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# FURIA

AND  
THE GUARDIANS



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SAY HELLO TO...



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Case Investigator



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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**

Earlier in the year, Paragon City was rocked by a two-stage attack from sonic-based robots and the menace called "Destitution".

Although Destitution was stopped by Furia Powers, questions still remained about who he really was and where he came from.

And while Furia and the rest of the Guardians of the Dawn seek answers, LexieTech CEO Lexie Lothora is following up on her own end as the instigator of the attack so she can move forward with her next campaign.

Meanwhile, PNN Reporter April Ramirez's life continues to unravel.

# **"FOLLOWING-UP"**

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

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AEON CITY - CAP AU DIABLE - ROGUE ISLES

PRIVATE POOL AREA

4:30AM ROGUE TIME



GOOD EVENING  
MISS LOTHORA.  
OR RATHER,  
GOOD MORNING.  
A PERFECT TIME  
TO TAKE A DIP IN  
THE EXECUTIVE  
POOL.

I'D ASK HOW YOU  
MANAGED TO GET PAST  
MY GUARDS, BUT I DON'T  
THINK I WOULD WANT TO  
KNOW THE ANSWER.  
YOU'RE HIM, AREN'T YOU?  
THE "GIFT" THAT LORD  
GEDDY SENT ME.

 Lexie Lothora  
LEXIETECH CEO



I WOULDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT A "GIFT", MISS LOTHORA. MY NAME IS CASH COULSON. I'M IN SALES.

I'VE BEEN HERE FOR A FEW MONTHS AND I FIGURED NOW WOULD BE THE TIME FOR US TO MEET. AND WHAT BETTER PLACE THAN SOMEPLACE EXCLUSIVE?

I AM CURIOUS, THOUGH... WHAT MADE YOU BELIEVE YOU WERE EXPECTING ME?

Cash Coulson  
LEXIETECH SALES



LORD GEDDY SAID THAT HE WAS GIVING ME A "GIFT OF FACILITATION." I ASKED HIM WHEN I SHOULD EXPECT THIS "GIFT" AND HE SAID WHEN THE TIME WAS RIGHT, HE WOULD MAKE HIMSELF KNOWN TO ME.\*

SO... HOW PRECISELY DOES THIS WORK? DO YOU WORK FOR ME? ARE YOU PART OF A SERVICE? HOW DO I...?

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



I'M IN SALES, MISS LOTHORA. THAT MEANS I WORK FOR YOU. THERE IS NO "SERVICE". THERE'S JUST ME.




WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT IF YOU HAVE A RATHER UNIQUE PROBLEM, YOU BRING IT TO ME. I DEAL WITH THAT PROBLEM FOR YOU. THAT WAY YOUR HANDS ARE CLEAN OF ANYTHING "MESSY".



IT SEEMS RATHER REDUNDANT, MISTER COULSON. I HAVE A WHOLE CORPORATION AT MY DISPOSAL FOR THAT TASK.



QUITE THE CONTRARY... THAT IS PRECISELY WHY YOU NEED SOMEONE LIKE ME.




TAKE, FOR INSTANCE, THE MATTER OF THE TRAVEL OFFICE. YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE INCIDENT UNDER CONTROL, WHEN IN FACT THERE ARE TWO VARIABLES STILL IN PLAY.



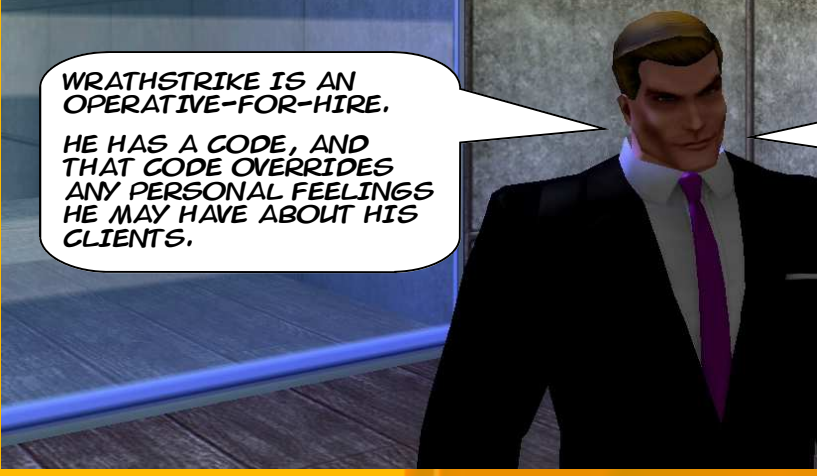
MY HEAD OF SECURITY ALREADY INTERROGATED MISS WHITEHALL AND FOUND THE RISK TO BE NEGLIGIBLE.\*

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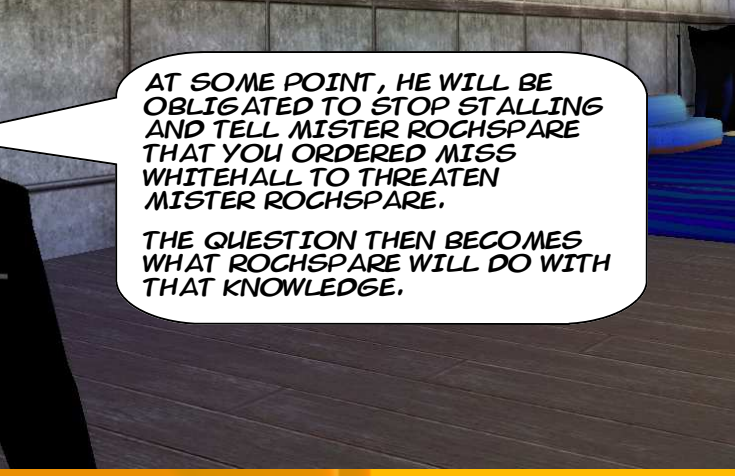


WRATHSTRIKE MAY HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST MALCOLM ROCHSPARE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN HE WON'T FULFILL HIS OBLIGATION AND TELL ROCHSPARE WHO THREATENED HIM.\*

(\* ISSUE #3)




WRATHSTRIKE IS AN OPERATIVE-FOR-HIRE. HE HAS A CODE, AND THAT CODE OVERRIDES ANY PERSONAL FEELINGS HE MAY HAVE ABOUT HIS CLIENTS.



AT SOME POINT, HE WILL BE OBLIGATED TO STOP STALLING AND TELL MISTER ROCHSPARE THAT YOU ORDERED MISS WHITEHALL TO THREATEN MISTER ROCHSPARE.

THE QUESTION THEN BECOMES WHAT ROCHSPARE WILL DO WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE.



AND I SUPPOSE YOU ALREADY HAVE A WAY TO DEAL WITH THAT PROBLEM?



TELL YOU WHAT... LET ME HANDLE THIS AND YOU'LL SEE WHY YOU NEED MY SERVICES.

HELIOS TOWERS

TALOS ISLAND - PARAGON CITY, RI, USA



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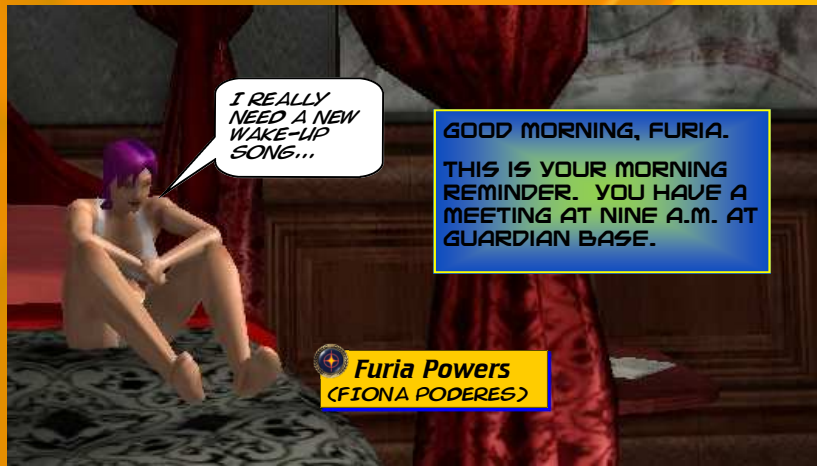


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(\* FROM THE PRODIGY'S SONG "SMACK MY BITCH UP")



OFF!  
I'M UP...  
I'M UP...



I REALLY NEED A NEW WAKE-UP SONG...

GOOD MORNING, FURIA.  
THIS IS YOUR MORNING REMINDER. YOU HAVE A MEETING AT NINE A.M. AT GUARDIAN BASE.

**Furia Powers**  
(FIONA PODERES)



MY BODY STILL HURTS FROM THE BATTLE.\*

I REALLY PUSHED MYSELF THIS TIME AROUND.

(\* NOTE: THIS TAKES PLACE AFTER THE "HOUSE OF SOTHIS" STORYLINE IN "THE CRUCIBLE" AT COXCOMICS.COM)



THEN AGAIN, SAVING THE WORLD, YADDA-YADDA...

MAYBE NEXT TIME I'LL BE ASKED TO STOP AN INVASION OF THE MARSHMALLOW PEOPLE.



A SHOWER SHOULD HELP WORK OUT SOME OF THE SORENESS.



WATER IS AT OPTIMAL TEMPERATURE

STILL TRYING TO GET USED TO ALL THIS.



A "SMART" APARTMENT.

I NEVER HAD THIS IN PRAETORIA.



OKAY, I FEEL A LITTLE BETTER NOW.



WEATHER ON TALOS ISLAND IS SIXTY-FIVE DEGREES WITH CLEAR SKIES.

THEN AGAIN, THERE'S A LOT THAT I STILL NEED TO GET USED TO.

A NEW JOB... A NEW CIVILIAN NAME...  
"FIONA..." "FIONA..."  
"HI, I'M FIONA PODERES."



HAVING A ROOMMATE...

NEVER MIND ONE THAT IS GENETICALLY MY "SISTER" FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE.

AND A QUICK GLANCE CONFIRMS SHE'S ALREADY LEFT FOR THE DAY.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN HER BED IS EMPTY.



STILL IT'S NOT TOO BAD.

I'M NOT WAKING UP SCREAMING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

AND I'M NOT LIVING IN FEAR OF TELEPATHS FINDING OUT MY SECRET.

MORNING...

PLEASE TELL ME THAT'S COFFEE YOU'RE DRINKING.

I COULD REALLY USE A GOOD CUP OF COFFEE.

STILL CAN'T GET USED TO THIS, THOUGH.

**John Cole**  
AKA GUARDIAN STAR

SORRY, BUT THAT WOULD ENTAIL ACTUALLY GETTING A COFFEE-MAKER. I'M DRINKING A MOCHA SMOOTHIE.

YOU KNOW, I REALLY... CARE... ABOUT TAYA... BUT SERIOUSLY THIS SMOOTHIE CRAVE IS JUST...

**\*AHEM\***

I HOPE WE DIDN'T BOTHER YOU LAST NIGHT WITH OUR... YOU-KNOW-WHAT.

YOU MEAN WHEN THE TWO OF YOU WERE SCREWING LIKE HYPER-POWERED BUNNIES UNTIL MIDNIGHT? NEVER NOTICED.

JUST FOR FUTURE REFERENCE, THOUGH... THE WHOLE "SOUND-PROOF WALLS" FEATURE OF THIS CONDO APPARENTLY ONLY APPLIES TO THE HALLWAY WALLS.



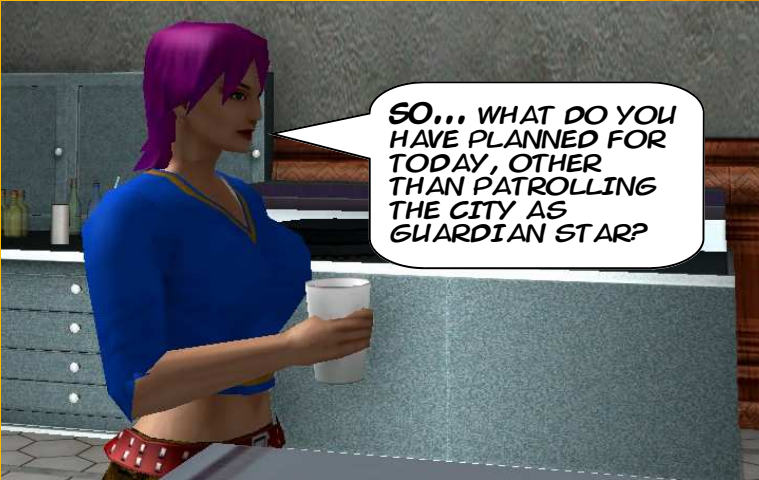
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, FURIA.

WE'RE TRYING TO BE DISCRETE... OR AT LEAST I AM... BUT IT'S JUST WHEN WE GET GOING...



IT'S OKAY, JOHN.

I'M A BIG GIRL, AND QUITE FRANKLY, I SAW AND HEARD WORSE IN THE PRAETORIAN UNIVERSE.



SO... WHAT DO YOU HAVE PLANNED FOR TODAY, OTHER THAN PATROLLING THE CITY AS GUARDIAN STAR?



THAT'S PRETTY MUCH MY DAY.

I'M STILL GETTING USED TO BEING USED TO BEING MORE IN THE PUBLIC EYE AS A HERO, SO I NEED ALL THE PUBLIC TIME I CAN GET.



AT SOME POINT, THOUGH, I'LL HAVE TO DO WHAT YOU DID: FIND A DAY JOB AND A PLACE TO STAY.

THANKFULLY MOST OF THE WORLD DIDN'T KNOW THAT MARCUS COLE WAS STATESMAN, OR THAT I'M HIS SON, SO I WON'T HAVE THAT WHOLE "FAMILY LEGACY" THING TO WORRY ABOUT RIGHT NOW.

HOW ABOUT YOU?



MORNING MEETING AT GUARDIAN BASE ABOUT DESTINATION, THEN I'M OFF TO WORK AS "FIONA PODERES: INVESTIGATOR".

THERE'S A CASE THAT MY BOSS WANTS ME TO WORK ON THAT I GUESS IS REALLY IMPORTANT.

LITTLE ADVICE... COMING FROM SOMEONE WITH A WHOLE FAMILY OF HEROES FROM MULTIPLE UNIVERSES.

DON'T KNOCK THE "FAMILY LEGACY" THING.

I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW HOW MUCH I MISSED MY FAMILY UNTIL THEY WERE TAKEN FROM ME.

I'M JUST GLAD I HAVE A NEW POWERS FAMILY NOW. OR... PART OF ONE ANYWAY.

MEANWHILE...

"THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO VIDEO-CHAT WITH ME BETWEEN NEGOTIATIONS."

WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD FROM VANGUARD AND ARACHNOS?

NOTHING.  
WHICH MEANS WHATEVER THEY DO KNOW, THEY'RE GOING TO KEEP IT TO THEMSELVES UNTIL SOMEONE ELSE ADMITS TO IT.

SO...  
I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT THEIR MUTUAL DISTRUST BARS THEM FROM FIGURING OUT WHO IS REALLY BEHIND DESTITUTION.

**Lawrence Technis**  
LEXIETECH LEGAL

MEANWHILE, VANGUARD KEEPS THE BODY IN STATUS, AND THEY'RE NOT SAYING A WORD AS TO WHAT THEY KNOW ABOUT HIM, WHERE HE CAME FROM, OR HOW HE ARRIVED IN PARAGON CITY.

IS THERE ANY WAY WE CAN CLAIM THE BODY OURSELVES?

I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THAT IDEA, LEXIE.

EVEN UNDER THE MOST BENEVOLENT OF PRETENSES, BOTH SIDES WOULD KNOW THAT YOUR COMPANY WAS BEHIND IT ALL.

IT'S BEST TO LET THEM WALLOW IN WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW FOR NOW.

OF COURSE. I HAD TO ASK ANYWAY.

THANK YOU, LAWRENCE. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO RELY ON YOUR SAGE ADVICE ON THESE MATTERS.

BACK AT TALOS ISLAND...



"THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING."  
"I'LL GET RIGHT TO THE POINT."



SOME TIME AGO, WE WERE TASKED WITH FINDING OUT EVERYTHING WE COULD ABOUT DESTITUTION, HIS ROBOTS, AND HOW THEY WERE ABLE TO INFILTRATE THE CITY'S NETWORK SYSTEMS.

**Ryder Lightning**  
(BART WALLACE)

I KNOW WE'VE HAD OUR SHARE OF OTHER CASES THAT HAVE POPPED UP BETWEEN THEN AND NOW. THAT'S WHY I CALLED THIS LITTLE MEETING; FOR US TO CATCH-UP ON WHAT WE KNOW SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD AND FILL IN THE BLANKS.



YOU ALL KNOW WHAT YOU WERE ASKED TO LOOK INTO. JUST STEP UP AND GET US UP TO SPEED AS TO WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED SINCE THEN. JASON?



I WENT THROUGH THE WRECKAGE OF THE PLANE DESTITUTION SLAMMED INTO ON HIS DESCENT FROM ORBITAL SPACE. OR, AT LEAST WHAT THEY SAID THEY WERE ABLE TO SALVAGE.

**Jason Knight**  
(DRAKE GREY)

WHAT SURPRISED THE FREEDOM CORPS AGENTS WAS WHAT THEY DIDN'T FIND. NAMELY, A BODY.



"THERE WAS NO SIGN THERE EVER WAS A PILOT ON THE PLANE."

"I CHECKED THE WRECKAGE INVENTORY AND I FOUND TWO GPS TRACKERS THAT WERE INSTALLED."

"ONE GPS WOULD BE ENOUGH TO TRACK THE PLANE, EVEN ONE THAT'S AUTOMATED."

"BUT TWO? THAT WOULD BE TO FOLLOW SOMETHING ELSE."





I BELIEVE THE PLANE WASN'T THERE BY ACCIDENT.  
I BELIEVE THE PLANE WAS SPECIFICALLY THERE TO BREAK DESTITUTION'S DESCENT.

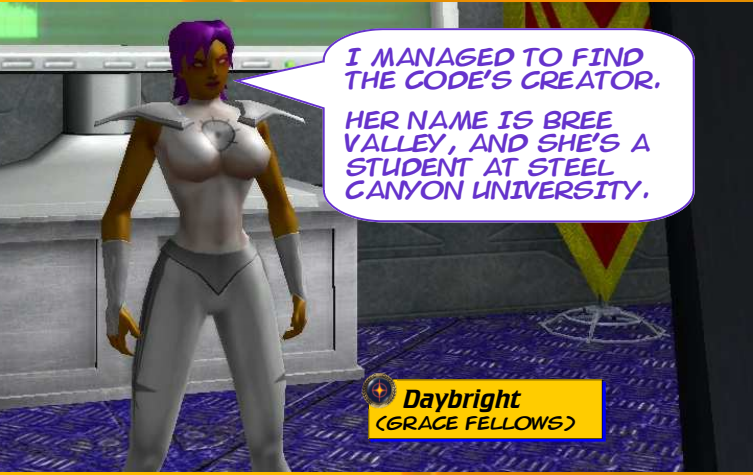


DO WE KNOW WHO OWNED OR HIRED THE PLANE?



THE FLIGHT PLAN SUBMITTED SAID THE PLANE CAME FROM STRIGA ISLE. THE LISTED OWNER WAS A SHELL COMPANY IN PEREGRINE ISLAND.

WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK INTO THAT SOME MORE.  
OKAY, DAYBRIGHT, WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED ABOUT ASSEMBLER CODE?

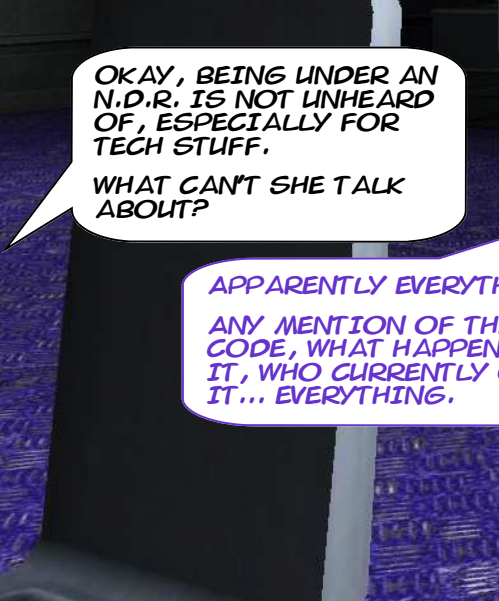


I MANAGED TO FIND THE CODE'S CREATOR. HER NAME IS BREE VALLEY, AND SHE'S A STUDENT AT STEEL CANYON UNIVERSITY.

**Daybright**  
(GRACE FELLOWS)



UNFORTUNATELY WHEN I ASKED HER ABOUT IT, SHE SAID SHE'S UNDER A NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT.



OKAY, BEING UNDER AN N.D.R. IS NOT UNHEARD OF, ESPECIALLY FOR TECH STUFF.  
WHAT CAN'T SHE TALK ABOUT?

APPARENTLY EVERYTHING!  
ANY MENTION OF THE CODE, WHAT HAPPENED TO IT, WHO CURRENTLY OWNS IT... EVERYTHING.



I'LL HAVE TO CHECK WITH ALEX ON THE LEGALITY OF THIS.\*  
SOMETHING JUST ISN'T RIGHT ABOUT IT.

PLUS, I HAD APPROACHED HER IN MY HUMAN FORM.  
I'LL SEE IF SHE'D BE A LITTLE MORE OPEN TO SPEAK WITH A KHELDIAN WITH A WHITE-HAT HACKER AS A HOST.

\* ALEX\* IS ALEX WENTWORTH, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, A.K.A. THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER



DESTITUTION'S BODY IS IN STASIS OVER AT VANGUARD BASE.

PHYSICALLY, THE DOCTORS SAY HE'S COMPLETELY HEALED FROM THE INJURIES HE SUSTAINED FROM MY COUNTER-ATTACK.\*

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WHICH RESULTED IN HIS HEAD EXPLODING.



THE VANGUARD DOCTORS DID SAY THEY FOUND TRACE EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS IN HIS SKULL, SO THEY REALLY DON'T THINK THAT MY INTERNAL TELEKINETIC POWERS CAUSED IT.

AND... THAT'S NOT ALL. THEY BELIEVE THAT HE'S NOT ALIEN. THAT HE'S AN AUGMENTED HUMAN.

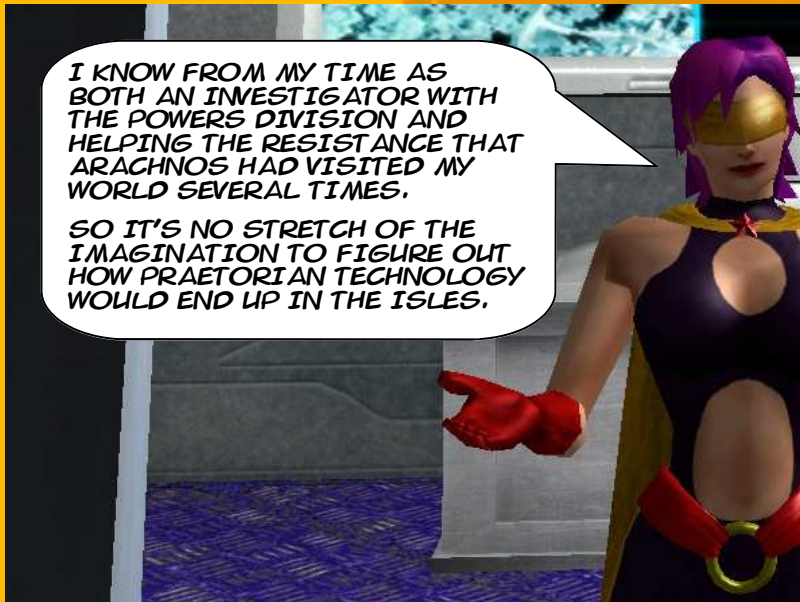
FROM THE PRAETORIAN UNIVERSE, LIKE YOU?



NO. FROM THIS WORLD. FROM THE ROGUE ISLES.



I KNOW THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE GIVEN HOW HE USED TECH FROM MY UNIVERSE, BUT HEAR ME OUT ON THIS.



I KNOW FROM MY TIME AS BOTH AN INVESTIGATOR WITH THE POWERS DIVISION AND HELPING THE RESISTANCE THAT ARACHNOS HAD VISITED MY WORLD SEVERAL TIMES.

SO IT'S NO STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION TO FIGURE OUT HOW PRAETORIAN TECHNOLOGY WOULD END UP IN THE ISLES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT THIS WAS AN ARACHNOS OPERATION.

THERE IS AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF SUBTERFUGE AND DIVERSION HERE.

A NON-ALIEN \*ALIEN INVASION\* USING ROBOTS THAT WERE ALREADY HERE, ADAPTIVE CODE FROM HERE, AND NANITES FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE DESIGNED TO GENERATE FEAR?



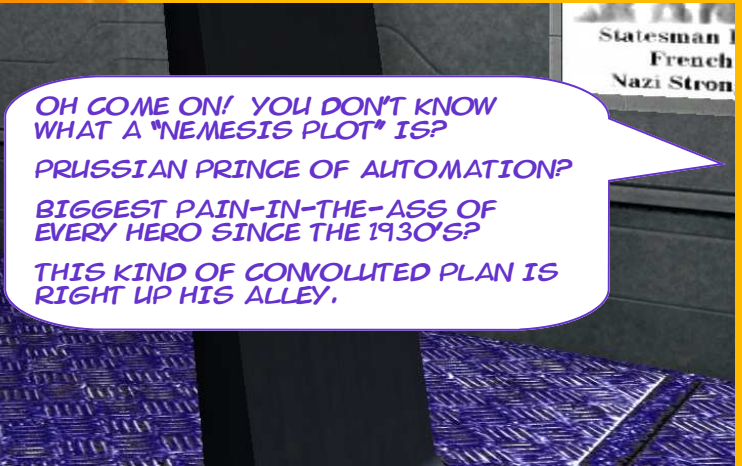
EVERYTHING THAT I'VE LEARNED FROM ARACHNOS SAYS THAT THIS IS TOO CONVOLUTED EVEN FOR LORD RECLUSE.



MAYBE IT'S A NEMESIS PLOT.



WHAT'S A "NEMESIS PLOT"?



OH COME ON! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT A "NEMESIS PLOT" IS?  
PRUSSIAN PRINCE OF AUTOMATION?  
BIGGEST PAIN-IN-THE-ASS OF EVERY HERO SINCE THE 1930'S?  
THIS KIND OF CONVOLUTED PLAN IS RIGHT UP HIS ALLEY.



I'D LIKE TO AGREE WITH DAYBRIGHT, BUT I DON'T THINK NEMESIS IS BEHIND THIS.  
I SUSPECT THIS IS SOMEONE NEW.



I THINK WE'LL NEED SOMEONE TO GO TO THE ROGUE ISLES TO FIND OUT.



I'M GUESSING YOU ALREADY HAVE SOMEONE IN MIND FOR THAT TRIP.  
FAIR ENOUGH.  
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I HAVE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU ANYWAY, SO WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE DETAILS IN MY OFFICE.  
DAYBRIGHT, KEEP WORKING ON MISS VALLEY. FURIA, FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN ON THE PRAETORIAN TECH DESTITUTION USED.

CHIRON MEDICAL CENTER - ATLAS PARK



THANK YOU FOR COMING IN AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE, MRS. RAMIREZ.



OF COURSE, BUT I'M SURPRISED YOU JUST WANTED TO SPEAK WITH ME AND NOT WITH MY HUSBAND. HAVING A BABY IS SUPPOSED TO BE A JOINT THING.

**April Ramirez**  
PNN REPORTER



YES... WELL, WHAT WE FOUND WAS SOMETHING THAT I NEEDED TO TALK WITH YOU ALONE.

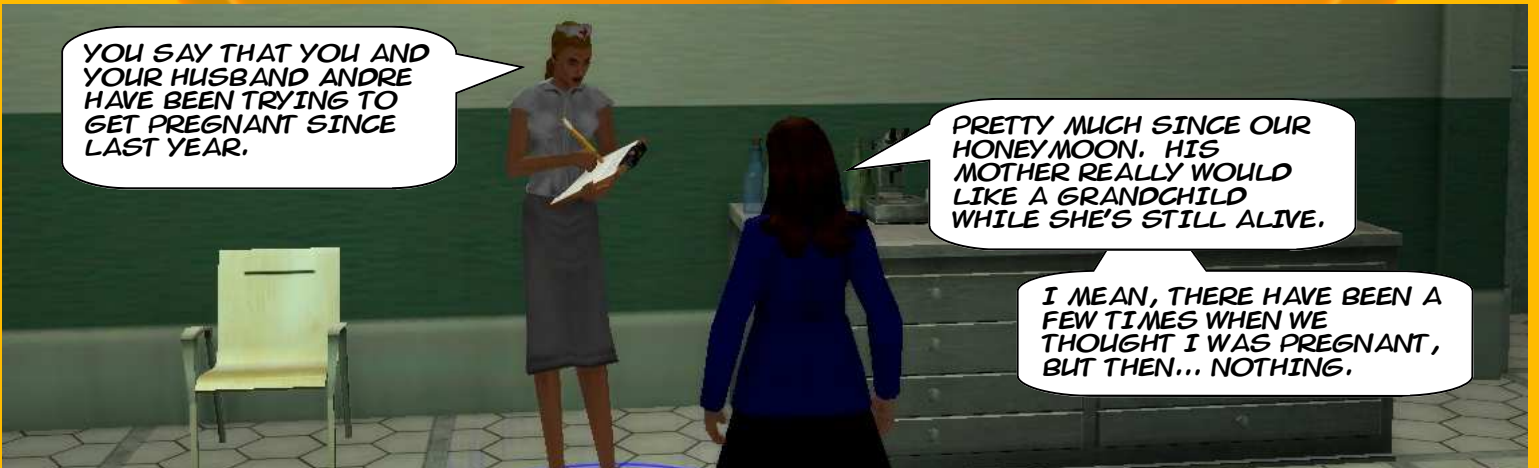


YOU SAY THAT YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND ANDRE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET PREGNANT SINCE LAST YEAR.

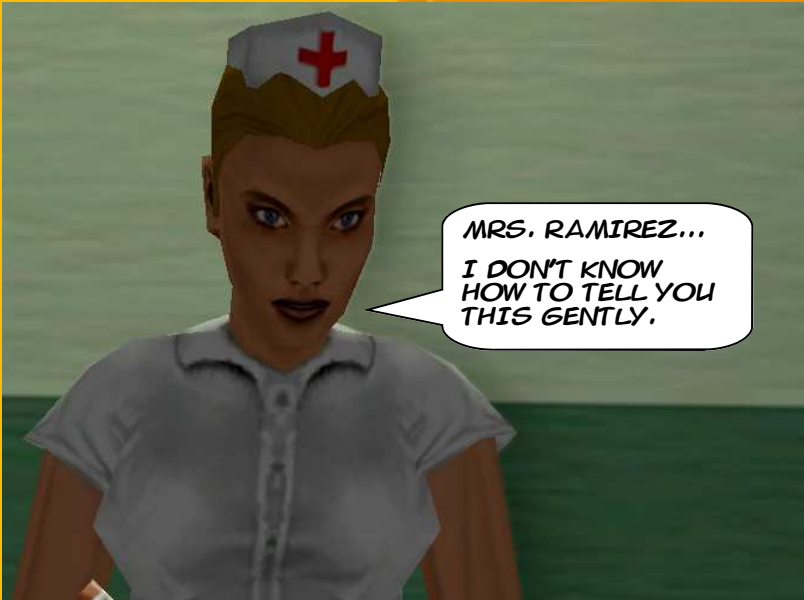


PRETTY MUCH SINCE OUR HONEYMOON. HIS MOTHER REALLY WOULD LIKE A GRANDCHILD WHILE SHE'S STILL ALIVE.

I MEAN, THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW TIMES WHEN WE THOUGHT I WAS PREGNANT, BUT THEN... NOTHING.



MRS. RAMIREZ... I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU THIS GENTLY.



ACCORDING TO OUR TESTS... YOU'VE BEEN PREGNANT. AT LEAST THREE TIMES, MAYBE MORE.





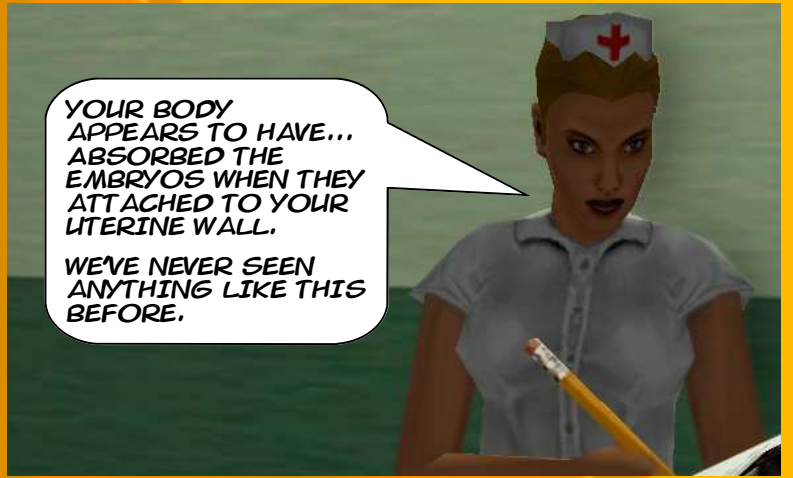


**NO WAY!  
NO! I DON'T BELIEVE THAT!  
HOW COULD I BE PREGNANT THREE TIMES AND NOT HAVE A BABY?**

**I MEAN, THAT'S PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE, RIGHT?  
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN IF THERE WAS A MISCARRIAGE!**



**THAT'S WHAT WE THOUGHT AS WELL.  
BUT... IT APPEARS THAT YOUR BODY.  
WELL...**



**YOUR BODY APPEARS TO HAVE... ABSORBED THE EMBRYOS WHEN THEY ATTACHED TO YOUR LITERINE WALL.  
WE'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE.**



**OH GOD...**

**WE TRIED TO RUN A GENETIC TEST TO SEE IF THERE WERE ANY ABNORMALITIES, BUT IT APPEARS THAT YOUR GENETIC CODE WAS FLAGGED BY FREEDOM CORPS.**

**DO YOU KNOW ANY REASON WHY THEY WOULD DO THAT?**



**NO! NO I WOULDN'T KNOW...  
GOD, THIS IS TOO MUCH! I CAN'T TAKE THIS!**



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**LT** Kimaliya Wolfe  
LEXIETECH ASSOCIATE



POPULARITY INDEX?  
YOU MEAN THERE'S SUCH A THING?



OF COURSE THERE IS! I INVENTED IT. IT'S HOW I WAS ABLE TO LAUNCH MY CAREER AS A SOCIAL MEDIA ICON BEFORE YOU BROUGHT ME IN.

ANYTIME SOMEONE MAKES THE NEWS, BE THEY A MODEL OR A BUSINESSMAN OR EVEN A HERO, THEY GENERATE PUBLIC INTEREST.

THE MORE INTEREST THEY GENERATE, THE MORE ADDED VISIBILITY THAT GETS GENERATED BY THE MEDIA.

WE CAN MEASURE THAT INTEREST BASED ON BOTH THE USERS AND THE MEDIA, AND USE IT TO DETERMINE JUST HOW POPULAR THAT PERSON IS FOR ANY GIVEN TIMEFRAME.



SO WHAT IS FURIA'S INDEX?

THANKFULLY NOT AS HIGH AS GALATEA'S.



DESPITE HER RECENT ACTIVITY AGAINST THE SOTHIS, WE BELIEVE HER PUBLIC INTEREST HAS WANED FROM HER BATTLE WITH DESTITUTION.



IN OTHER WORDS, HER FIFTEEN MINUTES OF FAME ARE ALMOST UP. THANK YOU MISS WOLFE. YOU'VE BEEN VERY HELPFUL.



SO... WHEN WERE YOU GOING TO LET ME KNOW ABOUT IT? OR WERE YOU?



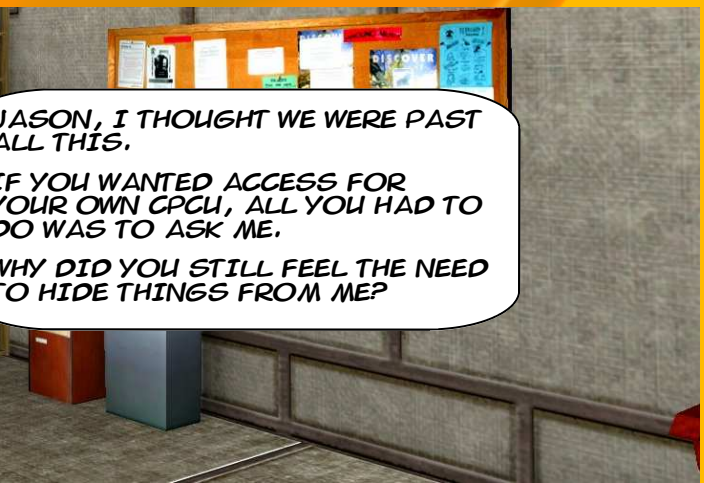
BE SPECIFIC.



YOUR BACK-DOOR HACK INTO OUR COMPUTER NETWORK, WHICH YOU DISGUISED AS A "FILMFLIX" HACK.



I'LL TAKE YOUR SILENCE AS AN ADMITTANCE OF GUILT.




JASON, I THOUGHT WE WERE PAST ALL THIS. IF YOU WANTED ACCESS FOR YOUR OWN CPCI, ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS TO ASK ME. WHY DID YOU STILL FEEL THE NEED TO HIDE THINGS FROM ME?



HOW'S ANDREW WENTWORTH? STILL HAVING LUNCH MEETINGS WITH HIM?




WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?




I DON'T TRUST THE ELDER WENTWORTH. I DON'T TRUST HIS REASONS FOR BEING THE GROUP'S FINANCIER.

THAT CONNECTION WILL BITE US WHEN WE CAN'T AFFORD IT. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, YOU'RE GOING TO NEED SOMETHING SEPARATE FROM WENTWORTH'S MONEY AND INFLUENCE. SOMETHING THAT WENTWORTH DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT OR COULD SHUT DOWN.



WENTWORTH DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE HACK. ONLY MYSELF AND MINDY KNOW.



WHO DO YOU THINK SHE REALLY WORKS FOR?




... WE'LL TABLE THAT DISCUSSION FOR ANOTHER DAY.

I PRESUME YOU'RE VOLUNTEERING YOURSELF TO HEAD OVER TO THE ROGUE ISLES.



AS THE OPERATIONS MANAGER FOR ARCHITECT ENTERTAINMENT, I HAVE STANDING PERMISSION TO ENTER THE ISLES.



THERE ARE A DOZEN DIFFERENT CORPORATIONS THAT ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE A PRESENCE BOTH HERE AND IN THE ISLES, THANKS TO THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION AND VANGUARD.

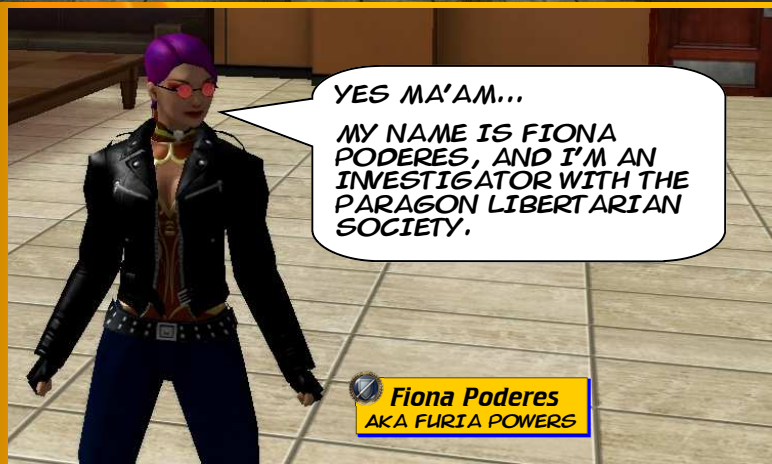
WHILE I'M THERE, I CAN PAY THOSE COMPANIES A "FRIENDLY VISIT" AND SEE WHICH ONES WOULD LIKELY ENGINEER THE ATTACK WITHOUT RAISING TOO MUCH SUSPICION.

"ROSE VEST AP?"

"YES."



YOU ARE THE INVESTIGATOR THAT MY LAWYER SAID WANTED TO SEE ME, RIGHT?

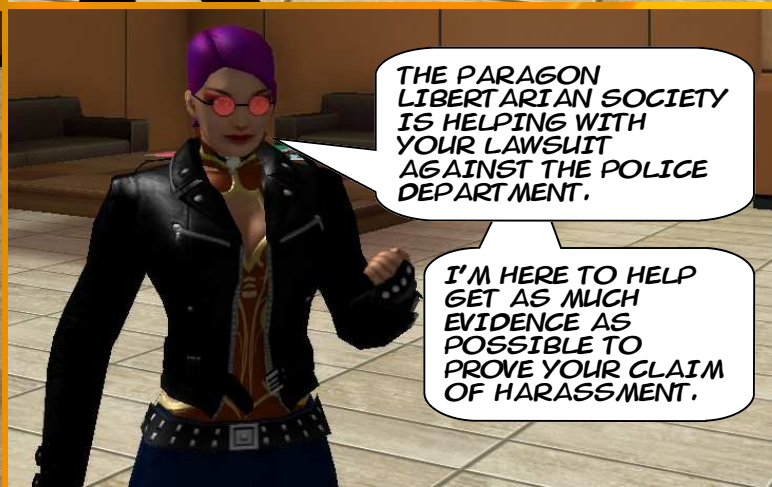


YES MA'AM... MY NAME IS FIONA PODERES, AND I'M AN INVESTIGATOR WITH THE PARAGON LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY.

Fiona Poderes  
AKA FURIA POWERS



I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SOME THIRD PARTY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SENDING THEIR OWN INVESTIGATOR.



THE PARAGON LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY IS HELPING WITH YOUR LAWSUIT AGAINST THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

I'M HERE TO HELP GET AS MUCH EVIDENCE AS POSSIBLE TO PROVE YOUR CLAIM OF HARASSMENT.



I... I APPRECIATE THE OFFER OF HELP, BUT IT WON'T BE NEEDED.

WHY? WHAT HAPPENED?

I WAS GIVEN A SETTLEMENT OFFER FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT I THINK I WILL BE ACCEPTING.

IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT IT WILL SUPPOSEDLY COVER MY LEGAL FEES AND IT WILL MAKE THIS WHOLE THING GO AWAY.



WHAT DOES YOUR ATTORNEY SAY ABOUT THIS OFFER?



HE... HE SAYS I HAVE A VERY STRONG CASE. THAT THE ONLY REASON WHY THEY'RE MAKING THIS OFFER IS BECAUSE THEY'RE SCARED THEY WILL LOSE.



THEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD WANT TO ACCEPT A SETTLEMENT IF YOUR LAWYER THINKS YOU CAN WIN.



BECAUSE... BECAUSE I JUST WANT TO PUT THIS NIGHTMARE BEHIND ME!




YOU DON'T KNOW HOW EMBARRASSING THIS HAS BEEN FOR ME, MISS PODERES. MY TEENAGED CHILDREN SAW ME NAKED AND HANDCUFFED, MANHANDLED BY THE POLICE! MY SON WAS BULLIED AND INTIMIDATED BY THOSE OFFICERS!

AND THEN THE VIDEO OF THE WHOLE THING SHOWED UP IN THE NEWS... AND IT WAS LIKE RELIVING IT ALL OVER AGAIN ON EVERY CHANNEL.




THEN... THEN SOMEONE POSTED AN UNCENSORED VERSION OF THE VIDEO ON THE INTERNET. EVERYONE IN THE WORLD HAS SEEN ME NAKED NOW. I'D GET LOOKS FROM PEOPLE AT WORK... MY NEIGHBORS... EVEN FROM COMPLETE STRANGERS!





MS. VESTA, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW. I WISH I COULD SAY I DO. BUT I DO KNOW THAT WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH IS WRONG, AND IT NEEDS TO BE STOPPED.

THAT IS EASY FOR YOU TO SAY... BUT YOU'RE NOT THE ONE EXPERIENCING IT ALL.




YOU'RE NOT THE ONE HAVING TO BEAR WATCHING YOUR CHILDREN COME HOME CRYING BECAUSE THE OTHERS TEASE THEM ABOUT SEEING THEIR NAKED MOTHER ON THE INTERNET.

YOU'RE NOT THE ONE GETTING BEING STOPPED BY EVERY COP IN THE CITY AND BEING TOLD TO SIMPLY "DROP THE CASE".


MY OLDEST SON IS GETTING HASSLED EVERY DAY BY POLICE OFFICERS WHO CLAIM HE'S CARRYING A WEAPON, OR HOLDING DRUGS.



I JUST... I JUST WANT IT TO END, MISS PODERES. IS THAT SO WRONG?



NO, MS. VESTA, IT'S NOT WRONG TO WANT IT TO END. IT'S JUST THAT IT WON'T.



WHAT THEY'VE BEEN DOING TO YOU IS WRONG. IT'S CRIMINAL. AND IF YOU DROP THE CASE NOW, IT WON'T THEM FROM DOING IT TO SOME OTHER WOMAN TOMORROW. GIVE ME A CHANCE TO WORK THIS CASE. I CAN AT LEAST GET SOME OF THE PRESSURE OFF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

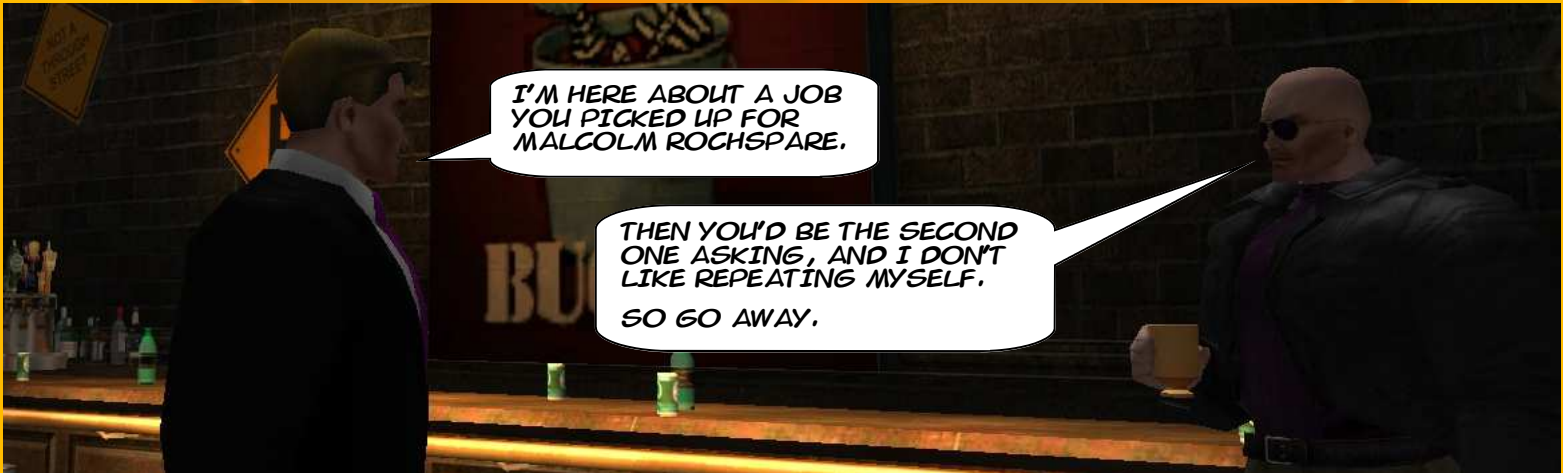
... I... SUPPOSE I CAN HOLD OFF ON MY DECISION FOR A FEW DAYS.



I HAVE TO SAY... YOU'RE A HARD MAN TO FIND.

UNLESS YOU'RE THE NEW BARTENDER, YOU HAVE UNTIL I FINISH MY DRINK BEFORE I MAKE YOU HARD TO FIND AS WELL.

**Wrathstrike**  
AVENGING FORCE




I'M HERE ABOUT A JOB YOU PICKED UP FOR MALCOLM ROCHSPARE.

THEN YOU'D BE THE SECOND ONE ASKING, AND I DON'T LIKE REPEATING MYSELF. SO GO AWAY.



WE'RE BOTH PROFESSIONALS, MISTER STRIKE. HUMOR ME.


HMM... YOU'RE A FACILITATOR.



ACTUALLY I'M IN SALES.  
AND, IF YOU THINK ABOUT  
IT, WE ALL ARE AT SOME  
POINT IN OUR LIVES.

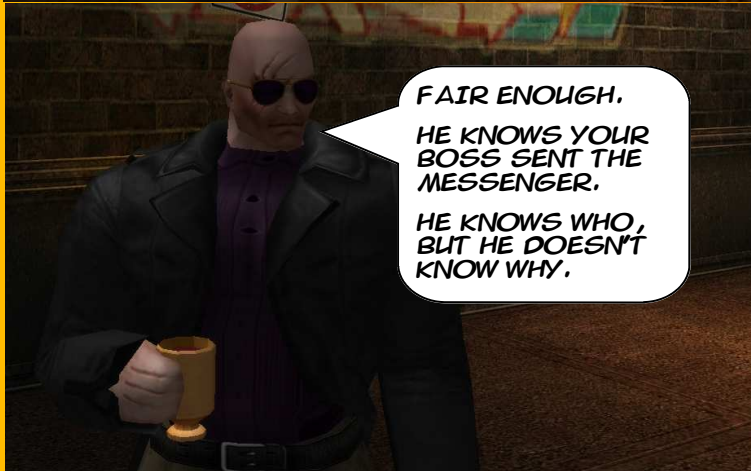
WHAT I'M HERE TO SELL  
YOU IS OPPORTUNITY IN  
EXCHANGE FOR SOME  
SIMPLE INFORMATION.

YOU WANT TO KNOW IF  
I TOLD ROCHSPARE  
WHAT I KNOW ABOUT  
YOUR BOSS.



WHAT IF I HADN'T  
SAID ANYTHING  
YET? WOULD YOU  
WANT ME TO KEEP  
QUIET?

THAT'S YOUR CALL TO  
MAKE, MISTER STRIKE.  
LIKE I SAID, WE'RE  
BOTH PROFESSIONALS.  
I WOULDN'T ASK YOU TO  
GO AGAINST YOUR  
PERSONAL CODE.



FAIR ENOUGH.  
HE KNOWS YOUR  
BOSS SENT THE  
MESSENGER.  
HE KNOWS WHO,  
BUT HE DOESN'T  
KNOW WHY.



AND HE NEVER  
PAID ME TO  
FILL IN THAT  
PARTICULAR  
BLANK.



SO, ARE WE  
DONE? MY CUP IS  
ALMOST EMPTY.

I HAVE WHAT I NEEDED TO  
KNOW, MISTER STRIKE.  
I'LL BE IN TOUCH WITH  
YOU ABOUT THAT FUTURE  
OPPORTUNITY.

NO, WHAT I WANT IS FOR THE PARTITIONS TO BE PUT UP AS YOU WERE CONTRACTED TO DO!

I DON'T CARE IF CAGE OFFERED DOUBLE TO START EARLY! WHAT I CARE ABOUT IS AN INFIRMARY THAT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A M.A.S.H. UNIT!

AM I PREPARING FOR WAR?  
THAT ALL DEPENDS ON WHETHER YOU FINISH YOUR JOB.

I HOPE YOU CAUGHT THAT LITTLE PHONE EXCHANGE.  
I MAY HAVE TO GIVE LAWRENCE A CALL WHILE YOU PAY MISTER EASTBENDER A VISIT.


TO GIVE HIM A REASON TO FINISH WORK ON THE INFIRMARY?  
IF YOU SAY SO.

SO... HE PAID YOU A VISIT LAST NIGHT, DID HE?


**LT** Helena Goro  
LEXIETECH SECURITY

COULSON? HE CAME IN THIS MORNING WHILE I WAS TAKING MY SWIM.

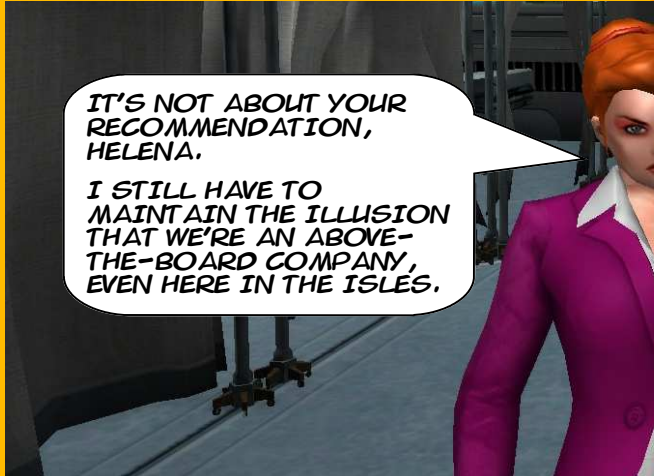
I KNEW IT!  
I KNEW THAT WOULD BE HIM!



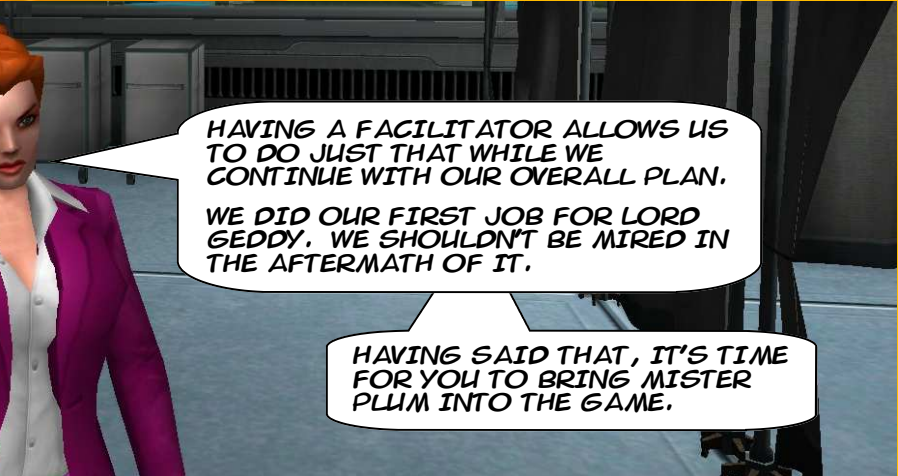
I CALLED IT.  
THE ONLY ONE  
WHOSE  
BACKGROUND  
I DIDN'T VET.



AND NOW MAYBE YOU  
CAN TELL ME WHY YOU  
LET HIM HANDLE THE  
MATTER WITH  
ROCHSHAPRE.  
DO YOU QUESTION  
MY CONCLUSION?




IT'S NOT ABOUT YOUR  
RECOMMENDATION,  
HELENA.  
I STILL HAVE TO  
MAINTAIN THE ILLUSION  
THAT WE'RE AN ABOVE-  
THE-BOARD COMPANY,  
EVEN HERE IN THE ISLES.



HAVING A FACILITATOR ALLOWS US  
TO DO JUST THAT WHILE WE  
CONTINUE WITH OUR OVERALL PLAN.  
WE DID OUR FIRST JOB FOR LORD  
GEDDY. WE SHOULDN'T BE MIRED IN  
THE AFTERMATH OF IT.

HAVING SAID THAT, IT'S TIME  
FOR YOU TO BRING MISTER  
PLUM INTO THE GAME.



I DON'T KNOW IF  
THAT'S A GOOD  
IDEA RIGHT NOW.  
HE'S STILL  
UNDERGOING  
FACIAL SURGERY.



IN FACT, HE'S  
PRETTY MUCH  
WRAPPED UP LIKE  
A MUMMY.



EVEN BETTER!

IT'LL ADD A SENSE OF  
MYSTERY ABOUT WHO HE  
IS UNTIL WE'RE READY  
TO SPRING IT.



THIS IS ABOUT PLAYING THE  
LONG GAME, HELENA.

THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN  
ARE LOOKING FOR THE  
VILLAIN BEHIND DESTITUTION.  
MISTER PLUM WILL MAKE SURE  
THAT THE TRAIL DOESN'T LEAD  
BACK TO US.

THAT'S WHAT I KNOW.  
THE COPS ARE HASSLING  
ROSE PRETTY BAD, TRYING  
TO GET HER TO SETTLE.

NOT ALL COPS.  
JUST MCGADE AND HIS FRIENDS.  
THEY'RE PROBABLY ALSO BEHIND  
LEAKING THE VIDEO ONLINE.

I CAN'T STOP THE  
INTERNET VIDEO, BUT  
SOMETHING NEEDS TO  
BE DONE TO STOP THE  
HARASSMENT.  
BUT I CAN'T DO THAT  
AND STILL DO MY JOB  
AS AN INVESTIGATOR.

YOU WANT ME TO  
BE HER GUARDIAN  
ANGEL, TO WATCH  
OUT FOR HER AND  
HER CHILDREN.

I'LL GET CARDINAL SYN TO  
HELP... BUT YOU REALIZE THAT  
YOU'RE GOING UP AGAINST THE  
PARAGON POLICE FORCE AGAIN.

WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST  
TIME. I'D JUST HAVE TO  
BE CAREFUL THIS TIME  
AROUND TO NOT LET THEM  
KNOW THAT I'M THE SAME  
"GOLDIE" THAT KICKED  
THEIR ASSES.\*

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DON'T  
UNDERESTIMATE THEM.  
I'VE MADE THAT  
MISTAKE ALREADY.\*  
WE CAN BEAT THEM,  
BUT WE HAVE TO BE  
CAREFUL.

WE'LL DO MORE  
THAN JUST BEAT  
THEM, JASON.  
WE'LL MAKE SURE  
THEY DON'T PREY  
ON ANYONE ELSE  
EVER AGAIN!

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