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# FURIA

AND  
THE GUARDIANS



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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**

Three years ago, Furia Powers was considered to be just another refugee from the despised Praetorian Universe. A "goldie" with a temper.

She had to work hard to earn her respect, fighting prejudice along the way from those in authority who only saw her as a drone of a fascist leader.

Then, through the mechanizations of others, she faced a seemingly unstoppable force. But her anger and her fury prevailed in this fight, and she was soon recognized as a hero in her own right.

Furia has gone through several changes in her life since then. She gained a new civilian identity, a new home, a new job, and even a new family. She has accepted herself as a member of the legendary Powers family in this universe.

And now... all of that is at risk.

# **"ONE MORE TIME... WITH FEELING"**

## **- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2**

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RIKTI WAR ZONE (FORMERLY WHITE PLAINS) - PARAGON CITY, RI

UNITED NATIONS RESTRICTED HAZARD ZONE

"FURIA".  
CHILD OF FURY.

I WASN'T BORN WITH THAT NAME, BUT IT IS THE NAME THAT I TOOK.

FURIA WAS BORN WHEN MY FATHER WAS MURDERED BY THOSE THAT HE HAD TRUSTED.

I BECAME FURIA WHEN I WATCHED AS MY YOUNGER SISTER WAS KILLED IN FRONT OF ME BY THE HAMMOND.

FURY AND RAGE FUEL MY POWER. IT GIVES ME STRENGTH, IT GIVES ME FLIGHT, AND IT KEEPS ME ALIVE.

EXCEPT...

NOW I HAVE A NEW FAMILY. NOW I HAVE A GROUP WHERE I'M WELCOMED.

 **Furia Powers**  
(FIONA PODERES)

SOMEWHERE OUT THERE IS MY GREATEST ENEMY.

A THREAT THAT I BARELY DEFEATED THE LAST TIME.

AND FOR THE LIFE OF ME, I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE THE POWER TO DEFEAT HIM AGAIN.

EARLIER...

HELIOS TOWERS - HERO-FRIENDLY CONDOMINIUM

TALOS ISLAND

"KATE!"

SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG T' GET HERE.  
'SWEAR IT'S TH' LAST TIME I FLY ON BRITT AIR.  
COACH, NO LESS!

Katie Lea Powers  
AKA LYON POWERS

YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T TAKE THE VANGUARD PORTAL FROM CARDIFF?

WHERE'S YOUR LUGGAGE?

Fiona Poderes  
AKA FURIA POWERS

THEY GOT PUT ON A DIFFER'NT FLIGHT. THEY'LL HAVE THEM DELIVER'D 'ERE.

WELL, YOU'RE HERE AND THAT'S THE IMPORTANT PART!

COME ON IN!  
CAN I GET YOU SOMETHING?

I REALLY WOULDN'T MIND ONE OF GALATEA'S SMOOTHIES.  
REALLY MISS THOSE WHILE GETTIN' MYSTICAL TREATMENTS FOR THIS DAMNED CURSE.

WISH 'TAYA COULD BE HERE.

YEAH, VANGUARD HAS HER OFF IN THE SHADOW SHARD UNIVERSE DOING SOME MORE INTEL MISSIONS.

SOMETHING TO DO WITH HER STARTING TO BECOME AN INCARNATE.\*

THAT REALLY SCARES ME, FI.

MY ORIGINAL MENTOR WAS HERO 1, AN' WHAT HE TOLD ME ABOUT BEIN' AN INCARNATE MADE IT SEEM MORE OF A BURDEN TH'N A BLESSING.

(\* ISSUE #19)



OI! THAT REMINDS ME!  
I 'AVE SOMETHIN' FER YOU.



CAME 'CROSS ABBEY LOCKE ON TH' WAY UP AND SHE ASKED ME T' GIVE YOU YOUR PAY VOUCHER.



THANKS... THIS... THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT!



ABBIE TOLD ME T' TELL YOU THAT THE AMOUNT COVERS YOUR JOB FOR PROTECTING KAREN MANNING\* AN' ALSO A LITTLE EXTRA FER THE FIRM'S THANKS.

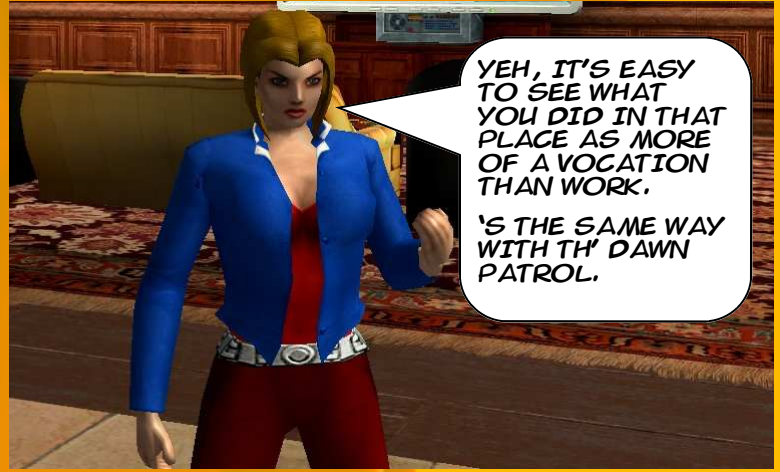
SHE SAID SHE'LL 'AVE SOME MORE WORK FER YOU SOON.

(\* LAST ISSUE)



THANKS FOR BRINGING THIS, KATE...

THIS IS ALL STILL NEW TO ME. I NEVER REALLY HAD A JOB WHEN I WAS IN PRAETORIA.

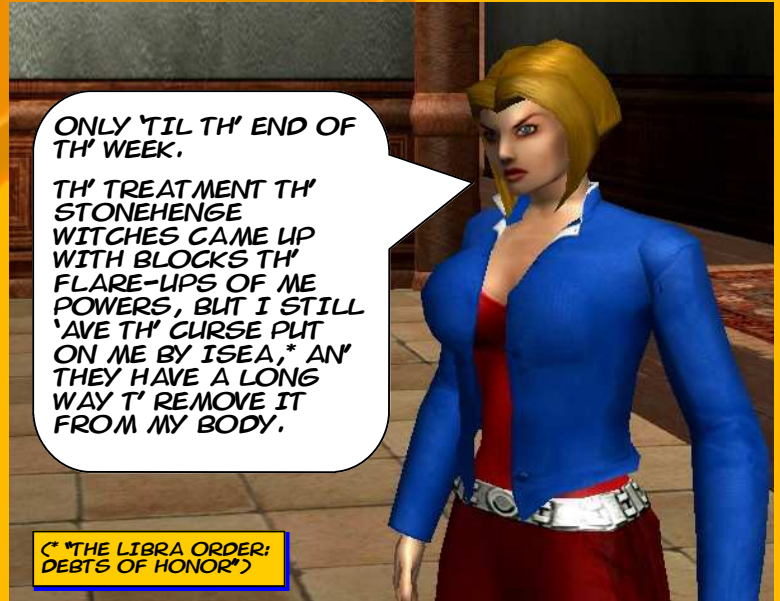


YEH, IT'S EASY TO SEE WHAT YOU DID IN THAT PLACE AS MORE OF A VOCATION THAN WORK.

'S THE SAME WAY WITH TH' DAWN PATROL.



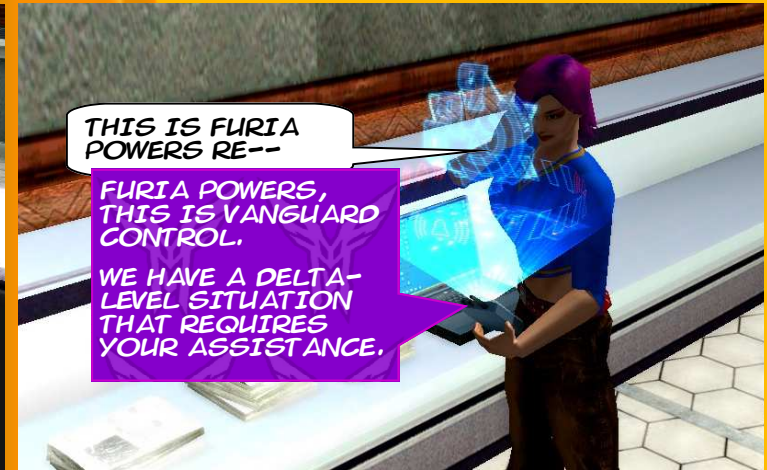
I'VE MISSED YOU, KATE. HOW LONG CAN YOU STAY?



ONLY 'TIL TH' END OF TH' WEEK.

TH' TREATMENT TH' STONEHENG WITCHES CAME UP WITH BLOCKS TH' FLARE-UPS OF ME POWERS, BUT I STILL 'AVE TH' CURSE PLIT ON ME BY ISEA,\* AN' THEY HAVE A LONG WAY T' REMOVE IT FROM MY BODY.

(\* THE LIBRA ORDER: DEBTS OF HONOR\*)



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Security Camera V-10



VANGUARD BASE



DESTITUTION.



HOW? HE WAS BRAIN-DEAD!  
HIS WHOLE HEAD WAS FRIED!\*

(\* ISSUE #3)



AS YOU ARE AWARE, MISS POWERS, DESTITUTION WAS GENETICALLY-ENHANCED WITH REGENERATIVE ABILITIES. WE JUST DID NOT REALIZE THE EXTENT OF THAT ABILITY.

AFTER WE DISCOVERED HIS BRAIN WAS FULLY RESTORED, WE TRANSPORTED HIM TO THE STASIS WING OF OUR VANGUARD ATLANTIS BASE.

**THE Lady Grey**  
VANGUARD LEADER





UNFORTUNATELY WE DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT HE COULD FORCE HIS WAY OUT OF STASIS AS WELL.



Security Camera V-D1

HE WAS ABLE TO GRAB PART OF HIS OUTFIT AND MAKE HIS WAY TO THE DOCK.



Security Camera V-D4

NOT HER..



WAIT... DID HE JUST SAY SOMETHING?



"NOT HER", ACCORDING TO THE SURVIVORS.  
"NOT PURPLE-HAIR."  
HE NEVER KNEW YOUR NAME WHEN YOU TWO FOUGHT.



THERE'S A THEORY CALLED "BLOOD MEMORY" THAT SUGGESTS THAT ONE'S WHOLE LIFE IS STORED IN OUR DNA, INCLUDING ALL OF OUR MEMORIES.  
IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN DESTITUTION'S MEMORIES OF YOU WERE RESTORED.



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ENHANCED IMAGE

PURPLE HAIR!  
I AM COMING FOR YOU!



WHERE IS HE NOW?

LIFE-SIZED STATUE OF TALOS - TALOS ISLAND

HEADQUARTERS FOR THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN

"LADY GREY SAID THAT HE BOARDED AN EMERGENCY ESCAPE VEHICLE AND IT CRASHED INSIDE THE RIKTI WAR ZONE."

"SOP THAT'S GREAT! THEY CAN KEEP HIM THERE INDEFINITELY!"

"NOT GREAT, KATE."

I MEDIATE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE RIKTI GET HOLD OF SOMEONE WITH THAT LEVEL OF REGENERATIVE ABILITY."

TECH WORKSHOP

SO CALL GALATEA BACK FROM 'ER SHADOW SHARD MISSION AN' THEN HOLD THE BLOKE OFF 'TIL SHE GETS THERE!

IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.

IT'S TH' BLOODY 'CITY OF HEROES'!

THERE 'RE HEROES AT EV'RY CORNER! LADY GREY CAN CALL UP A WHOLE LEGION!

Lyon Powers (KATIE LEA POWERS)

SHE ALREADY DID.

SHE HAS EVERY ACTIVE AND AVAILABLE HERO OUT THERE RIGHT NOW DOING TWO THINGS.

THE FIRST IS TO KEEP DESTITUTION AWAY FROM THE CRASHED RIKTI MOTHERSHIP SO THEY DON'T GET HIM AND HIS ENHANCED REGENERATION POWER.

"BUT THEY'RE HAVING TO FIGHT HIM AND THE RIKTI ALREADY THERE."

"THE OTHER CHALLENGE IS TO MAKE SURE NONE OF THE OTHER GROUPS GET THEIR HANDS ON HIM."

"VANGUARD GAVE CONTRACTOR PERMITS OUT TO ALL THE MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT COULD HELP DEVELOP WAYS TO STOP THE RIKTI."

"GREY, CYCORP, LEXIETECH, WYVERN, THE GOLDBRICKERS, THE ROCINANTE GROUP... AND LET'S NOT FORGET THAT ARACHNOS HAS A PRESENCE THERE."

"NOBODY WANTS TO SEE ANY OF THEM GET THE KEY TO DESTITUTION'S REGENERATIVE POWER EITHER."



THAT LEAVES ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE THAT COULD...

THERE! THAT DOES IT! NOW THEY WORK!

WHAT DOES?  
WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?



POWER GLOVES.  
A GIFT FROM FENNEC ENTERPRISES FROM WHEN I FOUGHT THE SIRIANS.\*

(\* THE CRUCIBLE\* #22)



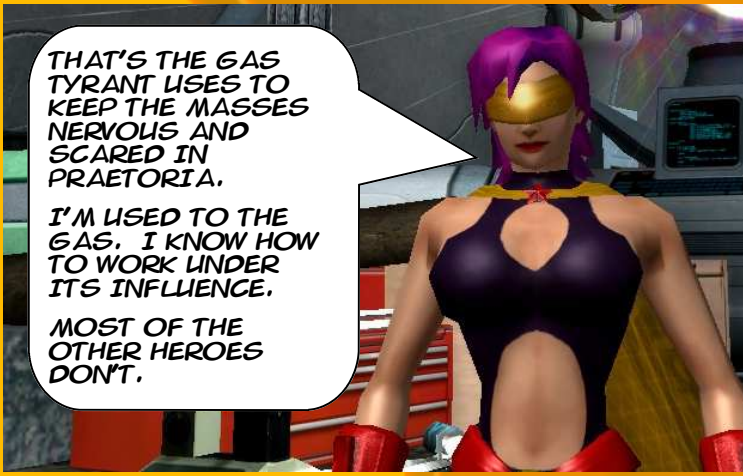
I'VE NEV'R SEEN YE NEEDING HELP FR'M TECH LIKE THIS.

WHY NOW? AND WHY DOES IT 'AVE T' BE YOU?



BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN FACE HIM AND BEAT HIM.


ONE OF THE DEVICES IN HIS BODY IS A PUMP THAT SECRETES ADRENALINE GAS.



THAT'S THE GAS TYRANT USES TO KEEP THE MASSES NERVOUS AND SCARED IN PRAETORIA.


I'M USED TO THE GAS. I KNOW HOW TO WORK UNDER ITS INFLUENCE.

MOST OF THE OTHER HEROES DON'T.



THE POWER GLOVES WILL BOOST MY KINETIC POWER AND GIVE ME THE EDGE THAT I'LL NEED AGAINST HIM.

PLUS I'VE FACED SO MANY CHALLENGES SINCE THE LAST TIME WE FOUGHT...



WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY:

\*THAT WHICH DOES NOT KILL ME ONLY MAKES ME STRONGER.\*



'CEPT IT CAN ALSO APPLY TO DESTITUTION.  
AN' 'AT'S WOT WORRIES ME.

PRESENT TIME...

I DIDN'T WANT TO LET HER KNOW THAT I WAS AFRAID OF THAT TOO. THAT'S REALLY WHY I NEED THE GLOVES.

WHEN I FOUGHT DESTITUTION THE FIRST TIME, I WAS STILL FULL OF RAGE AND ANGER.

STILL ANGRY OVER BEING ASSAULTED BY THE POLICE FOR DOING MY JOB AND TRYING TO HELP A DOWNED OFFICER.\*

STILL ANGRY OVER BEING CALLED A "GOLDIE".

STILL ANGRY OVER BEING TREATED AS A THREAT EVEN THOUGH I WAS ONCE A MEMBER OF THE RESISTANCE TRYING TO STOP TYRANT.

(\* ISSUE #1)

THAT ANGER IN ME DIED WHEN I BEAT DESTITUTION.

WHEN I BECAME THE CITY'S "HERO OF THE MOMENT".

I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN GET INTO THAT STATE AGAIN.

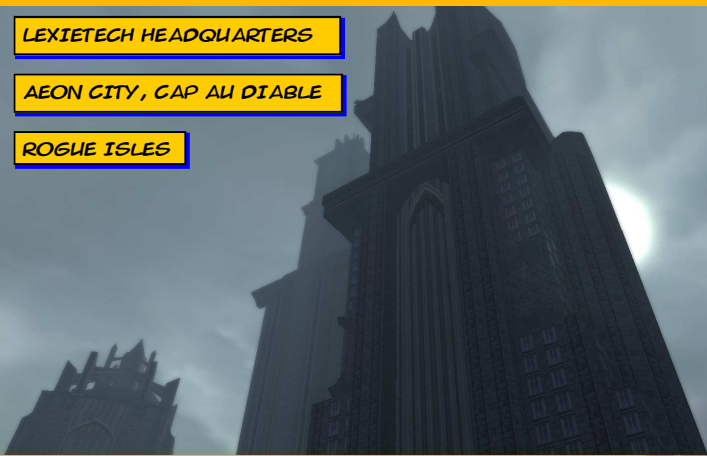
DO NOT FEAR. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FACE HIM ALONE.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

LEXIETECH HEADQUARTERS

AEON CITY, CAP AU DIABLE

ROGUE ISLES



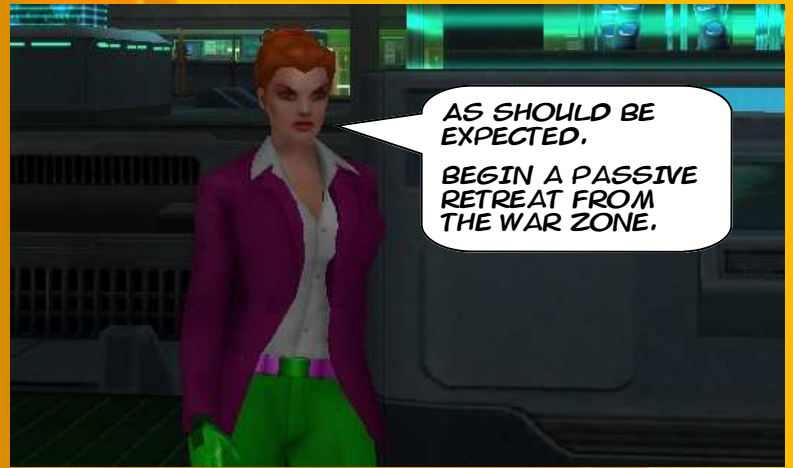
STATUS REPORT.

**Lexie Lothora**  
LEXIETECH CEO

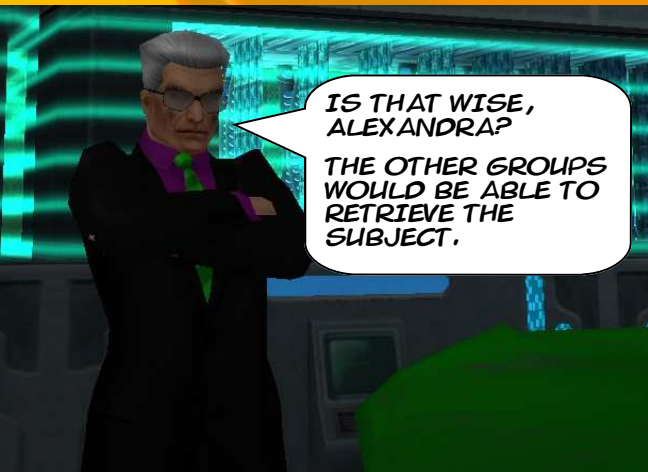


THE STRIKE TEAM IS MEETING RESISTANCE FROM THE HERO COMMUNITY.

**Lawrence Technis**  
LEXIETECH LEGAL



AS SHOULD BE EXPECTED. BEGIN A PASSIVE RETREAT FROM THE WAR ZONE.



IS THAT WISE, ALEXANDRA? THE OTHER GROUPS WOULD BE ABLE TO RETRIEVE THE SUBJECT.




IF I THOUGHT THAT ANY OF THE OTHER GROUPS COULD, I'D NEVER LET VANGUARD KEEP HIM. AS IT IS, LADY GREY AND HER PEOPLE WILL KEEP THE RIVALS FROM THE PRIZE.



OUR RETREAT WILL HELP CONCEAL OUR ROLE IN CREATING DESTITUTION. THE OTHERS WILL ASSUME THAT WE WERE THERE ONLY AS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT IS NO LONGER VIABLE.

I'LL WANT A FULL UPDATE ON WHAT IMPLANTS INSIDE OF HIM ARE STILL FUNCTIONING AND WHICH ONES WE HAVE REMOTE CONTROL OVER. AND MAKE SURE THAT WE MAINTAIN THE FEED FROM VANGUARD AT ALL COSTS.

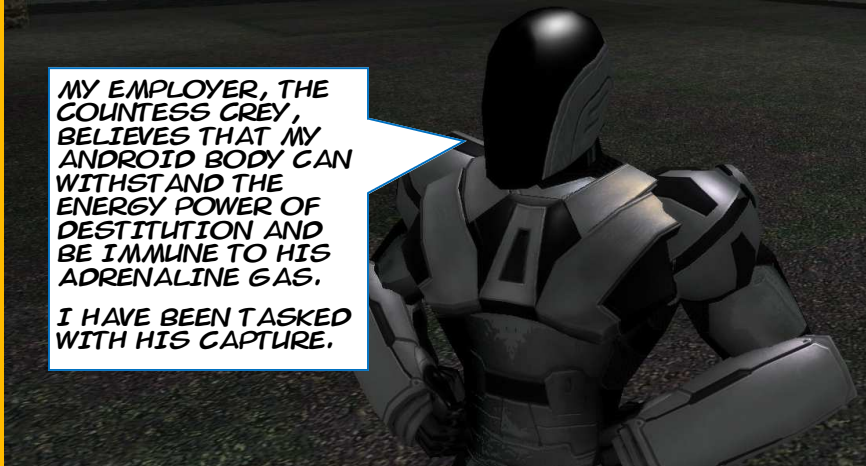


IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, FURIA.  
I AM GLAD YOU RECOGNIZE ME EVEN WITH MY UPDATED TACTICAL ARMOR.

IT'S A LITTLE HARD TO FORGET YOU, ROBOT BOY, AFTER WHAT WE WENT THROUGH WITH THE SIRIANS.\*  
BUT... WHY ARE YOU HERE?

**C.E.C.I.L.**  
GREY EXPERIMENTAL CRIME INTERVENTION LOGIC

\* FURIA CAME TO THE RESCUE OF CECIL DURING THE "HOUSE OF SOTHIS" STORYLINE IN THE COX COMICS SERIES "THE CRUCIBLE", AVAILABLE AT [WWW.COXCOMICS.COM](http://WWW.COXCOMICS.COM)



MY EMPLOYER, THE COUNTESS GREY, BELIEVES THAT MY ANDROID BODY CAN WITHSTAND THE ENERGY POWER OF DESTITUTION AND BE IMMUNE TO HIS ADRENALINE GAS.


I HAVE BEEN TASKED WITH HIS CAPTURE.



CECIL, I CAN'T LET YOU DO THIS.

I'M THE ONE THAT BEAT DESTITUTION THE FIRST TIME.

I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN STOP HIM.



DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BATTLE WITH DESTITUTION WAS UPLOADED INTO MY MEMORY, ALONG WITH TACTICAL PROGRAMS FROM MILITARY CONSULTANTS EMPLOYED BY GREY INDUSTRIES.

NO! NO! THIS ISN'T THE SAME AS THE LAST TIME!

VANGUARD COULDN'T CONTAIN HIM! YOUR EMPLOYER CERTAINLY CAN'T!

I AM WELL AWARE OF DESTITUTION'S STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES.



YOUR CONCERN FOR MY WELL-BEING IS MISPLACED BUT APPRECIATED.  
I MUST COMPLETE MY ASSIGNMENT.

CECIL, DON'T DO THIS!



CECIL!

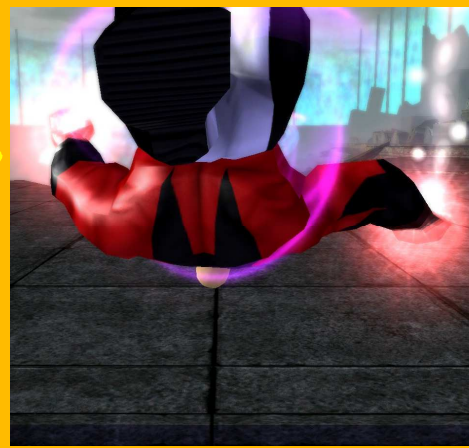




AT LAST!



\*WHAM!\*



MY NAME IS FURIA, NOT 'PURPLE HAIR'.

AND WHEN I'M DONE WITH YOU...



... MY NAME WILL BE YOUR DEATHCRY!



AAAAAAAAAAAAARRRRRGH!!!!



\*THOK!\*



\*WHAM!\*

WE'VE GOT TO HELP FURIA!



NO! YOU'RE CRAZY  
IF YOU THINK YOU  
CAN HELP HER  
AGAINST HIM!



★ **Qualina**  
(SARINA MARTINEZ)

LOOK, WE JUST CAN'T  
STAND BACK AND  
WATCH HER GET HER  
ASS KICKED!  
YOU FACED HIM  
BEFORE, QUALINA.



YES, AND I HAD MY  
CULO HANDED TO  
ME BOTH TIMES!  
BELIEVE ME WHEN I  
SAY WE'D ONLY GET  
IN FURIA'S WAY.

(\* ISSUES 2 & 3)

I DON'T LIKE SITTING  
BACK WHEN THE REAL  
ACTION IS STILL  
GOING ON...  
BUT... I GUESS THEY  
NEED US KEEPING THE  
OTHERS AWAY.

★ **Guardian Star**  
(JOHN COLE)



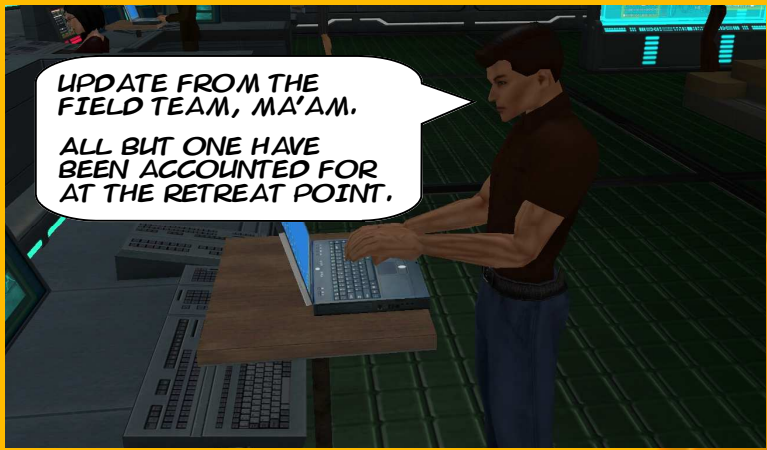
SHE'LL DO IT, LYON.  
I HAVE FAITH IN  
YOUR SISTER.

★ **Ryder Lightning**  
(BART WALLACE)



I JUST 'OPE  
IT'S ENOUGH...





UPDATE FROM THE FIELD TEAM, MA'AM.  
ALL BUT ONE HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR AT THE RETREAT POINT.



WHICH ONE?

THE FIELD LEADER HERSELF, MA'AM.



BATTLEVENGER,  
YOU ARE ORDERED TO PULL BACK TO THE EXTRACTION POINT AT ONCE.



I'M FINE WHERE I AM.  
I'M WEARING A LEVEL FIVE MINIMAL DETECTION SUIT AND I HAVE THE PERFECT VANTAGE POINT FOR TACTICAL EVALUATION.

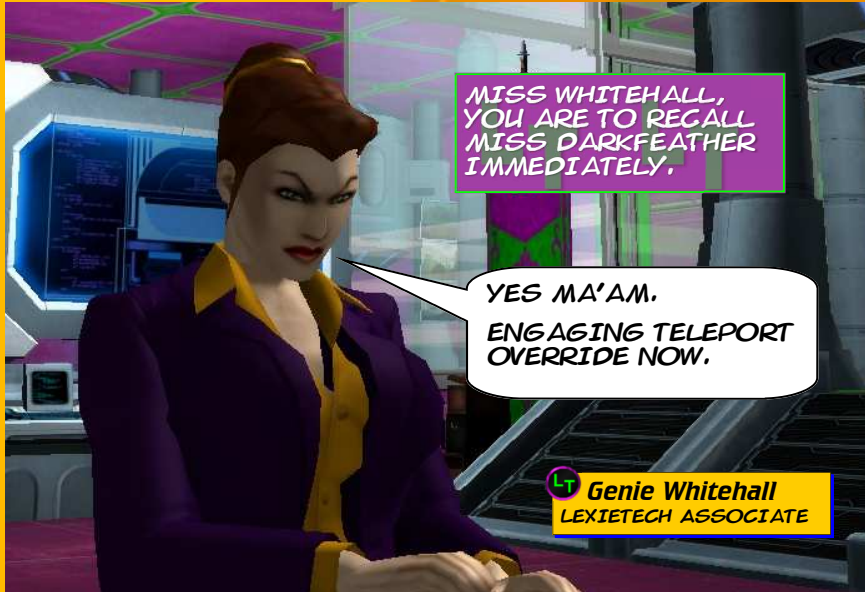
**Battlevenger**  
(JOANNA DARKFEATHER)



WOMAN'S BEEN TROUBLE EVER SINCE WE GAVE HER THOSE POWERS FROM JOHN BATTLE ROCK'S DNA.

THEN I WON'T TRY TO PERSUADE HER.

OPEN A DIRECT LINE TO THE TRAVEL OFFICE.



MISS WHITEHALL,  
YOU ARE TO RECALL MISS DARKFEATHER IMMEDIATELY.

YES MA'AM.  
ENGAGING TELEPORT OVERRIDE NOW.

**Genie Whitehall**  
LEXIETECH ASSOCIATE



NO!  
NO!







**FURIA!**



**THOSE GLOVES WERE NEVER DESIGNED FOR MELEE FIGHTING. HE HIT THEM WITH HIS ENERGY FISTS AND CAUSED THEM TO EXPLODE.**



**LOOK AT YOU! WEAK! RELYING ON YOUR TECH TO FACE ME!**



**YOU USED TO FIGHT ME WITH JUST YOUR POWERS, AND YOU ALMOST KILLED ME. NOW LOOK AT YOU!**



**I'LL SHOW THE WORLD JUST HOW WEAK YOU ARE...  
...BY WEARING YOUR SKIN AS MY NEW BELT!**

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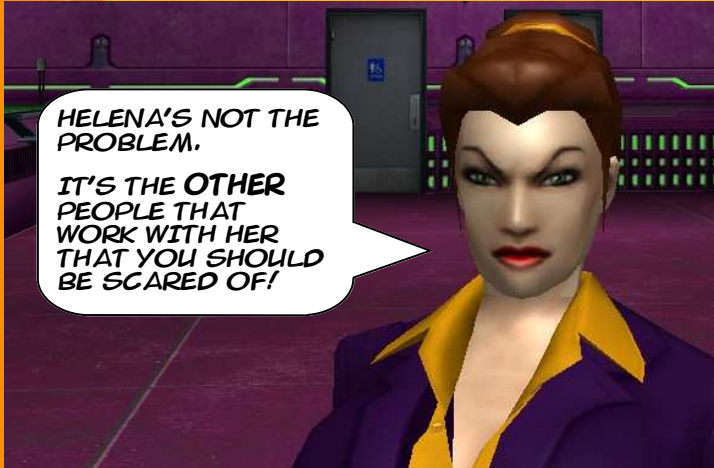
YOU'RE GOING TO SEND ME BACK TO THE WAR ZONE RIGHT NOW, AND MAYBE WHEN I GET BACK I MIGHT JUST FORGET WHAT YOU DID.



NO, WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO IS LISTEN TO ME BEFORE SECURITY GET HERE.



YOU THINK YOU CAN FRIGHTEN ME BY TELLING ME HOW MUCH OF A BADASS HELENA GORO IS? HONEY, I WAS DOING THIS BEFORE SHE WAS STALKING CASINO WHALES.



HELENA'S NOT THE PROBLEM. IT'S THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT WORK WITH HER THAT YOU SHOULD BE SCARED OF!



WHEN I DIDN'T REVEAL THAT MY MISSION WAS COMPROMISED, I WAS "INTERVIEWED" BY MS. LOTHORA'S SECURITY STAFF.\* I COULDN'T PEE FOR A WEEK AFTERWARD.

(\* ISSUE #6)



DO YOU HEAR WHAT I AM TELLING YOU? THEY ARE THAT SADISTIC!



I GET THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO BE TOUGH. THAT'S THE FIRST THING THEY WILL BREAK YOU OF.

MS. LOTHORA WANTS PEOPLE THAT WILL FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LETTER. AND I'M TELLING YOU NOW... YOU DON'T WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT SHE DOES TO THOSE WHO CAN'T FOLLOW HER INSTRUCTIONS!

PRINCESS, I HAD MY RIGHT EYE REMOVED. NOT BEING ABLE TO PEE CAN'T COMPARE TO THAT LEVEL OF PAIN.

YOU'D BE SURPRISED.



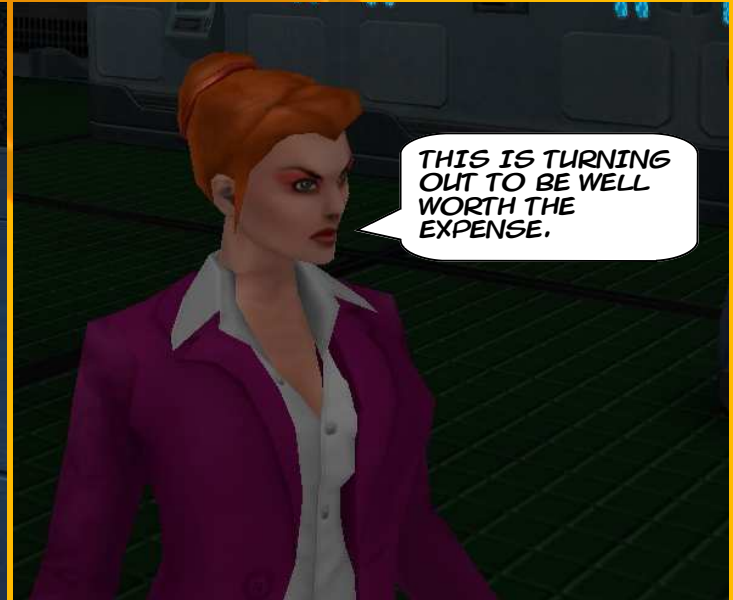
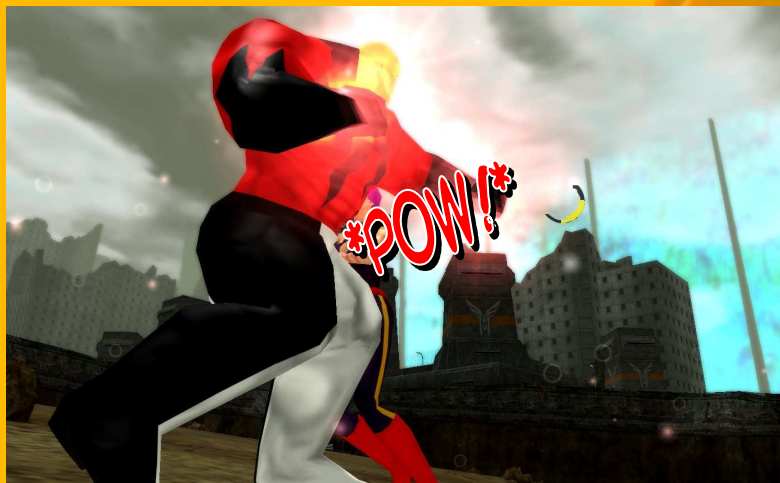


YOU SAY YOU'RE USED TO THE ADRENALINE GAS... BUT YOU'RE STILL NOT IMMUNE TO IT LIKE I AM.

THE FEAR IS CREEPING IN... THE FEAR OF YOUR FAILURE... AND YOUR DEATH!

CANT... THINK...

KATE...





CANT FOCUS...  
CANT THINK...

DON'T GIVE UP ON ME YET, FURIA...  
I'M NOT DONE WITH YOU.



AFTER I KILL YOU...  
AND AFTER I ADORN MY OUTFIT WITH YOUR SKIN AND YOUR BONES...  
I'LL GO AFTER THE OTHERS.



GET UP, FURIA!  
GET UP!

I'LL GO AFTER THE OTHER WOMEN THAT TRIED TO CHALLENGE ME BEFORE.  
BECAUSE I REMEMBER THEM TOO.



QUALINA.



THE ELITE ICE QUEEN

Elite Ice Queen  
(CYNTHIA DI GHIACCIO)



GALATEA POWERS



THAT LITTLE CAT-GIRL

TashaTiger  
(NATASHA PRISS)



I'LL GO AFTER YOUR FRIENDS...

**Cardinal Syn**  
(CASSANDRA DARE)



YOUR FAMILY...



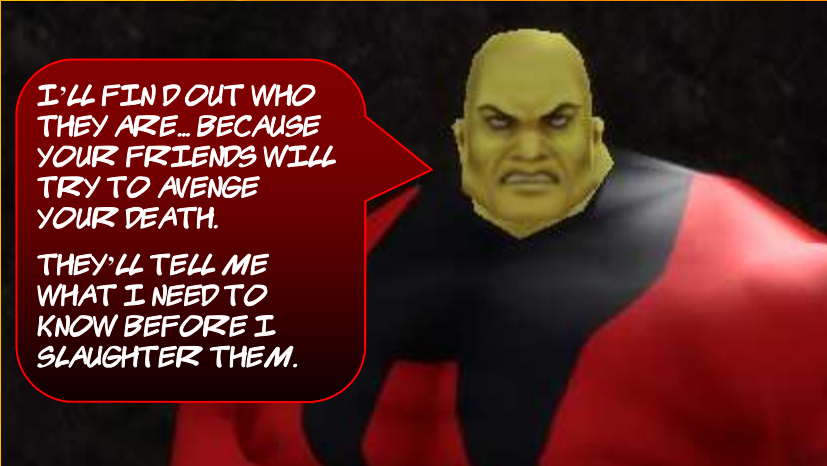
ANYONE WHO EVER KNEW YOU...

**Ms. Liberty**  
VINDICATORS



AND ANYONE WHO EVER CARED ABOUT YOU.

**Sir Windham Powers**  
DAWN PATROL (RETIRED)



I'LL FIND OUT WHO THEY ARE... BECAUSE YOUR FRIENDS WILL TRY TO AVENGE YOUR DEATH. THEY'LL TELL ME WHAT I NEED TO KNOW BEFORE I SLAUGHTER THEM.



THEY'LL ALL DIE SCREAMING YOUR NAME. AND THEN YOUR FAILURE WILL BE COMPLETE.

**NO!**



...N-NO...



NO, YOU WON'T... YOU WON'T... KILL ANYONE. YOU WON'T HARM ANYONE EVER AGAIN...



MY NAME IS FURIA POWERS...  
AND YOU JUST MADE THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF YOUR LIFE...



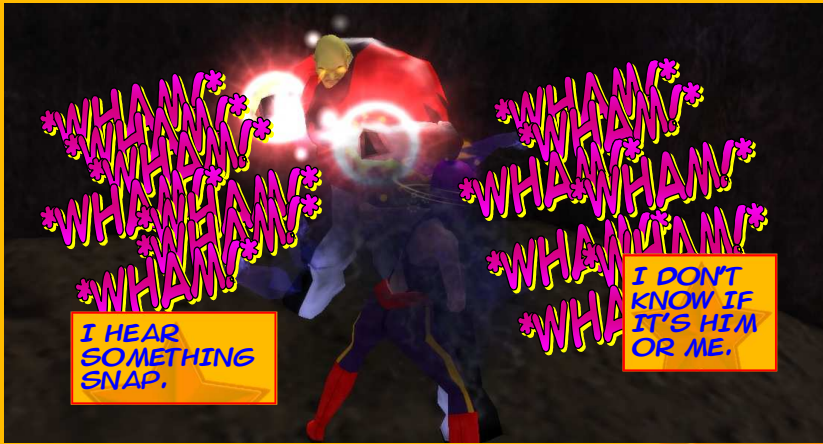
YOU GOT ME ANGRY!



YAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHH!!!



\*WHAM!\*



\*WHAM!\*

\*WHAM!\*

\*WHAM!\*

\*WHAM!\*

\*WHAM!\*

\*WHAM!\*

\*WHAM!\*

\*WHAM!\*

I HEAR SOMETHING SNAP.

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S HIM OR ME.



\*WHAM!\*

\*WHAM!\*

\*WHAM!\*

\*WHAM!\*

\*WHAM!\*

\*WHAM!\*

\*WHAM!\*

\*WHAM!\*

AND I DON'T CARE.



\*WHAM!\*



HE'S WORSE THAN TYRANT!

HE'S WORSE THAN THE HAMIDON IN BOTH UNIVERSES!

HE IS EVIL!



RAAARRR!

I DON'T CARE WHAT HE SAYS NOW.



\*KA-POW!\*

\*WHAM!\*

ALL I CAN HEAR IS THE ROAR OF BLOOD IN MY EARS.



\*KA-POW!\*



I KNOCK HIM DOWN, HE GETS BACK UP...

\*WHAM!\*

SO I CAN'T STOP UNTIL HE CAN'T GET BACK UP.



I'VE NEVER SEEN HER LIKE THIS BEFORE. EVEN AGAINST THE POLICE, SHE WAS NEVER THIS... VIOLENT.

I'VE SEEN IT B'FORE. NOT WITH FURIA... BUT WITH FAITH... I MEAN, WELSH FURY.\*

(\* WELSH FURY WAS FURIA'S COUNTERPART IN THE CITY OF HEROES UNIVERSE AND LYON'S OLDER SISTER BY BLOOD.)



TH' DAWN PATROL SHOWED ME VIDEO OF WELSH FURY DURING THE ALPHA-OMEGA GAMBIT. SHE TOOK ON A GAUNTLET OF RIKTI SOLDIERS BY HERSELF, THREE DOZEN STRONG.



"SHE TOOK THEM ALL ON WITH THAT SAME LOOK IN HER EYES!"



EY'N WHEN SHE WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED, SHE DIDN'T LET UP AGAINST THEM. SHE DIDN'T STOP UNTIL THE LAST RIKTI IN HER WAY FELL. AN' THEN SHE... SHE...

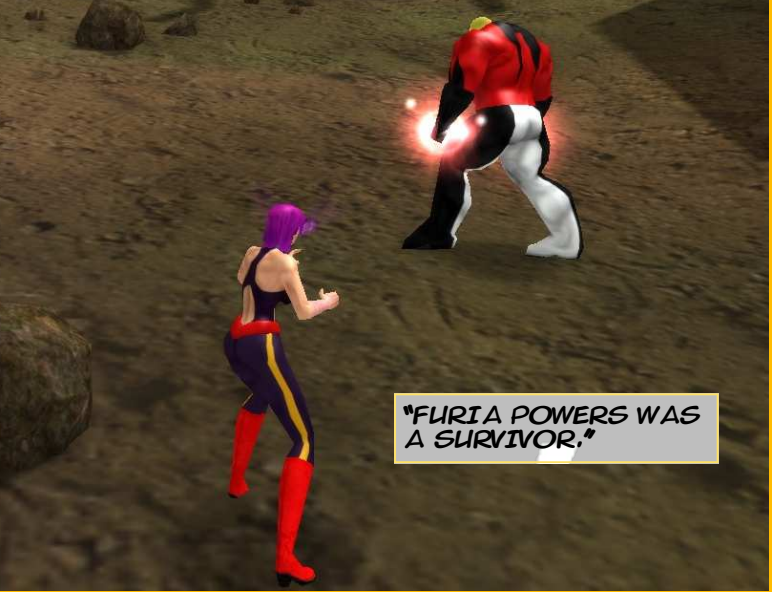


LYON... FURIA'S NOT GOING TO DIE LIKE YOUR OTHER SISTER. I HAVE FAITH IN HER. AND SO DO YOU.



"BECAUSE BEFORE SHE BECAME A HERO IN THIS WORLD..."

"BEFORE SHE BECAME A GUARDIAN..."



"FURIA POWERS WAS A SURVIVOR."









GET UP...

YOU'RE NOT DONE.



THE SUN IS STARTING TO SET.

BUT IT FEELS LIKE A MILLION YEARS SINCE WE STARTED.



HE'S STILL BREATHING THROUGH HIS SHATTERED RIBCAGE.

I BLASTED HIS KNEECAPS AND HIS ELBOWS.

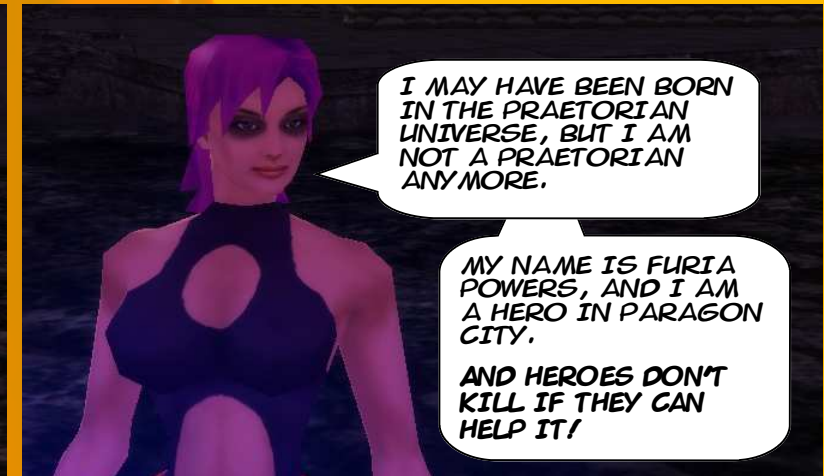
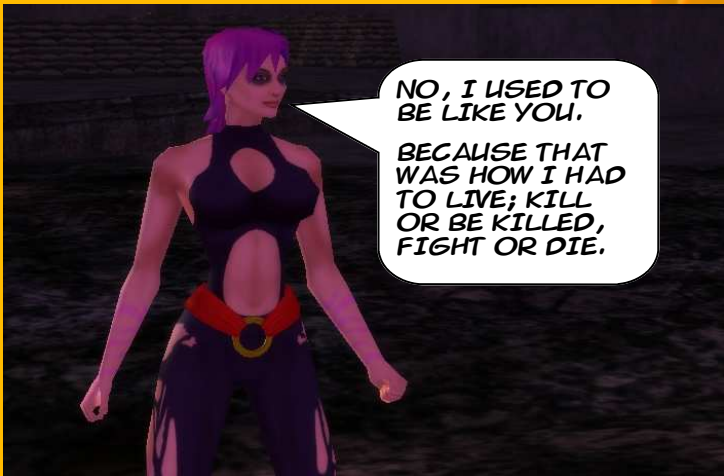
I TORE HALF HIS FACE OFF...

999FFFINI999...  
TH' SJOBB...  
KILL ME...

HE'S NOT HEALING AS FAST AS WHEN WE STARTED.

HE'S BEATEN.  
HE CAN'T FIGHT BACK.  
I CAN END THE THREAT OF HIM FOREVER RIGHT NOW.



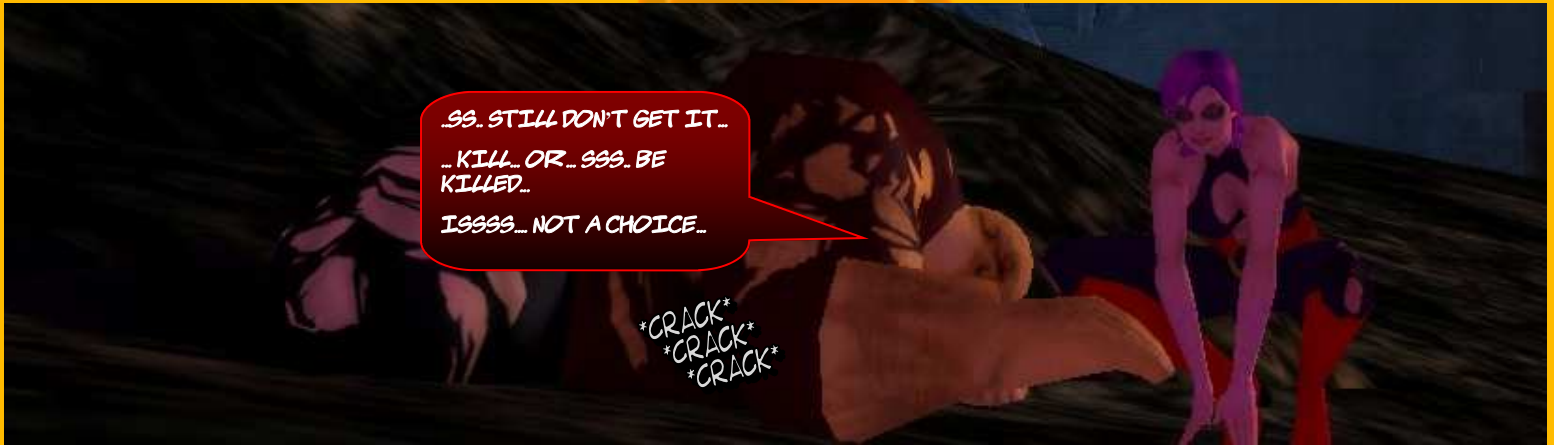




GIVE THE ORDER TO THE FIELD TEAMS IN THE ZONE THAT THEY ARE CLEAR TO TAKE THAT BEAST INTO CUSTODY.



MS. LOTHORA... SOMETHING IS HAPPENING TO HIS IMPLANTS.



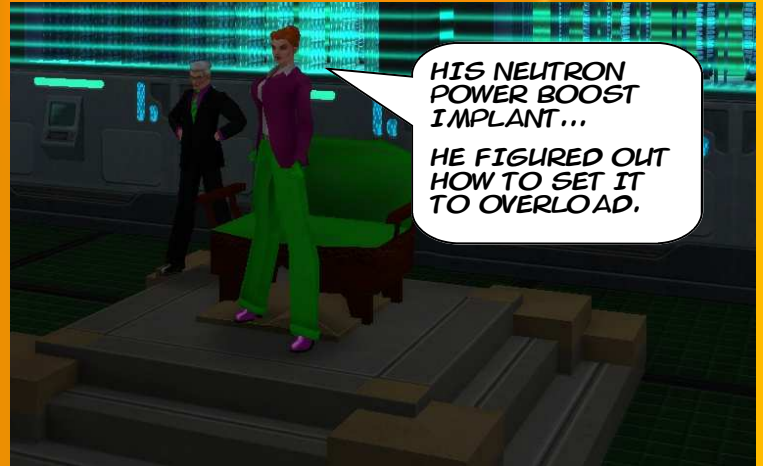
..SS.. STILL DON'T GET IT...  
.. KILL... OR... SSS.. BE KILLED...  
ISSSS... NOT A CHOICE...

\*CRACK\*  
\*CRACK\*  
\*CRACK\*



.. FOR ME..

\*CRACK\*  
\*THOK\*



HIS NEUTRON POWER BOOST IMPLANT...  
HE FIGURED OUT HOW TO SET IT TO OVERLOAD.



FURIA! GET OUT OF THERE!  
CPCU: EMERGENCY PROTOCOL!



SSSEEE YOU...  
..IN HELL...  
FFF...





**THIS OPERATION HAS ENDED. I WANT ALL REPORTS ON MY DESK BY EARLY MORNING.**



**LAWRENCE... THANK YOU EVERYONE.**

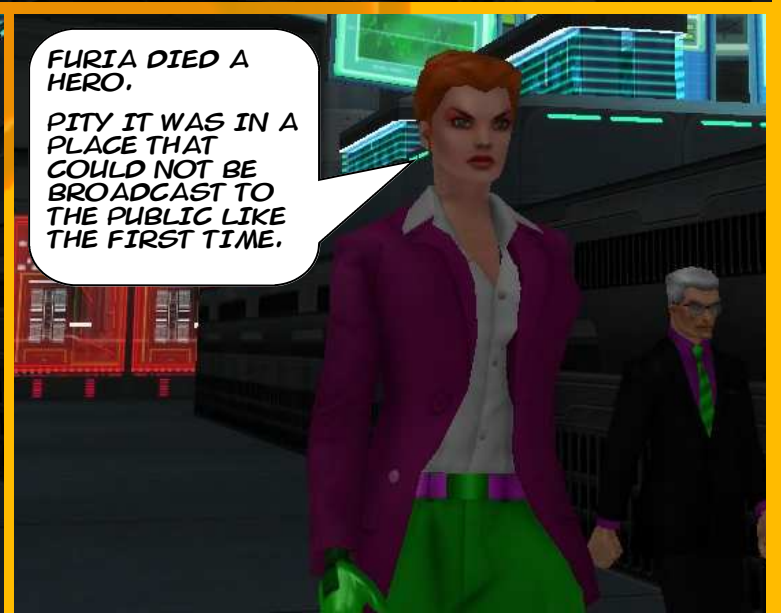


**YOU CAN LET MISTER COULSON KNOW THAT HE CAN ARRANGE FOR THE RETRIEVAL OF ANY OF DESTITUTION'S REMAINS THAT ARE LARGER THAN AN INCH.**

**YOU'RE NOT GOING THROUGH THE USUAL CHANNELS FOR THIS? THAT MIGHT RUIN THE ILLUSION OF YOU BEING "IMPARTIAL".**



**I SUSPECT VANGUARD WILL BE A LITTLE TOO BUSY TO NOTICE.**



**FURIA DIED A HERO. PITY IT WAS IN A PLACE THAT COULD NOT BE BROADCAST TO THE PUBLIC LIKE THE FIRST TIME.**







LAST THING I REMEMBER WAS DESTITUTION STARTING TO SAY MY NAME ONE LAST TIME... AND THEN...

HIROSHIMA.

RIGHT.

HE TURNED INTO A NEUTRON BOMB AND BLEW UP THE 'OLE AREA.

SO WHY AM I NOT... DEAD?

AND WHY AM I NOT IN THE INFIRMARY?

RYDER'S NEW EMERGENCY PROTOCOL SYSTEM.

RIGHT B'FORE TH' BLAST, THE BASE SYSTEM TELEPORTED YE 'ERE 'NSTEAD OF WAITIN' FER THE MEDICAL TELEPORT T' BE TRIGGERED WHEN YE' LIFE SIGNS STOPPED.

WHICH ACTUALLY WAS A GOOD THING, 'CUZ IF YE WERE BLOWN T' ATOMS, THERE WOULDN'T BE ANYTHING OF YE T' SAVE.

SO IT... REALLY HAPPENED.

DESTITUTION IS... DEAD.

NO COMING BACK FROM THIS.

NOT 'NLESS 'E CAN PULL 'IMSELF T'GETHR ON A SUB-ATOMIC LEVEL.

I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY 'IS WILD'IN DAYS ARE DONE.

OI, YOU OKAY, SIS?

YE'RE SHAKIN' LIKE A LEAF!

ADRENALINE GAS IS STILL GIVING ME THE SHAKES...

BASTARD WAS RIGHT, I WAS USED TO IT, BUT I'M NOT IMMUNE.

WOL, I KNOW CHEF DRAMSAY 'AS SOMETHIN' FER THAT.

AN' IT'S A LITTLE STRONGER THAN A SMOOTHIE.

LEAD THE WAY.

JUST AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T INVOLVE A TRIP TO THE INFIRMARY.

I THINK I 'ERD RYDER SAY SOMETHIN' 'BOUT 'AT, BUT I DINNAE KNOW FER SURE.

OH, AND COUNTESS GREY WANTS TO SUE US... AND YOU... FOR LETTING CECIL GET DESTROYED.

ROBOT BOY CAN BE PUT BACK TOGETHER. AS LONG AS THEY SWEEP UP THE PIECES BEFORE DESTITUTION WENT NUCLEAR.

LYON?

YEAH?

I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE HERE. FAMILY IS THE ONE THING THAT GOT ME THROUGH THIS..

**The End**

# **FURIOUS SCRIBBLINGS**

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

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## **The End of One Story... And The Start of Another...**

This is a very special issue for me as a comic creator and also as a publisher.

It's the twenty-fifth issue, which has become something of a milestone for publishers such as myself.

A lot of publications start strong but can't really last a year or two. Things happen. Creative minds change course, editorial mandates can sometimes micromanage a comic right out of existence, or sometimes the readers just aren't there to justify keeping the series going.

Sure the big mainstream publishers have a couple of issues that will soon hit the 1000 mark, and that's really great! But these are also the same folks that hit the reset button a few times on their own series, never mind the reset on their story continuities.

For the rest of us, getting to issue #25 is a big thing, second only to making it to #50, and then #75, and so on.

Sadly, though, issue #25 is also the last issue for this series.

When we started this little journey, it was on the idea that this would be about Furia Powers and her development as a hero in Paragon City, with the Guardians of the Dawn helping her along the way. And, in the beginning, that was precisely what it was about, starting with the threat posed by Lexie Lothora's custom-created supervillain Destitution, and then developing her civilian guise, finding a home, and trying to live a normal life as well as continue to serve as the city's "New Guardian".

But something funny happened along the way. The Guardians began to get more and more attention, and I don't just mean within the storylines. At first, her sister-from-another-universe Galatea was getting some of the attention, which was fine because it was storyline-dictated. But then other heroes started getting focus. Suddenly it wasn't about Furia at all, but about Jason Knight and his "new life", and with TashaTiger and her origin story, and new characters like Bulldog Powers and Alley Kazam and Koldfront and Carlton Sage. Even Mindy Harrison, who was originally meant to be a very minor support character, suddenly had an origin story of her own.

I toyed with the idea of simply changing the title, which was why "**Furia and the Guardians**" became "**Galatea and the Guardians**" for a few issues, thinking that the solution was to simply find a new central character. Unfortunately, I began to understand that this was just a short-term fix for a larger problem.

When I launched the "**Guardian Powers**" series in 2011, it was initially done with the five "core" characters of Galatea, Lyon Powers, Captain Paragonna, Icon Powers, and Alex Wentworth, but I always knew at some point that it was going to get larger. The eventual goal was the resurrection of the Guardians of the Dawn as a hero group, which was achieved in Issue #15, which was its final issue. *(By the way, it had to be rushed because of the closing of the MMO.)*

Here, we have a series that tried to focus on one character, but ends up getting lost in the greater group.

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For even a small publishing companies with a staff of writers and editors and artists, the simple solution would be to create another comic series that would focus on the group so you can continue to focus on the central character. Sadly, Battlerock Comics is a self-published comic company with a management and staff of one. And there is no money to be made from these comic because of IP issues, so bills have to be paid from other jobs, which also eats at the time, energy, and effort going into these comics. *(Note: this is also why the issues themselves were taking long and longer to be released.)*

That's why the decision was made, albeit reluctantly, to end "**Furia and the Guardians**" at Issue #25. It's not for a lack of ideas or story. Quite the contrary; it's because I have so many great stories that I can't keep the focus on just one character.

So Furia and Lyon and Galatea and all the other heroes of Paragon City won't really be going away. They'll still be fighting the good fight, just under a different banner and new series.

In the immediate future will be the start of a mini-series called "**Task Force Twilight**", which will follow the events seen here in Issue #24 concerning the corrupt Blue Dog Squad police unit. As hinted in the after-issue memo, things on that subject are going to get a lot more complicated for the heroes of Paragon City, and it will take a special team to finally bring that matter to an end.

In addition, there will be some one-shot specials in the works, including a reprint of one of my first text-only stories involving one of my first characters, J-Star. Lexie Lothora mentioned that J-Star was "retired", but what was it about her that worried Jen Glamour in the first place? You'll find out.

Then, at some point in 2018, the Guardians of the Dawn will be back in their own regular series, showing people just why Paragon City is called the "City of Heroes" and why the Guardians themselves are on the verge of becoming legends.

Before we close, though, I want to take this time to say thanks to all those who helped with this series, including .Ra, Dam025, Theresa Setting, and Sin Stalker, who provided not just characters, but also feedback and suggestions. Thank you all.

This is not goodbye. This is "we'll be back". And we can't wait until we are!

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**COMING SOON...**



**THIS MAY BE THE END OF THE SERIES,  
BUT IT IS NOT THE END OF FURIA'S  
ADVENTURES.**

**BOTH FURIA AND THE GUARDIANS OF  
THE DAWN WILL BE BACK WITH AN ALL-  
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