

# 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.

The Renegades have come together after a series of conflicts - including the release of the names of potential psiotes and how to activate them - left them fractured. Now, all around the world, crude, DIY psiote activation attempts have left many brain-damaged... or worse.

The Renegades' reunion was brief, however - Harada's pupil, a man known as Alex Solomon attacked the Renegades, leaving Torque hospitalized and Faith shaken - but worst of all, kidnapping Kris. The Renegades must find each other before the worst happens...



## 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...

Now.

SALVATION IS AT HAND. THE KIDS HAVE ARRIVED, AS I'D PLANNED.



CLOSE STUDY AND EXTRAPOLATION OF PAST EVENTS HAS LED ME HERE.

Then.

A-ALEX? WHEN DID YOU GET HOME? WHAT ARE DOING OUT OF SCHOOL?

IT'S FINE, AUNT CARLA. REMEMBER, I TOLD YOU THIS MORNING WE'RE... UH... STILL ON BREAK?

OH, RIGHT. I REMEMBER NOW. GOOD. YOU NEED TIME TO RELAX, YOU WORK SO HARD.

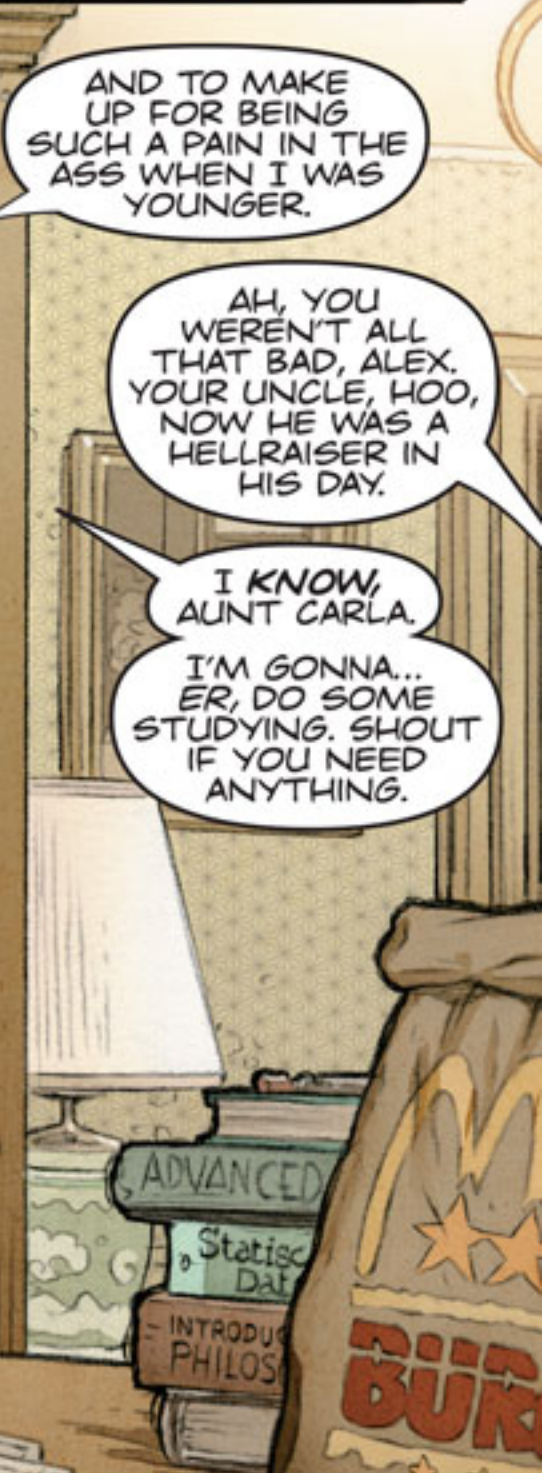
MAYBE, BUT SOMEBODY NEEDS TO PAY YOU BACK FOR ALL THE YEARS YOU SPENT RAISING ME.

AND TO MAKE UP FOR BEING SUCH A PAIN IN THE ASS WHEN I WAS YOUNGER.

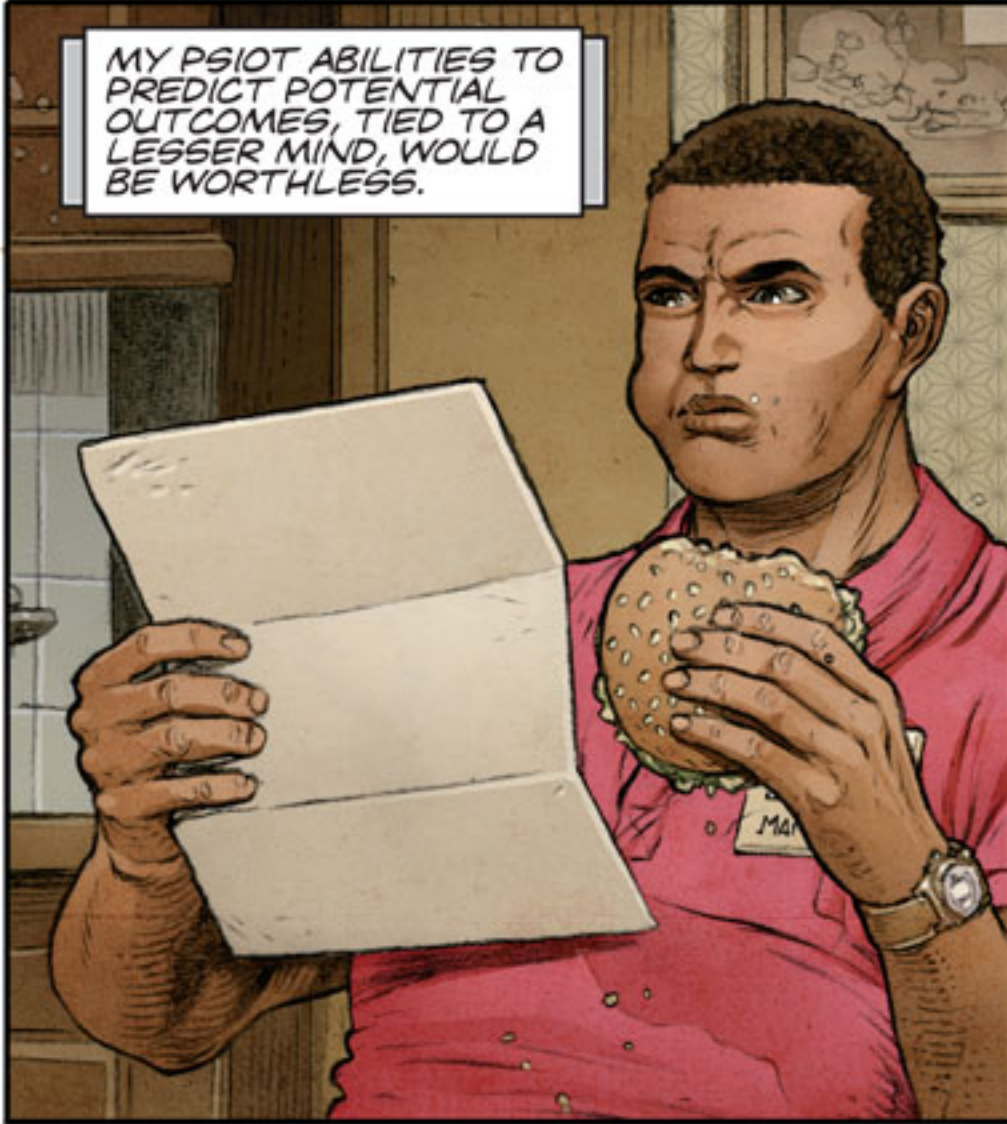
AH, YOU WEREN'T ALL THAT BAD, ALEX. YOUR UNCLE, HOO, NOW HE WAS A HELLRAISER IN HIS DAY.

I KNOW, AUNT CARLA.

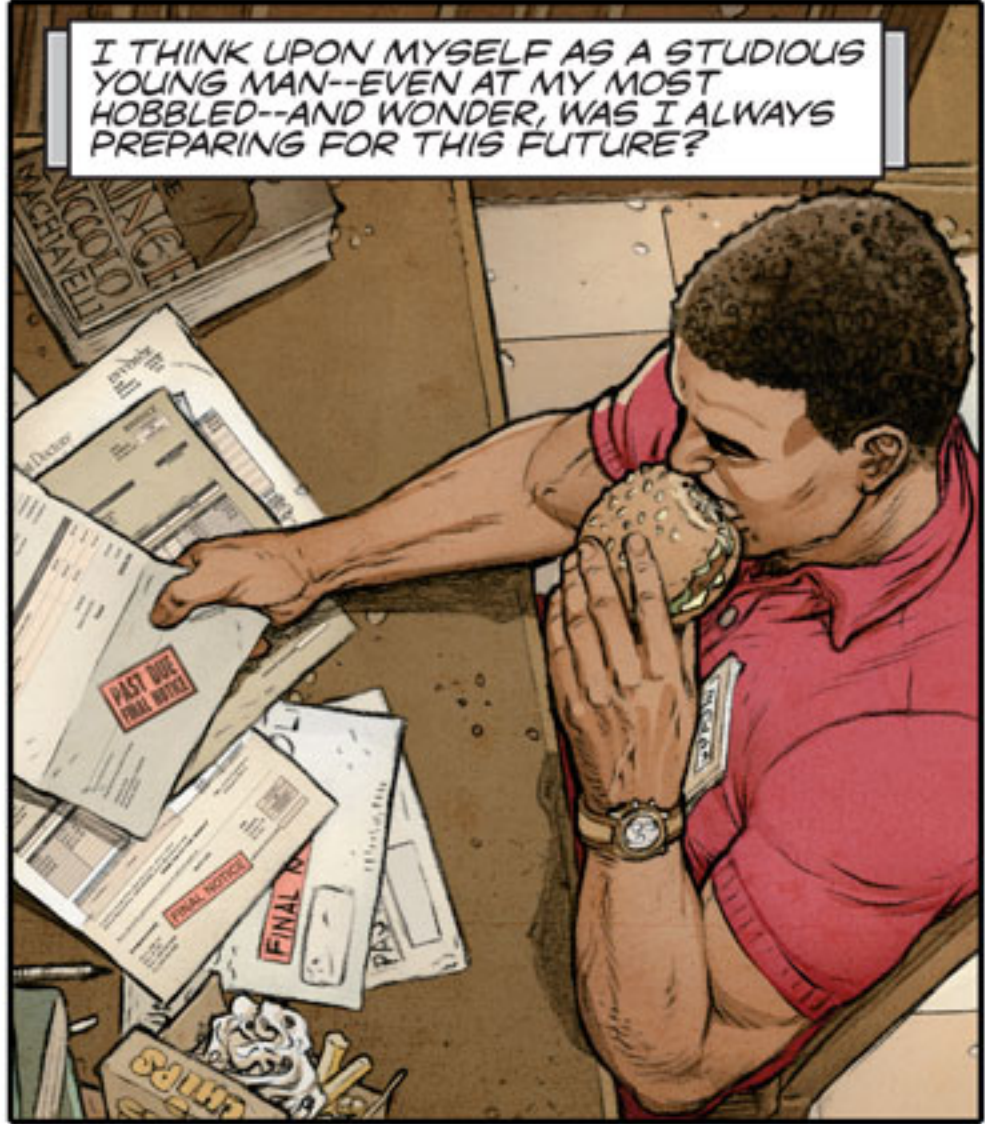
I'M GONNA... ER, DO SOME STUDYING. SHOUT IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.



MY PSIOT ABILITIES TO PREDICT POTENTIAL OUTCOMES, TIED TO A LESSER MIND, WOULD BE WORTHLESS.



I THINK UPON MYSELF AS A STUDIOUS YOUNG MAN--EVEN AT MY MOST HOBBLER--AND WONDER, WAS I ALWAYS PREPARING FOR THIS FUTURE?



DID I SOMEHOW ALWAYS KNOW?



**KNOCK KNOCK**

ALEX? THERE'S SOMEONE--

I'LL GET IT, AUNT CARLA.

OR AM I PART OF A GREATER PLAN THAT EVEN I CANNOT SEE?

FINISH YOUR SOUP, OKAY? PROBABLY JUST MRS. JOHNSON FROM NEXT DOOR.

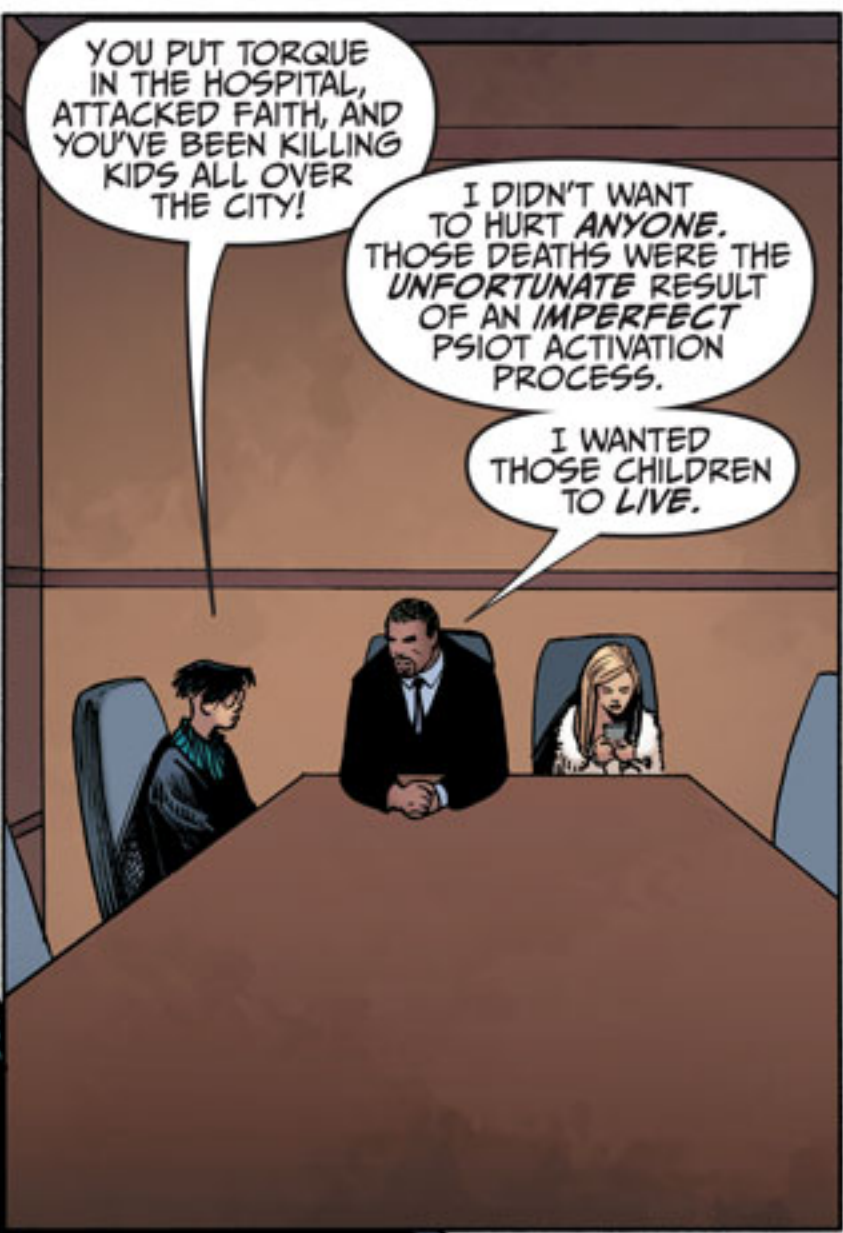
ALEXANDER SOLOMON?

DO YOU KNOW JUST HOW SPECIAL YOU ARE?





YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT? WHY THE HELL WOULD I HELP YOU?



YOU PUT TORQUE IN THE HOSPITAL, ATTACKED FAITH, AND YOU'VE BEEN KILLING KIDS ALL OVER THE CITY!

I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE. THOSE DEATHS WERE THE UNFORTUNATE RESULT OF AN IMPERFECT PSIOT ACTIVATION PROCESS.

I WANTED THOSE CHILDREN TO LIVE.



ATTACKING FAITH IS INEXCUSABLE-- AS WAS HURTING THE YOUNG MAN SHE SAVED.



TORQUE, ON THE OTHER HAND, I WILL COP TO.

THINGS WERE NOT PROCEEDING AS THEY SHOULD.



AND THE RENEGADES WOULD NOT HAVE GOTTEN BACK TOGETHER OTHERWISE.



IF THERE WAS ANOTHER WAY, BELIEVE ME, I WOULD NEVER HAVE HURT ANYONE.





I'M NOT GOING TO APOLOGIZE FOR MY ACTIONS, THOUGH I DO REGRET THEIR NECESSITY.

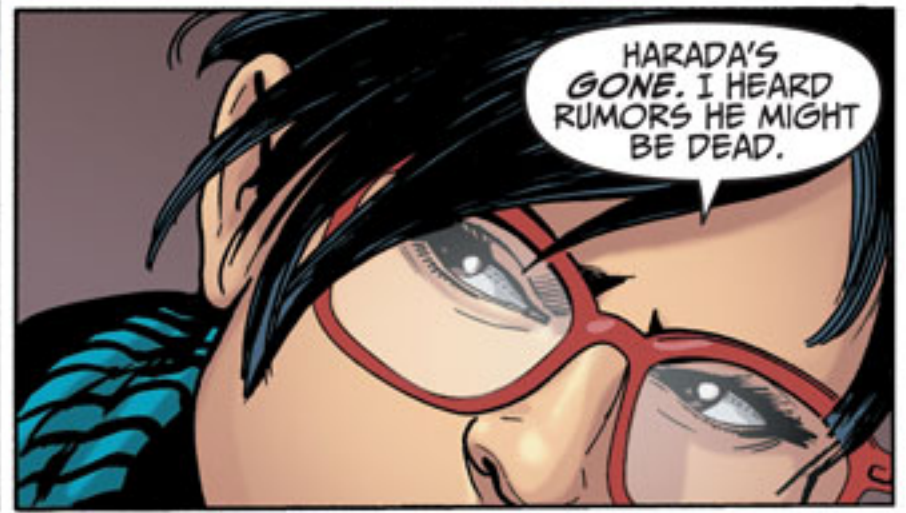
I AM PAINED BY THE LOSS OF EVERY LIFE, BUT I WOULD GLADLY SACRIFICE ANOTHER THOUSAND TO SAVE SEVEN BILLION.



HARADA BELIEVED IN WORLD PEACE, BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO PUT ASIDE HIS EGO IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THAT PEACE.



AND NOW, HARADA HAS GONE FROM ALLY TO ENEMY.



HARADA'S GONE. I HEARD RUMORS HE MIGHT BE DEAD.



KRIS, SINCE WHEN DID YOU START BELIEVING WHAT WAS ON THE NEWS?



CAROLYN, PUT YOUR PHONE AWAY AND LISTEN. ALL OF THIS PERTAINS TO YOU, TOO.

~~UGH~~ I WAS LISTENING. WHEN DO I ACTIVATE? WHY IS SHE HERE?



MEXICO CITY WAS ANNIHILATED BY OFF-WORLD INVADERS. NEW YORK CITY WAS DEVASTATED BY A TECHNOLOGICAL PLAGUE.



HARADA HAS A NUCLEAR CARRIER. HE AND HIS PSIOTS COULD START DROPPING BOMBS ANYWHERE THEY CHOOSE.



**Cedars-Sinai Hospital,  
Los Angeles.**

GET OFF  
OF ME!  
I'VE GOT  
TO GO!

PETE AND  
THEM NEED  
MY HELP!

C'MON,  
TORQUE, YOU  
CAN BARELY  
STAND!

YOU'D BE  
SURPRISED  
AT WHAT I  
CAN DO.

WHAT'S  
YOUR NAME  
AGAIN?

COAST  
IS CLEAR,  
TAMARA.

IF WE'RE  
GOING, WE  
SHOULD GO  
NOW.

WHERE'RE  
YOUR  
CLOTHES?  
YOU CAN'T  
GO OUTSIDE  
LIKE THAT!

OH,  
RIGHT.



OKAY.  
NOW CAN  
WE GO?



...NOT MY FAULT. I GOT A CALL FROM THE ER...

HEY!

OH, DANG IT.

WE...WE SHOULD HURRY. THOSE ARE THE NSA GUYS THAT CAME TO MY HOUSE THE OTHER DAY.



TORQUE! HOLD UP! WE NEED TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS!

JAY... TUCKER? WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?

UH...

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO TALK.



YOU WANT A STATEMENT? CALL MY AGENT.

LISTEN, TORQUE. YOU TRY TO LEAVE AND WE'LL HAVE TO ARREST YOU FOR IMPEDING--

I WOULDN'T TRY THAT, GUYS.



JAY-- STAY WHERE YOU ARE--



SORRY, GUYS. I'M WITH TORQUE.

OUR FRIENDS NEED US.