COH Path to 50 with Heroic Missions

Hello fellow Heroes and Heroines. I decided to post this after I built it for myself. City of Heroes is a fantastic game that allows for many different playstyles. It allows for playing with others in a Super Group or team atmosphere leveling up quickly through Trials and Taskforces. It also allows you to take on the role of a solo hero. Each are valid play methods, though going solo requires much more thought in building your character to be able to meet and defeat Elite Bosses and Arch Villains. There are many guides to solo builds out there. This guide focuses on leveling up through Heroic Missions that often have cut-scenes and reward with valuable merits and badges. You also experience and become part of some fantastic comic book writing arcs and learn the lore of the game. I encourage you to level at least one ALT up through missions, yes you can use the Flashback system but it is not the same experience.

The City of Heroes and its mission system can be confusing. Without some guidance you can end up wasting a lot of time doing missions that have only basic rewards and do nothing to further a greater plot. The purpose of this guide is to provide a path, not the only path, but a path to level 50 focused on Heroic merit-rewarding missions. The goal is to skip missions that do not reward Merits or Badges when possible. Advancement as a player’s personal playstyle and the use of XP bonuses greatly impacts the outcome. For example a player who stealth completes missions versus a player that OCD defeats every MOB in every mission.

The guide will provide a path with milestones to experience great content and earn those valuable merits.

Let’s begin.

1. You should exit the intro at Level 2. In Atlas Park go talk to **Matthew Hashby** and do his missions and the **Sondra Costel** missions and be introduced to **Aaron Thiery** and **Twinshot.**
2. You should be level 5 now. Go get the first mission from **Aaron** and **Twinshot**. Then join and complete one **Death From Below trial (DFB).** At the end of the trial you should be around level 8
3. Go complete the **Aaron Thiery** missions.
4. Now, go grab the first mission of **Shauna Stockwell** at the Train Station in Kings Row. Return to Atlas and do **Twinshot’s** first two missions, talk to Ms. Liberty but do not go to Kings Row. At this point you need to decide if you want to fight Elite Bosses – I recommend yes, which means you need to visit the Hero Corps operative in Atlas Park across from the AE building and set your character to allow Elite Bosses. Now, go to The Hollows.
5. In the Hollows meet Officer **David Wincott** and do his missions.
6. Then do the **Flux** missions which ends with your first Elite Boss – no spoilers, but now you have had a taste of what makes Heroic missions more exciting than regular missions. If you have trouble defeating the EB experiment with different tactics like hit and run, binging specific inspirations, and whittling down his guards first ninja style like a good solo hero might do.
7. You are probably around level 11 now. Go out and get the **Julius the Toll** first mission, but then go to Kings Row and do the **Shawna Stockwell** missions and remaining **Twinshot** missions. I did not clear every MOB but used a stealth power to clear and shorten missions when I could. You don’t miss any cut-scene content by doing this. There are risks though as sometimes you have to lead a hostage back out and fight to clear the path. Also, hostages don’t follow stealthed characters.
8. Alright, you should be around level 12 after the thing with Manticore. Go do the **Eagle Eye** missions in Kings Row.
9. Now it is time to go back out to the Hollows and finish the **Julius the Troll** missions.
10. Go back and do more **Twin Shot** missions until you have done the Big Leagues subway mission.
11. I was level 14 at this point. Head out to the Hollows again and do **Talshak the Mystic’s** quests. Hopefully, you are level 15 by now. If not, the go do a few Kings Row police missions.
12. At level 15 go to Steel Canyon and in the University get the **Montegue Castenalla** missions.
13. When they are done complete the **Twinshot** arc with its epic ending.
14. Head to Faultline and find **Jim Temblor** and do his missions.
15. Then do **Penelope Yin’s** missions in Faultline – not her Taskforce in Independence Port.
16. By now you should be level 20, if not go run a Drowning In Blood (DiB) trial.
17. Next to the **Doc Delilah** missions in Faultline.
18. Then do the **Agent G** missions in Faultline.
19. Time to head over to Striga Island through the smugglers ship in Independence Port and do the **Stephanie Peebles** missions.
20. Back to Steel Canyon University campus and the Midnighters’s Club to do the **Mercedes Sheldon** missions.
21. Head back to Striga Island and complete **Long Jack’s** missions.
22. You should be level 25 now, if not its Police Missions or Trials until you are.
23. Go to Talos Island, find **Keith Nance** by the Hospital, and complete his missions.
24. Next do the **Jenni Adair** missions. If Protean gets tough, try kiting him around the elevator and for God’s sake jump or run out of his heal.
25. Now do the **Roy Cooling** missions in Talos Island.
26. You need to be level 27+ now or you know what to do (DiB or TF). At 27 continue on.
27. Go to Croatoa and find **Gordon Brewer** under a tree at the university. Do his missions.
28. Now do the **Skipper LeGrange** missions.
29. Head back to Striga Island to do the **Tobias Hansen** missions.
30. Then do the **Lars Hansen** missions on Striga.