



Signature Characters

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Back Alley Brawler

Zone King's Row

Secret Identity Michael White

Origin Natural

Archetype Tanker

Primary Powers Invulnerability, Super Strength

Background Michael was the son of a gang enforcer. He joined the Paragon City police force to try and make a difference. When he realized that was not getting the job done he adopted the name and costume of a hero, the Back Alley Brawler. Michael use training techniques from all over the world to toughen his resistance and increase his strength. All through the late 70's and the 80's, he fought in the streets and alleys, of the city. The Brawler briefly went into retirement after that, but came back out to help with the Rikti war. Now he coordinates the efforts of heroes in King's Row.

Positron

Zone Steel Canyon

Secret Identity Dr. Raymond Keyes

Origin Tech

Archetype Defender

Primary Powers Radiation Emission, Radiation Blast, Flight

Background Dr. Raymond Keyes developed a high tech battle suit that allowed him to channel bolts of anti-matter into fierce attacks. He used his powers to help defeat the Rikti, but at a terrible cost. Due to injuries he sustained at that time, he lost full control of his powers. Now, to protect others from himself, he remains imprisoned within his battle suit.

He is constantly searching for a cure for his condition, but that does not stop him from contributing to the defense of Paragon City and contributing many other technological breakthroughs for the good of all.

Synapse

Zone Skyway City

Secret Identity Steven Berry

Origin Science

Archetype Blaster

Primary Powers Electrical Blast, Electricity Manipulation, Superspeed

Background Steven Berry was just an average man, until Crey Industries got hold of him. The Crey scientists were testing a number of radical procedures for inducing super powers. Steven was blasted with high doses of electricity for days. It amplified the electrical energy in his body, giving him the ability to harness it into super speed and electrical blasts. Synapse escaped Crey's clutches by shorting out the lab where he was kept prisoner. To this day, Crey executives deny any knowledge of the project in which Synapse was an unwilling participant.

Sister Psyche

Zone Independence Port

Secret Identity Shalice Tilman

Origin Mutant

Archetype Controller

Primary Powers Mind Control, Force Field

Background Even in her childhood, it was obvious that Sister Psyche was blessed. The tremendous scope of her mental powers was far beyond that of any hero, past or present. When the Rikti War descended, Sister Psyche knew she had to make her gift count. She did, but at a price. She exhausted her powers so thoroughly that she fell into a coma. A young heroine named Aurora Borealis offered to play host to Sister Psyche's projected mental self. Of course, this situation could not last forever. Now back in her own body, Sister Psyche has dedicated herself to helping to shape the tremendous gifts of the young Aurora. It's a responsibility she takes seriously, as well as a consolation for the loss of her former protégé, Malaise. When the psychic link between the two women was first disrupted, Sister Psyche lost her mental control over Malaise's dual personalities. The evil Malaise reasserted himself, and quickly made his departure. His present whereabouts are as yet unknown.

Citadel

Zone Talos Island

Secret Identity None

Origin Technological

Archetype Tanker

Primary Powers Invulnerability, Energy Melee

Background Citadel was the very first android hero. In the initial Rikti onslaught, he took heavy damage, and was almost completely destroyed. With Positrons help, scientists at DATA created a second version of Citadel using the old model's original memory core and the remnants of a power suit, once worn by the hero Horatio. Citadel does not fully understand human ways, but he is a valiant defender of Paragon City. He has recently undergone a major upgrade to his systems.

Manticore

Zone Brickstown

Secret Identity Justin Sinclair

Origin Natural

Archetype Defender

Primary Powers Trick Arrows, Archery, Teleport

Background Justin Sinclair was raised in a huge mansion in the outskirts of Paragon City by his English nanny, Virginia Bowman. The sole beneficiary of a huge trust fund, Manticore received training in all manner of mental and physical pursuits, but excelled in archery. When he turned 18, Miss Bowman revealed to him his true heritage. Manticore's father had once been a costumed vigilante in England, until he and his wife died at the hands of a German villain called Protean. Deeply affected by the story, Manticore took up his father's mantle and vowed to bring the 5th Column down.

Numina

Zone Founder's Falls

Secret Identity Tammy Arcanus

Origin Magic

Archetype Controller

Primary Powers Mental Control, Empathy

Background Numina was born Tammy Arcanus, daughter of Tommy Arcanus of the Midnight Squad. Tommy delved so deeply into the metaphysical that his very being was affected, and Tammy was born with magical powers. Early in her super-powered career, Tammy joined the Midnight Squad. In the 1960s, she and her team were sent into a series of caverns surrounding the Earth's molten core. It was there that the Red Threat, a Soviet villain, intended to destroy the world.

To save the Earth, Tammy possessed the body of the Red Threat. She minimized the damage, but her body was destroyed. Her consciousness survived, trapped within the Red Threat until he was killed in prison during the Rikti Invasion. Tammy's astral form was at last free. She renamed herself Numina and threw herself into the war against the Rikti. In the war's aftermath, Numina uses her abilities to nurture the next generation of heroes

Statesman

Secret Identity Marcus Cole

Origin Magic

Primary Powers Strength, Invulnerability, Flight, Storm powers of Zeus **Background** Marcus Cole, who would eventually become Statesman, was a rogue and a mercenary throughout the early part of the 20th century. During WWI, he became ill after being exposed to mustard gas. While traveling with his childhood friend Stefan Richter, Marcus discovered the Well of the Furies. Both men drank from the well and were granted incredible powers. Marcus went on to become Statesman and Stefan, Lord Recluse.