

# SUPERHERO MANDROID



## GUARDIAN DEMON

NOT A GUARDIAN ANGEL. A GUARDIAN DEMON.

Paul Teethings  
hated what lived  
inside him.



But when his ragged wings  
caught the night air, he felt  
alive in a way his old human  
body never allowed.



Below him, people were  
changing by choice instead  
of curse.



AI companions, neural  
wearables, and exoskeletons  
were helping them call  
themselves transhuman.



Paul came to the meet-up  
afraid that even people  
beyond human would see  
only the demon.



At first, some of them did.



Then they saw his hands tremble,  
his wings stay folded, and his eyes  
ask permission instead of prey.



Their horror softened into  
amazement.



Dr. Leona Vale told Paul that many transhumans had been called monsters.



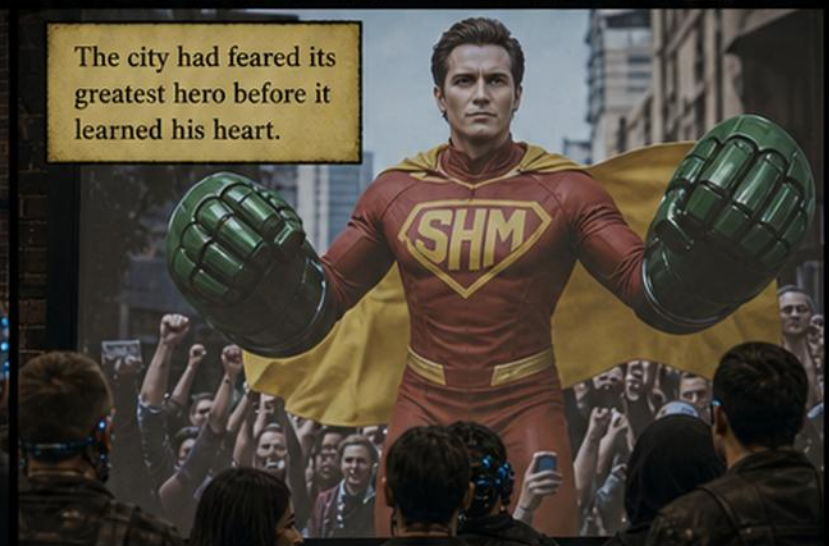
People feared freedom when it wore a body they did not understand.



She showed him old footage of Superhero Mandroid's Version One form.



The city had feared its greatest hero before it learned his heart.



For the first time since his possession, Paul's own heart felt hope.



The doors burst inward  
before hope could settle.



Black armor filled the hall,  
scratched with white  
cross graffiti.



The attackers swung batons  
and called the augmented  
abominations.



Their leader claimed  
becoming more than human  
insulted divine order.



Leona sent the exoskeleton  
and nervous-system augmented  
forward while everyone  
else ran.



Paul knew  
that kind of judgment.



The same institution  
had stripped away his title  
and called him a deceiver.



The demon inside him  
begged to answer cruelty  
with cruelty.



Paul chose something  
harder: power without  
surrender.



Paul moved as a blur of shadow.



The armored line broke before him.



Fire rose as a barrier, not a sentence.



The next wave stumbled backward from the heat.



Wings carried Paul above the chaos.



Claws made for tearing chose to leave only dropped batons behind.



The hall went quiet  
after the storm passed.



The people who had  
feared Paul now saw  
who he had chosen  
to protect.



Superhero Mandroid  
still showed the  
transhumans what  
acceptance might  
become someday.



Paul Teethings showed  
them who would stand  
guard until that day  
arrived.



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