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FURIA

AND
THE

GUARDIANS



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WHO CAN GALATEA POWERS TRUST...



... TO HELP GET HER HOME?



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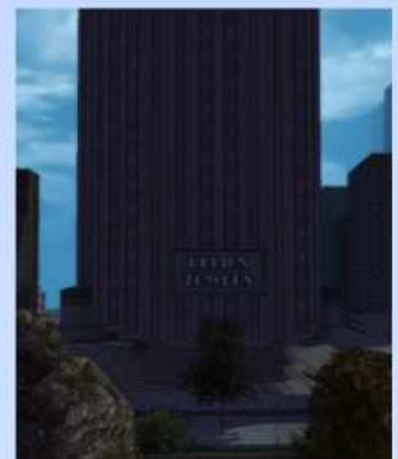
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Born in an alternate world where heroes ruled and humanity was endangered, Faith Powers was the last surviving member of the legendary Powers family. Brought up in the watchful eyes of the Praetors, she became Furia Powers, champion of the weak.

But then she became aware that all was not right in the supposed "Utopian Society". Forced to choose between the Praetors and a chance at a new family, she choose family and left for the Primal Universe.

Now Furia Powers is a member of the Guardians of the Dawn, a superhero team dedicated to helping humanity to that bright future that is always just beyond the horizon. It is a team that is on the brink of becoming legend. They are...

FURIA



AND THE GUARDIANS

After a devastating battle with the super-powered villain Destitution, the Guardians of the Dawn begin the process of getting answers and try to find out what happened to their missing teammate.

Meanwhile, Galatea Powers finds herself on a dead Earth, in the middle of a destroyed Paragon City. There she finds a Utopian named Gill Gamma, who speculates that she had time-jumped into the city's future.

Not only did Destitution prevail at some point after her brief battle with him, but she is told that she cannot go back to change things.

Little does Galatea know that her "sister" Furia defeated Destitution after she disappeared, and that a mysterious ally is offering to help bring the "True Guardian" back.

"WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS"

- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

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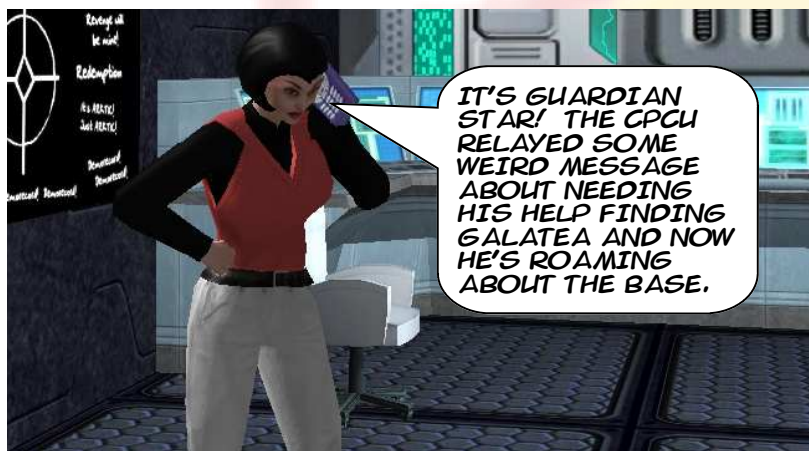
STEEL CANYON - PARAGON CITY, RI

STEEL CANYON STATION SOUTH

GLAD TO BE BACK...

THAT WAS THE LONGEST LUNCH MEETING THAT--

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP



ATLAS PARK (?)

"YOU KNOW WHAT
I SEE IN YOU?"

"I SEE A SURVIVOR."

"SURE ATLAS PARK WAS
DESTROYED. SURE THE REST OF
THE WORLD IS FLOODED. SURE
THE WORLD'S POPULATION IS
DOWN TO THE SINGLE DIGITS."


"BUT I CAN SEE IT IN YOUR EYES
THAT YOU HAVE SURVIVED A LOT
WORSE THAN THIS."

YOU CAN START
ALL OVER AGAIN.
NEW WORLD, NEW
LIFE, NEW PEOPLE.

I CAN TAKE YOU TO
WORLDS WHERE YOU'D
BE ACCEPTED, EVEN
WORSHIPPED, ON
SIGHT ALONE.

ALL OF THIS... WOULD
JUST BE BAD MEMORY.

WHAT DO
YOU SAY?

 **Gill Gamma**
LAST UTOPIAN (?)

 **Galatea Powers**
(FAITH KARL)




IT SHOULD BE RIGHT THERE...

W-WHAT SHOULD
BE RIGHT THERE?

THE CYRIL CORPORATION
BUILDING.

IT SHOULD BE RIGHT
THERE, TO THE WEST.


BIG LOOMING BUILDING
THAT WOULD ECLIPSE THE
SUN WHEN IT SETS.



IT PROBABLY GOT
KNOCKED DOWN IN
THE BLAST.
YOU KNOW THE OLD
SAYING ABOUT "THE
BIGGER THEY ARE."



I ALSO DON'T
SEE ANY TRACE
OF THE
VANGUARD
BUILDING...
OR ARCHITECT
ENTERTAINMENT.
OR EVEN
WENTWORTH'S.



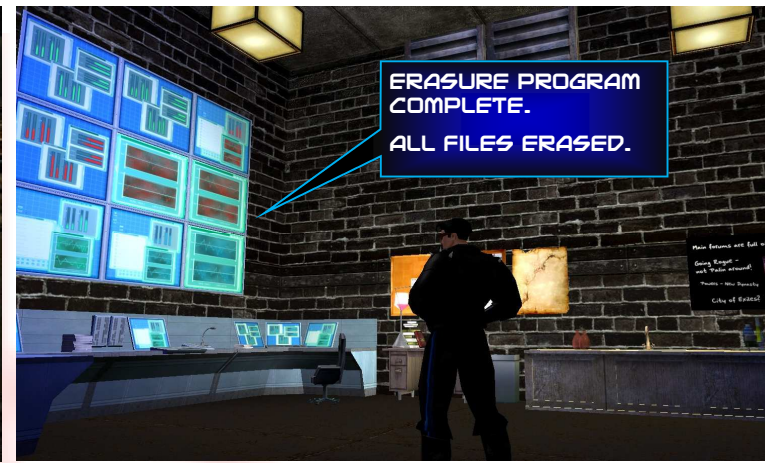
MY DEAR, THE WHOLE
AREA WAS HIT BY
NUCLEAR DEVICES.
YOU SHOULD BE LUCKY
THAT CITY HALL IS
STILL STANDING.
I UNDERSTAND YOUR
SKEPTICISM, BUT YOU
NEED TO ACCEPT THAT
THE WORLD YOU ONCE
KNEW IS GONE NOW.

UNDERNEATH KINGS ROW...

(IN THE HERE AND NOW.)



ERASURE PROGRAM
COMPLETE.
ALL FILES ERASED.



PURGE THE CACHE.
PREPARE RAGNARÖK PROTOCOL.

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT
TO DO THIS, JASON?

Jason Knight
AKA MIDKNIGHT X



KINGS ROW

YOU'RE BASICALLY
BURNING THE ONLY
HOME THAT YOU'VE
KNOWN FOR THE
PAST FEW YEARS.
WHY?

Cardinal Syn
(CASSANDRA DARE)



IT'S JUST A
PLACE TO SLEEP
AND TO KEEP MY
STUFF.
I HAVE OTHER
PLACES FOR
THAT.

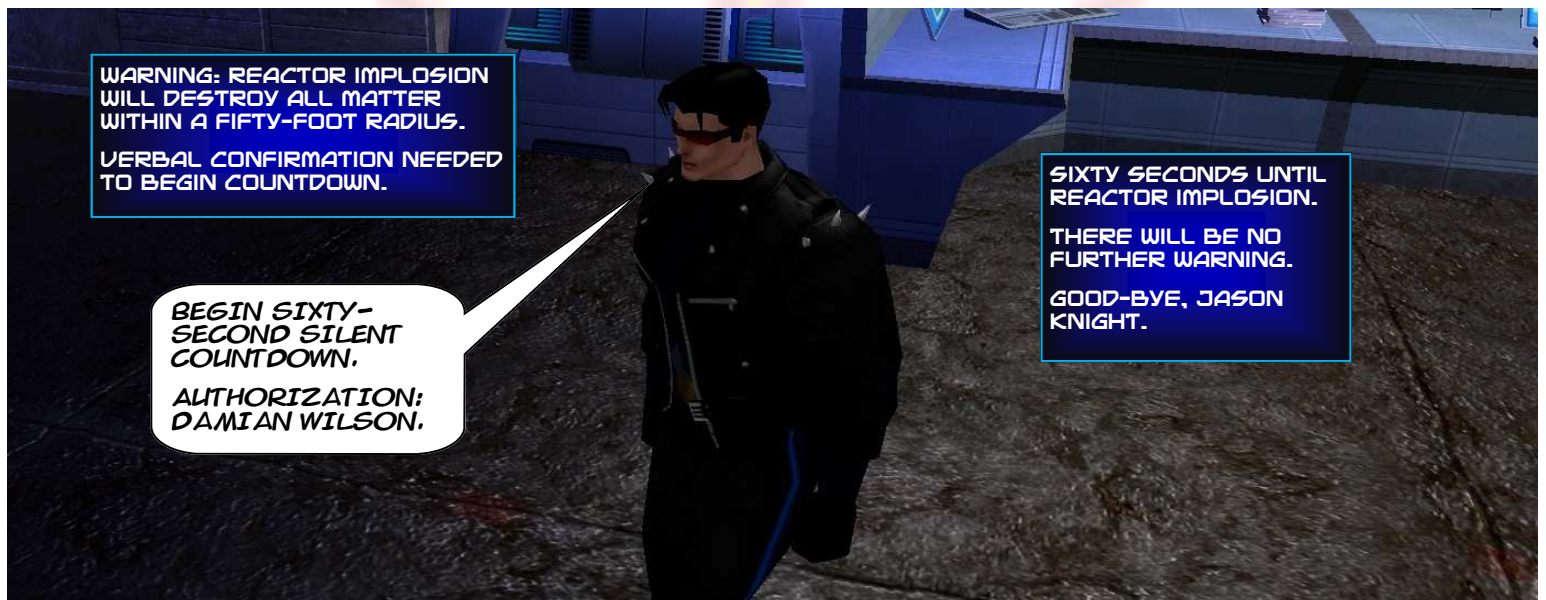
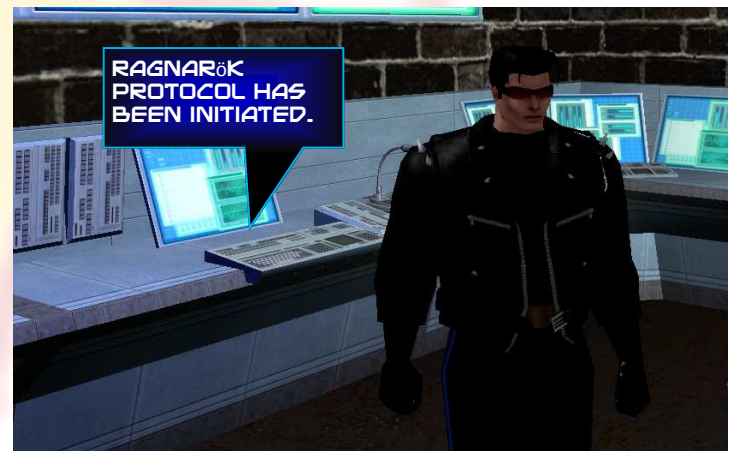


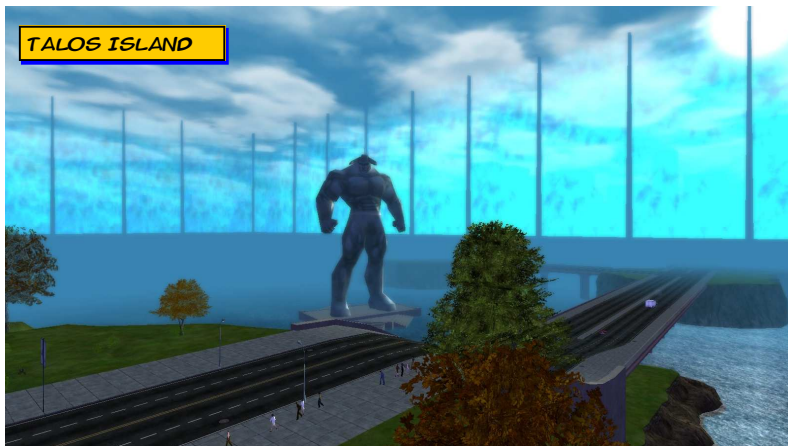
YOU CAN BULLSHIT YOUR WAY AROUND
THE OTHERS, JASON, BUT NOT ME.

I REMEMBER WHEN YOU FIRST TOOK ME
DOWN THERE. YOU TOLD ME THEN THAT
IT WAS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE YOU
COULD BE EVERYWHERE YOU NEED TO BE.

YOU GOING TO TELL
ME NOW THAT IT ALL
MEANS JACK SHIT?







TALOS ISLAND

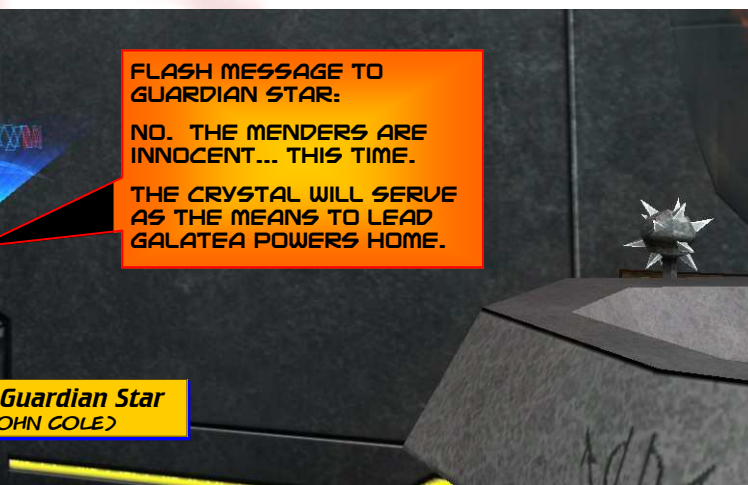


GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN BASE

PING
THE
OBJECT
IS HERE.



FLASH MESSAGE
REPLY:
I'M STANDING IN
FRONT OF THE
OUROBOROS CRYSTAL.
ARE YOU SAYING THAT
THE MENDERS HAVE
GALATEA?

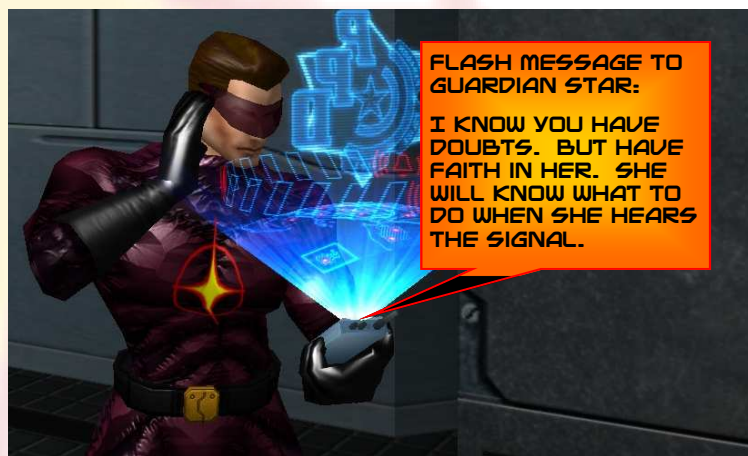


FLASH MESSAGE TO
GUARDIAN STAR:
NO. THE MENDERS ARE
INNOCENT... THIS TIME.
THE CRYSTAL WILL SERVE
AS THE MEANS TO LEAD
GALATEA POWERS HOME.

Guardian Star
(JOHN COLE)



FLASH MESSAGE TO
GUARDIAN STAR:
ADJUST THE FREQUENCY
OF YOUR COMMUNICATOR
TO ULTRA-HIGH AND
TRANSMIT DIRECTLY TO
GALATEA'S DEVICE.



FLASH MESSAGE TO
GUARDIAN STAR:
I KNOW YOU HAVE
DOUBTS. BUT HAVE
FAITH IN HER. SHE
WILL KNOW WHAT TO
DO WHEN SHE HEARS
THE SIGNAL.



I'M HOPING SHE
DOES KNOW.
'CUZ I SURE AS
HELL DON'T.



COME HOME,
TAYA.

*BEEP*BEEP*BEEP*BEEP*BEEP*BEEP*





UH-UH!

THERE IS NO WAY
THAT YOU COULDN'T
JUST GUESSED MY
FAVORITE DRINK!



I KEPT ON SAYING
TO MYSELF THAT
THERE WAS
SOMETHING WRONG
ABOUT ALL OF THIS.
SOMETHING THAT
DIDN'T SIT RIGHT
WITH EVERYTHING
THAT I'VE SEEN HERE.



THE GIANT ZENITH
ROBOTS AND THE
TANKS? THEY FOUGHT
EACH OTHER, NOT SOME
SUPER-POWERED BEING!

YOU SAY THIS AREA WAS
NUKED, YET MY HYPER-
SENSES TELL ME THERE'S NO
RADIATION ANYWHERE!

EVEN THE MOUNDS THAT ARE
STILL BURNING TODAY ARE
CLEAN OF RADIATION!

CITY HALL ITSELF SHOWS
NO SIGN AT ALL OF THE
REMODELING THAT WAS
DONE BACK IN 2011.

THIS WHOLE AREA LOOKS
LIKE IT WAS DESTROYED
TEN YEARS AGO.

AND YET A SINGLE
SURVIVING NEWSPAPER
CLAIMS THAT THIS ALL
HAPPENED RECENTLY.



THIS EVENT MAY VERY
WELL BE A FIXED POINT
IN THE TIMELINE.

BUT THIS ISN'T MY
ADOPTED UNIVERSE.

WHICH MEANS WHAT
YOU TOLD ME WAS A
LIE.




ASSUMING
YOU'RE RIGHT...
WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO?



SIMPLE...
GO HOME.

VANGUARD BASE - BARRACKS

WELL?
WHAT DO
YOU THINK?

 **Furia Powers**
FORMER PRAETORIAN

HONESTLY?
THAT'S THE
COOLEST
OUTFIT I'VE
SEEN!

IT'S LIKE A SCI-FI
VERSION OF 'TAYA'S
OUTFIT, ONLY WITH
DIFFERENT COLORS.
SPEAKING OF...
ANY WORD ON HER?

 **Lyon Powers**
(KATIE LEA POWERS)

DAWN PATROL BASE - CARDIFF U.K.

WISH I COULD
SAY.

I'VE HEARD
RUMORS, BUT
NOTHING
CONCRETE
ABOUT WHERE
SHE IS.

HOW HAVE
YOU BEEN
DOING?

IT COMES AND IT
GOES.
SOME DAYS, LIKE
TODAY, I CAN WALK.
OTHER DAYS, I'M
STUCK IN THE CHAIR.
STILL CAN'T SLEEP A
FULL NIGHT WIT'OUT
LIGHTIN' UP THE ROOM.

'BEEN SLEEPIN' IN
TH' FAMILY
NURSERY, CUZ IT'S
THE ONLY ROOM AT
THE HOUSE THAT'S
FIRE-PROOF.

YOU EV'R SEE THAT
BITCH ISEA*, YOU
GIVE 'ER A FEW FER
ME, 'KAY SIS?

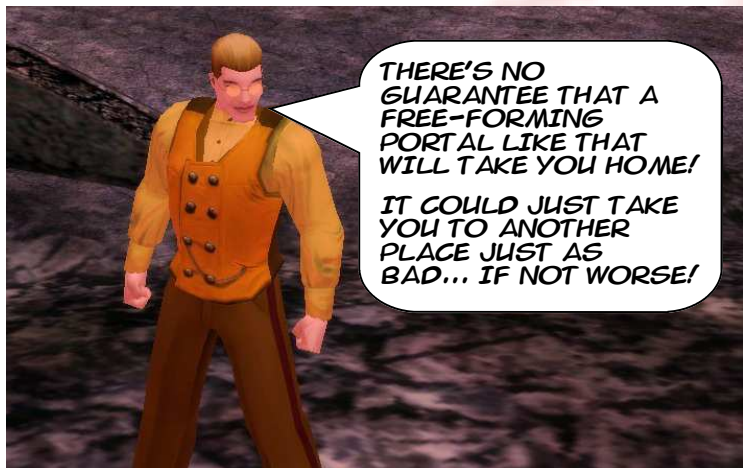
(* SEE 'THE LIBRA ORDER: DEBTS
OF HONOR' FOR DETAILS.)

THAT'S A PROMISE,
KATE.

LISTEN, I HAVE TO
MEET WITH RYDER IN A
BIT, BUT THERE'S
SOMETHING I WANTED
TO ASK YOU.

REMEMBER THAT
OFFER YOU MADE?

OH, YA! IT'S STILL
THERE, IF YE' WANT IT.
BUT I SUGGEST YOU
CHECK WITH 'TAYA FIRST.
OR... WHEN YOU FIND
HER, THAT IS.



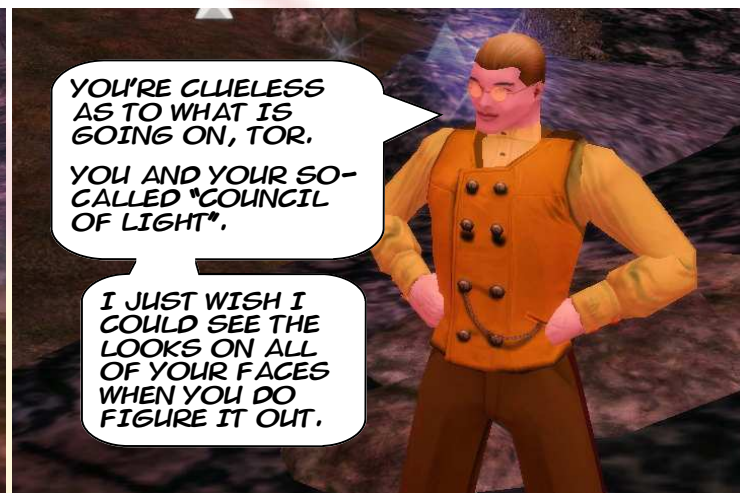


YOU KNEW SHE WAS EXPERIENCED WITH ALTERNATE DIMENSIONS AND YET YOU STILL TRIED TO CONVINCE HER SHE WAS IN A LINEAR TRAP. THAT WAS JUST PLAIN SLOPPY, GILLGAMMA.

NO MORE SLOPPY THAN REVEALING YOURSELF TO HER. OR DO YOU WANT TO TRY TO LIE AND SAY THAT GALATEA FIGURED OUT WHERE THE PORTAL WAS ALL ON HER OWN?



WHATEVER YOU HAVE PLANNED FOR GALATEA... YOU KNOW THAT IT'S MY JOB TO STOP IT.



YOU'RE CLUELESS AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON, TOR. YOU AND YOUR SO-CALLED "COUNCIL OF LIGHT".

I JUST WISH I COULD SEE THE LOOKS ON ALL OF YOUR FACES WHEN YOU DO FIGURE IT OUT.



SIR... THERE'S SOME SORT OF ENERGY BUILDING UP ON THE TEAM PLATFORM.



TEAM PLATFORM? WHICH ONE IS THAT?



TELEPORT BAY TWO... BUT THAT PLATFORM IS SUPPOSED TO BE OFF-LINE! WE'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO GET IT TO WORK!



LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE FIGURED OUT HOW TO DO IT!



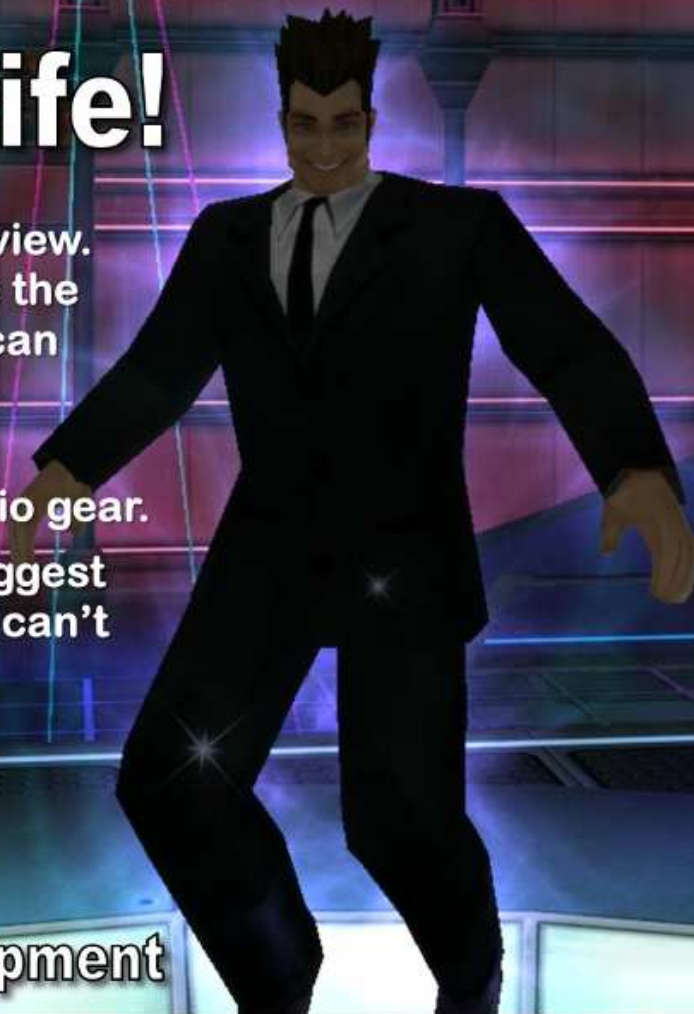
Music Is My Life!

People don't just come here for the view. They also come here because I have the best audio in any dimension. And I can only get that by using the best audio equipment.

That's why I use the **LT** brand of audio gear. Because when you're hosting the biggest nonstop party in the omniverse, you can't settle for second best.

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THE CITY LIVES ON...



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LATER THAT DAY...

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT GALATEA POWERS IS BACK AND SHE APPEARS TO BE OKAY.

THE BAD NEWS IS THAT SHE'LL BE TIED UP WITH VANGUARD FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS WHILE THEY DEBRIEF HER ABOUT WHERE SHE WAS DURING THIS TIME.

NOW THAT SHE'S BACK, WE CAN FOCUS OUR ATTENTION TO THE INVESTIGATION OF THE WHOLE MATTER OF DESTITUTION AND THE ROBOTS.

Ryder Lightning
(BART WALLACE)

TWO SEPARATE EVENTS:

THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF UNIDENTIFIED SONIC-BASED ROBOTS ALL OVER THE CITY.

AND THE EQUALLY SUDDEN ARRIVAL OF A SUPER-POWERED BEING CALLING HIMSELF "DESTITUTION", WHO SOMEHOW MANAGED TO CONTROL MOST OF THE CITY'S NETWORKS.*

THESE TWO THINGS ARE CONNECTED.

THE ROBOTS GAVE DESTITUTION THE MEANS TO TAKE OVER OUR COMMUNICATION AND DATA NETWORKS.

SO THE QUESTION IS WHERE DID THEY BOTH COME FROM?

(* ISSUES 1-3)

DAYBRIGHT, YOU WERE IN CITY HALL WHEN THE ROBOTS COMPROMISED THE NETWORKS.

YOU GET TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT PART OF THE INVESTIGATION.

Daybright
(GRACE FELLOWS)

I'M FOCUSING ON THE ASSEMBLER CODE ASPECT OF THE TAKEOVER.

I HAVE A MEETING WITH THE CREATOR OF THAT LANGUAGE TO SEE WHAT SHE CAN TELL ME ABOUT IT.

FURIA, YOU'RE OUR RESIDENT FORMER PRAETORIAN.

YOU KNOW BOTH LOYALIST AND RESISTANCE TECHNOLOGY.

YOU GET DESTITUTION.

HIS BODY IS HELD IN STASIS AT THE VANGUARD BASE.

FIND OUT WHAT HE IS AND HOW HE GOT HIS HANDS ON PRAETORIAN TECH.



I'M GOING TO LOOK INTO HOW DESTITUTION GOT INTO THE CITY.

DESTROYING AN ORBITING SATELLITE AND THEN USING A PRIVATE JET TO BREAK HIS FALL ARE TOO CONVENIENT.



I AGREE, JASON.

OKAY, THE PLANE WRECKAGE IS BEING HELD IN A LONGBOW WAREHOUSE IN SIREN'S CALL.

I'LL MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS WITH FREEDOM CORPS TO GIVE YOU ACCESS.



I'M JUST GOING TO PUT THIS OUT THERE...

IS THERE ANY CHANCE THESE ROBOTS COULD BE CONNECTED TO THE MECHANIDS THAT THE VINDICATORS FOUGHT EARLIER?

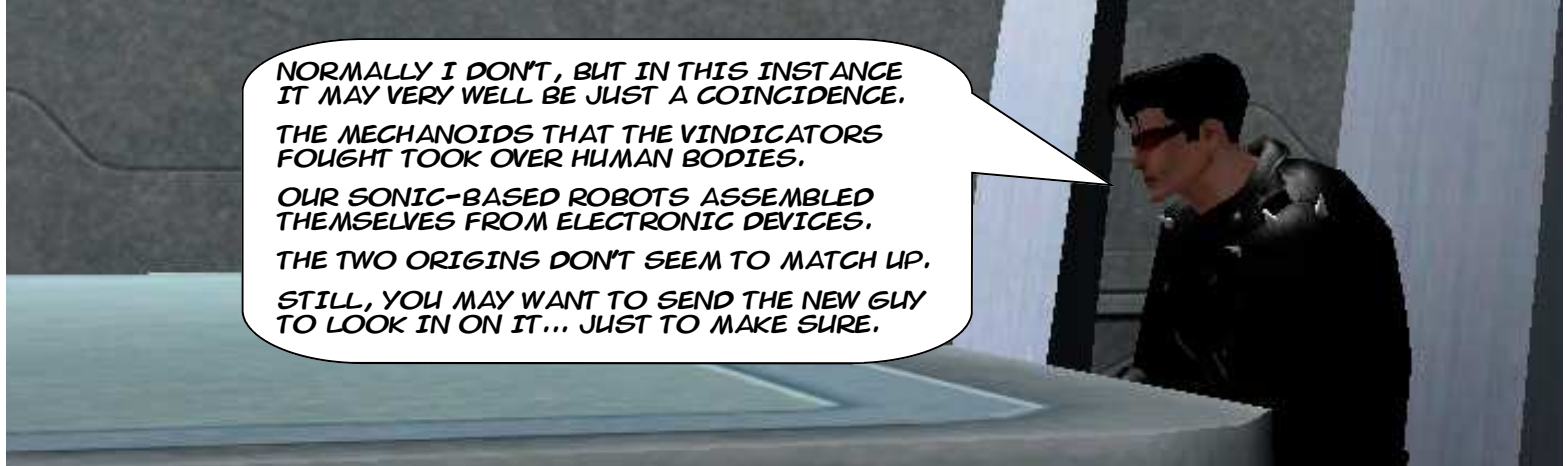
(* SEE THE PAGES OF "THE CRUCIBLE" AT COXCOMICS.COM)



GOOD QUESTION.

JASON, ANY CHANCE THEY COULD BE CONNECTED?

I KNOW YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN COINCIDENCES.




NORMALLY I DON'T, BUT IN THIS INSTANCE IT MAY VERY WELL BE JUST A COINCIDENCE. THE MECHANIDS THAT THE VINDICATORS FOUGHT TOOK OVER HUMAN BODIES. OUR SONIC-BASED ROBOTS ASSEMBLED THEMSELVES FROM ELECTRONIC DEVICES. THE TWO ORIGINS DON'T SEEM TO MATCH UP. STILL, YOU MAY WANT TO SEND THE NEW GUY TO LOOK IN ON IT... JUST TO MAKE SURE.



THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, JASON.

GUARDIAN STAR IS CURRENTLY WITH GALATEA OVER AT VANGUARD.



THEN AGAIN... I LEARNED EARLIER TODAY THAT HE'S NOT THE "NEW GUY" ANYMORE.

I JUST HAVE TO SPEAK WITH OUR "NEW-NEW GUY" BEFORE GIVING HIM THAT ASSIGNMENT.

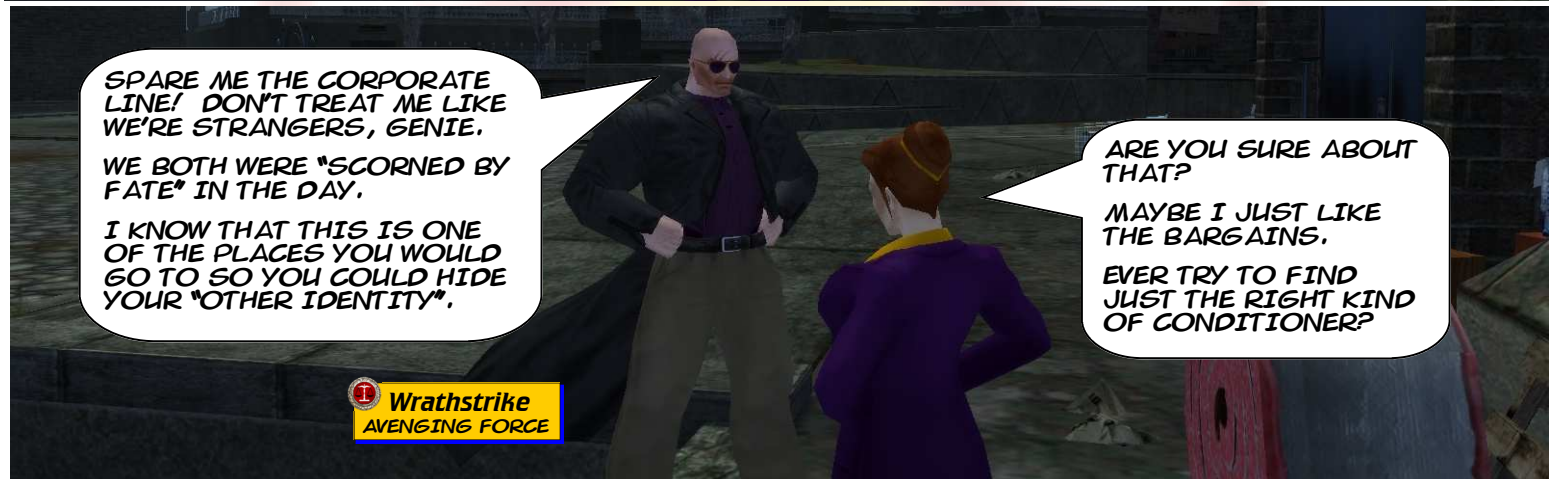


WELL, WELL.
SLUMMING,
GENIE?



DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
TALKING ABOUT, WRATHSTRIKE.
I'M HERE ON BUSINESS.
LEXIETECH HAS BUSINESS
DEALINGS WITH MANY
COMPANIES HERE IN THE ISLES.

LT Genie Whitehall
LEXIETECH ASSOCIATE



SPARE ME THE CORPORATE
LINE! DON'T TREAT ME LIKE
WE'RE STRANGERS, GENIE.
WE BOTH WERE "SCORND BY
FATE" IN THE DAY.
I KNOW THAT THIS IS ONE
OF THE PLACES YOU WOULD
GO TO SO YOU COULD HIDE
YOUR "OTHER IDENTITY".

T Wrathstrike
AVENGING FORCE

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT
THAT?
MAYBE I JUST LIKE
THE BARGAINS.
EVER TRY TO FIND
JUST THE RIGHT KIND
OF CONDITIONER?



SOMEONE BROKE INTO A
GREY CORP SUBSIDIARY
IN ATLAS PARK THE OTHER
DAY.*
FEW SECURITY GUARDS
WERE KILLED. INSIDES
BOILED LIKE THEY WERE
MICROWAVED.

SECURITY FOOTAGE
SHOWED A WOMAN IN
A PURPLE-AND-GOLD
HAREM OUTFIT.
GREY THINKS THAT
SHE'S A MYSTIC.
BUT I KNOW "SHE'S"
JUST A MUTANT THAT
LIKES DRESSING UP
LIKE ONE.

(* ISSUE #3)



BACK AT GUARDIAN BASE...

YOU'RE
KOLDFRONT,
RIGHT?

ACCORDING TO
MY HERO ID,
YOU CAN CALL
ME GEOFF.
STILL GETTING
USED TO THIS
HERO STUFF.

Koldfront
(GEOFF MCDANIELS)

THERE'S A LOT THAT
YOU NEED TO GET
USED TO, KOLDFRONT.
FOR STARTERS, YOU
DON'T JUST "JOIN" A
GROUP LIKE THE
GUARDIANS AND
JUST SHOW UP LIKE
YOU'RE IN A LIBRARY.

I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU
JOINED THE GUARDIANS
UNTIL ANDREW WENTWORTH
TOLD ME HE BROUGHT YOU
ON BOARD BEHIND MY BACK.*

(* LAST ISSUE)

YEAH, SORRY
ABOUT THAT.
I SPENT MOST OF
THE PAST FIVE
YEARS STUDYING
WITH A COVEN IN
CALIFORNIA.
THEY WEREN'T TOO
BIG ON
FORMALITIES.

THAT'S NOT GOOD
ENOUGH.
WENTWORTH MAY
HAVE "HIRED" YOU,
BUT I'M THE ONE
THAT CAN FIRE
YOU.
YOU WANT TO TRY
THAT AGAIN?

YOU'RE RIGHT.
I AM SORRY.
HELLO. MY NAME
IS KOLDFRONT.
HOW MAY I BE OF
ASSISTANCE?

BETTER.
LET'S TALK IN
MY OFFICE.
I HAVE AN
ASSIGNMENT
FOR YOU.

WELL?

IT LOOKED SLIGHTLY
LIKE HER.

THE CLOTHES ARE
DARKER, BUT THE
ARROGANCE WAS
THERE.

AND I THOUGHT SHE
WAS A BLONDE.

AND SHE COULD
VERY WELL BE ONE
AGAIN.

TIME IS SUCH A
FUNNY THING.

SPEAKING OF...

YOU WILL HAVE A VERY
NARROW WINDOW OF
OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU
TO MAKE YOUR MOVE.

SHE'LL SOON BECOME
AN INCARNATE.

IT WON'T MATTER.

THIS TIME,
HISTORY WILL NOT
REPEAT ITSELF.

THIS TIME, GALATEA WILL NOT BE THE
ONE TO DEFEAT ME.

THANKS TO YOU, I NOW KNOW THE WAY
TO HER HOME UNIVERSE.

I WILL FOLLOW HER THERE, BRINGING
THE SAME DEATH AND DESTRUCTION
THAT WAS BROUGHT TO THIS UNIVERSE.

AND AFTER I HAVE DEFEATED
AND HUMBLER HER, SHE WILL
HELP BRING FORTH A NEW
GENERATION OF GODS THAT
WILL SPREAD OUT AND
CONQUER THE MULTIVERSE.

THEN MY REVENGE WILL BE
COMPLETE WITH HER DEATH.

HELIOS TOWERS - TALOS ISLAND

HERO-FRIENDLY CONDOMINIUMS

DING-DONG

JOHN? CAN YOU
GET THAT?
IT'S PROBABLY
THE CHINESE TAKE-
OUT GUY.

YOU SURE IT'S A GUY?
LAST TIME WE ORDERED
PIZZA, IT WAS A GIRL
THAT DELIVERED IT.
AND I SEEM TO RECALL
SHE OFFERED TO GIVE
BACK THE TIP IF I
OPENED THE DOOR FOR
HER AGAIN WITHOUT
MY JEANS.

KEEP IT UP AND
YOUR EGG ROLL
WILL GET VERY
STALE.

John Cole
AKA GUARDIAN STAR

HELLO.

CLICK-CREEEEEEK

UM... HI.
BOY IS THIS
SORT OF
AWKWARD.

I HOPE MY
"SISTER" IS HERE.
I'M GOING TO BE
HER NEW
ROOMMATE.

Next Issue:
Hi Roomie!

Worlds Without End

Last issue, we talked about the strange things with time. How the past, present, and the future can be changed with and without serious consequences.

But what happens when we talk about multiple universes?

The idea of multiple dimensions and multiple universes is far from new. In fact, the two big comic publishing companies - DC and Marvel - have whole multiverses of worlds where their respective iconic characters live different lives and make different choices.

Picture a certain “super” hero being evil? Maybe he fails to save the day. Maybe he makes a different choice. Maybe he was raised differently, or was born a different color. Maybe “he” isn’t even a “he”, but a “she”. All of this is possible when you’re talking about multiple universes.

Ever wonder what would happen if, say, Abraham Lincoln was saved from assassination thanks to a certain time-travelling “dark vigilante”? Sure, it would change history, but that’s okay if we’re talking an alternate universe.

An old comic book theory goes like this: all of the comic stories you read about are supposedly events that have happened on some alternate reality. Those adventures are seen as “dreams” by the writers and animators of our universe and they become the material behind the comics that we read.

So somewhere in the infinite possible universes is our world, running right alongside the multiple universes of DC and Marvel and Image and Dark Horse... and, for that matter, Battlerock Comics, JK Comics, CoX Comics, and the rest of the City of Comic Creators. All we would have to do is find a way to cross those dimensions and we’d be face-to-face with our favorite heroes and villains.

Or... so the theory goes.

Long before the City of Heroes MMO began dealing with the complexities of time and the mysteries of Ouroboros, the general public there was aware of multiple universes.

It all supposedly started with a substance called “superadine”; a mystery drug that was first introduced in the 1970’s that gives people superhuman abilities.

Nobody really knows how this drug came about. Drug dealers would simply “find” the substance just waiting for them to refine and distribute. The drug’s effects would vary from temporary to full-on transformations, depending on how it was refined and ingested.

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Eventually it plays a role in creating dimensional portals, which the founder of Portal Corporation then used to travel to alternate realities. One such reality, however, was a world where the Nazis win, thanks to their uber-führer, Reichsman... that world's version of Statesman. Reichsman then invades "our" Paragon City in the 1990's before being defeated and imprisoned by his counterpart and the rest of the Freedom Phalanx.

In 2002, Earth is invaded by the Rikti; alien-looking attackers from yet another universe that used giant portals to bring in their warships and troops. And to end this invasion, a group of brave heroes sacrificed their lives by travelling to the Rikti Home Universe to create a mystic barrier that would sever all access to that universe.

Of course, longtime fans of the various Guardians of the Dawn comics know that four of their key members - Galatea Powers, Ryder Lightning, Icon Powers, and MidKnight X - are heroes from an alternate universe that was destroyed by still another alternate universe entity.

And we can't forget our own title character, Furia Powers, who came from the Praetorian Universe; a world that was on the brink of extinction, and one where their own "City of Heroes" are really evil despots.

Multiple universes are the gateways to infinite possibilities. They allow us to travel to other worlds without going into space. They show us the paths not taken without threatening the timeline we know. And they give us people that we would otherwise never expect to meet.

It's a pity, then, to know that at least one of the big comic publishers is hell-bent on destroying their own multiple universes for a more "simplistic" singular universe.

Then again, comic book history has shown that once the multiverse genie has been freed, it's a little hard to put her back into the bottle.

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Many MMOs are rated “**T for Teens**”, but that doesn't mean that the same applies to fan-made comics.

That's why the City of Comic Creators came up with the **MMO Comic Index Content Ratings System**; a voluntary rating system for comic content that gives the readers a quick glance at what kind of content to expect. This allows readers to choose which kind of general audience suits them, and it gives the comic creators the freedom to provide the kind of stories that they feel comfortable doing.

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