# FURIA AND GURRDINS THE GURRDINS













## It's a FACT:

- ▶ Paragon City is the disaster capital of the world!
- ➤ The first thing cut and the last thing restored in a disaster is civilian electricity.
- ➤ The very last thing that most people think about until it is too late is checking their emergency supplies to ensure freshness!

Why put your family's mealtime at the mercy of the villains and alien invaders bent on world domination?



### Your family NEEDS Green Pouch Survival Kits!

Every Green Pouch kit contains enough to feed a family of four without needed electricity or refrigeration, and with enough selections to ensure that you won't get bored any time soon!

Available at all grocery and supply stores in Paragon City. Don't wait until the next invasion! Get prepared NOW!

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...



If it wasn't enough that Paragon City was besieged by mysterious robots, the "looming threat" called Destitution has made his entrance. And he did so in the most dramatic of ways; by taking over almost all of the city's network systems, including the Paragon News Network, as a demonstration of his dominance.

With the whole city watching and with the heroes already busy, Destitution quickly and arrogantly took down one hero that stood in his way.

Then Galatea Powers, Paragon City's "True Guardian" challenged him, and even though she could match him blow-for-blow, she was also seemingly overwhelmed and disappeared in a burst of energy.

That left Furia Powers, the former Praetorian hero, as the only other hero in the area to try to stop the threat that is Destitution.



Furia and the Guardians #03 is created using material collected through the City of Heroes Multiplayer Online Roleplaying Game. Copyright © 2004-2012 This story is a not-for-profit independent derivative work of the City of Heroes Game. All original rights are reserved by NCsoft and Paragon Studios. NCSoft, the interlocking NC logo, Paragon Studios, City of Heroes, City of Villains, and all associated logos and designs are trademarks or registered trademarks of NCsoft Corporation and Paragon Studios. Cryptic Studios is a trademark of Cryptic Studios, Inc. All other trademarks are property of their respective owners. Battlerock Comics is a subsidiary of Get Brutal Productions. Neither Battlerock Comics nor Get Brutal Productions makes any claim on above mentioned content.















<sup>&</sup>quot;Qualina" is created by Damon H/Dam025 and appears with the creator's permission.



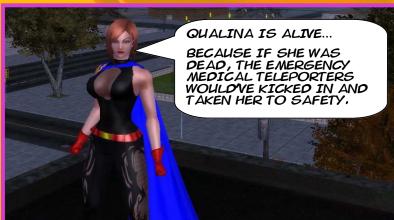










































AND EVERY OTHER HERO THAT DARES TO CHALLENGE ME WILL SHARE HER FATE!





















ASSEMBLER CODE IS A VERY NEW FORM OF COMPUTER CODE THAT CAN BE CONFIGURED AND RECONFIGURED TO WHATEVER IT NEEDS TO BE.

IT'S LIKE...THE SOFTWARE VERSION OF TOFU.

ONCE I FIGURED OUT WHAT IT IS, I WAS ABLE TO REPROGRAM OUR CELLPHONES TO WORK.

Daybright
(GRACE FELLOWS)



#### NOT YET.

I WAS ABLE TO PIGGY-BACK ON A LOWER NODE, BUT IF IT GETS TOO LARGE THEN THE CODE WILL SHUT US OUT AGAIN.

..NOT .Kew-

I'LL NEED TO SNEAK IN A DEBUG PROGRAM THAT WILL FREE UP THE CELL NETWORK.

I'LL KEEP YOU APPRISED ON MY PROGRESS, BUT YOU CAN GET MINDY TO TRY THE SAME THING ON OUR CPCU.



















































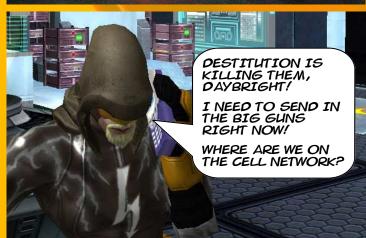






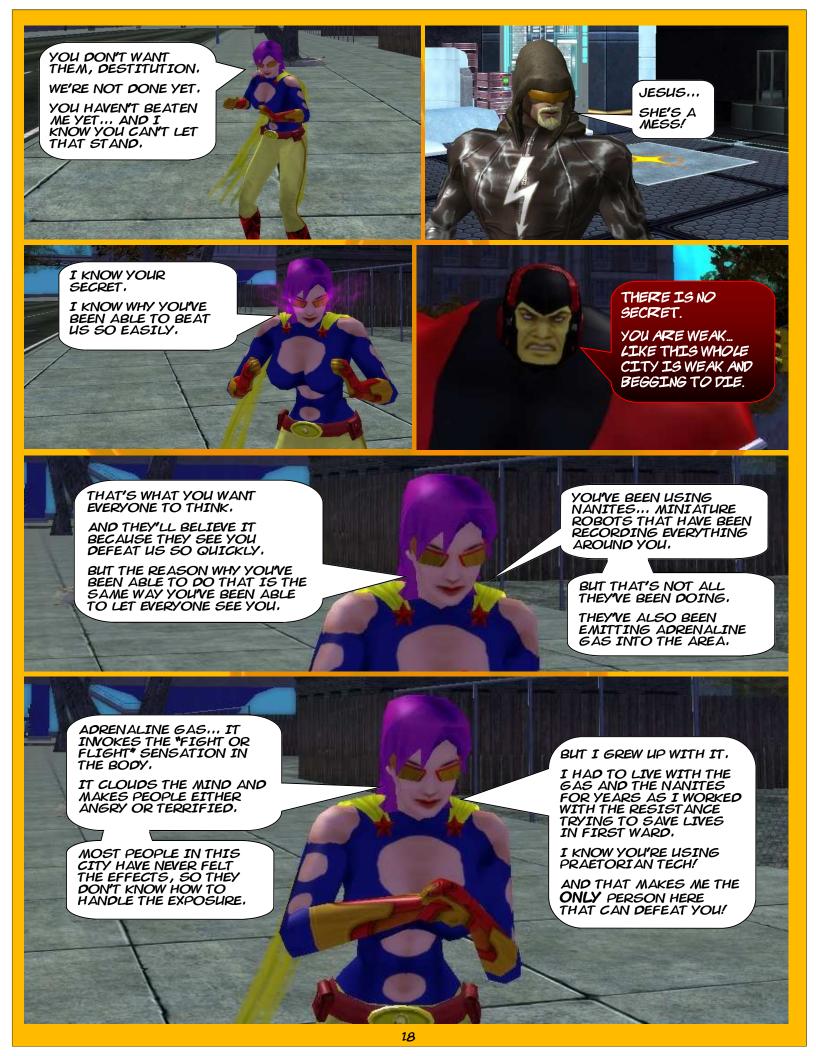








































# PLEASE STAND BY...













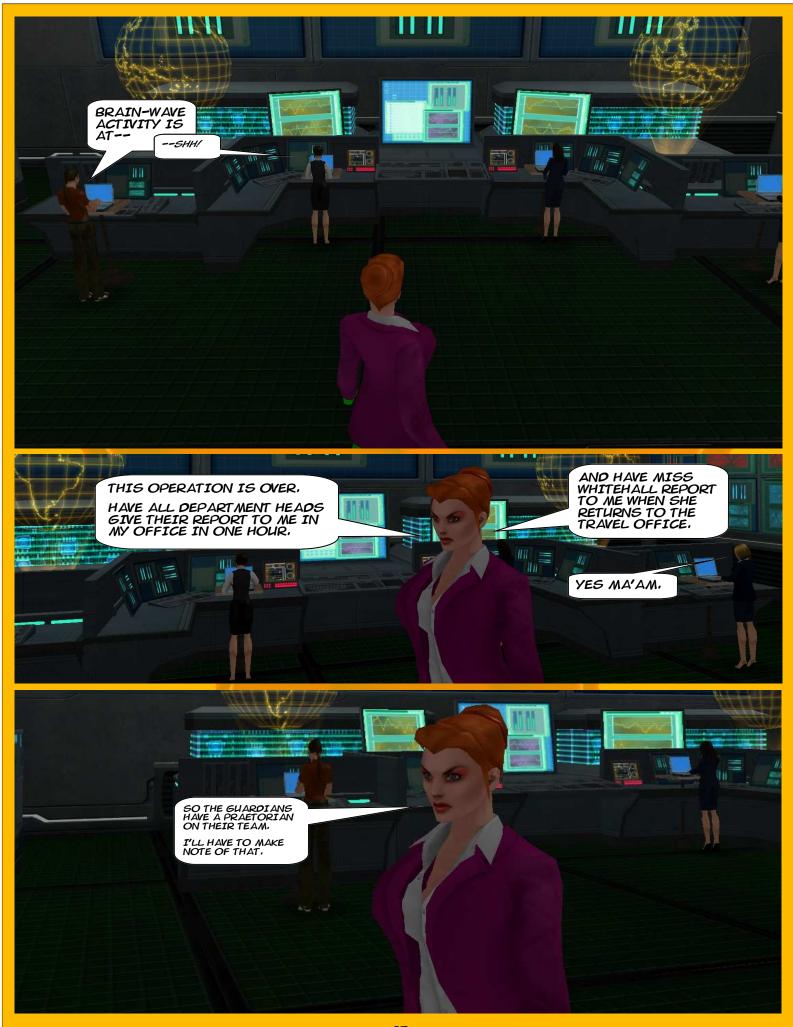












A FEW HOURS LATER...

HOW'S FURIA HOLDING UP? SHE WAS BEAT UP PRETTY BAD, BUT SHE'S BEING PATCHED UP IN THE INFIRMARY,

HER OUTFIT WAS DESTROYED IN THE BATTLE, SO SHE'LL BE PAYING SERGE A VISIT LATER, SERGE IS ONE OF THE BEST,

HE DESIGNED BOTH OUR OUTFITS, SO HE'LL DO HER RIGHT.



THIS WAS THE FIRST MAJOR TRIAL-BY-FIRE FOR US, BART.

NOT JUST FOR THE GUARDIANS, BUT ALSO FOR YOU AS THEIR OPERATIONS MANAGER.

IN ALL, YOU DID A PRETTY GOOD JOB, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED.

D.A. Alex Wentworth

AKA LIBERTARIAN AVENGER

AND, THANKS TO
DESTITUTION, FURIA'S
THE NEW HERO OF THE
DAY, JUST LIKE
GALATEA WAS WHEN WE
FIRST GOT STARTED.

SPEAKING OF... ANY WORD ON HER?

NO.

HER HERO IO SAYS SHE'S ALIVE, BUT THE CPCU CAN'T SEEM TO LOCATE HER.

I'VE GOT A REQUEST WITH PORTAL CORP. TO SEE IF THEY CAN HELP US.

Prof. Bart Wallace
AKA RYDER LIGHTNING

IT'S THE PART THAT COMES UP NEXT THAT WILL REALLY HURT, ALEX.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, DEBRIEFS WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU FOR SUPER -POWERED AFFAIRS AND WITH VANGUARD.

THEY'RE ALL GOING TO WANT TO KNOW HOW ALL THE CITY'S NETWORKS COULD BE COMPROMISED SO EASILY.

YOU WANT TO DUST OFF YOUR HERO OUTFIT AND HANDLE THOSE? THIS IS YOUR TEAM, AFTER ALL.

EVEN IF I WANTED TO, I COULDN'T. AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, I'D HAVE TO SIT IN ON SOME OF THOSE MEETINGS.

THAT'S PART OF THE REASON WHY I BROUGHT YOU BACK.\*

BUT THOSE AREN'T THE MEETINGS THAT YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT.

MY UNCLE HAS REQUESTED A MEETING WITH YOU TO TALK ABOUT THE TEAM,

I THINK YOU'LL FIND BEING GRILLED BY LADY GREY IS A CAKE WALK IN COMPARISON.

(\* "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN GRADUATION" #1-3)





Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

From the desk of

### **Brighid Moreira**

Paragon City Representative Federal Bureau for Super-powered Affairs (FBSA)

#### **Subject: Destitution and the Safety of Paragon City**

Recently the safety and security of Paragon City was put at risk by the actions of a Super-Powered Being (SPB) calling himself "Destitution". His actions exposed critical flaws in the various communication and information networks that affect this city.

Even though the crisis was eventually contained by the heroes of Paragon City, including and especially Furia Powers of the Guardians of the Dawn, this was a crisis that could have been minimized if not for the critical flaws that Destitution was able to exploit.

The purpose of this memo is to identify which flaws were used so they can be remedied in future meetings with the various government agencies that monitor and regulate city and hero affairs.

#### 1. Destitution

The SPB calling itself "Destitution" is currently in custody by the United Nations Vanguard organization and is being examined in the Vanguard facility in White Plains (aka the "Rikti War Zone").

Doctors are being tasked with investigating who and what "Destitution" is, and how he was able to overpower and defeat several heroes, not to mention kill dozens of expertly-trained Longbow soldiers in Siren's Call.

**Question:** Is the SPB from the Praetorian Universe?

According to the after-action debriefing from Furia Powers, Destitution used nanites similar to those employed in the Praetorian Universe under Emperor Cole (*aka "Tyrant"*). These nanites supposedly had a dual purpose of videorecording everything in the immediate area and also in emitting a weaponized aerosol version of adrenaline. This gas has the effect of clouding human thought, and provoking fear and the "Fight-or-flight" reaction that the Praetorian Empire uses to control the masses and keep them afraid. The nanites are controlled through a neural-net, which the wearer also uses to control the video being broadcast.

This kind of multi-tasking requires intensive mental conditioning if the subject is working alone. Given how the SPB was able to engage several heroes in battle, it is reasonable to assume that he was not working alone.

Question: If the SPB was not working alone, who would be working with him? And why?

#### 2. Sonic Robots

Prior to the SPB's arrival, the city was under attack by a swarm of robots that employed a combination of sound and electricity. These robots came from two sources: first from unmarked panel trucks that were spread all over the city, and, second, from inside large audio systems employed by local stores. Both sources are being investigated, but the fact that they came from these two sources lead us to conclude that the SPB is not working alone.

While the vast majority of these robots carried out random attacks on the city and its

Continues on next page...

### **FURIOUS SCRIBBLINGS**

citizens, certain robots had specific functions within the city. Some of those included accessing the city's network infrastructure on behalf of the SPB.

**Question:** How were these robots able to infiltrate the city so easily? And who supplied the trucks that were used to transport the robots?

#### 3. Network Infrastructure

As of this memo, a full assessment of Paragon City's network infrastructure is being made by a group of heroes being led by Gaussian of Vanguard, along with Daybright of the Guardians of the Dawn, and Citadel of the Freedom Phalanx. They are charged with determining precisely how the network systems were compromised, why the exploits were not identified until the crisis happened, and what can be done to prevent future exploitations.

We know that the only critical networks that were not affected and co-opted by the SPB were the Emergency Medical Teleportation System (EMTS) and the Positional Teleportation System (PTS). This can be traced back to the safeguards that were put in place following the "Daybright Incident" of 2010, when the disgraced former hero StarCygnus was able to simultaneously trigger all of the various teleportation devices used by the hero Daybright in an attempt to disintegrate her. Those safeguards prevented the EMTS and PTS from being co-opted by the SPB along with the other network infrastructures.

**Question:** How can we employ similar safeguards to our communication and information networks so they cannot be exploited in the future?

While the interconnection of the various networking systems has worked to our advantage in being able to gather and relay critical information, it has become clear through this recent incident that it has also become a serious vulnerability to the safety of the city that must be addressed at the earliest possible opportunity.

Sincerely,

**Brighid Moreira** 

Paragon City representative for the Federal Bureau for Super-powered Affairs.

# http://BattlerockComics.wordpress.com

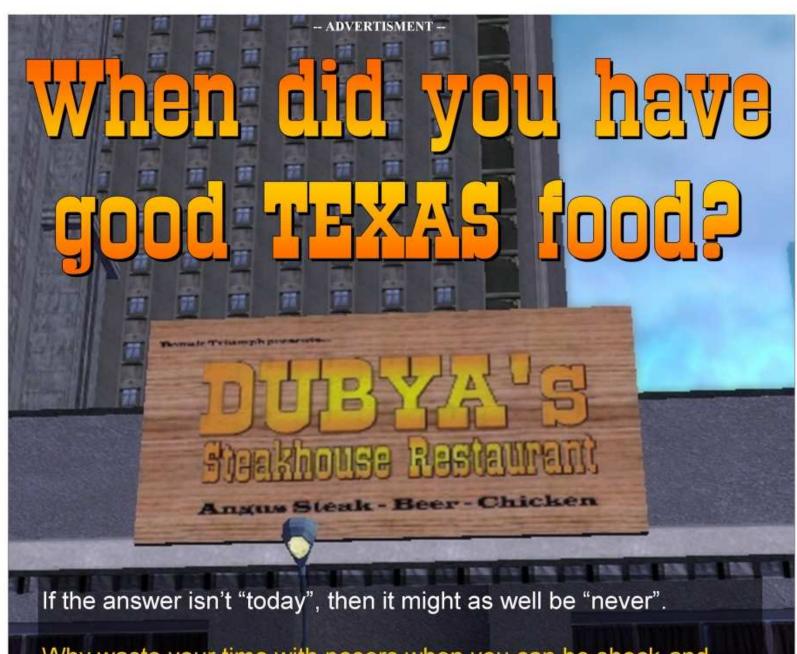
MEXT ISSUE...



IN THE WAKE OF THEIR BATTLE WITH DESTITUTION, THE GUARDIANS HAVE SOME SERIOUS CLEAN-UP TO DO... INCLUDING A MEETING WITH THEIR PATRON.

FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN RYDER LIGHTNING MEETS WITH THE CEO OF WENTWORTH'S FINE CONSIGNMENT, THE MAN THAT ONCE "ENDED" THE GUARDIANS.

AND... WHAT HAPPENED TO GALATEA POWERS?



Why waste your time with posers when you can be shock-andawed by a REAL-American steakhouse?

Whether it is our rib-sticking-ribs, our Cold War Beer, our Gitmo Enchiladas, our Improvised Edible Deserts, or our new Four-Alarm FIREHOUSE CHILI, we guarantee to help you put food on your family, and do it in a compassionate, conservative way that won't require a federal bailout!

# DUBYA

Steakhouse Restaurant

# NOT ALL FAN-MADE COMICS ARE FOR THE SAME READERS.









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 chose 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.

For more information about the MCICRS, please visit the MMO Comic Index website.

