

GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN



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SPOTLIGHT ON... *Galatea Powers*



PARAGON CITY: THE CITY OF HEROES! THE ONLY PLACE IN THE WORLD WHERE THE HERO-TO-PROBLEM RATIO IS ALMOST ONE-TO-ONE. IF YOU NEED A HERO IN THIS CITY, YOU JUST HAVE TO LOOK AROUND THE CORNER.

BUT NOT ALL HEROES ARE THE SAME. SOME ARE MORE MERCENARY THAN THE OTHERS. BUT THERE ARE SOME WHO SEE THE CALLING AS A SIGN OF BRIGHTER DAYS AHEAD FOR ALL MANKIND. THESE ARE THE HEROES WHO FIGHT FOR SOMETHING BETTER. THEY ARE THE...

GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN



NAME:
**GALATEA
POWERS**

REAL NAME:
KAREN POWERS

STATUS:
**REGISTERED
SUPERHERO**

ARCHETYPE:
TANKER

PRIMARY POWER:
INVULNERABLE

**SECONDARY
POWER: SUPER-
STRENGTH**

FOR WEEKS, GALATEA POWERS HAS BEEN DISPLAYING ERRATIC BEHAVIOR, NOTICED AT FIRST ONLY BY HER "ADOPTED SISTER" LYON POWERS, EVENTUALLY THE CHANGES BECOME MORE AND MORE BLATANT WITH THE CHANGES IN HER ATTIRE AND DEMEANOR.

THEN SUDDENLY SHE ABANDONS EVERYTHING SHE ONCE CHERISHED, INCLUDING HER CIVILIAN IDENTITY. A NEW WOMAN WEARING HER COVERT TECH-SUIT APPEARS IN ATLAS PARK CALLING HERSELF LEONA POWERS, THE "TRUE DAUGHTER" OF HER WORLD'S MOST INFAMOUS CRIMINAL.

SHUT OUT FROM THE GUARDIANS, LEONA TURNS TO SHADOWBORN TO FURTHER CHANGE HER APPEARANCE, THEN TRIES TO CONFRONT HER FORMER TEAMMATES, AND SPECIFICALLY HER COUSIN, ICON POWERS, WHOM SHE PERSONALLY BLAMES FOR HER "IMPRISONMENT".

BUT INSTEAD OF FACING THE GUARDIANS, LEONA COMES FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE DAWN PATROL, EUROPE'S PREMIERE SUPERHERO TEAM, AND WITH EXGEMINI, A POWERFUL FRIEND OF THE GUARDIANS.

MEANWHILE THE GUARDIANS THEMSELVES ARE IN ENGLAND, WORKING TO SAVE THE ONE PERSON THAT COULD MATCH LEONA... GALATEA POWERS HERSELF.

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PARAGON CITY, RHODE ISLAND

TALOS ISLAND

FROM THE ENCRYPTED DIGITAL DIARY OF LYON POWERS:

OKAY, LET'S SEE... WE HAVE GALATEA GOING GINGER... DITCHING HER SECRET IDENTITY AND HER PUBLIC ONE... PARADING ABOUT IN HER PREVIOUSLY "COVERT" TECH-BASED BODYSUIT AND CALLING HERSELF LEONA POWERS.

THEN SHE CHANGES EVEN FURTHER WITH THE HELP OF THE VERY PEOPLE THAT ARE TRYING TO SHUT US DOWN. SHE SHOWS UP IN A NEW OUTFIT AND TRIES TO PICK A FIGHT WITH US FOR SOMETHING HER COUSIN, ICON POWERS, DID OVER IN THEIR WORLD.

SOUNDS LIKE ONE OF THOSE CHEAP SOAP OPERAS THAT YOU'D SEE ON THE BEEB*, IF YOU ASK ME.

* BRITISH TELEVISION



GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN BASE

"Galatea Dawning" Part 3

"GALATEA REBORN"

- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

I'D LAUGH EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMEONE THAT I TRUSTED AND MY FAMILY MORE-OR-LESS ADOPTED A FEW YEARS BACK.*

PLUS SHE'S THE MOST POWERFUL MEMBER OF THE GUARDIANS.

SO IMAGINE OUR SURPRISE WHEN WE DISCOVER THAT "LEONA POWERS" AND GALATEA ARE IN FACT TWO SEPARATE WOMEN, AND THAT THE GALATEA WE ALL KNOW AND LOVE IS A BLOODY MESS INSIDE OF A GREY BIO-STASIS TUBE.

Never trust a Mender! Even a Guardian Mender

Who is the REAL face of PNN? Can we show more faces? Is Rona gone?

Loyalties in Praetoria?

Who should be District Attorney?

- The Trust?
- A Hero?
- Have an election?
- LA?

What happened to First Captain?

Can we have some changes in the way we...

AND I DON'T JUST MEAN "BLOODY MESS" IN THE BRITISH WAY...

EX GEMINI CREATED BY NATHAN FURIAN, DAWN PATROL TEAM AND LADY JANE CREATED BY NCSOFT/CRYPTIC STUDIOS. OTHER DAWN PATROL CHARACTERS CREATED BY DAVID 2. RONA COSELL CREATED BY KKCOMICS.



LYON POWERS

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CARDIFF, WALES, UNITED KINGDOM

DAWN PATROL EMBASSY

"YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE GALATEA POWERS?"

"YES..."

"WELL THEN WHO WAS IT THAT SHOOK UP THE BASE AND SCARED ME HALF-TO-DEATH?"

"THAT..."

"AND HOW CAN SHE BE HERE AND IN ATLAS PARK AT THE SAME TIME?"

"IF YOU'LL GIVE ME A MINUTE, I'LL ANSWER THAT FOR YOU."



GALATEA'S BODY WAS BADLY INJURED IN THE EXPLOSION.*

WAIT... THE EXPLOSION AT HER APARTMENT?

(* ISSUE 23)



THAT'S THE ONE.

WHEN I HEARD IT WAS HER BUILDING, I KNEW IT WAS HER, SO I TOOK THE TELEPORT OVER AND LED THE SEARCH-AND-RESCUE.

JIMMY HELLFIGHTER



"FIRST THING I SAW WAS A BODY ON THE FLOOR."

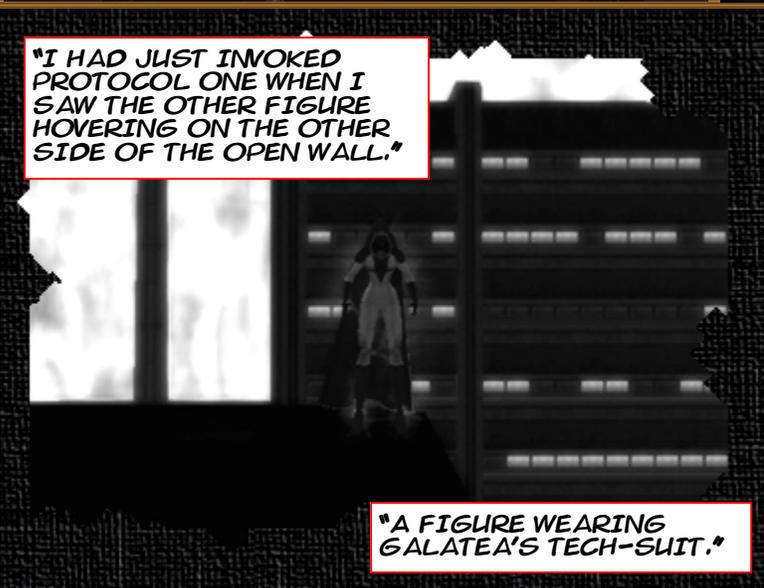
KARAP
MY GOD...



"IT WAS GALATEA."

HELP... ME...

"BLOODY, QUIVERING, A MASS OF FLESH, BUT IT WAS STILL HER... AND SHE WAS FIGHTING TO LIVE."



"I HAD JUST INVOKED PROTOCOL ONE WHEN I SAW THE OTHER FIGURE HOVERING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE OPEN WALL."

"A FIGURE WEARING GALATEA'S TECH-SUIT."



"WHICH SHOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. THAT SUIT IS DESIGNED FOR GALATEA ALONE."

"AND UNDER ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCE I'D AGREE WITH YOU."

BUT RIGHT THEN, MY FIRST AND ONLY PRIORITY WAS GALATEA AND GETTING HER TO SAFETY.

ONCE SHE WAS SAFE, IT WAS MIDKNIGHT X THAT PICKED UP THE CASE.

MA'AMP

ICON POWERS

LADY JANE

AH... RIGHT... PYROGURL, COULD YOU GO WITH LADY JANE FOR A LITTLE BIT?

WHY?

BECAUSE SHE COULD REALLY USE YOUR POWER ON ANOTHER PART OF THE PROJECT.

PYROGURL

YES... TO HELP GALATEA GET BACK HER POWERS QUICKLY, WE'LL NEED TO CREATE A MINIATURE SUN.

COEUR DU FEU IS WORKING WITH OUR MYSTICS ON THAT BUT YOUR OWN FIRE ABILITY WILL HELP THEM AS WELL.

THIS IS JUST TO KEEP ME BUSY, RIGHT?

I SUPPOSE...

BUT THERE'S ONE THING I WANT TO ASK WHILE WE'RE HERE...

YES?

ANY CHANCE WE COULD SEE WILLIAM AND KATE'S WEDDING?

ACTUALLY THERE WAS ANOTHER REASON WHY PYROGURL WAS BEING KEPT BUSY...

THERE ARE STILL SOME THINGS ABOUT THE GUARDIANS THAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT, AND SOME THAT I REALLY THINK SHE WOULDN'T BE READY FOR YET.

EVEN I DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND SOME OF THEM.

ATLAS PLAZA, ATLAS PARK

LEONA POWERS

EXGEMINI

NNH...

OOF!

YOU... YOU...
ARE A WORTHY
OPPONENT...

I... HAVE
NEED... OF
SOMEONE...
LIKE YOU...

YOU MUST BE
KIDDING!

AAH!

YOU HURT MY
FRIENDS... YOU
INTIMIDATE
CHILDREN...
AND THEN YOU
EXPECT ME TO
JOIN YOU?

YOU TRULY
ARE A
SOCIOPATH!

FWSSSH!

OH! I WILL
KILL
YOU FOR THAT!

TAKE HEART,
MY KHELDIAN
FRIEND... THY
BATTLE IS
AGAIN JOINED!

AS ANYONE
COULD SEE,
OUR FRIENDS
WERE KEEPING
LEONA QUITE
BUSY...

FLASH MOB

ICE GIANT



THIS IS RONA COSELL, BRINGING YOU THE NEWS AS ONLY "I" CAN BRING IT EXCLUSIVELY ON P-N-N!

TODAY ATLAS PARK HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A WAR ZONE AS THE RENEGADE VIGILANTE LEONA POWERS STARTED ATTACKING REGISTERED HEROES FOR NO APPARENT REASON!

MS. LIBERTY IS ALREADY REPORTED IN GUARDED CONDITION, AND NOW THE HEROES OF THE EUROPEAN GROUP DAWN PATROL ARE HELPING ANOTHER HERO, EXGEMINI, IN RESTRAINING THIS PSYCHOTIC WOMAN.

AND IT TURNED OUT WE WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES WATCHING THIS BATTLE AS IT PROGRESSED.



HANG ON GUYS...

YOU'RE NOT FIGHTING THIS ONE WITHOUT ME!

 JOHN COLE

HOLD!



YOU ARE FORBIDDEN FROM TAKING PART IN THE CONFLICT WITH LEONA POWERS



THE GUARDIANS ARE MY ALLIES, AND I AM GOING TO HELP THEM...

WITH OR WITHOUT YOUR BLESSING, LIBRA!



**YOU SERVE MY ORDER
YOU FOLLOW MY ORDERS
BALANCE MUST BE MAINTAINED**

uunhh...



AAH!!!

**INSOLENT CHILD!
THE BALANCE OF THE UNIVERSE
WILL NOT BE DETERMINED
BY YOUR PETTY WHIMS!**



MAY?
HE'S HERE.

GOOD... JUST
ONE SECOND...

 **OMEGA SHIFT**

**THAT'S FOR
PLAYING
GOD WITH
A HUMAN
LIFE!**

SLAP!

I KNOW YOU MEANT WELL,
KENT, BUT I KNOW MORE
THAN ANYONE HERE
ABOUT THE PITFALLS OF
GENETIC MANIPULATION.

AND YOU AND YOUR
FRIEND PHOTONIS
REALLY MADE A MESS OF
THINGS WITH GALATEA
IN YOUR UNIVERSE.

I SUPPOSE I DESERVED
SOME OF THAT...
BUT I STILL DON'T SEE
HOW MY WORK COULD
CREATE TWO PEOPLE.

WELL FROM WHAT I
DISCOVERED,
YOU'RE LUCKY THAT
IT WAS JUST TWO.

THE GRAPH ON TOP IS A STRAND
OF NORMAL DNA; THE BUILDING
BLOCKS OF ALL LIFE FORMS.

MOST OF US, NO MATTER OUR ORIGINS,
NO MATTER IF WE'RE SUPERHUMAN OR
NORMAL, HAVE DNA THAT LOOKS LIKE THIS.

NORMALLY IT'S TWISTED LIKE A SPIRAL
LADDER, BUT WE'VE STRAIGHTENED IT
OUT FOR MAPPING PURPOSES.

BUT THIS GRAPH...

THIS IS A SCAN OF GALATEA'S
DNA THAT WAS ON FILE IN THE
GUARDIAN CPCI SYSTEM.



I WAS AFRAID OF THAT...

PHOTONIS TOLD ME THE ONLY WAY TO SUPPRESS MY UNCLE'S GENE-PROGRAMMING IN LEONA WAS TO OVERLAY IT WITH SIMILAR DNA.*

RIGHT, ONLY THE BASE DNA REMAINED, OVERLAPPED BY ALL OF THE OTHER DNA DONATED BY YOURSELF AND BONDED BY PHOTONIS' DEVICES.

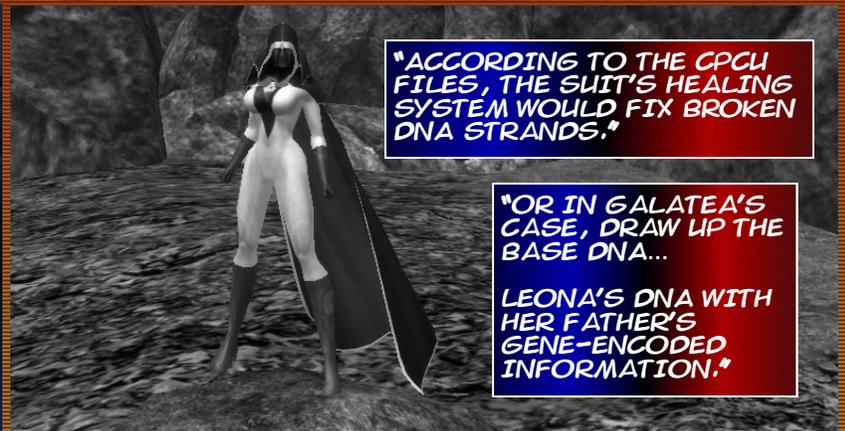
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THEN YOU COMPLICATED MATTERS BY HELPING HER DESIGN A TECH-SUIT BASED ON YOUR OWN.*

A SUIT THAT, I'M TOLD, IS DESIGNED TO AUGMENT YOUR OWN PHYSICAL POWERS ON A GENETIC LEVEL.

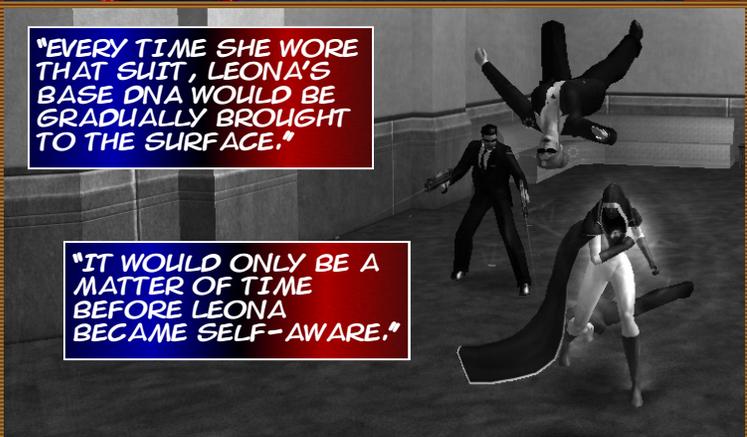
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ACCORDING TO THE CPCU FILES, THE SUIT'S HEALING SYSTEM WOULD FIX BROKEN DNA STRANDS.

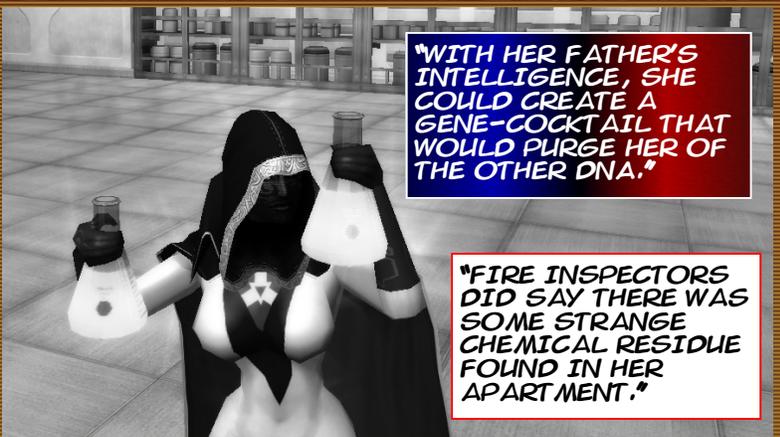
*OR IN GALATEA'S CASE, DRAW UP THE BASE DNA...

LEONA'S DNA WITH HER FATHER'S GENE-ENCODED INFORMATION.*



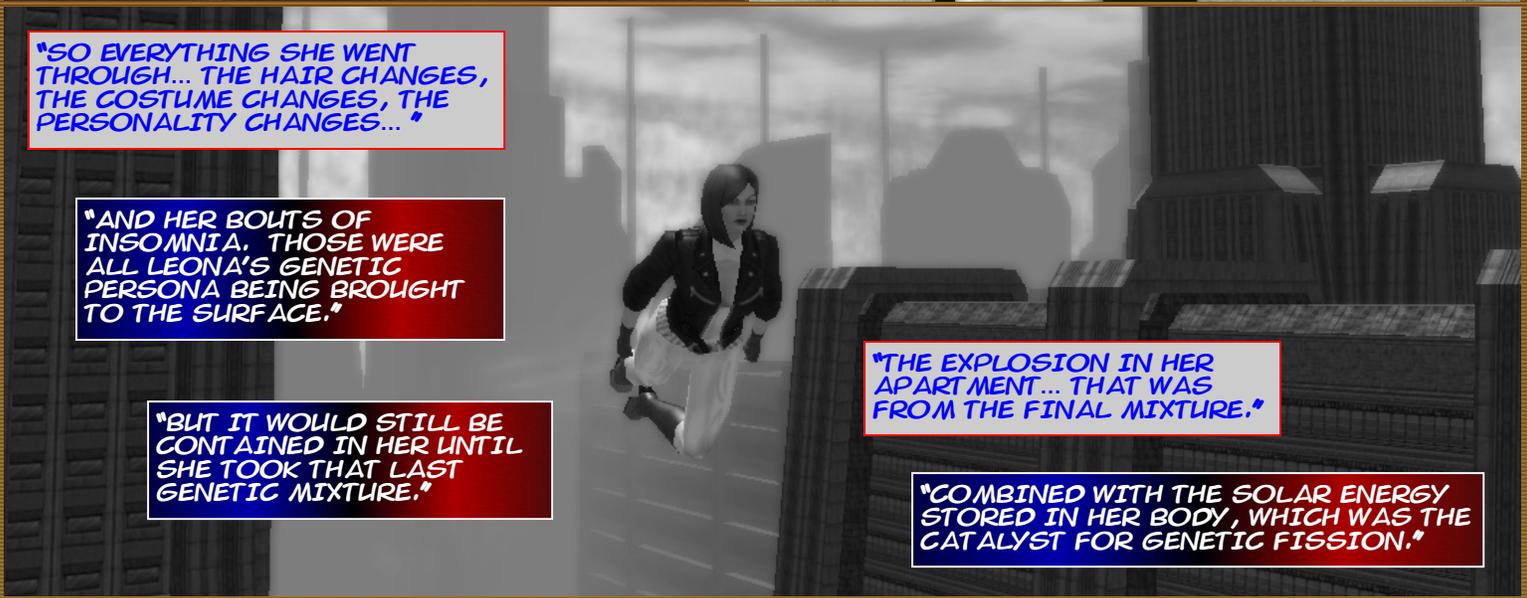
EVERY TIME SHE WORE THAT SUIT, LEONA'S BASE DNA WOULD BE GRADUALLY BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE.

IT WOULD ONLY BE A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE LEONA BECAME SELF-AWARE.



WITH HER FATHER'S INTELLIGENCE, SHE COULD CREATE A GENE-COCKTAIL THAT WOULD PURGE HER OF THE OTHER DNA.

FIRE INSPECTORS DID SAY THERE WAS SOME STRANGE CHEMICAL RESIDUE FOUND IN HER APARTMENT.



SO EVERYTHING SHE WENT THROUGH... THE HAIR CHANGES, THE COSTUME CHANGES, THE PERSONALITY CHANGES...

AND HER BOLTS OF INSOMNIA. THOSE WERE ALL LEONA'S GENETIC PERSONA BEING BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE.

BUT IT WOULD STILL BE CONTAINED IN HER UNTIL SHE TOOK THAT LAST GENETIC MIXTURE.

THE EXPLOSION IN HER APARTMENT... THAT WAS FROM THE FINAL MIXTURE.

COMBINED WITH THE SOLAR ENERGY STORED IN HER BODY, WHICH WAS THE CATALYST FOR GENETIC FISSION.

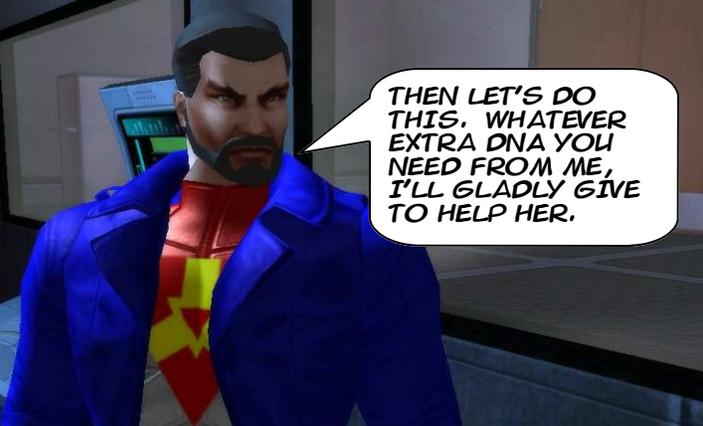


SO THE FIGURE IN THE TECH-SUIT WAS LEONA... AND THE FIGURE I RESCUED WAS WHAT WAS LEFT OF GALATEA.



EXACTLY.

EVERYTHING THAT WAS GALATEA OR KAREN IS NOW IN THE BIO-STASIS TUBE, FIGHTING TO COME TOGETHER AGAIN.



THEN LET'S DO THIS. WHATEVER EXTRA DNA YOU NEED FROM ME, I'LL GLADLY GIVE TO HELP HER.



SORRY, ICON, NOT THIS TIME. YOUR DNA DONOR CARD IS ALL USED UP.

WE'VE ALREADY GOT A MATCH 'ERE THROUGH MY FAMILY.



AS STRANGE AS IT MAY SOUND, LYON IS RIGHT.



IT TURNS OUT THAT HER OLDER SISTER FAITH, WHO WAS KILLED IN THE FIRST RIKTI WAR, WAS A GENETIC MATCH FOR GALATEA.

WE'RE GOING TO USE SOME OF FAITH'S BLOOD, WHICH SHE DONATED BEFORE SHE WAS KILLED, TO COMBINE THE REMAINING DNA STRANDS INTO ONE COHESIVE AND STABLE SET.



WHEN COMBINED WITH INTENSE SOLAR ENERGY, LIKE THE KIND THAT THE OTHER HEROES ARE HELPING TO CREATE, THE END RESULT WILL BE A GALATEA POWERS THAT WILL BE SOLIDLY OF THIS WORLD.

THE DOWNSIDE IS, IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS WORK, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TRANSFORM INTO DOCTOR DEV ELLISON.

HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE TO HELP MAP THE HUMAN GENOME IN DETAIL AND WOULD BE THE ONLY ONE ABLE TO ENSURE THE NEW DNA WOULD BE STABLE.

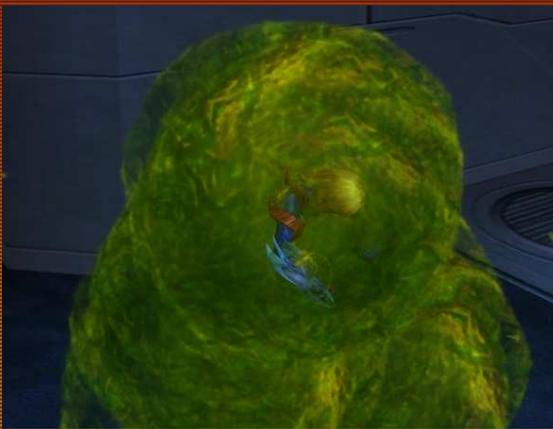
HE'S ALSO THE MOST TRAUMATIC PERSON FOR ME TO CHANGE BACK FROM*, SO I AM NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO CHANGE BACK UNTIL WE KNOW HE'S NOT NEEDED ANYMORE.



YOU DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO, MAY... WE HAVE YOU COVERED.



OKAY... NOT USED TO CHANGING IN FRONT OF OTHERS... BUT HERE GOES...



SPLSSH!



AFTERNOON ALL...
OR AT LEAST I THINK IT'S THE AFTERNOON. OR IS IT TIME FOR TEA ALREADY?
SPEAKING OF WHICH, IF SOMEONE COULD GET ME A CUP OF TEA, THAT WOULD DO NICELY. AT MY AGE, A GOOD CUP OF TEA KEEPS THINGS GOING STEADILY.



BY THE WAY, MISTER POWERS, THAT SLAP FROM MAY REALLY CAME FROM ME, AND IT SHOULD'VE BEEN A PUNCH. SHE JUST DIDN'T WANT ME TO BREAK MY HAND DOING IT. OLD AGE IS SUCH A BOTHER.

DOCTOR ELLISON, I PRESUME?



DOCTOR DEVON ELLISON, AT YOUR SERVICE. FRIENDS CALL ME "DEV".



BUT DON'T WORRY, MAY IS STILL HERE, SO I'M ALREADY CAUGHT UP ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

SO... IF SOMEONE CAN GET THAT TEA BREWING, WE CAN GO AHEAD AND GIVE GALATEA A NEW LEASE ON LIFE.

SEE WHAT I MEAN WHEN I SAY I'M NOT REALLY SURE ABOUT SOME OF THESE THINGS?

MEANWHILE...
LEONA WAS
GETTING
WORSE...

"THE WEAK
ATTACK IN
GROUPS..."

WHAT?

"THEY ATTACK
BECAUSE THEY
ARE WEAK."
"THEY ATTACK
BECAUSE THEY
HATE THE
STRONG AND
THE SUPERIOR
AMONG US."



YOU'RE THE FIELD
TELEPATH... WHAT
IS GOING ON
INSIDE HER HEAD
TO CAUSE HER TO
RAMBLE ON LIKE
THAT?

★ DON JUAN

🌀 MIDKNIGHT X



...NNH... VERY
TROUBLING.

"I SENSE ANOTHER
SPIRIT WITHIN
HER... A VERY
STRONG PRESENCE
PUSHING HER TO
FIGHT HARDER."

"A SPIRIT?
LIKE A GHOST?"



YOU ARE MY TRUE
DAUGHTER! YOU WILL
NOT FAIL. YOU WILL
NOT YIELD! YOU WILL
SURRENDER TO
NOBODY!

"FOR THE STRONG
WILL PREVAIL AND
RULE THE WEAK!"



MORE LIKELY SOME
SORT OF MENTAL
IMBALANCE.
PERHAPS SOME
SORT OF BUILDING
SCHIZOPHRENIA.



"WE HAVE TO GET HER
OUT OF ATLAS PARK
BEFORE SHE
COMPLETELY SNAPS!"

I WILL NOT
YIELD... THE
STRONG WILL
PREVAIL... AND
RULE THE WEAK!



HER FATHER'S
GENE-ENCODED
MESSAGES...
THEY'RE DRIVING
HER INSANE!



THERE THEY ARE...

COEUR DU FEU

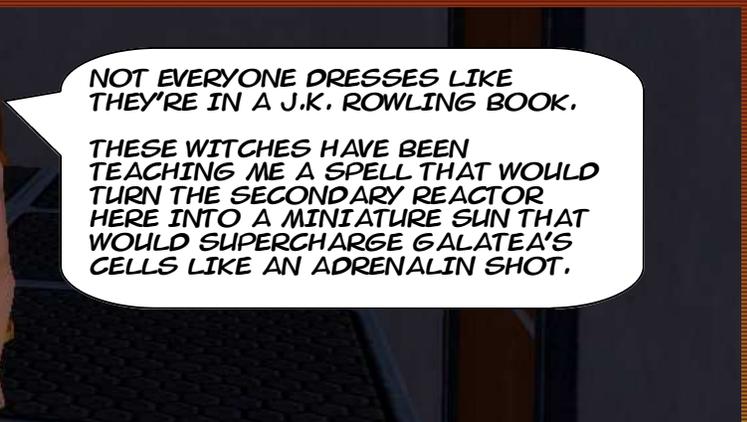


"ENGLAND'S OWN STONEHENGE WITCHES."



WOW... SO THEY'RE, LIKE, THE REAL WITCHES.

BUT WHY DON'T THEY HAVE THE POINTY HATS LIKE THE ONES IN GROATOAP?



NOT EVERYONE DRESSES LIKE THEY'RE IN A J.K. ROWLING BOOK.

THESE WITCHES HAVE BEEN TEACHING ME A SPELL THAT WOULD TURN THE SECONDARY REACTOR HERE INTO A MINIATURE SUN THAT WOULD SUPERCHARGE GALATEA'S CELLS LIKE AN ADRENALIN SHOT.



"THE SPELL GOES THROUGH DAYBRIGHT..."

DAYBRIGHT



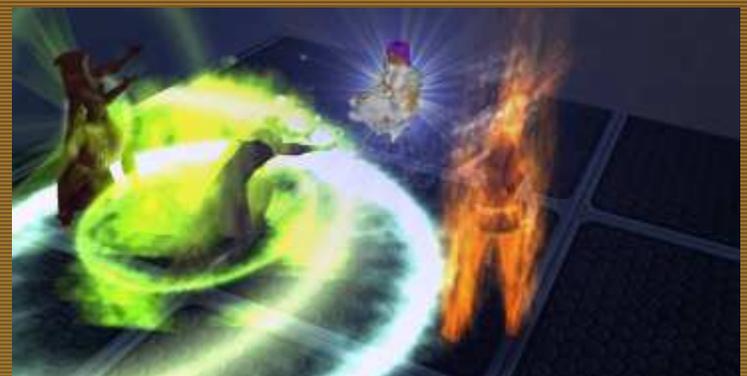
HER KHELDIAN HALF KNOWS THE MECHANICS OF HOW A STAR WORKS. OTHER WITCHES IN THE REACTOR ROOM THEN COMPLETE THE SPELL



WHAT I NEED FOR YOU TO DO IS TO CONCENTRATE YOUR FIRE ON ME. OKAY? I'LL NEED YOU TO ADD YOUR FIRE TO MY OWN TO MAKE THE SPELL STRONGER.



OKAY... YEAH, I THINK I CAN DO THAT.



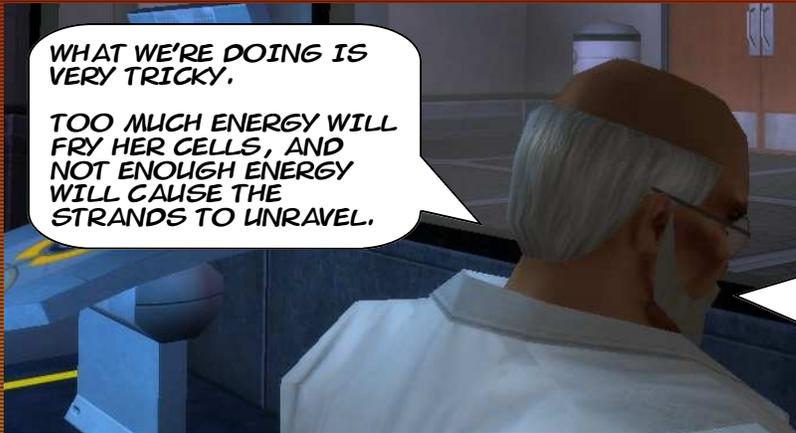


HMM... WELL THAT'S RATHER INTERESTING...



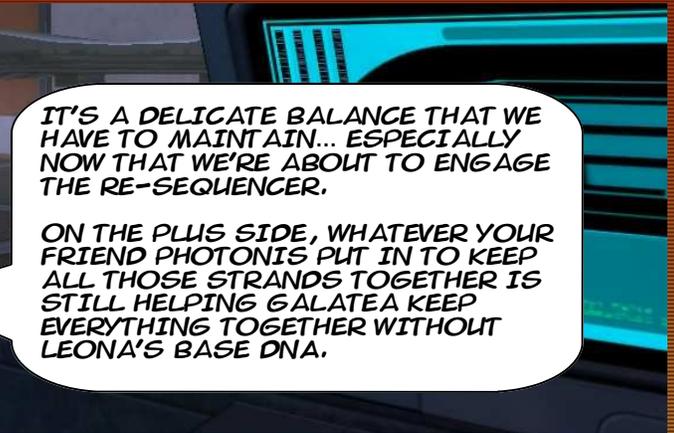
WHAT IS, DOCTOR?

AVAILABLE REACTOR ENERGY JUST WENT UP FOUR HUNDRED PERCENT.



WHAT WE'RE DOING IS VERY TRICKY.

TOO MUCH ENERGY WILL FRY HER CELLS, AND NOT ENOUGH ENERGY WILL CAUSE THE STRANDS TO UNRAVEL.



IT'S A DELICATE BALANCE THAT WE HAVE TO MAINTAIN... ESPECIALLY NOW THAT WE'RE ABOUT TO ENGAGE THE RE-SEQUENCER.

ON THE PLUS SIDE, WHATEVER YOUR FRIEND PHOTONIS PUT IN TO KEEP ALL THOSE STRANDS TOGETHER IS STILL HELPING GALATEA KEEP EVERYTHING TOGETHER WITHOUT LEONA'S BASE DNA.



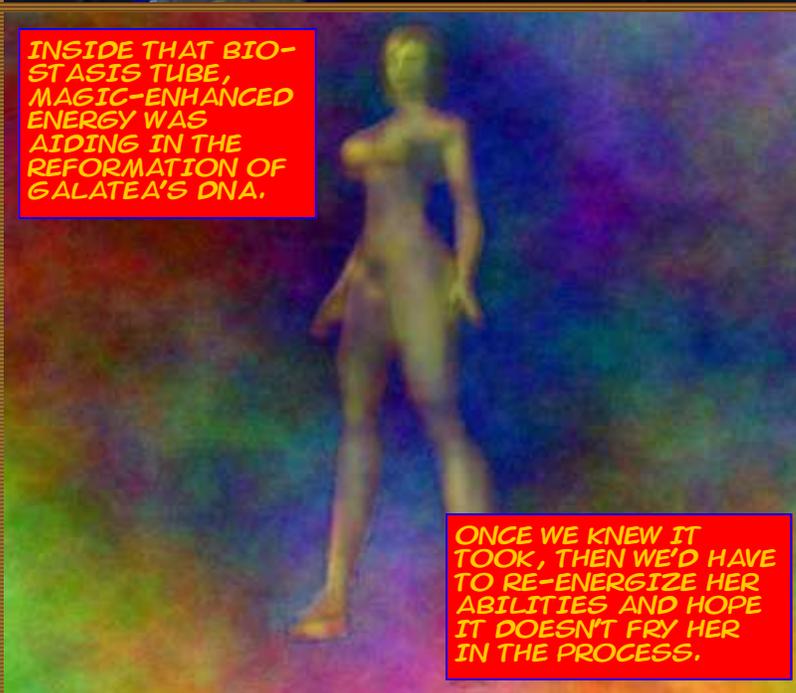
PHOTONIS' PEOPLE MASTERED GENETIC MANIPULATION EONS BEFORE HE CAME TO MY EARTH.

HE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING MY TECH-SUIT. I ONLY WISH I KNEW HOW IT WORKED BETTER SO IT WOULDN'T HAVE LINDONE EVERYTHING.



YOU AND ME BOTH, MISTER POWERS.

ENGAGING THE GENETIC RE-SEQUENCING PROCESS... NOW.



INSIDE THAT BIO-STASIS TUBE, MAGIC-ENHANCED ENERGY WAS AIDING IN THE REFORMATION OF GALATEA'S DNA.

ONCE WE KNEW IT TOOK, THEN WE'D HAVE TO RE-ENERGIZE HER ABILITIES AND HOPE IT DOESN'T FRY HER IN THE PROCESS.



OH, AND WE ALSO HAD TO GET LEONA OUT OF ATLAS PARK BEFORE SHE GOES COMPLETELY BONKERS.

MY FELLOW DAWNIES ARE GOOD, BUT EVEN WITH EXGEMINI HELPING THEM, SHE WAS STILL HOLDING HER OWN.

FORTUNATELY WE GOT SOME UNEXPECTED HELP.

POW!

POW!

NICE WORK, SLIPSTREAM.

BUT THAT... THAT WAS NOT ME, MONSIEUR.

SLIPSTREAM

POW! *POW! *POW! *POW!

BOOMTOWN

(FORMERLY BALMTON)

BOOM!

I... WILL... KILL... YOU...

NO, YOU WON'T.

THAT'S FOR THE "TRAINED DOG" REFERENCE.

I'M GOING TO GET SOME HEAT FOR THIS BUT IT'S WORTH IT.

AND I THINK I POPPED A FEW STITCHES...

WE MAY WORK TOGETHER TOMORROW, BUT TODAY, YOU'RE MY B#TCH.

DO YOURSELF A FAVOR AND JUST PLAY DEAD.

NOVAPRIMA



PING

FLASH-MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL TO NOVAPRIMA:

RETURN TO BASE IMMEDIATELY.



GLADLY.



WE EVENTUALLY FOUND OUT THAT IT WAS NOVAPRIMA THAT KICKED LEONA ALL THE WAY TO BOOMTOWN.

AND THAT'S NO SMALL FEAT CONSIDERING SHE ACTUALLY WENT OVER THE WAR WALLS!

IT WAS STRANGE, THOUGH, CONSIDERING WE KNEW SHE WAS WORKING FOR THE GROUP WE SUSPECT OF RUNNING SHADOWBORN.

STILL, SHE BOUGHT US SOME TIME, AND THAT WAS IMPORTANT.

AND WE WERE AT A VERY CRITICAL PHASE OF THE PROCESS...



OOHH!

NOW I REMEMBER WHY I HATE WORKING WITH THE DAWN PATROL!



SISTER PSYCHE



WHY'S THAT?

BECAUSE EVERY TIME I GET A TELEPATHIC UPDATE, DON JUAN WANTS TO INCLUDE SOME WEIRD FANTASY OF HIS!



RYDER LIGHTNING



IT'S LIKE HE'S BEGGING ME TO WIPE HIS MIND AND REPLACE IT WITH ONE OF AN EIGHT-YEAR OLD GIRL!

I MEAN, HE KNOWS THAT I'M MARRIED! THE WORLD SAW ME GET MARRIED!*

AND YET HE STILL THINKS THAT JUST BECAUSE WE'RE BOTH TELEPATHS THAT I'D BE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN A LITTLE PSYCHIC AFFAIR BEHIND MANTICORE'S BACK!

ACTUALLY I UNDERST AND QUITE WELL. MY WIFE... FROM MY EARTH... SHE HAD A HARD TIME DEALING WITH SOME OF MY HERO ACTIVITIES.

THERE WAS ONE VILLAINNESS... SHE'D SEND ME LINGERIE AND A POLAROID OF HER IN IT EVERY VALENTINE'S DAY. REALLY GOT UNDER KRIS' SKIN EVERY YEAR.

*** SEE *CITY OF HEROES WEDDING SPECIAL***



I DON'T HAVE TO DO ANY DEEP SCANNING TO KNOW THAT YOU STILL MISS HER.

I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LOSE SOMEONE LIKE THAT.

THAT'S WHY I FEEL I NEED TO KEEP MYSELF BUSY.

THAT'S WHY THIS WAITING AROUND IS KILLING ME!

I NEED TO BE OUT THERE, TAKING THE FIGHT TO LEONA, NOT HERE IN ENGLAND!



ACTUALLY, I NEED YOU HERE... AND SO DOES GALATEA.



GALATEA'S MIND IS A JUMBLED MESS OF DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES AND DIFFERENT HISTORIES.

I NEED SOMEONE THAT KNOWS HER THE MOST THAT I CAN SORT THROUGH THE DIFFERENT HISTORIES AND TO REBUILD HER CORE SELF.



THAT MAKES SENSE... I'VE ACTUALLY KNOWN HER A BIT LONGER THAN ICON.

WHAT DO YOU NEED ME TO DO?



WELL, I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME DOING A PROBE OF YOUR MEMORIES AND THEN LINKING THEM TO GALATEA.

AND WHILE I'M DOING THAT, TELL ME MORE ABOUT HER. WHAT WAS SHE LIKE GROWING UP ON YOUR EARTH?



I DON'T MIND YOU PROBING MY MIND. WHATEVER IT TAKES RIGHT NOW.

AS FOR GALATEA... WELL, FIRST, SHE WASN'T CALLED THAT THEN... SHE WAS JUST LEONA POWERS.

SHE WAS A SMART KID WITH RED PIGTAILS EAGER TO SHOW OFF HER ABILITIES.

SHE WAS ALWAYS CHALLENGING ME TO A RACE AND SHE GOT FRUSTRATED WHEN I'D BEAT HER.

WHEN SHE TURNED THIRTEEN, THAT'S WHEN IT STARTED TO CHANGE... I DON'T KNOW ALL OF IT, BUT THEN ICON AND PHOTONIS SAID THAT SHE WAS THE VICTIM OF HER FATHER'S BRAINWASHING, AND ASKED THAT WE STARTED CALLING HER KAREN...



THEY SAY THAT FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE ESSENTIAL...

WHAMMM!

YOU!!
NO... IT CAN'T BE YOU!!!

I THINK THIS ONE WAS SPOT-ON.

SECURITY CAMERAS NEAR THE BOOMTOWN WAR WALLS WERE ABLE TO CATCH THE CONFRONTATION.

BUT WE COULD ONLY IMAGINE THE CONFLICTING THOUGHTS GOING THROUGH LEONA'S MIND RIGHT THEN.

HELLO LEONA.
I MUST ADMIT IT'S A LITTLE DIFFICULT GETTING USED TO, BUT, NO, YOU'RE NOT SEEING THINGS.
IN MANY WAYS, I HAVE YOU TO THANK FOR THIS.
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I'VE NEVER FELT AS WHOLE AS I AM RIGHT AT THIS VERY MOMENT.

 GALATEA POWERS





IT'S A TRICK!
 YOU'RE OMEGA SHIFT!
 ONLY A SHAPESHIFTER
 COULD IMPERSONATE
 THE FRAUD THAT I GOT
 RID OF!



"GOT RID OF?" OH,
 YOU TRIED, LEONA...
 I JUST HAPPEN TO
 HAVE SOME REALLY
 GOOD FRIENDS THAT
 CARE ABOUT ME.



SHUT UP!
 THEY'RE MY
 FRIENDS! NOT
 YOURS! YOU
 DON'T EXIST!



I'LL SHOW EVERYONE
 THAT I'M THE TRUE
 DAUGHTER OF
 LIONEL POWERS!
 NO SHAPESHIFTER
 CAN IMPERSONATE
 MY ABILITIES!



WHAM!

NNF!



DIE!

BOOM!



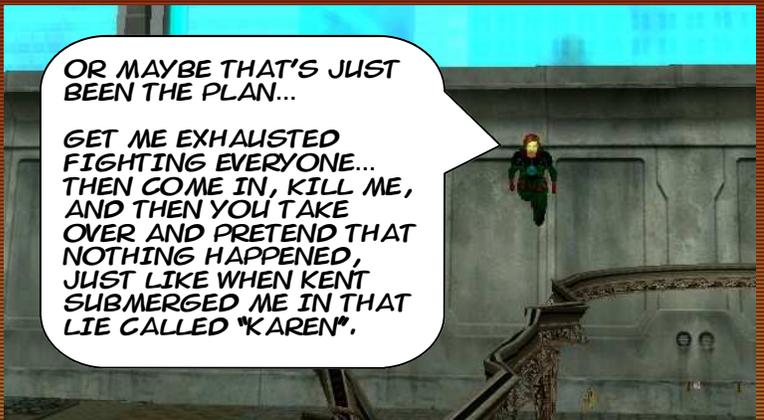
OOH!

***POW!
 *POW!
 *POW!
 *POW!***



YOU THINK A
 SHAPESHIFTER
 COULD HURT
 YOU LIKE THAT,
 SISTER?

YOU'RE NOT
 MY SISTER!





WHY AR' WE
ERE WHEN
THERE BE
FIGHT'N T'BE
DONE?

IT'S NOT
OUR FIGHT
RIGHT NOW,
ILSA... THIS
ONE IS
GALATEA'S.

 DREAD PIRATE ILSA



FINE... BUT IT
BE A GOOD
WASTE O'
DRINKIN'
TIME T'BE
STANDIN' ERE.



"THE ULTIMATE
IS ONE THAT
USES BRAIN
AND BRAIN."

"THE BRAIN IS
WEAK IN SPIRIT,
THE BRAIN IS WEAK
IN BODY, BUT
WORKING
TOGETHER THEY ARE
UNSTOPPABLE."



OH
GOD...

YOU'RE REPEATING
PASSAGES FROM
OUR FATHER'S
MANIFESTO.



"THE POWERFUL WILL ALWAYS
RULE OVER THE WEAK, THE WEAK
WILL ALWAYS DETEST US FOR
WHAT WE ARE, BECAUSE OF WHAT
WE ARE TO THEM."

HE IS NOT YOUR FATHER! HE
HATED YOU! HE HATED KENT FOR
SUB MERSING ME INSIDE THAT
PITIFUL SHELL YOU FLAUNT!

LISTEN TO YOURSELF!
YOU'RE EVEN QUOTING THOSE
PASSAGES IN HIS VOICE!

THIS IS WHY KENT NEEDED TO
HELP US! LIONEL DIDNT
WANT A DAUGHTER; HE
WANTED A PROXY! HE WANTED
SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE
JUST LIKE HIM LONG AFTER
HE'S GONE!



LIAR! LIAR!
LIIIIIAARRRRR!



KA-POW!



I AM THE TRUE DAUGHTER... I AM... SUPERIOR... THE... ULTIMATE... THE GREATEST OF... POWERS...



I'M SORRY LEONA...



BUT YOU'RE FULL OF YOURSELF!

KA-POW!



GASP *GASP* WHAT... THE HELL?

GET UP... GET UP... FIGHT ON... FIGHT ON...



WE'RE GOING *GASP* TO FIND A WAY TO HELP YOU, LEONA... JUST LIKE *GASP* THEY HELPED ME...

NEVER FIGHT A BATTLE YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO DIE IN. NEVER LOSE WITHOUT BEING READY TO DIE IN THE BATTLE.



WHAT TH...?

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TELEPORT ACTIVATING.



NO!

AND JUST LIKE THAT...



... IT WAS OVER.

OF COURSE, NOTHING IN WHAT WE DO IS REALLY "JUST LIKE THAT..."

WE HAD PAPERWORK TO FILE, REPORTS TO MAKE OUT... GIVE A FULL ACCOUNTING OF EVERYTHING THAT WENT ON.

THANKS TO THE VANGUARD, WE WERE ABLE TO GIVE PNN VIDEO-ONLY FOOTAGE OF THE BATTLE, WHICH REALLY HELPED SMOOTH THINGS OVER WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

We Heart Galatea Powers!

Dedicated to those of us who love Paragon City's True Guardian

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GALATEA IS BACK!!!



(For REAL this time!)

ARKTIC CHILL MADE SURE THE INTERNET FANS KNEW THAT THE GALATEA THAT THEY KNOW IS BACK, ALBEIT IN A NEW OUTFIT.

As PNN's Rona Cosell reported live today, our beloved Galatea Powers, the TRUE GUARDIAN of Paragon City, came back to us in a desperate need.

For the past three days, rumors were flying about concerning the whereabouts of our goddess. Some believed that she was really Leona, but color and general facial and body features. She's Rona's, one of our many loyal wardens of Galatea, had noticed an increased presence in a strange apartment fire in Steel Canyon.

After her debut on PNN, and the despicable vandalizing of our billboards, some in the WHGP community believed that Galatea was renaking herself in order to get away from all of the attention and praise that we give her. Some even turned in their "WHGP" buttons in protest.

ACTUALLY, RONA, WHILE I'M GLAD MY SISTER LEONA ALSO SURVIVED, I DO REGRET THAT WE COULD NOT DO MORE TO DEAL WITH HER MENTAL STATE.

AND PNN GAVE US A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN THINGS.

RONA COSELL INTERVIEWS GALATEA POWERS



STEEL CANYON - SILVER LAKE DISTRICT

BUT THERE WERE SOME THINGS THAT WE JUST COULDN'T SMOOTH OVER SO EASILY.

GALATEA'S IDENTITY AS "KARA HAMILTON" WAS THE BIGGEST CASUALTY OF THE LOT.

THE "OFFICIAL STORY" IS THAT "KARA HAMILTON" WAS AN INNOCENT WOMAN WHO'S IDENTITY WAS STOLEN BY LEONA AND THEN MURDERED WHEN SHE WAS OF NO FURTHER USE TO LEONA.

IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO EXPLAIN "KARA'S" STRANGE OUTBURST, HER SUDDEN TRANSFORMATION INTO THE TECH-SUIT LATER LINKED TO LEONA, AND, OF COURSE THE FIRE AND HER REPORTED DEATH.

BUT IT ALSO MEANT THAT GALATEA COULD NEVER BE "KARA HAMILTON" EVER AGAIN.

GALATEA WAS GIVEN A "NEW LEASE ON LIFE" ALL RIGHT... BUT IT COST HER THE ONE SHE REALLY LIKED.

ALL THE PEOPLE SHE KNEW, ALL THE FRIENDS SHE MADE THERE... WITH THE EXCEPTION OF STREET JUSTICE OF COURSE... THEY ALL HAD TO BE FORGOTTEN.

YOU'RE TAKING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR WHAT?



WELL FOR STARTERS, BECAUSE I PROMISED EX I'D SPEND SOME TIME AT HIS ISLAND...

BUT ALSO BECAUSE... WELL... BECAUSE I NEED SOME TIME AWAY FROM DOING THIS.



MIDNIGHT ARACHNIA

WE'RE A LITTLE SHORT-HANDED RIGHT NOW BETWEEN MIDNIGHT X AND DAYBRIGHT DOING VARIOUS INVESTIGATIONS.

I'LL NEED A LITTLE MORE OF AN EXPLANATION.



IT'S LIKE THIS... EVER SINCE THE WHOLE "AGENT BURKE" FIASCO*, I'VE BEEN POURING MYSELF NONSTOP INTO THIS ROLE AS A HERO.

NO BREAKS, NO REST, NO TIME FOR ME TO BE ME. I'M MIDNIGHT ARACHNIA EVERY DAY.

*"LIMELIGHT" ISSUE 7-8)



A FEW DAYS AGO I TALKED WITH ARKTIC CHILL... I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT HE WAS SPENDING HIS OFF-TIME DOING SECRET CYBER-PROMOTIONS FOR GALATEA.*

THAT MADE ME REALIZE THAT HE STILL HAD MORE OF A LIFE THAN I HAVE.

*ISSUE #22)

YOU'RE A FORMER KING. THIS IS WHO YOU ARE EVERY DAY. YOU DON'T HAVE A PRIVATE LIFE OR A MASK TO WEAR.

I SPEND MORE TIME IN MY BODYSUIT AND MASK THAN IN NORMAL CLOTHES. I NEED TO BE "JESSICA" FOR MORE THAN JUST EIGHT HOURS A DAY WHEN I SLEEP.

DOES THAT CLEAR THINGS UP A BIT?



NN... I SUPPOSE. ENJOY YOUR TIME... AND DON'T COME BACK WITH A SUNBURN.

OH NO... I PROMISE I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF COCOA BUTTER... AND LITTLE ELSE.

OKAY, I'M NOW JEALOUS OF HER...



OI... THOUGHT YE'D BE BACK WITH THE OTH'RS, HAV'N A PINT OR TWO BACK IN TH' STATES...



NOT MY GAME...
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SIMON BARRISTER?



TRICKY BAST'RD, THAT ONE IS... HE'S WITH TH' BILDERBURG ALLIANCE. HE FINDS WAYS TO RUIN LIVES.
WHY? WOT HE DO THIS TIME?

HE GOT HIS HANDS ON GUARDIAN SECRETS AND ALMOST SOLD THEM ON THE BLACK MARKET.
I NEED TO STOP HIM BEFORE HE TRIES AGAIN.



HEH... DON' BLAME YE THERE...
THERE'S ONLY ONE GUY 'ERE IN THE PATROL THAT KNOWS WOT NEEDS TO BE KNOWN 'BOUT THE BILDERBURGS AN' WITH BARRISTER 'IMSELF.

GOES BY TH' NAME SHODDEN FREUD... HE'S BEEN HIDIN' AWAY IN THE SEWERS IN PRAGUE FER TH' PAST YEAR.
GOOD LUCK FINDING 'IM, THOUGH. HE'S MORE OF AN URBAN MYTH THAN YOU...



GIVE ME EVERYTHING THE PATROL HAS ON SHODDEN FREUD, AND THEN IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I HAVE TO GO THROUGH EVERY TUNNEL AND GRAVE IN PRAGUE... I'LL FIND HIM...
AND THEN I'LL HUNT DOWN BARRISTER AND THE BILDERBURG ALLIANCE.

I ONLY WISH I KNEW WHAT WAS REALLY GOING TO HAPPEN OVER THERE... MIDKNIGHT X, PRAGUE'S UNDERWORLD, AND SHODDEN FREUD! MAKES ME WISH I DIDN'T COME BACK TO PARAGON CITY.

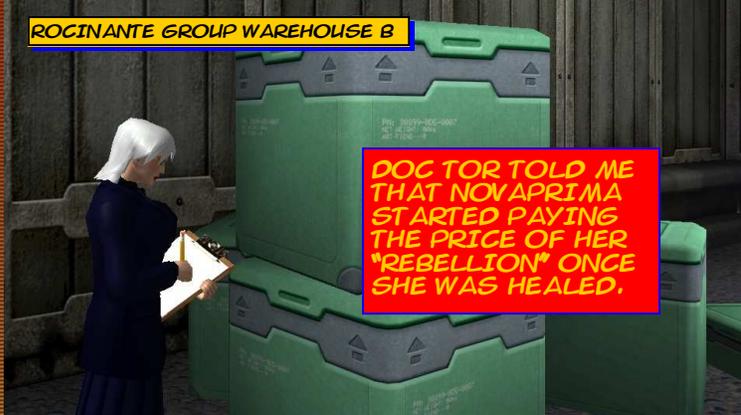


THEY SAY THAT TIME HEALS ALL WOUNDS.



BUT IT WILL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE GALATEA COULD TRUST ICON EVER AGAIN.

I GUESS I DON'T BLAME HER EITHER.

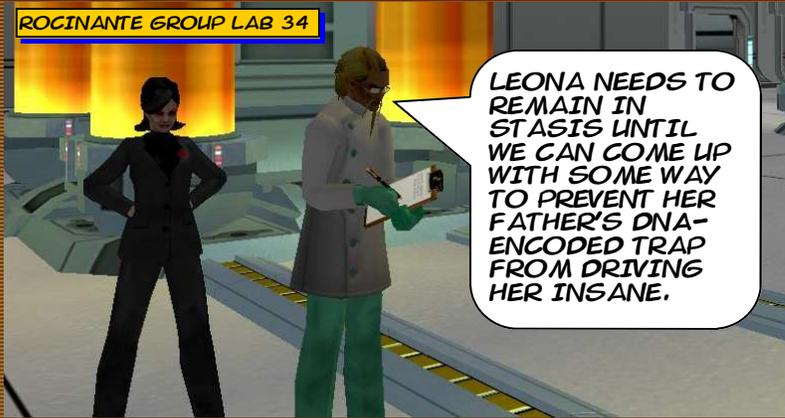


ROCINANTE GROUP WAREHOUSE B

DOC TOR TOLD ME THAT NOVAPRIMA STARTED PAYING THE PRICE OF HER "REBELLION" ONCE SHE WAS HEALED.



INVENTORY HELL... BUT SHE STILL TOLD TOR IT WAS WORTH DOING IT.



ROCINANTE GROUP LAB 34

LEONA NEEDS TO REMAIN IN STASIS UNTIL WE CAN COME UP WITH SOME WAY TO PREVENT HER FATHER'S DNA-ENCODED TRAP FROM DRIVING HER INSANE.



YES... OF COURSE...

SUCCEEDING WHERE ICON POWERS AND ALIEN TECHNOLOGY COULDN'T...



HMPH... DON'T BE SO NEGATIVE, MS. MAPLE...

THANKS TO THE INFORMATION WE'VE GATHERED FROM HER ORIGINAL TECH-SUIT, WE'VE MANAGED TO MAKE PHENOMENAL LEAPS WITH OUR RESEARCH AND OUR TECHNOLOGY.

IT HAD BETTER BE WORTH IT.

ON THE PLUS SIDE, IF THE ORIGINAL FAILS, YOU STILL HAVE THE MEANS TO USE ALL THAT DATA IN YOUR NEW "ANTI-GUARDIAN" PROGRAM.

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, THE GUARDIANS WILL EITHER BE CONTAINED OR THEY WILL FALL.



HEY... YOU READY?



JUST 'BOLT.

FINISHIN' UP MY DIARY ENTRY, THEN I'LL GET CHANGED.

NICE OUTFIT.



THANKS. VANGUARD IS STILL WORKING ON MY NEW CIVILIAN IDENTITY, BUT I FIGURE WE COULD CHECK OUT SOME NEW APARTMENTS WHILE WE'RE AT LUNCH.

WHO'S REPLACING YOU FOR WATCH DETAIL?



COEUR DU FEU SAID SHE'D BE COVERING FOR STREET JUSTICE.

SOMETHING ABOUT A MESS OVER AT THE TAILOR SHOPS.



YEAH... AND I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT, EVEN THOUGH THAT WAS SUPPOSEDLY LEONA'S FAULT.

I MEAN, HOW I BLEW UP IN FRONT OF LAUREN, BRINGING UP THE WHOLE THING WITH RITA MAYFAIR, CALLING LAUREN A HAS-BEEN AND A PLAGIARIST...



IT'S ALL TRUE... BUT IT STILL DIDN'T MAKE IT RIGHT FOR ME TO BRING IT ALL OUT LIKE THAT.

AND I CAN'T EVEN TRY TO FIX THAT! I THINK THAT'S WHAT REALLY BUGGERS ME...

WAIT... DID I JUST SAY "BUGGERS"?

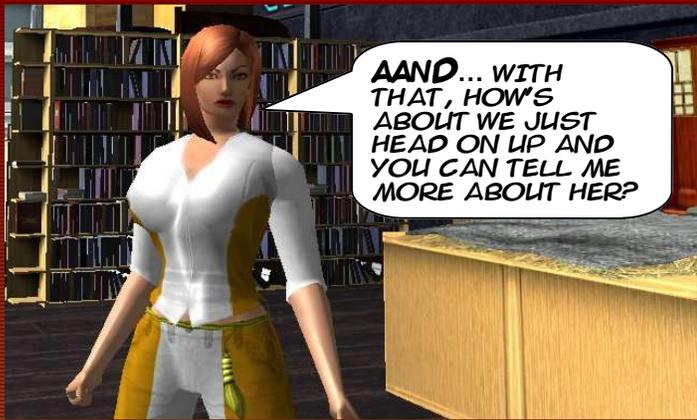


'ELL YEAH! JUS' LIKE FAITH USED TO SAY IT, TOO.

WISH I KNEW MORE ABOUT HER. WHAT WAS SHE LIKE?

WOL, YOU SAW TH' SNAPS OF HER WHEN YOU AN' KENT WERE OVR TWO CHRISTMASSES AGO. YOU LOOK A LITTLE LIKE HER, BUT SHE HAD SHORT PURPLE HAIR LIKE DAYBRIGHT.

SHE LIKED OLDER THINGS, THOUGH... ROOTED FOR CARDIFF CITY FC, LOVED RADIOHEAD AND THE PRODIGY... EV'RY MORNING, SHE'D WORK OUT TO "SMACK MY..."



AAND... WITH THAT, HOW'S ABOUT WE JUST HEAD ON UP AND YOU CAN TELL ME MORE ABOUT HER?



ABSOLUTELY... I EVEN HEARD THERE'S A PUB-STYLE PLACE UP ON SPANKY'S BOARDWALK...



PLUS, I'M FINALLY TWENTY-ONE SO... ***PING***

VANGUARD ALERT! RIKTI MOTHER SHIP APPROACHING STEEL CANYON!



SIGH NOT THOSE SHANKS...

SORRY KATIE, DUTY CALLS. JUST GIVE ME A SECOND...

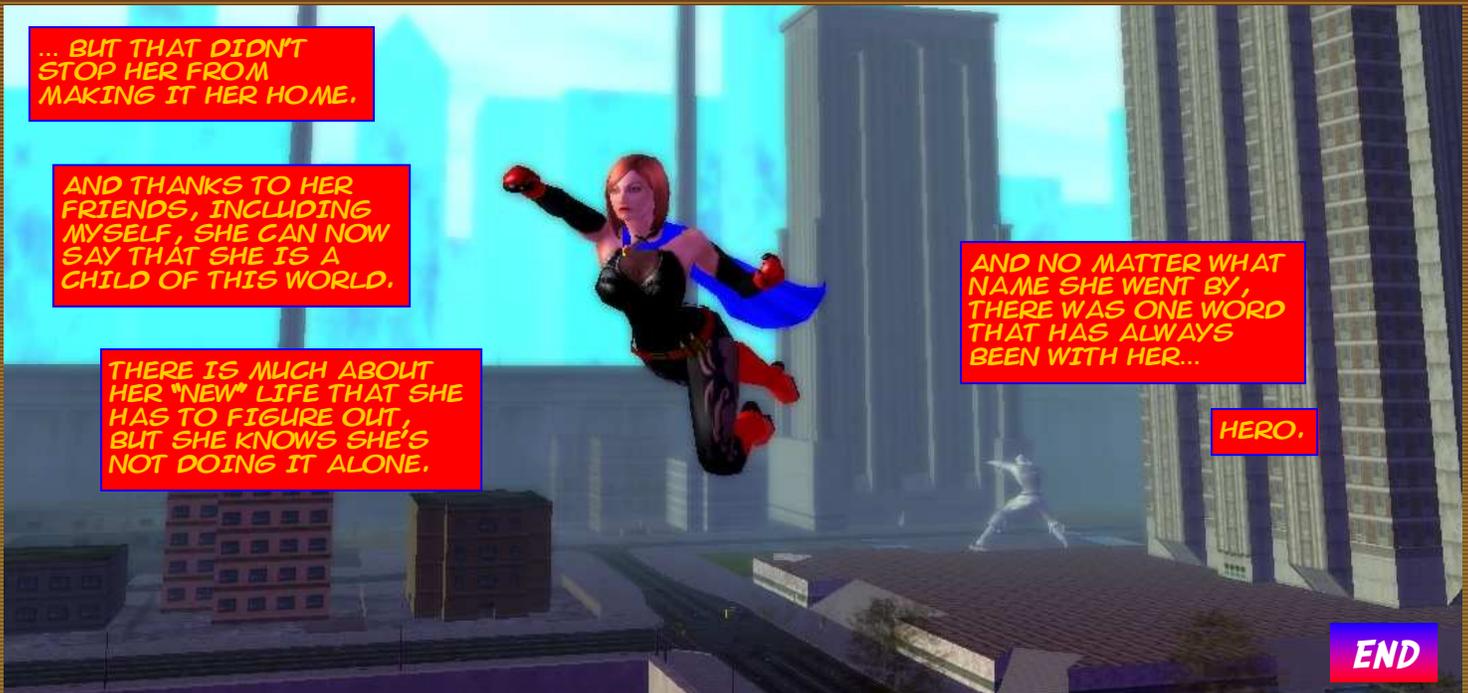


NOW I'M READY.



I'LL SAY YOU ARE! LET'S SHOW THEM YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE POWERS!

SHE WASN'T BORN ON OUR EARTH...



... BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP HER FROM MAKING IT HER HOME.

AND THANKS TO HER FRIENDS, INCLUDING MYSELF, SHE CAN NOW SAY THAT SHE IS A CHILD OF THIS WORLD.

THERE IS MUCH ABOUT HER "NEW" LIFE THAT SHE HAS TO FIGURE OUT, BUT SHE KNOWS SHE'S NOT DOING IT ALONE.

AND NO MATTER WHAT NAME SHE WENT BY, THERE WAS ONE WORD THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN WITH HER...

HERO.

END



Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

THE EVOLUTION OF GALATEA'S TRANSFORMATION

With the conclusion of “Galatea Dawning”, I thought I’d share with you the rather convoluted ways we had to go from the Galatea Powers introduced in Issue #1 to her “new” self in Issue #25.

The need to change Galatea’s looks started after Issue #17. “The Editors” (*who shall remain nameless*) informed me that my “based-on” characters were just TOO close to their sources and I needed to make some immediate changes or else suffer serious consequences. This was the reason for the “**Time and Changes**” storyline, where several of my “based-on” characters were changed. Some changes were slight, and others were far-from-slight.

The one character that was the hardest to change, though, was Galatea Powers. Everything about her, from her costume to her hair color to her secret identity, were seemingly “wrong”. Bringing the subject up with members of the City of Comic Creators, the general consensus from them was that I had to either get rid of those characters completely, or else do a complete rewrite of everything they are and how they appear - which would essentially kill off those characters.

Eventually a workaround was made with Ryder Lightning and MidKnight X. But Galatea remained a sticking point, which was why I couldn’t bring her in with “Time and Changes” as she was, so I settled with her “Galatea Future” version.

The first suggestions were outfits that made their appearances in the “Time and Changes” series.



From left-to-right: Jacket-and-Skirt (the original XHT-S7 outfit), White Bodysuit (“Last Guardian”), White-and-Black Stealth (“Combat Outfit”), and Metallic (“Galatea Future” - Aegis Armor)

The first two were rejected because the changes weren’t “drastic enough”. I also wasn’t comfortable with either a metallic or bulky outfit. I didn’t want people to think that she was getting her powers from the suit, even though that idea was being pushed by some of the people I talked with.

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Nathan Furian, aka ExGemini (whom you saw in this issue and the previous one), came up with a few suggestions.



On the far left, the metallic hero is one of Nathan's characters, and you may have also seen her in Issue #12 as one of the "potential" applicants. It didn't seem right to have her be used, although as you could tell it did become the basis for the "Aegis Armor" outfit.

The middle figure, dubbed "Tachyon Lady", employed some good elements, including the bridal top, but without a cape, and with black hair instead of blonde. I knew I was going to move the character away from the blonde hair, but going from blonde to black was not the kind of change I wanted to bring in.

The figure on the right employed more of a platinum hair color, and with a cape and cowboy boots. I liked the top, but the bottom didn't quite work for her. Plus the colors were too dull. I really wanted to keep with the patriotic colors (red, blue, white, gold), although it was becoming more and more apparent I had to get rid of either some or all of those colors.

Up next was Sin Stalker, who really put up with some of my ideas and my venting over these changes...



Sin's idea borrowed from the "original" outfit from Icon Powers in Issue #19, keeping Icon's chest insignia and merging it with a full-mantle cape and then trading in cleavage and bare legs with a bare midriff and pants. He also wanted to avoid the patriotic colors entirely.

Unfortunately there's another hero in City of Heroes named Ultimo Girl who has a similar design. So, as much as this idea had promise, I didn't want to have her borrowing from yet another hero. Plus I still wanted to keep the patriotic colors, and I wasn't too keen on her using Icon's shield, especially since she was already using it in the "covert tech" bodysuit, which I was planning on getting rid of as part of the story.

Bear in mind that I WAS planning on changing her hair color as well, so it wasn't just a costume change.



The biker look, obviously, appeared in Issue #22. The middle two were patterned after the Galatea Future outfit. The far left one was just something I was toying with to try to get the hair color right.

Unfortunately the more times I changed the character around, the more times I heard the same line... it wasn't "good enough" of a change.

Around this time I was trying out "Going Rogue", so I created a temporary character called "Furia". I liked the design, but I realized that this would be too extreme for Galatea to me to justify. However, this did become the basis for another character that you'll be seeing in a future issue that sort of played a role in this story.

TaskForce UK, who owns and controls the COH Comics website and is one of the key members of the City of Comic Creators, was toying with a certain "mainstream publication's" MMO system and came up with a few ideas using their character creator.



While the designs looked great, the kind of detailing that the other MMO provided is not something that City of Heroes can offer.

As time progressed, and as the "Time and Changes" storyline moved on, I realized that I couldn't include Galatea's transformations as part of that story. This is when the idea of "Galatea Dawning" was first developed. I was going to bring Galatea back from Ouroboros, wrap up the whole "Galatea Future" bit, and then go from the end of "Time and Changes" RIGHT into "Galatea Dawning" and the transformation of Galatea Powers into Leona Powers so I could then bring Galatea back as a new woman.

So I needed to first change Galatea JUST ENOUGH to pass muster with "The Editors", knowing as well that this would also be temporary and she'd have her "finished" look soon.

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Her golden hair, seen briefly in Issue #22, along with the pants, was enough to get her “back” from Ouroboros. From there, a quick hair color to orange set up the stage for “Galatea Dawning”.

Getting rid of the white as the primary color for her outfit and switching from bare legs to pants (or tights) cleared a huge hurdle with the feedback. Then the question was raised why she needed “padded” gloves and boots. And, ironically, the idea was then suggested that, once that change was made, maybe she could keep her blonde hair. (Sorry, no.)

Once the general idea for the outfit was set, it was just a matter of tweaking it to get the right look.



So now we have Galatea Powers, reborn and remade in the City of Heroes. No longer an exile, no longer an orphaned daughter from another universe. Now she can honestly be the TRUE GUARDIAN of Paragon City.

<http://GuardiansOfTheDawn.wordpress.com>

NEXT ISSUE...



With the problems of Galatea Powers finally resolved, it's time to focus on some other issues that have been on the back burner.

For instance... remember when Captain Paragonna discovered she had a predecessor?

What happened to the First Captain?





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