

TELOS, MINUTES AFTER THE DOMES HAVE COME DOWN

It's a reporter's dream to chronicle the instant the world changes: Here I was, with the dome that had imprisoned Metropolis finally open, and the Shining Knight fighting to earn our survival.

What a moment to witness!
What a story this will be!

So why the heck am I scared stiff?

FALL, ANACHRONISM!
DIE SO THE CIVILIZATION OF QWARD CAN LIVE AGAIN!

I BEAR YOU NO ILL WILL, BROWN KNIGHT--BUT IF I AM TO BE CHAMPION OF METROPOLIS, I SHALL NOT FAIL MY CITY!



The SEVEN SOLDIERS of VICTORY

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Totally bizarre, looking at the city like this. No suburban sprawl, no peaceful river bringing barges of supplies. All that time in the dome, we never knew if the world was the same, just outside.



I can file a story that answers so many questions...

...if I don't die first.



WHUMP

Ooof...



SEEK SHELTER, SIR SCRIBE--

--WHOEVER THIS DARK KNIGHT IS, HE IS MY FOE ALONE!



Can't blame Sir Justin for counting me out--not a very impressive figure compared to the other soldiers he used to go into battle with. Seconds into the fight, and I've already fallen off the horse...



WAIT.



...but like the coach used to say, that means it's time to get back up again.



And get the damn story of my life.



C'MON, GET THE LEAD OUTTA YOUR BRITCHES--

--THE KNIGHT NEEDS US!



YOU SAW THAT CRAZY ALIEN ANNOUNCE HE WAS FIGHTING TO SAVE METROPOLIS--ARE WE GONNA LET HIM DO THAT ALONE?

WE'RE STILL THE SOLDIERS OF VICTORY, AIN'T WE?

ARE WE, VIGILANTE? WITH THE ARCHERS AND STRIPESY DEAD, AND THE KID OFF PLAYING FOR OTHER TEAMS?

WHATEVER WE ARE, WE NEED TO STAND BY SIR JUSTIN.





I have faith in them: Sir Justin, even the Soldiers who had no enchantment.

THEY'RE VULNERABLE ON THEIR OWN ENERGY FREQUENCY.



They've fought in hundreds of battles, and helped keep the city intact under the dome.

HOW'D YOU COME UP WITH THAT ONE, RED?



DESPERATION.



But never anything like this--an invasion!

ZZZZZZZZ



I got glimpses of the battle, two of them, standing against an army with unimaginable weapons, trying to use their own WMDs against the invaders.