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Hey guys,

Since I was given permission to vote, I'll throw my opinion in.

VE's pic: I'd have to give the composition slightly to VE because his pic does look pretty cool in thumbnail form, but seeing the full-sized version is where the mistakes become instantly noticeable.

I have to agree with Dark Wanderer that the focus of the piece seemed lost. There was noticeable use of textures everywhere instead of effectively rendering the look of the textures. For instance, the Superman costume in the foreground looks more like a burlap sack with blue, red and yellow paint on it.

I was a bit confused with all the oriental symbols, seeing as they don't have anything to do with Atlantean culture. There was a lot of muddled, blurry pixelation that was kind of distracting. There were people in the background that were strangely very sharp yet the pillars they're standing under are blurred and of a lower resolution.

I think the main problem is that it LOOKS like a manipulation, a patchwork of many many base images put together.

To my understanding, there was a 6 week timeframe to complete the pics and, having looked at VE's other pics prior to this writing, I didn't see anything, quality-wise, that separated this pic from his other works or that would denote the use of an extended period of time for the end result that was produced.

JR's pic: I think the simplest way to explain my feeling about it is this... it doesn't LOOK like a manipulation. It looks like the ladies went and dressed in these costumes and posed for the camera. The resolution and sharpness between the base images and manipulated parts is nearly seamless even down to the transparency in the panties.

Metal looks like metal, cloth looks like cloth, rope looks like rope. The wrinkles are done superbly as well.

Basically, upon looking at the full-sized image there isn't anything immediately noticeably wrong and even upon close inspection, there are few nitpicks to be had. A truly professional level job here.

My vote goes to JR. Good contest, guys!