



City Plaques & Badges

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In Atlas Park

- "City Center Female Statue" "This statue commemorates the death of the mighty Atlas. He died on December 7th, 1941, the day of the German surprise attack on Paragon City. Atlas single-handedly prevented a large group of the advancing German soldiers from gaining a foothold beyond Independence Port. His brave sacrifice held the area until the Freedom Phalanx arrived and drove back the invaders."
- "Axis Attack 1" "On this spot the titan hero Atlas was posthumously awarded a key to the city, for his many valiant efforts on behalf of its citizens."
- "Citizen Crime Act 1" "In 1937, this park was host to many a candlelight vigil in support of Maiden Justice, who was facing down a civil suit brought by some thugs she had apprehended, who claimed her actions were illegal. Citizens from around the city would gather here in support of the proposed Citizen Crime Fighting Act. The candles symbolized the heroes of the city, those bright lights who beat away the darkness."
- "Citizen Crime Act 2" "On January 6th, 1937, Maiden Justice of the Freedom Phalanx arrested a group of violent thugs at this location. Although Maiden Justice was able to prevent the thugs from torching the building, the perpetrators were released by police on the grounds that the arrest had not been legally sanctioned. The public outcry was immediate. Politicians put their heads together, and the Citizen Crime Fighting Act was born."
- "Might For Right Act 1" "This statue honors Georgia Reynolds, one of the first heroes to publicly challenge the Might for Right Act. Although she fought the conscription of heroes under this act, she later joined the armed forces and performed many services for her country under the code name Nimbus. She is best remembered for her service during the Rikti War, when she and the rest of Alpha Team assaulted the Rikti's entrenched positions, buying Omega Team time to sneak into the Rikti barracks and enter the portal to the Rikti homeworld."
- "Psychic Feedback Loop 1" "The warehouse you see before you was instrumental in the Lost's plan to psychically dominate the city. After the Grimm Fairy apprehended the group's ringleader, Ishmael, she discovered that the Lost had kept many citizens imprisoned here for months in order to practice their mental techniques on live subjects. Horrified, the Grimm Fairy appealed for help to the Freedom Phalanx, and Positron dispatched a Task Force to rescue the imprisoned civilians."
- "Hollowing 1" "On this site, the Trolls Task Force was formed in response to the devastating event known as the Hollowing. Police Chief James Wilson said 'The police department will not stop until the residents of Eastgate can go home again.'"
- "AP_Data 1" "According to recent findings, time travel is not only possible, it is a documented fact. A temporal anomaly has been detected off the coast of Paragon City, in the area known as the Rogue Isles. Due to the hostile nature of the area, DATA has been unable to investigate further."
- "AP_Data 2" "In June 1989, DATA scientists observed a large meteor shower. The scientists recorded several anomalies. The meteors were of unusual size, and many of the larger fragments gave off a strange radiant energy. Sadly, none of these fragments have been recovered for study."
- "AP_Magi 1" "These hands were all that was left of the ancient archmage Tarixus after he attempted a great spell that split the earth and swallowed him alive. To this day, no one is sure what his aim was, only that it resulted in his quick demise."
- "AP_Magi 2" "These bones were recovered near Giza in 1887. After a brief stint in the British Museum, they were moved to Paragon City. It has been observed that the bones' location is not insignificant. While they were housed in the British Museum, several murders were committed in the area, the work of a monster known only as 'Jack the Ripper.' Immediately after they were moved to Paragon City and put under the wards of MAGI, the

crimes ceased."

- "AP_Magi 3" "This crystal is home to the genie Arabella, a creature possessed of unique and wondrous powers. It is said that where the crystal rests, there power lingers."
- "AP_Magi 4" "Contained within this chest are several shards of material recovered from the ocean floor. Their exact origins are unknown, but preliminary scans have shown that the material is organic. It may even be intelligent."
- "AP_Magi 5" "This pot contains water from the Well of the Furies. Its effects have not been adequately studied, for most of MAGI's mystics are far too intelligent to try."

In Galaxy City

- "Galaxy Female Statue" "Kelly Graham never thought she was destined for greatness. That changed one night when she was walking home from her job in the Crey secretarial pool. She came upon an innocent woman being dragged into an alley by some masked men. Kelly called out for help, to no avail. As her fear and anger grew, she launched herself toward the alley. After a blur of flying, energy blasting, and healing light... Galaxy Girl was born!"
- "Axis Attack 2" "On this street in 1939, a parade was held to honor the hero Atlas. Though Atlas' nemesis, the Teal Serpent, tried to interrupt the festivities with a poison gas bomb, Atlas saved the spectators by scooping them up to sit on his mighty shoulders, far above the fumes. After getting the citizens to safety, Atlas sought out the Teal Serpent and defeated him. It is unknown whether the Serpent survived."
- "Citizen Crime Act 3" "In June 1937, City Councilman Kyle Legretsky held a press conference here to pledge his support for Maiden Justice and the Citizen Crime Fighting Act. He said, 'The heroes of this town are not the enemies of the people. They are our friends, our fathers, and our wives. They have earned our trust time and time again; it is only fitting that this trust be echoed in our laws.'"
- "Might For Right Act 2" "In 1967, these streets were filled with protestors railing against the Might for Right Act. The country had united behind the cause of three African-American heroes, who claimed that the CIA was discriminating against minorities by targeting them for conscription."
- "Might For Right Act 3" "Roger Vrabel of the CIA appeared on this spot to speak in favor of the Might for Right Act in 1967. He said, 'The heroes of this country are our most valuable natural resource. Without their service, we cannot hope to overcome the foes that assail us.' Although Vrabel spoke with conviction and passion, the act was overturned later that same year."
- "Psychic Feedback Loop 2" "After the arrest of Ishmael, the Lost Pariah who tried to psychically control the city, heroes traced a large portion of his operation to this warehouse. Here they found a map of the city with several critical pieces of infrastructure marked. It seems that if Ishmael's attempt was successful, his mind- controlled minions would have bent sent to tear apart their own city."

In Kings Row

- "Axis Attack 3" "On July 12, 1932, this apartment building caught fire. Although fire fighters evacuated the residents, they were unable to contain the blaze. If not for the mighty hero Atlas, the entire neighborhood might have been lost. He arrived in time to clap out the flames with his massive hands."
- "Axis Attack 4" "The building that used to stand in this spot was destroyed by the Archvillain known only as the Teal Serpent. While Statesman battled the Serpent in an epic battle that ranged for miles, the monumental Atlas turned his attention to the people trapped inside the rubble. With a gentleness to rival his strength, he picked apart the ruins with his massive fingers, freeing 243 people who would otherwise have perished."
- "Psychic Feedback Loop 3" "This tenement used to be the home of a man named Isaac

Waters, before he became a member of the mysterious Lost. Calling himself Ishmael, he rose to a position of distinction within the Lost, and spearheaded one of their boldest campaigns yet-- an attempt to enslave the minds of the city's populace."

- "Psychic Feedback Loop 4" "On this spot, a Lost Pariah named Ishmael was apprehended by a young heroine known as The Grimm Fairy. She had sensed Ishmael's attempts to enslave the minds of Paragon City's residents. Only by opening her mind ever so slightly to his control was she able to sense his location and thwart him at last."
- "Psychic Feedback Loop 5" "For months, unbeknownst to the city's finest Super Groups, a Lost Pariah called Ishmael attempted to psychically control the entire city. It was here that his efforts had the greatest effect, causing many citizens to run about in a stupor for hours on end."
- "GC_Magi 1" "The blood of Mu shall rise, and it shall wash across the ocean and the land. The power that lies dormant within these humble rocks cannot remain so forever."
- "GC_Magi 2" "Here lie the bones of the villain known as Ghost Widow. They contain barely a fragment of her spirit's power, which is currently under the study of MAGI's most powerful mystics."
- "GC_MAGI 3" "This pillar records a Circle of Thorns prophecy. Regrettably, most of the text is indecipherable."

In Steel Canyon

- "War On Drugs 1" "On this spot, the Back Alley Brawler formed his Super Group, the Regulators, in August of 1972. They were a group dedicated to wiping out the drug problems that had begun to ravage Paragon City's neighborhoods. The Brawler's friend Blue Steel coined their motto, 'That no power shall triumph over the human mind.'"
- "Superadine 1" "This was the site of the first Superadine drug bust. Michael White, otherwise known as the Back Alley Brawler, was patrolling the area when he discovered a pair of thugs haggling over the strange green liquid. He arrested the villains, confiscated the drug, and brought it to the Freedom Phalanx for analysis. The Phalanx's top researcher, Dr. Brian Webb, confirmed the Brawler's worst fears: a new drug had been discovered, and its potency was unprecedented."
- "Superadine2" "This statue honors John Knox of the Midnight Squad, otherwise known as the Crimson Fist. Knox was among the many heroes to give their lives in the Rikti War, but he is best remembered for his efforts to keep Superadine off the streets. Using his powers of telepathy and divination, it was he who first linked the sale of Superadine to the Family."
- "Hero Corps 1" "In January of 2003, Rebecca Foss and Hero Corps returned to Paragon City. Ms. Foss held a conference here to commemorate the opening of the company's new headquarters in Steel Canyon. She said, 'The world has been through hard times indeed. All our heroes are needed now, more than ever. And Hero Corps is needed as well.'"

In Skyway City

- "War on Drugs 2" "This was the sight of one of the Regulators' first major victories in their War on Drugs. Led by the Back Alley Brawler, the Regulators surprised a group of thugs who were dealing in heavy narcotics. One of the villains, Harry Frost, later said, 'They may have got the best of me. But mark my words, my Family will rule this town.'"
- "War On Drugs 3" "On this site, the Regulators and the Dawn Patrol first came together, joining forces to bring the Back Alley Brawler's War on Drugs to a conclusion. Unable to make a dent in crime by arresting petty thugs, they resolved to go after the drug problem at its root: the drug farms that produced the evil substances."
- "Superadine 3" "This site marks the first known sighting of the strange creatures known colloquially as 'Trolls.' John Knox of the Midnight Squad was the first to observe these grotesque mutations. Afterward, he had this to say, 'I couldn't help but pity them. In a very

real way, these are the people we're working to save."

- "Hero Corps 2" "On this site in March of 1999, the hero Luminary gave a demonstration of his powers. Though public sentiment was against the fledgling company Hero Corps, Luminary was convinced he could turn that sentiment around. When he brought forth an aura of healing light, each person on the street felt touched. Still, some were unmoved. Eliza McCaffrey, one of the spectators remarked, 'Sure, his powers are amazing. That makes me all the more nervous that they're for sale!'"

In Talos Island

- "Special Council 2" "After the devastating 1999 terrorist attack on the Midnight Squad, Rebecca Foss spoke here in favor of the creation of a United Nations Special Council on Super Human Activities. She said, 'Paragon City has recently suffered a great loss. Someone must step up to take the reins. Hero Corps puts its faith firmly in the proposed U.N. council, and pledges to support all its actions.'"
- "Freedom Phalanx 3" "When the Freedom Phalanx became the first legally recognized Super Group in 1953, a grand celebration was held at this site. Among the attendees was Vambrace, who said, 'I am humbled by the faith you have placed in myself and the Freedom Phalanx. Again and again, the people of this city remind me why it is a place worth fighting for.'"
- "Spanky Rabinowitz 2" "After his fourth re-election as mayor, 'Spanky' Rabinowitz threw an enormous gala in this meadow. Brightly colored tents dotted the grass, and the Paragon City Philharmonic turned out to play the event. It is rumored that such shady characters as Al Capone and Nathaniel Frost attended the event."
- "Spanky Rabinowitz 3" "Mayor 'Spanky' Rabinowitz was born on this very street, in 1878 to Aaron and Maria Rabinowitz. Those who knew the mayor well say that he often returned to this area when troubled, to walk the streets he grew up on and contemplate the city's future."
- "Ghostship 1" "This plaque marks the first sighting of a mysterious ghostly vessel filled with a crew of gibbering spirits. Many people theorize that the vessel is Striga Isle's lost ship, the Moraine, which never returned to port after setting sail in the early 1930's. Some even believe that the crew is still trying to get home."

In Independence Port

- "Special Council 1" "In January 2000, a ceremony was held at this site to celebrate the creation of the United Nations Special Council on Super Human Activities. Among the attendees was the Freedom Phalanx's Statesman, who said, 'The world has become too large for me to watch over alone. I am happy to welcome the United Nations to the battle.'"
- "Freedom Phalanx 1" "When the Freedom Phalanx became the first legally recognized Super Group in 1953, Statesman held a conference at Valor Bridge. He said, 'The valiant hero Atlas died defending the city on this very bridge. I do not know how to thank you for your faith in the Freedom Phalanx, except to say that I, too, am ready to die in your defense.'"
- "Freedom Phalanx 2" "In 1953, the Freedom Phalanx prevented a ship bearing copious amounts of explosives from docking at this harbor. When the captain was interrogated, it became clear that he was on a mission of sabotage. Public sentiment for the Freedom Phalanx swelled, and Mayor Kyle Legretsky proposed that the Citizens Crime Fighting Act be expanded. He proposed that groups such as the Freedom Phalanx be officially sanctioned fighting forces."
- "Spanky Rabinowitz 1" "In the 1920's, it was considered most unlucky not to have your ship christened by Mayor 'Spanky' Rabinowitz. His services were so greatly in demand that he was often to be found in the shipyard on a weekday afternoon, playing poker with the dock hands and awaiting the next opportunity to discharge his duties."

In Founders' Falls

- "Rikti War 1" "During the Rikti War, this dock was converted to an emergency shelter. One of the few places to survive the initial bombing, the area became a haven for people with no homes to return to. It also became a coordination nexus for the Vanguard, an umbrella organization designed to coordinate super-powered responses to the Rikti invaders. Though the Vanguard was formed only after the invasion began, it quickly became the only group with any cohesion, as smaller Super Groups were decimated and destroyed. Many of the critical plans for the resistance were relayed through this station, including the fateful Alpha and Omega Gambit."
- "Dimensional Barrier 1" "On July 7, 1988, the brilliant Dr. Brian Webb, former researcher for Freedom Phalanx, held a surprise press conference at this site. He announced that he had discovered a way to enter other dimensions. He demonstrated his technology for the awed spectators, even transporting a few lucky reporters and dignitaries to an alternate world. Dr. Webb said, 'My technology has proven that possibility is truly limitless. The future is what we make of it.'"

In Brickstown

- "Zig Explanation" "Daniel Zigursky was a scientist who devoted his life to studying and understanding super powered beings and their abilities. The results of his work were instrumental the construction of the Zigursky Correctional Facility. 'The Zig', as it is referred to colloquially, was the first prison in the world capable of housing super powered criminals, and is still the best. It incorporates the latest advancements in magical charms, psionic barriers, energy absorption fields, and indestructible alloys to keep Paragon City safe now and into the future."
- "Mashu Bridge Explanation" "In 1968, a large group of prisoners from The Zig attempted a daring escape. With help from The Earthworm, the prisoners dug an elaborate tunnel system; however, the high impact digging of The Earthworm triggered an earthquake that ravaged the city. The massive tunnel they had hollowed out collapsed leaving a chasm that divided the city and hindered recovery efforts. The powerful hero, Mashu the Mountain, built this bridge in a mere three hours to aid the citizens. Months later Mashu was vanquished while trying to capture Doppelganger, the last of the escaped inmates. Even after the damage was repaired and the chasm filled in, the citizens of Paragon City chose to leave this bridge standing in honor of Mashu's courage and sacrifice."
- "Project Explanation" "Hello, and welcome to Crey Urban Projects. Crey, a world leader in technology, has generously funded this low-cost, high-tech housing development as part of Crey's continuing efforts to support Paragon City. Crey: bringing the future to life."
- "Monorail Explanation" "This was once the site of the Crowman Monorail Station. It was destroyed by the crash landing of a drone ship during the Rikti invasion. The Rikti attack also resulted in the destruction of a nearby Crey laboratory. This made the next stop on the line, once known as Venice, uninhabitable. Due to that unfortunate event, there was no need to rebuild the station and this park was built in its stead."
- "Dimensional Barrier 2" "This plaque commemorates the invasion of Paragon City by foes from an alternate dimension. In 1988, after Dr. Brian Webb smashed the dimensional barrier, it seemed that the future could only be bright, full of wonders and discoveries. But Dr. Webb had not considered the dangers his discoveries entailed. He paid for his oversight with his life, dying at the hands of a militant people from another world, who used his portal technology to invade our own. Only with the help of the Freedom Phalanx were the invaders repelled."
- "Dimensional Barrier 3" "This building was once the lab of Dr. Brian Webb, the brilliant scientist who broke the dimensional barrier and opened up whole new worlds to science."

His notes reveal that his findings were linked to previous scientists' research on the effects of the drug Superadine. Much has been made of this discovery, but the link between the drug and the dimensional barrier remains a mystery."

In Peregrine Island

- "Nemesis Seizes Control 1" "In 1945, six members of the Freedom Phalanx met on Peregrine Island to save the world. The clever Dr. Mnemonic had synthesized an antidote to the poison gas Nemesis had released across the country, but it had to be distributed quickly. With only minutes to spare, these six heroes took off across the country carrying large batches of the airborne antidote. They managed to get the antidote to each infected city, preventing a disaster of epic proportions."

In Perez Park

- "Axis Attack 5" "Atlas' wife, Gloria Branson, planted this tree in 1941 in memory of her fallen husband. The first to respond to the German attack on Paragon City at Independence Port, Atlas died defending the city and the people he loved."
- "Citizen Crime Act 4" "On this spot, the first legally sanctioned hero arrest took place, on Sept. 12, 1937. Just two days after the passage of the Citizen Crime Fighting Act, the Freedom Phalanx's Dark Watcher apprehended a cult of demon worshippers in this glade, preventing the sacrifice of an innocent citizen."
- "Citizen Crime Act 5" "On the southern shore of Everett Lake, supporters of the Citizen Crime Fighting Act gathered to celebrate its passage in September 1937. Maiden Justice thanked the people for their support, saying, 'The Freedom Phalanx has always known that it was our responsibility to protect this city from evil-doers. But it is also something else: it is also a privilege.'"
- "Might For Right Act 4" "On this spot, operatives from the CIA attempted to arrest Roger Washington, Georgia Reynolds, and Hakeem Muhammad, young African- American heroes who had refused to be drafted under the Might For Right Act. The operatives were shocked to find not just the three youths, but a whole battalion of heroes who had flocked to their cause. The battle over the Might for Right Act had begun."
- "Psychic Feedback Loop 6" "After the arrest of Ishmael, the Lost Pariah who tried to psychically dominate the city, Sister Psyche scanned the city for traces of psychic residue. The streets of Perez Park were determined to be a hotbed of such residue. Sister Psyche theorizes that this residue is fueling the territorial gang war that continues to plague these streets."

In The Hollows

- "Hollowing 2" "This water treatment facility used to desalinate the water from Eastgate Bay for use by Paragon City citizens. In the wake of the Hollowing, the facility became unusable, creating a serious water crisis for post-war Paragon City."
- "Hollowing 3" "Before the Hollowing this spot, known as Lookout Point, was a favorite destination for lovers on a midnight stroll. Now, it is a vantage point from which heroes keep their eyes on the mystical antics of the Circle of Thorns."
- "Hollowing 4" "During the Hollowing, many buildings in this area collapsed. If not for the rapid response of several heroes, led by the valiant Luminary, many of Eastgate's residents would have been buried under the rubble. Luminary and her companions managed to save 437 lives on that devastating day, guaranteeing them a place in Paragon City's history."
- "Hollowing 5" "This building once housed the lab of Dr. Calvin Stewart, who pioneered Eastgate Bay's Seaview project. Since the Hollowing, Dr. Stewart has been forced to abandon the lab, and communication with the Seaview project has been erratic. Very little is known by the public about the scientists' activities in Eastgate Bay."

In Boomtown

- "War on Drugs 4" "It was here that the Back Alley Brawler arrested Harry Frost for the second time. Frost was peddling a strange substance to a group of street thugs. After a lengthy court battle, the charges stuck. It seemed that the War on Drugs had achieved a critical victory."
- "Superadine 4" "In March of 1986, with the mystical aid of the Midnight Squad, the Back Alley Brawler managed to track local Superadine distribution to a secret lab beneath this building. Little is known about the lab's contents. It is simply known that the Back Alley Brawler and the Statesman swore their comrades to secrecy after the battle."
- "Hero Corps 3" "This building was the site of the first clash between Hero Corps and the Freedom Phalanx. Determined to prove their worth to a doubtful public, Hero Corps had begun investigating the activities of an Archvillain known as the Jade Maiden. In February of 1999, Luminary and his comrades in Hero Corps arrived here to arrest the villain, only to discover that the Freedom Phalanx was already on the trail. In the confusion that ensued, the Jade Maiden escaped."
- "Hero Corps 4" "This plaque commemorates a massive protest held in opposition to the construction of Hero Corps headquarters. Among the protesters were a number of heroes, including Justin Greene, known in combat as Green Justice, and his mentor and friend, Hero 1. Mr. Greene summed up the protester's sentiments with the following statement, 'How can the people of this city trust heroes who work for money? When you put your life in another man's hands, you have to know that he's helping you because he wants to. You have to know that his heart is really in it.'"
 - "Hero Corps 5" "After the destruction of Hero Corps' first Paragon City office, the company planned to rebuild their headquarters here. But public sentiment could not have been more firmly set against them. Despite the patronage of Countess Crey, this site remained vacant, and in October 1999 Hero Corps was forced to move on to another city."

In Dark Astoria

- "Special Council 3" "This tomb houses the remains of several members of the Midnight Squad, who were murdered during a sneak attack on their secret Terra Volta facility. It was this action that prompted the creation of the United Nations Special Council on Super Human Activities."
- "Freedom Phalanx 4" "When the Freedom Phalanx became an officially recognized Super Group in 1953, the hero Vambrace made a pledge. 'Dark Astoria will be restored to its natural state,' he said. 'The Freedom Phalanx is committed to saving every part of Paragon City, even those that may seem lost.'"
- "Spanky Rabinowitz 4" "Though the details remain unclear, it is rumored that Mayor 'Spanky' Rabinowitz often met with Nathaniel Frost here. Some historians have theorized that Frost paid Spanky to keep the police from investigating the Frost crime ring. Others have posited that Spanky paid Frost to keep the crime ring's activities from becoming violent. The real purpose of these visits may never be known."
- "Spanky Rabinowitz5" "While Mayor 'Spanky' Rabinowitz was no paragon of virtue, it cannot be argued that Paragon City prospered under his guidance. Historians cannot account for this. Some have theorized that Spanky had some sort of mystical power on his side; it has even been theorized that he sold his soul to a demon in exchange for the city's well-being. After his death, a number of old relics were found in a secret compartment in his private office, including a map of Dark Astoria."

In Striga Isle

- "Ghostship 2" "In 1932, the wives of the sailors on the good ship Moraine would gather on

this little island. In the shadow of the lighthouse, they would wait, sometimes all night, for any sign of their husbands' homecoming."

- "Ghostship 3" "This tomb honors the sailors lost on the oil tanker Moraine, which set sail in 1932 and was never heard from again. Rumors indicate that the tanker was being used to smuggle ne'er-de-wells onto Striga Isle. It has been theorized that these illicit passengers caused the ship's sinking."
- "Ghostship 4" "In 1932, an oil tanker known as the Moraine set off from this point. It was expected to remain at sea for several weeks; however, to this day, no one on Striga Isle has seen any sign of it."
- "Ghostship 5" "In 1932, the oil tanker Moraine was first launched from this site. Many people have claimed that the ship's misfortune was due to Captain Renyard Kale failing to ask Mayor Spanky Rabinowitz to christen the ship on its first voyage."

In Crey's Folly

- "Rikti War 2" "This plaque commemorates the last meeting of Statesman and Hero. They were the heroes slated to lead the Alpha and Omega Teams, and they knew they would probably not meet again. 'We only had a minute to say goodbye,' Statesman said later. 'So we didn't say anything.' Although Statesman survived Alpha Team's strike on the entrenched Rikti troops, Hero 1 and Omega Team never returned from the Rikti dimension."
- "Rikti War 3" "In 2000, when the Rikti struck, they immediately disabled the Paragon Water Works. Without the efforts of the heroes Synapse and Positron, many of those who survived the initial attack would have died of thirst in the weeks to come. Positron devised an ingenious method of desalinating the water of Eastgate Bay, and Synapse put it into action in record time, saving hundreds of lives."

In The Sewers

- "Nemesis Seizes Control 3" "In 1945, the Freedom Phalanx was determined to thwart Nemesis' campaign to wrest control of the U.S. Paragon City was one of the many major metropolises Nemesis had infected with his strange poison gas. The hero known as the Dark Watcher knew that he had to find the source of the gas. Using his powers of extra-sensory perception, the Dark Watcher journeyed into the bowels of the city. Here, in the sewer network, he found storage tanks full of the gas, slowly leaking their noxious fumes into Paragon City's environment. The Dark Watcher disposed of the gas, making it possible for the city to be cured."

In Faultline

- "War on Drugs 5" "This plaque commemorates the death of Mina Horne, known to her comrades as the Illustrated Woman. She was killed when the Frost drug cartel, otherwise known as the Family, ambushed the Regulators as revenge for the brief imprisonment of Harry Frost. At her funeral, a shaken Back Alley Brawler said, 'Mina was a person who believed in the human spirit. We can best honor her by living the life she fought for.'"
- "Superadine 5" "In late 1982, the Back Alley Brawler and his Regulators were trying to mop up the last traces of Superadine on the city streets. A tip led them to this building, a front company for the Family. During the raid Harry Frost, the Family's leader, was accidentally killed, leaving his young son Sebastian to oversee his business. Since then, Superadine sales have inexplicably increased, despite the best efforts of the Brawler and his comrades."
- "Hero Corps 6" "In May of 1999, following the destruction of Hero Corps' original Paragon City headquarters, Countess Crey held a conference at this site to announce her sponsorship of the ill-fated company. She joined hands with Rebecca Foss, Hero Corps' founder, and said, 'A new world of heroes is upon us. Crey Technologies will not be left behind.'"

- "Hero Corps 7" "This plaque marks the site of the original Hero Corps headquarters, which was destroyed by a gang of mysterious soldiers clad in power armor. Although Hero Corps' employees made it out alive, Hero Corps was devastated by the loss. Its founder, Rebecca Foss, spoke tearfully the next morning on the radio program 'Wake up Paragons.' 'Who could hate us so much?' she asked, 'We only want to help!'"

In Terra Volta

- "Special Council 4" "In the late 1990's, super-powered mercenary groups had become active all over the world. The situation had clearly gotten out of hand, but it was a mercenary activity right here in Paragon City that spurred the creation of the U.N. Special Council of Super Human Activities. Late one night in September of 1999, 6 super-powered mercenaries slipped into this factory complex and made off with several canisters of lethal gas, a byproduct of the factory's machinery. The Freedom Phalanx bested several of the mercenaries, but they were too late to stop one of the villains from getting away with the gas. Aghast, the city waited and watched. Something bad was about to happen. But nobody knew what. "
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- "Freedom Phalanx 5" "In 1953, citizens poured into the streets in support of the Freedom Phalanx becoming a legally recognized Super Group. The workers of Terra Volta were particularly adamant in their support, having witnessed many villainous activities over the past few decades. Each night, when the factory whistles blew, a shout would go up across the zone, echoing in the evening air: 'Freedom Phalanx! Freedom Phalanx!'"
- "Spanky Rabinowitz 6" "Years after his death, many of Mayor 'Spanky' Rabinowitz's secret dealings were still coming to light. Though his heirs have yet to piece together the entire picture, it seems that Spanky had money secretly invested in numerous businesses within Paragon City, including this factory. His heirs cannot quite account for the money's origin."

Eden

- "Rikti War 4" "In 2000, Woodvale was still a pleasant neighborhood where families picnicked with their children and where Synapse liked to jog. When the Rikti invaders struck, Synapse's first act was to use his super speed to carry as many people out of the area as possible. Though he regretted not being able to join his comrades in battle, he managed to save 87 lives that day before the fire from Rikti plasma weapons tore Woodvale apart."
- "Rikti War 5" "This plaque commemorates the death of Galaxy Girl, who fell in the first battle with the Rikti. When it became obvious that the heroes would have to fall back, Galaxy Girl insisted that she be the last to retreat. Remaining on the front lines, she used her healing light to save the lives of many of her retreating comrades. Witnesses say that she used her last bit of strength to heal her friend Ms. Liberty, rather than to save herself."

In the Rikti Crash Site

- "Nemesis Seizes Control 2" "On this site, Statesman and Maiden Justice battled a horde of

Nemesis' strange steam-powered robots. The robots' fatal flaw was their inability to adapt to new situations; once events started to transpire differently than Nemesis had envisioned, the robots were next to useless. Maiden Justice used her cunning to confound the robots, while Statesman relied on his awesome strength. In the end, they had defeated some six hundred robots, freeing Paragon City from Nemesis' grasp."

City Plaques & Badges Background cont.

Sean,

I pulled the following names (that I haven't seen in other materials) from the badges file you sent over. Do you have any more background on any of these folks (dates for some, current status, superpowers, etc.)? I want to mention the majority of the badge information in the Paragon City book and we'll need to orient the reader as much as possible. That may mean creating some new original materials.

Here is where one of the brave souls to take up the mantle of Scirocco stood against, and fell to, the Rikti invaders.

Scirocco was granted his powers by the Monks of the Order of the Four Winds. The Monks are from a Temple in the Himalayas. They travel the world and bestow Items of Power to those individuals who best represent the winds of the world. The mantle of Scirocco can be a heavy weight to bear.

(The current Scirocco serves Lord Recluse in City of Villains.)

Imad Malak was not always an evil man. Evil came to him from without. He was traveling in the deep desert near the Baka Valley deep in the Middle East. There he discovered an ancient tomb and stumbled inside. The tomb was that of a long-dead desert hero, and contained several objects of power including the bottle of the djinn Serafina.

Also within was the hero's scimitar that granted the wielder incredible powers. Malak took the sword and donned the mantle of Scirocco. Unfortunately he fell under a curse and was driven to commit acts of great evil. He sold the other objects off to the highest bidder, the bottle ending up with the Circle of Thorns. Once a hero of the people, he is now a dark stain on their proud heritage. Imad wishes nothing more than to find some way to rid himself of the curse and find redemption.

In the 1950's the hero called 'Gargoyle' would stand watch over the city from this spot.

Gargoyle was a Grotesque. A Grotesque is a fallen Avilan, a winged race descended from the blood of a Ki-Rin. Avila, the floating City will be introduced in expansion 7 after City of Villains launches.

You have seen the statue of Cassiopeia, a Heroine recognized as a citizen of every country on Earth after she single-handedly saved the world from a rogue comet.

Cassiopeia is Queen of the Heavens. She was granted her powers when the Space Shuttle she was on passed through an anomaly. She is presumed dead since she never returned from averting the rogue comet.

King Mihehra, a self-proclaimed warlord from the Netherworld, attempted to seize control of Paragon City, only to be defeated by Positron on this very spot.

Go nuts. He should have necromancy powers.

Apex tracked Dr. Vahzilok down to this location, but interference from the Circle of Thorns prevented him from capturing the mad scientist.

Please cut all references to Apex.

The Invisible Falcon disappeared without a trace in the mid 90's. (I like this one a lot – “invisible hero disappearing” – how could you tell? ;)

Invisible Falcon was taken by Crey when he discovered the secret of the Revenant Hero Program.

Blue Shield, the only hero in Paragon City on who works directly for the police, arrested the Tsoo's leader Tub Ci on this spot. The charges didn't stick, and Tub Ci is free today.

Blue Shield should actually be Blue Steel.

Back Alley Brawler fought against two Underbosses from The Family, Slow Eye Lou and Hyper Mike, on this spot.

I don't have much to add here.

M1, a hero from World War I, is honored today with a statue in Galaxy City.

1) During the initial stages of World War II Matthew Barnes served his country as a tank gunner. He was called into the soldier enhancement program after the December 7th attacks on Pearl Harbor and Paragon City in 1941. Matthew had always been very strong but after the soldier enhancement program he was able to lift the tanks that he used to ride in and take a direct shot from one of them and remain standing. Steven Buchanan who became known as the hero Mustang was on hand to witness these amazing feats and was reported to say that Matthew was now even tougher than the M-1. Anxious to serve his country, Matthew adopted the name given to him by his new friend and joined the fledgling 1st Hero Brigade.

2) In 1942 M-1 was part of the initial group that formed up in Paragon City to head over to Europe. He was there in Liberty Plaza when the Fifth Column super soldiers came pouring out of their underground lair like a teeming mass of ants. Matthew Barnes knew that this was the day he had been training for. He leapt into action and began to knock Nazi's around like bowling pins. The heroes had the power that day but the super soldiers had the numbers. M-1's comrade Mustang had taken to the sky and he could see that the enemy was still pouring out of the hole. As he listened to his buddy calling out intelligence from above M-1 didn't hesitate. He rushed forward to lead the charge that blocked the Fifth Column's egress to the streets of Paragon City. It was that heroic action that carried the day for the allied forces.

3) The 1st Hero Brigade saw its initial action overseas in the deserts of North Africa. It quickly became clear that heroes who were used to fighting thugs and gangsters would have a tough time against tanks. No one knew this better than M-1. He tried to warn his fellow heroes and his superiors but they were initially overconfident. The first major conflict was a disaster. The German panzers were dropping heroes by the handful. With what became his trademark disregard for his safety, M-1 leapt into the teeth of the enemy. Using his knowledge of tank warfare M-1 fought a delaying action with his friend

Mustang while the dynamic Stalwart organized a retreat. Once again M-1's bravery had saved many lives.

4) After realizing that heroes did not always fare well against the machines of war the allied command knew they needed a new plan. They split the heroes up into smaller strike teams and had them perform special operations. By that time M-1 and his friend Mustang had realized that one of the best leaders the allies had was the hero known as Stalwart. When M-1 was informed that Stalwart asked for the two of them to be assigned to him, he was as surprised as he was

pleased. The three soldiers performed many dangerous missions together and formed an unbreakable bond between them. They became known as the Triumvirate to the American and British soldiers and were called the Troika by their Russian allies.

5) After the initial disaster in North Africa the allied heroes were reduced in number and strength. The new strike teams were making slow progress but it wasn't enough. Then the Dream Doctor arrived in Europe. He was convinced he could use a group of heroes to fight behind enemy lines and do a great deal of damage to the enemy. The Triumvirate volunteered to assist him with this ongoing mission. They became the heart of the Sand Kings and had a large impact on the outcome of the war.

6) On D-Day many heroes were part of the first wave to enter France. M-1 and the Triumvirate were among them. The greatest hero of the time, Statesman carved his way through many enemy super soldiers and the Triumvirate was by his side. The enemy forces of the Storm Corps fought to push the allied forces back but M-1 was part of the team that held the line. M-1 had been driven back and separated from his friend Mustang. He could hear Stalwart behind him organizing troops as they hit the Normandy beach. He knew he was the only thing between them and certain death. M-1 stood on that beach and fought to his dying breath to provide the opportunity for more allied soldiers to make a safe landing. He would not have wanted it any other way. Matthew Barnes was a hero his whole life but never more than the day he died.

Grendel's Gulch was named after the Trolls former leader, Grendel, who was defeated by Atta in a contest of strength on this spot.

These are both Troll Elite bosses. Atta's Den is part of the Hollows content. The

titanic hero Atlas fell at Valor Bridge, protecting the city from invasion.

Here's all plaque text related to Atlas:

- "This statue commemorates the death of the mighty Atlas. He died on December 7th, 1941, the day of the German surprise attack on Paragon City. Atlas single-handedly prevented a large group of the advancing German soldiers from gaining a foothold beyond Independence Port. His brave sacrifice held the area until the Freedom Phalanx arrived and drove back the invaders."
- "On this spot the titanic hero Atlas was posthumously awarded a key to the city, for his many valiant efforts on behalf of its citizens." (at city hall)
- "On July 12, 1932, this apartment building caught fire. Although fire fighters evacuated the residents, they were unable to contain the blaze. If not for the mighty hero Atlas, the entire neighborhood might have been lost. He arrived in time to clap out the flames with his massive hands." (Kings Row)

- "The building that used to stand in this spot was destroyed by the archvillain known only as the Teal Serpent. While Statesman battled the Serpent in an epic battle that ranged for miles, the monumental Atlas turned his attention to the people trapped inside the rubble. With a gentleness to rival his strength, he picked apart the ruins with his massive fingers, freeing 243 people who would otherwise have perished." (Kings Row)
- "On this street in 1939, a parade was held to honor the hero Atlas. Though Atlas' nemesis, the Teal Serpent, tried to interrupt the festivities with a poison gas bomb, Atlas saved the spectators by scooping them up to sit on his mighty shoulders, far above the fumes. After getting the citizens to safety, Atlas sought out the Teal Serpent and defeated him. It is unknown whether the Serpent survived." (Galaxy City)
- "Atlas' wife, Gloria Branson, planted this tree in 1941 in memory of her fallen husband. The first to respond to the German attack on Paragon City at Independence Port, Atlas died defending the city and the people he loved." (Perez Park)

The website does not mention Atlas specifically, but gives a few more details about the attack:

It was almost too little too late. On December 7th, 1941 the US was forcefully brought into the war with simultaneous attacks on each of its potential fronts. In Hawaii the Japanese launched a massive air strike against naval forces at Pearl Harbor. In Paragon City a cadre of Nazi heroes made a similar, equally devastating attack. Paragon City's harbor was the staging ground for America's lend/lease program whereby it transported military equipment to the beleaguered British Isles. The largest convoy ever had assembled at Paragon City, hundreds of cargo ships protected by a fleet of US Navy warships and submarines. In the space of a few hours, Nazi insurgents struck all across the harbor. Super strong soldiers ripped apart ships with their bare hands. Flight pack equipped storm troopers zipped across the water firing high-powered rocket guns into fragile hulls. Blasts of pure energy ripped through the night, leaving death and devastation in their wake.

The Freedom Phalanx roused itself to take on the Nazi attack, but by the time they organized a response the attack was nearly over. The Germans made a fighting retreat as the sea burned with flaming oil and thousands sank to watery graves. In the wake of such disaster, Congress was quick to declare war on both Axis powers. The first into the fight were those very heroes who had been burned during the raid on Paragon City. The Freedom Phalanx, its ranks swelling with new volunteers, made a harrowing journey across the Atlantic to help reinforce the Dawn Patrol in England.

Statesman broke up a ritual by the Circle of Thorn members that would have bolstered their ranks exponentially.

Not much to add here.

Manticore, one of the Surviving Eight, was first sighted at this location after keeping to the shadows for months. (Surviving Eight?)

The Surviving Eight (sometimes Seven or other numbers) is a one of the burrs I have been trying to smooth since I was hired. It was a concept started early on, that only a few major heroes survived the Rikti War in good enough shape to keep fighting.

Avatar, a hero in Paragon City in the late 1950's, had a statue erected to him after his death. The gangs have not been kind to this memorial.

He should be a magic hero.

This fountain was a gift to the city, donated by billionaire playboy Justin Sinclair. (This is Manticore, right?) *Yep, that is Manticore.*

This statue honors Corsair, a valiant hero who fought during WWII. This

name will change to Mustang.

1) There were two things that remained true of Steven Buchanan throughout the entirety of his eventful and exciting life. He loved to fly and he always appreciated a good joke. His father was a pilot and so Steven was exposed to the wonderful feeling of soaring thorough the air at a very young age. He always made his parents laugh and scared the wits out of them in equal doses. Whether he was walking along the railing of the porch, climbing a tree, or jumping off the roof Steven had a smile on his face. He also always seemed to land safely. The day Steven graduated High school his friends dared him to jump out of the Buchanan's hay loft. It was at least thirty feet up but Steven had no fear. Laughing all the way he climbed up the ladder and threw himself down at the hay piled below. Even with the padding Steven might have been in for his first failed landing that day if something wonderful hadn't happened. Instead of plummeting to the ground Steven soared into the sky. He knew he had found his destiny. After talking with his parents he enlisted the next day and became one of the first members of the 1st Hero Brigade.

2) Mustang was appropriately named after the powerful but irascible World War II fighter plane. He was quite effective and might have been one of the leaders in the 1st if not for his difficulties with rules and regulations. Steven Buchanan had always been a free spirit and despite his desire to serve his country that spirit was difficult to suppress. Mustang was present for the first test of the soldier enhancement formulas effects on Matthew Barnes. When Barnes lifted a tank Mustang was reported to have remarked that he was tougher than the M-1. Barnes took that as his code name and the two heroes became fast friends. They were inseparable during the war until D-Day when they both gave their lives to save many others.

3) In the early stages of the 1st Hero Brigades participation in the war in North Africa Mustang was primarily a scout. His ability to quickly fly over the battlefields and report enemy locations was invaluable. The first major offensive by the allied heroes was based on information he had gathered. The one thing that allied command did not predict well was how effective the German tanks would be against the heroes. The first attack ended in a rout. Many heroes died under the guns of the enemies Panzers. The death toll surely would have been higher however if not for the heroic actions of Mustang and his friend M-1. Mustang acted as a spotter for his tank-like friend and M-1 was able to defeat several Panzers by catching them by surprise in vulnerable positions.

4) The first meeting between Mustang and the hardnosed, by the book hero known as Stalwart was not a positive one. Their personalities clashed from the start. After the 1st Hero Brigades initial fight with the German Panzers that all changed. Stalwart witnessed Mustang and M-1's brave stand that allowed him enough time to organize the other heroes into a tactical retreat with pride. For his own part, it was the first time that Mustang had witnessed someone giving orders that made sense. He realized that day Stalwart was an excellent battlefield commander. The mutual respect between the two that started that day in the desert of North Africa grew after the Triumvirate was formed. Mustang was not as gung ho when he found out that he and M-1 had been chosen by Stalwart for a special assignment. As the three faced death together time and time again his enthusiasm quickly overcame all his doubts. The three heroes became one of the most effective units in the war.

5) When the Dream Doctor outlined his plan for taking a team of heroes behind enemy lines

it was not well received at first. Allied command had lost many heroes already and they didn't want to lose more. Oddly enough it was Mustang that turned the tide. He was itching for action and he convinced Stalwart that the Doctors plan was a good one. With this prompting, Stalwart volunteered the Triumvirate to become the first members of the Sand Kings. This new group was so successful that they caused the German High Command to divert many super powered resources away from Europe to the North African front.

6) Mustang flew into France the night before D-Day with the airborne troops. After several skirmishes he rendezvoused with M-1 and Stalwart on the beach at Normandy. In the heavy fighting with the enemy, including the Storm Korps Mustang became separated from his comrades. He spotted the nefarious German super soldier Eisensturm flying toward a troop transport to sink it. With his typical devil may care bravery Mustang hurtled toward the much more powerful Eisensturm. Mustang flew rings around the German, distracting him for several crucial moments while the transport safely made it to the beach. Then he banked and started to lure Eisensturm back toward his friends. For an instant it looked as if Mustang would elude the powerful Germans grasp but Eisensturm fixed his iron grip on the nimble Americans ankle. Pulling him closer the German soldier simply and quickly snapped Mustangs neck, dropping him from his grasp into the sea. It was the only time that Mustang had not managed a safe landing. His strength of spirit will always be remembered.

Defiler, an evil spirit brought forth by the Devouring Earth, was defeated on this spot by Ms. Liberty... with a little help from MAGI.

Other than the fact this would have been one of Ms. Liberty's early adventures, I don't have much to add.

This was the location of Dr. Anguish's secret lab, uncovered by the Freedom Phalanx when he threatened to blow up Paragon City with a black market Soviet nuke.

I think this one can be cut.

Dauntless was Galaxy Girl's sidekick until he died in battle, defending his mentor with his last breath.

Galaxy Girl - Kelly Graham never thought she was destined for greatness. That changed one night when she was walking home from her job in the Crey secretarial pool. She came upon an innocent woman being dragged into an alley by some masked men. Kelly called out for help, to no avail. As her fear and anger grew, she launched herself toward the alley. After a blur of flying, energy blasting, and healing light...Galaxy Girl was born!
She is an Empathy/Energy Blast Defender with Flight

Dauntless – Ice Armor/Ice Melee Defender

This spot is where Synapse first found Mynx and began training her.

Mynx is one of the Vindicators I will be sending you a write up for! (Soon, I swear!) She is a Claws/Regen Scrapper with Superleap

Mechanus was one of Woodsman's greatest enemies. It was on this spot that the champion of nature defeated the artificially intelligent robot for the final time.
(Woodsman?)

"Tales of the Wild Hunt sweeping over the earth exist far back into the mists of time. There are those that say anyone unfortunate enough to be in its path will be fallen upon. Others speak a different tale, one that tells of the Hunt bringing to ground only those that perpetrate evil on the land. This latter group is the one closer to the truth. The leader of the Wild Hunt has been called many things by many different peoples. Woden, Herne the Hunter, and Cernunnos among others. This powerful figure now patrols the environs of Paragon City and is known as... the Woodsman.<p>William Prescott was always more comfortable when he was able to leave the confines of Paragon city and enjoy the country. His father was Dr. Samuel Prescott, a fine horseman who rode with Paul Revere on that famous night. On one of Williams's jaunts into the wilderness he came upon a well in the middle of the woods. He approached it just as the last rays of sun were disappearing behind the hills. As William gazed down into the depths a glow appeared at the bottom of the well. He was suffused with a feeling of power and the need to run free through the night. William awakened the next morning with little memory of what had happened to him. Over the course of several months he slowly realized the change that had come over him. He was filled with the power of the Wild Hunt and driven to combat the dark forces in Paragon City"

Currently the Woodsman is in the game and being held by the Devouring Earth. He is freed in a Task Force and then he sends the players to the Eden Trial.