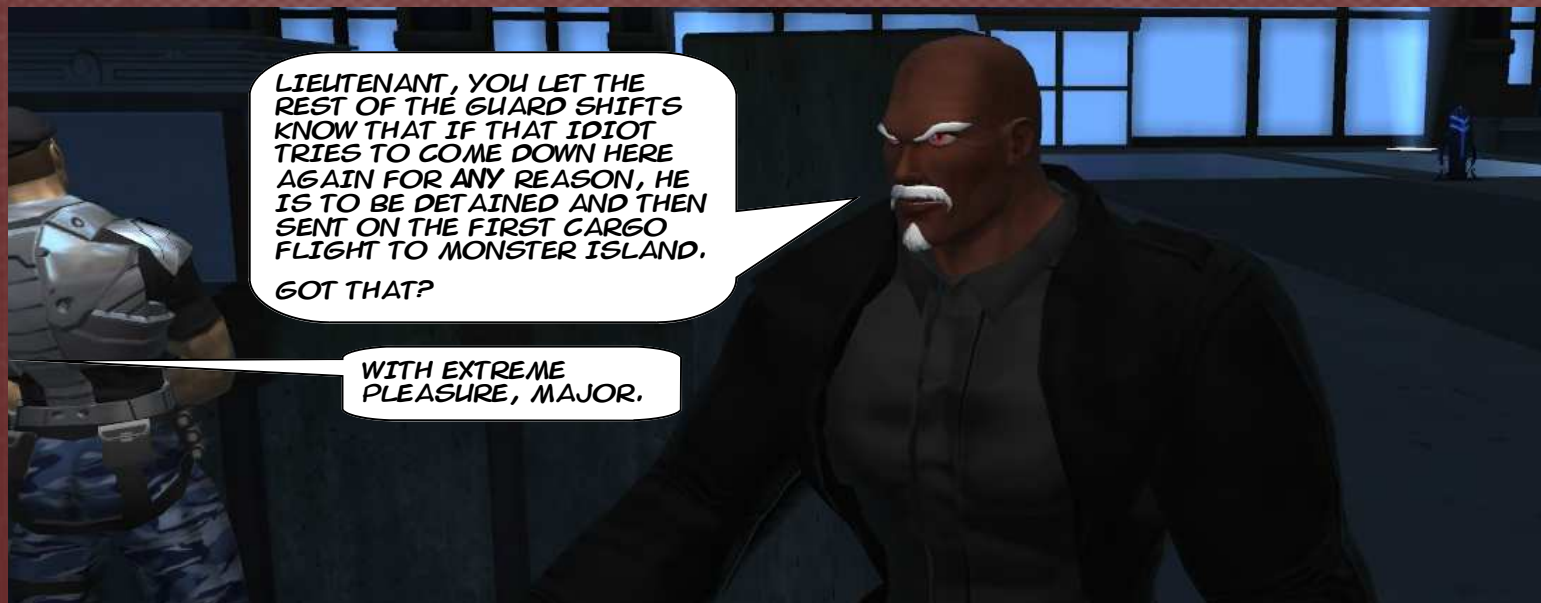
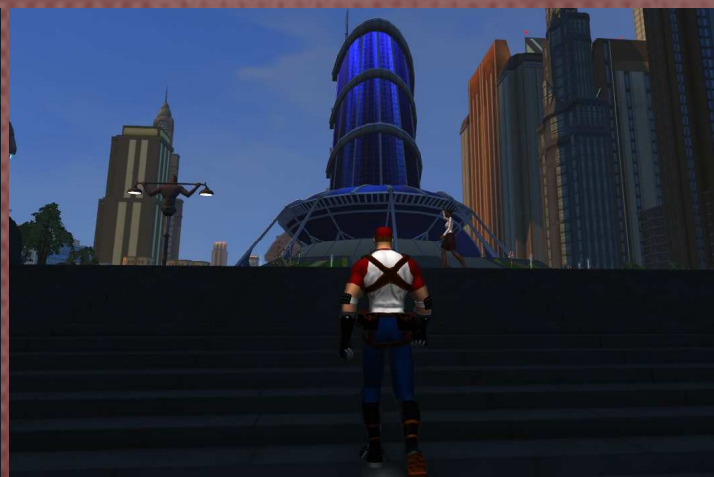


AND IF I CAN'T BE
THERE WITH HER...

... THEN SHE WON'T BE
WORKING FOR YOU
ANYMORE.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?



GOOD LUCK
WITH THAT.
NOW GET
OUT OF MY
SIGHT.



LIEUTENANT, YOU LET THE
REST OF THE GUARD SHIFTS
KNOW THAT IF THAT IDIOT
TRIES TO COME DOWN HERE
AGAIN FOR ANY REASON, HE
IS TO BE DETAINED AND THEN
SENT ON THE FIRST CARGO
FLIGHT TO MONSTER ISLAND.
GOT THAT?

WITH EXTREME
PLEASURE, MAJOR.

A FEW HOURS LATER, HIGH ABOVE
THE RENAISSANCE CENTER...

GOOD CHOICE FOR
A MEETING PLACE.

NO CAMERAS, AND
IT'S THE ONLY PLACE
WHERE THE
HOMETOWN HERO
CAN'T FIND ME BUT
STILL BE "TRACKED".

I FILED THE
CLAIM LIKE YOU
TOLD ME TO.

THEY SAID THEY
ALREADY HAVE A
CASE WORKER
ON IT.



DEE RISK
AKA: STARLETT

THEIR RESOURCES
HELPED ME LOCK
DOWN WHERE THE
TECH-HALF OF THE
DUO IS.

NOW I CAN PAY HIM A
VISIT AND SHUT HIS
OPERATION DOWN.



RED SINNER
HOODED VIGILANTE

AND WHILE YOU'RE
DOING THAT, I'LL BE
CONFRONTING
MISTER "HOMETOWN
HERO" WITH A FEW
SURPRISES OF MY
OWN.

WE NEED TO MOVE
AT THE SAME TIME.
IF YOU CONFRONT
YOUR TARGET
BEFORE I CAN
MOVE, MINE WILL
EXPOSE YOU
ONLINE.

AND IF YOU MOVE
BEFORE I CAN, MY
TARGET COULD MAKE
A DETOUR TO CLUB
CAPRICE AND START
YELLING WHO I AM.

CLUB GOSSIP IS
ALMOST AS BAD AS
THE INTERNET.

I WOULDN'T WORRY
TOO MUCH ABOUT
EITHER SITUATION.

WE GOT IT COVERED.

THE BASEMENT HOME
OF VOXPOP 2.0

I N-NEED YOUR
SER-SERVICES.
I N-NEED SOME
-SOMEONE TO
TRACK D-DOWN
A POSSIBLE H-
H-HACKER.

 **VOXPOP 2.0**
FORMERLY VOX POPULII

WELL I WISH I
COULD HELP YOU
WITH THAT, BUT
THE PERSON BEST
SUITED FOR THAT
TASK IS STILL IN
THE HOSPITAL.*

 **MIKE MESSENGER**
X-TEND SERVICES

(* ISSUE #21)


THE-THEN I WILL N-
NEED YOUR PE-PEOPLE
TO PROV-V-VIDE ME W-W
-WITH SAFE EXT-
EXTRACTION WH-WHEN I
C-CALL FOR--

-- AND I'LL STOP YOU RIGHT
THERE MISTER VOXPOP.

WHILE WE DO PROVIDE
"EXTRACTION ON DEMAND",
THAT PARTICULAR SERVICE
IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR YOU
AT THIS TIME.

I'M SURE OUR MUTUAL
BENEFACTOR HAS MADE THAT
CLEAR TO YOU.*

(* LAST ISSUE)

HE... HAS. 

THEN WE HAVE NOTHING
MORE TO SAY.

MISTER VOXPOP,
WHATEVER SITUATION
YOU ARE IN, I HOPE YOU
ARE ABLE TO GET OUT
OF IT ON YOUR OWN
QUICKLY AND QUIETLY.

BEEP

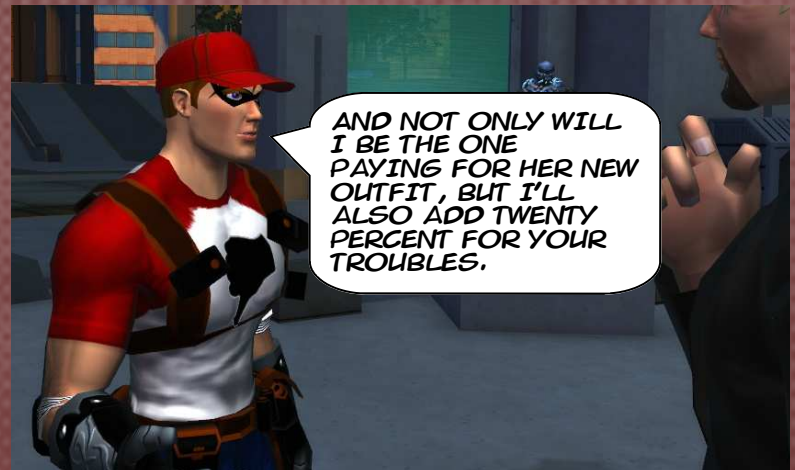
STARLETT

Proposed Outfit

- * Domino Mask
- * Leather Jacket (Custom)
- * Sports Top
- * Fingerless Gloves
- * Tennis Shorts
- * Utility Belt
- * Electroblade Leg Holster
- * Tennis Shoes (Custom)

Price: ESTIMATE ONLY

Pending Authorization



AS THE SUN FINISHES SETTING...

DEE RISK'S BASEMENT APARTMENT.

BEEP

INCOMING VOICE
MESSAGE.
NO IDENTIFICATION.

GOOD EVENING
STARLETT.

MEET ME ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF THE REN-CEN.

I HAVE SOMETHING
SPECIAL FOR YOU
BEFORE WE START OUR
PATROL TONIGHT.

SEE YOU SOON.

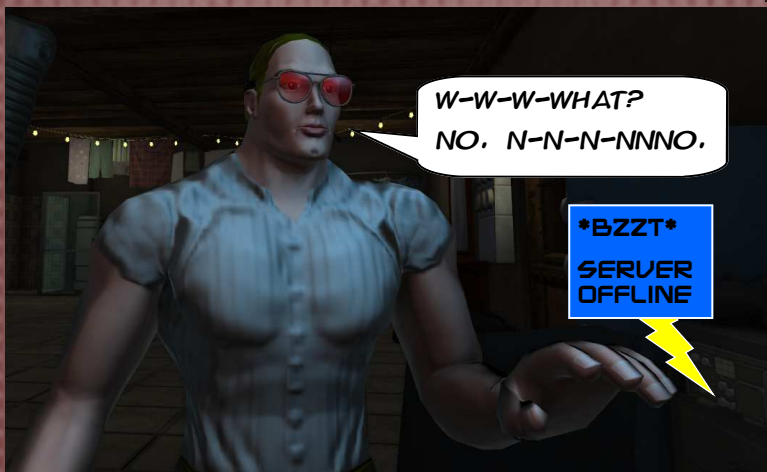
BEEP

HERE WE
GO...

WESTSIDE - A HALF-HOUR LATER...



BZZT
SERVER
OFFLINE

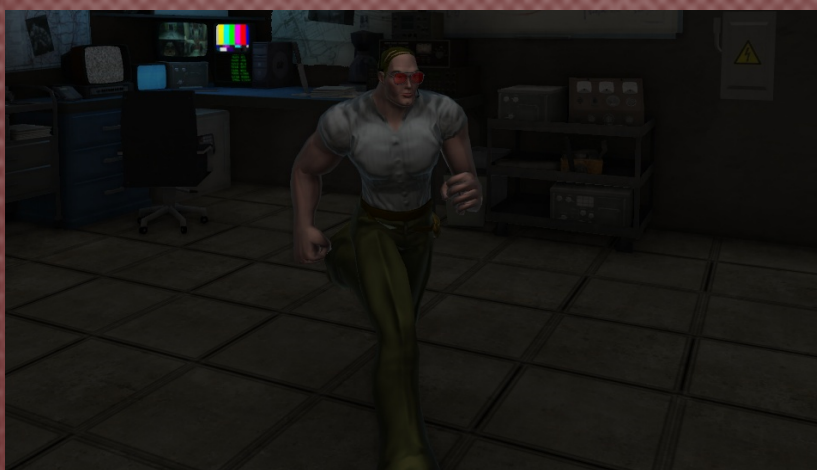


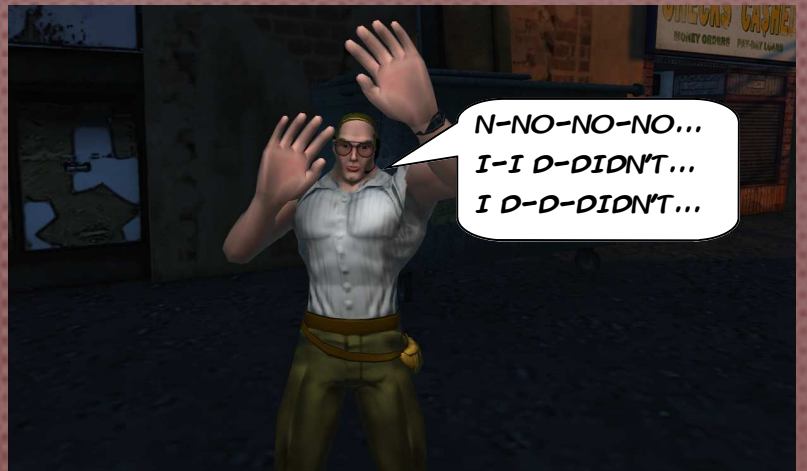
W-W-W-WHAT?
NO. N-N-N-NNNO.

BZZT
SERVER
OFFLINE



R-RUN...
HAVE TO...





ARE YOU A HERO IN NEED OF LEGAL HELP?

Are you being sued for a "wrongful arrest" or "hero brutality"?

Are your hero credentials being held up by bureaucrats?

Are you being denied the legal benefits owed to you as a hero?

Are you wrongly being sued as a hero for copyright or trademark infringement or because your outfit is deemed "indecent"?

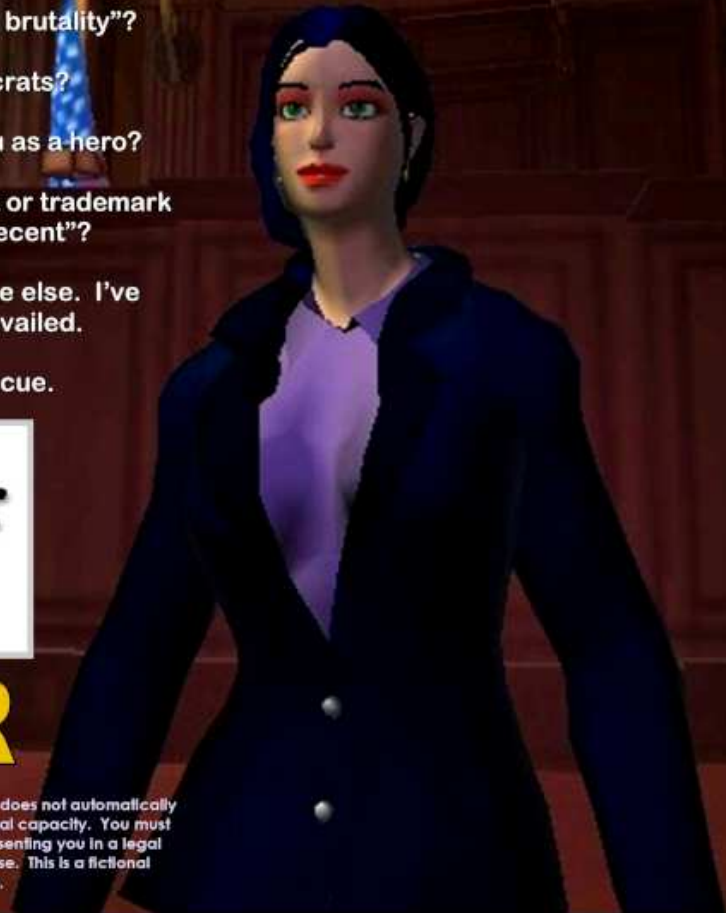
Heroes are entitled to the same legal help as anyone else. I've gone up against powerful interests in court and prevailed.

Call my office and let's see if I can come to your rescue.

Candace Sinclair
Attorney-At-Law

888-555-LRYR

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HEROES NEED MORE THAN JUST A CAPE
AND COWL TO FIGHT EVIL.

THEY NEED FUEL.

THEY NEED ENERGY.

THEY NEED STAMINA.

THEY NEED HEALTH.

THEY NEED RESTORATION.

THEY NEED...



Inspiration
Personal Boost Energy Drinks

AT THE SAME TIME, OUTSIDE OF THE RENAISSANCE CENTER...

NOT A NIGHT FOR YOU TO BE LATE.

I'M HERE.

IT'S ABOUT...

SOFT LANDING

... TIME.

SOMETHING WRONG?

STARLETT
STREET VIGILANTE

YOUR OUTFIT...
WHY AREN'T YOU WEARING YOUR OTHER ONE?

BECAUSE AFTER THE DEBACLE THE OTHER NIGHT*, I DECIDED I WASN'T GOING TO PARADE AROUND IN IT SO YOU COULD OGLE ME LIKE I WAS A LINGERIE MODEL.

(* LAST ISSUE)



AFTER LAST NIGHT I THOUGHT...



YOU KNOW WHAT?
IT DOESN'T MATTER.

I'VE GOT
SOMETHING SET
UP FOR YOU
THAT YOU'LL
REALLY LOVE.



YEAH... NO.



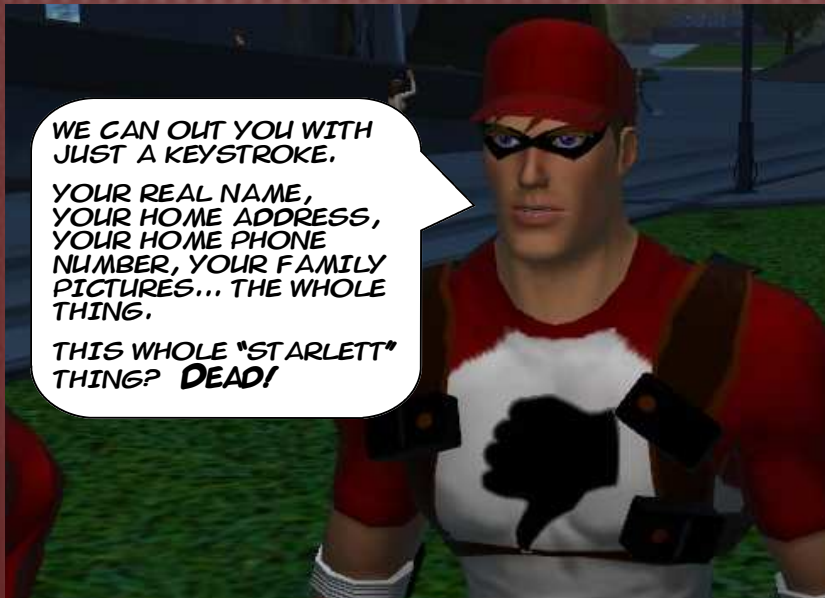
EXCUSE ME?
WHAT DID
YOU SAY?



I SAID NO.
THIS WHOLE
"PARTNER"
THING?
IT'S DONE.



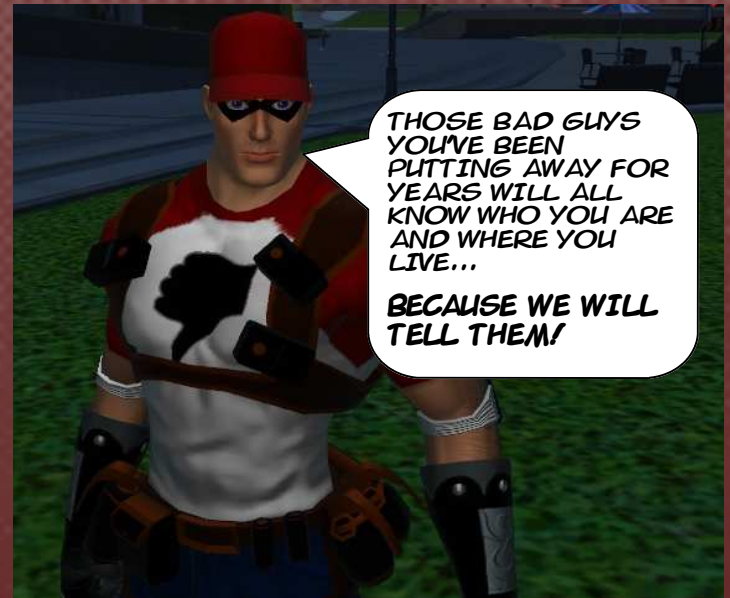
DONE?
DO YOU HEAR
YOURSELF?
WE OWN YOU,
STARLETT.



WE CAN OUT YOU WITH
JUST A KEYSTROKE.

YOUR REAL NAME,
YOUR HOME ADDRESS,
YOUR HOME PHONE
NUMBER, YOUR FAMILY
PICTURES... THE WHOLE
THING.

THIS WHOLE "STARLETT"
THING? **DEAD!**



THOSE BAD GUYS
YOU'VE BEEN
PUTTING AWAY FOR
YEARS WILL ALL
KNOW WHO YOU ARE
AND WHERE YOU
LIVE...

**BECAUSE WE WILL
TELL THEM!**



GO AHEAD.

HUH?



CALL YOUR
PARTNER AND
HAVE HIM LEAK
MY NAME OUT
THERE.
I DARE YOU!



FINE. YOUR FUNERAL.

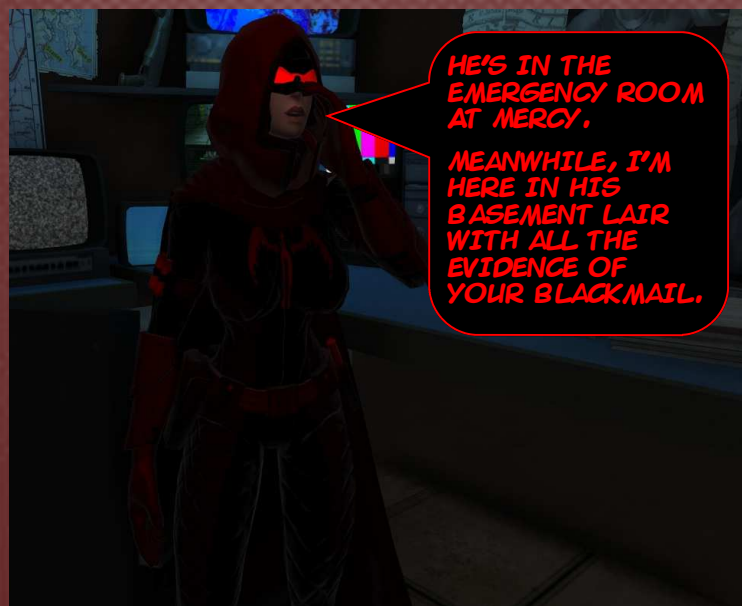
HEY, PAL? YOU HEAR
THAT? THIS BEATCH IS
CALLING YOU OUT TO
PUT HER NAME ONLINE.



PAL?
YOU THERE?



YOUR *PAL* IS
OFFLINE...
FOR GOOD.



HE'S IN THE
EMERGENCY ROOM
AT MERCY.
MEANWHILE, I'M
HERE IN HIS
BASEMENT LAIR
WITH ALL THE
EVIDENCE OF
YOUR BLACKMAIL.



HE'S DOWN.
AND YOU'RE
NEXT.



IT DOESN'T
MATTER.
YOU KNOW WHY?



BECAUSE ***I*** STILL KNOW
WHO YOU ARE, AND ALL I
HAVE TO DO IS START
SPREADING THE WORD TO
EVERYONE I COME
ACROSS.
AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE
TO STOP ME, BECAUSE
IT'S JUST LITTLE OL' YOU.



THAT'S WHERE
YOU'RE WRONG.
STARLETT WAS
NEVER ALONE.



SHE'S ALWAYS
HAS HER FRIENDS
WATCHING HER
BACK.
UNLIKE YOU.



GALATEA FUTURE
OTHERWORLD GUARDIAN



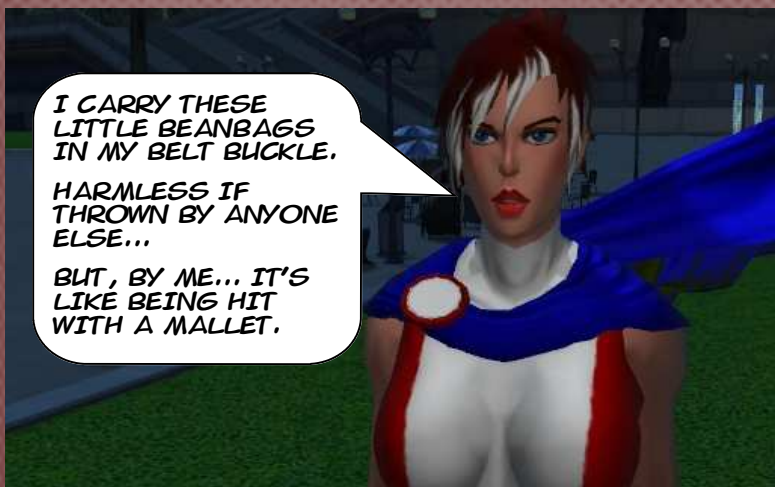
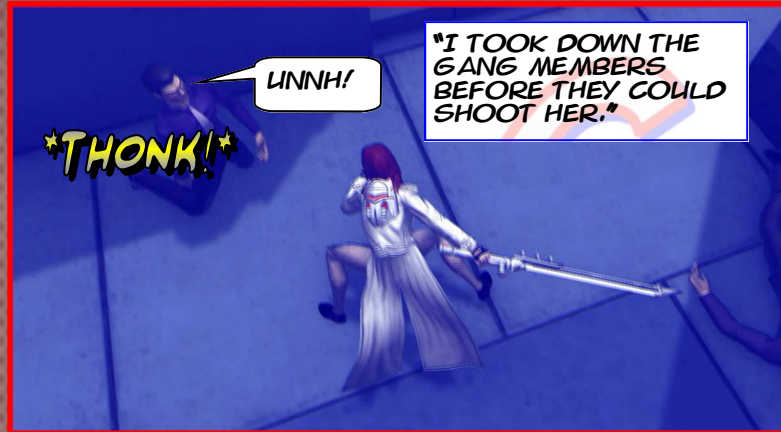
WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

**"THE OTHER NIGHT, WITH THE
WHOLE 'NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH' GANG SCAMP"**

**"YOU SENT STARLETT
TO CHARGE FORWARD
WHILE YOU PRETENDED
TO HAVE A SUDDEN
FOOT CRAMP."**



**"YOU WERE COUNTING ON
THEM TO OVERPOWER HER
SO YOU COULD COME
RUSHING TO HER RESCUE."**







WHAT'S THE RUSH?

YOU?!?

YOU... YOU CAN'T BE HERE!
I SAW YOU LEAVE!



I NEVER LEFT.
BEEN HERE ALL
THIS TIME.



JOHN BATTLE
LEGACY WARRIOR



MY GIRLFRIEND IS
ONE HELL OF AN
ACTRESS... BUT
SHE'S NOT THE ONLY
ONE WHO COULD
PUT ON AN ACT FOR
THE AUDIENCE.



DOESN'T
MATTER...
YOU WANNA
THROW
DOWN, LET'S
DO THIS!



COME ON!

I'VE BEEN WAITING
FOR ANOTHER
CRACK AT YOU!



I'M NOT HERE TO
FIGHT YOU.
NOT TONIGHT.
I'M JUST HERE TO
KEEP YOU HERE.

FOR WHO?
SOME BROAD
WITH A CAPE?





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HOURS LATER... IN THE SUB-BASEMENT UNDER U.N.T.I.L. HQ...

YOUR "FRIEND" IS IN THE INTENSIVE CARE WING OF MERCY HOSPITAL.

HE HAD SOME SORT OF SEIZURE. HE COLLAPSED BEFORE I COULD EVEN GET CLOSE TO HIM.

THAT'S WHAT THE DOCTORS SAID AS WELL.

THEY THINK HE SUFFERED SOME SORT OF BREAKDOWN YEARS AGO AND THE SEIZURE WAS SOME KIND OF FAILSAFE FOR WHATEVER TREATMENT HE GOT BEFORE.

THE HOSPITAL HAD NO RECORD OF HIM... BUT OUR MAINFRAME DID.

VOX POPULII?

AN INTERNET GOSSIP COLUMNIST WHO WAS A THORN IN GALATEA'S SIDE YEARS AGO.

HE WAS RATHER MALICIOUS TO WOMEN WHO SPURNED HIM.

I'M GUESSING STARLETT WAS ONE OF THEM.

WE MANAGED TO BRING HIM DOWN WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM JAMES HARMON'S ATTORNEYS.*

SEEMS THEY DON'T LIKE PEOPLE SPREADING FALSEHOODS ABOUT THEIR BILLIONAIRE CLIENT.

HE SUFFERED A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AND WAS IN MERCY HOSPITAL A DECADE AGO AND WAS LATER DECLARED DEAD.

BUT...ALL OF HIS INFORMATION HAD BEEN SCRUBBED FROM THE HOSPITAL DATABASE AND EVERY OTHER DATABASE... EXCEPT THIS ONE.

(* WAY BACK IN ISSUE #3)




WHO COULD BE ABLE
TO ARRANGE ALL THAT?


THE SAME PEOPLE THAT
WERE BANKROLLING
HIS OPERATION THE
FIRST TIME AROUND.

THE SAME PEOPLE
THAT ARE HELPING
YOUR NEMESIS,
JACK THE BLADE.*


(*BATTLE ROCK COMICS PRESENTS* #2)



WE'RE BACK TO YOU
RECRUITING ME.
I TOLD YOU, I'M
NOT A JOINER.



I'M NOT ASKING
YOU TO JOIN
PROJECT MYCROFT.
I'M ASKING YOU
TO WORK WITH ME.




YOU'RE A WILD CARD;
A ROGUE PLAYER THAT
CAN GET INTO THINGS
THAT A GROUP LIKE
MYCROFT CAN'T.

I NEED THAT. I NEED
SOMEONE THAT CAN
CHECK ON THINGS EVEN
FROM MY OWN TEAM.

AND IT WILL GIVE YOU
ACCESS TO THIS
PLACE AND TO OUR
RESOURCES.

RESOURCES THAT YOU
ALREADY KNOW CAN
HELP YOU FIND JACK
AND PUT HIM DOWN
FOR GOOD.



I'LL WORK WITH YOU.
BUT ON ONE CONDITION!
YOU HELP ME GET FACE-
TO-FACE WITH JACK.

SOUNDS LIKE
WE HAVE AN
AGREEMENT.

AND WHEN I DO... YOU
MAKE SURE THAT
NOTHING GETS IN MY
WAY FROM ENDING HIM.
NOT YOUR PEOPLE, NOT
HIS BACKERS. NO ONE.

MILLENNIUM CITY POLICE HQ
THE NEXT MORNING...

P
O
L
I
C
E

"JEFFREY KRUGER,
A.K.A. HOMETOWN
HERO?"

MY NAME IS
CANDACE SINCLAIR
AND I AM AN
ATTORNEY--

OH THANK GOD!



CANDACE SINCLAIR
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

LISTEN, THIS
WHOLE THING HAS
BEEN ONE BIG
ENTRAPMENT!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT
THAT WOMAN IS
TELLING PEOPLE,
BUT I'M THE GOOD
GUY HERE!

I MEAN, YEAH, WE
DID A FEW PATROLS
TOGETHER, BUT, NEXT
THING I KNOW, I'M
BEING ASSAULTED
AND ACCUSED OF
TRYING TO
BLACKMAIL HER FOR
I DON'T KNOW WHAT!

MISTER KRUGER, YOU
NEED TO LET ME FINISH.

MY NAME IS CANDACE
SINCLAIR AND I AM AN
ATTORNEY REPRESENTING
THE SUPERHERO
STARLETT, OF WHOM YOU
WERE BLACKMAILING.

BUT I THOUGHT...

I THOUGHT YOU
WERE HERE TO
REPRESENT ME!

THAT'S WHAT YOU
DO, RIGHT?

YOU REPRESENT
HEROES.

YOU GAVE UP THAT STATUS
WHEN YOU BROKE INTO MY
CLIENT'S RESIDENCE AND
WORKED WITH YOUR
ACCOMPLICE TO BLACKMAIL
MY CLIENT.

AN ACCOMPLICE, THAT, I
SHOULD ADD, HAS A
HISTORY OF SPREADING
LIES AS WELL AS ENGAGED
IN CYBER-HARASSMENT.

YOU THREATENED TO OULT A
HERO THAT IS REGISTERED
WITH THE UNITED NATIONS
AS AN U.N.T.I.L. OPERATIVE,
WHICH IS A CLASS-C
FELONY IN FEDERAL COURT.

WHICH MEANS YOU'RE
GOING TO BE IN PRISON
FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS!




BUT THAT IS THE LEAST OF YOUR WORRIES.

I'M HERE TO INFORM YOU THAT YOU ARE ALSO BEING SUED NOT ONLY BY MY CLIENT, BUT ALSO BY MILLENNIUM INSURANCE, WHO HAS TO COVER THE IDENTITY THEFT CLAIM FILED BY MY CLIENT.

THE SERGEANT HAS YOUR PAPERWORK AND HE'LL HAND IT TO WHOMEVER THE COURT APPOINTS AS YOUR ATTORNEY.


THAT'S **IF** THEY DECIDE TO REPRESENT YOU IN THOSE CIVIL SUITS.



AND, IN CASE YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ON LETTING YOUR FUTURE FRIENDS IN JAIL KNOW WHO MY CLIENT IS, THE REASON WHY YOU'VE BEEN STRIPPED OF YOUR HERO OUTFIT AND PUT IN PRISON ORANGE IS SO THAT NOBODY WILL KNOW WHO YOU ARE WHILE YOU'RE IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AWAITING A CLOSED SECURITY HEARING.

BUT, I, AM, INNOCENT!

I TOLD YOU, THIS IS ALL ENTRAPMENT!



I ALSO HAPPEN TO KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE THAT U.N.T.I.L. HAVE THEIR OWN LITTLE GROUP OF TELEPATHS FROM PROJECT MIND GAME, AND WHAT THEY LOVE TO DO IS SIFT THROUGH SECURITY RISKS LIKE YOU AND DULL CERTAIN MEMORIES.

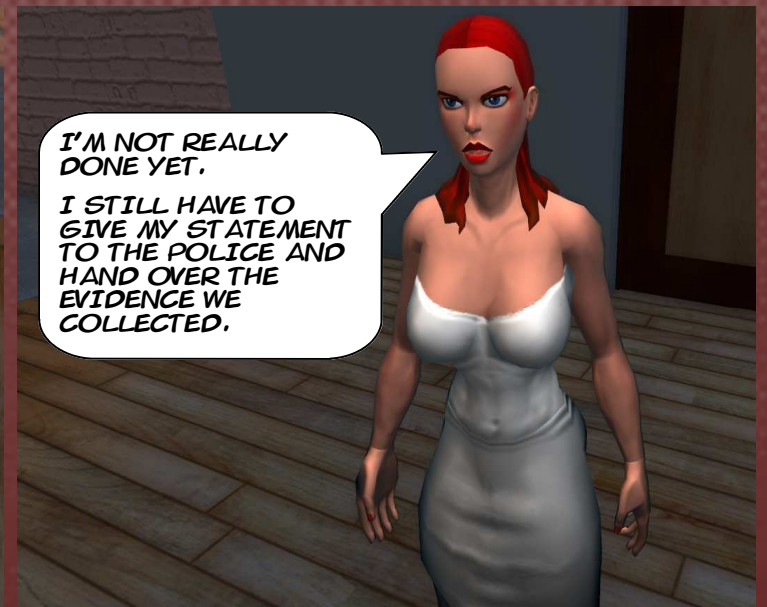
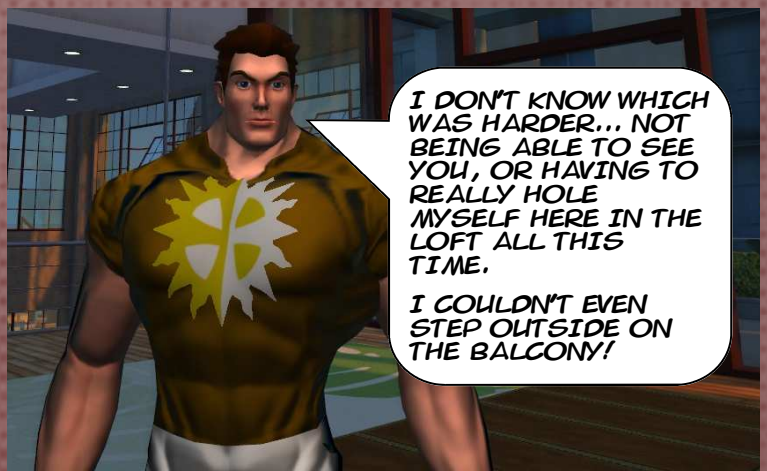
SO YOU'LL REMEMBER THE FACT THAT YOU KNEW STARLETT'S REAL NAME, BUT YOU WON'T REMEMBER WHAT THAT NAME IS OR WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE WITHOUT HER MASK.

BUT YOU WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT SHE KICKED YOUR BUTT BEFORE THROWING YOU IN JAIL FOR BLACKMAIL.



SEE YOU IN COURT.

JOHN BATTLE'S LOFT

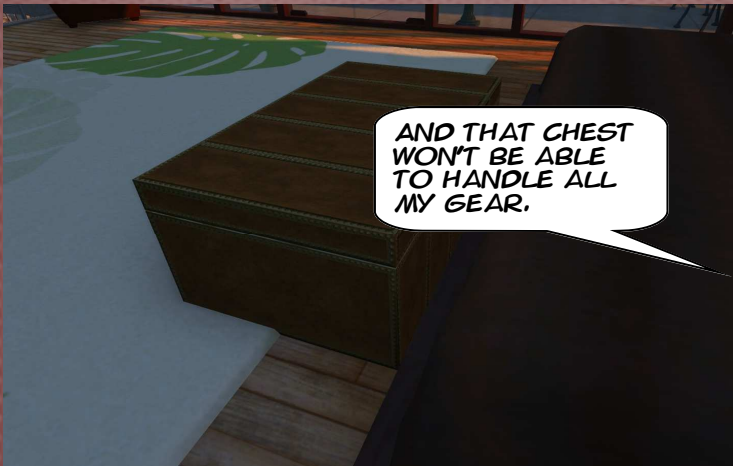




OKAY...

AND MY PLACE IS BEING
SWEEPED AND REDONE
THANKS TO THE
INSURANCE COMPANY...

... SO I GUESS YOU
GET YOUR WISH AND
I'LL BE STAYING HERE
AT LEAST UNTIL
THAT'S ALL DONE.



AND THAT CHEST
WON'T BE ABLE
TO HANDLE ALL
MY GEAR.



I'LL TAKE CARE OF
IT. MAYBE GET AN
UNDER-THE-BED
THING.

BUT AFTER THAT...
MAYBE WE CAN TAKE
A VACATION? I
WAS THINKING THE
SOUTHWEST.



I'D LIKE THAT.
I REALLY WOULD.



BUT NOT
JUST YET.



WHY?
WHAT--

LINK'S SENTENCING
HEARING IS COMING UP.
ANNA WEDNESDAY WAS
YOUR FRIEND AS MUCH
AS MINE.

WE NEED TO BE THERE
FOR HER TO MAKE SURE
HER KILLER GETS WHAT
HE DESERVES.

EPILOGUE

AT A CERTAIN LEASED SCIENCE FACILITY IN WESTSIDE...

"WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT'S USELESS?!"

I'M SORRY, DOCTOR FOSWELL, THE READINGS SAY THAT ELEMENT 233 IS INERT. NO POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE ACTIVITY.

THAT CAN'T BE!
THE INFORMATION CAME RIGHT FROM DOCTOR SILVERBACK'S NOTES!
THAT ELEMENT IS SUPPOSED TO KILL HER!



DR. WILLIAM FOSWELL
(SUPER-GENIUS COUSIN OF FOXBAT)

IT COULD VERY WELL BE THAT THE PROPERTIES OF THIS UNIVERSE ARE DIFFERENT FROM HERS.

IF SO, I'LL HAVE TO COME UP WITH A DIFFERENT WAY TO ELIMINATE GALATEA FOR MY VERSION TO REPLACE HER.

SOMETHING... A LITTLE MORE DRAMATIC.

WHATEVER IT TAKES, MY DEAR. YOU WILL REPLACE HER AND YOU WILL BE THE WORLD'S CHAMPION. I PROMISE.

NEXT:
THE DEATH OF ANNA WEDNESDAY

GUARDIAN WORDS

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.



UNITED NATIONS TRIBUNAL ON INTERNATIONAL LAW
Project Mycroft - Major Xavier Cross, U.N.T.I.L. Commander



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Project Mind Game's Security Containment Team

There is a little-known group within Project Mind Game that plays an important role in minimizing matters of security for all of U.N.T.I.L.

Ever since the discovery of people with the power to read minds, it has been the greatest fear that someone with that power could read the minds of government operatives and steal off of the classified information they would have access to. Names of classified identities for starters, security passwords, all the way up to obtaining nuclear launch codes.

To contain that potential threat, Project Mind Game created a team of telepaths whose sole purpose is to remove that information from the minds of those who have it without permission.

There are many ways that a telepath can go into someone's mind and remove the sensitive information. The most obvious way would be to just eliminate the memory of that information. Cut it out like an old-fashioned filmstrip. In fact, the original director of that team referred to it as "editing" and called the room where it was carried out the "cutting room".

However, simply cutting out the information leaves gaps in the subject's mind. This has caused some earlier subjects to experience seizures and bouts of insanity trying to fill in those gaps with other memories.

When "cutting" did not work, the group tried to fill in those gaps with other information. Instead of reading passwords or classified names, they would remember food recipes or poems. Instead of remembering faces of certain people, they'd remember cartoon characters or famous celebrities. This seemed to work until 1994, when a convicted agent of VIPER managed to sue U.N.T.I.L. for wrongful prosecution, claiming they could not remember breaking the law when the "sensitive information" they remember collecting consisted of cookie recipes. The courts sided with the VIPER agent, and the process of editing out the knowledge from one's mind was outlawed.

Eventually the team was able to accomplish their goal without causing harm to the subject's mind by "dulling" the memories in question. They would retain the memories of their actions, but specific knowledge or images would be blurred. They would know what they did and what they knew and who they knew, but specific details would be blurred. They would know they stole a document, but they would not remember the details. They would remember knowing a password, but would not remember what that password was. They would remember knowing or meeting a person, but they would not recall their face.

The process of "dulling" received judicial approval once the specific details were documented and sealed. Those convicted of espionage or identity theft would still remember what they did, but they would not retain the details of those activities. As a bonus, the team of

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telepaths could later “unlock” those details if necessary through a code only Project Mind Game would possess. This was something that previous methods would not allow, as the “cut” or “edited” memories would be considered permanently removed from one’s mind. It had the benefit of allowing outside individuals access to U.N.T.I.L. activities and having sensitive details “dulled” afterward, and then “unlocked” when that person would be needed again.

Project Mind Game’s team and their process would be replicated by the Paranormal Research and Investigation Mission of the United States (P.R.I.M.U.S.), as well as several intelligence agencies of other nations with the project’s permission and oversight.

Eventually Project Mind Game’s team would be used to help keep secrets of registered heroes intact. Working in association with P.R.I.M.U.S. and insurance agencies like Millennium Insurance that provide hero identity protection, Project Mind Game’s team would carry out “audits” of those who have knowledge of a registered hero’s secret identity.

A closed security trial would be required before such an “audit” would take place. This would consist of a judge and a three-member jury. The accused would be allowed legal representation, and the hearing would be no different than any other closed security trial. The only difference is that when the individual is found guilty, they are subject to the “dulling” process before being sent to prison.

While I have a personal dislike of Project Mind Game, I find this particular team to be a necessary evil when it comes to helping keep secrets, especially those involving my own Project Mycroft. We have had to use their services on occasion regarding outside assistance, which turned out to be all the better for those involved as they are not burdened with details that could be coerced or exploited by others.

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***SHE WAS FIRST AN ADVERSARY, THEN
AN ALLY. A FRIEND...***

AND THEN DEAD.

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TO FBI TELEPATH ANNA WEDNESDAY
AND THE INFAMOUS INVESTIGATION
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