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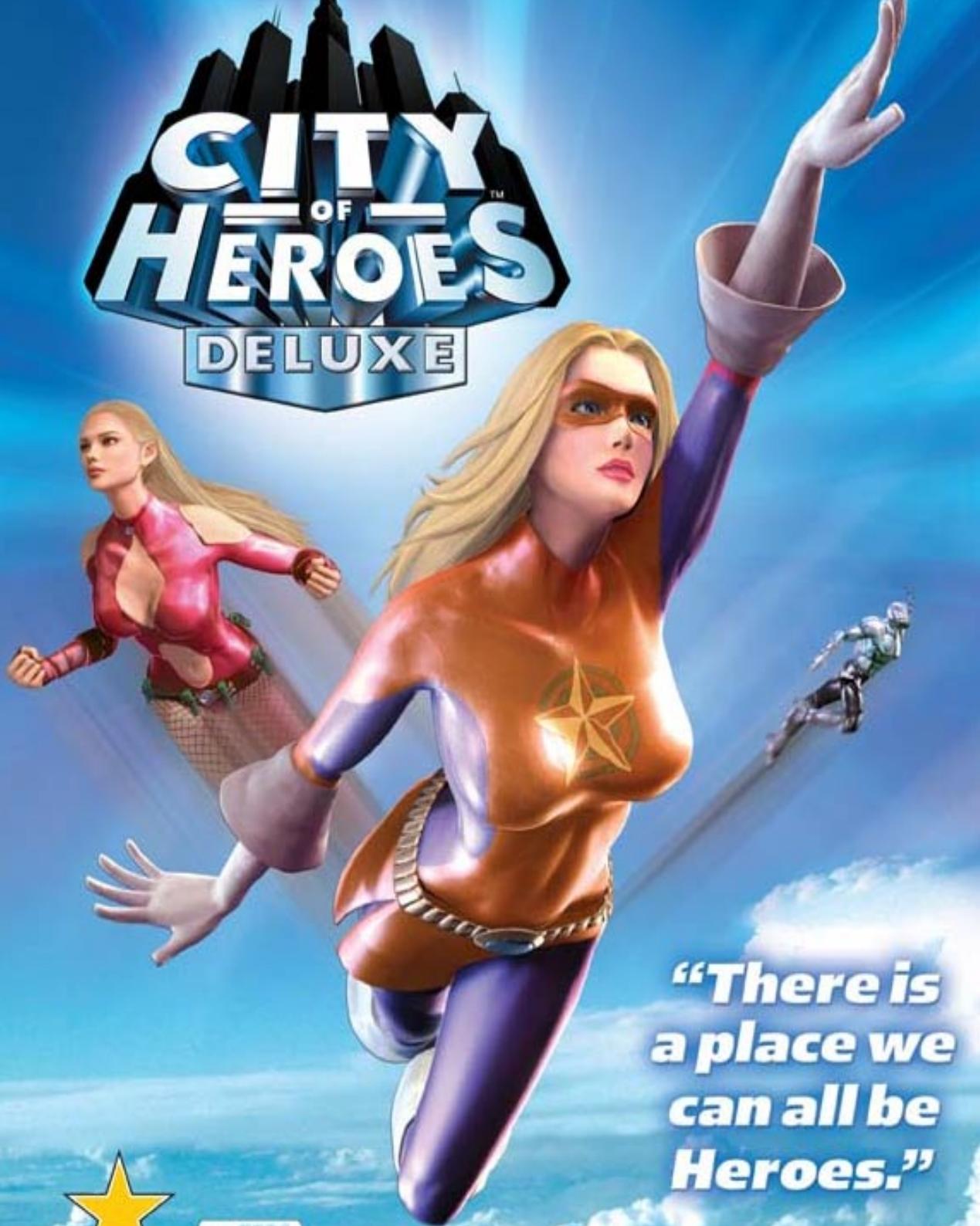
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**JURY DUTY
PART 1**

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**"There is
a place we
can all be
Heroes."**



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IN ORDER TO FIND THE ARCANIST GUILTY, YOU MUST DETERMINE THAT, BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT, HIS ACTIONS LED TO THE RED RAZOR'S DEATH. FURTHERMORE, YOU MUST COME TO THIS CONCLUSION UNANIMOUSLY.

YOU MUST BASE YOUR VERDICT ONLY ON THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED HERE IN THE COURTROOM AND ON THE LAW THAT I HAVE INSTRUCTED YOU. YOU MAY USE YOUR EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE AND COMMON SENSE, BUT YOU **MAY NOT** SPECULATE ON ANY MATTERS OUTSIDE OF THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED HERE IN THE COURTROOM.

I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU'RE ALL STRICTLY FORBIDDEN FROM USING YOUR POWERS IN ANY WAY DURING DELIBERATIONS. YOU'RE HERE TO DECIDE IF THE ACCUSED IS INNOCENT OR GUILTY, AND FOR THAT ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR MINDS.

AND NOT YOUR PSYCHIC TALENTS. I'M TALKING TO YOU JUROR SEVEN

YOU MAY NOW BEGIN YOUR DELIBERATIONS.

I TOLD YOU BEFORE! NO FLOATING OR FLYING IN THE COURTHOUSE!

SORRY!

WELL, THIS IS GONNA BE A DRAG.

TELL ME ABOUT IT! I'VE GOT REAL CRIME FIGHTING TO DO.



LET'S TRY A BLIND VOTE FIRST. JUST MARK DOWN GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY AND THEN WE'LL COUNT THEM UP AND SEE WHERE WE STAND.

HEY, AFTER WE CONVICT THIS GUY, I GOT A LEAD ON A WHERE WE CAN FIND A WHOLE GANG OF THE LOST. YOU WANNA HELP ME AND MY TEAM?

MAYBE. JUST LET ME CONCENTRATE ON THIS RIGHT NOW.

I'LL COUNT THESE UP AS SOON AS THEY'RE ALL IN. I DON'T EXPECT THERE TO BE A UNANIMOUS DECISION, SO WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO GO OVER THE FACTS AND START HASHING THINGS OUT.

GUILTY.

GUILTY.

GUILTY.

GUILTY.

GUILTY.

AND THIS IS THE LAST ONE...GUILTY.

THAT WENT FASTER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD. I GUESS WE COULD JUST GO AHEAD AND TAKE A FORMAL VOTE.

OK, LET'S DO THAT. BUT I'LL TELL YOU ALL RIGHT NOW.

I'M CHANGING MY VOTE TO NOT GUILTY.



AS EXPECTED, JUDGE LEE CHARGED THE JURY THIS MORNING AND THE JURORS ARE NOW IN DELIBERATIONS - AND ARCANIST'S FATE HANGS IN THE BALANCE.

WHAT'RE THE ODDS THAT MY BROTHER WOULD GET CHOSEN FOR SUCH AN IMPORTANT TRIAL?

Pretty good actually.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

JUDGE

WELL, WHENEVER A HERO GOES ON TRIAL FOR SOME CRIME AGAINST ANOTHER HERO, THEY HAVE TO HAVE AN ALL HERO JURY POOL.

REALLY? YOU'RE KIDDING RIGHT?

NOPE, IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT IN THIS STATE SINCE THE '70'S. THERE WAS THIS BIG TRIAL AND THE HERO APPEALED ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE JURY WASN'T REALLY "OF HIS PEERS" BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T HEROES.

SO THEY CHANGED THE LAW AND NOW, IN SPECIAL CASES LIKE THIS, THE JURY HAS TO BE ALL REGISTERED HEROES.

SO THERE'S ONLY WHAT, FIVE OR SIX THOUSAND OF US IN THE AREA? ODDS WERE GOOD THAT SOMEONE WE KNOW WOULD GET CHOSEN.

THINGS SURE WORK WEIRD IN THIS CITY HUH? BACK IN MIAMI, THERE ARE ALL THESE REGULATIONS ON HEROES. THERE'S EVEN A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARD. THEY'D NEVER LET THE HEROES JUDGE EACH OTHER.

FROM EVERYTHING MY BRO'S TOLD ME, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU GUYS HAVE PRETTY FREE REIGN TO DO WHAT YOU WANT HERE. THAT'S KINDA MESSED UP.

IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BOTHER YOUR BROTHER

AND PARAGON IS DIFFERENT, THIS IS A WAR. THE CITY HAS BEEN DESTROYED AND REBUILT, PEOPLE WANT TO FEEL SAFE AGAIN HERE...WHATEVER IT TAKES.





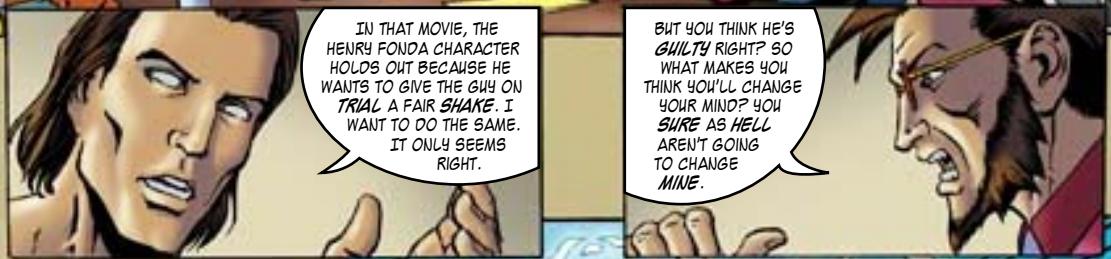
OH, IT'S GOOD. I'VE GOT ANOTHER INTERVIEW WITH THE ACCOUNTING FIRM THAT FLEW ME UP HERE. BUT I ALSO JUST GOT A CALL FROM THIS COMPANY CALLED HERO CORPS. THEY WANT TO TALK TO ME TOO.

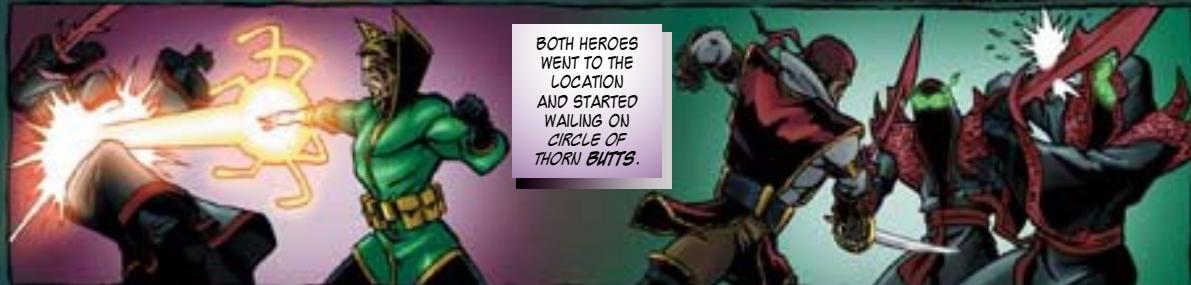


YEAH, OK...SO, UM, HOW'S THE JOB HUNT GOING?

WELL, AT LEAST THEY VOUCH FOR THEIR HEROES AND KEEP THEM IN LINE. I BET YOU DON'T SEE ANY HERO CORPS WORKERS ON TRIAL FOR KILLING THEIR COMRADES.







SURE, THAT'S ONE VERSION OF THE STORY. BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER.

THE ARCANIST ADMITS TO ALL OF THAT - EXCEPT THE LAST PART ABOUT JAMMING THE EMERGENCY TELEPORT BEACON. HE ADMITS CASTING A SPELL ON A FELLOW HERO!

FIRST OF ALL, WHO SENT THESE ANONYMOUS TIPS ABOUT THE CIRCLE OF THORUS? COULD THIS HAVE BEEN A TRAP FROM THE BEGINNING?

SECONDLY, WHY DIDN'T THE RED RAZOR WAIT FOR HIS SIDEKICK TO SHOW UP? WHY RUSH IN ALONE?

FINALLY, HOW CAN WE BE SURE THAT THE BODY EVEN BELONGED TO RED RAZOR? WE'RE DEALING WITH MAGIC HERE. ALL I'M SAYING IS, IT'S PRETTY HARD FOR US TO BE SURE OF ANYTHING RIGHT NOW, LET ALONE WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS DEATH.

ALSO, THERE WERE NO WITNESSES TO RED RAZOR'S DEATH. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED THERE. MAYBE IT WAS THE CIRCLE OF THORUS THAT BLOCKED THE TELEPORTATION BEACON, AND NOT THE ARCANIST'S SPELL.



YOU KNOW, IF THERE WAS A SCHOOL FOR HEROES, LESSON ONE WOULD BE DON'T TAKE PROPHECIES OR TIPS FROM STRANGERS.

WELL
CASSANDRA MOORE,
PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO
CLOSE YOUR EYES AND ASK
YOUR WITCH'S COVEN.

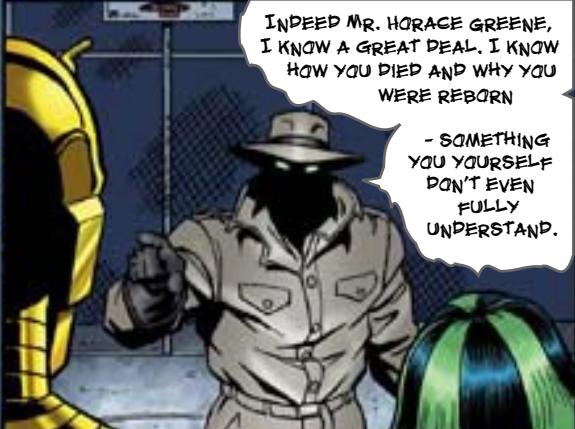
WHAT'S
THE MATTER?
THREE-EYED
CAT GOT YOUR
TONGUE?

HOW DID YOU
KNOW...?

I TOLD YOU WAR
WITCH. HE KNOWS A LOT OF
THINGS HE SHOULDN'T -
COULDN'T KNOW.

INDEED MR. HORACE GREENE,
I KNOW A GREAT DEAL. I KNOW
HOW YOU DIED AND WHY YOU
WERE REBORN

- SOMETHING
YOU YOURSELF
DON'T EVEN
FULLY
UNDERSTAND.



WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT!?!?!

WHO THE HELL
ARE YOU?!?!



CRAP...

I CAN DO THIS ALL DAY, BUT TRUST
ME, YOU DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF
TIME. AND NEITHER DOES YOUR
FRIEND, APEX.





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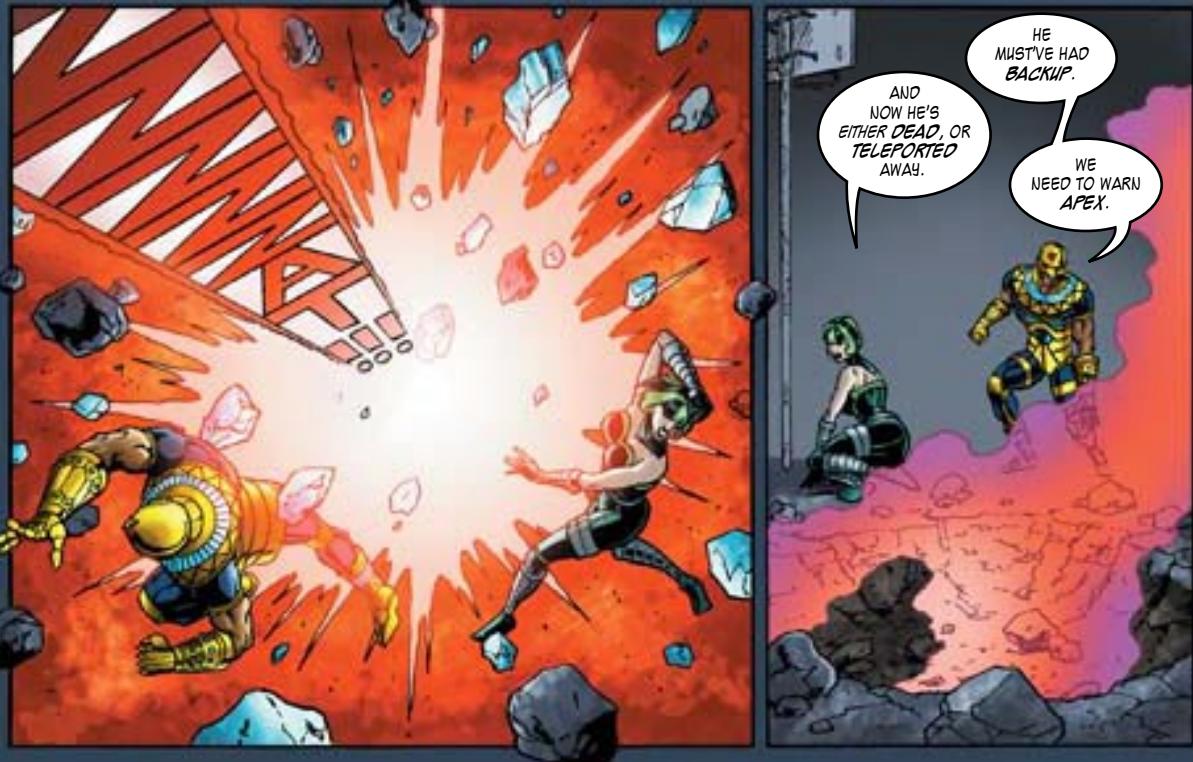
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