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# ***FUTURE'S GUARDIAN***



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WORLD



# GO WEST!

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# FOXBAT!

WHILE HEROES COME AND GO, SUPERVILLAINS LIKE  
FOXBAT ENDURE!

WHY HAVE COMICS FEATURING FLASH-IN-THE-PAN  
PRETENDERS WHEN FOXBAT IS THE REAL DEAL?

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SO MILLENNIUM CITY'S LIVING LEGEND CAN PROVE TO THE  
WORLD JUST HOW AWESOME FOXBAT IS!

DON'T DELAY! ACT TODAY!

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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***

***"GO WEST, GALATEA"***  
***- A CHAMPIONS ONLINE STORY BY DAVID 2***

GALATEA FUTURE, THE HERO FROM A FUTURE UNIVERSE THAT NO LONGER EXISTS, HAD WHAT WOULD BE THE WORST DAY IN HER REPURPOSED LIFE.

HER BEST FRIEND, THROUGH NO FAULT OF HER OWN, BECAME A SUPERPOWERED VILLAIN. AND EVEN THOUGH CANDACE SINCLAIR WAS BROUGHT BACK, THE EXPERIENCE HURT GALATEA BOTH AS A FRIEND AND THROUGH HER PERSONAL LIFE.

SHE IS EAGER TO MOVE FORWARD TO GET HER MIND OFF WHAT HAPPENED TO CANDACE...

AND MAJOR XAVIER CROSS HAS THE PERFECT WAY FOR HER TO DO SO.

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MILLENNIUM CITY, MI (FORMERLY DETROIT)

YEAR: 2014

UNTIL

"I WON'T LIE TO YOU ABOUT THIS..."

... THERE WILL BE SOME RISK. IT ALMOST KILLED RONIN OMEGA.

MAJOR XAVIER CROSS  
PROJECT MYCROFT

RIGHT NOW I COULD USE THE DIVERSION.

AND RONIN SEEMS TO HAVE RECOVERED FROM HIS EXPOSURE TO RADIATION PRETTY WELL.

THAT'S NOT SOMETHING I SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT, THOUGH.



GALATEA FUTURE  
OTHERWORLD GUARDIAN

THERE'S MORE THAN JUST RADIATION TO DEAL WITH, GALATEA.

GROND IS STILL OUT THERE.

HE'S POWERFUL ENOUGH TO TAKE ON ALL THE CHAMPIONS AT ONCE.

AND HIS MUTATED FOLLOWERS CAN BE ALMOST AS TOUGH AS HIM.

AFTER WHAT I WENT THROUGH WITH MALIZIA AND HAVING MY LIFE TURNED UPSIDE-DOWN\*, I COULD TAKE ON ALOR AGAIN AND NOT BE FAZED.

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GOOD. YOU'LL NEED THAT ATTITUDE.

I'VE SET UP A BASE FOR YOU JUST OUTSIDE OF THE PROJECT GREENSKIN BASE.

OFFICIALLY YOU'LL BE REPORTING TO DIRECTOR KAUFMAN WHILE YOU'RE THERE, BUT YOU STILL WORK FOR UNTIL AND PROJECT MYCROFT.

AND DON'T TRUST WHAT KAUFMAN OR HIS PEOPLE TELL YOU. WE SUSPECT THEY MAY HAVE THEIR OWN AGENDA OVER THERE.

YOUR FLIGHT IS READY WHEN YOU ARE.  
GOOD LUCK.

I WON'T NEED THE LUCK, BUT... THANKS.



BURNING SANDS (FORMERLY WHITE SANDS)

NEW MEXICO

SIX MONTHS LATER





IT FEELS LIKE I'VE  
BEEN HERE FOREVER.

HELPING OUT PRIMUS\*  
BY STOPPING GROND'S  
MINIONS FROM  
ATTACKING THE BASE.

THEY SEEM TO  
COME FROM  
EVERYWHERE, AND  
THEY NEVER STOP.

(\* PRIMUS - PARANORMAL RESEARCH AND  
INVESTIGATION MISSION IN THE UNITED  
STATES. THE FEDERAL AGENCY IN CHARGE  
OF SUPERHUMAN ACTIVITIES.)

MOST OF THE  
MINIONS ARE  
DYING FROM THE  
RADIATION.

THEY'LL BE  
DEAD IN  
MONTHS.

HELP!  
BACKUP!  
BACKUP!

BUT THEY JUST  
DON'T SEEM  
TO CARE.

MOVE,  
SOLDIER!

\*ENF!\*

\*KERUNCH!\*

BUT I HAVE TO  
KEEP AT IT.  
I HAVE TO KEEP  
FIGHTING.

SOMEWHERE IN THIS  
DESERT IS THE SECRET  
TO WHAT FORECLOSURE  
AND PHILLY BUSTER  
WERE DOING THAT  
CAUSED THEM TO GET  
CANCER.

\*WHAM!\*

AND MAYBE IT WILL ALSO  
EXPLAIN HOW THEY WOULD  
BE COMPELLED TO  
BECOME SUPERVILLAINS  
AND TRY TO GOAD ME  
INTO KILLING THEM.



MILLENNIUM CITY - CLUB CAPRICE



MY NAME IS  
DEE RISK.  
I WAS BORN  
DEE LAWRENCE,  
BUT THAT NAME  
IS BORING.

I WANTED  
TO BE AN  
ACTRESS.

I ENDED UP  
BEING A  
VIGILANTE.

BUT, HERE, I'M  
DJ RISQUÉ.



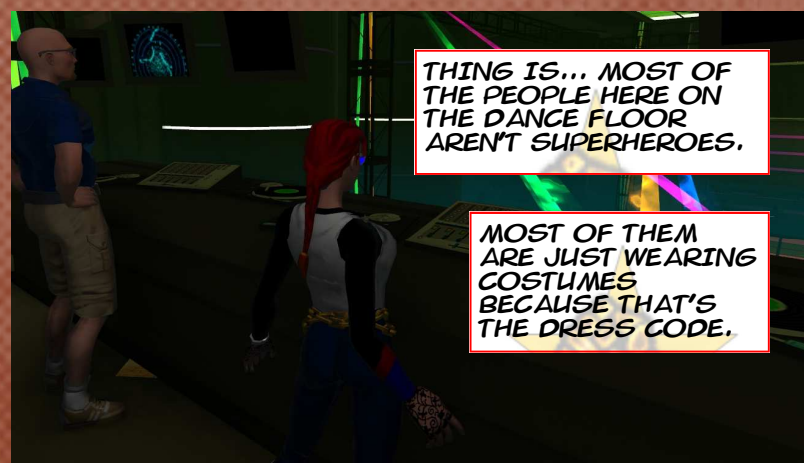
SPINNING  
RECORDS AND  
BRINGING MUSIC  
TO PEOPLE  
DRESSED AS  
SUPERHEROES.

DEE RISK  
AKA: STARLETT



THING IS... MOST OF  
THE PEOPLE HERE ON  
THE DANCE FLOOR  
AREN'T SUPERHEROES.

MOST OF THEM  
ARE JUST WEARING  
COSTUMES  
BECAUSE THAT'S  
THE DRESS CODE.



OKAY EVERYONE, MY TIME  
HERE IS DONE, BUT DJ  
SCRATCH-N-SKIP WILL BE  
TAKING OVER UNTIL THE  
SUN COMES UP!  
LET'S KEEP THIS PARTY  
ROCKING LIKE THERE'S NO  
TOMORROW!

IT PAYS THE BILLS.  
THAT'S WHAT I KEEP  
TELLING MYSELF.

I DO IT TO PAY  
THE BILLS.

WOO-HOO!  
YEAH! PAR-TAY!

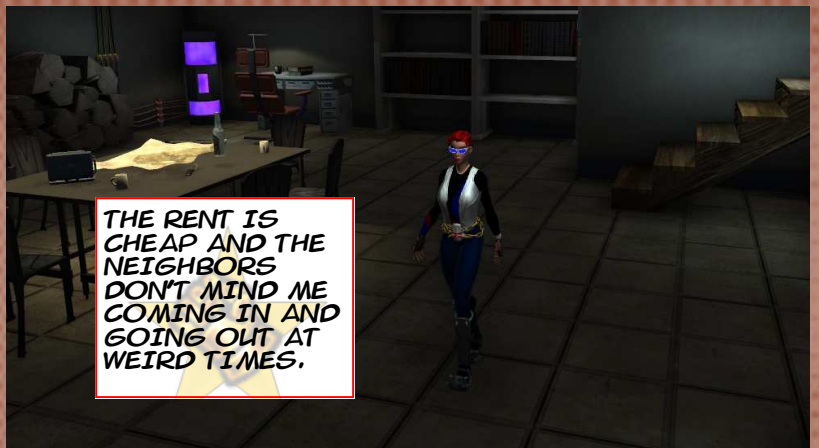
PAR-TAY!  
PAR-TAY!  
PAR-TAY!







I GOT THIS PLACE  
AFTER I GOT MY  
DJ JOB AT CLUB  
CAPRICE.



THE RENT IS  
CHEAP AND THE  
NEIGHBORS  
DON'T MIND ME  
COMING IN AND  
GOING OUT AT  
WEIRD TIMES.



AND THE BEST  
PART IS THE  
SHOWER IS  
ALWAYS HOT!



ONE SHOWER LATER...

I NEED TO  
KEEP BUSY.



I KNOW GALATEA'S  
SECRET\*, AND IT'S  
TEARING ME UP  
INSIDE.

(**LAST ISSUE**)



I WANT TO TALK TO  
HER... TELL HER  
THAT I KNOW. TELL  
HER WHY I WAS  
HELPING HER IN  
THE FIRST PLACE.

BUT I CAN'T DO  
THAT UNTIL I SEE  
HER FACE-TO-  
FACE, AND SHE'S  
BEEN AWAY.



SO I HAVE TO  
KEEP BUSY.  
I HAVE TO KEEP  
GOING OUT AT  
NIGHT TO FIGHT  
CRIME.



STARLETT  
STREET VIGILANTE



AND MAYBE THE  
ADRENALINE WILL  
GET MY MIND OFF  
WHAT I KNOW.



ATOMIC WASTELAND



THEY KEEP IT...  
LIKE A STATUE.

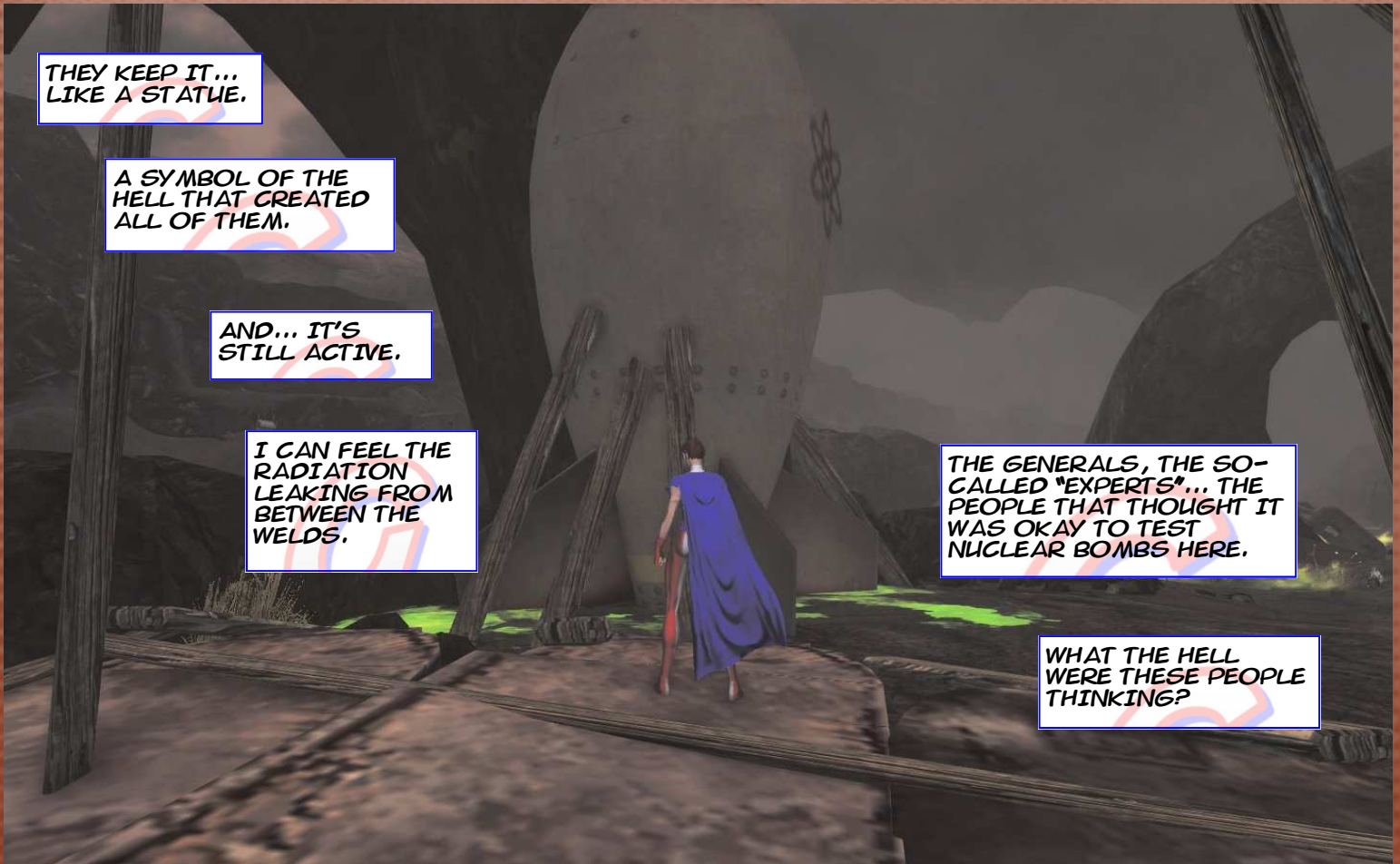
A SYMBOL OF THE  
HELL THAT CREATED  
ALL OF THEM.

AND... IT'S  
STILL ACTIVE.

I CAN FEEL THE  
RADIATION  
LEAKING FROM  
BETWEEN THE  
WELDS.

THE GENERALS, THE SO-  
CALLED "EXPERTS"... THE  
PEOPLE THAT THOUGHT IT  
WAS OKAY TO TEST  
NUCLEAR BOMBS HERE.

WHAT THE HELL  
WERE THESE PEOPLE  
THINKING?



THE DESERT ISN'T  
"LIFELESS".  
ANYONE WITH  
HALF A BRAIN  
WOULD--

GET AWAY!  
GET BACK!



IT'S NOT  
THAT FAR...

HANG IN  
THERE.







GALATEA! THANK  
GOD YOU CAME!  
I THOUGHT THOSE  
THINGS WERE  
GOING TO KILL ME.

WELL, I'M GLAD I  
WAS ABLE TO GET  
TO YOU FIRST.  
BUT.. WHY WERE  
YOU OUT HERE  
ANYWAY?

WE GOT WORD THAT SOME  
OF THE IRRADIATED TOOK  
SOME TECH FROM CAMP  
RUNNER JUST A FEW  
CLICKS FROM HERE.  
WE GOT THE CASE AND  
THEN...

WELL, ALL HELL BROKE  
LOOSE.  
I HELD THEM BACK LONG  
ENOUGH TO LOAD THE  
CASE, BUT THEY LEFT  
BEFORE I COULD GET IN.

\*CAMP RUNNER\*... I NEVER  
HEARD OF THAT PLACE.  
MAYBE THAT'S THE CLUE  
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR.



# TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

abs **8** **WCOC**  
#1 in Millennium City News!

## PLEASE STAND BY...





LATER...

AND WE ARE JUST SO GRATEFUL FOR JOHN BATTLE STICKING AROUND FOR A QUICK INTERVIEW AFTER SAVING US FROM THAT ETERNAL PAIN CALLED FOXBAT.

IT'S MY PLEASURE, VICTORIA. YOU'VE ALWAYS MADE MY MORNINGS BRIGHTER WITH YOUR BROADCASTS.

OH YOU ALWAYS SAY THE NICEST THINGS!

JOHN BATTLE... THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE.

WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A BREAK, AND WHEN WE COME BACK, WE'LL TACKLE THE RISE OF STRAY CATS IN MILLENNIUM CITY AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP.

"NICE WORK, JOHN. YOU'VE CERTAINLY BEEN KEEPING YOURSELF BUSY."

"THANK YOU MAJOR. FOXBAT WAS EASY, THOUGH. THE GUY'S A CLOWN."

IF THE REST OF THE VILLAINS WERE AS EASY AS HIM, I'D PROBABLY BE ASKING TO JOIN GALATEA IN THE DESERT.

YEAH, WELL THERE'S A REASON WHY YOU'RE HERE AND SHE'S NOT. AND THE LONGER YOU'RE IN THE SPOTLIGHT, THE LONGER WE CAN KEEP GALATEA THERE TO LOOK INTO THE OTHER MATTER.



CAUGHT UP WITH THE RECOVERY TEAM AFTER THEY WERE SIDELINED BY THE IRRADIATES.

TIMES LIKE THIS MAKE ME WISH I HAD X-RAY VISION.

MA'AM! THE R.O.\* NEEDS TO SPEAK WITH YOU A.S.A.P.!

(\* R.O. - RANKING OFFICER)

GALATEA, I APPRECIATE THE ASSIST, BUT I MUST ASK THAT YOU TO STAY AWAY FROM THE CONTAINER.

OKAY... BUT WHAT'S IN IT?

APPARENTLY IT'S SOMETHING THAT GROND'S MINIONS WILL KILL FOR.

MA'AM, I'VE BEEN A SILVER AVENGER\* FOR TWENTY YEARS NOW, AND THE ONE THING I'VE LEARNED IS THAT THE ONLY WAY YOU STAY ALIVE IS TO FOLLOW WHAT THE DIRECTOR TELLS YOU.

SO WHEN DIRECTOR KAUFMAN TELLS ME THAT NOBODY OPENS THAT CASE UNTIL IT GETS TO THE BASE, EVERYONE OBEYS. EVERYONE.

(\* SILVER AVENGERS ARE CYBERNETIC SPECIAL AGENTS OF PRIMUS.)

NOW I HATE TO RUSH YOU OFF LIKE THIS, BUT THE REPLACEMENT TRANSPORT IS JUST OVER THE RIDGE, AND WHERE WE'RE GOING, YOU CAN'T FOLLOW, UNDERSTAND?

I GUESS THAT'S THE WAY IT IS.

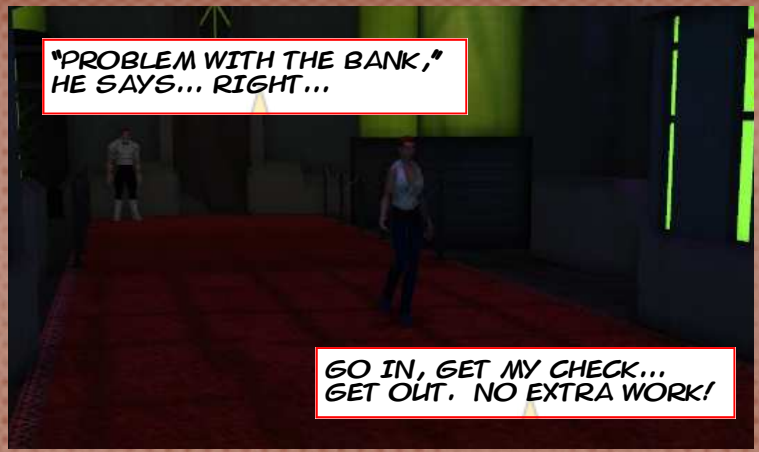
YEAH, RIGHT.

UNTIL I HAVE A WORD WITH YOUR BOSS.. AND THEN MY OWN.





"PROBLEM WITH THE BANK,"  
HE SAYS... RIGHT...



GO IN, GET MY CHECK...  
GET OUT. NO EXTRA WORK!



WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING HERE?



IT'S A FREE  
COUNTRY... OR  
SO THEY SAY.  
  
IT'S AMAZING  
WHAT A LITTLE  
LEVERAGE CAN  
GET YOU.

 **MARKMAN GOLD**  
AGENT TO THE SUPER-LEGENDS



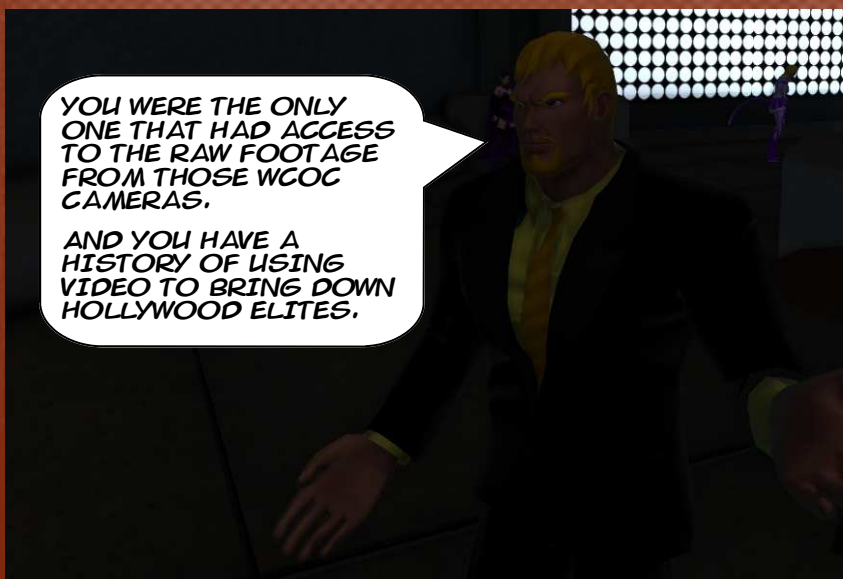
YOU AND I HAVE UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS, DEE.

AFTER THAT MATTER WITH  
"PSYCHE" OR "MALIZIA" OR  
WHATEVER SHE WAS, I HAD TO  
SPEND THE PAST SIX MONTHS  
EXPLAINING TO REGULATORY  
GROUPS ABOUT MY VIDEOTAPED  
"ADMISSION OF GUILT".\*

A VIDEO THAT, I FOUND OUT,  
WAS CONVENIENTLY EDITED.

WHAT DOES  
THAT HAVE  
TO DO WITH  
ME?

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YOU WERE THE ONLY  
ONE THAT HAD ACCESS  
TO THE RAW FOOTAGE  
FROM THOSE WCOG  
CAMERAS.

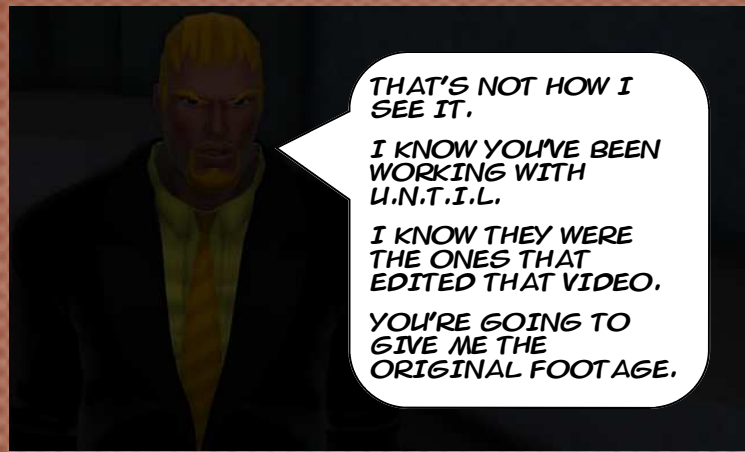
AND YOU HAVE A  
HISTORY OF USING  
VIDEO TO BRING DOWN  
HOLLYWOOD ELITES.



I TURNED THAT  
VIDEO OVER TO  
THE PROPER  
AUTHORITIES.

WHAT THEY DO  
WITH IT  
AFTERWARD IS  
UP TO THEM.





THAT'S NOT HOW I  
SEE IT.  
I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN  
WORKING WITH  
U.N.T.I.L.  
I KNOW THEY WERE  
THE ONES THAT  
EDITED THAT VIDEO.  
YOU'RE GOING TO  
GIVE ME THE  
ORIGINAL FOOTAGE.

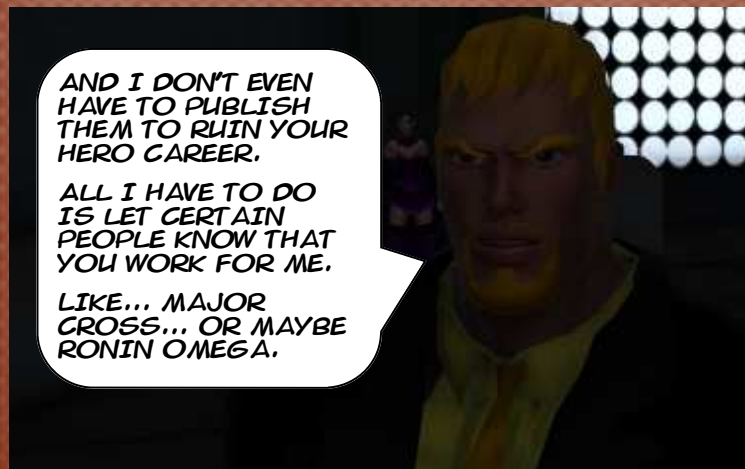


SO GET YOUR  
HIGH-PRICED  
ATTORNEYS TO  
SUBPOENA THEM.  
THAT'S WHAT YOU  
PAY THEM TO DO,  
RIGHT?



THEY'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES  
THAT I PAY TO GET WHAT I  
WANT.  
**I OWN YOU! I OWN YOUR  
VERY HERO CAREER!**

I AM THE ONE THAT BOUGHT YOUR  
"UNPUBLISHED" PHOTOS FROM  
YOUR HOLLYWOOD "AUDITIONS".  
I AM THE ONLY ONE KEEPING THEM  
FROM SHOWING UP IN THE NEXT  
ISSUE OF "CAPES AND BOOTS"  
MAGAZINE ALONG WITH YOUR  
HERO NAME IN BOLD LETTERS AS  
BIG AS YOUR CHEST.



AND I DON'T EVEN  
HAVE TO PUBLISH  
THEM TO RUIN YOUR  
HERO CAREER.  
ALL I HAVE TO DO  
IS LET CERTAIN  
PEOPLE KNOW THAT  
YOU WORK FOR ME.  
LIKE... MAJOR  
CROSS... OR MAYBE  
RONIN OMEGA.



YOU GET JUST  
ONE WEEK.  
THEN EVERYONE  
WILL KNOW THE  
REAL "STARLETT".





PROJECT GREENSKIN

A PRIMUS/UNTIL JOINT OPERATION



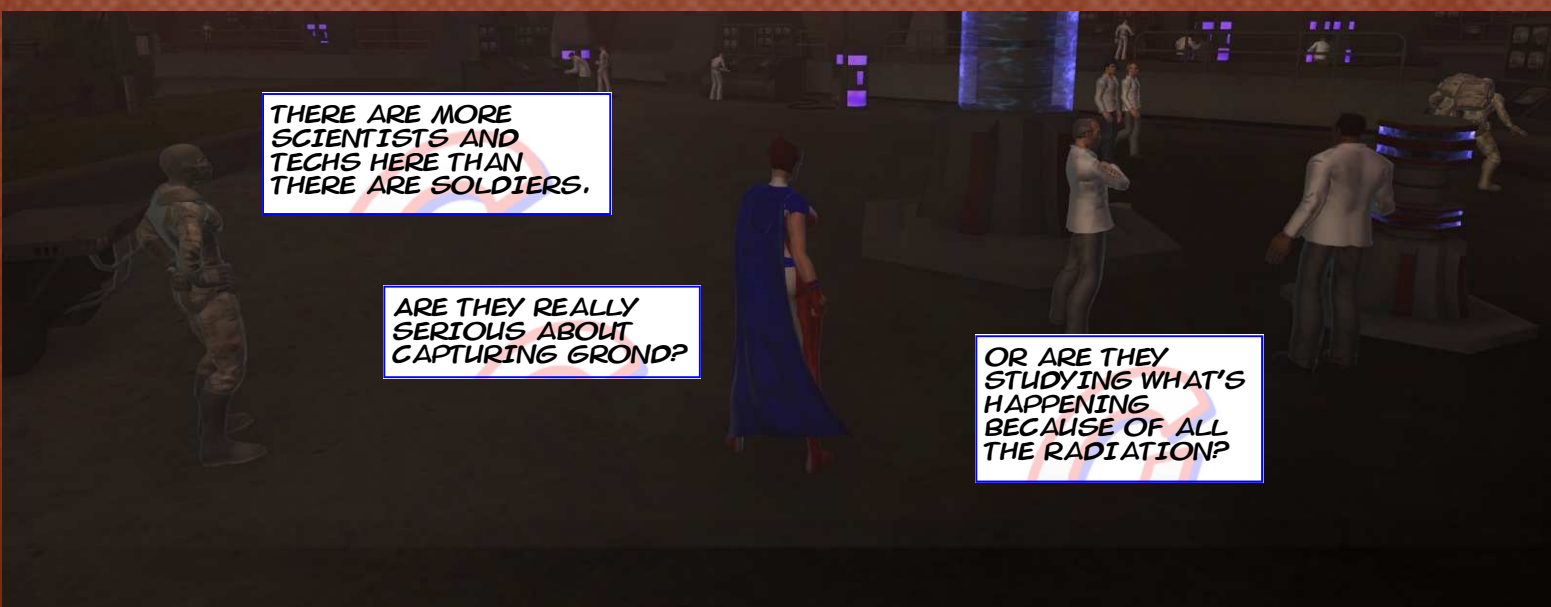
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THEY  
KEEP A LIFE-SIZED STATUE  
OF GROND IN THE MIDDLE  
OF THE BASE.

I ASKED ABOUT THAT  
THE FIRST DAY I  
ARRIVED HERE, AND  
THEY SAID IT WAS TO  
REMINDE THEM OF WHY  
THEY WERE THERE.



IT'S LIKE THOSE  
NUKES PROPPED UP  
IN THE WASTELAND  
BY THE IRRADIATES.

IT'S ALL JUST...  
SURREAL.




THERE ARE MORE  
SCIENTISTS AND  
TECHS HERE THAN  
THERE ARE SOLDIERS.

ARE THEY REALLY  
SERIOUS ABOUT  
CAPTURING GROND?

OR ARE THEY  
STUDYING WHAT'S  
HAPPENING  
BECAUSE OF ALL  
THE RADIATION?





EXCUSE ME, I'M HOPING YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT CAMP RUNNER.



YOUNG MISS, I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO HUMOR THE HELP.

IF YOU HAVE TO ASK, THEN YOU OBVIOUSLY DON'T HAVE THE PROPER CLEARANCE TO KNOW ABOUT IT.




YOUNG MISS?!

I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE EYELASHES OLDER THAN YOU!




GALATEA FUTURE!

DIRECTOR KAUFMAN NEEDS TO SPEAK WITH YOU IMMEDIATELY!

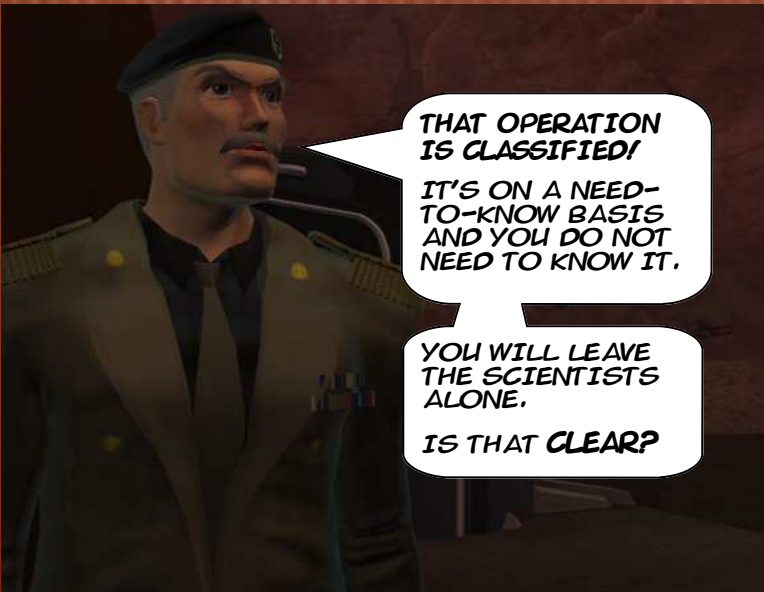


GALATEA, I UNDERSTAND YOU'VE GOT A JOB TO DO, BUT I HAVE TO ASK THAT YOU NOT HASSLE THE SCIENCE TEAMS HERE.

 **ROBERT KAUFMAN**  
PROJECT GREENSKIN DIRECTOR



DIRECTOR, THE PEOPLE I'M INVESTIGATING COULD BE RELATED TO WHAT IS GOING ON AT CAMP RUNNER. ALL I NEED IS--



THAT OPERATION IS CLASSIFIED!  
IT'S ON A NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS AND YOU DO NOT NEED TO KNOW IT.

YOU WILL LEAVE THE SCIENTISTS ALONE.  
IS THAT CLEAR?



\*SIGH\*  
YES, SIR.



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We didn't have to do all of that.

But we did it anyway.

Because we care.

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PROJECT MYCROFT'S DESERT BASE

I DON'T GET IT,  
MAJOR.  
EVERYTHING IN MY  
GUT SAYS THIS IS  
THE PLACE.

AND THEN DIRECTOR KAUFMAN  
SHUTS ME DOWN AND ORDERS  
ME TO STAY AWAY FROM THE  
SCIENCE TEAM.

I TOLD YOU THAT  
WE THINK HE HAS  
HIS OWN AGENDA.

BUT... TURNING  
FORMER HEROES  
INTO CANCER-RIDDEN  
SUICIDAL VILLAINS  
TO GO AFTER ME?  
THAT DOESN'T MAKE  
SENSE.

THAT MAY NOT BE  
KAUFMAN'S  
AGENDA AT ALL.  
IT MAY JUST WORK  
PARALLEL TO HIS.  
OH, AND BY THE  
WAY...

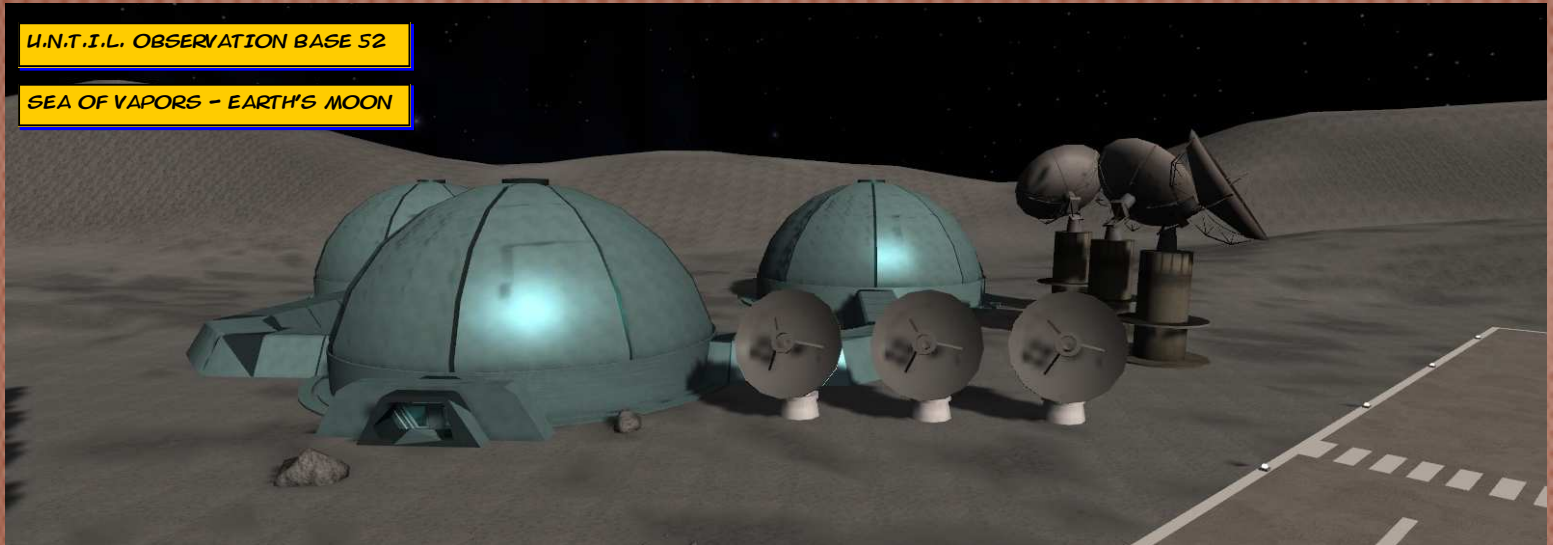
... ISN'T THERE  
SOMEPLACE  
YOU NEED TO  
BE RIGHT NOW?

OHMIGOD!  
YOU'RE RIGHT!



U.N.T.I.L. OBSERVATION BASE 52

SEA OF VAPORS - EARTH'S MOON



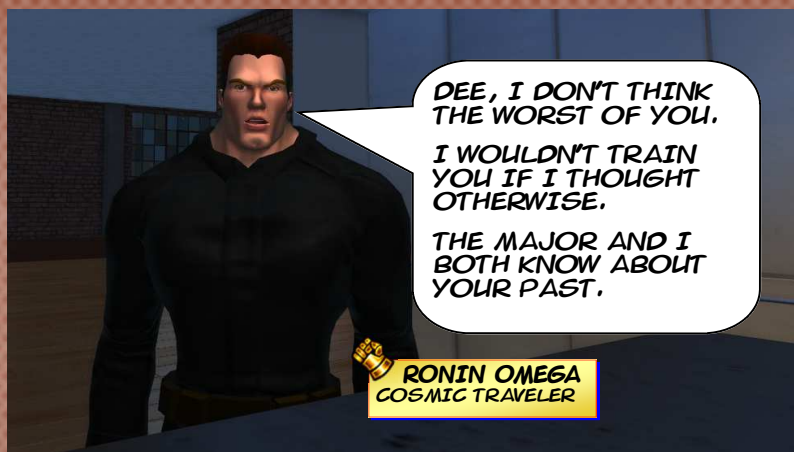








I... I DIDN'T KNOW  
WHAT TO DO.  
I KNOW YOU  
PROBABLY THINK  
THE WORST OF ME.

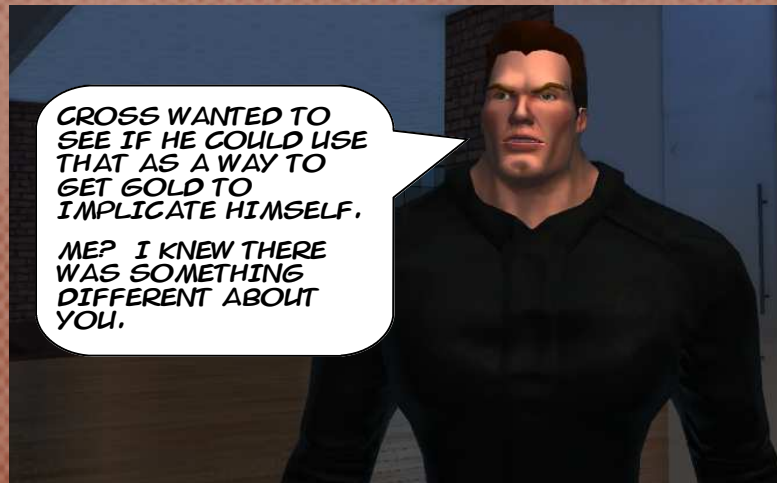


DEE, I DON'T THINK  
THE WORST OF YOU.  
I WOULDN'T TRAIN  
YOU IF I THOUGHT  
OTHERWISE.  
THE MAJOR AND I  
BOTH KNOW ABOUT  
YOUR PAST.

RONIN OMEGA  
COSMIC TRAVELER



BUT... HOW?  
AND WHY  
DIDN'T  
YOU...?



CROSS WANTED TO  
SEE IF HE COULD USE  
THAT AS A WAY TO  
GET GOLD TO  
IMPLICATE HIMSELF.  
ME? I KNEW THERE  
WAS SOMETHING  
DIFFERENT ABOUT  
YOU.



RRROWW.



THAT'S MISS LADY.  
SHE'S A "TRAVEL CAT."

OHMIGOD! SHE IS  
SO BEAUTIFUL!



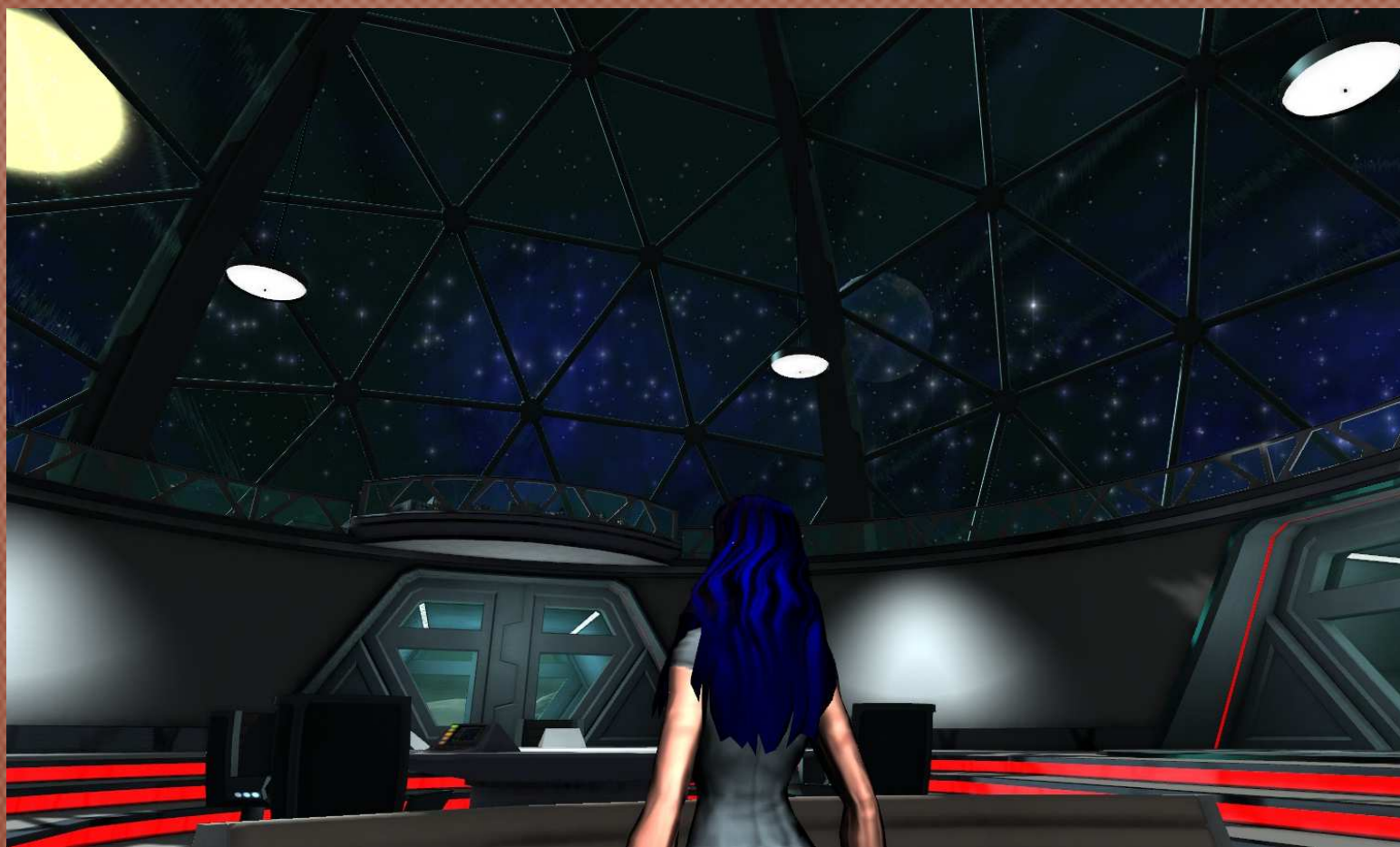
MISS LADY WAS A GIFT FROM  
ANOTHER TRAVELER WHO HAD TO  
USE THIS LOFT FOR A FEW DAYS.  
SHE'S ALSO A GOOD JUDGE OF  
CHARACTER. IF SHE HAD  
SENSED ANYTHING BAD ABOUT  
YOU, SHE'D STAY HIDDEN.

I THINK THERE'S SOMEONE WE  
CAN TURN TO THAT CAN RESOLVE  
YOUR PROBLEM WITH MARKMAN  
GOLD ONCE AND FOR ALL.

THANK YOU, DJ.  
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW  
MUCH THIS HAS BEEN  
EATING ME UP!

\*RRRRRR\*









TAYA...  
WHAT IF...



... WHAT IF I  
COULD JUST...  
STAY HERE?



PROJECT MIND GAME  
JUST CONFIRMED MY  
READINGS.

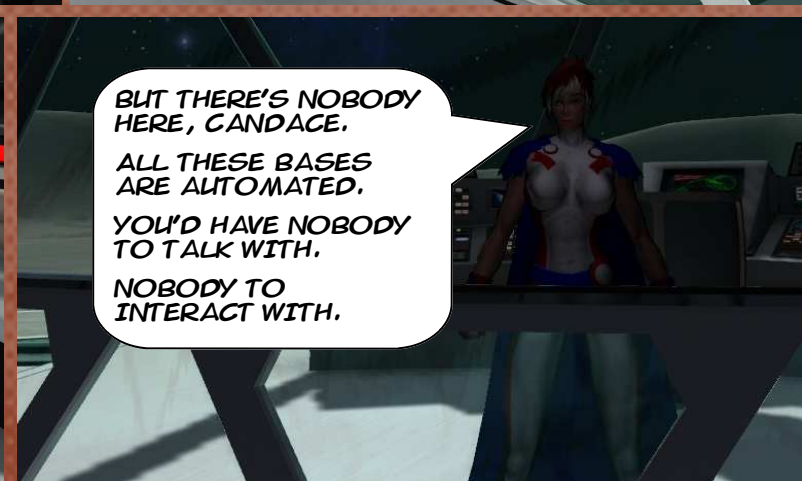
YOU'RE PSI-FREE,  
CANDACE. YOU'RE  
CLEAR TO GO HOME.



AND... WHY WOULD  
YOU WANT TO  
STAY UP HERE?



IT'S QUIET. ALONE.  
THERE ARE ENOUGH  
SUPPLIES FOR ME  
TO LIVE HERE FOR  
MONTHS.

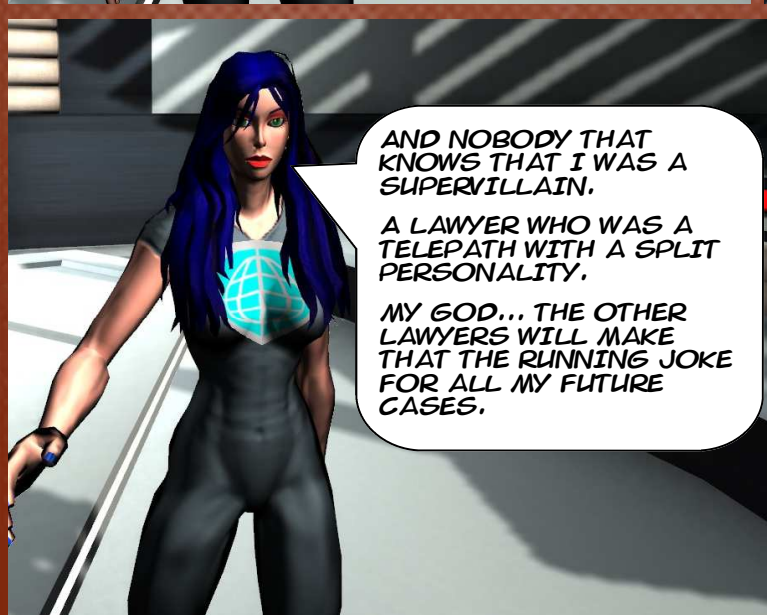


BUT THERE'S NOBODY  
HERE, CANDACE.

ALL THESE BASES  
ARE AUTOMATED.

YOU'D HAVE NOBODY  
TO TALK WITH.

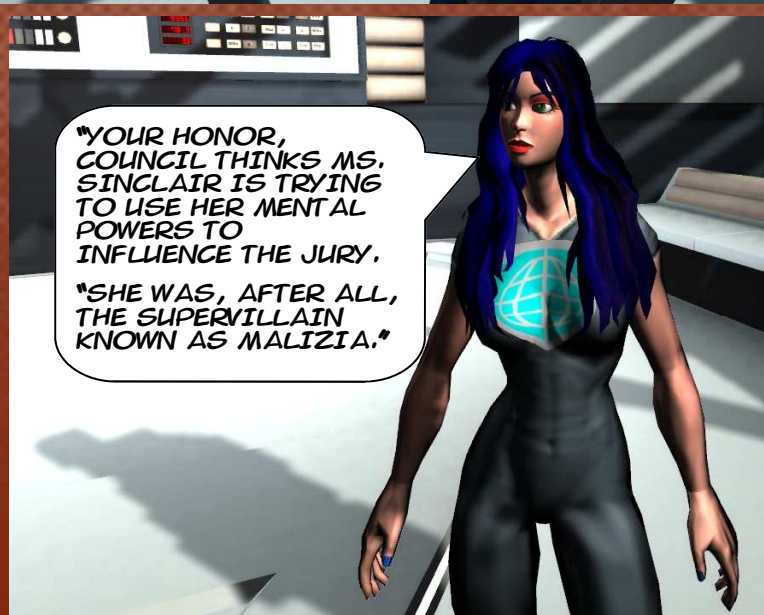
NOBODY TO  
INTERACT WITH.



AND NOBODY THAT  
KNOWS THAT I WAS A  
SUPERVILLAIN.

A LAWYER WHO WAS A  
TELEPATH WITH A SPLIT  
PERSONALITY.

MY GOD... THE OTHER  
LAWYERS WILL MAKE  
THAT THE RUNNING JOKE  
FOR ALL MY FUTURE  
CASES.



"YOUR HONOR,  
COUNCIL THINKS MS.  
SINCLAIR IS TRYING  
TO USE HER MENTAL  
POWERS TO  
INFLUENCE THE JURY.

"SHE WAS, AFTER ALL,  
THE SUPERVILLAIN  
KNOWN AS MALIZIA."





CAN, ONLY A COUPLE OF PEOPLE KNOW YOU WERE EITHER PSYCHE OR MALIZIA.



CROSS TOOK THE RAW VIDEO FOOTAGE FROM THE WCOG CAMERAS.



AND I'VE BEEN ALONE LIKE THAT, CANDACE. YOU KNOW THIS.

I SPENT MOST OF MY THOUSAND-YEARS IN ISOLATION BECAUSE OF HEARTBREAK AND GUILT OVER WHAT HAPPENED ON MY FIRST ADOPTED EARTH.\*

(\* SEE "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT" #18 FOR DETAILS.)



AND.. TAKE IT FROM ME... IT SUCKS!

THERE WERE TIMES I WANTED TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING I WAS JUST TO HAVE A FRIEND TO TALK TO.



BUT IT WAS DIFFERENT FOR YOU. YOU DIDN'T BECOME A SUPERVILLAIN.

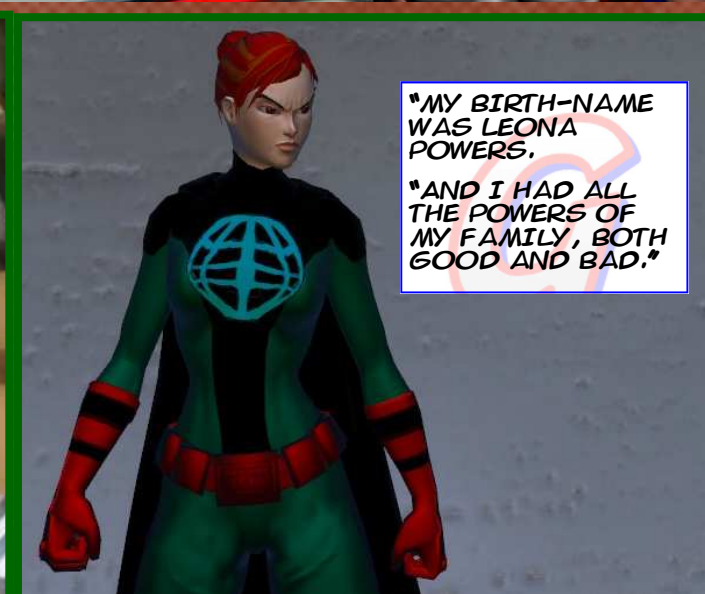


CANDACE... I WAS ONE. I WAS BORN A SUPERVILLAIN.



"YOU KNOW THAT I WASN'T BORN LIKE OTHER PEOPLE."

"I WAS GENETICALLY CREATED BY MY BIRTH-FATHER, A SUPERVILLAIN."



"MY BIRTH-NAME WAS LEONA POWERS."

"AND I HAD ALL THE POWERS OF MY FAMILY, BOTH GOOD AND BAD."



"AND THEN MY BIRTH-FATHER ADDED SOMETHING ELSE TO MY GENETIC CODE... AN IMPRINT OF HIS TWISTED PHILOSOPHY."

"A SICK MERGER OF MACHIAVELLIAN OBJECTIVISM WITH SOCIAL DARWINISM ADDED IN FOR GOOD MEASURE."

"A TIME-BOMB THAT WENT OFF WHEN I TURNED THIRTEEN."

"THE MAN WHO RAISED ME, THE MAN WHO I SAW MORE OF A FATHER THAN MY BIRTH-FATHER EVER COULD BE, HAD TO SACRIFICE PARTS OF HIS OWN LIFE TO GET RID OF THAT IMPRINT, AND THEN GIVE ME A NEW CHANCE AS A HERO."

C "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT" #19. >



HE DID THAT BECAUSE HE KNEW THAT I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE AT THE TIME TO BECOME A SUPERVILLAIN.

HE BELIEVED THAT I COULD DO RIGHT IF I WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY.



YOU DIDN'T CHOOSE TO BECOME PSYCHE OR MALIZIA.

BUT YOU CAN CHOOSE TO MOVE AHEAD AND PROVE THAT THEY'RE NOT YOU.



WOW...

I... I NEVER KNEW THAT PART OF YOUR LIFE.

IT'S NOT SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT, BUT IT'S STILL A PART OF WHO I AM.



THE SHUTTLE IS PREPPED AND READY, CANDACE. LET'S GO HOME.

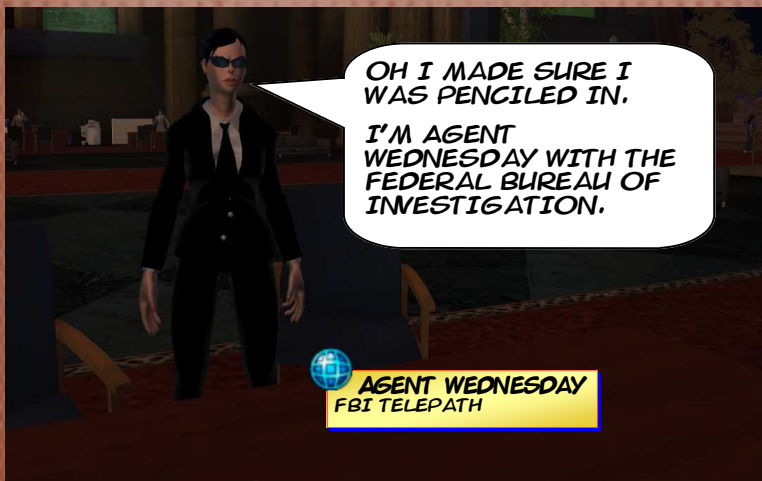






GOLD STANDARD AGENCY

EXCUSE ME, BUT I ONLY SEE PEOPLE BY APPOINTMENT.



OH I MADE SURE I WAS PENCILED IN.  
I'M AGENT WEDNESDAY WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.



AGENT WEDNESDAY  
FBI TELEPATH



I SEE...  
WELL, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, AGENT?  
WILL I NEED TO HAVE MY ATTORNEY PRESENT FOR THIS CONVERSATION?



OH I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT'S NECESSARY.  
I'M JUST HERE TO SHARE SOME INFORMATION WITH YOU THAT YOU MIGHT FIND USEFUL.



REALLY?  
BY ALL MEANS, PLEASE SHARE.



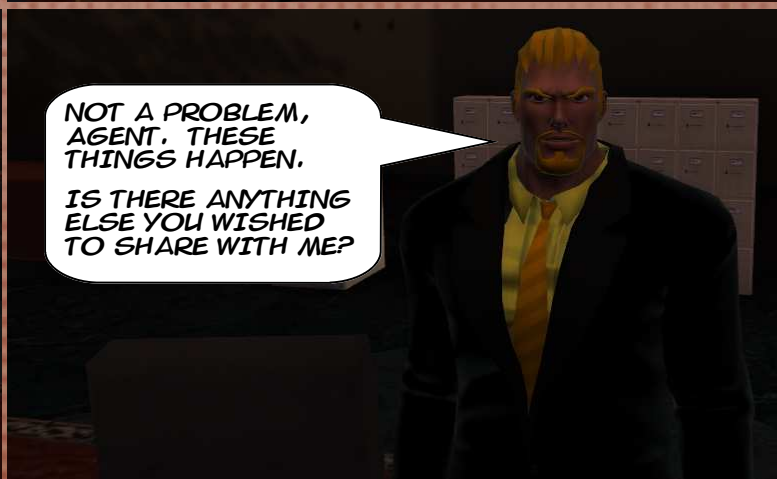
FUN FACT: DID YOU KNOW THAT OUTING THE IDENTITY OF A REGISTERED SUPERHERO IS A MISDEMEANOR IN THIS CITY?

HOWEVER... OUTING A HERO WORKING WITH AN AGENCY LIKE PRIMUS OR U.N.T.I.L. IS A FEDERAL CLASS-C FELONY.

THAT'S A MANDATORY PRISON TERM OF TEN-TO-TWENTY-FIVE YEARS PLUS A TWO-HUNDRED-AND-FIFTY-THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE IF CONVICTED.

I WAS NOT MADE AWARE OF THIS.  
I GUESS I'D HAVE TO STEER CLEAR OF DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT.









EXCUSE ME,  
DR. HAYDAY?



I WAS JUST  
ASSIGNED TO DO A  
PICKUP FOR CAMP  
RUNNER, BUT  
NOBODY TOLD ME  
WHERE THAT IS.



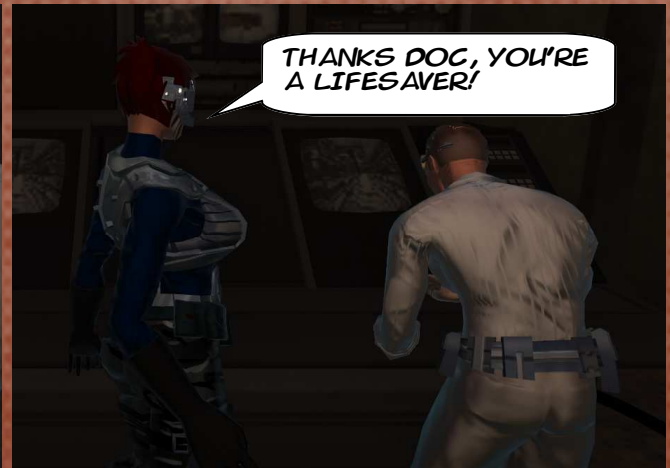
JUST TAKE A SEC  
FOR YOU TO SHOW  
ME ON THE MAP.



*\*SIGH\**  
THEY REALLY  
NEED TO STOP  
SENDING YOU  
FOLKS TO ME.



THERE, SEE?  
CAMP RUNNER  
IS JUST TWO  
KILOMETERS  
NORTH EAST.



THANKS DOC, YOU'RE  
A LIFESAVER!



WASN'T SO BAD.  
ALL I HAD TO DO  
WAS BORROW A  
SILVER AVENGER'S  
UNIFORM.

NOW THAT I KNOW  
WHERE THE CAMP  
IS, I CAN SLIP  
OUT AND SEE WHAT  
THE MYSTERY IS.

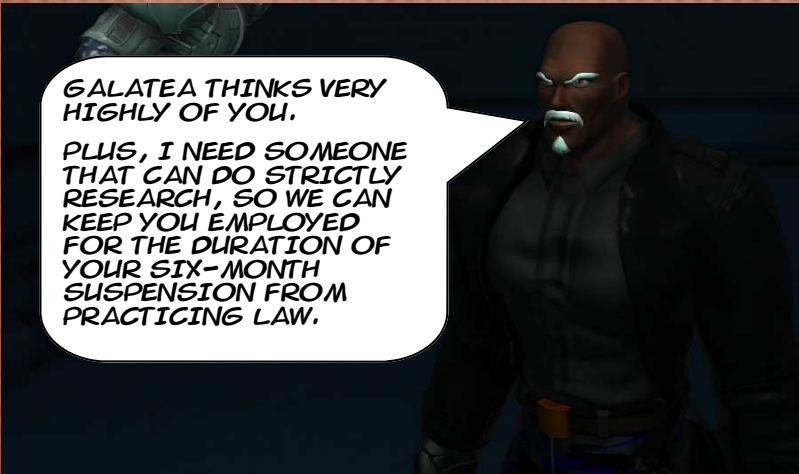




"I SEE THAT YOU'VE  
RECOVERED NICELY  
FROM YOUR STAY  
ON THE MOON,  
MISS SINCLAIR."

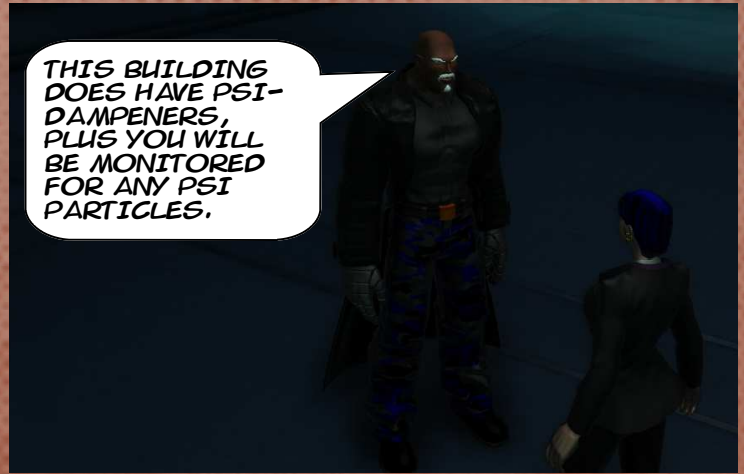


YES, THANK  
YOU, MAJOR.  
AND ALSO  
FOR... THIS.



GALATEA THINKS VERY  
HIGHLY OF YOU.

PLUS, I NEED SOMEONE  
THAT CAN DO STRICTLY  
RESEARCH, SO WE CAN  
KEEP YOU EMPLOYED  
FOR THE DURATION OF  
YOUR SIX-MONTH  
SUSPENSION FROM  
PRACTICING LAW.



THIS BUILDING  
DOES HAVE PSI-  
DAMPENERS,  
PLUS YOU WILL  
BE MONITORED  
FOR ANY PSI  
PARTICLES.



I WILL GO ALONG  
WITH WHATEVER  
CONDITIONS YOU  
HAVE, BUT I HAVE  
A REQUEST AS  
WELL.



EVER-THE-  
ATTORNEY, I SEE.  
ALL RIGHT, I'M  
GAME. WHAT IS  
YOUR REQUEST?



AFTER MY  
ENCOUNTER WITH THE  
NATIONALIST\*...

... I DON'T EVER  
WANT TO BE IN THAT  
KIND OF SITUATION  
EVER AGAIN.



I WANT TO LEARN  
HOW TO DEFEND  
MYSELF.



MILLENNIUM CITY AT NIGHT...  
DURING THE BLOOD MOON.



THE \*AIRSHIP\*: AN OBSERVATION  
DECK IN THE RENAISSANCE CENTER.

(NOTE: NOT REALLY AN AIRSHIP.)







IT TOOK A BIT OF  
CONVINCING, BUT I  
GOT HIS CLEANING  
STAFF TO BRING  
YOUR FILE TO ME.  
  
THOSE ARE ALL OF  
THE PHOTOS AND  
THE NEGATIVES AND  
THE DVD DISC.



I MAY HAVE ALSO  
GIVEN GOLD A  
LITTLE "NUDGE"  
TO WIPE AWAY ANY  
MEMORY OF WHO  
YOU REALLY ARE.

YOU'RE FREE.



THANK YOU.  
REALLY...  
THANK YOU  
SO MUCH.



I DID THIS AS A  
FAVOR FOR RONIN  
OMEGA.

NOW HE OWES ME  
ONE IN RETURN.

I BROKE A FEW  
REGULATIONS  
DOING THIS.



I APPRECIATE THIS,  
I REALLY DO.  
  
AND I'M SURE RONIN  
DOES AS WELL.

JUST DO ME A FAVOR...  
THE NEXT TIME YOU  
IMPERSONATE A FEDERAL  
AGENT TO GET EVIDENCE\*,  
DON'T TELL THEM YOU'RE  
WITH THE FBI.  
  
YOU DO THAT AND WE'LL  
GET ALONG NICELY.



CAMP RUNNER



THESE ACOLYTES  
ARE TOUGHER.

THEY'RE MORE  
LIKE GROND.

THESE ARE THE ONES THAT  
SURVIVED AND ADAPTED  
LIKE GROND DID.

\*WHAM!\*

KILLLL YOUUUUUUU!



BUT THIS  
SHOULD BE  
THE LAST  
OF THEM.

\*KA-POW!\*



THIS SHOULD  
GIVE ME TIME  
TO CHECK OUT  
WHAT'S LEFT  
OF THIS CAMP.



THERE'S A LOT  
OF RAGE HERE.  
VEHICLES AND  
EQUIPMENT  
SMASHED.

BUT NO BLOOD.  
NO BODIES.  
NO HUMAN  
REMAINS.

THERE ARE SOME  
CAGES, THOUGH.

WHAT DID THEY  
PUT IN THERE?  
MUTATES?  
HUMANS?





"T. ATWELL"  
FORECLOSURE'S  
REAL NAME.

THIS WAS HIS  
STORAGE BIN.

"E. STREETER"  
EMILY STREETER.  
PHILLY-BUSTER.

THERE ARE A FEW  
OTHERS AS WELL.  
OTHER HEROES?

WERE THEY HERE TO  
GUARD THE CAMP?  
OR WERE THEY HERE  
FOR SOMETHING  
ELSE?

WHAT IS THAT?

I'VE SEEN THIS  
AT THE BASE.

RAAAAAAAAAHHH!!!

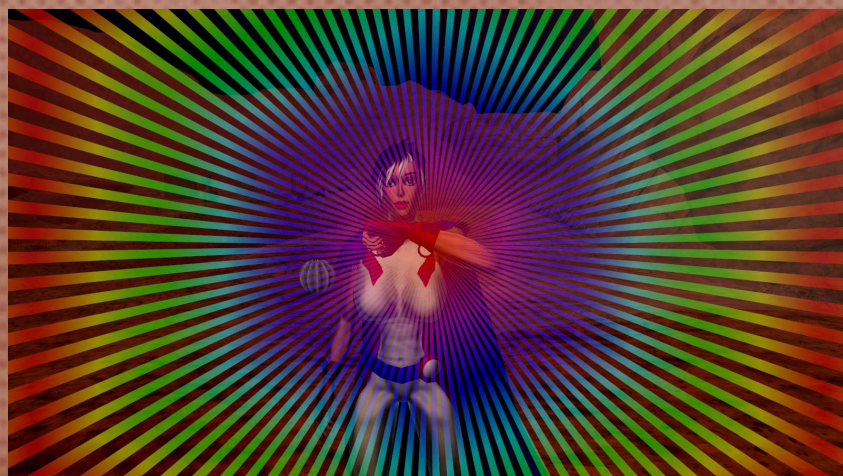
WHERE DID YOU  
COME FROM?

RAHHH\*\*\*!

.. WHAT?

HE... DIED.  
HE MUTATED  
RIGHT IN FRONT  
OF ME AND DIED!







# GUARDIAN WORDS

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

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## **Picking Up Where We Last Left...**

If you are one of the loyal readers of this comic series, I'm sure you're relieved to know that you haven't been completely forgotten.

Four years have passed since we last left. A lot has changed since then. Presidents have changed. Attitudes have changed. And none of it for the better.

Things have been busy at Battlerock Comics. We were given an opportunity to return to that "other world" in a weird roundabout way. The game was still gone, but there were ways to bring content back through some unorthodox means. And, of course, we took that opportunity, being able to continue stories from that "other world" that we wanted to share featuring that "other" Galatea and her friends and family.

And then...

Well, other things happened.

It's not easy doing these comics. Getting content is only half the battle. The other half is turning it into a story. And then getting that story published and made available. And then... doing it all over again.

Battlerock Comics is a one-man unpaid operation. This is not a team of paid writers and animators and editors. There is one person, getting feedback from a small group of others when possible, but still that one person. Life still needs to go on. Work outside this unpaid labor of love still needs to go on. Bills still need to get paid. There are duties and responsibilities that will always take priority over this.

Readers of this comic series can remember the frustrations of getting a monthly series going and keeping it going. Soon it became one ever-other-month, and then every quarter-year. The lack of positive feedback for the time, energy, and effort going into it dwindled until even this creator had to wonder why I should even bother.

Then something interesting happened.

A fellow comic creator was interested in doing a story in the world of Champions Online for his own comic series. "The Crucible" had worked with other characters from Battlerock Comics before when it came to that "other world", but this time his dimension-hopping characters would make the leap into this universe.

And a passing reference to Galatea Future turned into a guest appearance in "The Crucible" #36, which was published in September of 2018 by CoX Comics.

Suddenly interest returned.

In helping to promote "The Crucible" #36, I ended up going back into the world of the Champions and it seemed like I never left.

Yes, there are some changes to the MMO, but nothing too dramatic.

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The basic design is the same. The city layouts are the same. With only a few minor changes, such as the introduction of the Ravenswood Academy campus, Millennium City is pretty much untouched by the changes in time. The damaged ruins of old Detroit are still there. The unfinished construction near the prison is still there. The missions are intact. The contacts are more-or-less the same. Mayor Bissell is still the mayor and still eternally running for re-election.

The gamer side of me was somewhat disappointed. It kept on saying "What the hell, Cryptic Studios?!? Why haven't you built up from this? Why have you left everything to stagnate?"

But the storyteller side of me was relieved. Because now I can pick up where I left off four years ago. I don't have to do a big leap four years ahead to explain all the changes. I can do small changes and small jumps.

So here we are again, moving forward from "Psilence of Conscience" in jumps and spurts.

Where we go from here, you ask?

"Future's Guardian" will continue, but it won't be as a regular series. There are other projects in the works in Battlerock Comics, and those will be attended to as well.

In addition to this series, you can check out Galatea Future's appearance in "The Crucible" to see where she is in 2018. You can check out that comic series by visiting the official website of CoX Comics:

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And, of course we will also have links and updates available at the official website of Battlerock Comics...

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**"THE HEROES ARE GOOD, THE VILLAINS ARE BAD,  
AND THERE'S STILL MORE CHAOS FOR THERE TO BE HAD!"**

**"I'LL MUST GIVE THEM ALL A SHINY NEW REASON,  
WHY THEY SHOULD FEAR THIS COLD WINTER SEASON!"**

**"SOME FRIENDS I'LL BRING UP FROM MY TRUSTY TOY  
SHOP,  
THAT WILL BRING THE CITY TO SUPER-FAST STOP!"**

**"AND JUST WHEN THEY THINK THEY'VE SEEN THE WORST  
FROM THIS LOUSE,  
I'LL SEND CLARENCE IN TO BRING DOWN THE HOUSE!"**



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