



# CITY OF HEROES

**UNDEAD IN THE BIG CITY  
PART 1**



# CITY OF HEROES™

## DELUXE



**“There is  
a place we  
can all be  
Heroes.”**

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NO ONE SAID THERE'D BE ZOMBIES.

THEY SMELL SO BAD.

ARE YOU SURE THESE ARE ZOMBIES?



I KINDA THOUGHT THEY WERE ROBOTS OF SOME SORT.



THEY SMELL LIKE ZOMBIES TO ME.

PLUS THIS GUY LOOKS FAMILIAR. I THINK HE WAS IN A GANG I BUSTED LAST MONTH.

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REALLY? WAS HE A ZOMBIE WHEN YOU NABBED HIM?

NOPE. JUST YOU KNOW, A GANGBANGER TYPE. I THINK HE LOOKS BETTER THIS WAY TO BE HONEST. SMELLS ABOUT THE SAME.



UNNGH!

APEX!



HE'S...REALLY...BIG...

BACK OFF!



OOOOO!



THE LADY SAID BACK OFF!



YOU OK?

YEAH. I JUST GOT HIT WITH A DOOR. HOW'RE YOU?

I'LL BE FINE. NOTHING A LITTLE DIRECTED MEDITATION AND IBUPROFEN CAN'T HANDLE.



IS IT... IS IT OVER...?



WHOEVER'S IN THERE, IT'S OK. DON'T WORRY. WE'VE TAKEN CARE OF THE SITUATION.

THE ZOMBOTS ARE ALL CUT UP NOW.



I WAS...I WAS ON MY WAY TO A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT AND THEY ATTACKED ME...I THREW THEM MY PURSE BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY WANTED. THEY...THEY...

ONE OF THEM SAID... IT SAID IT NEEDED MY ARMS.



IT'S GOING TO BE OK MAM. WE TOOK CARE OF THEM. DON'T WORRY. WE'LL MAKE SURE YOU GET HOME SAFE? ARE YOU HURT? DO YOU NEED TO SEE A DOCTOR?

OH NO...I'M FINE...I WAS GOING TO DOCTOR HENDERSON ANYWAY...HIS OFFICE IS RIGHT UP THE STREET. HE CAN, UM, CHECK ME OUT AND STUFF...

SOUNDS GOOD. MY NAME'S APEX BY THE WAY. I'LL GIVE YOU MY CARD. IF YOU EVER HAVE ANY PROBLEMS CALL ME RIGHT AWAY.

UM...OK. THANKS.



I MEAN IT. MY PARTNER THERE IS NAMED WAR WITCH. YOU SEE ANY OF THESE THINGS AGAIN OR HAVE ANY PROBLEMS PLEASE, JUST GIVE US A CALL. AND IF YOU LIKE I CAN ESCORT YOU TO YOUR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT.

NO, NO...THAT'S OK. LIKE I SAID, HIS OFFICES ARE RIGHT UP THE STREET. THANKS THOUGH. I REALLY MEAN IT. THANK YOU.

OF COURSE. NO PROB.



HEY...THIS PART'S STILL MOVING. THAT'S SO WEIRD LOOKING! I DON'T SENSE ANY MAGIC IN IT THOUGH.

IT LOOKS MECHANICAL TO ME. SEE, I WAS RIGHT ABOUT THEM BEING ROBOTS. ROBOTS WITH FLESH. EWWWW!



SHE SEEMED NICE. POOR THING.

THIS PART'S STILL MOVING. WE SHOULD TAKE IT.

WHAT? YEAH, OK, FINE. TAKE IT, BUT LET'S HEAD HOME. RIGHT NOW I NEED A SHOWER.

THIS THING IS REALLY WEIRD.



SO I'VE BEEN THINKING. THESE MECHANICAL ZOMBIE THINGS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE ZOMBIES I'VE BEEN READING ABOUT IN THE PAPER. THOSE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE MORE *TEA-TIME-OF-THE-LIVING DEAD* TYPE ZOMBIES. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? THESE ARE SOMETHING NEW I THINK. MAYBE WE SHOULD CALL A REPORTER OR SOMETHING.



HOW DOES THAT WORK DO YOU THINK? DO WE JUST CALL THE PAPER AND SAY WE FOUND A NEW TYPE OF ZOMBIE? OR SHOULD WE CALL THE *POLICE*? ALTHOUGH I RECKON THE COPS SHOULD'VE FOUND THE SCENE BY NOW.

WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THAT BODY PART THING YOU FOUND? I MEAN WHO DO WE REPORT THESE THINGS TO?



HEY, THAT REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING. YOU KNOW THAT WEB SITE I READ - THAT PARAGON CITY SUPER-SPY GUY? HE HAD THIS POST UP THERE SAYING THAT RIKTI-RELATED STRIKES ARE AT THEIR HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE THE WAR ENDED, BUT THE MEDIA ISN'T REPORTING IT BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO PANIC PEOPLE. DO YOU THINK THAT COULD BE TRUE?



IS THERE ANY OF THAT *PAD THAI* LEFT OVER FROM LAST NIGHT?

SO LISTEN, WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THIS *ZOMBIE-ROBOT* PIECE? CAN YOU CAST A SPELL OR SOMETHING THAT WILL TELL US ABOUT IT? JUST FROM LOOKING AT IT I CAN TELL IT'S AN AMAZINGLY GOOD RECREATION OF A SHOULDER JOINT. IF JUAN JIMENEZ HAD A SHOULDER LIKE THAT, HE'D STILL BE PITCHING FOR THE *PARAGON CITY PRIVATEERS*.



OH, I'LL GET IT! IT'S GOT TO BE *SALLY*. SHE'LL WANNA HEAR ALL ABOUT OUR NEW ZOMBIE DISCOVERY.

**BRRRING**

HEY THERE **LITTLE SISTER!** YOU'RE CALLING EARLY TODAY. WHAT'S UP?

I'VE GOT A JOB INTERVIEW AND I WANTED TO CATCH YOU BEFORE YOU WENT OUT CRIME FIGHTING.

ACTUALLY WE JUST GOT BACK. HOLD ON A SEC, LETME GO INTO MY ROOM. CLARISSA'S MEDITATING AND I DON'T WANT TO DISTURB HER.

YEAH, ROOMING WITH CLARISSA'S WORKING OUT WELL. SHE'S PRETTY EASY GOING ACTUALLY, AS LONG AS SHE GETS HER DAILY MEDITATION IN.

I DUNNO EXACTLY. I THINK IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH HER MAGIC OR WHATEVER. I'M A LITTLE FUZZY ON THE DETAILS. IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND IT - I'M NOT UP ON THE WHOLE **VOODOO/MAGIC** THING.

WELL, I DON'T, BUT ONLY BECAUSE MINE'S NOT VERY INTERESTING. I'VE MET LIKE FIVE HEROES THIS WEEK WITH SIMILAR STORIES, SO I STOPPED TELLING MINE.

WHAT'S SHE NEED THAT FOR?

I THOUGHT YOU HEROES LOVE TO SWAP **ORIGIN STORIES**.

AWWWW, YOU POOR THING. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME **CHEESE** WITH THAT **WHINE**?

YEAH, YEAH, I KNOW. I'M NOT COMPLAINING.

SO WHAT'S THE APARTMENT LIKE?

IT'S ACTUALLY **REALLY GREAT**. PLENTY OF SPACE AND I'VE GOT MY OWN ROOM AND BATHROOM. NO WAY I COULD AFFORD A PLACE LIKE THIS BACK IN **MIAMI**, BUT PARAGON CITY GOT SO BEAT UP DURING THE WAR THAT RENT IS STILL DIRTY CHEAP - A LOT OF FOLKS HAVE MOVED OUT.

PLUS WE'RE ON THE **30<sup>TH</sup>** FLOOR, SO WE'VE GOT A PRETTY AMAZING VIEW. YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE THE THINGS THAT JUST FLY BY SOMETIMES.

HEY, DON'T FORGET, WE'VE GOT OUR SHARE OF **FLYING FREAKS** IN COSTUMES IN **MIAMI**, TOO.

THERE ARE AT LEAST FIVE OTHER **HEROES** IN THIS BUILDING TOO.

I KNOW, I KNOW, BUT TRUST ME, IT DOESN'T EVEN COMPARE. LISTEN SIS, I GOTTA GO. I HEAR **CLARISSA** MOVIN' AROUND OUT THERE AND I NEED TO TALK WITH HER ABOUT THIS **ZOMBIE-THING** WE FOUND.

WHAT?!?

I'LL TELL YOU LATER, I SWEAR. GOTTA RUN. SAY HI TO **MOM**.



IT FINALLY STOPPED MOVING.

IS THAT A GOOD THING OR A BAD THING?

I DUNNO...

SHE'S GOOD. STILL LOOKING FOR A JOB.

HOW'S YOUR SISTER?



DID YOU GET ANY... YOU KNOW, VIBRATIONS OR AURAS OR ANYTHING OFF IT DURING YOUR MEDITATION?

NOPE. I'M NOW SURE IT'S NOT **MAGICAL**. AND TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS WHILE I WAS MEDITATING: I DON'T KNOW; I DON'T KNOW; IT'S RIGHT HERE; YES, WE SHOULD TELL SOMEONE BUT I DON'T KNOW WHO; YES; YES; I ATE IT; AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW; AND HE'D STILL BE A LOUSY FITCHER EVEN IF HE HAD A ZOMBIE SHOULDER.



HOW DO YOU DO THAT?

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? I'M A **WITCH**.

AND YET I'M THE ONE WHO ALWAYS HAS TO USE THE **BROOM** AROUND HERE.

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MAKES ALL THE MESS.



I THINK THERE'S A **SERIAL NUMBER** ON ONE OF THESE PIECES HERE. GO GET ME A **SCALPEL** WILL YOU? I NEED TO **SCRAPE** SOME OF THIS **MUSCLE TISSUE** OFF.

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I HAVE A **SCALPEL**?

WELL, A **STEAK KNIFE** THEN.

I **EAT** WITH THOSE!



NEVER MIND. I THINK I CAN GET IT OFF WITH MY **NAILS** HERE...

WHAT THE...

**DUCK!!!**



WAIT! WAIT! DON'T HURT ME! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! WAIT!

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?



I CAN EXPLAIN.  
MY NAME'S HORUS. I'M REALLY SORRY...I DIDN'T MEAN TO BREAK YOUR WINDOW! IT'S JUST, WELL, I HIT THE **WRONG APARTMENT**, I SWEAR! I THINK I LIVE A FLOOR ABOVE YOU (*MAYBE TWO*), BUT WITH THE SETTING SUN REFLECTING OFF THE WINDOWS, I WAS KINDA BLINDED COMING IN...



YOU JUST HAPPENED TO MISS YOUR OWN APARTMENT. THE APARTMENT WHERE YOU LIVE.

LISTEN MAN, ARE YOU A FLYER? IF YOU ARE THEN YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE UP THERE! WHEN THE SUN'S COMING IN LIKE THIS AND REFLECTING OFF THE BUILDINGS, IT'S LIKE TRYING TO DRIVE WHEN SOMEONE COMING THE OTHER WAY HAS THEIR BRIGHTS ON!



BUT WHY WOULD YOU THINK IT'S OK TO FLY THAT FAST TOWARDS YOUR OWN WINDOW, LET ALONE OURS?

YOU SEE, I'VE GOT THIS KIND OF NET CONTRAPTION SET UP IN MY LIVING ROOM. SORT OF LIKE THE THINGS THEY USE ON AIRCRAFT CARRIERS TO CATCH THE PLANES WHEN THEY LAND EXCEPT IT'S A FULL NET INSTEAD OF, YOU KNOW, JUST A WIRE.

I WAS JUST GETTING TO THAT! YOU SEE I HAVE THIS REMOTE CONTROL THING SET UP ON MY WINDOW - KINDA LIKE A GARAGE DOOR OPENER. BUT IT DIDN'T WORK. I THINK IT GOT DAMAGED EARLIER WHILE I WAS FIGHTING THE CLOCKWORK KING. WELL, NOT THE ACTUAL CLOCKWORK KING, BUT SOME OF HIS LITTLE ROBOT GUYS.

I TRIED THE WIRE FIRST BUT I KEPT MISSING IT SO I HAD TO PUT UP THE NET ANYWAY AND EVENTUALLY I JUST GOT RID OF THE WIRE...



SO YOU BASICALLY JUST GUESSED WHICH WINDOW WAS YOURS INSTEAD OF, YOU KNOW, SLOWING DOWN OR STOPPING? WAS SOMEONE CHASING YOU?

WELL, YEAH. I MEAN NO. NO, NO ONE WAS CHASING ME. YES, I DECIDED TO...UHM... GUESS.

BUT I'LL PAY FOR YOUR WINDOW, I SWEAR. THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE.



I'M JUST SORT OF GETTING OUT AND FLYING AGAIN, YOU KNOW? I WAS WOUNDED DURING THE RIKTI INVASION AND I'M JUST REALLY FINISHING UP MY PHYSICAL THERAPY AND TRYING OUT MY GEAR AGAIN.

YOU FOUGHT IN THE WAR?

YEAH, BUT NOT FOR LONG. I WAS HERE IN THE CITY ON DAY ONE. MY TEAM AND I WERE GOING AFTER ONE OF THOSE BIG BATTLE CRUISERS. WE DIDN'T... IT DIDN'T GO WELL.

I'M SURE YOU GAVE IT YOUR BEST. I KNOW IF I'D BEEN THERE, I WOULD HAVE.

I...UHM, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE WINDOW; IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.



ARE YOU OK? DID YOU CUT YOURSELF...?

WHAT'S THAT THING? IT LOOKS KINDA FAMILIAR.



WE FOUND THAT TODAY. IT WAS PART OF A...

I CUT IT OFF OF SOME KIND OF ROBOT-ZOMBIE THING.

WOW, THAT'S VERY COOL. YOU KNOW WHAT'S WEIRD THOUGH? I'VE SEEN SOME OF THESE PARTS BEFORE, I SWEAR I HAVE.



I FOUND A SERIAL NUMBER HERE, SEE?

OH YEAH, LOOK AT THAT! WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TRACE THE PART THEN, MAYBE FIND OUT WHO'S MAKING... WHAT DID YOU CALL THEM?

ZOMBIE-ROBOTS.

I BET WHOEVER MADE THEM HAS A COOLER SOUNDING NAME FOR THEM.

I WOULD HOPE SO.



SO HOW DO WE TRACE IT?

I KNOW A LADY WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP US OUT. I BUY A LOT OF SPARE PARTS FROM HER FOR MY ARMOR AND WEAPONS AND STUFF.

SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN. LET'S GO SEE HER.



OK, I'M GAME, BUT ON TWO CONDITIONS. ONE, HORUS, YOU USE THE FRONT DOOR LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE.

OK, UNLESS THEY TRY TO EAT YOUR BRAIN.

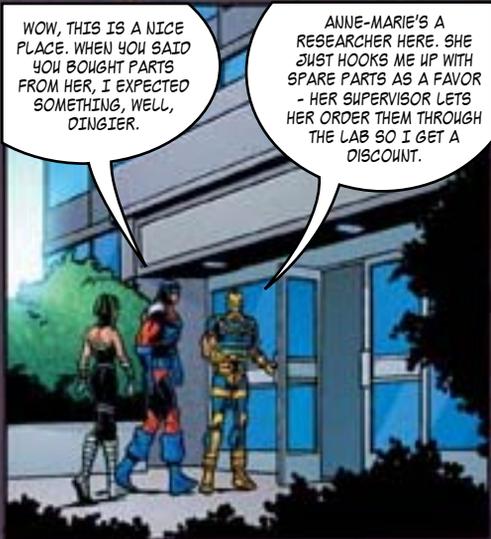
SURE THING.

AND CLAR... WAR WITCH, YOU DON'T CUT/BURN/FREEZE ANYONE JUST BECAUSE THEY LOOK SHIFTY.

NOW, GIVE US A MINUTE TO GEAR UP, AND WE'LL GO SEE THIS LADY FRIEND OF YOURS HORUS.

UNLESS THEY TRY TO EAT MY BRAIN.





WOW, THIS IS A NICE PLACE. WHEN YOU SAID YOU BOUGHT PARTS FROM HER, I EXPECTED SOMETHING, WELL, DINGIER.

ANNE-MARIE'S A RESEARCHER HERE. SHE JUST HOOKS ME UP WITH SPARE PARTS AS A FAVOR - HER SUPERVISOR LETS HER ORDER THEM THROUGH THE LAB SO I GET A DISCOUNT.



HELLO! ANYBODY HOME!

JUST PUT WHATEVER IT IS DOWN ON THE TABLE. I REALLY DON'T HAVE TIME FOR ANYTHING ELSE RIGHT NOW...

NOT EVEN A MOMENT TO LOOK AT A PIECE OF A ZOMBIE-ROBOT FOR AN OLD FRIEND?



LOOK WHAT THE CAT DRAGGED IN!

HOW ARE YOU DEAR? HOW'S YOUR BACK DOING? I GUESS IF YOU'RE COMING TO ME WITH ZOMBIE PARTS, YOU MUST BE OUT THERE FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT AGAIN, HUH?



IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU HONEY. I'M REALLY GLAD YOU'RE BACK IN ACTION. IT'S AMAZING JUST TO SEE YOU WALKING AROUND! AND THE NEW COSTUME LOOKS GREAT.

IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU TOO ANNE-MARIE. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE A LOOK AT THIS FOR ME? WE NEED TO GET A TRACE ON THE SERIAL NUMBER.



SURE...SURE, SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM. LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'VE GOT HERE.

INTERESTING. IT'S A **GENETEK** ARTIFICIAL SHOULDER BUT ITS BEEN HEAVILY MODIFIED TO DRAW POWER FROM A **HUMAN NERVOUS SYSTEM** INSTEAD OF A BATTERY. THIS IS SOME AMAZING WORK.

DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TRACE IT?



IT SHOULDN'T TAKE ME LONG. I'LL MAKE A FEW CALLS AND CHECK THE MASTER DATABASE. I'VE GOT A FRIEND OVER THERE AT GENETEK WHO OWES ME A FAVOR.

HE OWES ME DINNER TOO, COME TO THINK OF IT...

THANKS ANNE! WE'LL UM...WE'LL WAIT HERE OK?

INTERESTING... THE NERVES INTERACT RIGHT WITH THE ELECTRONICS. HOW DOES IT CARRY ENOUGH POWER...?

NO...NO, SHE WAS A *VOLUNTEER* AT THE HOSPITAL I WAS SENT TO WHEN I WAS WOUNDED DURING THE WAR. SHE REALLY HELPED GET THROUGH THAT. IT WAS...IT WAS PRETTY BAD.

HOW DID YOU MEET HER? DID SHE HELP YOU BUILD YOUR EQUIPMENT OR SOMETHING?

SHE SEEMS COOL. SHE OBVIOUSLY CARES A GREAT DEAL ABOUT YOU.

NEITHER OF US WERE HERE DURING THE INVASION. I'D NEVER EVEN BEEN TO *PARAGON CITY* BEFORE THE WAR.

IT WAS A WHOLE DIFFERENT CITY. *IT WAS BEAUTIFUL*. I GREW UP HERE. BECAME A *HERO* HERE. I DON'T EVEN RECOGNIZE IT ANYMORE - BUT IT'S STILL MY HOMETOWN. I'M STILL GOING TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO SAVE IT.

I REMEMBER THE FIRST DAY... THE DAY I FIRST FLEW ON MY OWN. IT WAS *AMAZING*. I'D GROWN UP IN A PRETTY ROTTEN NEIGHBORHOOD. I'D NEVER EVEN BEEN TO THE TOP OF A SKYSCRAPER. NOW I WAS *FLYING AMONGST THEM*...

I WAS THE *KING* OF THE *FREAKING* WORLD.

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I HAD THREE TEAMMATES  
BACK THEN  
- GREAT HEROES.  
WE WERE ALL FLIERS  
- ALL GIDDY WITH OUR  
OWN SUCCESS.  
WE'D BEEN OUT ALL  
NIGHT FIGHTING THE  
*FIREFLY LEAGUE* AND  
HAD FINALLY BEATEN  
THEM.  
IT WAS DAWN AND  
WE WERE FULL OF  
ADRENALINE AND SELF-  
CONFIDENCE.



WE WERE ABOUT TO HEAD  
HOME WHEN THE *PORTALS*  
STARTED OPENING. LIKE  
EVERYONE ELSE WE WAITED  
AND WATCHED - WONDER-  
ING JUST WHAT THE HECK  
WAS GOING ON.  
THEN THEY STARTED COMING  
THROUGH, THOUSANDS  
OF RIKTI SOLDIERS AND  
*SHIPS* AND *DRONES*.



OF COURSE WE DIDN'T  
KNOW THEY WERE  
RIKTI AT THE TIME, BUT  
WE KNEW THEY WERE  
SERIOUS TROUBLE.  
WE DOVE RIGHT IN,  
JUST LIKE EVERY  
OTHER HERO IN THE  
CITY.



I DON'T KNOW IF THEY HAD THOSE  
BIG *BATTLE CRUISERS* WHEREVER  
YOU WERE WHEN THE WAR STARTED,  
BUT THEY WERE THE MOST  
*TERRIFYING* THINGS I'D EVER  
SEEN. BUT WE KNEW WE HAD TO TRY  
AND TAKE THEM OUT - THEY WERE  
DOING MASSIVE DAMAGE. WE GAVE  
IT OUR BEST SHOT.



OUR *BEST SHOT* WASN'T VERY GOOD.





MY THREE FRIENDS DIED INSTANTLY. SOMEHOW...SOMEHOW I SURVIVED, ALTHOUGH I PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE IF SOMEONE HADN'T FOUND ME RIGHT AWAY.



I WAS IN A *COMA* FOR MONTHS - MY *SPINE* HAD BEEN BROKEN IN FIVE PLACES, ALONG WITH BOTH MY LEGS AND MY LEFT ARM. THAT'S WHERE I MET ANNE-MARIE. SHE WAS VOLUNTEERING AS A NURSE.



I WAS LUCKY TO HAVE A GREAT DOCTOR AND WAS ABLE TO WALK AND THEN EVENTUALLY *FLY* AGAIN.

THE CITY HAD CHANGED WHILE I WAS OUT OF IT - CHANGED A WHOLE LOT.



I FOUND IT! YOUR PART WAS SHIPPED TO *GRIGORI MEDICAL SUPPLIES'* WAREHOUSE AT 2311 ROBERTSON WAY. THAT'S ALL I COULD FIND, BUT IF YOU WENT OVER THERE AND TALKED TO THEM, I'LL BET YOU'D FIND OUT MORE.

WHY'S EVERYONE SO GLUM?

THANKS ANNE. WE GOTTA GET ON THIS. I'LL SEE YA LATER OK?



I DON'T *SEE* ANYONE. OR *HEAR* ANYONE FOR THAT MATTER.

LOOKS LIKE THIS IS A LEGITIMATE MEDICAL SUPPLY COMPANY. THEY'VE GOT EVERYTHING HERE...

THOSE GUARDS WERE OUT THERE FOR A REASON. LET'S CLEAR THE ROOM FIRST - MAKE SURE NO ONE ELSE IS IN HERE.



HEY, THIS LOOKS LIKE THE RIGHT SECTION. ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT REPLACEMENT JOINTS HERE. LET'S SEE IF THEY'VE GOT ANYTHING FROM THE SAME BATCH.

IF WE CAN FIND THE SAME LOT NUMBER THEN WE'LL KNOW FOR SURE THAT THE PART CAME FROM THIS WAREHOUSE.

YOU KNOW H., I THINK THE *FREAKY* GUYS WITH *KNIVES* AND *MASKS* OUTSIDE WERE ALL THE PROOF I REALLY NEEDED. C'MON, WE'VE GOT TO CLEAR THE ROOM.



*SHHH!* THERE'S SOMETHING MOVING OUT THERE. I HEARD FOOTSTEPS.



WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S CLOSE.

HOLD ON, I THINK I FOUND SOMETHING.

C'MON, *FOCUS* HERE MAN! THERE'S SOMETHING OUT THERE.



HOLD ON, LOOK AT THIS...



OH NO...



[Empty speech bubble]



WATCH IT!

TAKE HER APART! FAST, BEFORE THE OTHERS RECOVER.



THIS IS HEAVIER...  
WING... THAN IT LOOKS.

AND IT LOOKS REALLY HEAVY...

COVER YOUR EYES.



YOU GUYS OK OVER THERE?

APEX?

HORUS?



COMING!



THE FASTER THE BETTER H!

IS APEX OK?



I THINK SO...!

NICE MOVE.



HEY GUYS,  
I REALLY THINK YOU  
HAVE TO WORK ON YOUR  
BEDSIDE MANNER.



OWCH!

OK, THAT DOES IT!



YAAAAAH!

OOOF!



THAT WAS SO  
COOL...

HEY BUDDY,  
YOU OK DOWN  
THERE?

YOU GUYS REALLY  
NEED TO SEE THIS,  
LIKE, RIGHT NOW.



I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS. LOOK AT THAT.

HEY HORUS, YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT THE BOXES.

I THINK WE FOUND WHAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR.



THERE MUST BE A HUNDRED OF THEM. AT LEAST A HUNDRED.

THIS IS ALL STATE OF THE ART EQUIPMENT TOO. MUST'VE COST MILLIONS.



WHAT THE...!

UNGH!



ANOTHER ONE OF THESE GUYS! WHERE THE HECK DID HE COME FROM?

MORE FIGHTING, LESS TALKING.



HANDS OFF THE LEG DOC.



WATCH WHERE YOU SWING THAT THING, SOMEONE COULD GET HURT.



A SWING AND A MISS!

STRIKE TWO!



AND...YOU'RE OUT!

HEY, THAT WAS MY LINE.

GOOD HIT THOUGH...



I REALLY DO HATE THOSE THINGS.

HOW CAN SOMETHING THAT BIG SNEAK UP ON US LIKE THAT? FOR THE SECOND TIME EVEN!

HOLD ON A SECOND...WAIT JUST A SECOND HERE. I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!



I KNOW THIS GUY... THIS CRAZY, KNIFE WIELDING, ZOMBIE MAKING MANIAC. I KNOW HIM!



THIS GUY WAS MY DOCTOR! DOCTOR HENDERSON! HE PERFORMED FIVE BACK SURGERIES ON ME! IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM I'D STILL BE IN TRACTION OR A WHEELCHAIR.

REALLY? THAT'S SO...I MEAN, THAT IS SO SCREWED UP. ARE YOU SURE IT'S HIM?



WE'LL WORRY ABOUT YOUR DOCTOR LATER.

RIGHT NOW IT'S HIS PATIENTS I'M WORRIED ABOUT. APEX, COME HERE!



ISN'T THIS THAT WOMAN WE SAVED FROM THE DUMPSTER THIS MORNING?

OH GOD, YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S HER. I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS.



I SHOULD HAVE ESCORTED HER HOME...I SHOULD HAVE MADE SURE SHE WAS SAFE.

SHE'S STILL ALIVE - HER HEART'S STILL BEATING. WE'VE GOT TO GET HER OUT OF HERE!



THIS IS *SO* SCREWED UP. YOU KNOW THIS WOMAN?

YEAH, DR. JACOB HENDERSON. HE'S LIKE, ONE OF THE BEST SURGEONS IN THE CITY. HE'S FAMOUS...

HORUS! YOU SAID YOUR DOCTOR OVER THERE WAS NAMED HENDERSON RIGHT?

AND HE WAS ALSO OUR FRIEND HERE'S DOCTOR! SHE WAS ON HER WAY TO SEE HIM WHEN THE ZOMBIES JUMPED HER AND WE SAVED HER.

NO...THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT...



OH GOD...WHAT IF HE PUT ZOMBIE PARTS IN ME...?

OBVIOUSLY THIS HENDERSON GUY IS IN ON MAKING THESE ZOMBIES, BUT HE'S ALSO NOT THE HEAD HONCHO. HE'S JUST A MASKED MOOK LIKE THE REST OF THESE GUYS WE BEAT UP. WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHO'S BEHIND THIS. WHO COULD MAKE A FAMOUS SURGEON DRESS UP LIKE A MAD DOCTOR AND CREATE ZOMBIES?



IT CAN'T BE BLACKMAIL - THESE GUYS FIGHT LIKE THEY REALLY BELIEVE IN WHAT THEY'RE DOING. THEY'RE ZEALOTS.

WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT LATER! RIGHT NOW WE'VE GOT TO GET HER TO A DOCTOR. A REAL DOCTOR. A NON-ZOMBIE MAKING FREAKIN' DOCTOR!

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS? THERE MIGHT BE MORE OF THEM ALIVE. WE HAVE TO GET THEM OUT OF HERE TOO - MAYBE ONE OF THEM KNOWS WHO'S DOING THIS.



UH, GUYS. LOOK BEHIND YOU.

I THINK THE OTHER PATIENTS MIGHT BE FAST SAVING.



WELL THIS BITES.

YEP.

AGREED.

...TO BE CONCLUDED NEXT MONTH IN ISSUE 2 OF CITY OF HEROES!



YOU KNOW, I DON'T THINK THOSE GUYS ARE GOING TO WANT TO LET US IN, DO YOU?

I'M PRETTY SURE THAT ONE ON THE LEFT HAS BLOOD ON HIS SHOES.

OK, THERE'S ONLY TWO OF THEM. IF WE DO THIS QUICK, WE CAN GET IN WITHOUT MAKING ANY NOISE. I HAVE A PLAN.



HEY, CHECK THIS GUY OUT. THAT'S THE CRAPPIEST COSTUME I'VE EVER SEEN.

HE'S BIG AND HEALTHY THOUGH - LOTS OF GOOD PARTS.

I'LL MAKE SURE TO CUT HIM UP CAREFULLY.



CAN YOU GUYS SPARE A QUARTER?

OH SURE, NO PROBLEM, WE'VE GOT JUST WHAT YOU NEED.

YEAH, I'VE GOT IT RIGHT HERE FRIEND. I'LL FIX YOU RIGHT UP.



WUNGH!

THIA!

OOOF!



GREAT JOB GUYS.

WOW...IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

LIKE RIDING A BIKE HUH?

YEAH...SURE.



SHHH! I THINK THERE'RE MORE OF THEM IN HERE.

I THINK I SENSE SOMETHING ELSE IN THERE. THEY COULD KNOW WE'RE HERE.

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