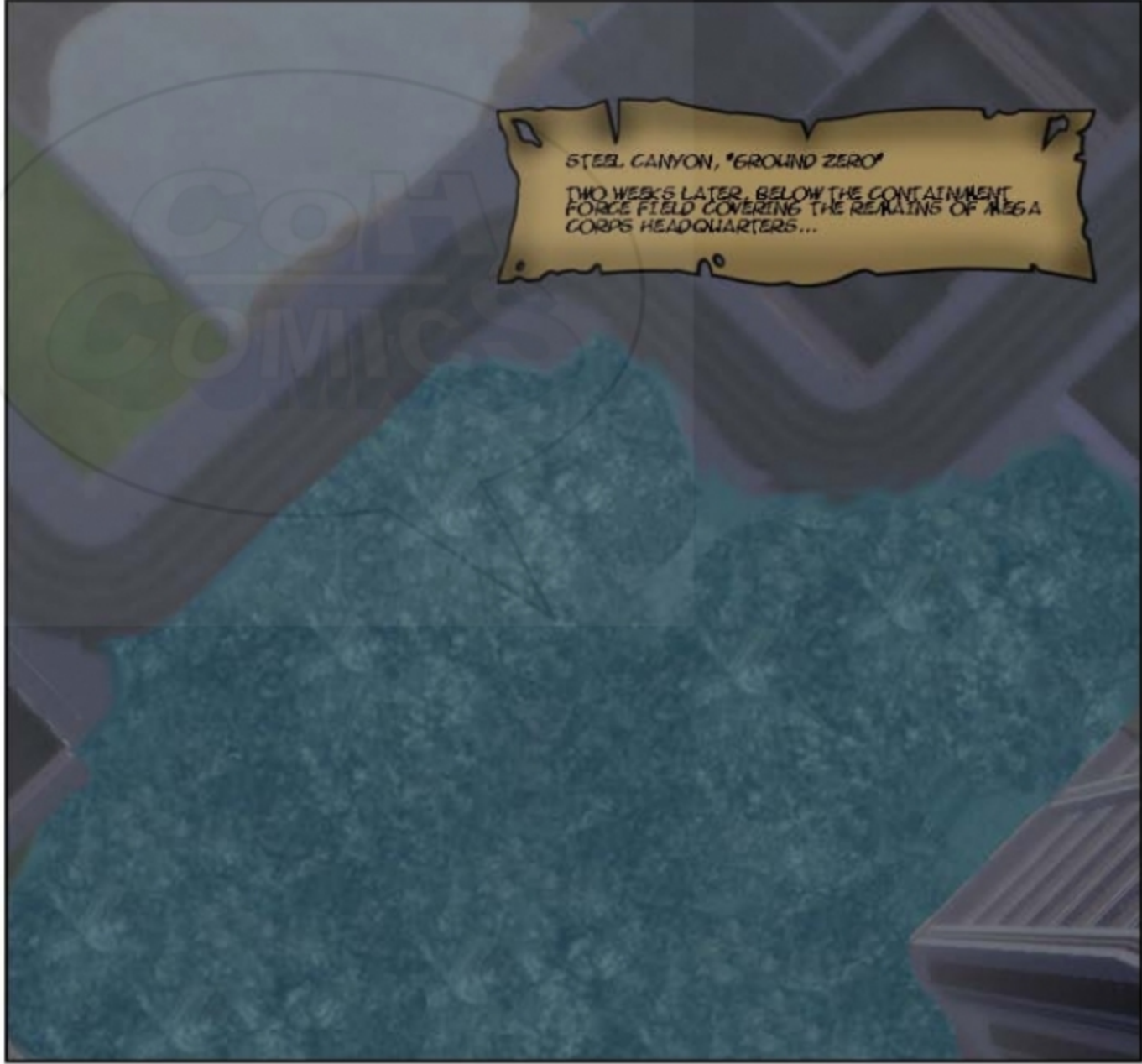





THE FOREVER MEN





STEEL CANYON, "GROUND ZERO"

TWO WEEKS LATER, BELOW THE CONTAINMENT
FORCE FIELD COVERING THE REMAINS OF AEGA
CORPS HEADQUARTERS...



MOST OF THE HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS HAVE BEEN
REMOVED AND I WANT TO
THANK YOU ALL FOR
PITCHING IN ON THE
CLEAN UP EFFORT.

THE FORCE FIELD
WILL BE TAKEN
DOWN TODAY AND
CIVILIAN
ENGINEERS WILL
BE TAKING OVER
FROM HERE TO
CLEAR THE
REMAINING
DEBRIS.



WE HAVE MORE PRESSING MATTERS TO DEAL WITH, HERES WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR.



ACIES CONFRONTED RA. USING COMPACT EXPLOSIVE, HE TOOK STONEY DOWN AND STOLE HIS HEAD DRESS.



FROST INFILTRATED FREEDOM CORPS AND USED THEIR DATABASE TO GAIN MEGA CORPS ACCESS CODES.



USING THESE CODES AND THE GPS TRACKER IN RA'S NECK, THE ANDROID DUPLICATE "ROBORA" FOOLED OUR SECURITY SYSTEMS AND PLANTED THE EXPLOSIVES IN THE FOREVER MEN FACILITY DIRECTLY BELOW MEGA CORPS.





NIGHTHAWK?
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

HAD A RUN IN
WITH AN OLD
FRIEND. FRY
HELPED ME TO
ESCORT HIM TO
THE ZIG FROM
PEAK CITY.



I WAS COMING BACK
FROM VISITING
SWINGING FIST IN
ARIZONA. IT WAS
ON THE WAY...



ALRIGHT NIGHT
HAWK, I GIVE,
WHO ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

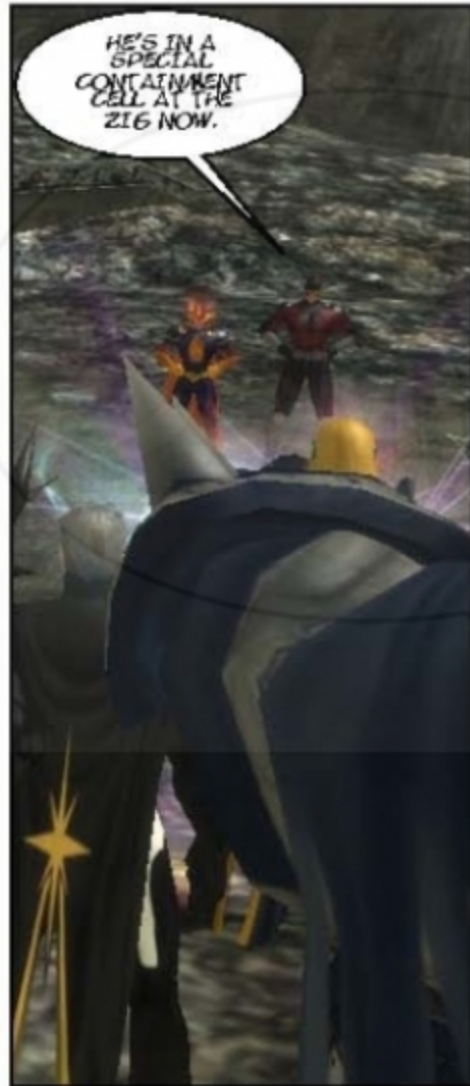
YOU'RE
GOING TO
LOVE THIS
WYLDSTAR.

WHOP?!



FROST, WE GOT
ORDERS FOR
SPECIALIZED
COOLING
UNITS IN PEAK
CITY TIPPED ME
OFF...

HE MIGHT BE
BRILLIANT, BUT
LAYING LOW AND
STAYING OFF THE
RADAR ISN'T HIS
FORTE. IF YOU
KNOW WHAT TO
LOOK FOR, HE
STANDS OUT LIKE A
RIKTI SOLDIER AT A
HIGH SCHOOL PROM.



ZIGURSKY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED CONTAINMENT SYSTEMS FOR SUPER-POWERED CRIMINALS.



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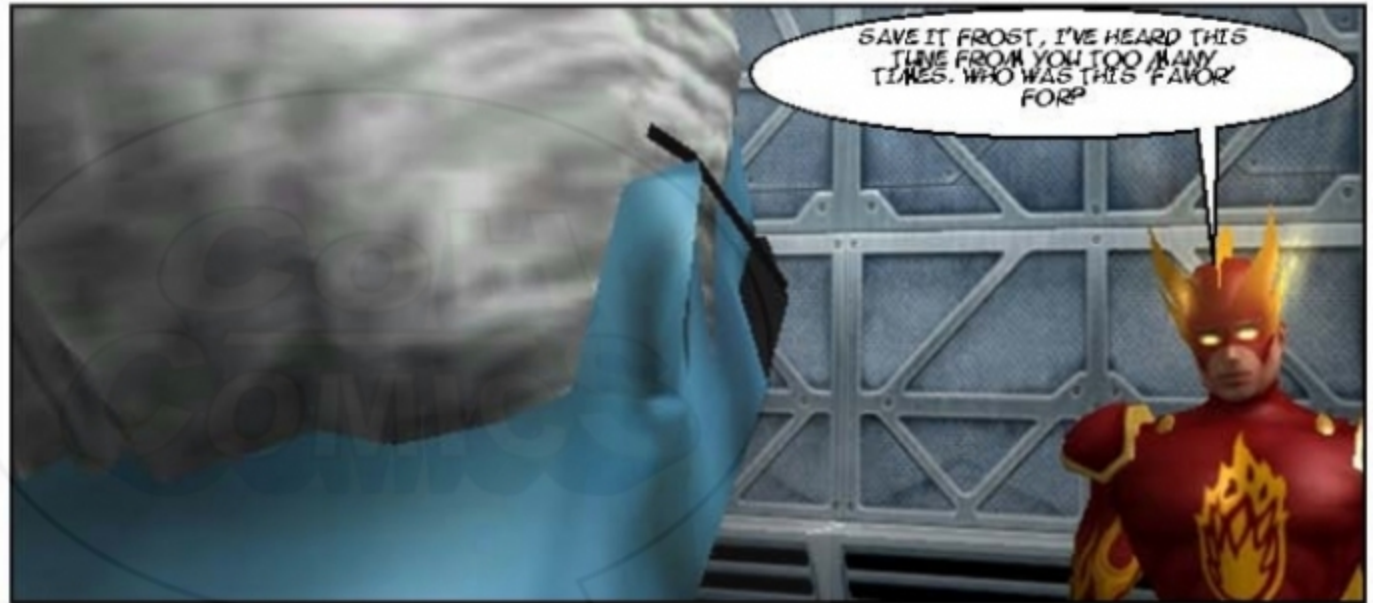


PARAGON CITY PRISON SYSTEM

FOR BETTER OR WORSE, THE "ZIG" IS ESSENTIAL TO PARAGON CITY.







SAVE IT FROST, I'VE HEARD THIS
TUNE FROM YOU TOO MANY
TIMES. WHO WAS THIS FAVOR
FOR?



HE CALLS
HIMSELF KADIK.
CLAIMS TO BE A
GOD OR TITAN
OR SOME OTHER
NONSENSE. IT
IS CLEAR TO ME
NOW THAT HE
MUST BE
WORKING WITH
THE SAPTENS. A
PLOT TO
INCARCERATE
ME BEFORE I
CAN FREE THE
WORLD OF THEIR
OPPRESSION.



RIIIIGHT...
YOUR INSANE
FROST. YOU
HAVE BEEN
FOR AS
LONG AS I
CAN
REMEMBER.
WHEN YOU
GET TO THE
WAR CRIMES
TRIBUNAL IN
GENEVA,
JUSTICE FOR
MILLIONS
WILL BE
DONE.

THE CELL HISSES SHUT
SILENCING THE INCOHERENT
RAVINGS OF FROST. FLAMES
MASTER SMILES AS HE WALKS
AWAY.

SOMEWHERE IN
THE ROGUE
ISLES...

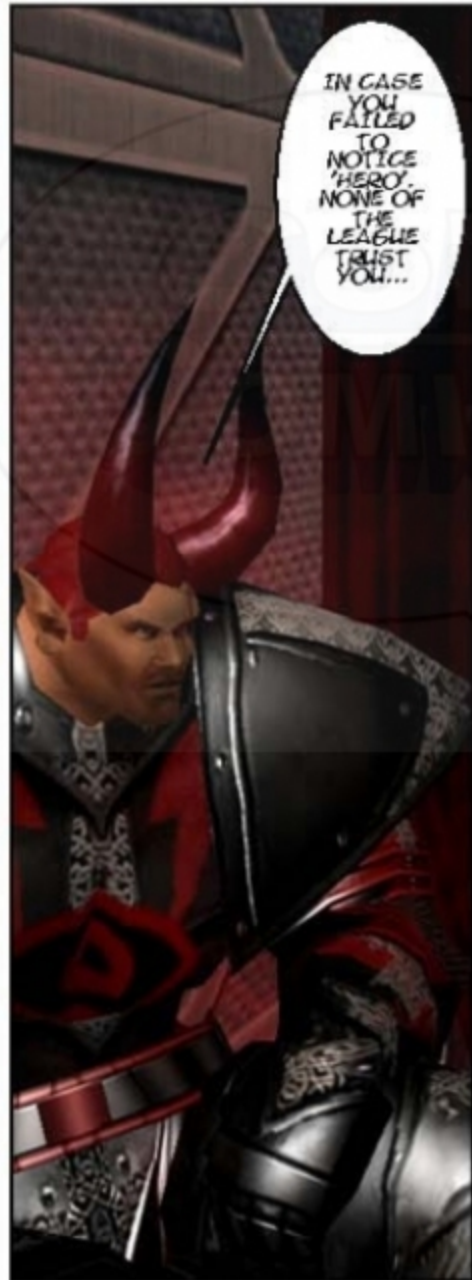
HANKP WHAT
DO YOU
WANT
MORTALP

I'VE COME TO
SPEAK TO YOU
ABOUT ERICH
FROST.

MORTAL FOOL,
DO YOU REALLY
THINK I CARE
ABOUT THOSE
WEAKLINGSP

THE LEAGUE
NEEDS HIM IF WE
EXPECT TO
DEFEAT MEGA
CORPS ONCE AND
FOR ALL.

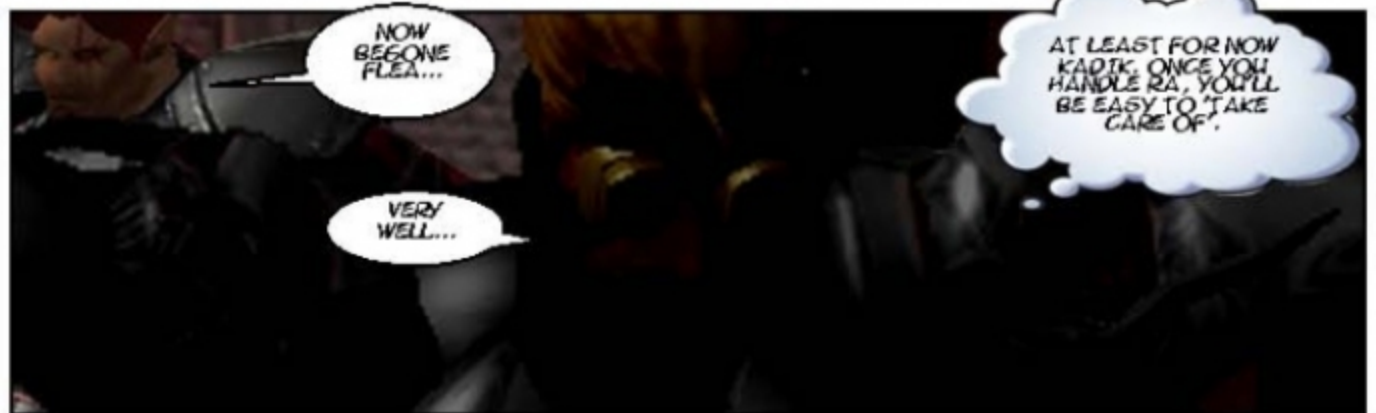
EVEN IF I DID,
WHY WOULD I
TRUST YOU.
YOUR ONE OF
THEM.



IN CASE
YOU
FAILED
TO
NOTICE
'HERO',
NONE OF
THE
LEAGUE
TRUST
YOU...



SO I MAKE YOU
AN OFFER. YOU
FREE FROST
AND I
PERSONALLY
WILL...
CONVINCE THE
OTHERS OF
YOUR
INTENTIONS.




NOW
BE GONE
FLEA...


VERY
WELL...

AT LEAST FOR NOW
KADIK, ONCE YOU
HANDLE RA, YOU'LL
BE EASY TO TAKE
CARE OF.

HIGH ABOVE STEEL CANYON, RED RAVEN WATCHES AS THE PROTECTIVE FIELD OVER THE REMAINS OF MESA CORPS IS LOWERED AND REMOVAL OF THE REMAINING DEBRIS BEGINS. A LONE FIGURE FLIES TOWARD HER...



I WAS WONDERING WHEN THE BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE WOULD BE OVER DOWN THERE.



YOU WERE RIGHT. I INVESTIGATED THE MURKWOOD EXPLOSION. THERE WAS ONE INMATE UNACCOUNTED FOR. HOW DID YOU KNOW?



RA KNOWS MANY THINGS.

SO THEY SAY. SO WHY WOULD VANCREEGAN AND THE LEAGUE BE INTERESTED IN HER?

THE SHADE QUEEN IS A POWERFUL TELEPATH. RA HAS TOUCHED HER MIND.



I'VE READ WHATS HAPPENED TO TELEPATHS THAT COME INTO DIRECT CONTACT WITH YOU RA...

YOU DIDN'T EXPECT HER TO SURVIVE, DID YOU?



INDEED. YOU DISPLAY MUCH WISDOM.

I'VE HAD ENOUGH DEALINGS WITH ODIN TO UNDERSTAND HOW HE VIEWS HUMANITY. I'M BETTING YOUR NOT MUCH DIFFERENT.



MORTALS ARE AS THE GRAINS OF SAND OF THE DESERT. EACH SMALL, YET FAR REACHING IN THEIR ROLE WITHIN THIS REALITY.

AS THE BEATING OF A BUTTERFLY'S WING CAN SET INTO MOTION THE EVENTS TO CREATE A POWERFUL HURRICANE, MORTAL FREE WILL HAS IMPLICATIONS BEYOND INFINITY ITSELF.



I THINK I UNDERSTAND, WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SHADE QUEEN THEN?

MERELY THE DESTRUCTION OF THIS PLANET.

MERELY I KINDA LIKE THIS PLANET, IT'S WHERE I KEEP ALL MY STUFF.

THE LOSS OF THIS WORLD BEFORE ITS TIME COULD GIVE THE FORCES OF CHAOS THE OPPORTUNITY THEY DESIRE. THE BALANCE OF THIS REALITY WOULD BE DISTURBED.

EVEN THOUGH THE DESTRUCTION BELOW WAS DESIGNED TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM MURKWOOD, IT HAS ALSO EFFECTIVELY SCATTERED MEGA CORPS.

SO HOW DO WE STOP IT? KILL HER? YOU TRIED THAT ONCE ALREADY. CAN THE CORPS HELP?

GREAT. THAT LEAVES US WITH STICKING OUR HEADS BETWEEN OUR LEGS AND KISSING OUR BUTTS GOODBYE.

THERE IS ANOTHER NOT YET TALKED. THE FUTURE HAS YET TO BE WRITTEN.

THAT NIGHT IN
FROST'S CEL...

VAS IST DAS?
MORSE CODE?
STAND BACK...

FRUMM MPPP??!!

HEAR FROST I
PRESUME IT
IS TIME TO
LEAVE.

MEIN
GOTT/
WHO ARE
YOU?

YOU MAY
CALL
ME...

DER ENGLE!