

# Harbinger

## RENEGADE

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A psiote is an individual who possesses extraordinary powers, such as telepathy, telekinesis, or flight. However, psiotes are extremely rare. Only four in every million have the potential to gain powers. Activating a psiote's abilities requires a dangerous and invasive surgery that is frequently lethal. Until recently, the existence of psiotes was a secret known only to a powerful few.

One such man was Toyo Harada, an omega-level psiote who used his gifts to build The Harbinger Foundation. Through the Foundation, he recruited, activated and trained psiotes in an effort to realize his vision of a more peaceful tomorrow...often through violent manipulations of world events.

Enter Peter Stanchek, a damaged young psiote with the ability to activate other psiotes with a 100% success rate. Harada attempted to coerce Peter into joining the Harbinger Foundation, but failed. Peter rebelled and formed his own team of Harbinger Renegades.

After a series of brutal confrontations, The Renegades managed to hack into and leak all of Harada's secret files to the world. The files included the names of seemingly every known potential psiote on Earth and how to build the technology to activate them. Dozens of kids have learned that they may have latent super-human abilities. The Renegades, broken, went their separate ways.

Today, all across the country, crude, DIY psiote activation attempts have left many brain-damaged...or worse. The emergence of a new psiote in a community often leads to violence. The world needs the Renegades now more than ever.



## KRIS HATHAWAY

A former member of the Renegades. A brilliant tactician and leader, Kris is a woman with the heart of a revolutionary.



## @X

A former member of the Renegades, @X is the hacker that broke into the Harbinger Foundation's servers. @X believes in the Renegades' cause and provides technical support.



## JOHN "TORQUE" TORKLESON

A former member of the Renegades, Torque is a broken little boy inside an invulnerable body.



## FAITH HERBERT

A former member of the Renegades, Faith is the optimist. She is a woman with the power of flight and the shining light of the team. Faith embraces the role of superhero with an unwavering moral compass and a lifetime of fandom to guide her.



## PETER STANCHEK

A former member of the Renegades, Peter is a damaged young Psiote with a history of substance abuse and mental illness. Peter exhibits multiple powers - including telekinesis and mind-control - but Peter's greatest power is his ability to activate Psiotes with a 100% success rate. After the Renegades disbanded Peter disappeared.



## JAY TUCKER

A potential Psiote with unknown abilities. On the run from the Consortium with the Renegades.



## TAMARA

Kris' girlfriend. Fiercely protective and whip-smart, she provides a moral compass not only for Kris, but for the rest of the team when they seem lost.



## CHARLENE "FLAMINGO" DUPREE

A former member of the Renegades, Charlene sought a better life with the team. A Psiote with the ability to generate fire, she lost her life during their final confrontation with Toyo Harada.



## ALEXANDER SOLOMON

Gifted with the power of probability analysis, Solomon is able to predict future events with astonishing accuracy. Solomon was one of Toyo Harada's most trusted deputies and a member of his inner council...until Harada discovered that his protege had secretly been exploring an agenda in stark disobedience to his wishes. Betrayed, Harada sent a strike team to neutralize Solomon. That strike team's failure sent Solomon underground... until now...



Chicago, Illinois.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS, HARADA-SAMA, BUT I'VE EXTRAPOLATED BOTH BEST AND WORST-CASE SCENARIOS--

--AND YOU'LL SEE THE INCREASED METAHUMAN ACTIVITY WORLD-WIDE IS AN NOT AN ANOMALY, AS NOTED IN GRAPH 3.

IN SHORT: THIS IS NOT GOING TO GET BETTER. WE HAVE LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO INCREASE ACTIVATION TO FULL CAPABILITIES, OR WITHIN 2 YEARS--

ENOUGH, ALEX.

HOW MANY TIMES MUST WE WASTE THE BOARD'S TIME WITH THIS CONVERSATION?

Harada Global Congomerates.

TOYO... HARADA-SAMA. PLEASE, YOU CAN'T IGNORE--

YOU ARE ONE OF MY TOP LIEUTENANTS, ALEXANDER, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR COUNCIL.

BUT I ALREADY HAVE ONE FORTUNE TELLER AS AN ADVISOR; I DO NOT NEED A SECOND.

YOUR ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION IS SOUND, BUT YOUR SOLUTIONS ARE SHORT-SIGHTED. ACCELERATION RISKS EXPOSURE AND IMPLOSION.

THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED. YOU ARE ALL DISMISSED.

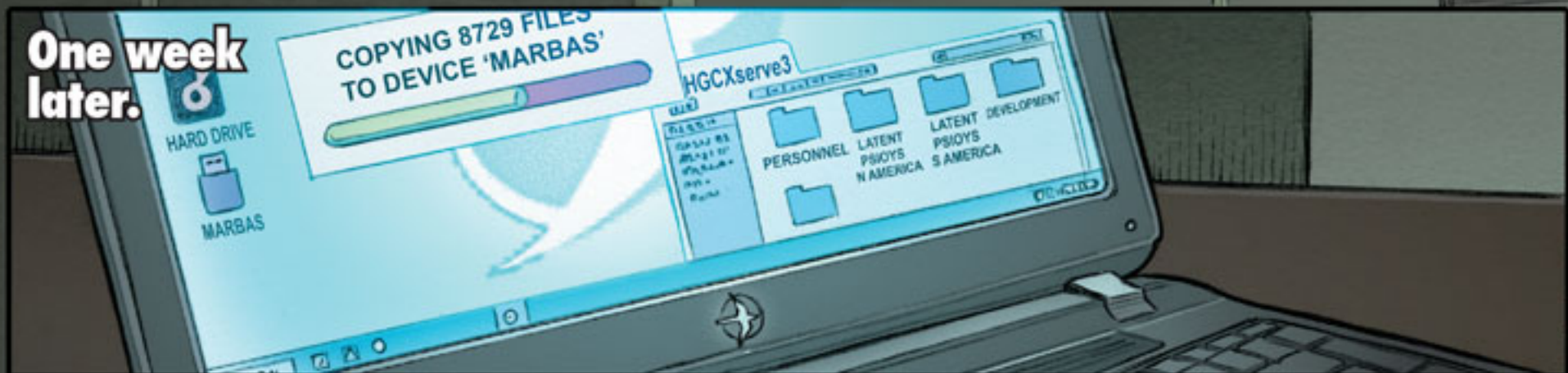
FROM THIS MOMENT ON, I EXPECT THIS MATTER TO BE WELL AND FULLY DROPPED.

MY APOLOGIES.

HM.

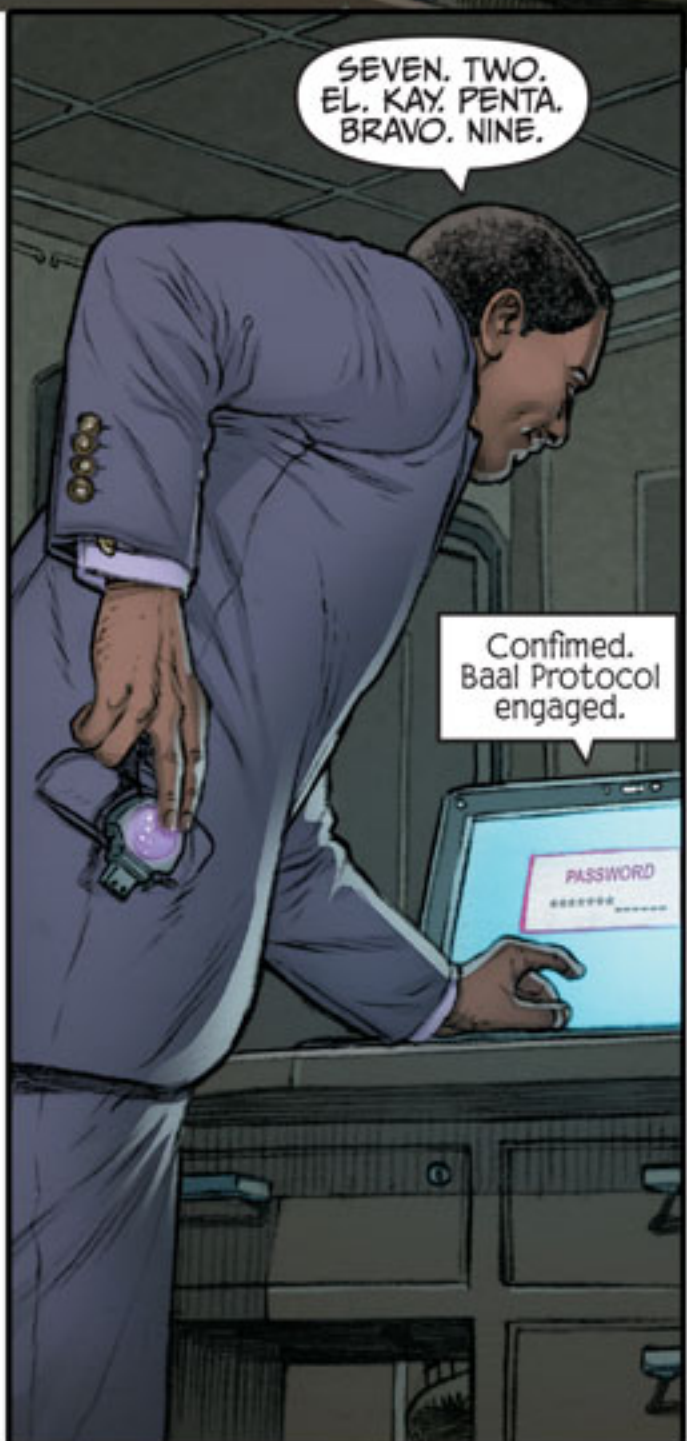


One week later.



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**Baltimore, Maryland.**  
**Six months ago.**

THAT'S  
A GOOD  
BOY.

I'LL  
FIND YOU  
SOME  
FOOD.

I KNEW  
A DOG  
LIKE YOU  
ONCE.

TURNED OUT HE WAS  
A PSYCHIC MANIAC  
IN DISGUISE.  
I TRIED TO  
FIGHT HIM,  
BUT...

HE WAS  
A BAD  
DOG.

NOT LIKE YOU. YOU'RE A  
GOOD DOG WITH GOOD  
DOG THOUGHTS.

BETTER  
THAN PEOPLE  
WITH THEIR  
HEADS FULL OF  
FEAR AND  
ANGER AND  
HATE.

I CAN FEEL  
ALL THEIR  
THOUGHTS.

THAT'S  
WHAT THE  
DILAUDID AND  
OXYCONTIN  
ARE FOR.  
DROWNS 'EM  
ALL OUT.

FENTANYL  
BASELINE WITH  
KETAMINE FOR  
IMMEDIATE...  
UH...

WHAT WAS I  
SAYING?

HEY, DOG, YOU  
LISTENING?

MUST  
BE NICE,  
PETER.

PRETENDING  
LIKE NOTHING  
HAPPENED.





CH-CHARLENE? JOE?

YOU GOT US KILLED, PETER.

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE OUR FRIEND.



YOU COULD HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE, PETER.

YOU'RE A COWARD, MAN. YOU GOT US KILLED. YOU BAILED ON EVERYONE!



NO!



GET OUT OF MY HEAD!

HE'S JUST A JERK

I REALLY COULD EAT AN ENTIRE BAG.

DAMN CAT KEPT ME UP ALL NIGHT.

PLEASE GOD PLEASE GOD PLEASE GOD

THAT SECOND HIGHLANDER CAN'T BE AS BAD AS I REMEMBER.

CAN'T BELIEVE THEY GAVE CESPEDES ALL THAT MONEY.

SO TIRED ALL THE TIME.

I'M NEVER GONNA FALL IN LOVE.

WHY'D I BUY THESE? DO I EVEN LIKE PEARS?

OOH, NEW BIG BANG TONIGHT!

MAN, PEE WEE IS A GENIUS.



SCREW IT, I'MA GONNA TREAT MYSELF.

MAYBE IT WON'T BE SO BAD.

WHAT'S UP WITH HARRY POTTER NOT BEING IN ANY OF THE NEW HARRY POTTER MOVIES?

...DAMN, BUT IF I AIN'T SOME HOT S#IT TODAY!

...EXPENSIVE...

ALMOST THERE

...SPIT IN THESE RICH \$\$\$@\*# FOOD...

CUT IT OPEN AND CLIMB INSIDE. ALWAYS WARM.

... SHOULD'VE ORDERED A SALAD. WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME?

...HAVE ONE DAY I DON'T FEEL EMPTY INSIDE...

... RATHER DIE THAN SPEND ONE MORE MINUTE...

ONLY THREE MORE HOURS, ALMOST THERE---

SPINNING AND SPINNING AND SPINNING. AND NEVER STOP.

GET OUT OF MY HEAD!

...HOW I'M GOING TO MAKE RENT THIS MONTH...

HOPE THAT RASH DOESN'T SPREAD.

...SAW ON THE NEWS...

...BOSS WILL HAVE MY ASS...

DO DO DEE DOO, NA NA NA!

...I AM SO LONELY...

...SCARED...

...IN MY CAR AND KEEP DRIVING...

...GET AWAY WITH ANOTHER DRINK? WHY NOT...

SHUT UP SHUT UP SHUT UP

ALIENS? THAT RIGHT. THERE ARE ALIENS NOW.

...DOG OUT FOR A WALK...

REALLY, HE'S A ROBOT, TOO? COME ON.





THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO, PETER.

WE LIVE HERE NOW.

IN YOUR HEAD, UNTIL YOU DIE.

PLEASE JUST...

**SHUT UP!!!**

...GET AWAY FROM ME...

...STILL ALIVE...

WAS THAT A BOMB?

SOME KINDA TERRORIST?

...THE HELL!?

GET THE %\*#@# OUTTA HERE!

**GET AWAY!**

**LEAVE ME ALONE!**

...KIND OF... HELD... TOO MANY... THOUGHTS... CAN'T... NEWS... SCARED...





...PICK UP THE KIDS AT SEVEN. THAT BASTARD BETTER NOT...  
...GO TO WAR?

...DON'T KNOW HOW I'M GOING TO MAKE RENT. MAYBE I CAN WORK OUT A TRADE...

**GAAAAHHH!**

...BOSS WILL HAVE MY ASS...

...YOU STUPID COW...

...IT'LL BE A STUNNING WALL...

...SO DESPERATE...

...LONELY...

**GAAAHH!**

**GET OUT OF MY HEAD!**

THIS-- THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!

THIS ISN'T REAL...

CHARLENE?  
KRIS?  
YOU GUYS... WE WERE A TEAM AND I... OH GOD...

YOU ABANDONED US WHEN WE NEEDED YOU MOST!

YOU LEFT US TO SUFFER! TO DIE!

NO! I DIDN'T MEAN...

KILLED US!

NEVER FORGIVE

DESERVE YOUR TORMENT

GUILT FOREVER

HATE YOU

