



Letter From The Editor, Nalani Hollingwood

What a year so far, this has been. Changes are afoot everywhere. New staff here at the magazine, trying a new shift and including a bit more of the political climate that New York and indeed the whole country seems to have been steeped in of late. Registration has changed too, no longer for just the evolved but for everyone. A change that I approve of and I hope will be one for the better.

As you can see on our cover, a shot taken by a wonderful photographer who had the honor of being present the evening that the midtown memorial was lit, even the face of our city is changing. Those who perished in the tragic accident will shine forever in our memories and know that we think of them each time we turn our face to the night sky.

This month as well, we had the gracious honor of being able to interview Nadia Ba'albaki who you all might recognize as one of the new faces in the registration ad. A delightful young woman, you can find her interview on page 31, I can forgive you if you skip ahead right now. It's change, all around even as the seasons change from summer to fall and the leaves take on their vibrant shades. We here at PAUSE hope that you can enjoy and embrace the change and look forward to reading your thoughts on this month's issue.

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Nadia Ba'albaki The New Face REGISTRATION

It's hard to think that the unassuming dark haired woman at the bar waiting is evolved. But these days, anyone could be and with the new ad's circling in print and television, you can't help but wonder who really is, or isn't Evolved. Nadia Ba'albaki is one such person. One of the small percentage of New Yorkers and of the world who were born positive for the Suresh Linkage Complex. But what sets her apart from the others who share the same genetic sequence, is that Nadia is the face of the registration act.

Twenty Five years old, a registered tier 2 and working in her final year at Columbia University,

she's the vision of the American dream. Born in Casablanca Morocco to Johara and Hashim Ba'albaki and another sibling, when she was five it was decided to strike out and make a better life for themselves in the United States and raise their children with all the best that they could provide for them.

Which it did. Between a restaurant and a neighboring book store in St. Augustine Florida, they managed to forge a small part of that American dream and provide for their family. In 1992, they traded their immigrant status for American Citizenship.

It was Columbia University and her desire to become an architect that brought Nadia to New York at the still tender age of eighteen. "I'm actually on the home stretch to getting my Masters in Architecture." Nadia relays. "I'm also a sculptor and an artist, and I'm very fond of classical sculpture and artwork."

It was her evolved status that saved her when the midtown disaster struck. Living in New York and attending Columbia, she had been one of the unlucky ones to have been on the periphery of the explosion at the time. "I was in my apartment when the bomb hit, studying. All of a sudden, before I knew it, there was a loud noise, and a flash of light. Up was down, down was up, the walls were just coming apart. I don't really know how, but I managed to protect myself by using my ability." A story that many in New York that day either relate to or are alive because of someone using their ability. "I was hurt when I came to, but not dead. I feel so very fortunate that my ability saved my life that day. I feel for those who weren't so fortunate as myself on that sad day"

But how does being the face of the new face of Registration affect this all? "Thankfully, my teachers and classmates have been very supportive of me. I've been sure to keep up with my schooling. Above all, I plan to be an architect. In turn, I hope to use this skill to help further my goals. I think I've been pretty fortunate though. I haven't had to deal with too much negativity."

But how does one go from being just a student

attending Columbia to gracing the pages of magazines, our television screens and the radio waves? She didn't actively seek it out, that much is true. "I never really expected to be selected to do anything like this. I was just the mousy little architect student in the corner. One day I was at a charity, and a fellow from the Department of Evolved Affairs approached me, spoke to me about Registration. Long story short, I told him that I was already registered" Nadia has been registered since the Linderman Act was instituted in 2006, one of many people who complied with the new law put in place by the government.

"He gave me a number to call. I went in, did an interview, and got the job! I never thought I would be on television, or on posters" Nadia relates, animated in her excitement. "If I hadn't been registered, this opportunity wouldn't be available to me. I believe that the new amendment helps to relieve the general consensus that Evolved are



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being discriminated against, at least a little. It also helps those who are Evolved and perhaps do not know it yet find out, so they can start early with learning their new abilities."

"All in all, I think it's a very good plan. I was only a young girl when my ability manifested itself, and that was before anyone even knew about Evolved. Nobody is alone, though. No matter what the situation, there's already been someone who has been there, and there will always be someone out there to help. The Suresh Center has plenty of programs to assist newly manifested Evolved, and they can even help with learning control over abilities."

She believes in what New York is doing and the Government to help with the evolved and the protection offered to them. "I've recently moved in to the Octagon, and it's a very beautiful and safe community. All in all, I believe that they have done a very good job with Roosevelt Island, and it is a pleasure to live there."

She has plans to use her new found fame, even if it may be fleeting, for the good. "I see it as an opportunity to do something I've always wanted to do, but never really had the opportunity to do, up until now. I've had this plan, ever since I came back here to New York after the bomb hit. I want to start a project to make New York the beautiful city I fell in love with six years ago. I'm hoping to begin some charity functions to raise the money necessary to begin rebuilding some of these less fortunate neighborhoods that are still suffering from the bomb's devastating effects, nearly four years later and even ones that have been affected of late by terrorist activities"

What words of encouragement does she have for those who have found out their SLC status or those who have been struggling with their abilities? "I would have to say that they are not alone. Every Evolved has been at that stage, I think. Even me! Hang in there, register, go to the Suresh Center and take advantage of what help they can offer to you and your family. The avenues of aid are endless."

August 31st, 2010, Registration has become mandatory for all. To register, please visit your local police station or Registration center.