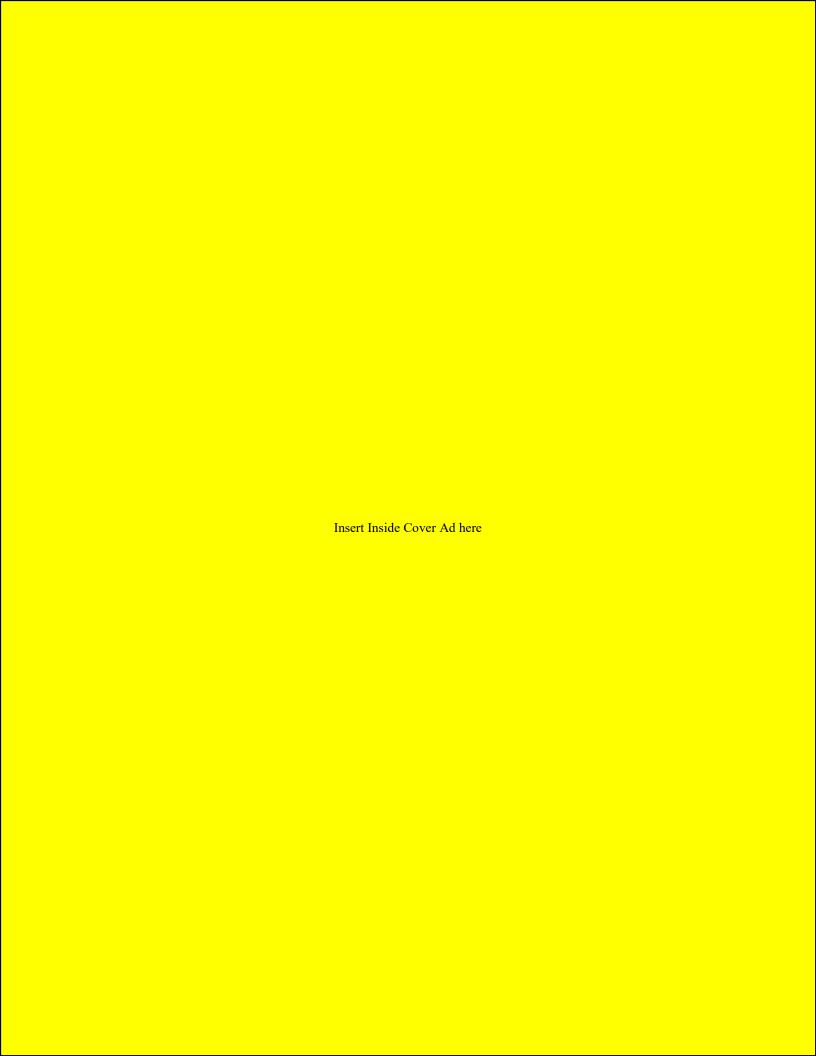


FUTURE'S GUARDIAN THOR TEENS







From another time and from another world, Galatea Future arrived in the world of the Champions to do the one thing she tried so desperately to avoid before... to live.

It's not easy, though, when you're over a thousand years old and suddenly you're given a new life in more ways than one. Life is literally starting over again for her, and yet she is still doing what she does best: serving humanity as...



"SEEING THE LIGHT"

- A CHAMPIONS ONLINE STORY BY DAVID 2

FOR YEARS, GALATEA FUTURE HAS HAD TO HIDE THE FACT THAT SHE IS A REFUGEE FROM TWO DIFFERENT UNIVERSES AND ONE ALTERNATE TIMELINE.

IT WAS A SECRET SHARED ONLY BY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING HER BEST FRIEND AND HER SUPERIOR IN PROJECT MYCROFT.

NOW THAT SECRET HAS BEEN DISCOVERED BY CAPTAIN LYNCH, AN AGENT OF PROJECT CITADEL, WELL-KNOWN FOR THEIR BIAS AGAINST THOSE FROM OTHER UNIVERSES.

LYNCH HAS ORDERED FOR GALATEA TO BE DETAINED AS HE SEEKS OUT HIS TRUE TARGET; THE MULTIVERSE OPERATIVE AGENT SIDESTEP.

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A CHILD LIVING AN ORDINARY LIFE IN AN ORDINARY SUBURBAN TOWN.





A LITERAL GATEWAY FROM HELL OPENED UP RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.

THE EVENT HORIZON HAD CUT INTO MY HEAD.



I WAS TRAPPED THERE, UNABLE TO MOVE AS LONG AS THAT PORTAL WAS OPEN.

A CHILD OF EIGHT, WATCHING A WHOLE ARMY OF NIGHTMARE CREATURES COME POURING OUT OF THAT MAW THAT WAS CONNECTED TO MY FACE.



SOLDIERS FROM THE QLIPHOTHIC PLANE.

OF COURSE, A CHILD OF EIGHT WOULDN'T KNOW THAT.

HE JUST SAW CREATURES OUT OF HIS WORST NIGHT MARES RUNNING PAST HIM.

THE HEROES
WOULD EVENTUALLY
COME TO STOP THE
NIGHTMARE AND
TO CLOSE THE
GATEWAY.

BUT THE EVENT WOULD FOREVER LEAVE ME...



... SCARRED.

I SPENT SIX MONTHS IN THE HOSPITAL, DOCTORS WERE AFRAID I SUFFERED SOME KIND OF BRAIN DAMAGE,

I HAO A HARO TIME SEEING THROUGH MY RIGHT EYE.

WHEN IT DID FINALLY WORK, I COULD SEE MORE THAN JUST THE PHYSICAL WORLD THROUGH IT.



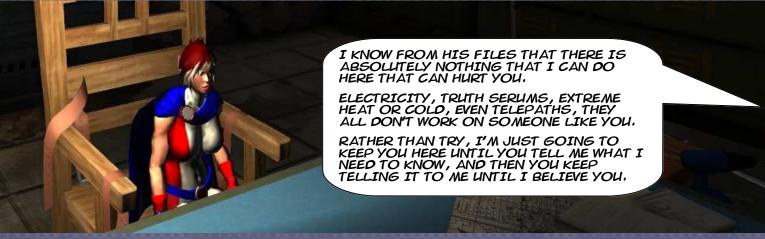
I COULD SEE REMNANTS OF PORTALS, PLACES WHERE THEY OPENED UP, AND WHAT KIND OF BEINGS CAME OUT.

I CAN ALSO SEE WHO CAME FROM OTHER REALITIES.

QLIPHOTHIC, YETZIRAH, MULTIFARIA, BRIAH, AND ALL THE OTHER PLACES WE HAD NOT NAMED YET.

THAT BRINGS ME... TO YOU.

























































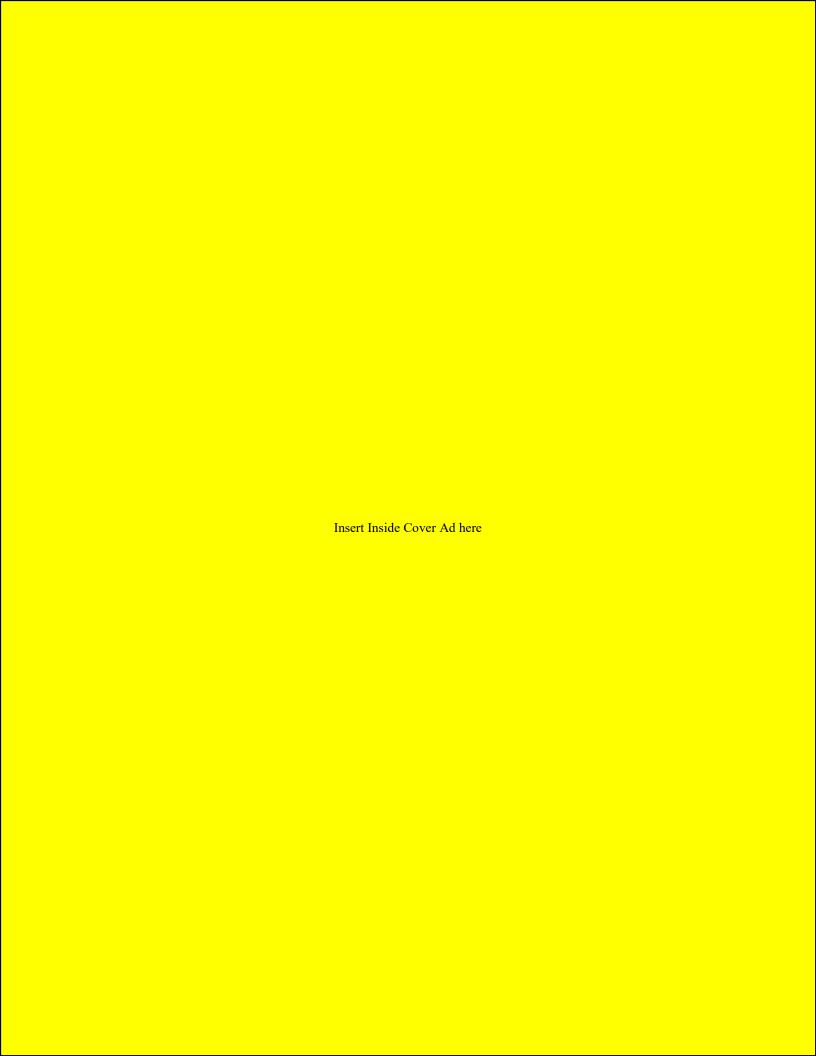


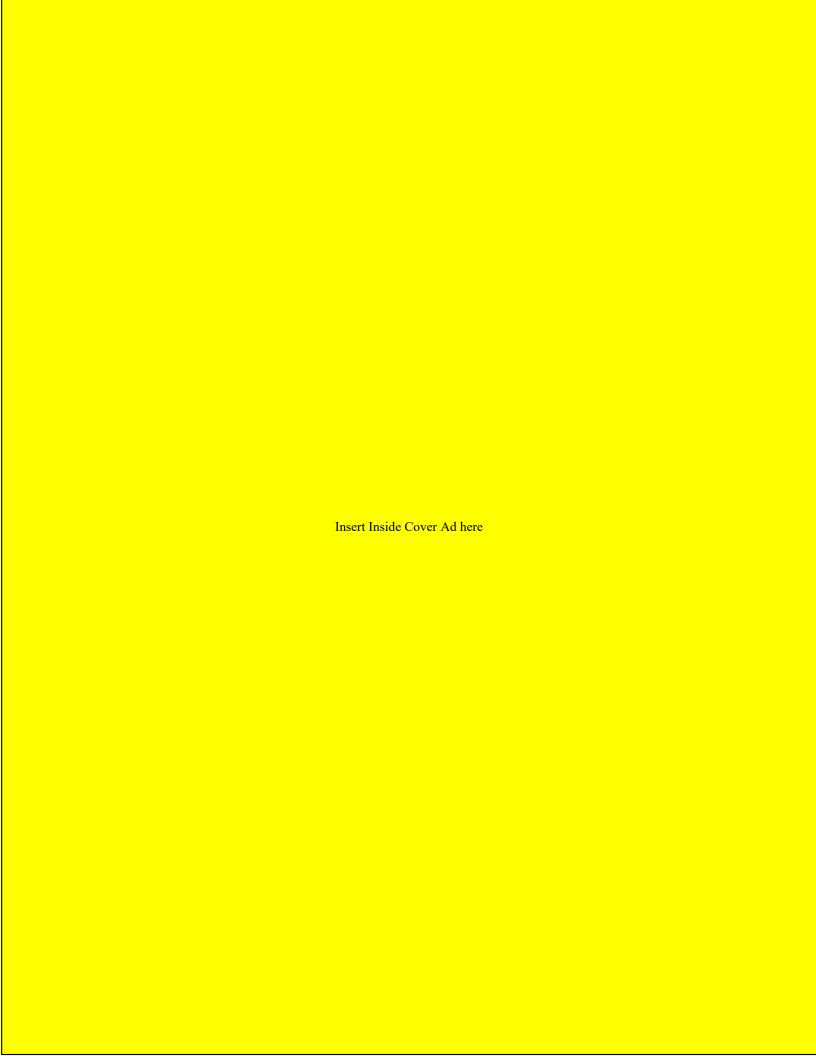
















... ATTORNEY
FOR GALATEA
FUTURE, WHOM
I BELIEVE YOU
HAVE DET AINED
UNLAWFULLY.









THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG,

AS A LEGAL AND LEGITIMATE RESIDENT OF THIS UNIVERSE, SHE CANNOT BE ILLEGALLY DETAINED BY YOU UNDER U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 67A. NOW, YOU WILL TAKE ME TO MY CLIENT AND YOU WILL SEE TO HER RELEASE, OR MY NEXT CALL WILL BE TO THE SECRETARY MARTIAL.





ARE YOU FINISHED?





I'M NOT HOLDING GALATEA FUTURE BECAUSE SHE'S FROM ANOTHER REALITY.

I'M HOLDING HER BECAUSE SHE WAS IN CONTACT WITH BEINGS FROM EVEN MORE REALITIES.*

(* AGAIN, SEE RECENT ISSUES OF *THE CRUCIBLE* AT COX COMICS)



AND AT SOME POINT THAT WILL LEAD ME TO THE ONE ROGUE OPERATIVE THAT I'M REALLY LOOKING FOR: AGENT SIDESTEP.

NOW... MAJOR CROSS HAD SOME INTERESTING NOTES REGARDING SIDESTEP AND THE MULTIVERSE ASSASSIN CALLED GRIFF, ALSO KNOWN AS "MISTER BLUE".

APPARENTLY THE ONLY REASON WHY SIDESTEP REACHED OUT TO GALATEA FUTURE WITH THAT INFORMATION WAS BECAUSE, AT THAT TIME, GRIFF WAS LOOKING...



































"THEY ARE ADVANCED BEINGS FROM VARIOUS UNIVERSES, EVOLVED FAR BEYOND CORPOREAL FORM."

> *SOME MIGHT REFER TO THEM AS 'GODS'.*

THEY GATHER IN THIS UNIVERSE, TO AN AREA OF THEIR CREATION, TO DEAL WITH THREATS THAT COULD ENDANGER ALL REALITIES.







HE WENT ON AND ON ABOUT HOW HE WANTED ME TO TELL HIM WHAT HE WANTED TO HEAR OVER AND OVER UNTIL HE BELIEVED IT... AND HE KEPT ON LOOKING DOWN AT HIS CLIPBOARD, BUT HE NEVER ASKED ME ANYTHING.





I WOULD HAVE TOLD HIM TOO...

THE OTHER REALITIES, WITT, GRIFF, WATCHER TWELVE, ALOR, THE WHOLE THING.

WHATEVER HE NEEDED TO KNOW, I WOULD HAVE FREELY TOLD HIM.



I KNOW.

ANO IT WOULDN'T HAVE MATTERED, BECAUSE LYNCH REALLY WASN'T AFTER YOU.

HE WAS AFTER SIDESTEP. *BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR...*
"HEH*
SOOOO... WHAT NOW?

NOW WE GET OUT OF HERE.

LADY ESTHER IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE A VIDEOCONFERENCE WITH BOTH OF US SOON CONCERNING YOU AND LYNCH AND THE REST OF PROJECT CITADEL.

AND... I'M SURE YOU HAVE A FRIEND TO THANK AND A TRAVEL CAT TO FEED AND PET.







BUT... IN THE END, THEY ACCEPTED THE WORDS OF CAPTAIN LYNCH AND WENT ALONG WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF PROJECT CITADEL CONCERNING GALATEA'S STATUS, AS WELL AS THAT OF AGENT SIDESTEP AND THE COUNCIL OF LIGHT.









PROJECT CITADEL INSISTED, AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL AGREED, THAT YOU, GALATEA, MUST PROVIDE A FULL ACCOUNTING OF YOUR TIME BEFORE YOU ARRIVED HERE IN 2011.*

THAT INCLUDES A DETAILED UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR POWERS BOTH PAST AND PRESENT,

THIS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL, OF COURSE, LIMITED ONLY TO PROJECTS MYCROFT AND CITADEL.

> (* "THE LOST ADVENTURES OF GALATEA FUTURE" #1)





OFFICIALLY, THE SECURITY COUNCIL CANNOT RECOGNIZE A SUPERSEDING AUTHORITY LIKE THE COUNCIL OF LIGHT.

HOWEVER, THEY DO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR EXISTENCE PRIVATELY.



CARRETTH BER AN OR ACCORD

CAPTAIN LYNCH HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AS THE LIAISON BETWEEN U.N.T.I.L. AND THE COUNCIL OF LIGHT.

ALL FUTURE CROSS-DIMENSIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL GO THROUGH HIM.



NO DOUBT, MISS FUTURE.

HOWEVER, I AM TOLD THAT THIS DECISION WAS MADE BY THE COUNCIL OF LIGHT THEMSELVES.

IT WAS **THEIR** REQUEST THAT CAPTAIN LYNCH SERVE AS LIAISON,



AS FOR AGENT SIDESTEP, HE WILL BE FREE TO CONTINUE HIS CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS HERE.

AFTER THAT, WHO KNOWS?





WELL, SOMETIMES I MEET WITH CLIENTS HERE WHEN WE NEED SOMEPLACE WHERE WE'RE NOT GOING TO ATTRACT ATTENTION.

I'M SORRY ABOUT THE LACK OF BAR STOOLS.



WHEN CAPTAIN LYNCH WAS TELEPORTED AWAY, I KNEW THAT WAS YOU DOING IT, THANK YOU, I WISH I COULD SAY
THAT IT WAS JUST A
RANDOM COINCIDENCE
THAT YOU WERE IN THE
AREA WHEN I TELEPORTED
CAPTAIN LYNCH TO THE
COUNCIL.

IT WASN'T.

I USED MY POWERS TO CREATE A SMALL PORTAL SO I COULD LISTEN IN TO CAPTAIN LYNCH'S CONVERSATIONS IN U.N.T.I.L.'S GATEWAY TELEPORT ROOM.

I HEARD YOUR INTERACTION WITH HIM.

WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO ORDER THE SOLDIERS TO DETAIN YOU IN ORDER TO GET TO ME... I...

I COULD NOT LET THAT HAPPEN TO YOU.

SO I TOOK ACTION THAT WAS NOT YET SANCTIONED BY THE COUNCIL.

AND THAT HAD CONSEQUENCES.









YOU KNOW THAT I AM NOT HUMAN, MY SPECIES HAS BEEN CONDITIONED TO BE THE PERFECT OBSERVERS.

WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON OUR DISPASSIONATE INTELLIGENCE.

THIS IS WHY THE COUNCIL OF LIGHT SELECTED ME TO BE ONE OF THEIR AGENTS. BUT MY PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS WERE ALWAYS TEMPORARY.

OBSERVE, REPORT, MOVE ON.

BEING ASSIGNED FOR A LONG -TERM MISSION LIKE THIS*... IT AWAKENED FEELINGS THAT WE NORMALLY ARE ABLE TO SUPPRESS.

(* "THE LOST ADVENTURES OF GALATEA FUTURE" #2)









MY INVESTIGATION WAS PERSONAL... AS WERE MY ACTIONS TODAY TO PROTECT YOU FROM CAPTAIN LYNCH.

THAT IS WHY THE COUNCIL WILL REPLACE ME WITH LYNCH.

WHAT I KNOW ABOUT YOU WILL REMAIN BETWEEN YOU AND I UNTIL YOU DECIDE OTHERWISE.

MY SECONDARY ASSIGNMENT FOR THE COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE.

AFTERWARO... I WILL BE GIVEN A NEW ASSIGNMENT IN ANOTHER UNIVERSE, AND AWAY FROM THE FEELINGS THAT I KNOW CAN NEVER BE RECIPROCATED.

IS... THERE SUPPOSED TO BE A WAITRESS TO GET OUR DRINKS?

OR ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET THEM OURSELVES?

I'LL GO GET THEM. MY TREAT.







MAJOR CROSS
REFERRED ME TO
YOU. HE SAID THAT
YOU WOULDN'T SAY
ANYTHING UNLESS
YOU WERE WILLING
TO HELP ME, SO
HERE GOES...

I'VE PICKED UP A STALKER. NO SURPRISE GIVEN OUR LINE OF WORK, RIGHT? ONLY THIS ONE... NOW KNOWS WHO I AM. AND I THINK HE IS TRYING TO BLACKMAIL ME.

I KNOW... I HAVE FRIENDS WHO COULD HELP.

THE PROBLEM IS... IF I BRING THEM IN, THEN MY BOYFRIEND WILL GET INVOLVED. AND IF I'M RIGHT ABOUT WHO MY STALKER IS, THEN I FEAR WHAT HE WILL DO.



AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I REALLY WANT TO RESOLVE MYSELF.

I JUST NEED YOUR HELP TO CONFIRM WHO HE IS, I HOPE YOU CAN HELP ME,







Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

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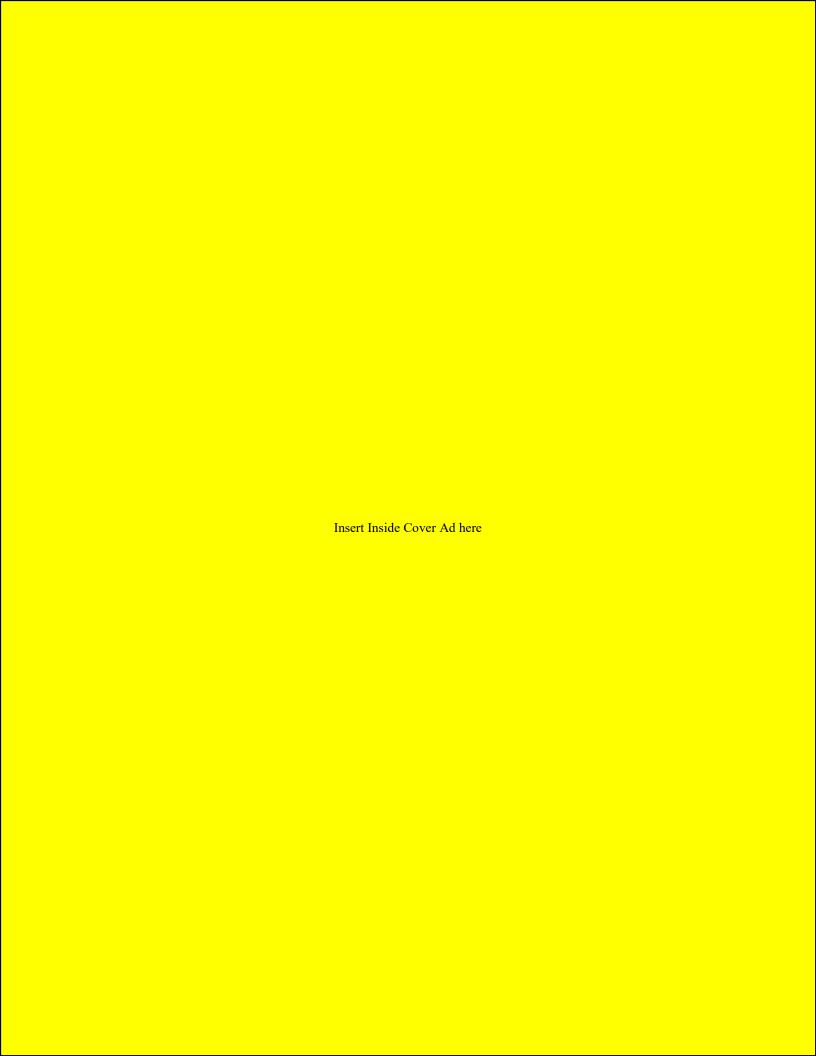




"THE SCIENCE OF GALATEA." WHAT MAKES OUR GUARDIAN HERO TICK?

AND IS THERE A SECRET ABOUT HER THAT SHE'S BEEN KEEPING FROM EVERYONE?







- * NO CREDIT CARD REQUIRED
- * PLAY EVERYTHING
- * UNLIMITED PLAY TIME
- * PLAY YOUR WAY





CREATE YOUR HERO FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT POWER
TEMPLATES AND COSTUME PIECES, TRAVEL TO SEVERAL
DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, TAKE PART IN TEAM ACTIVITIES, AND
EVEN CHOOSE YOUR OWN NEMESIS! THE OPPORTUNITIES
ARE ENDLESS, AND THE LIMITS ARE ONLY UP TO YOU!



PERFECT