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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...

# ***FUTURE'S GUARDIAN***

## ***"BACK TO BASICS"***

***- A CHAMPIONS ONLINE STORY BY DAVID 2***

AFTER MUCH DRAMA AND A FEW CHALLENGING EVENTS, THE HEROES OF MILLENNIUM CITY ARE ABLE TO ENJOY A LITTLE BIT OF NORMALCY. BUT FOR HEROES LIKE GALATEA FUTURE, "NORMALCY" IS SUBJECTIVE. SOMETIMES IT IS JUST A PAUSE BEFORE THE NEXT CHALLENGE.

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ATTENTION FLIGHT  
DECK! PREPARE  
FOR INCOMING  
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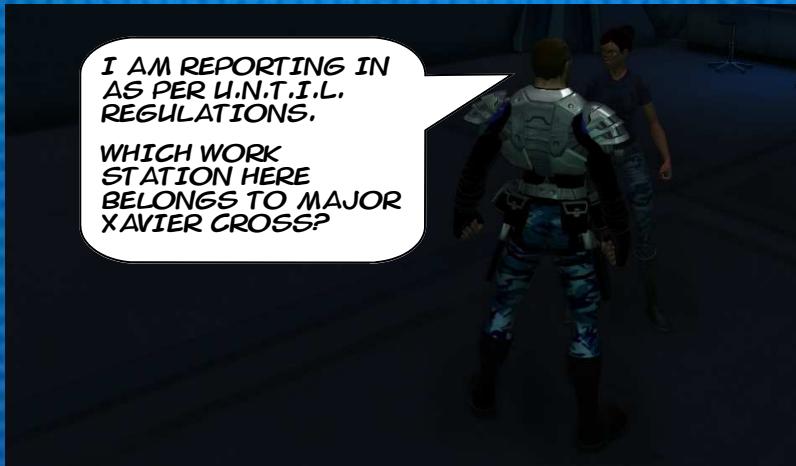




THAT WOULD  
BE ME.  
SOMETHING  
I CAN HELP  
YOU WITH,  
CAPTAIN?



SIR...  
SIR...  
YOUR EYE...



I AM REPORTING IN  
AS PER U.N.T.I.L.  
REGULATIONS.  
WHICH WORK  
STATION HERE  
BELONGS TO MAJOR  
XAVIER CROSS?



TH-THE  
STATION  
ALL THE W-  
WAY AT THE  
E-END, SIR.



IF ANYONE ASKS FOR ME,  
I WILL BE IN THE  
OFFICER'S BARRACKS  
UNTIL THE MORNING.  
THEN I WILL BE WAITING  
FOR MAJOR CROSS TO  
GET HERE.  
I TRUST THERE WILL NOT  
BE ANY PROBLEMS?

N-N-NO SIR.  
OFFICER'S  
BARRACKS ARE  
ON THE F-FIFTH  
FLOOR, S-SIR.



GLAD THAT WAS  
YOU AND NOT  
ME... MA'AM.



THE NEXT DAY...

SO THERE ONCE WAS A MOVIE WHERE THE HERO WAS JUST HOVERING IN ORBIT OVER THE EARTH.

AT FIRST YOU THINK HE WAS JUST THERE BECAUSE HE NEEDED TO CLEAR HIS HEAD.

BUT THEN YOU FIND OUT THAT HE WAS LISTENING TO ALL OF THE SOUNDS OF THE CITY BELOW HIM.



**GALATEA FUTURE**  
OTHERWORLD GUARDIAN

I TRIED THAT A FEW TIMES.  
IT DIDN'T WORK.

EVEN WITH MY HYPER-SENSES BACK WHEN I WAS AN INCARNATE, IT DIDN'T WORK.

SOUND NEEDS AIR TO TRAVEL.

WHEN YOU'RE UP AS HIGH AS HE WAS IN THE MOVIE, THERE IS NO AIR FOR YOU TO HEAR SOUND.

STILL, I LIKE THE IDEA.  
THAT'S WHY YOU'LL SEE SOME HEROES JUST HOVERING OVER THE CITY LIKE I AM NOW.

SOMETIMES WE'LL JUST STAND ON TOP OF ONE OF THE TALLER BUILDINGS, BUT IT DOES GET A LITTLE CROWDED.

THAT'S WHY THIS CITY DOESN'T HAVE A PIGEON PROBLEM LIKE THE OTHER CITIES DO.

IT'S PEACEFUL UP HERE.  
EVEN WITH THE CACOPHONY OF NOISE, IT'S PEACEFUL.





EVEN FROM HERE  
I CAN HEAR THE  
WHOLE CITY.

EVERY WORD, EVERY  
BROADCAST, EVERY  
CAR HORN...



EVERY...

EEEEEEEEEE!!!



OHGODOH6OD... START...  
JUST... NNNNNHHH!!!  
NOOO... NOT NOW!

A WOMAN IN  
TROUBLE. YOUNG.

IN SOME KIND  
OF DISTRESS.

GRRRRRR! NO... NOT NOW  
BABY! NOT-- EEEEEEEEEEE!


JUST ANOTHER  
SECOND... HANG  
IN THERE.



WHY DID I HAVE TO LEAVE  
MY CELLPHONE AT HOME!  
ARRRRRRHHHHH!

I HEAR HER TRYING  
TO START A CAR.  
THE BATTERY IS  
DEAD.

NOOO DON'T LOOK THIS  
WAY! DON'T... DON'T...  
NNNNNNHHH!



THERE!  
IN THE  
SILVER CAR.

WITH VIPER  
TROOPS NEARBY.

SHOULD ONLY  
TAKE A MINUTE  
TO FIX THAT.



MERCY HOSPITAL, THREE MINUTES LATER...



I NEED A  
GURNEY AND  
ASSISTANCE!



ASIAN FEMALE,  
TWENTY-NINE YEARS  
OLD, NINE MONTHS  
PREGNANT.

BOTH HEARTRATES  
ARE STRONG AND  
STABLE AND THE  
MOTHER IS IN LABOR!





AN HOUR LATER...

AND ANOTHER  
GIRL IS BROUGHT  
INTO THE WORLD.

I'M JUST GLAD THE  
MOTHER DIDN'T  
DECIDE TO NAME  
HER AFTER ME.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY  
TIMES I'VE COME ACROSS A  
LITTLE GIRL NAMED "GALATEA"  
SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE.

I USED TO BE  
FLATTERED BY  
THE THOUGHT.

BUT LATELY... I  
DON'T KNOW.

I CERTAINLY  
WOULDN'T WANT  
ONE OF MY  
ENEMIES TO TAKE  
REVENGE ON ME  
THROUGH THEM.

THAT'S THE KIND OF  
THING THAT WOULD  
KEEP ME UP AT NIGHT.

LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE  
I CAN DO BEFORE MY  
LUNCH DATE WITH  
CANDACE.



AT THE SAME TIME AT U.N.T.I.L...

I HOPE YOU  
HAVE A GOOD  
REASON FOR  
USING MY  
CONSOLE.



**MAJOR XAVIER CROSS**  
PROJECT MYCROFT

GOOD TO SEE  
YOU TOO,  
MAJOR.

CAPTAIN  
LYNCH.

I'M HERE ON  
BEHALF OF  
PROJECT CITADEL.  
LADY ESTHER  
GAVE ME FULL  
ACCESS TO YOUR  
STATION FOR MY  
INVESTIGATION.



**CAPTAIN LYNCH**  
PROJECT CITADEL

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY,  
YOU FINISHED YOUR  
INVESTIGATION INTO MY  
INCIDENT A LONG TIME  
AGO, CAPTAIN.

I DID, BUT THIS ISN'T  
ABOUT YOU OR HOW YOU  
GOT YOUR POWERS.

NO, I'M GOING AFTER  
THE ONE THAT YOU  
REFUSED TO CHASE  
DOWN.

THE OPERATIVE CALLED  
AGENT SIDESTEP.

I UNDERSTAND YOU HAD A QUICK  
CONVERSATION WITH SIDESTEP  
BACK IN 2013 AFTER ANOTHER  
EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL CRIMINAL  
ESCAPED YOUR CUSTODY.

"MISTER BLUE", AS I RECALL.\*

A DANGEROUS WOLF-LIKE  
CREATURE THAT GUTTED A FUTURE  
OPERATIVE ALONG WITH A FEW  
U.N.T.I.L. SOLDIERS BEFORE BEING  
STOPPED BY GALATEA FUTURE.

THEN, AFTER DROPPING  
OFF A DATA PACKAGE  
CONTAINING EVERYTHING  
WE NEEDED TO KNOW  
ABOUT MISTER BLUE, YOU  
JUST STOPPED YOUR  
INVESTIGATION ON HIM.  
FOR SEVEN YEARS!

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I GOT THE INFORMATION  
THAT I NEEDED TO  
COMPLETE MY REPORT AND  
TO SATISFY YOUR  
PROJECT'S CURIOSITY.

IF YOU WANTED HIM AFTER  
THAT, I WOULD HAVE  
STEPPED ASIDE FOR YOU.


THAT'S HOW THE PROJECTS  
WORK IN U.N.T.I.L., MAJOR,  
AND YOU KNOW IT.

THAT INVESTIGATION WAS  
YOURS AND YOU LET IT SIT!



LADY ESTHER  
BROUGHT IT TO OUR  
ATTENTION THAT  
YOUR INVESTIGATION  
ON SIDESTEP WAS  
STILL OPEN.

I WAS GIVEN FULL  
AUTHORIZATION TO  
FINISH IT.



YOU'VE ALLOWED AN  
INTERDIMENSIONAL  
MENACE TO ESCAPE  
CUSTODY AND LET  
ANOTHER POTENTIAL  
THREAT ROAM  
AROUND THIS CITY  
UNCHALLENGED.

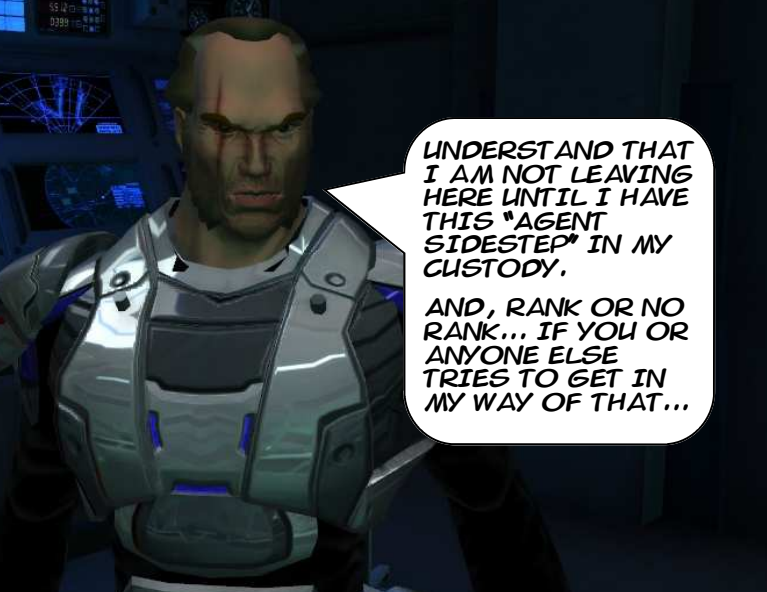
FOR. SEVEN. YEARS.



I'VE HAD MORE  
IMPORTANT  
THREATS ON MY  
HANDS TO  
DEAL WITH.


YES, YOUR WITCH-HUNT FOR  
YOUR MYTHICAL "VARTECH"  
GROUP. I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.

PERSONALLY, I DON'T CARE IF  
YOU HUNT DOWN THE GUY IN THE  
GRASSY KNOLL WHO SHOT JFK.



UNDERSTAND THAT  
I AM NOT LEAVING  
HERE UNTIL I HAVE  
THIS "AGENT  
SIDESTEP" IN MY  
CUSTODY.

AND, RANK OR NO  
RANK... IF YOU OR  
ANYONE ELSE  
TRIES TO GET IN  
MY WAY OF THAT...



... THEN I HAVE THE  
FULL AUTHORITY  
UNDER U.N.  
SECURITY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION 67A  
TO TAKE THEM  
DOWN AS WELL.



DOWNTOWN

"I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!"

"IT'S TRUE."

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE INVULNERABLE... AND THEIR SIRACHA BURGER TAKES YOU DOWN?

I NEVER SAID THAT I WAS INVULNERABLE.

I MEAN, YEAH, BULLETS AND BOMBS AND LASERS, NO PROBLEM. BUT THOSE ARE ON THE OUTSIDE. IT'S LIKE THE REST OF MY SENSES... MY TASTE BUDS CAN BE OVERWHELMED BY THE EXTREMES AS WELL.

I GUESS THAT RULES OUT NEXT WEEK'S GHOST PEPPER WINGS NIGHT.

OKAY... CHANGE OF SUBJECT.

YOUR NEXT BOOK.

SOOO... YOU'RE DONE WITH THE SPACE ADVENTURE STUFF?



ATHENA ROSE FAIRMORE  
AKA: GALATEA FUTURE



CANDACE SINCLAIR  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

IT WAS A NICE CHANGE OF PACE FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS, TO FOCUS ON SOMETHING OTHER THAN JUST SUPERHEROES.

BUT I THINK I'VE RUN OUT OF STEAM ON THE WHOLE "SPACESHIP STARREACH" SERIES.

BESIDES, THE ONLY REASON WHY I WAS EVEN INSPIRED BY IT WAS BECAUSE OF THAT WEIRD INCIDENT IN THE DESERT ALL THOSE YEARS AGO.\*

SINCE THEN... WELL, I HAVEN'T HAD ANY MORE "INSPIRATIONS".

(\* ISSUE #14)

SO IT'S BACK TO THE "TAWDRY TIGHTS", AS THE CRITICS USED TO CALL THEM.

WELL, I NEVER THOUGHT OF IT LIKE THAT. AND I'M GLAD YOU'RE GOING BACK TO THAT SERIES.

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE NEXT BOOK WHEN IT'S READY.

IT'S BEEN CRAZY WITH MY LITTLE ONE-WOMAN LAW PRACTICE OF LATE. I MAY HAVE TO BRING IN SOME MORE LAWYERS TO--

\*DING-DING\*





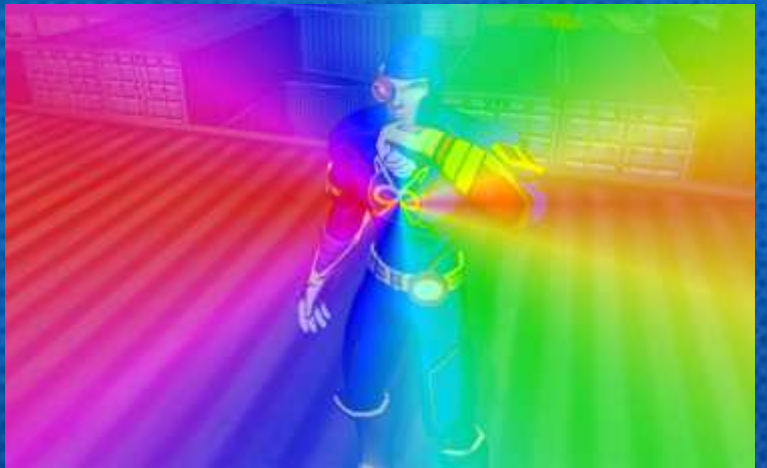
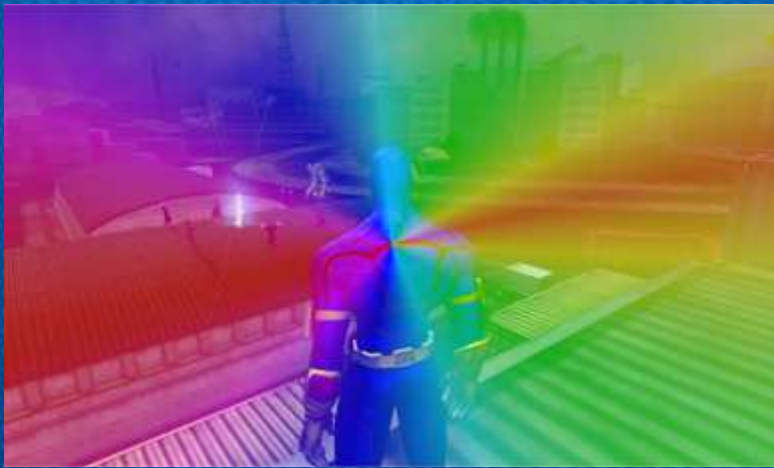
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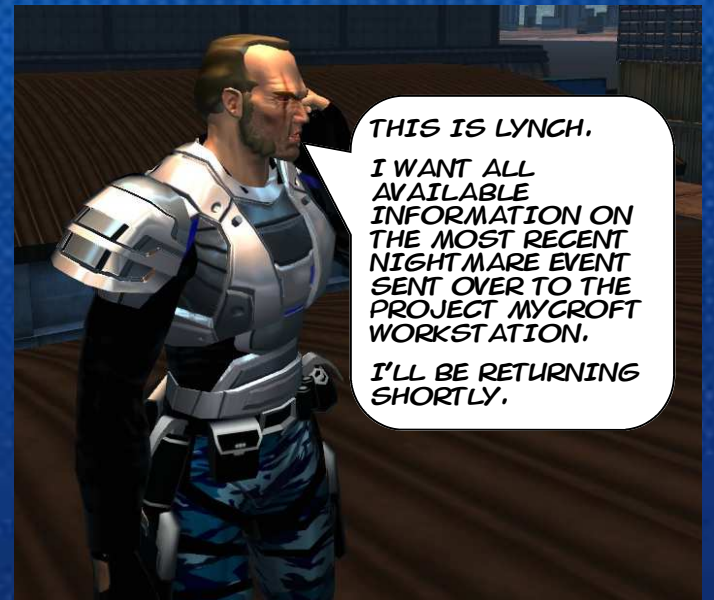
AT THE SAME TIME IN THE  
WESTSIDE DISTRICT...



I SEE YOU...  
WHY WHERE YOU  
WATCHING THEM?\*

WHAT SIGNIFICANCE  
DID THIS PLACE  
HOLD FOR YOU?

(\* YOU MAY WANT TO BRUSH UP  
ON "BATTLE ROCK COMICS  
PRESENTS" #2 FOR WHY AGENT  
SIDESTEP WAS THERE.)



THIS IS LYNCH.  
I WANT ALL  
AVAILABLE  
INFORMATION ON  
THE MOST RECENT  
NIGHT MARE EVENT  
SENT OVER TO THE  
PROJECT MYCROFT  
WORKSTATION.  
I'LL BE RETURNING  
SHORTLY.



RAVENSWOOD CAMPUS



RIGHT...  
HOLD ON  
FOR ONE  
MOMENT...



I'M SORRY, GALATEA,  
BUT I'M ON THE LINE  
WITH EIGHT DIFFERENT  
AGENCIES ALL  
WANTING TO KNOW  
WHAT HAPPENED.



LADYHAWKE  
SUPERHERO DETECTIVE



THAT'S OKAY, JUST  
TELL ME WHAT YOU  
DO KNOW. WAS  
ANYONE HURT OR  
KILLED?



IT WAS A SMALL  
STRIKE SQUAD; THREE  
GROUPS OF FIVE.

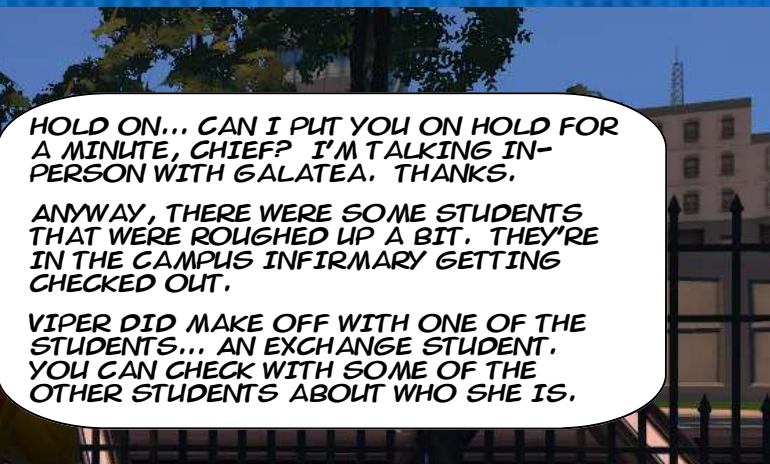
I FOUGHT OFF THE  
FIRST TEAM EASILY,  
BUT THE SECOND TEAM  
KEPT ME BUSY, AND  
THEN THE THIRD CAME  
AND WENT.



HOLD ON... CAN I PUT YOU ON HOLD FOR  
A MINUTE, CHIEF? I'M TALKING IN-  
PERSON WITH GALATEA. THANKS.

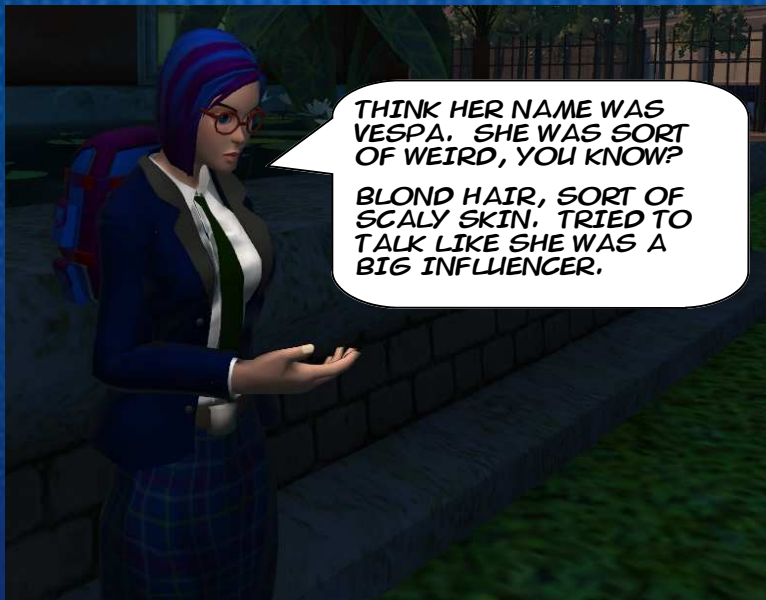
ANYWAY, THERE WERE SOME STUDENTS  
THAT WERE ROUGHED UP A BIT. THEY'RE  
IN THE CAMPUS INFIRMARY GETTING  
CHECKED OUT.

VIPER DID MAKE OFF WITH ONE OF THE  
STUDENTS... AN EXCHANGE STUDENT.  
YOU CAN CHECK WITH SOME OF THE  
OTHER STUDENTS ABOUT WHO SHE IS.



THINK HER NAME WAS  
VESPA. SHE WAS SORT  
OF WEIRD, YOU KNOW?

BLOND HAIR, SORT OF  
SCALY SKIN. TRIED TO  
TALK LIKE SHE WAS A  
BIG INFLUENCER.



TOTAL FAKE,  
THOUGH.

LIKE SHE DIDN'T  
EVEN HAVE AN  
ACCOUNT TO  
BOAST ABOUT.

NITPIK, OVALINKS,  
YIPYIP... NOT ONE  
ACCOUNT.

WHO DOES THAT?







SO YOU  
SAW WHAT  
HAPPENED?



I DID, AND IT  
WAS **AWESOME!**  
JUST LIKE OUT OF  
SOME MOVIE!  
  
AND WATCHING  
LADYHAWKE IN  
ACTION... **WOW!**



JEROME IS  
EXCITED  
BECAUSE HE  
TRANSFERRED  
OVER FROM  
BOSTON AND  
HE NEVER GOT  
TO SEE A HERO  
IN ACTION  
UNTIL NOW.

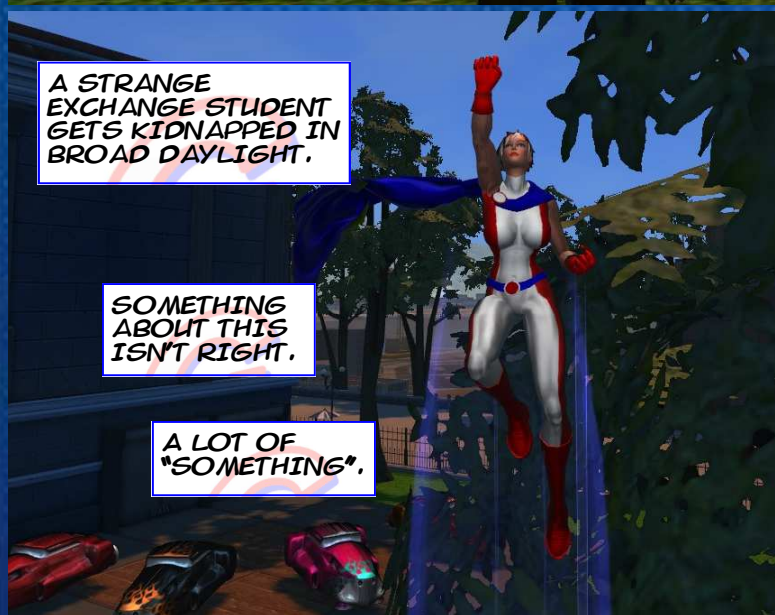
HOW ABOUT YOU  
TWO? WHAT CAN  
YOU TELL ME  
ABOUT THE  
ASSAULT?

WE WERE HIDING  
BY THE SHRUBS,  
BUT I COULD SEE A  
GROUP OF GOONS  
GRAB VESTA AND  
THEN HEAD BACK  
UP TOWARDS CITY  
CENTER.



IT WAS WEIRD, YOU  
KNOW? SHE WAS  
YELLING "HELP!  
HELP!" BUT, YOU  
KNOW, SHE WASN'T  
TRYING TO FIGHT  
THEM WHEN THEY  
TOOK HER AWAY.  
  
SHE JUST WENT  
ALONG WITH THEM.

THAT IS WEIRD.  
BUT IT'S ALSO  
REALLY HELPFUL.  
  
THANK YOU FOR  
PAYING ATTENTION  
LIKE THAT.



A STRANGE  
EXCHANGE STUDENT  
GETS KIDNAPPED IN  
BROAD DAYLIGHT.

SOMETHING  
ABOUT THIS  
ISN'T RIGHT.

A LOT OF  
"SOMETHING".



BUT I HAVE AN  
IDEA OF WHERE  
THEY MAY HAVE  
HEADED WITH  
THE GIRL.

RIGHT WHERE  
I WAS THIS  
MORNING!



CANDACE SINCLAIR'S APARTMENT

"MAJOR! THIS IS A SURPRISE."

IT'S NOT A SOCIAL CALL, CANDACE.

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I HAD TO TELL YOU IN PERSON.

OKAAAY... I WAS ACTUALLY ABOUT TO GO BACK TO THE OFFICE, BUT IT CAN WAIT.  
IS THIS ABOUT GALATEAP?

ACTUALLY IT'S ABOUT YOUR OTHER FRIEND...  
AGENT SIDESTEP.  
PROJECT CITADEL IS AFTER HIM.

ONE OF THEIR BEST OPERATIVES, A MAN BY THE NAME OF LYNCH, IS HERE LOOKING FOR SIDESTEP.

I'VE ENCOUNTERED HIM YEARS AGO WHEN HE INVESTIGATED THE INCIDENT THAT GAVE ME MY FIRE ABILITIES.

HE IS A FANATIC WHEN IT COMES TO PAN-DIMENSIONAL MATTERS. AND HE USES THE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY GIVEN TO PROJECT CITADEL BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO ITS EXTREME LIMIT.

I WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO CONTACT SIDESTEP MYSELF... BUT IF YOU CAN, YOU NEED TO WARN HIM ABOUT LYNCH.

I WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO CONTACT SIDESTEP. HE AND I... WELL, WE HAVEN'T BEEN VERY TALKATIVE FOR A FEW YEARS.

BUT IF LYNCH FIGURES OUT THAT SIDESTEP IS HERE TO WATCH TAYA...  
HE MAY GO AFTER HER TO GET TO HIM!

COME ON!

I HAVE TO GET SOMETHING FROM MY OFFICE AND THEN WE NEED TO GET TO U.N.T.I.L. HEADQUARTERS!



MEANWHILE... BACK IN THE CITY CENTER DISTRICT...

I'VE SMACKED ENOUGH  
VIPER GOONS IN MY TIME  
TO KNOW THAT THEY'RE  
SNAKES OF HABIT.

THIS WAREHOUSE IS JUST  
A BLOCK AWAY FROM  
WHERE I RESCUED THAT  
PREGNANT WOMAN.

I DON'T HAVE TO HAVE  
HYPER-INTELLIGENCE  
TO GUESS THAT THIS  
WAS PROBABLY THEIR  
STAGING AREA.

VESPA?  
VESPA, CAN  
YOU HEAR ME?

I HEAR ONLY  
ONE HEARTBEAT  
IN THE AREA.

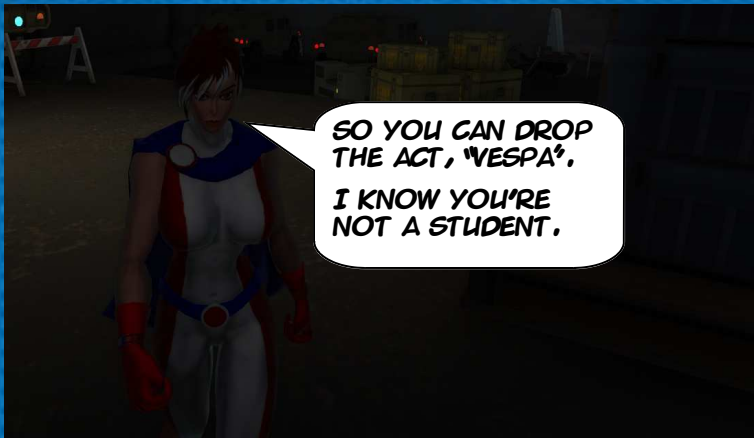
ROBOT MINIONS?  
NO, VIPER USES  
HUMANS.

VESPA, IF YOU CAN HEAR  
ME, I'M HERE TO HELP.  
MY NAME IS GALATEA  
FUTURE.

I HEAR BREATHING...  
FEMALE.  
EXCITED? CERTAINLY  
NOT STRESSED.

THEY... THEY'RE  
STILL HERE.

NO, IT'S  
JUST US.  
JUST YOU  
AND ME.



SO YOU CAN DROP  
THE ACT, 'VESPA'.  
I KNOW YOU'RE  
NOT A STUDENT.




AWWW... YOU  
CAUGHT ME.  
WHAT GAVE  
IT AWAY?

YOU TRIED TOO  
HARD TO BE  
SOMETHING  
YOU WEREN'T.



NEXT TIME YOU WANT  
TO PRETEND TO BE A  
SOCIAL MEDIA  
INFLUENCER, YOU NEED  
TO AT LEAST HAVE ONE  
SOCIAL MEDIA TO  
PRETEND TO INFLUENCE.

THANK YOU FOR THE TIP.  
AND SINCE YOU'VE ALREADY  
INTRODUCED YOURSELF, I  
SHOULD RETURN THE FAVOR.



MY FIRST NAME  
REALLY IS VESPA...  
BUT I GO BY THE  
NAME **VIPRA**.



**VIPRA**  
AGENT OF VIPER



SO THIS MORNING'S  
LITTLE EXERCISE...  
THAT WAS IN  
PREPARATION FOR  
THIS ENCOUNTER?



PRETTY MUCH, YEAH.

YOU SEE, THE VIPER SOLDIERS  
YOU SMACKED AROUND, THEY  
GOT A LITTLE ANXIOUS AFTER  
THEY SAW THAT PREGNANT  
WOMAN GO INTO LABOR.

THANK YOU FOR THAT. I WAS  
GOING TO PUNISH THEM FOR  
SCREWING UP BUT YOU SAVED  
ME THE TROUBLE.

NOW I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE  
THINKING...

YOU'RE THINKING THAT YOU'LL  
BE ABLE TO USE YOUR FLIGHT  
AND SPEED TO BEAT ME TO THE  
PUNCH AND KNOCK ME OUT.

AND IF I WERE A REGULAR  
VIPER AGENT, YOU'D BE RIGHT.

BUT I HAVE ONE  
ADVANTAGE OVER  
YOUR POWERS.





\*COUGH\* \*COUGH\*  
\*COUGH\* \*AKK!\*

OH GOD! IT'S  
RETCHED AND  
BURNING!



I DON'T HAVE TO COME NEAR  
YOU TO HURT YOU.

LIKE THE SPITTING COBRA,  
I CAN SHOOT MY VENOM  
FROM A CONSIDERABLE  
DISTANCE.

AND WHILE I KNOW MY  
POISONS WILL NOT KILL YOU,  
THEY CAN STILL OVERWHELM  
YOUR EYES AND NOSE AND  
EVEN YOUR GAG REFLEX.



STILL...\*URP\*...  
TAKES MORE...  
T-THAN THAT...  
TO STOP ME...

CAN BARELY SEE...  
EARS RINGING...  
FEEL SICK...



\*SLASH\*  
\*BLOCK\*



MY CLAWS ARE  
DIAMOND-TIPPED.  
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO  
GUT YOU, BUT ALL I  
HAVE TO DO IS BREAK  
YOUR SKIN AND MY  
TOXINS GET INTO YOUR  
BLOODSTREAM.

\*SLASH\*  
\*SLASH\*



I THINK I WILL  
START A SOCIAL  
MEDIA ACCOUNT.

AND THE FIRST  
PIC THAT I POST  
WILL BE YOUR  
BROKEN AND  
POISONED  
BODY.

\*HSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS\*

HEAD IS ROARING.  
PRESSURE BEHIND  
MY EYES IS...

... IS...

**HSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS✂**

**... BUILDING?**

**LIKE A POWER I  
USED TO HAVE!**





**YES!**

OH BEAM  
VISION I AM SO  
HAPPY TO HAVE  
YOU BACK!

SO MUCH FOR YOUR  
"ADVANTAGE", VIPRA.




HERE'S  
ANOTHER  
TASTE!








**\*KRAKOOOM\***



WHOA! TURN  
IT DOWN!  
WE DON'T WANT  
TO VAPORIZE  
HER!




GUESS THIS IS A  
DAY OF SURPRISES  
FOR BOTH OF US.

WHEW! I DIDN'T  
BURN HER TO A  
CRISP.

I ENJOYED OUR  
LITTLE DUST-UP, BUT  
I THINK I'LL USE  
SOME OF MY OTHER  
VIPER TOYS AND  
MAKE MY GET AWAY.

NEXT TIME...



WHY DON'T YOU  
STAY AND WE CAN  
FIND OUT WHAT  
OTHER SURPRISES  
WE CAN REVEAL?

GONE.

MY HYPER-SENSES  
HEAR A BACK DOOR  
QUIETLY CLOSING.



STILL...

WHILE I'M GLAD I HAVE  
MY BEAM POWER BACK,  
IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE  
MY OLD POWER FROM  
MY "ALPHA" YEARS.

MAYBE I NEED TO SEE  
DOCTOR SILVERBACK TO  
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS.

BUT NOT BEFORE I  
REPORT IN WITH  
U.N.T.I.L. THAT I  
HAD A RUN-IN WITH  
A VIPER AGENT.

AN APARTMENT BEHIND THE RENAISSANCE CENTER...

\*BRRRRING\*  
\*BRRRRING\*

THE BASEMENT HOME OF DEE RISK

HELLOP

DEE-JAY RISQUE..

YOU DO NOT KNOW ME,  
BUT I KNOW THE MAN  
YOU ARE DATING IS NOT  
WHO HE CLAIMS TO BE.

YOU AGAIN.

PRETTY BRAVE FOR  
SOMEONE HIDING  
BEHIND A VOICE  
SYNTHESIZER AND  
PHONE SPOOFING  
SOFTWARE.



**DEE RISK**  
AKA: STARLETT

I HAVE MY REASONS TO KEEP MYSELF  
HIDDEN. I LIKE LIVING.

JOHN BATTLE IS NOT TO BE TRUSTED.  
HE HAS A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE.  
HE HAS HURT WOMEN IN THE PAST.

I'M TIRED OF YOU  
CALLING HERE  
AND MAKING UP  
LIES.

IF WHAT YOU SAY  
IS TRUE, THEN  
PROVE IT TO ME  
IN PERSON.

OTHERWISE,  
LEAVE ME ALONE!

\*BEEP\*

ALL IN GOOD  
TIME, DEE.

ALL IN GOOD  
TIME.

... TALK.

THE PHONE TRACE  
WORKED.  
I'M RIGHT IN FRONT  
OF HER PLACE.



**HOMETOWN HERO**  
STREET VIGILANTE

O-O-OF COURSE  
IT D-DID.

NOW Y-YOU C-C-  
CAN TAKE YOUR P-  
PLAN T-T-TO THE  
NEXT LEVEL.

JUST R-REMEMBER  
T-T-TO SHARE AS  
WE A-A-AGREED.



**VOXPOP 2.0**  
FORMERLY VOX POPULII



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WELL I AM PLEASED TO  
INFORM YOU THAT  
THERE APPEARS TO BE  
NO LINGERING DAMAGE  
DONE TO YOUR BODY  
FROM THE TOXINS VIPRA  
SPEWED AT YOU.

THAT IS GOOD TO HEAR,  
DOCTOR.

I JUST DIDN'T REALIZE  
HOW VULNERABLE I REALLY  
AM TO HAVING MY SENSES  
OVERWHELMED LIKE THAT.

THANKFULLY IT WAS JUST  
THAT AND NOT A CASE  
OF BLOOD POISONING.

HOWEVER, I AM CURIOUS  
ABOUT THIS NEW ABILITY THAT  
YOU SAY YOU ONCE HAD BUT IN  
A DIFFERENT FORM.

THIS... "BEAM VISION"... WHEN  
DID THIS FIRST MANIFEST?

 **DOCTOR SILVERBACK**  
SIMIAN SCIENTIST

WELL THAT'S THE  
COMPLICATED  
PART.

I HAD IT FOR A  
WHILE WHEN I WAS  
A TEENAGER.

THEN I LOST IT.

AND THEN I GOT IT  
BACK WHEN I WAS  
IN MY LATE 20'S.

YOU HAD IT...  
AND THEN YOU  
LOST IT.

WAS THERE SOME  
SORT OF TRAUMA  
ASSOCIATED  
WITH THAT TIME?

ACTUALLY... YES.

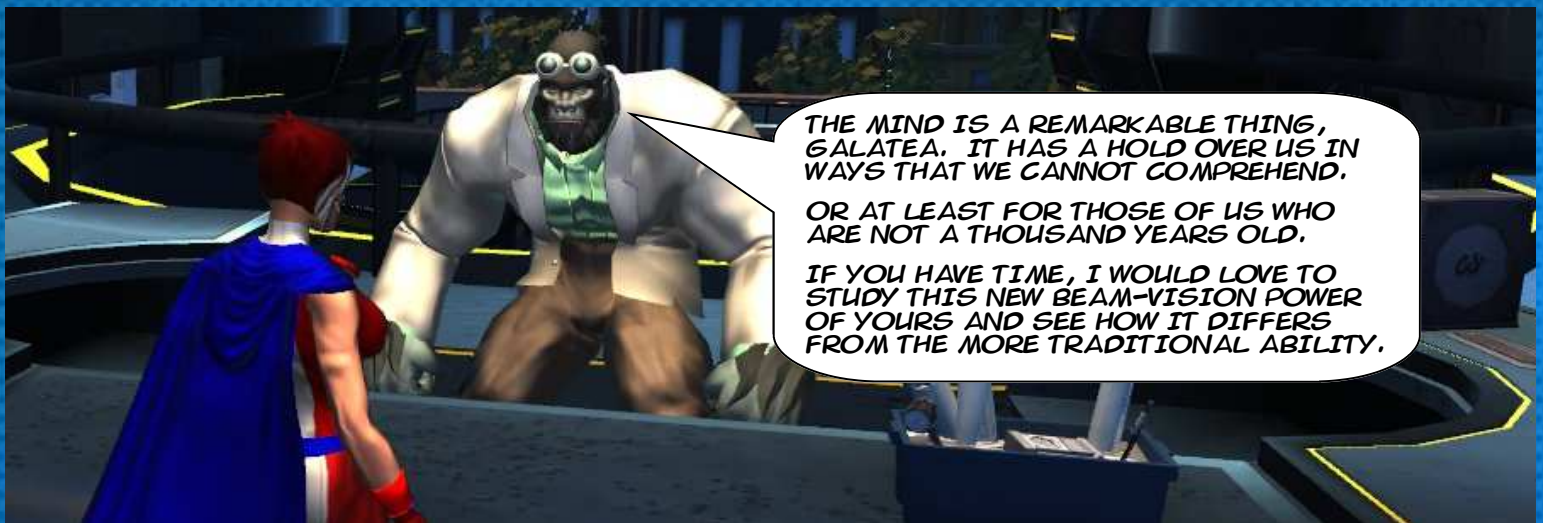
THERE WERE SOME  
SERIOUS ISSUES  
GOING ON WITH MY  
LIFE AT THE TIME.\*

I NEVER REALLY  
CONSIDERED THAT AS  
BEING A REASON WHY  
I LOST THAT POWER  
THE FIRST TIME.

THEN AGAIN, MY  
WHOLE LIFE AT THAT  
TIME WAS PRETTY  
COMPLICATED.

C\* READ "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN  
SPOTLIGHT" #19 TO FIND OUT WHAT  
HAPPENED TO GALATEA AS A TEEN.\*





THE MIND IS A REMARKABLE THING, GALATEA. IT HAS A HOLD OVER US IN WAYS THAT WE CANNOT COMPREHEND. OR AT LEAST FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE NOT A THOUSAND YEARS OLD. IF YOU HAVE TIME, I WOULD LOVE TO STUDY THIS NEW BEAM-VISION POWER OF YOURS AND SEE HOW IT DIFFERS FROM THE MORE TRADITIONAL ABILITY.



I WOULD LIKE THAT... BUT... I DO HAVE TO REPORT THE INCIDENT WITH U.N.T.I.L. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE... WHICH IS SOMETHING MAJOR CROSS AND LADY ESTHER HAVE BEEN PUSHING.



OH OF COURSE! WHEN YOU'RE ABLE.



AND PLEASE GIVE MY BEST TO LADY ESTHER IF YOU SEE HER!





A FEW MINUTES LATER...

UNTIL

"THAT'S WHAT  
HAPPENED,  
MAJOR."

THANK YOU FOR  
BRINGING THIS TO  
OUR ATTENTION,  
GALATEA.



MAJOR RASHIDA KWAME  
PROJECT SNAKECHARMER

IT'S STRANGE THAT  
VIPER DECIDED TO  
TARGET YOU JUST  
OUT OF THE BLUE  
LIKE THAT.

I DON'T THINK IT WAS  
VIPER, PER SE.

I THINK IT WAS VIPRA  
HERSELF, USING  
VIPER RESOURCES TO  
HELP HER GET MY  
ATTENTION.

INTERESTING.  
CARE TO  
EXPAND ON  
THAT?

VIPRA WENT TO GREAT  
LENGTHS TO SET  
HERSELF UP AS A VICTIM  
FOR ME TO RESCUE.

THAT'S NOT YOUR  
TYPICAL VIPER ACT.

THAT'S A LOT OF  
WASTED RESOURCES  
JUST TO, WHAT, TRY TO  
BLOODY MY NOSE?

PLUS I'VE COME  
ACROSS A FEW OTHER  
FOLKS WHO CARRIED  
OUT SIMILAR PLANS  
TO SUPPOSEDLY  
"MAKE A STATEMENT".\*

IF VIPRA DIDN'T WEAR  
VIPER CLOTHES, I'D  
ACCUSE HER OF  
BEING PART OF THAT  
SAME GANG.

IT DOES SEEM TO  
MATCH WHAT OUR  
INTELLIGENCE FILES  
HAVE BEEN HINTING AT.

SO VIPRA REALLY IS  
FREELANCING. THAT  
MAKES HER EVEN MORE  
DANGEROUS.

(\* ISSUES 1, 2, 9, AND 14)



QUARTERMASTER...  
THAT WOMAN WITH  
THE CAPE.  
I NEED HER TO BE  
DETAINED.

SIR, THAT'S  
GALATEA FUTURE.  
SHE TOOK DOWN  
BLACK TALON WITH  
ONE PUNCH DURING  
THE QILARR  
INVASION.\*

(\* NO, REALLY, SHE DID. SEE "THE  
LOST ADVENTURES OF GALATEA  
FUTURE" #1 IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE US. )

I DON'T CARE IF YOU  
NEED TO BRING IN THE  
WHOLE U.N.T.I.L. ARMY!  
THAT WOMAN IS GIVING  
OFF MULTI-  
DIMENSIONAL ENERGY.

UNDER ALL U.N. SECURITY  
COUNCIL DIRECTIVES...  
I AM ORDERING YOU  
TO DETAIN GALATEA  
FUTURE!

NEXT:  
GALATEA FUTURE...  
WANTED?



# GUARDIAN WORDS

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

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AND CANDACE SINCLAIR DO TO  
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***OR CAN THEY?***





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