

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 Grotosque. A Grotosque 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 Mihenra, 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 Tsou'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 Korps 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 hard nosed, 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 a 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.