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FURIA

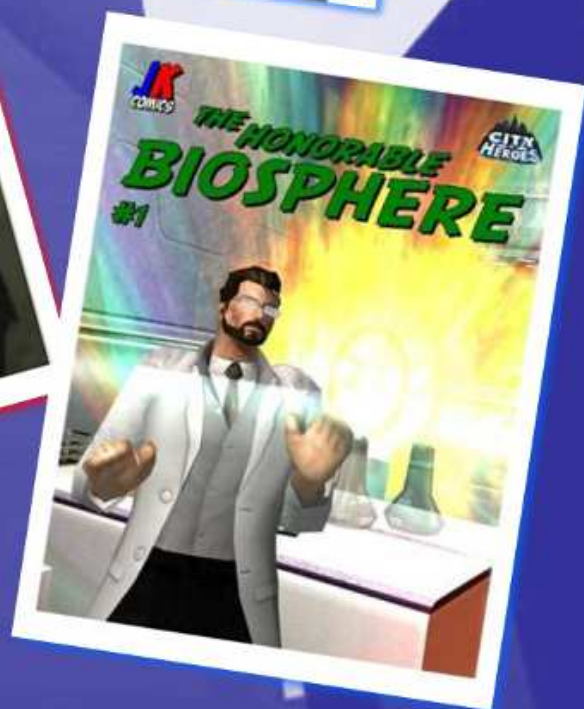
AND
THE GUARDIANS



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THE CITY LIVES ON...



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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

Furia Powers has spent the past two years "on hold" in Paragon City. Under continual supervision of the United Nations global security group Vanguard, this former citizen of Praetoria has struggled to adapt to a world where she is treated with suspicion and scorn simply because of where she came from.

But after publicly saving the city from the super-powered menace known as "Destitution", she was given her much-sought freedom as an official citizen of the United States.

The question then becomes... what will she do with her newly-won freedom?

"WELCOME TO MY (NEW) LIFE"

- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

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PARAGON CITY, RHODE ISLAND, USA

TALOS ISLAND - HELIOS TOWERS

THAT'S ME...
FURIA POWERS.

FORMER STRANGE
VISITOR FROM AN
"EVIL" ALTERNATE
DIMENSION.



AND RIGHT NOW
I'M FEELING
RATHER STRANGE.

 **Furia Powers**
FORMER PRAETORIAN

THE REASON WHY I'M SO
UNCOMFORTABLE IS THIS
SHIRTLESS HUNK ON THE
OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR.

JOHN COLE, A FELLOW
GUARDIAN, NOT TO
MENTION THE SON OF
THIS CITY'S GREATEST
SUPERHERO.



TAYA, I THINK
THIS IS FOR YOU.
IT'S DEFINITELY
NOT THE TAKE-OUT.

I'VE WORKED WITH
HIM FOR ALMOST
TWO YEARS, BUT I'VE
NEVER SEEN HIM
SO... HALF-NAKED!

 **John Cole**
AKA GUARDIAN STAR

THERE WERE RUMORS
THAT HE AND GALATEA
POWERS WERE INVOLVED
IN... SOMETHING.

BUT I NEVER REALLY
CARED ABOUT IDLE
HERO GOSSIP.

BUT IF I'M GOING TO BE
STAYING HERE, I GUESS
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO
GET USED TO SEEING
HIM LIKE THIS.



STRANGELY ENOUGH,
THIS HAS BEEN PAR
FOR THE COURSE FOR
ME TODAY.

JUDICIAL CENTER - FOUNDERS FALLS

EARLIER THAT DAY...

AND, OF COURSE, IT HAD TO BE BACK AT THE JUDICIAL CENTER.

BUT, I FIGURED, I GOT A NEW OUTFIT AND SOME GOOD PUBLICITY, SO MAYBE THINGS WILL TURN OUT DIFFERENTLY THIS TIME AROUND.

SOMETHING I CAN HELP YOU WITH, MISS POWERS?

Mister Cade
D.A. TECHNOMANCER

NO, THAT'S OKAY, I'M JUST HERE TO SEE ALEX WENTWORTH.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS A BUSY MAN, AND I DO NOT SEE YOU LISTED ON HIS SCHEDULE FOR TODAY.

WELL I WAS TOLD HE WANTED TO SEE ME ABOUT SOMETHING.

SO I'LL JUST POP IN QUICKLY AND I'LL BE ON MY WAY, OKAY?

NO... IT IS NOT "OKAY".
AND GIVEN THE EVENTS YOU WERE INVOLVED WITH LAST SEPTEMBER*, I CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO FREELY SEE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AT THIS TIME.

(* ISSUE #1)

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?

WHAT, ARE YOU GOING TO TRY TO ARREST ME?



I APOLOGIZE.
APPARENTLY
MISTER
WENTWORTH
WILL SEE YOU,
MISS POWERS.



WAIT A MINUTE...
YOU ASSAULT ME,
TRY TO DETAIN ME,
AND NOW YOU JUST
EXPECT ME TO WALK
AWAY LIKE NOTHING
HAPPENED?



YOU ARE MORE THAN
WELCOMED TO FILE A
GRIEVANCE WITH MISTER
WENTWORTH IF YOU WISH,
MISS POWERS.

OF COURSE YOU WILL FIND
THAT JUSTICE DOES NOT
WORK VERY FAST WHEN IT
INVOLVES MEMBERS OF THE
JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

I, OF COURSE, HAVE
DOCUMENTED THIS WHOLE
EVENT AND WILL PROVIDE DATA
TRANSCRIPTS THAT WILL SHOW
THE PERCEIVED THREAT YOU
POSED BEFORE MISTER
WENTWORTH CONTACTED ME.

YOUR BEST BET WILL BE
TO SIMPLY WALK AWAY.
HAVE A NICE DAY,
MISS POWERS.



TWICE NOW I'VE BEEN
ASSAULTED IN THIS BUILDING
FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN
BECAUSE I WAS PERCEIVED AS
A "THREAT".

BECAUSE SOMEONE
EQUATED "PRAETORIAN"
WITH "EVIL".

NEVER MIND THAT I
SECRETLY WORKED FOR
THE RESISTANCE IN
PRAETORIA.

NEVER MIND THAT I
JUST SAVED THIS CITY
FROM A SUPER-
POWERED MENACE
NAMED DESTITUTION.



AND PEOPLE WONDER WHY
I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT
SIGNING UP WITH THE
PARAGON CITY POLICE
DEPARTMENT WHEN I
CAME OVER HERE.

I COULD ONLY HOPE
THAT THIS
"OPPORTUNITY"
THAT ALEX HAS FOR
ME WILL BE WORTH
THE HASSLE.

WITH LUCK, IT WOULD
INVOLVE ME THRASHING
THAT CYBERNETIC THUG
BACK TO JUNK DEPOT.

I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH THAT.

I'LL CERTAINLY HAVE A TALK WITH CADE ABOUT HIS ACTIONS, AND GET THE PAPERWORK GOING FOR THAT COMPLAINT.

THANK YOU, ALEX.

Alex Wentworth
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THAT ALEX IS MORE THAN JUST THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY. HE'S ALSO A FORMER HERO AND THE ACTUAL OWNER OF THE GUARDIANS.

AS FOR THE OTHER MATTER...

I'M SORRY, BUT I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FOR YOU.

WH-WHAT?

BUT... MY VANGUARD COUNCILOR SAID THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ME.*

(* ISSUE #4)

NOT FOR FURIA POWERS.

BUT FOR WHOEVER YOU WANT TO BE OUTSIDE OF THAT, YES, I MAY HAVE SOMETHING FOR HER THAT SHE'D BE SUITED FOR.

BUT... I'M FURIA POWERS.

HOW CAN YOU HAVE SOMETHING FOR ME BUT NOT "FOR ME"? I DON'T GET THAT.

FURIA, VANGUARD IS OFFERING YOU A WAY TO LIVE LIFE OUTSIDE OF WHO YOU ARE AS A HERO.

TO QUITE LITERALLY BE ANOTHER PERSON ENTIRELY, AND STILL BE YOU.

IT'S A RARE GIFT GIVEN TO PEOPLE BROUGHT HERE FROM OTHER UNIVERSES.

RYDER LIGHTNING USED HIS TO BECOME AN ENGLISH PROFESSOR.

YOUR "SISTER", GALATEA, IS AN OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR.

EVEN JASON KNIGHT WORKS ON MY BEHALF OVER AT ARCHITECT ENTERTAINMENT.



I NEVER
IMAGINED JASON
WOULD HAVE A
DAY JOB.
UNLESS YOU HAVE
A PAID POSITION
FOR BROODING
IN KINGS ROW.



THE POINT IS, FURIA,
HE HAS SOMETHING
TO TURN TO SO HE'S
NOT BEING A HERO
EVERY SINGLE WAKING
MOMENT.
EVEN SOMEONE LIKE
HIM NEEDS TIME
AWAY FROM WHAT HE
DOES.



I REALLY HOPE YOU
TAKE VANGUARD UP
ON THEIR OFFER TO
GIVE YOU A NEW
CIVILIAN IDENTITY.
SHOULD YOU DO,
HAVE *HER* COME
SEE ME, OKAY?

I'LL... HAVE TO
THINK ABOUT IT.
THANK YOU ALEX.

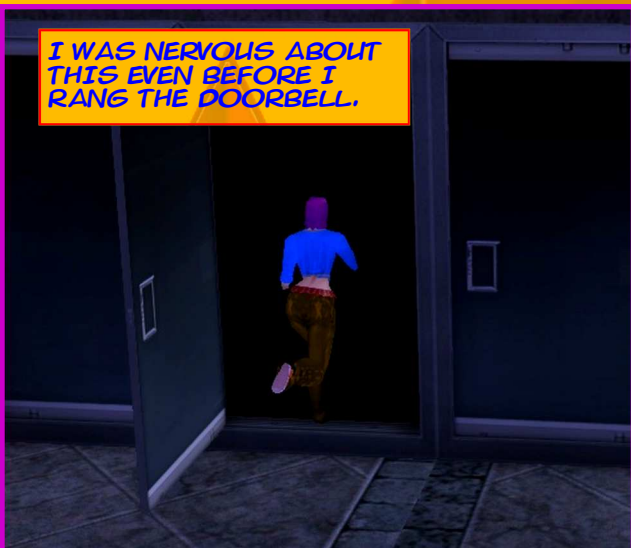


A QUICK RAIL RIDE
LATER, I'M UP HERE
AT TALOS ISLAND.

I COULDN'T
FLY HERE, BUT
I NEEDED THE
TIME TO THINK.



SIGH
LET'S DO THIS,
FURIA...



I WAS NERVOUS ABOUT
THIS EVEN BEFORE I
RANG THE DOORBELL.



IS MY *SISTER*
HERE?
I'M GOING TO
BE HER NEW
ROOMMATE.

AND... THAT'S WHERE
WE ARE NOW.
WITH A SHIRTLESS
JOHN COLE
GREETING ME.

ST. MARTIAL - ROGUE ISLES

A "DAY OFFICE" BUSINESS IN THE JACKPOT DISTRICT.

"MISTER ROCHSPARE? I HAVE AN UPDATE ON YOUR LITTLE PROJECT."

I CHASED DOWN THAT LEAD. TURNS OUT SHE WAS JUST AN INDEPENDENT OPERATIVE.

SHE SAYS SHE WAS JUST HIRED TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE THROUGH A DROPBOX SERVICE.

RIGHT. CHECKED IT OUT MYSELF. IT'S TRUE.

NEXT STEP WILL BE FIND OUT WHO SENT HER THE DROPBOX MESSAGE.

Wrathstrike
AVENGING FORCE

IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE LONGER, BUT I SHOULD HAVE SOME ANSWERS FOR YOU SOON. RIGHT.

YOU KNOW, I'M NOT GOING TO BE SITTING RIGHT FOR A FEW HOURS. WHY COULDN'T WE HAVE GOTTEN A HOTEL ROOM?

Genie Whitehall
LEXIETECH ASSOCIATE

DAY OFFICES ARE CHEAPER THAN HOTELS, ESPECIALLY HERE ON ST. MARTIAL WITH ALL OF THESE CASINOS.

BESIDES, YOU KNOW I CAN'T SLEEP ON A BED LIKE OTHER PEOPLE.

ANYWAY, I THINK I CONVINCED ROCHSPARE THAT YOU'RE JUST SOME HIRED VILLAIN DOING A CONTRACT TASK.

I NEVER TOLD HIM WHO YOU WERE OR HOW I KNEW YOU, SO THAT SHOULD GET HIM OFF YOUR BACK.

CAN'T SAY THE SAME ABOUT YOUR BOSS, THOUGH.



YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT, 'STRIKE. LEXIE LOTHORA'S PRETTY POWERFUL. SHE'D SKIN THAT SHYSTER ALIVE IF HE EVEN LOOKED HER WAY. CERTAINLY NOT WORTH A COUCH-QUICKIE.

I DIDN'T DO IT FOR YOU, GENIE, OR FOR YOUR BOSS. AND THE QUICKIE WAS FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE. YOU AN' I ARE THE ONLY ONES WE CAN BANG WITHOUT REALLY HURTING EACH OTHER.



MALCOLM ROCHSPARE CANCELLED MY VERY FIRST ASSIGNMENT WITH THE LIBRA ORDER.* HOURS OF PREP RUINED, ALL BECAUSE HE SAID SO.

I'M HONOR-BOUND TO STILL DO THIS JOB, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I CAN'T THROW A FEW MONKEY WRENCHES INTO IT WHEN I CAN. AND... OUR LITTLE QUICKIES WERE THE ONLY BRIGHT SPOTS BACK WHEN WE WERE "SCORNE BY FATE". SPEAKING OF WHICH... EVER HEAR FROM OUR FAILURE OF A LEADER?

(* AS SEEN IN "THE LIBRA ORDER: DEBTS OF HONOR" *)



ARE YOU KIDDING? LEXIE HIRED HIM!

SOMETHING ABOUT "KEEPING YOUR FRIENDS CLOSE AND YOUR ENEMIES CLOSER", OR SOME OTHER ZEN CRAP. BUT SHE KEEPS HIM IN THE ARCHIVE BASEMENT, SO I DON'T GET TO SEE HIM AT ALL, THANK GOD!



WELL, IF YOU SEE HIM, TELL HIM THAT HE BETTER STAY HIDDEN. BECAUSE IF HE COMES ACROSS ME AGAIN, THEN HE'LL FEEL A WHOLE DIFFERENT KIND OF HURT.

BACK AT HELIOS TOWERS...

LET'S SEE IF I GOT THIS RIGHT...

KATIE LEA OFFERED YOU TO LIVE HERE IN HER PLACE?
WHEN DID SHE DO THIS?

Galatea Powers
(FAITH KARL)

KATE OFFERED UP HER ROOM NOT LONG AFTER SHE LEFT FOR WALES, BUT I WASN'T IN A POSITION TO TAKE HER UP ON IT UNTIL NOW.

AND WHY DIDN'T SHE LET ME KNOW ABOUT THIS?

WELL, IN ALL FAIRNESS, YOU WERE IN AN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE UNTIL A LITTLE WHILE AGO.*

JOHN, YOU'RE NOT HELPING.

SORRY! SHUTTING UP NOW.

(* ISSUES #4-5)

LAST I HEARD FROM HER, SHE WAS MAKING REAL PROGRESS.
SHE WAS WALKING AGAIN.
SHE WAS EVEN WEARING HER COSTUME AGAIN.

I KNOW, THAT'S WHAT I FOUND OUT WHEN I TALKED WITH HER AS WELL.*
THE THING IS... I GET THE IMPRESSION THAT SHE'S NOT COMING BACK ANYTIME SOON.

(* LAST ISSUE)



OBSVIOUSLY I'LL
HAVE TO TALK WITH
HER ABOUT THIS.
OKAY... TELL ME
ABOUT YOUR
CIVILIAN IDENTITY.



UM... I DON'T
HAVE ONE YET.
AND... I DON'T
KNOW IF I WANT
ONE RIGHT NOW.



UH-UH! NO, THAT
IS NOT GOING TO
BE AN OPTION!



LET'S GET ONE
THING CLEAR:
OUTSIDE OF THESE
DOORS, GALATEA
POWERS DOES NOT
LIVE HERE!



A VERY QUIET WOMAN
NAMED FAITH KARL
LIVES IN THIS CONDO.
AN IDENTITY THAT I
SPENT SEVERAL YEARS
BUILDING AND
ENHANCING WITH THE
HELP OF VANGUARD.

THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE - HEROES
AND CIVILIANS - WHO ONLY SEE
FAITH KARL COMING AND GOING
THROUGH THAT DOOR.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIVING
HERE, THEN YOU CAN'T DO IT AS
FURIA POWERS!
KATIE LEA WORE A MASK AS A HERO
AND EVEN CHANGED HER HAIR WHEN
SHE WAS IN HER CIVILIAN ATTIRE.



I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN DO THAT...
CHANGE MY HAIR, OR WEAR A WIG
TO BE... ME.
CAN'T I JUST... I DON'T KNOW...
WEAR SOME GLASSES?

LOOK, YOU CAN BE WHATEVER
YOU WANT WITH VANGUARD'S
HELP.
BUT WHATEVER IT IS, YOU HAVE
TO COME UP WITH IT BEFORE
YOU COME LIVE HERE, OKAY?

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Faith Nottingham
On-The-Scene Correspondent

PNN
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Music Is My Life!

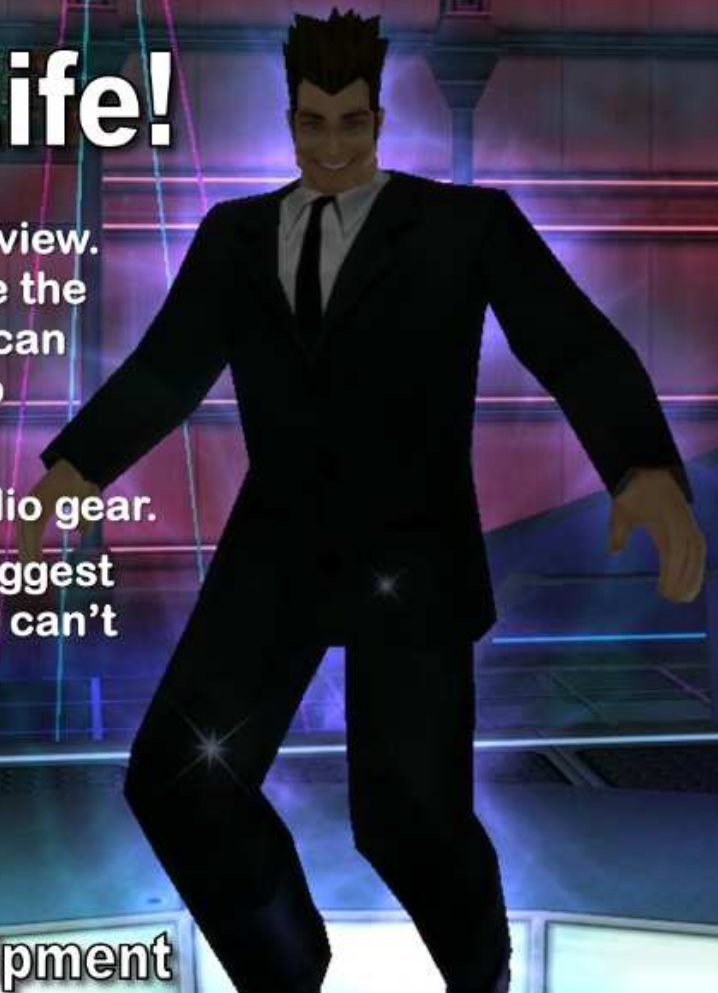
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PEREGRINE ISLAND

PORTAL CORPORATION SUPPORT BUILDING

I TAKE IT YOU'RE FROM THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN?

YES, MY CODE-NAME IS KOLDFRONT. I PRESUME YOU'RE AURORA BOREALIS?

Koldfront
(GEOFF MCDANIELS)

I AM.

AND THIS GENTLEMAN IS SIMPLY KNOWN AS "TWELVE".

SOMETHING WE CAN HELP YOU WITH?

Aurora Borealis
VINDICATORS

Twelve
STRANGE VISITOR

MY GROUP LEADER TASKED ME WITH LOOKING INTO SOMETHING CALLED THE "HORDE" AND TO SEE IF THEY'RE CONNECTED IN ANY WAY TO THE SONIC-BASED ROBOTS THAT ATTACKED THE CITY RECENTLY.*

I WAS INFORMED THAT YOU NOT ONLY ENCOUNTERED THE "HORDE" IN SIREN'S CALL**, BUT THIS WAS ALSO THE SAME PLACE WHERE THE SUPER-POWERED BEING NAMED DESTITUTION WOULD LATER ENTER THE CITY.***

(* LAST ISSUE)


(** SEE RECENT ISSUES OF "THE CRUCIBLE")

(*** ISSUE #1)




IT'S INTERESTING THAT YOU WOULD BE GIVEN THIS KIND OF ASSIGNMENT.


YOU DON'T COME ACROSS AS SOMEONE SKILLED IN TECHNICAL DEVICES. YOU LOOK AND CARRY YOURSELF ALMOST LIKE A SHAMAN.



THANK YOU. I AM A BORN AEROMANCER; A MASTER OF WEATHER, AND MY TRAINING WAS EASTERN-BASED, SO IT DOES RESEMBLE THAT OF A MYSTIC.



GIGGLE
I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT HE MEANT. HE MEANS YOU DON'T APPEAR TO BE SKILLED TO INVESTIGATE THIS KIND OF SITUATION.




ALTHOUGH AS A FORMER SIDEKICK MYSELF, I KNOW WHY YOU REALLY GOT THIS ASSIGNMENT. THE "NOOBS" ALWAYS GET THE CRAPPY JOBS FIRST.

I ACTUALLY UNDERSTOOD THE REFERENCE.

AND, YES, I AGREE IT'S WHY I WAS GIVEN THIS ASSIGNMENT.

SO WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT THIS "HORDE"?



POWERFUL NANOTECH VIRUS DESIGNED TO CONVERT AVAILABLE MATTER INTO USEFUL SERVANTS FOR THEIR MASTERS.

BELIEVE ME, IF YOUR SONIC-BASED ROBOTS HAD THIS IN THEM, THEY'D BE DOING MORE THAN JUST REEKING HAVOC IN THE CITY.



IS THIS IT?
THE HORDE?



"YES AND NO."

"WHAT YOU SEE IN
THERE ARE THE
REMAINS OF ONE
OF THE INFECTED
PEOPLE."




WHAT MISS AURORA IS
TRYING TO DO IS WEED
OUT THE NANOVIRUS
FROM THE PARTIALLY
CONVERTED VICTIM
USING A QUANTUM
FILTRATION SYSTEM.

TWELVE HAS HIS
DOUBTS, BUT IF IT
WORKS, WE'LL KNOW
HOW TO STOP IT,
AND MAYBE EVEN
SAVE FUTURE LIVES.



NOT THAT I DOUBT THAT
IT'LL WORK, IT'S JUST A
WASTE OF TIME IN MY
OPINION.

PLUS THE EXCESS
QUANTUM ENERGY GOING
ABOUT IS MESSING UP
MY DEVICES, SO I HAVE
TO WAIT A WHILE BEFORE
I CAN GO ANYWHERE.




SO IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT YOUR THREAT AND OURS WERE SEPARATE ONES, RIGHT?

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!
SECURITY BREACH IN PROGRESS! ALL PERSONNEL TO SAFETY ZONES IMMEDIATELY!




SO... SAFETY ZONE?
OR DO WE CHECK IT OUT?




ARE YOU KIDDING?
WE'RE HEROES.
THIS IS WHAT WE DO!



IT HAS TO BE HERE SOMEWHERE!



I COULD BE MISTAKEN, BUT I THINK THOSE ARE MEMBERS OF THE FREAKSHOW.



I PRESUME IF THEY GET THEIR HANDS ON THE HORDE VIRUS THEN IT WILL BE BAD.



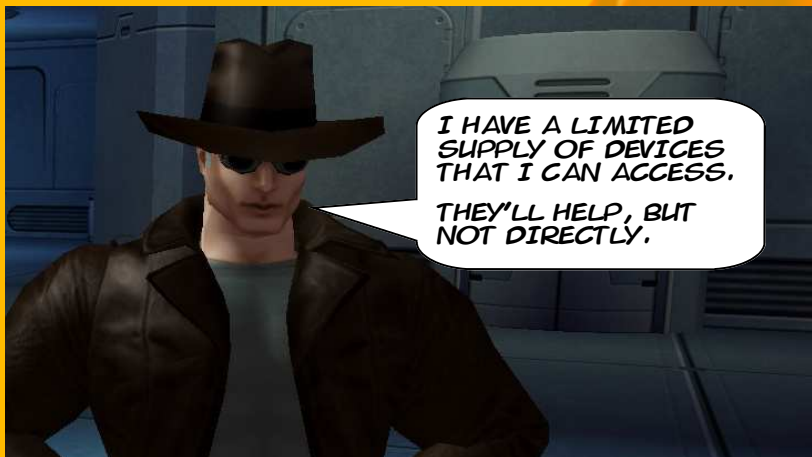
"BAD" WOULD BE THE UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM.



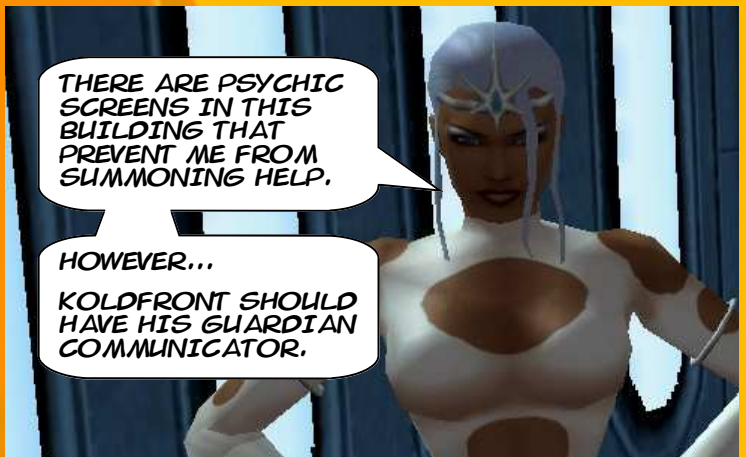
ANY SUGGESTIONS, TWELVE?

NORMALLY THIS IS WHERE I MAKE MY ESCAPE, BUT THAT'S NOT AN OPTION RIGHT NOW.

NO, THAT'S CERTAINLY NOT AN OPTION.



I HAVE A LIMITED SUPPLY OF DEVICES THAT I CAN ACCESS. THEY'LL HELP, BUT NOT DIRECTLY.



THERE ARE PSYCHIC SCREENS IN THIS BUILDING THAT PREVENT ME FROM SUMMONING HELP.

HOWEVER... KOLDFRONT SHOULD HAVE HIS GUARDIAN COMMUNICATOR.



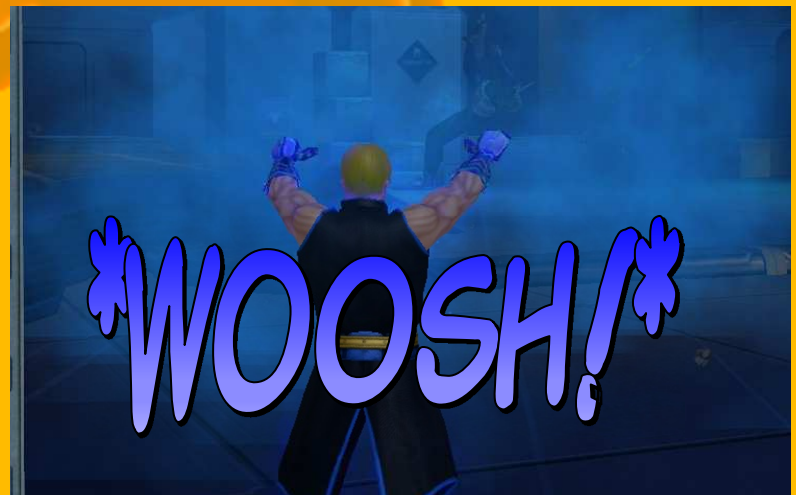
YES, I COULD CALL FOR ASSISTANCE, BUT IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME BEFORE THEY GET HERE. IN THE MEANTIME, WE CAN'T LET THEM GET TO THE HORDE.



AGREED.



THEN IT'S TIME TO SHOW THE FREAKSHOW WHAT AN AEROMANCER CAN DO IN AN ENCLOSED SPACE.





PING!
CPCU ALERT!
CPCU ALERT!



YOU TIED IN THE CPCU SYSTEM* WITH THE APARTMENT'S COMPUTER?

** CPCU: CENTRAL PROCESSOR AND COMMAND UTILITY, A NETWORK SYSTEM FOR HEROES. **



ONE OF THE PERKS OF LIVING IN A HERO-FRIENDLY CONDO. THIS IS GALATEA POWERS, RESPONDING TO PAGE.

GUARDIAN MEMBER KOLDFRONT REQUESTS ASSISTANCE AT PORTAL CORPORATION BUILDING THREE ON PEREGRINE ISLAND.



THAT'S WHERE THE REMNANTS OF THE HORDE ARE BEING STORED.

IF THOSE WENT ACTIVE AGAIN...*

** IF YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW FURIA KNOWS THIS, KEEP CHECKING THE PAGES OF "THE CRUCIBLE" AT COXCOMICS.COM **



GALATEA POWERS, FURIA POWERS, AND GUARDIAN STAR WILL BE RESPONDING TO--

--HOLD UP, TAYA.



VANGUARD STILL HAS YOU OFF-DUTY UNTIL THEY FINISH DEBRIEFING YOU. THAT MEANS YOU CAN'T RESPOND TO THAT CALL.



BUT--

JOHN'S RIGHT. I'VE MESSED UP WITH VANGUARD TOO MANY TIMES TO KNOW THAT WHEN THEY SAY YOU'RE BENCHED, THEY MEAN IT.



ERAH!

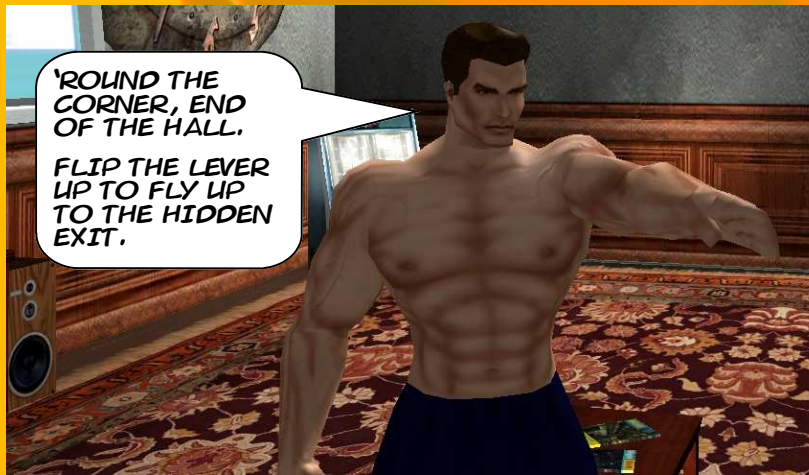
OKAY, OKAY...
YOU AND FURIA GO
AND TAKE CARE OF IT.

TAKE THE "HEAVEN-AND-HELL"
DOOR TO THE SUNDIAL EXIT.
HOPE YOU GOT YOUR GEAR.



I'VE GOT
MY ICON
COSTUME
PACK WITH
ME.

CLICK



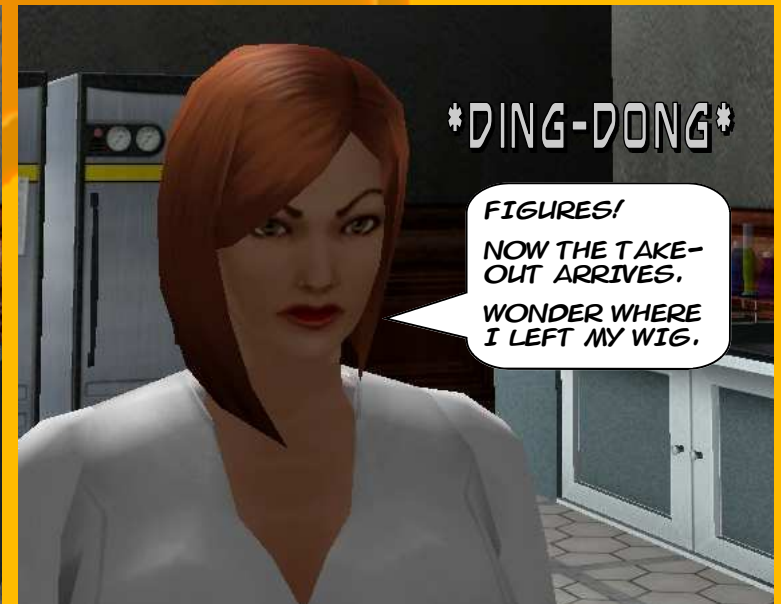
'ROUND THE
CORNER, END
OF THE HALL.
FLIP THE LEVER
UP TO FLY UP
TO THE HIDDEN
EXIT.



I'LL CATCH UP
WITH YOU OUT
THERE.
MY OUTFIT IS
STILL IN THE
BEDROOM.



FURIA POWERS AND
GUARDIAN STAR
ARE RESPONDING
TO CALL.



DING-DONG

FIGURES!
NOW THE TAKE-
OUT ARRIVES.
WONDER WHERE
I LEFT MY WIG.



YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!



YOU COULDN'T GET ONE IN BLUE?



SECONDS LATER... NEAR THE TOP OF THE BUILDING...

WHOA! A HOLOGRAPHIC EXIT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SUNDIAL.



AND I'M SO HIGH UP, NOBODY WILL KNOW THAT I'M OUT HERE.



I CAN SEE WHY KATE LOVES THIS PLACE. I'M STARTING TO LIKE IT MYSELF.

COURSE, IN ORDER FOR ME TO LIVE HERE, I'D HAVE TO COME UP WITH SOME KIND OF SECRET IDENTITY.

STILL... IT MIGHT BE WORTH IT.



BUT THAT'S FOR ANOTHER TIME.

NOW I HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE HORDE ISN'T LET LOOSE AGAIN.

CAP AU DIABLE - ROGUE ISLES

AEON CITY - LEXIETECH INC.
HOME OFFICE

"SO YOUR PART
OF THE MISSION
WENT OFF
FLAWLESSLY,
CORRECT?"


YES MA'AM.

I TELEPORTED IN,
DELIVERED THE
MESSAGE, THEN
LEFT SO I COULD
MAKE IT TO THE
SAFEHOUSE IN
ST. MARTIAL.

AND NOBODY RECOGNIZED YOU,
CORRECT? NOBODY KNEW YOU WERE
CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH LEXIETECH.

AS STATED IN MY AFTER-ACTION
REPORT, THE SUBJECT HAD NO IDEA
WHO I WAS OR WHO I WAS
AFFILIATED WITH.

YOU'RE LYING.
SHOW HER.

 Lexie Lothora
LEXIETECH CEO

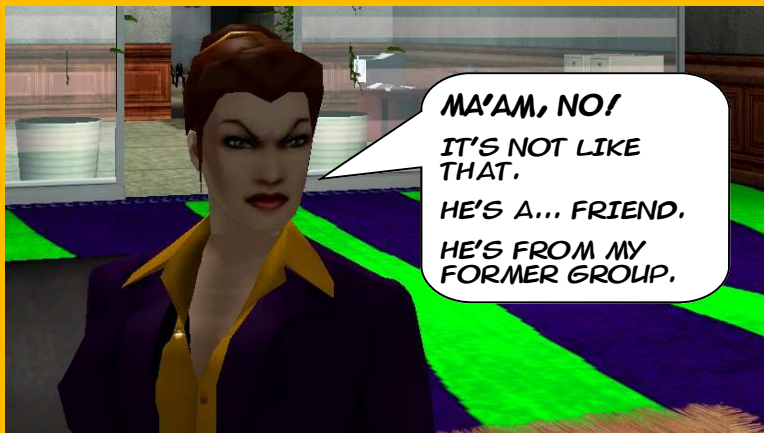
THIS MAN WAS SEEN WAITING
OUTSIDE YOUR SAFEHOUSE.

HE MADE INQUIRIES ABOUT
SEEING YOU COME AND GO
FROM THERE.

WE HAVE FOOTAGE OF THE TWO
OF YOU TALKING, AND THEN
HEADING OFF TO A DAY
OFFICE LOCATION.

DO YOU THINK ME TO BE
NAÏVE, MISS WHITEHALL?

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN
LEAVE OUT A DETAIL LIKE
THAT AND ASSUME THAT WE
WOULDN'T KNOW?

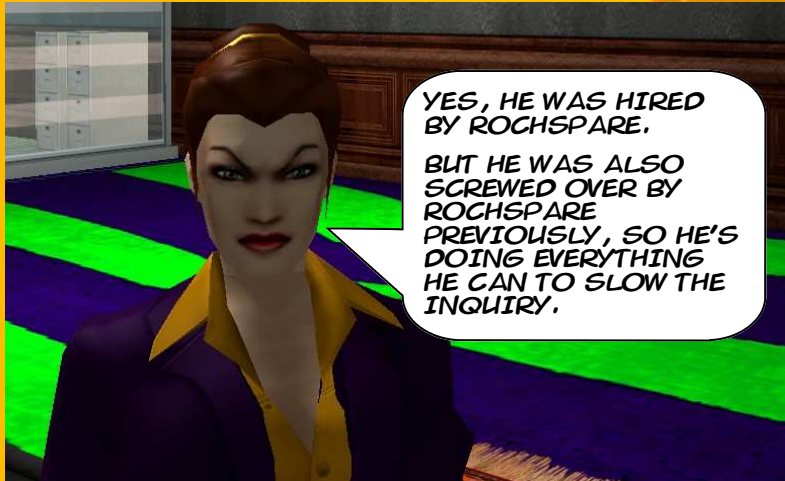


MA'AM, NO!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
HE'S A... FRIEND.
HE'S FROM MY FORMER GROUP.

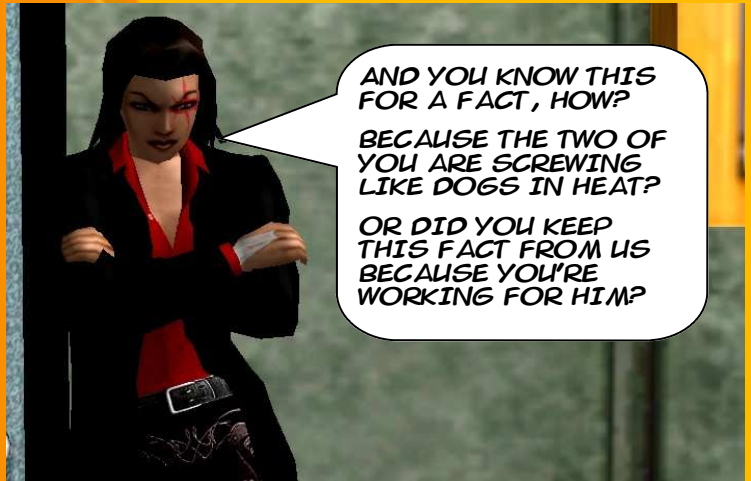


I ALREADY IDENTIFIED HIM AS WRATHSTRIKE FROM THE LIBRA ORDER. YOU FAILED TO MENTION, THOUGH, THAT HE WAS HIRED BY MALCOLM ROCHSPARE TO LOOK INTO OUR OPERATION.

LT Helena Goro
LEXIETECH SECURITY



YES, HE WAS HIRED BY ROCHSPARE. BUT HE WAS ALSO SCREWED OVER BY ROCHSPARE PREVIOUSLY, SO HE'S DOING EVERYTHING HE CAN TO SLOW THE INQUIRY.



AND YOU KNOW THIS FOR A FACT, HOW? BECAUSE THE TWO OF YOU ARE SCREWING LIKE DOGS IN HEAT? OR DID YOU KEEP THIS FACT FROM US BECAUSE YOU'RE WORKING FOR HIM?



ENOUGH!
MISS WHITEHALL, YOU WERE HIRED BECAUSE YOU ASSURED ME THAT YOU COULD HANDLE THE ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN TO YOU WITHOUT FAIL.

YOU WERE INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE AND TO MAKE SURE IT DOES NOT COME BACK TO US. YOU WERE TOLD TO LET US KNOW IF ANYONE IDENTIFIED YOU! THAT, MISS WHITEHALL, INCLUDES YOUR FORMER TEAMMATES-SLASH-SEX PARTNERS!



YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A NICE LONG TALK WITH MISS GORO ABOUT YOUR FORMER TEAMMATE-SLASH-SEX PARTNER. IF MISS GORO IS NOT SATISFIED WITH WHAT YOU HAVE TO TELL HER, THEN I GUARANTEE YOU THAT YOUR CAREER TRACK WILL CHANGE TO THE ARCHIVES, WHERE YOU WILL WORK UNDER YOUR OTHER FORMER TEAMMATE, MISTER NORMAL.

AND I'M TOLD THAT HE WOULD BE RATHER... EXCITED... TO BE WORKING WITH "ATOMIC GENIE" AGAIN. OR, FOR THAT MATTER, ANY WOMAN WITH BOOBS.



MA'AMP



HOLD ON... ALMOST GOT IT...

APPLICATION FAILURE.

Elite Ice Queen
(CYNTHIA DI GHIACCIO)



DAMMIT! I WAS THAT CLOSE TO GETTING FILMFLIX DOWN HERE!

THAT APPLICATION HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED FOR SECURED NETWORKS.

SO MUCH FOR SEASON FIVE OF "BLACK IS THE NEW ORANGE".

MA'AM, YOU REALLY NEED TO SEE THIS! WE HAVE CLOCKWORK SHOWING UP ON PEREGRINE ISLAND.



I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT THE FREAKSHOW WERE INVADING PORTAL.

THEY WERE... I MEAN, THEY STILL ARE. AND NOW THE CLOCKWORK HAVE JOINED IN!



SOUND THE CALL FOR OTHER GUARDIANS TO RESPOND. AND FLASH MESSAGE TO KOLDFRONT: BACKUP IS COMING, BUT SO ARE THE CLOCKWORK.

Next: Baddie Battle Royale!

FURIOUS SCRIBBLINGS

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

A Few Random Subjects...

Let's start with a hearty "Howdy" to the "Cowboy" of COX Comics.

The dimension-hopping cowboy known as Twelve was introduced in the "Cowboys and Catgurls" storyline and is currently in the "Luminary Lost" storyline in "The Crucible", which features the Vindicators and has special cameo appearance by "Justice-Knights" regular Sin Stalker. And, as was hinted here, Furia Powers will also be making an appearance in that series as well.

There's a lot about Twelve that is a mystery, which naturally fits right in with a lot of the characters here in Battlerock Comics, especially the dimension-hopping ones that seem to have a fixation on women named "Galatea".

Twelve, of course, is the creation of .Ra, a fellow member of the City of Comic Creators, who also came up with the 3D version of Furia's current outfit that you see on the cover. He is the owner/creator/editor/writer of "The Crucible", "Dawn Enterprises", and "The Tomorrow Men". You can find his most recent works over at COXComics.com and also at MMOCComicIndex.com.

"Day Offices"

The idea of "Day Offices" that was seen in this issue came from, of all places, a CNBC TV series about fraud.

CNBC's show "American Greed" highlights big-money fraud, like the kind that bankrupt America in the Great Recession. We're talking so-called "money managers" and "financial experts" and "advisors" that would set up elaborate schemes to take millions from unsuspecting people and keep it for themselves.

And the thought that came to my mind was "Where would people set up this kind of operation?"

Granted, if you have all sorts of money, you can set up a quick office with staff and phone lines and make it look legit. But what if you're just starting out? You don't have the available money yet to set up a dummy company to work your scheme.

Plus, starting up a new business usually has a paper trail associated with it. Names on leases, services contracted, temps hired, and new businesses often come with

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some local publicity. All of these things are things that you don't want if you're trying to set up a con game.

Sometimes you can rent out an apartment-style room for that kind of activity, but that kind of service is really designed for sleeping, not for conducting business.

So my thought was... If you're in the so-called "City of Villains", a chain of islands that was populated by pirates and criminals and fugitives of all sorts, why not have a business where you can rent out an office for a day?

There are day workers, day traders, hotels that you can rent for the day and even for the hour, so why not have the same for office space?

It would, of course, be a cash operation, so there would be no paper trail. And no questions asked about what would be set up and how it would be used. It would be perfect for spammers and fraudsters. And if things get heavy, they can just pack up and leave.

Makes you wonder if someone hasn't already come up with this.

"Scorned by Fate"

Both Wrathstrike and Atomic Genie say they were "Scorned by Fate", but what does that mean? And who is "Mister Normal"?

Well, my friends, that is something you'll just have to wait to see. But you'll find it will all be connected to one Guardian and to a certain hero for whom Battlerock Comics is named after.

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NEXT ISSUE...



OPEN WIDE AND SAY "OW"!

IT'S KOLDFRONT, TWELVE, AND AURORA BOREALIS VERSUS THE FREAKSHOW VERSUS THE CLOCKWORK VERSUS WHO MEVER ELSE WANTS THE HORDE VIRUS!

CAN FURIA AND GUARDIAN STAR SHOW UP IN TIME TO EVEN UP THE ODDS?



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