

THE GUARDIAN POWERS



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THE WORLD IS DEAD!
AND IT IS ALL
YOUR FAULT!



**CITY
HEROES**
FREEDOM



ONCE THEY REPRESENTED THE NEXT GENERATION OF SUPERHERO TEAMS... THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN! THEY BATTLED CRIME LORDS, CORRUPT GOVERNMENT AGENTS, AND EVEN GODS AND DEMIGODS. THEY MADE A DIFFERENCE WHEN MANY BELIEVED THEY WOULD NOT.

BUT WHILE THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN ARE NO MORE, SEVERAL OF THE HEROES REFUSE TO GIVE UP THE FIGHT TO MAKE THAT BRIGHTER FUTURE POSSIBLE. CONTINUING TO OPERATE COVERTLY AS A "GHOST GROUP", THEY ARE KNOWN COLLECTIVELY AS...

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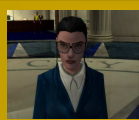


GALATEA POWERS - PARAGON CITY'S "TRUE GUARDIAN"

BORN FROM ANOTHER WORLD, GALATEA CAME TO THIS WORLD WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHO SHE WAS. GIVEN A NEW LIFE AND A NEW NAME, SHE'S NOW ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR HEROES IN PARAGON CITY.

ALEX WENTWORTH - PARAGON CITY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FORMERLY THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER, THIS ONE-TIME "CELEBRITANT" BECAME THE WORST NIGHTMARE FOR CROOKED COPS AND ABUSIVE PROSECUTORS. NOW HE WORKS FROM WITHIN THE SYSTEM TO BRING IT IN LINE.



BRIGID MOREIRA - CITY REPRESENTATIVE

AS PARAGON CITY'S COORDINATOR FOR THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU FOR SUPER-POWERED AFFAIRS, BRIGID IS THE ONE PERSON EVERY HERO NEEDS TO HAVE ON THEIR SIDE.

MISTRESS LIBRA - ALL-AROUND TROUBLEMAKER

SHE CLAIMS TO BE THE MOTHER, SISTER, DAUGHTER, WIFE, AND LOVER OF THE COSMIC ENTITY KNOWN AS LIBRA. IN TRUTH, SHE'S JUST A VERY SKILLED TROUBLEMAKER, WHICH IS WHY TAINTED EVE KEEPS HER IN THE LIBRA ORDER.



"GALATEA'S BAD DAY"

- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

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LOOK AT IT!

YOUR PRECIOUS
PARAGON CITY!

THE CITY THAT
CALLED YOU ITS
"TRUE CHAMPION!"

ITS TOWERS
HAVE TOPPLED!

ITS STATUES
HAVE FALLEN!

MILLIONS OF
LIVES SNUFFED
OUT IN A BLAZE
OF FIRE!

AND IT IS ALL
YOUR FAULT!

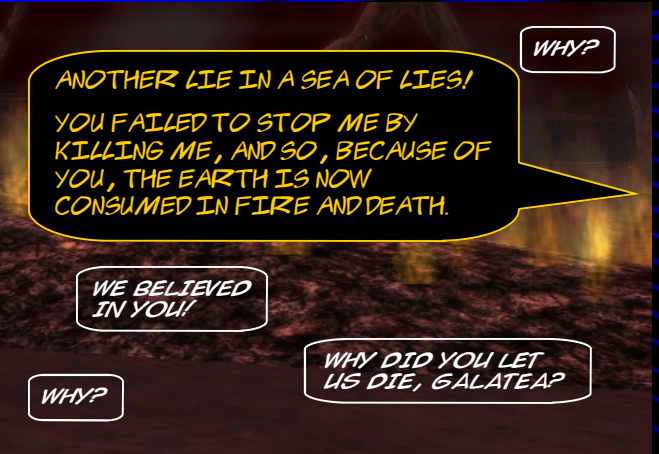
NEVER AGAIN WILL
GRASS GROW HERE.
NEVER AGAIN WILL A
CHILD DREAM OF
TOMORROW.

YOU'VE TAKEN IT ALL
AWAY FROM THEM.
YOU'VE DEPRIVED THEM
OF THEIR FUTURE!

THE HUMAN RACE IS DEAD.
GALATEA POWERS...
YOU PROMISED TO
PROTECT THEM, AS YOU DID
YOUR OWN BIRTH-WORLD.
AND JUST LIKE BEFORE YOU
LET THEM ALL DOWN!

NO... I DIDN'T
DO THIS!

 **GALATEA POWERS**
OTHERWORLD HERO



PARAGON CITY, RHODE ISLAND

TALOS ISLAND

NO!

HELIOS
TOWERS

"HUFF"

"HUFF"

"HUFF"

FAITH... IS
THAT YOU
'GAIN?

YEAH, SORRY
KATIE...

JUST A... BAD
DREAM.

✱

YEH, WOL...
NEXT TIME
KICK IT T' NEXT
WEEK F' ME!

SOME OF US
'AVE SCHOOL
IN TH' MORN'N!

BZZZZZZ

THANK YOU
HERO-FRIENDLY
ARCHITECTS!

THIS IS SO MUCH
OF AN IMPROVEMENT
FROM MY FORMER
APARTMENT IN
STEEL CANYON.

NOW I DON'T HAVE
TO WORRY ABOUT
FANS CHECKING
WINDOWS TO SEE
WHERE I LIVE!



IT'S ALMOST FIVE
IN THE MORNING.
SUN WON'T BE UP
FOR A BIT.



WHY CAN'T I GET
A GOOD NIGHT'S
SLEEP LIKE
EVERYONE ELSE?

GOLDEN HAWKFIRE...

WHY AM I HAVING A
NIGHTMARE ABOUT
HIM ANYWAY?

WHY COULDN'T I HAVE
THE "HUNKY MEN IN
SPEEDOS DREAM"
LIKE STEVIE SAYS SHE
HAS ALL THE TIME?

WELL, MAYBE SOME
EARLY-MORNING
GANG-BUSTING
WILL DO THE--

PING!

PRIORITY
MESSAGE.

THIS IS GALATEA
POWERS, RESPONDING
TO PAGE.

GALATEA, THIS IS LONGBOW
LIEUTENANT TRASK OF
FREEDOM CORPS.

A WOMAN CALLING HERSELF
AEGEA HAS TAKEN OVER CITY
HALL AND HAS SEALED IT
WITH A MYSTICAL BARRIER,
HOLDING THE NIGHT SHIFT
STAFF HOSTAGE.

OH GREAT!
LIKE I NEED
THAT TO START
OFF MY DAY!

I KNOW HER.
WHAT DOES
SHE WANT?

SHE SAYS THE BARRIER WILL
ONLY ALLOW ONE PERSON TO
PASS THROUGH... AND THAT'S
YOU.

M.A.G.I.* MYSTICS HERE ON-
SITE HAVE CONFIRMED THIS.

WE KNOW IT'S A TRAP, BUT...
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT
CAN STOP HER.

(* MYSTICAL ARCANE GUILD
OF INVESTIGATION)

AEGEA... THAT'S A NAME THAT I HAVEN'T HEARD IN A WHILE!*

THE LAST TIME I FACED HER SHE WAS USING MAGIC TO DESTROY EVERYTHING THAT PROMETHEUS GAVE MANKIND.

(* BLINK AND YOU MISSED IT BACK IN *GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT* #16)

SHE WAS PRETTY POWERFUL TOO. I DON'T KNOW IF SHE REALLY WAS A "TITAN", BUT I DO REMEMBER HER BEING A PAIN TO DEFEAT BECAUSE OF HER MYSTICAL POWER LEVELS.

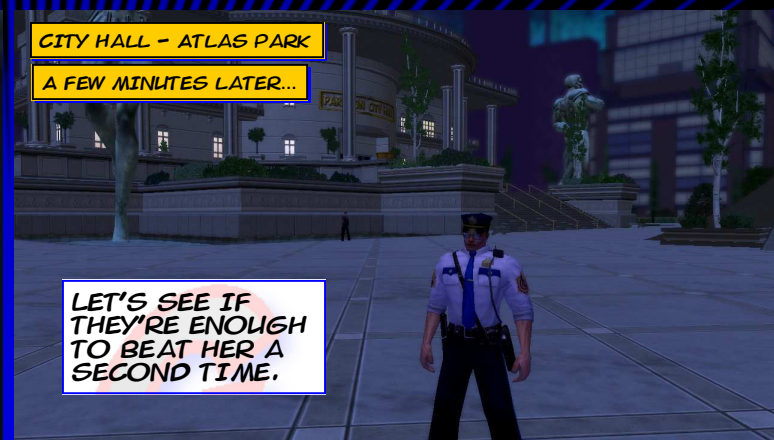


THEN AGAIN... I DID LEARN A FEW NEW THINGS ABOUT DEALING WITH MAGIC SINCE WE LAST FOUGHT.

CITY HALL - ATLAS PARK

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

LET'S SEE IF THEY'RE ENOUGH TO BEAT HER A SECOND TIME.



SECRET ROTUNDA ENTRANCE... CHECK.

VANGUARD ARMOR WITH MAGIC PROTECTION... CHECK.

HELLO BOYS.



SSSSSS...

SSSSSSSS...

SNAKES... NOW THAT IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT!





THEN AGAIN, THE
SNAKES ALWAYS
HAD MYSTICAL
ORIGINS.



THE PERFECT SERVANTS FOR
SOMEONE LIKE AEGEA.



OKAY
BOYS...



WHO'S
NEXT?



SSSSSS...

MINIONS! LET HER PASS!

YESSSS
MISSSTRESSS.

SSSSSS...

WELL, THAT MAKES
THIS JUST A LITTLE
BIT EASIER!

THEY DON'T EVEN WATCH ME AS I WALK PAST THEM.

SSSSSS...

SSSSSS...

DID SHE ENCHANT THEM WITH A SPELL? IF SO, THIS MAY BE A PROBLEM FOR ME IF I DEFEAT HER.

IF I BREAK HER SPELL, I COULD END UP HAVING TO FIGHT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE SNAKES JUST SO THEY WOULDN'T KILL THE HOST AGES.

HELLO AEGEA.
I'M HERE; NOW LET THESE PEOPLE LEAVE.

GALATEA POWERS... I MADE NO SUCH CONDITION FOR THEIR LIVES.

MY DEMAND WAS SIMPLY FOR YOU TO FACE ME SO YOU CAN PAY THE PRICE FOR IMPRISONING ME!

 **AEGEA**
"THE LAST TITAN"

THESE MORTALS AND THEIR FIXATION ON THE GIFTS OF PROMETHEUS...

THEY CALL IT "KNOWLEDGE" AND THEY DESECRATE MANY TREES TO FLAUNT THEIR ILL-GOTTEN GAINS.

THIS STRUCTURE, THESE "BOOKS", THE STATUES OF MAN'S SUPPOSED "GREATNESS"... THEY TURNED THEIR BACKS ON THE GODS OF OLD AND MADE A RELIGION OF THESE STOLEN GIFTS.

TO BREAK MANKIND OF ITS FALSE RELIGIONS, I MUST START BY DESTROYING ITS FALSE IDOLS.



YOU KNOW I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO DO THAT.

AND YOU! YOU WHO DARES TO FACE ME WEARING THE VERY EVIL THAT I ABHOR!

AT LEAST WHEN WE FIRST FACED EACH OTHER, IT WAS AS NOBLE BEINGS LIKE US WERE MEANT TO DO BATTLE!

BUT NOW, YOU DESECRATE EVEN THE RESPECT I ONCE GAVE!



I SEEM TO RECALL THAT YOU HAD A LESSER OPINION OF THIS "FOOLISH MORTAL" BACK THEN.



THEN I SHALL RECTIFY THAT!

CRACKLE



UMPH!

BZZZZZT!!



SNAKES! TEAR THIS INSOLENT BEING APART AND BRING ME HER SKIN!



SSSSSS...

BZZT-BZZT!







NO... SHE PROMISED...
SHE PROMISED I WOULD...
HAVE... REVENNNN...



"SHE"?

THAT COULD
COVER A LOT
OF PEOPLE.

I WONDER
WHICH OF MY
ENEMIES
HELPED HER.



WELL, I STILL
HAVE TO CHECK
ON THE OTHERS,
AND A BARRIER
TO TAKE DOWN.

I COULD USE
A SMOOTHIE
RIGHT NOW...

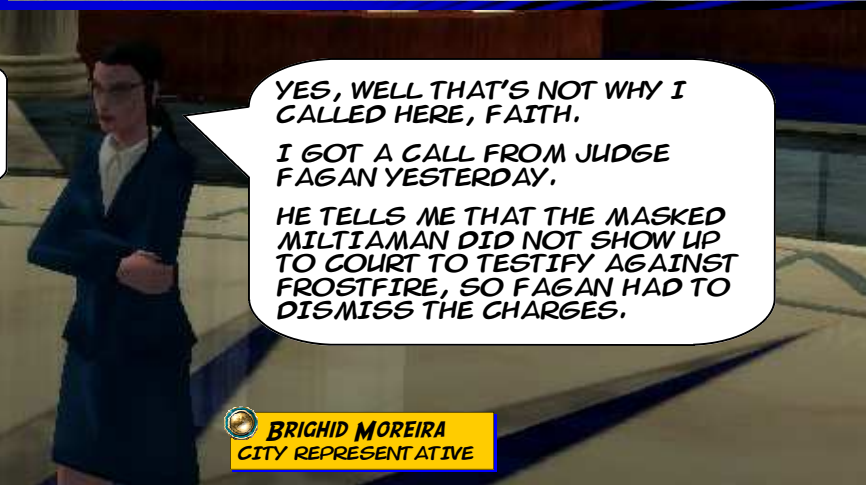


A FEW HOURS (AND A SMOOTHIE) LATER...



I'M JUST GLAD
THAT YOU WEREN'T
HERE WHEN ALL
THAT HAPPENED.

FAITH KARL
AKA GALATEA POWERS



YES, WELL THAT'S NOT WHY I
CALLED HERE, FAITH.

I GOT A CALL FROM JUDGE
FAGAN YESTERDAY.

HE TELLS ME THAT THE MASKED
MILTAMAN DID NOT SHOW UP
TO COURT TO TESTIFY AGAINST
FROSTFIRE, SO FAGAN HAD TO
DISMISS THE CHARGES.


BRIGID MOREIRA
CITY REPRESENTATIVE



WHAT?/? THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!
I CHECKED TO
MAKE SURE THAT
HE WAS IN THE
JUDICIAL CENTER!



WELL APPARENTLY
YOU DIDN'T
CHECK TO SEE IF
HE ACTUALLY
MADE IT INTO
THE COURTROOM!
AND NOW I HAVE
JUDGE FAGAN
MAD AT CITY
HALL AND AT US!



I SEEM TO RECALL THAT YOU AND I HAD THIS CONVERSATION ALMOST A YEAR AGO ABOUT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES HERE TAKING PRIORITY OVER YOUR "OTHER ACTIVITIES".

I TOLD YOU THEN THAT I DID NOT WANT TO HEAR ABOUT ONE HERO MISSING A COURT DATE, AND SINCE THEN, THERE HAVE BEEN THREE!

MAYBE IT'S MY MISTAKE.

MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE HAD THIS CONVERSATION WHEN THE FIRST ONE HAPPENED.

BUT YOU HAD **TWO** BACK-TO-BACK MISSES THIS WEEK AND THAT'S TWO TOO MANY EVEN FOR ME.


(C "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN AFTERMATH")



WAIT... **TWO?** THIS IS THE FIRST I HEARD OF THIS!

I MEAN I'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF MILITIAMAN'S ABSENCE, BUT WHO WAS THE OTHER ONE?

DON'T BOTHER; YOU HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT.



MS. MOREIRA, I TAKE MY JOB SERIOUSLY, AND TO HAVE YOU TELL ME OUT OF THE BLUE THAT I'M NOT DOING MY JOB IS SOMETHING I TAKE VERY PERSONALLY.

I WILL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THESE NO-SHOWS; THAT MUCH I PROMISE YOU! I DON'T CARE IF I HAVE TO DRAG THOSE HEROES TO THE COURTROOM KICKING AND SCREAMING, I'LL DO IT!



I'LL MAKE THIS VERY SIMPLE, MS. KARL...

IF I HEAR OF JUST ONE MORE HERO SKIPPING THEIR TRIAL DATE THIS WEEK, I'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LET YOU GO. CLEAR?



YES MA'AM. CRYSTAL CLEAR.

CAN THIS DAY GET ANY WORSE FOR ME?

AND IT'S ONLY JUST STARTED!

FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER...

YES I'M
STILL
WAITING.

NO I **DO NOT** WANT TO BE
PUT ON HOLD AGAIN!
ALL I'M ASKING FOR IS TO
MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO
SPEAK WITH MISTER CYRIL
CONCERNING STATEMENTS
HE HAS MADE ABOUT
GALAXY CITY.
NO, THIS IS **NOT** A JOKE!

GALATEA.
G-A-L-A-T-E-A!
YES, I **AM** THAT
HERO YOU SEE
ON PNN!

LISTEN, I KNOW THAT
YOU'RE NOT MISTER
CYRIL'S EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT. I KNOW THAT
YOU'RE REALLY A CALL
SCREENER BECAUSE I CAN
SEE THE BUILDING THAT
THE CALL WAS ROUTED TO.
YOU'RE ON THE
FOURTEENTH FLOOR.

NO I'M **NOT** TRYING
TO INTIMIDATE
YOU. I'M TRYING
TO CUT THROUGH
THE RED TAPE AND
SET A TIME AND...
HELLO? **HELLO?**

GAAA!!

OKAY, MAYBE I
SHOULDN'T HAVE
GONE OVERBOARD
WITH THE HYPER-
SENSSES.

BUT I'VE JUST
ABOUT HAD IT
WITH CYRIL'S
EVASIVENESS!

WELL, HATE TO DO
IT, BUT I HAVE TO
TABLE THAT
HEADACHE FOR
ANOTHER DAY.

I STILL HAVE A
DAY JOB TO SAVE!

FOUNDERS FALLS

JUDICIAL CENTER

"THANK YOU FOR
COMING IN TO
CLEAR THIS UP."

WELL, MA'AM, I
THOUGHT IT WAS
ALL CLEARED UP
WHEN YOUR LITTLE
CLERK SAID THE
HEARING WAS
RESCHEDULED.



MASKED MILITAMAN
PATRIOTIC HERO

WAIT, WAIT...
HOLD UP...
WHAT CLERK?
WHO TOLD YOU
THAT THE
HEARING WAS
RESCHEDULED?

DARNED IF I
COULD TELL YOU
WHAT SHE LOOKED
LIKE APART FROM
ANYONE ELSE.
YOUNG GIRL,
BLONDE HAIR,
NAVY SUITCOAT
AND SKIRT.

THAT'S IT?
SHE DIDN'T GIVE
YOU HER NAME?
SHE DIDN'T
IDENTIFY HERSELF
IN ANY WAY?

WHAT, I SHOULD
HAVE ASKED FOR
HER ID AND HER
PHONE NUMBER?
SHE JUST SAID
SHE WAS WITH
D.A.'S OFFICE.

AND YOU JUST
BELIEVED IT?
AFTER ALL WE
WENT THROUGH
TO MAKE SURE
YOU WERE HERE
FOR THE TRIAL
SO WE COULD PUT
FROSTFIRE AWAY
FOR LIFE?

WITH ALL DUE
RESPECT MA'AM,
WE ARE TALKING
ABOUT
FROSTFIRE HERE.
HE **NEVER** STAYS
IN JAIL.
IF YOU WERE A
HERO, THEN YOU'D
KNOW THIS.



D@MNI!
D@MNI!
D@MNI!

I'M NOT A HERO?
I'M FIGHTING THE
URGE TO GRAB HIM
BY HIS TOPCOAT AND
FLY HIM UP CITY
HALL'S FLAGPOLE!

IT'S A GOOD THING
THAT ALEX IS IN A
MEETING WITH THE
MAYOR, OTHERWISE
HE'D BE TELLING ME
TO WATCH MY TEMPER.



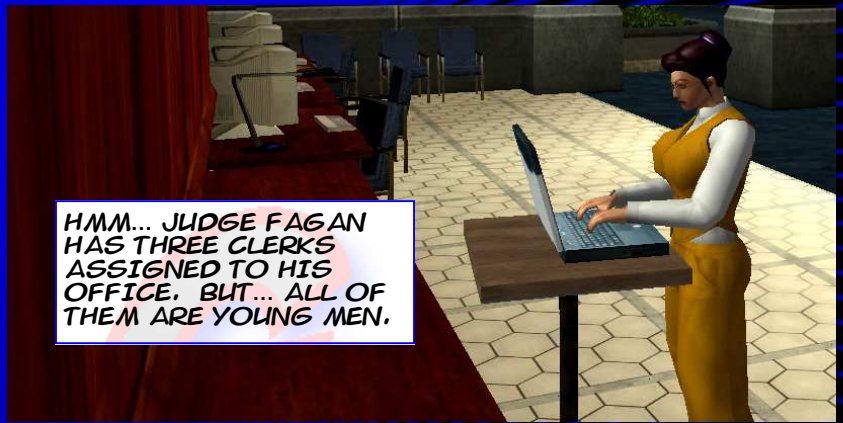
OKAY FAITH...
CALM DOWN...
LET'S THINK
THIS THROUGH.

MY JOB IS ON THE LINE,
AND THAT MORON PULLS
THE "YOU'RE NOT A HERO,
SO YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT WE GO THROUGH"
BIT WITH ME!

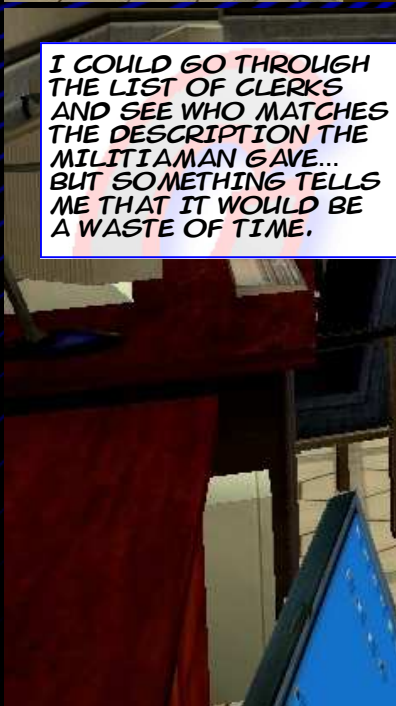
WE DO HAVE COURT CLERKS
IN THE JUDICIAL CENTER.
LET'S SEE IF ANY OF THEM
WERE ASSIGNED TO
JUDGE FAGAN'S OFFICE.



THE CLERK
RESOURCE
CENTER
SHOULD
HELP ME
ON THIS.



HMM... JUDGE FAGAN
HAS THREE CLERKS
ASSIGNED TO HIS
OFFICE, BUT... ALL OF
THEM ARE YOUNG MEN.



I COULD GO THROUGH
THE LIST OF CLERKS
AND SEE WHO MATCHES
THE DESCRIPTION THE
MILITIAMAN GAVE...
BUT SOMETHING TELLS
ME THAT IT WOULD BE
A WASTE OF TIME.

MAYBE IF I LOOK AT WHICH
TRIALS WERE POSTPONED OR
DISMISSED DUE TO MISSING
WITNESSES, I COULD FOLLOW
UP FROM THERE.

A SEARCH ALGORITHM
SHOULD TELL ME WHAT I NEED
TO KNOW.

OH, AND IT HELPS TO
HAVE HYPER-SPEED
TYPING SKILLS AND
NOBODY WATCHING.



TYPE *TYPE* *TYPE* *TYPE*
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OKAY, HERE'S
THE LIST...

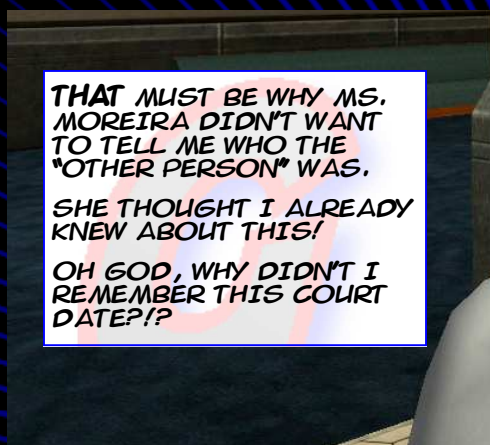
AND HERE'S THE
OTHER HERO THAT
MISSED THEIR...



OH GOD...

IT WAS ME!

OR, RATHER, IT WAS
GALATEA POWERS!



THAT MUST BE WHY MS.
MOREIRA DIDN'T WANT
TO TELL ME WHO THE
"OTHER PERSON" WAS.

SHE THOUGHT I ALREADY
KNEW ABOUT THIS!

OH GOD, WHY DIDN'T I
REMEMBER THIS COURT
DATE?!



I NEED TO DO
SOMETHING
TO FIX THIS!

SPEAK WITH THE JUDGE,
FIND OUT WHO THE
PROSECUTOR IS...

DO SOMETHING!



ATTENTION! WE HAVE A
SECURITY BREACH IN THE
JUDICIAL CENTER! ALL
PERSONNEL TO EMERGENCY
LOCKDOWN STATIONS!



OH TERRIFIC!



ATTENTION! WE HAVE A
SECURITY BREACH IN THE
JUDICIAL CENTER! ALL
PERSONNEL TO EMERGENCY
LOCKDOWN STATIONS!

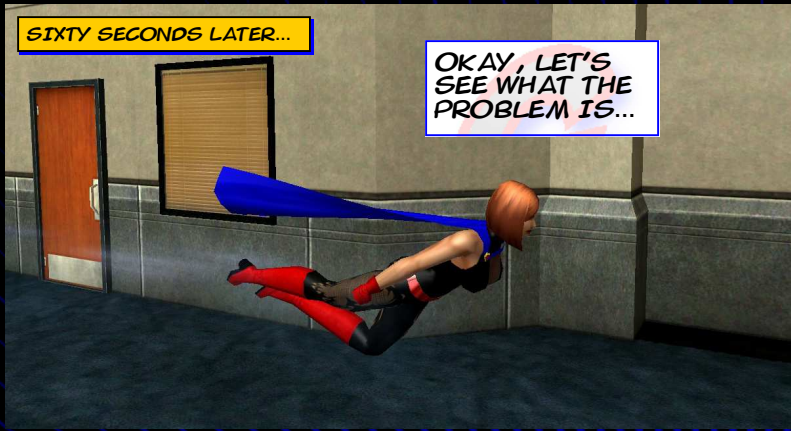
EVER SINCE THE GREY
PRIVATE POLICE
INVADED THE JUDICIAL
CENTER, SECURITY
BECAME A REAL ISSUE.*

I GUESS THAT'S
A GOOD THING.

STILL, IT ALSO MEANS I
HAVE A FEW SECONDS TO
GET TO ONE OF OUR
SPECIAL "DEAD ZONES" TO
CHANGE IF I WANT TO HELP
OUT AS GALATEA POWERS
BEFORE EVERYTHING GETS
LOCKED DOWN.

SIXTY SECONDS LATER...

OKAY, LET'S
SEE WHAT THE
PROBLEM IS...



OH... JOY!



VAHZILOK!

AND THEY'VE
ALREADY MADE
QUICK WORK OF
THE PARAGON
SECRET SERVICE
AGENTS!



MOST OF THESE
ARE REANIMATED
CORPSES. THEY'RE
NOT REALLY "ALIVE".



THEIR REAL
STRENGTH IS
IN NUMBERS.



SO I DON'T HAVE
TO HOLD BACK!



NOT TO MENTION THE
TOXINS THEY SPEW...
AND I DO MEAN SPEW!

IT DOESN'T REALLY
HURT ME, EXCEPT
FOR THE STENCH!
THIS... CR@P... IS
REPULSIVE!






JUST HAVE TO
WORK THROUGH
IT ALL...



WHITTLE THEM
DOWN ONE-
BY-ONE.




NOW I WISH THAT I
DIDN'T HAVE ALL MY
HYPER-SENSES!

BLEG!

I'M NOT GOING TO
SMELL ANYTHING
BUT THIS CR@P FOR
THE NEXT FEW DAYS!

AND I'M NOT GOING TO BE
HUNGRY FOR THAT TIME
EITHER! EVERYTHING IS
GOING TO TASTE LIKE
ROTTED CHEESE!



OKAY, LET'S SEE
WHY THEY'RE
HERE...

YOUUUU!!!

OH FUN...



SCORNE!

SHE SAID
YOU'D BE HERE,
BUT I DIDN'T
BELIEVE IT
UNTIL NOW!

 SCORNE
BEAUTY DESTROYED



THAT'S TWICE
WITH THE "SHE"
REFERENCE!



WHO IS "SHE", AND WHY
IS "SHE" SENDING MY
OLD ENEMIES AFTER ME?
AND WHY NOW?



SCORNE*D* IS A FORMER BEAUTY QUEEN WHO WAS JEALOUS OF MY FAN POPULARITY. SHE OVERDOSED ON AN UNTESTED MUTINOGEN.



TURNED HER INTO AN UGLY FREAK THAT CAN HURL THORNS AND POISONS.

DIE!
DIE!
DIEEEEE!



HUFF *HUFF*
YOU B#TCH!
YOU UGLY COW!
WHY CAN'T YOU JUST **DIE**?

I'M NOT YOUR ENEMY, TAMMY. YOU DID THIS TO YOURSELF; BUT I CAN HELP YOU IF YOU'LL LET ME.

ALWAYS HAVE TO GIVE THEM A SECOND CHANCE.



HELP? *UNNH...* FROM A **SKONK** LIKE YOU? I'D RATHER **DIE**!



EVEN IF THEY SAY NO.

THEN... I'M SORRY TO DO THIS.

KA-POW!

ALWAYS OFFER IT.



SO WHO TOLD SCORNE AND THE VAHZILOK THAT I WOULD BE HERE?

AND... **HOW** DID THEY KNOW IT?

WAS MY IDENTITY AS FAITH KARL COMPROMISED?

GALATEA...

OH GOD... IS THAT?

THERE AREN'T THAT MANY BEINGS THAT CAN HEAR A FREQUENCY THIS HIGH THAT DON'T HAVE A TAIL AND PAWS.

I'M WAITING FOR YOU, GALATEA. LET'S CATCH UP ON OLD TIMES.

PLEASE LET
THAT BE MY
IMAGINATION!



EXCELLENT!
THE DOCTOR WILL
BE PLEASED TO
KNOW WE FOUND
THE SUBJECT!
TAKE HER TO THE
SEWERS BEFORE
SHE WAKES UP!



OH NO YOU DON'T!
YOU DON'T GET TO
KIDNAP ANYONE
IN THIS BUILDING
IF I HAVE
ANYTHING TO SAY
ABOUT IT!



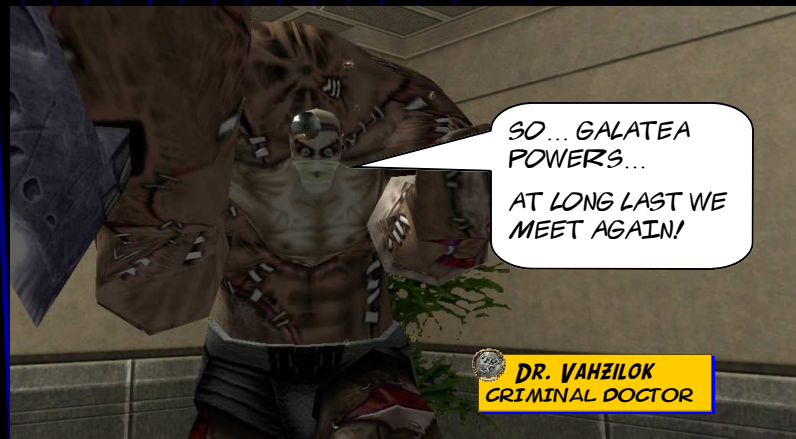
SHE'S
STILL
ALIVE...
GOOD.





IT'S TIME TO STOP PLAYING WITH THE MONSTERS...

AND FOCUS ON THE DOCTOR THAT CREATED THEM ALL!



SO... GALATEA POWERS...
AT LONG LAST WE MEET AGAIN!

DR. VAHZILOK
CRIMINAL DOCTOR



THIS IS A FAR BETTER WAY TO FACE EACH OTHER.

NO JUDGES. NO LAWYERS. JUST YOU AND ME AND MY **MANY** CREATIONS.

AS I SEEM TO RECALL, YOU ALREADY HAD YOUR TRIAL... AND WAS SENT AWAY FOR LIFE.



AH, BUT I GOT A NEW TRIAL!
AND A NEW LAWYER THAT PROMISED THAT I WOULD NEVER GO BACK TO PRISON!



SO THAT'S WHO YOUR MINIONS KIDNAPPED, HUH?
WELL GUESS WHAT, DOCTOR?



THAT'S A WHOLE NEW CHARGE TO GO DOWN FOR!

KAPOW!



YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHO OR WHAT THAT GIRL IS TO ME, OTHER THAN FOR SPARE PARTS!

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I FOUGHT HIM. I FORGOT THAT HE'S MORE THAN JUST A MAN GRAFTED ONTO ONE OF HIS OVERSIZED MINIONS.

HE ALSO MANAGED TO GRAFT A SMALL GUNSHIP CANNON TO HIS RIGHT ARM, POWERED BY... I NEVER REALLY KNEW WHAT!

BOOM!



STILL, AS LONG AS I AVOID THE CANNON...



I CAN JUST POWER ON THROUGH.



AND TAKE HIM DOWN.

KAPOW!

JUST LIKE I DID BEFORE!



UNNNHHH...



WELL DONE, GALATEA...
YOU CERTAINLY HAVE MADE ME PROUD BY HOW YOU HAVE DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS!



NO...
IT CAN'T BE YOU!




IT CAN'T BE YOU!
YOU'RE DEAD... IN ANOTHER UNIVERSE!




OH PLEASE, GALATEA. I HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE PROUD OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE!
AND YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW...

IF THERE IS ANYONE THAT KNOWS ALL ABOUT SURVIVING AGAINST THE ODDS...



... IT'S THE
FATHER THAT
CREATED YOU.

LIONEL POWERS (?)
HYPER-GENIUS



NO... NO, I REFUSE
TO BELIEVE THAT YOU
ARE SUPPOSED TO BE
LIONEL POWERS!

I WATCHED HIM DIE!
I WITNESSED HIS
CREMATION!



AND YET... HERE I AM.

DO YOU REALLY THINK
THAT MY UNGRATEFUL
NEPHEW WAS THE ONLY
FAMILY MEMBER THAT
COULD CROSS OVER TO
THIS UNIVERSE?

ICON POWERS HAD NO
CHOICE WHEN HE WAS
BROUGHT OVER.

NOR DID MYSELF OR ANY
OF THE OTHER SURVIVORS.
WE DIDN'T "CROSS OVER",
WE WERE PULLED HERE.



SO HE SAYS.

BUT THEN AGAIN,
HE HAS LIED TO
YOU IN THE PAST,
RIGHT?



HE WITHHELD THE
EXISTENCE OF
YOUR OWN SISTER.

HE DIDN'T TELL
YOU THE TRUTH OF
YOUR PARENTAGE.*

(*SPOTLIGHT* #19)



HE HAS **LIED** TO YOU
ALL THOSE YEARS.

HE KEPT YOUR SISTER
IMPRISONED, LOCKED
AWAY LIKE A WILD
ANIMAL.

ALL SO HE COULD KEEP
YOU, HIS "PRECIOUS
ADOPTED DAUGHTER"!

WHAT ELSE HAS HE
HIDDEN FROM YOU,
HMMM?

THOUGH ALL THE
WORLD SEES HIM AS
THE "ICONIC HERO", WE
BOTH KNOW THAT **HE** IS
THE REAL VILLAIN OF
THE STORY!

HUNH!

**YOU'RE GOOD!
YOU ALMOST
HAD ME THERE.**

**WHOEVER GAVE YOU YOUR
INFORMATION DID A REALLY
GOOD JOB OF FINDING ALL
SORTS OF LITTLE INSIDE
NUGGETS ABOUT ME AND
ICON POWERS.**

**EXCEPT YOU GOT A FEW
THINGS WRONG.**

**FIRST OF ALL, THE REAL LIONEL
POWERS NEVER EXPRESSED
ANYTHING BUT DISDAIN FOR ME.**

**HE THOUGHT OF ME AS A "FAKE",
A "PRETENDER", A "FRAUD
PLAYING DRESS-UP HERO".**

**I WAS CONSIDERED "TAINTED",
"CORRUPTED", "MANIPULATED",
OH, AND MY PERSONAL
FAVORITE... A "HYPER-
EXAGGERATED FANTASY GIRL"!**

**HE NEVER SAW ME AS HIS
DAUGHTER, EVER!**

**SECOND, UP UNTIL NOW,
I'VE BEEN LED TO BELIEVE
THAT THE "BIG BAD BOSS"
HERE WAS A WOMAN.**

**LIONEL POWERS WAS
MACHIAVELLIAN, BUT HE
ALWAYS MADE SURE THAT
YOU KNEW HE WAS BEHIND
ALL OF HIS PLANS.**

**HE NEVER USED GENDER
AS A RED HERRING.**

**FINALLY, YOU KEEP ON REFERRING
TO ME AS "GALATEA", EVEN IN
THOSE SUPPOSED "PRIVATE"
ULTRASONIC MESSAGES.**

**IF YOU WERE THE REAL LIONEL
POWERS, THEN YOU WOULD HAVE
KNOWN THAT I WAS NEVER CALLED
"GALATEA" IN MY BIRTH UNIVERSE!
YOU WOULD HAVE CALLED ME BY
THE NAME I WAS GIVEN THERE!**

**NEVER MIND THAT MY
"SISTER" NEVER EXISTED
UNTIL JUST LAST YEAR,***

**BUT I WON'T LET THIS
PRETENDER IN ON THAT
LITTLE DISCREPANCY!**

(* "SPOTLIGHT" #22-25)

**HMM... I SEE...
GENTLEMEN...**

**SPARE THE ROD,
SPOIL THE HERO.**



IGNORE THE COUNCIL!



FORGET THE ROBOTS!

FOCUS ON HIM!



KEEP HITTING!



HIT HIS SHIELDS!

POWER THROUGH!



AND PRETTY SOON...



UNNHHH/

HE'LL FALL!



I HEAR THE WHIRL OF A MECHANICAL HEART SHUTTING DOWN.

I HEARD THAT SOMEONE IN THE ROGUE ISLES WAS WORKING ON DEVELOPING SO-CALLED "QUICK CLONES". IT LOOKS LIKE THIS COULD BE ONE OF THEM.

YOU'LL... YOU'LL NEVER BE RID... OF ME... DAUGHTERRRR... *

IT WAS A GOOD DUPLICATE, BUT HE WASN'T REALLY "ALIVE" ANY MORE THAN HE WAS REALLY "LIONEL POWERS".

BUT THEN I'M BACK
TO SQUARE ONE.

WHO IS BEHIND
ALL OF THIS?

WHO INDEED,
GALATEA
POWERS?

AND YES, I AM
READING YOUR
THOUGHTS.

OR AT LEAST
THE SURFACE
ONES.

BY THE WAY, KUDOS TO THE
LATE SISTER PSYCHE FOR
GIVING YOU SUCH STRONG
MENTAL BLOCKS ON MOST
OF YOUR MEMORIES.*

I CAN SPOT HER HANDIWORK
ON ONLY A HANDFUL OF
HEROES, SO THAT MEANS
THAT YOU REALLY ARE
PLAYING WITH THE PROS!

BUT ENOUGH OF THE
PLEASANTRIES...

YOU WANT TO KNOW
WHO IS BEHIND WHAT
HAS BEEN GOING ON
TODAY BETWEEN AEGEA
AND SCORNE AND THE
VAHZILOK, AND EVEN
THE DUPLICATE OF
YOUR FATHER.

ALL ROADS
LEAD TO ME.


SO USE YOUR
HYPER-HEARING
AND FOLLOW
THE SOUND OF
MY VOICE SO WE
CAN CHAT FACE-
TO-FACE.

(*SPOTLIGHT* #25)

HELLO, MISS POWERS.
IT'S GOOD TO FINALLY
SEE YOU IN PERSON.
MY NAME IS NATHAN
QUIRE... OR "N.QUIRE",
IF YOU WILL.

SO WHERE IS "SHE"?
WHERE'S THE BOSS
THAT YOU HINTED WAS
BEHIND MY HYPER-
STRONG MIGRAINE.

"SHE" COULDN'T
MAKE IT.
SHE SENDS HER
REGARDS, THOUGH,
AND ASKED ME TO
CONVEY A SPECIAL
MESSAGE.

 **N.QUIRE**
MASTER TELEPATH

WHY AM I NOT
SURPRISED?

OKAY, SINCE YOU
WENT THROUGH
ALL OF THIS TO
GET ME HERE,
JUST GO AHEAD
AND TELL ME.



MINUTES LATER...

LNNHH... WHA...
WHAT
HAPPENED?

DIZZY...
HARD TO
STAND...

I FEEL LIKE
I HAVE A
SPLITTING
HEADACHE!

WHY DID I
PASS OUT?
WHY WAS I ON
THE FLOOR?

I REMEMBER
STANDING OVER
THAT QUICK
CLONE OF LIONEL.

THEN... SOMEONE
WAS CALLING
ME... I THINK.

OH... I REALLY
HATE IT WHEN
PEOPLE MESS WITH
MY MIND LIKE THIS!

BAD ENOUGH THAT
IT WAS DONE TO
ME BEFORE BY MY
OWN FAMILY!

STILL, I HAVE
PLENTY OF WORK
TO DO HERE.

I SHOULD PROBABLY
FOLLOW-UP WITH
THAT GIRL THAT I
RESCUED FROM THE
VAHZILOK MINIONS.

SHE LOOKED A LITTLE
TOO YOUNG TO BE AN
ATTORNEY, AND IF I
REMEMBER CORRECTLY,
SHE **DID** HAVE BLONDE
HAIR!

HI! THE POLICE
SAID YOU WERE
THE ONE THE
VAHZILOK TRIED
TO KIDNAP.
ARE YOU OKAY?

Y-YEAH... I'M...
I'M JUST
REALLY REALLY
SCARED RIGHT
NOW.

OH, BELIEVE ME,
I UNDERSTAND.
I'M FAITH, BY
THE WAY. I'M
WITH CITY HALL.
DO YOU HAVE A
FEW MINUTES?

TWO HOURS LATER...

"EXCUSE ME... MY OFFICE SAID THAT YOU NEEDED TO SEE ME."

YES, COME IN,
COME IN.
YOU'RE MISTER...
ROCHSPARE, RIGHT?
FROM THE LAW
OFFICES OF VOGEL,
STILES, AND
LINDERMAN?

ALEX WENTWORTH
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

MALCOLM
ROCHSPARE... YES.

AND I TRUST YOU
HAVE A VERY GOOD
REASON WHY YOU
BROUGHT ME HERE
FROM MY AFTERNOON
ROUND OF GOLF WITH
THE GOVERNOR.

THE GOVERNOR? REALLY?
WELL I HOPE HIS SWING
HAS IMPROVED.

IT HASN'T.

TOO BAD.

I'VE BEEN READING UP
ON YOUR HISTORY.

IT SEEMS YOU'RE QUITE
THE LEGAL "FIXER",
AREN'T YOU?

IF, BY THAT, YOU MEAN
THAT I TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF SOME PROCEDURAL
FLAWS THAT ARE
CARRIED OUT BY YOUR
OFFICE, THEN I SUPPOSE
I'D HAVE TO PLEAD NOLO
CONTENDERE.

THAT'S... A VERY CREATIVE
WAY OF PHRASING IT,
MISTER ROCHSPARE.
BUT I KNOW A FEW JUDGES
HERE THAT WOULD CALL
WHAT YOU DO MORE
ALONG THE LINES OF
"WITNESS TAMPERING".

I'VE HAD AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION WITH
ONE OF YOUR LAW CLERKS.

ACCORDING TO THIS PERSON, YOU KEEP YOUR
CLERKS AND INTERNS BUSY IMPERSONATING
COURT OFFICIALS AND HAVING THEM TELL
DETECTIVES AND REGISTERED HEROES THAT
CERTAIN CASES HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED,
RELOCATED, OR EVEN DISMISSED.

THE END RESULT, OF COURSE, IS THAT YOUR
CLIENTS WOULD HAVE THEIR TRIALS EITHER
POSTPONED OR DISMISSED OUTRIGHT WHEN
KEY WITNESSES FAIL TO APPEAR.

Mister Wentworth is a man with short, light-colored hair, wearing a blue suit, white shirt, and blue tie. He is looking slightly to his right.

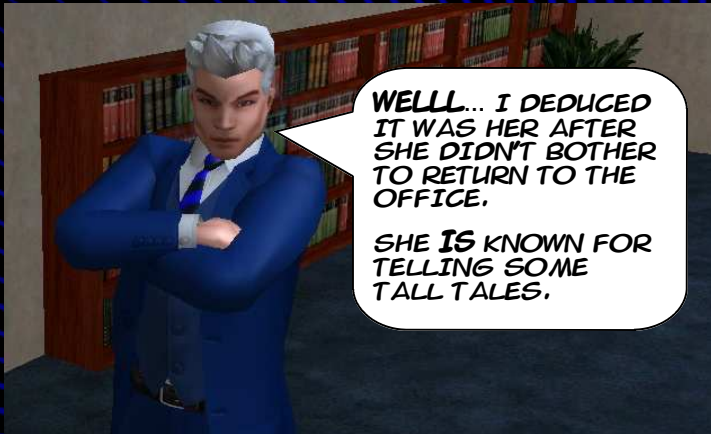
THAT'S A RATHER
INFLAMMATORY STORY,
MISTER WENTWORTH.

I PRESUME, THEN, THAT
YOU HAVE SOME **PROOF**
TO BACK UP THE
FANTASIES OF A
MENTALLY TROUBLED
YOUNG WOMAN.

Edward Vance is a man with dark hair, wearing a blue suit, white shirt, and red tie. He is looking towards the left.


WHOEVER SAID THAT
MY WITNESS WAS A
YOUNG WOMAN?

I CERTAINLY DIDN'T
MENTION AGE OR
GENDER.

Mister Wentworth is standing with his arms crossed in a room with bookshelves.

WELL... I DEDUCED
IT WAS HER AFTER
SHE DIDN'T BOTHER
TO RETURN TO THE
OFFICE.

SHE **IS** KNOWN FOR
TELLING SOME
TALL TALES.

Edward Vance is standing with his hands on his hips in a room with a painting on the wall.

FUNNY, BECAUSE THE
SAME WAS SAID OF
A WITNESS THAT
EVENTUALLY CLEARED
ME OF THE CRIME I
DIDN'T COMMIT.*

THE DAYS OF THOSE
KINDS OF LEGAL
GAMES ARE LONG
OVER WITH.

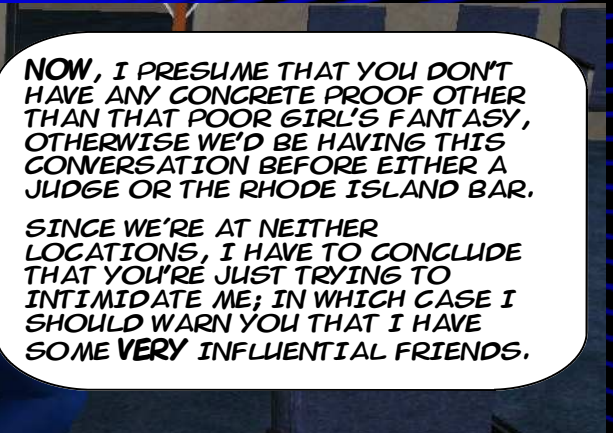
(*SPOTLIGHT* #5)

Mister Wentworth is standing in a room with bookshelves.

OH PLEASE, DON'T BE SO
NAÏVE, MISTER WENTWORTH!


IT'S **ALL** A GAME! THE
WHOLE LEGAL SYSTEM IS
JUST A MATTER OF WHO HAS
THE BETTER STORY TO TELL!

YOU'D THINK THAT YOU
WOULD LEARN THAT MUCH
FROM EDWARD VANCE.

Edward Vance is standing in a room with a painting on the wall.

NOW, I PRESUME THAT YOU DON'T
HAVE ANY CONCRETE PROOF OTHER
THAN THAT POOR GIRL'S FANTASY,
OTHERWISE WE'D BE HAVING THIS
CONVERSATION BEFORE EITHER A
JUDGE OR THE RHODE ISLAND BAR.

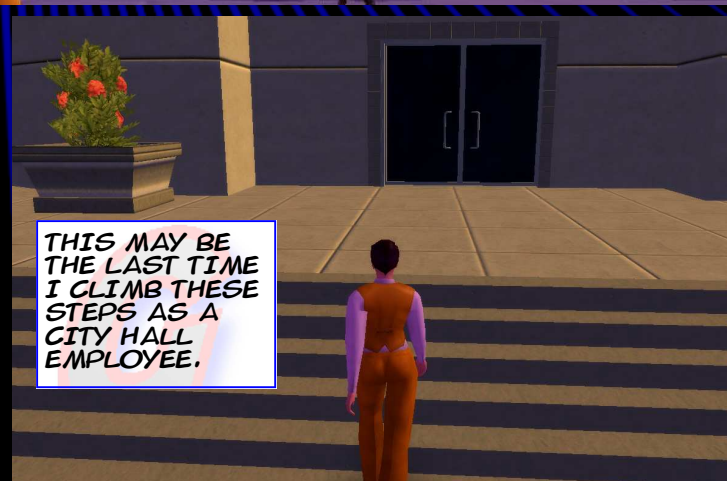
SINCE WE'RE AT NEITHER
LOCATIONS, I HAVE TO CONCLUDE
THAT YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO
INTIMIDATE ME; IN WHICH CASE I
SHOULD WARN YOU THAT I HAVE
SOME **VERY** INFLUENTIAL FRIENDS.

Edward Vance is standing in a room with a painting on the wall.

THEN CALL YOUR
FRIENDS, MISTER
ROCHSPARE, AND
THEN ASK THEM
ABOUT ME.

IF MY UNCLE IS IN THAT "FRIEND"
ROLODEX OF YOURS, THEN YOU MAY
WANT TO GIVE HIM A CALL FIRST.

HE'LL LET YOU IN ON A LITTLE
"UNDERSTANDING" REGARDING HIS
FRIENDS AND MINE. AND THEN HE'LL
TELL YOU WHAT I'M TELLING YOU NOW:
FIND A NEW CITY TO PLAY YOUR GAMES
IN, BECAUSE THIS ONE IS OFF-LIMITS.



PARAGON CITY HALL

THANK YOU FOR
UPDATING ME ON THE
STATUS OF THOSE
ABSENT WITNESSES.
I SEE THE DA'S OFFICE
WILL HAVE THEIR HANDS
FULL MAKING SURE THAT
KIND OF FIASCO
DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

YES MA'AM.

AS FOR THE
"OTHER" ABSENT
HERO WITNESS...
I FOUND OUT WHO
SHE IS... AND...

MISS KARL, I
HOPE THAT YOU
ARE NOT PLANNING
ON SPEAKING ON
BEHALF OF
GALATEA POWERS.

UMMM... YEAH,
THAT'S WHAT I WAS
PLANNING ON--

NO, YOU'LL
DO NO SUCH
THING!

BEFORE YOU ARRIVED HERE, I
GOT A CALL FROM DISTRICT
ATTORNEY WENTWORTH.

HE EXPLAINED THAT HIS
OFFICE WAS NOT CONTACTED
ABOUT DR. VAHZILOK'S NEW
TRIAL, THEREFORE HE COULD
NOT CONTACT GALATEA
POWERS TO LET HER KNOW
ABOUT IT.

SO IF YOU WERE TO SPEAK FOR
GALATEA POWERS, THEN THERE
WOULD BE NOTHING FOR YOU TO
APOLOGIZE FOR.

BESIDES, YOU ARE NOT THERE TO
REPRESENT GALATEA POWERS.

YOU ARE THERE TO REPRESENT CITY
HALL AND THE REGISTERED HEROES
OF PARAGON CITY.

IF THERE IS A MATTER THAT I
WISH TO DISCUSS WITH
GALATEA POWERS, THEN I
EXPECT HER TO BE STANDING
BEFORE ME. NOT YOU.

HER RESPONSIBILITIES
AND YOURS ARE TWO
SEPARATE MATTERS
THAT I **DO NOT** WANT
TO SEE CO-MINGLED IN
CITY HALL.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND,
MISS KARL?

YES MA'AM.
I UNDERSTAND.



I CAN TELL IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY FOR YOU... AND I'M SURE FOR GALATEA AS WELL.
GET SOME REST. I'M TOLD IT'LL BE A BUSY COURT DAY TOMORROW.



YES, MS. MOREIRA. THANK YOU.

WHEW!



I NEED A SHOWER!

I CAN STILL SMELL THAT VAHZILOK GUNK IN MY NOSE.



I THINK I SAW SOME SNAKE SKIN OVER BY THE PATRIOT STATUE. MAYBE I SHOULD--

RING-RING
RING-RING



HELLO?
OH, HI KATIE.

I JUST GOT OFF WORK.
YES, FROM CITY HALL!
LOOK, IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY AND I REALLY NEED TO--



WHAT? WHEN?
YOU MADE THE CALL TO THE MANAGER?
OKAY, I'LL... I'LL MAKE DO SOMEHOW.

NO, I'M NOT REALLY HUNGRY.
I'LL SEE YOU THERE LATER.
BYE.



THE SHOWER'S BROKEN!

FIGURES!

RRRR...

MAYBE THE VANGUARD WILL LET ME BORROW THEIRS.



I'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE DOWN A RIKTI TROOP FIRST.

HELL OF A WAY TO WRAP UP THE DAY FOR ME.

ELSEWHERE...

I SEE THAT
MODESTY IS NOT
AN ISSUE WITH YOU.

IF TAINTED EVE
KNEW YOU WERE
STANDING IN THE
MIDDLE OF KINGS
ROW LIKE THAT...

OH I KNOW WHAT HER
REACTION WOULD BE!

BUT SHE LIVES IN FEAR
THAT HER PRESENCE IN
PARAGON CITY WOULD
ALERT HOSTS LIKE TIRED
ANGEL TO PURSUE HER.

NOT KNOWING THAT I'M THE
ONE THAT ALERTS THEM.

MISTRESS LIBRA
TROUBLEMAKER

I PRESUME THAT YOU
WERE ABLE TO DELIVER
MY "MESSAGE" TO
GALATEA POWERS.

OF COURSE.

IN FACT IT'S ALL
THAT SHE WILL
REMEMBER OF HER
ENCOUNTER WITH ME.

BUT EVEN THOUGH I
COULD NOT BREAK
THROUGH HER
MENTAL BLOCKS...

I COULD SENSE
THAT THERE WAS
SOMETHING ELSE
OCCUPYING HER
THOUGHTS.

SOME EVENT
LOOMING ON
THE HORIZON.

NOTHING FOR
YOU TO BE
CONCERNED
WITH, N.QUIRE.

FOR NOW, GALATEA HAS NO
IDEA WHO IS BEHIND THESE
ATTACKS ON HER.

ALL SHE KNOWS IS THAT IT'S
A WOMAN BEHIND IT.

BY THE TIME SHE FINDS OUT
WHO THE REAL ARCHITECT IS,
SHE AND HER ASSOCIATES
WILL BE ATONING FOR THE
DEBTS OF HONOR MADE
AGAINST THE LIBRA ORDER.

ALL PER MY LOVER'S WISHES.

NEXT ISSUE:
PHARON ARISE!

POWER TRIP



Words of wisdom and reference from writer and creator David 2.

Selected excerpts from the book...

“My Uncle’s Keeper: The Story of Lionel Powers” - by Icon Powers

Part 1: Those Troubling Early Years

Lionel Hugo Powers was the youngest of three children to August and Eva Powers.

From the moment he was born, it was always believed that he would be different from the rest of the family. This was not seen as a compliment, though. Indeed, it would be said that all of the family troubles from that point on stemmed from him.

Lionel was born with red hair, and it seemed he was the only one in the family who was. Doctors would later say that this was because of a regressive gene in both parents, but with both older siblings having golden-blond hair, it was easy to question Lionel’s true parentage. It was the subject of much gossip in the rural New Jersey community of Grovers Mill.

Two days after the birth of his son, August was detained by police after a fight broke out in the local supply store. No charges were filed when it was discovered that the fight was over an accusation that Eva was having an affair, but the rumors of Lionel being the result of an illicit affair persisted.

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The rumors became the subject of teasing for the local children as Lionel got older and was obligated to enter school. Although older brother John would quickly come to Lionel’s defense, and middle sister Karen would try to help him make friends, Lionel always saw himself alone and apart, not only from the family, but also from the community and even to some extent from humanity in general.

Lionel found solace in books, especially the fantasy stories of Jules Verne and the adventures of Captain Nemo. But he was particularly fond of the works of Niccolo Machiavelli. Whether he saw himself a kindred spirit, or he gained some sort of inspiration from the infamous Italian philosopher, Lionel’s life and his demeanor began to change because of it.

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In the 1920’s, his fascination turned to another influential Italian, namely Benito Mussolini. The leader of that country’s Fascist Party demonstrated to Lionel that even an outcast could rise to power if he had vision and strength.

At the time, he was not alone in his support of fascism. Many world leaders, including England’s Winston Churchill, praised Mussolini for making things more efficient by cutting through the old bureaucracies.

For Lionel, fascism was considered the most efficient method of governing. He regarded democracy to be an abject failure, given that it allows weak-minded people to rise to power in what he viewed as a violation of the laws of social Darwinism. He equally disliked communism, mostly because he believed it to be a delusional fantasy whipped up by idealists and then imposed in Russia by idealists, and it infuriated him to know that there were plenty of people that believed it to be an attainable goal.

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On the subject of Armageddon...

Issue #10's cover and first part of the issue both deal with a subject that has always been on the author's mind.

Back in the 1980's, the Cold War was going strong with Ronald Reagan in the White House, and the subject of nuclear war was still a rather sensitive subject for people. President Reagan once joked in a radio test that he "signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever" and that "we begin bombing in five minutes". He didn't realize the shock that it created when that joke came out.

Hollywood was busy churning out a whole series of movies on the subject of apocalyptic drama, between "The Day After", "Threads", "Testament", "Countdown to Looking Glass", "Miracle Mile", and "By Dawn's Early Light", not to mention reviving the old 1950's movies that glorified nuclear war and re-releasing them as an anthology series called "The Atomic Café". These movies each focused not only on the shock value of the war, but also on either the build-up to it or on the aftermath of such an exchange.

It would be no surprise, then, that a certain big-name mainstream publisher would also get in on the subject.

In June of 1985, DC Comics released a certain issue which dealt with their most powerful hero caught unprepared in the middle of a full nuclear exchange. Much like our own Galatea Powers, this character would survive the exchange, but it would be the horror of the aftermath that would really be terrifying for the hero. And for this author, the cover and subject of that particular issue is considered one of the most memorable and shocking for him, even if the overall story of the issue was not. *(Note: due to potential copyright issues, we cannot state the actual comic here, but if you do a Google search for that publisher for covers for that specific month and year, then you should have no problem finding it.)*

Issue #10 of "The Guardian Powers" pays tribute to that particular mainstream-published issue in the hopes that such a subject would eventually become nothing more than just a nightmare scenario.

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NEXT ISSUE...



*From the ancient past arises
a new hero...*

*And a new boss takes over for
a certain organization.*



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