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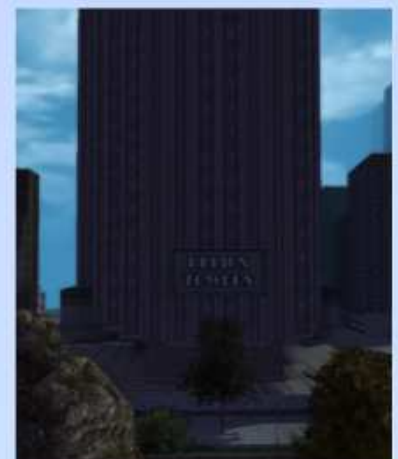
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Born in an alternate world where heroes ruled and humanity was endangered, Faith Powers was the last surviving member of the legendary Powers family. Brought up in the watchful eyes of the Praetors, she became Furia Powers, champion of the weak.

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 and 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

talks!
Make that \$5,000
WANT MORE? CALL
30-800-800

WE ARE HEROES! This is what we do!

Ryder's Run

HELLO?

Rydemption

RYDER! BOY I'M GLAD I GOT HOLD OF YOU!

Mindy Harrison
OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

YOU KNEW I WAS MEETING WITH OUR PATRON, AND THAT HE WOULD BE OUTSIDE OF CELL RANGE.*
WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Prof. Bart Wallace
AKA RYDER LIGHTNING

(← LAST ISSUE)

IT'S GUARDIAN STAR! THE CPCU RELAYED SOME WEIRD MESSAGE ABOUT NEEDING HIS HELP FINDING GALATEA AND NOW HE'S ROAMING ABOUT THE BASE.

DOING WHAT?
AND WHO SENT THAT MESSAGE?

I DON'T KNOW, THE CPCU COULDN'T IDENTIFY THE SENDER.
AND ALL I KNOW IS THAT GUARDIAN STAR IS ROAMING AROUND THE BASE WITH HIS COMMUNICATOR.

OKAY, I'VE GOT TO GET MY GEAR AND THEN I'LL BE OVER THERE.
KEEP TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO OUR MYSTERIOUS NEW "FRIEND" IS.

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.

 **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...



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?



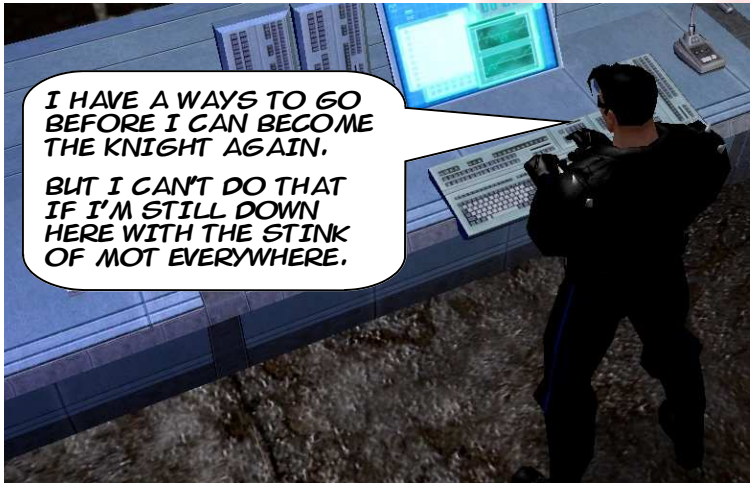


MOT GOT TO ME HERE, SYN.

I THOUGHT I COULD CONTROL THE BASTARD... ADD HIS POWER TO MY OWN AND USE IT TO HELP PROTECT KINGS ROW.

BUT NOW THAT HE'S STRIPPED AWAY ALL OF MY DARK POWER*, I SEE NOW THAT I WAS JUST LISTENING TO HIS LIES.

*** "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN GRADUATION" #3)**



I HAVE A WAYS TO GO BEFORE I CAN BECOME THE KNIGHT AGAIN. BUT I CAN'T DO THAT IF I'M STILL DOWN HERE WITH THE STINK OF MOT EVERYWHERE.

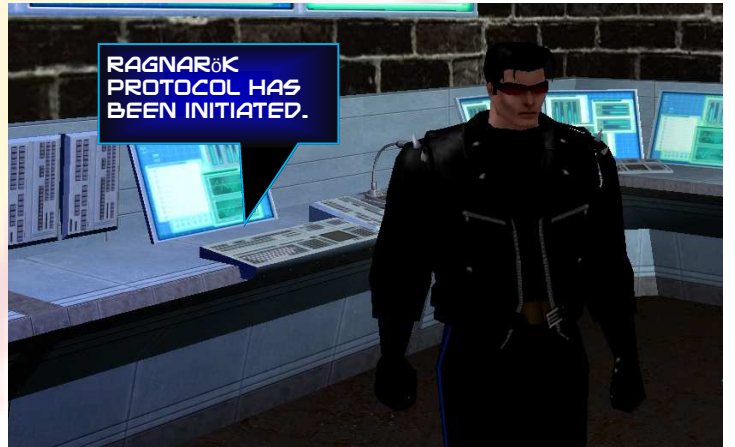


I'M SEVERING ALL THE NETWORK CONNECTIONS HERE, SYN.

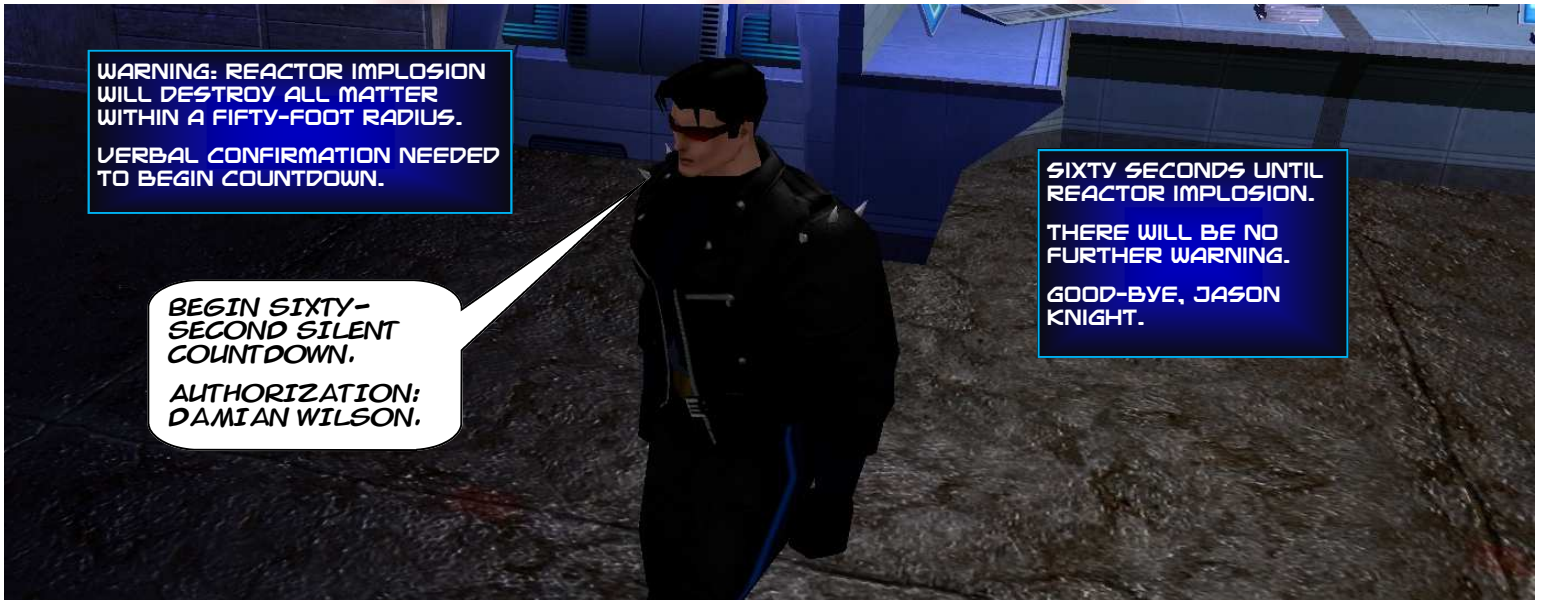
I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU WHEN I'M DONE WITH MY MEETING WITH RYDER.



I'LL KEEP THE BAD GUYS BUSY AS ALWAYS, BOSS. DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO.



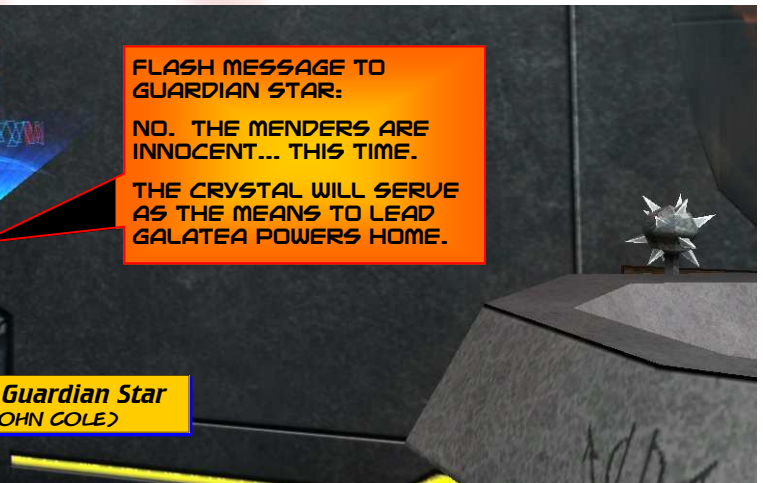
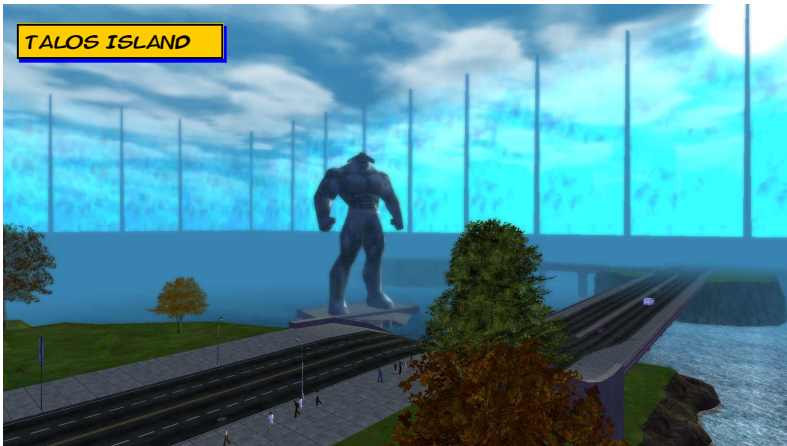
RAGNARÖK PROTOCOL HAS BEEN INITIATED.



WARNING: REACTOR IMPLOSION WILL DESTROY ALL MATTER WITHIN A FIFTY-FOOT RADIUS. VERBAL CONFIRMATION NEEDED TO BEGIN COUNTDOWN.

BEGIN SIXTY-SECOND SILENT COUNTDOWN. AUTHORIZATION: DAMIAN WILSON.

SIXTY SECONDS UNTIL REACTOR IMPLOSION. THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER WARNING. GOOD-BYE, JASON KNIGHT.







UH-UH!
THERE IS NO WAY THAT YOU COULDVE JUST GUESSED MY FAVORITE DRINK!



I KEPT ON SAYING TO MYSELF THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG ABOUT ALL OF THIS. SOMETHING THAT DIDNT 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 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.

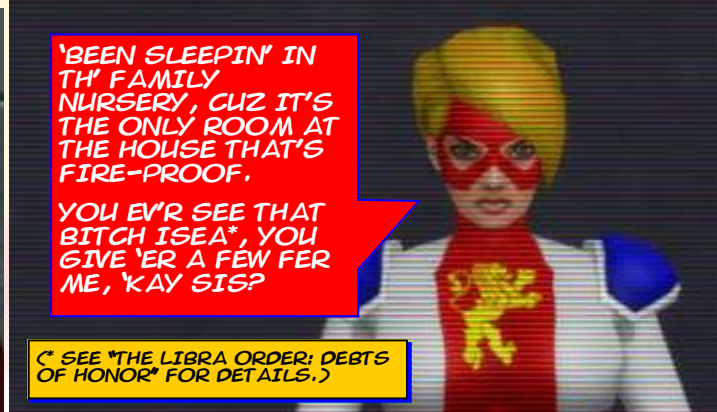


WISH I COULD SAY. I'VE HEARD RUMORS, BUT NOTHING CONCRETE ABOUT WHERE SHE IS.

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.



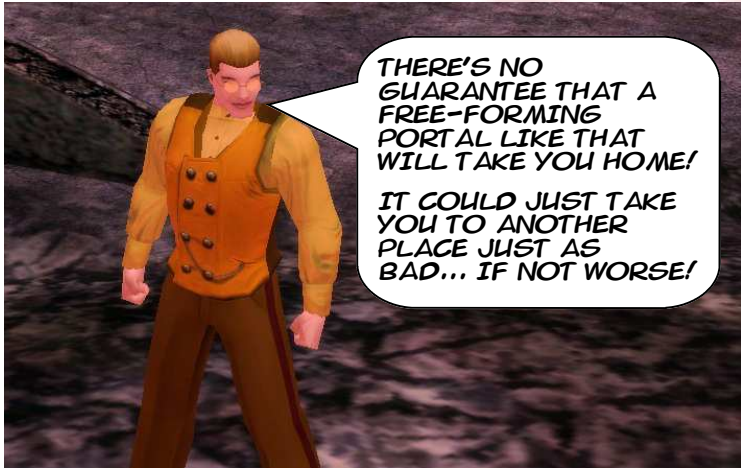
'BEEN SLEEPIN' IN TH' FAMILY NURSERY, CUZ IT'S THE ONLY ROOM AT THE HOUSE THAT'S FIRE-PROOF. YOU EV'R SEE THAT BITCH ISEA*, YOU GIVE 'ER A FEW FER ME, 'KAY SIS?

(* 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.



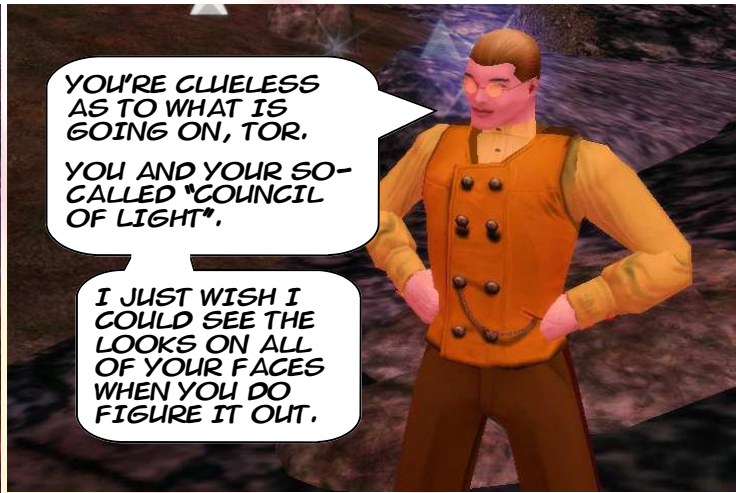


YOU KNEW SHE WAS EXPERIENCED WITH ALTERNATE DIMENSIONS AND YET YOU STILL TRIED TO CONVINCE HER SHE WAS IN A LINEAR TRAP. THAT WAS JUST PLAIN SLOPPY, GILLGAMMA.

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!



IF I'M READING THIS RIGHT...
SOMETHING OR SOMEONE IS USING THE PLATFORM AS A DESTINATION POINT.



I JUST HOPE IT'S HER.
IF NOT... I'LL MAKE THEM SORRY.



crackle



BOOM!



HI BEAUTIFUL!
I'VE MISSED YOU.



I'VE MISSED YOU TOO, HANDSOME.
YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHERE I'VE BEEN!
THERE'S A LOT I NEED TO DO, INCLUDING TAKING A REALLY LONG SHOWER.
BUT FIRST, I JUST HAVE TO KNOW...
WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?



MY NEW WORK OUTFIT.
LONG STORY, WHICH I CAN TELL YOU AFTER I GET YOU TO THE INFIRMARY TO BE CHECKED OUT.

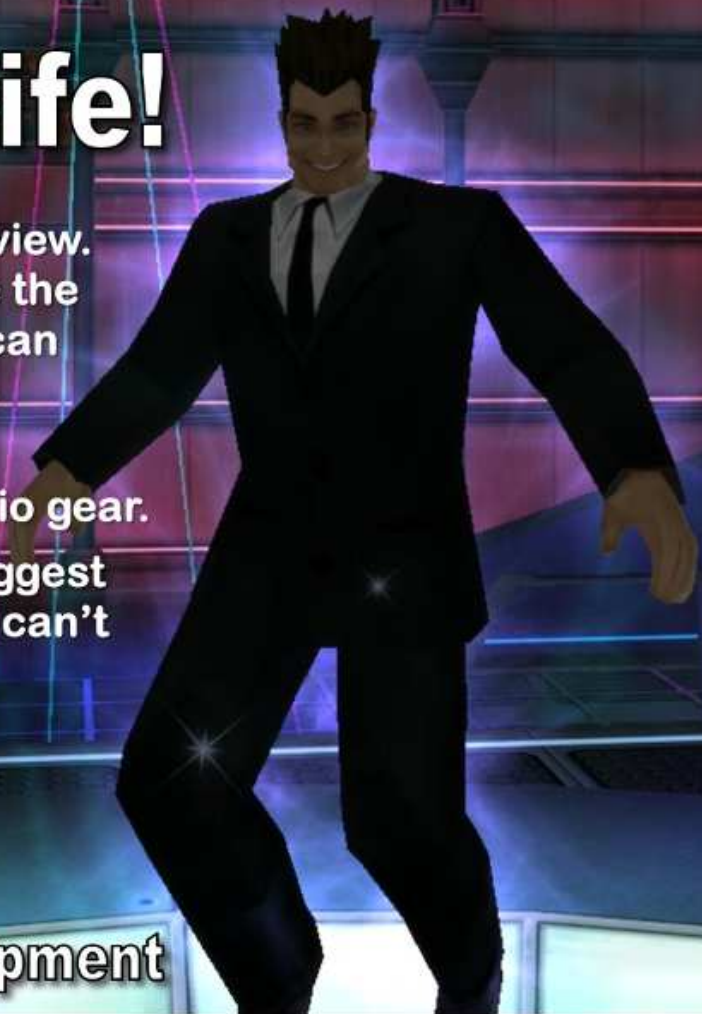
Music Is My Life!

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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Premium Audio Equipment



IT'S LIKE SHE'S WEARING NOTHING!

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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 MECHANOIDS 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 MECHANOIDS 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.

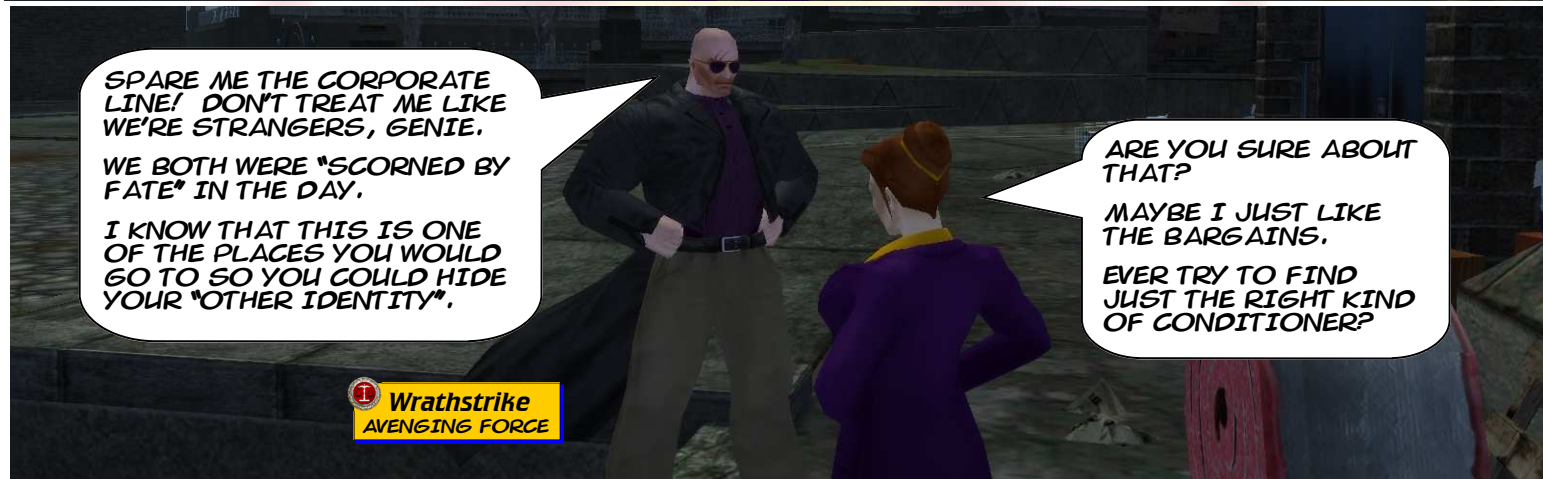


WELL, WELL.
SLUMMING,
GENIE?



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.



SOUNDS LIKE YOU GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT.
NICE SEEING YOU, 'STRIKE.



MALCOLM ROCHSPARE.



THAT'S WHO YOU REALLY WENT TO SEE, GENIE.
YOU TOLD HIM SOMETHING, AND THEN YOU LEFT.



WHAT I SAID WAS WORK-RELATED.
I WAS ASKED TO RELAY A MESSAGE.
THAT'S ALL THAT I DID.



GREY WOULDN'T HIRE YOU TO FIND ME. THE COUNTESS HAS HER OWN TEAM OF HIRED HEROES SHE COULDOVE SENT TO TRACK ME DOWN.
SO I'M GUESSING ROCHSPARE HIRED YOU.
SEEMS THE SHYSTER ISN'T SO SMART AFTER ALL.

DON'T KNOW...
HE HAD ENOUGH SENSE TO HIRE THE RIGHT PERSON.



I ONLY NEED TO KNOW TWO THINGS.

FIRST, WHY IS YOUR BOSS PUTTING THE HEAT ON ROCHSPARE?

JUST WHAT DID THAT BRITISH-SPEAKING BASTARD DO TO GET YOUR BOSS SO RILED UP?

SECOND...

WHAT REASON CAN YOU GIVE ME TO NOT TELL HIM EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT YOU?

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 HUMBLED 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!

FURIOUS SCRIBBLINGS

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

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 happen on some alternate reality. Those adventures are then “dreamed” 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 public was aware of multiple universes.

It all supposedly started with a strange substance called “superadine”; a mystery drug 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-fuher, 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 use 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 cut off 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 on the brink of extinction, and where their "heroes" are really far-from-heroic.

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 we would otherwise never expect to meet.

It's a pity, then, to know that the big comic publishers are now 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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