

T+ FOR TEENS PLUS

FURIA AND THE GUARDIANS



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**Why wait until disaster strikes
to stock up for it?**

It's a FACT:

- ▷ Paragon City is the disaster capital of the world!
- ▷ The first thing cut and the last thing restored in a disaster is civilian electricity.
- ▷ The very last thing that most people think about until it is too late is checking their emergency supplies to ensure freshness!

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GOOD AFTERNOON.
TODAY I AM
ADDRESSING NOT
JUST AMERICA,
BUT THE WORLD.



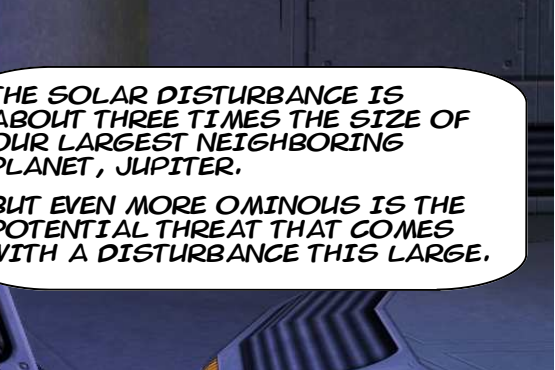
President Barack Obama
United States of America



AND I AM
SPEAKING NOT
JUST AS THE
PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES...
... BUT ALSO ON
BEHALF OF THE
OTHER WORLD
LEADERS, WHO
HAVE AGREED ON
THIS JOINT
ANNOUNCEMENT.




AN HOUR AGO... THE
UNITED NATIONS SPACE
AGENCY, OUR GLOBAL
SPACE PROGRAM,
ALERTED US TO WHAT
APPEARS TO BE THE
LARGEST SUNSPOT IN
RECORDED HISTORY.



THE SOLAR DISTURBANCE IS
ABOUT THREE TIMES THE SIZE OF
OUR LARGEST NEIGHBORING
PLANET, JUPITER.

BUT EVEN MORE OMINOUS IS THE
POTENTIAL THREAT THAT COMES
WITH A DISTURBANCE THIS LARGE.



OUR BEST SCIENTISTS,
INCLUDING THOSE
FROM OTHER WORLDS,
ALL AGREE THAT A
DISTURBANCE THIS
SIZE IS A PRECURSOR
TO A HUGE SOLAR
DISCHARGE CALLED A
CORONAL MASS
EJECTION.




ESSENTIALLY A HUGE
PIECE OF THE
SURFACE OF THE SUN
IS VIOLENTLY FLUNG
OFF AND SENT
OUTWARD.

AND... IN THIS
CASE... IT WOULD BE
FLUNG... AT US.



NOW... WE'VE
EXPERIENCED C-M-E'S
IN THE PAST.

BUT NOT ONE BASED ON
THE SIZE OF THE
DISTURBANCE THAT WE
ARE FACING TODAY.



IF OUR ADVISORS ARE
RIGHT... AND A CORONAL
MASS EJECTION HAPPENS IN
THE NEXT FEW HOURS... THE
RESULTING SOLAR DISCHARGE
COULD BE LARGE ENOUGH TO
INCINERATE THE EARTH.

ALL LIFE... EVERYTHING...
WOULD BE VAPORIZED.

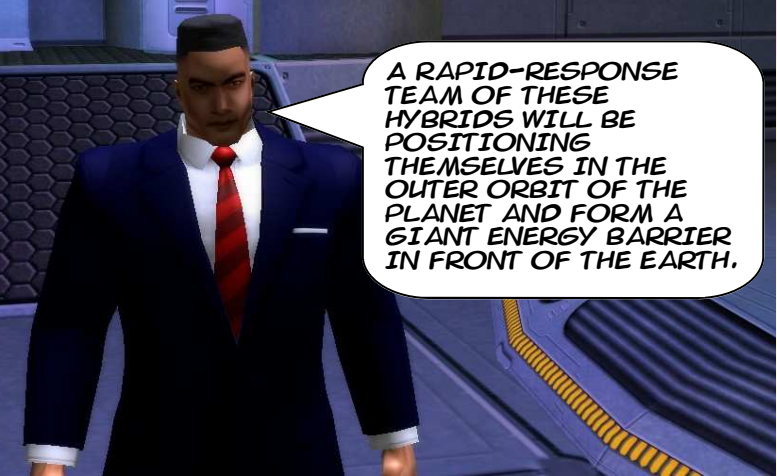


BUT... WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SURVIVE IT.

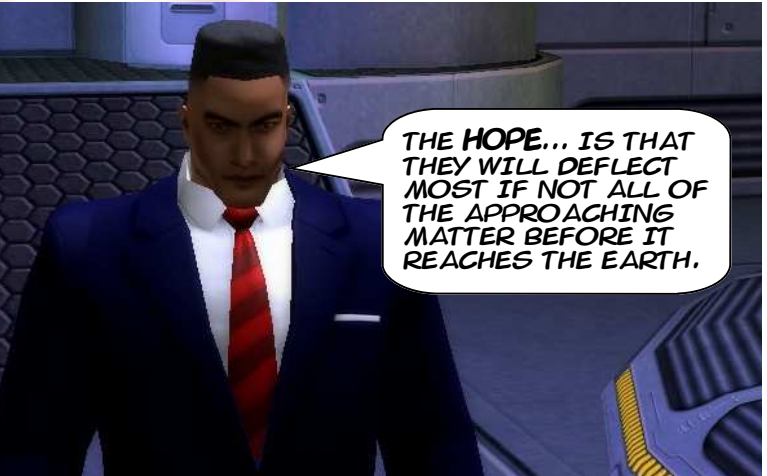
THROUGHOUT HISTORY, INSURMOUNTABLE ODDS HAVE BEEN MET WITH BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE FOUND THE STRENGTH TO SURVIVE AND PERSEVERE.

WE HAVE SUCH INDIVIDUALS IN OUR MIDST.


OUR ALLIANCE WITH THE COSMIC STAR-TRAVELERS KNOWN AS THE KHELDIANS HAVE GIVEN US VERY POWERFUL HYBRIDS CALLED PEACEBRINGERS.



A RAPID-RESPONSE TEAM OF THESE HYBRIDS WILL BE POSITIONING THEMSELVES IN THE OUTER ORBIT OF THE PLANET AND FORM A GIANT ENERGY BARRIER IN FRONT OF THE EARTH.



THE HOPE... IS THAT THEY WILL DEFLECT MOST IF NOT ALL OF THE APPROACHING MATTER BEFORE IT REACHES THE EARTH.



BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE SHOULD NOT TAKE STEPS TO TRY TO PRESERVE WHAT WE HAVE SHOULD THEIR EFFORTS FAIL.

WHICH IS WHY MYSELF AND THE OTHER WORLD LEADERS ARE MAKING YOU AWARE OF THIS LOOMING THREAT.

PLEASE... USE THIS TIME TO JOIN WITH YOUR LOVED ONES AND TAKE SHELTER IN THE NEAREST RIKTI OR DISASTER SHELTER.

AND IF YOU CAN'T BE WITH YOUR LOVED ONES... THEN HELP THOSE WHO NEED IT. LET US BE THE BETTER PEOPLE... THAT I KNOW WE CAN ALL BE.



NO MATTER THE CHALLENGE, I KNOW THAT WE WILL RISE TO MEET IT.

WE'VE DONE SO BEFORE... AND WE WILL DO SO AGAIN.



TO OUR BRAVE DEFENDERS, I WISH THEM GODSPEED.

AND FOR THE REST OF US... MAY GOD BLESS US ALL... INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO TUNED IN LATE, I'M ROBIN STEED, AND THIS IS PNN'S CONTINUING COVERAGE OF THE SOLAR CRISIS.

ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER PRESIDENT OBAMA CHALLENGED THE CITIZENS OF THE WORLD TO BE THE BETTER PEOPLE IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS, RIOTS AND LOOTING BROKE OUT IN MOST MAJOR CITIES.

SOLAR CRISIS: PNN SPECIAL REPORT

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YOU CAN'T STOP ALL OF US!

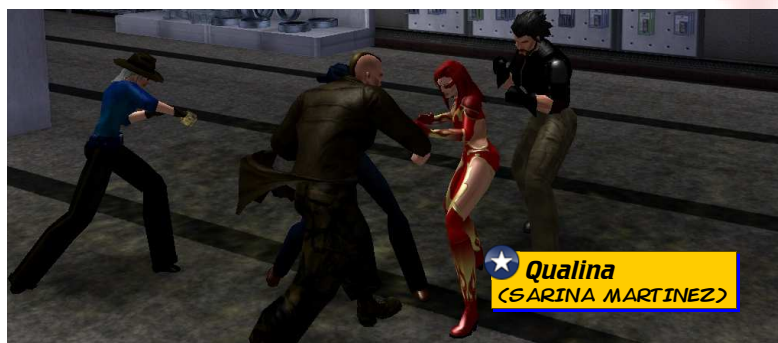
 **Coeur du Feu**
(COURTNEY HART)

WANNA BET?

STOP FIGHTING AND RETURN TO YOUR HOMES!

★ **Ally Kazam**
(ALISON KANE)

 **Jason Knight**
(DRAKE GREY)



"NO, FURIA POWERS IS STILL ON THE DISABLED LIST, SIR. I WISH SHE COULD BE THERE JUST AS MUCH AS YOU DO."

WELL IT LOOKS LIKE THE RIOTING IS CALMING DOWN IN PARAGON CITY, THANKS AGAIN TO OUR HEROES.

THIS SUCKS!

I SHOULD BE OUT THERE, HELPING KEEP THE CITY SAFE.

 **Fiona Poderes**
AKA FURIA POWERS

BUT THOSE GODDAMNED COPS DECIDED TO PICK A FIGHT WITH ME USING EVERYTHING THEY HAD.*

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AND NOW MY KINETIC MELEE POWERS ARE ALL MESSED UP.

EVERY FOOTSTEP IS LIKE A PINPRICK ON MY FEET.

EVERY USE OF MY POWERS LEAVE ME IN DEBILITATING PAIN.

THE ONLY THING I CAN DO IS DRINK THIS MEDICINE TO BALANCE OUT THE ELECTROLYTES IN MY BODY.

I DON'T EVEN DARE TRY TO PULL MONITOR DUTY AT GUARDIAN BASE.

I'D BE TOO TEMPTED TO JUMP INTO A TELEPORTER AND JOIN IN THE FIGHT.

I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT TAYA AND CHUCK AND THE OTHERS ARE OKAY OUT THERE.

AND DAYBRIGHT!
GOD I DON'T ENVY HER ROLE IN THIS!

UNITED NATIONS VANGUARD BASE

I WANTED TO TALK WITH YOU BEFORE YOU DEPLOY TO THE ORBITAL PLATFORMS.

Captain Paragonna
(STEVIE WALKER-RODGERS)

I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH SOME OF YOU IN REORGANIZING THE AWAKENED DIVISION. BUT YOU'RE ALL WELL KNOWN TO THE OTHER KHELDIAN HYBRIDS.

YOU KNOW THE MISSION. YOU KNOW WHAT IS AT STAKE.

Sunstorm
PEACEBRINGER COORDINATOR

DAYBRIGHT WILL BE THE LEADER OF THIS OPERATION.

Daybright
(GRACE FELLOWS)


HER STATUS AS A PEACEBRINGER REDEEMER AS WELL AS THE COSMIC EXPERIENCE OF HER KHELDIAN HALF MAKE HER THE NATURAL LEADER AND COORDINATOR FOR THE ENERGY SHIELD.

PFFT! IT ONLY MEANS WE KNOW WHOSE SASH GETS UNTIED TO GET THE JOB.

StarStella
NEW YORK PEACEBRINGER


I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE. I CAN VOUCH FOR DAYBRIGHT'S QUALIFICATIONS IN THE FIELD.

Lieutenant Vsst
PPD AWAKENED DIVISION



OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH.
IN CASE IT'S NOT
OBSVIOUS TO YOU, THE
REAL THREAT IS ABOUT
READY TO SPIT A HUGE
WAD OF SOLAR ENERGY
AT THIS PLANET.


YOU CAN FIGHT
OVER WHICH
SQUIDDY HAS THE
LONGER TENDRILS
AFTERWARD.



*EACH OF YOU WILL
BE IN CHARGE OF AN
ORBITAL PLATFORM,
AND IN CHARGE OF
ABOUT TWENTY TO
THIRTY KHELOIANS.*

*THIS INCLUDES A
COMPLIMENT OF
WARSHADES AND
EVEN A FEW NICTUS.*

*IT SEEMS
THEY LIKE
LIVING JUST
AS MUCH AS
WE DO.*

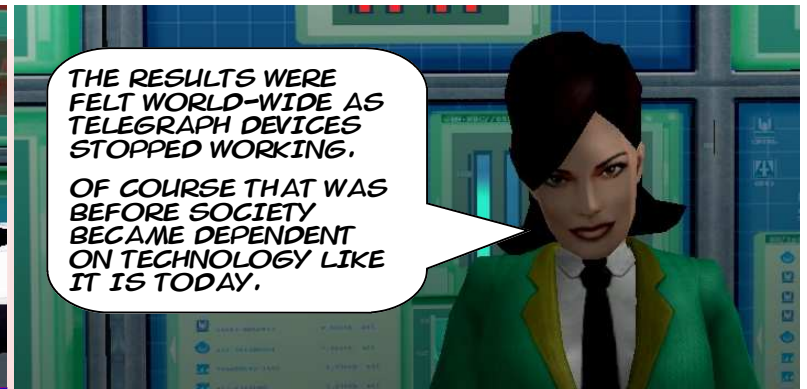


BETWEEN YOUR
COMBINED POWERS AND
EARTH'S MAGNETIC
FIELD, IT SHOULD BE
ENOUGH TO DEFLECT
THE EJECTED MASS.

BUT ON THE OFF-CHANCE THAT IT ISN'T...
LET ME JUST SAY THAT I HAVE NEVER
WORKED WITH A MORE NOBLER GROUP
OF BEINGS THAN THE KHELOIANS.
IT HAS BEEN MY HONOR TO KNOW YOU.



ONE OF THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE C-M-E EVENTS TO HIT THE EARTH WAS BACK IN 1859, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CARRINGTON EFFECT".



THE RESULTS WERE FELT WORLD-WIDE AS TELEGRAPH DEVICES STOPPED WORKING. OF COURSE THAT WAS BEFORE SOCIETY BECAME DEPENDENT ON TECHNOLOGY LIKE IT IS TODAY.

SOLAR CRISIS

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YOU THINK THEY CAN DO IT?



GIVEN THE SIZE INVOLVED... MAYBE. WE'LL FIND OUT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

Carlton Sage
VANGUARD OVERSEER



WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW IS WHAT HAPPENS IF THE KHELDIANS NEED HELP AFTERWARD.

THAT'S WHY THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN TOOK THE LEAD ON THIS CRISIS INSTEAD OF THE FREEDOM PHALANX.



DAYBRIGHT HELPED DEVELOP THE ICARUS PROGRAM BASED ON HER KHELDIAN HALF'S EXPERIENCES IN SPACE. AND SHE WAS THE ONE THAT TRAINED THE OTHERS ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.



"AND IF THINGS DO GO BAD FOR THEM..."

"LET'S JUST SAY WE'VE GOT THEIR BACKS."

Galatea Powers
(FAITH KARL)



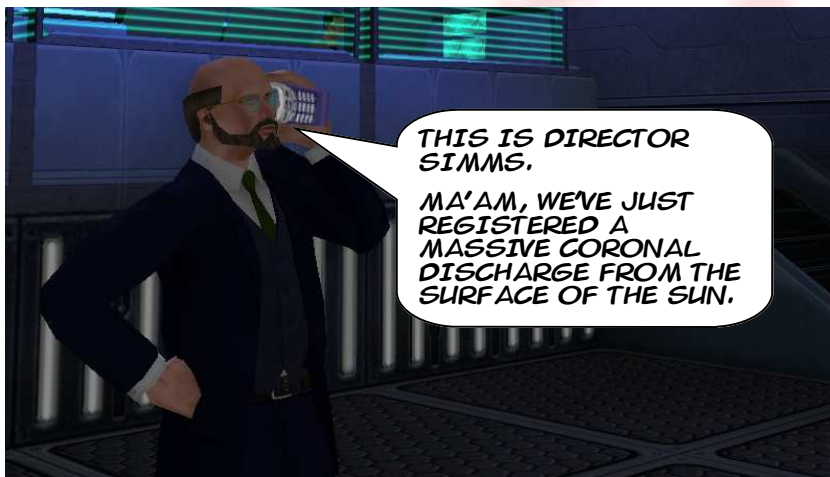


MY GOD..
I'VE NEVER SEEN A
SOLAR ERUPTION
LIKE THAT BEFORE!

IT.. IT'S NOT
SUPPOSED TO DO
THAT, IS IT?



NO... IT'S NOT.
GET ME LADY
GREY. IT'S
URGENT!



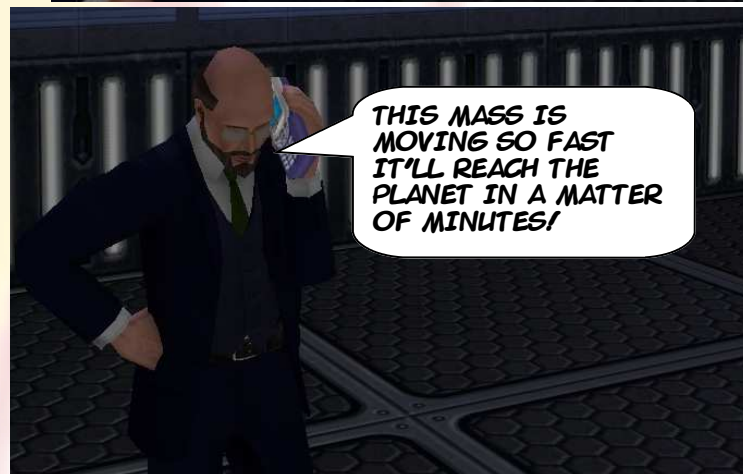
THIS IS DIRECTOR
SIMMS.
MA'AM, WE'VE JUST
REGISTERED A
MASSIVE CORONAL
DISCHARGE FROM THE
SURFACE OF THE SUN.



YES, I KNOW
THAT'S WHAT WE
WERE FEARING,
BUT IT'S MUCH
WORSE THAN
THAT!
THE MASS WAS
FLUNG AT AN
EXCESSIVE RATE
OF SPEED.



NO... YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND...
MOST STELLAR
MASS CAN TAKE UP
TO FOUR DAYS TO
REACH THE EARTH.



THIS MASS IS
MOVING SO FAST
IT'LL REACH THE
PLANET IN A MATTER
OF MINUTES!



WE'RE AT A LOSS TO
EXPLAIN THIS AS WELL,
LADY GREY.

ALL I KNOW IS THAT
THOSE KHELDIANS HAD
BEST BE ALREADY ON THE
ORBITAL PLATFORMS AND
READY TO BLOCK IT...

BECAUSE IF THEY
DON'T IN THE NEXT
FEW MINUTES, IT'LL
BE TOO LATE!

ORBITAL PLATFORM ABOVE EARTH

[IS SOMETHING
WRONG, REDEEMER?]*

(* EDITOR'S NOTE: BECAUSE THERE IS NO
AIR IN SPACE, THE KHELDIANS ARE
COMMUNICATING USING RADIO WAVES)

[THERE IS...]
[SOMETHING IS
OFF.]
[THE STAR-NOISE
IS... WRONG.]

[ZTHL'S LIGHT!]
[THE STORM!]

[THE STARWAVE IS
MOVING FAST...
FASTER THAN IT
EVER SHOULD!]

[ALL KHELDIANS, THIS IS
DAYBRIGHT.]
[THE STORM HAS ALREADY
HAPPENED AND THE STARWAVE
WILL BE HERE SHORTLY.]
[LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY TO
WHAT I HAVE TO TELL YOU...]

[THERE IS NO TIME TO
COORDINATE POSITIONS.
WHEREVER YOU ARE NOW,
GET YOUR GROUPS AS
SPREAD OUT AS POSSIBLE
AND PROJECT YOUR LIGHT.]

[THIS STARWAVE WILL BE BIGGER
AND FASTER THAN ANYTHING ANY
OF US HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED.]
[SPARE NOTHING! USE ALL OF
OUR LIGHT IN ORDER TO SURVIVE!]
[FOR OUR FRIENDS, FOR OUR
ADOPTED HOME!]



THE MYSTICAL REACTOR
IN GUARDIAN BASE...

*HMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM

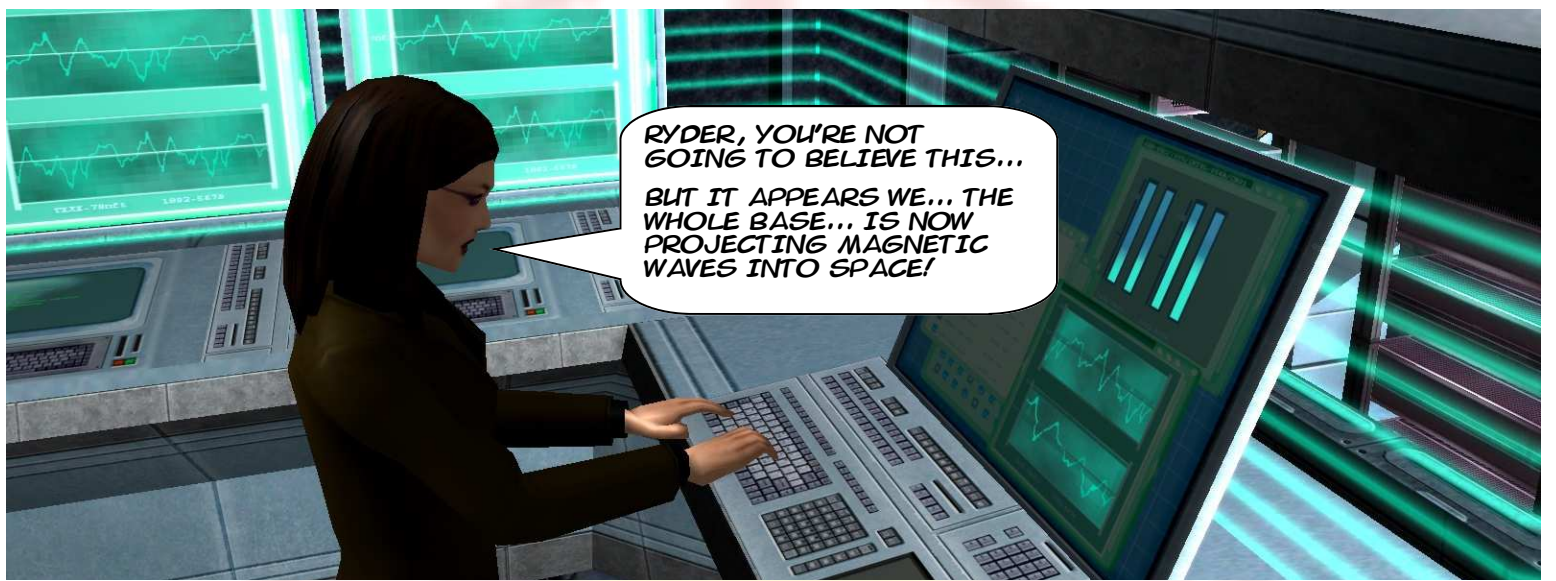
ALERT! MYSTICAL REACTOR POWER LEVELS OVER ONE THOUSAND!

WHAT?!?

WHAT?!?

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?





(* LAST ISSUE)

PANDORA'S BOX



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That's why we will bend over backward to make sure you get everything you deserve as soon as possible, not when some bureaucrat decides is "appropriate".

Because once upon a time, we were the ones that were told that "the check is in the mail."

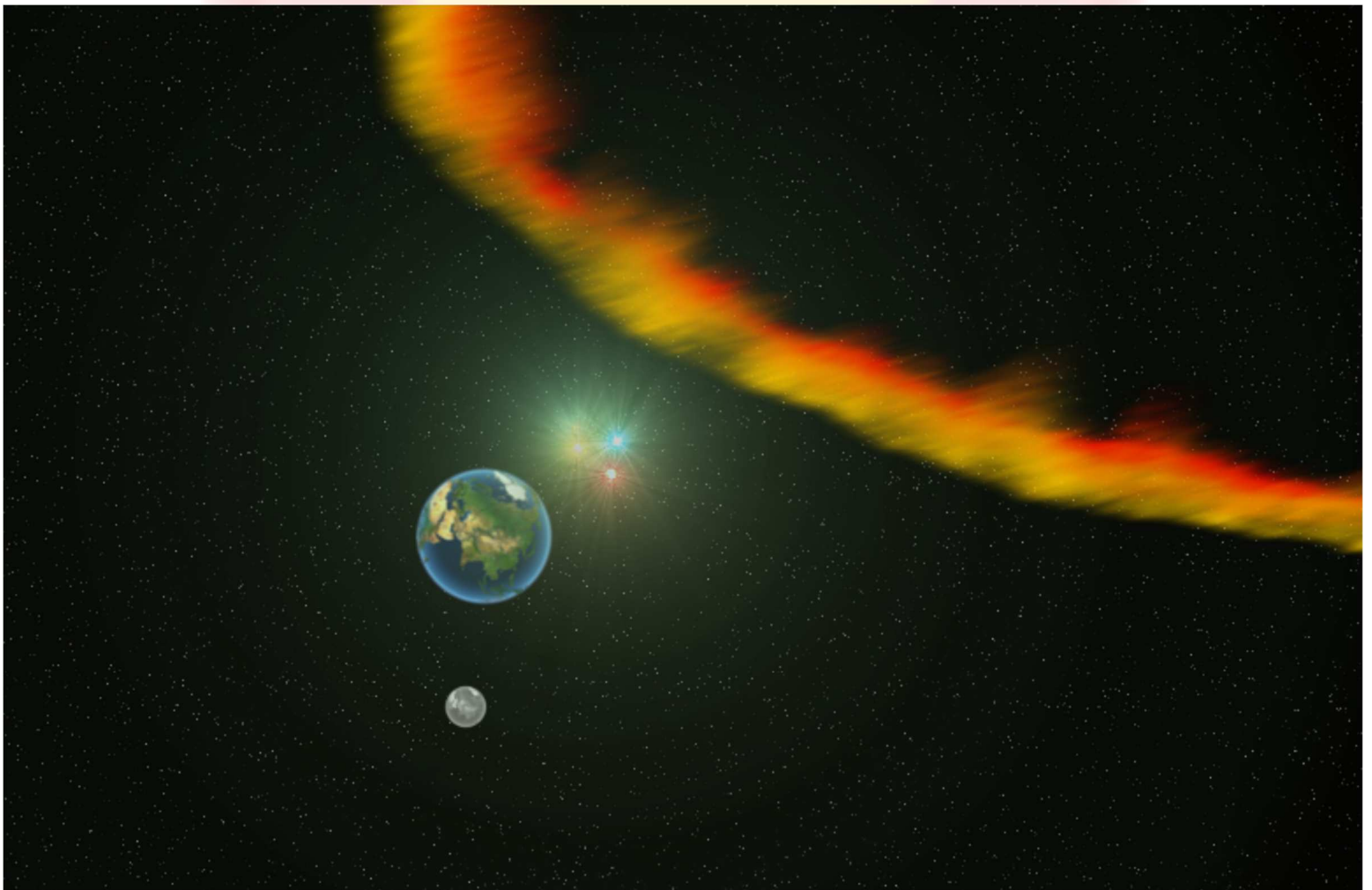


BAUMTON INSURANCE

"WE KNOW IT HURTS."

MEDICAL * DENTAL * HOME *
LIFE * INVASION *
MEGALOMANIA * GIANT
MONSTER

OFFICES IN STEEL CANYON,
FOUNDER'S FALLS, CROATOA,
AND PEREGRINE ISLAND





[Zihl prot--]

[EEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA...]

CITY HALL - ATLAS PARK



STEEL CANYON



ROGINANTE GROUP BUILDING - PEREZ PARK



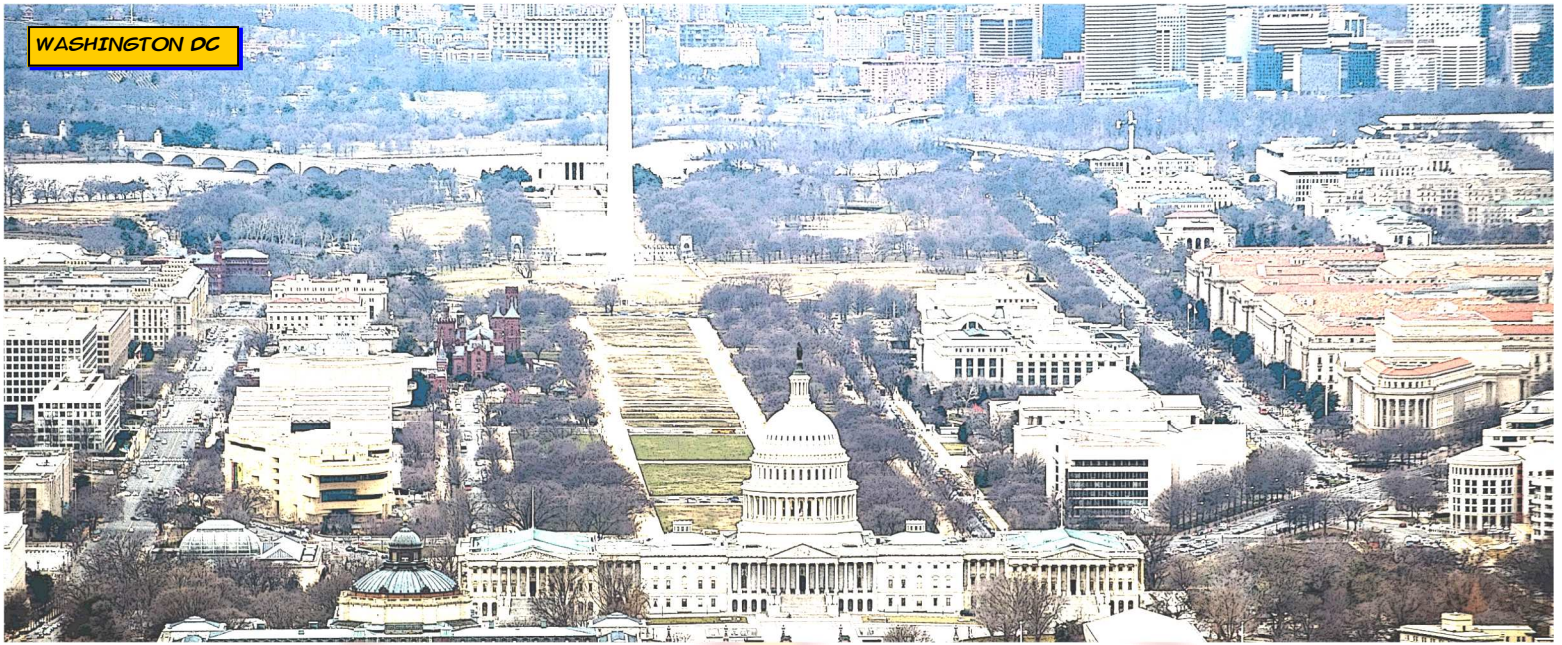
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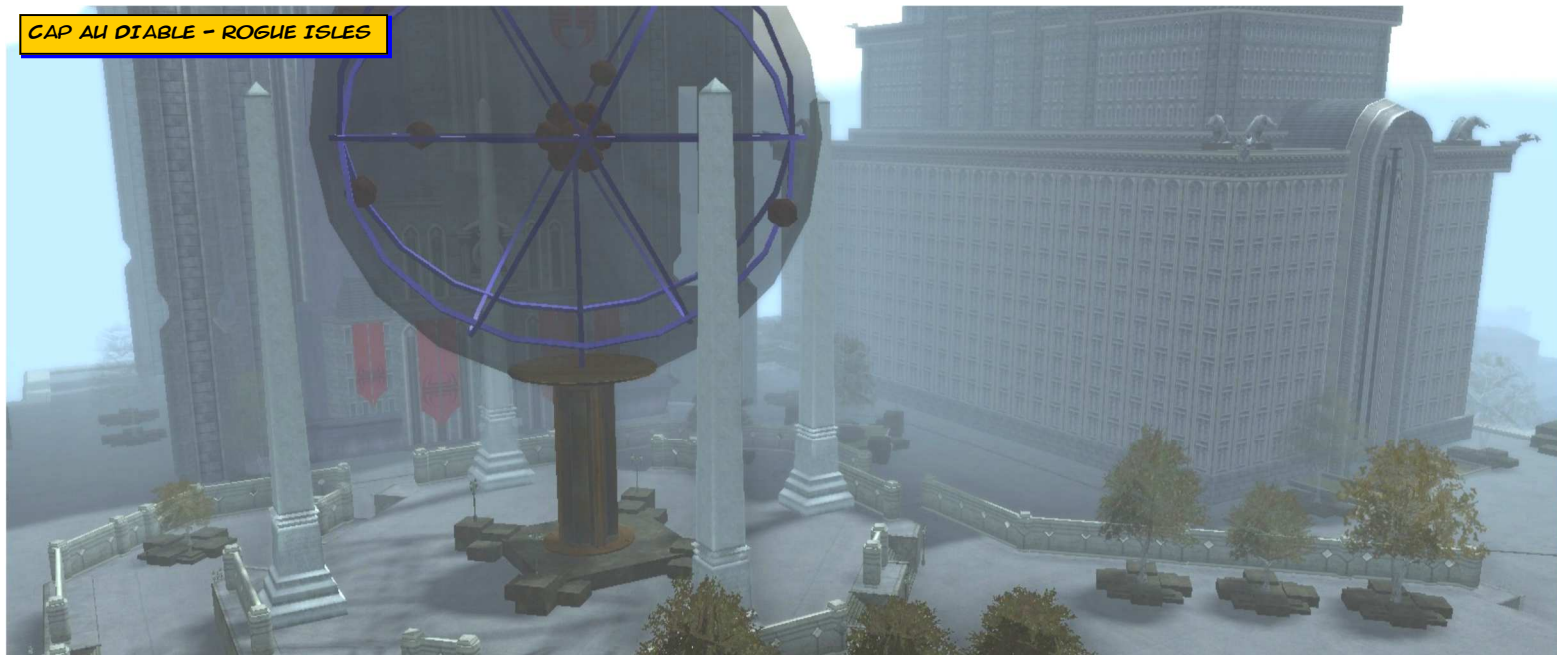
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CAP AU DIABLE - ROGUE ISLES

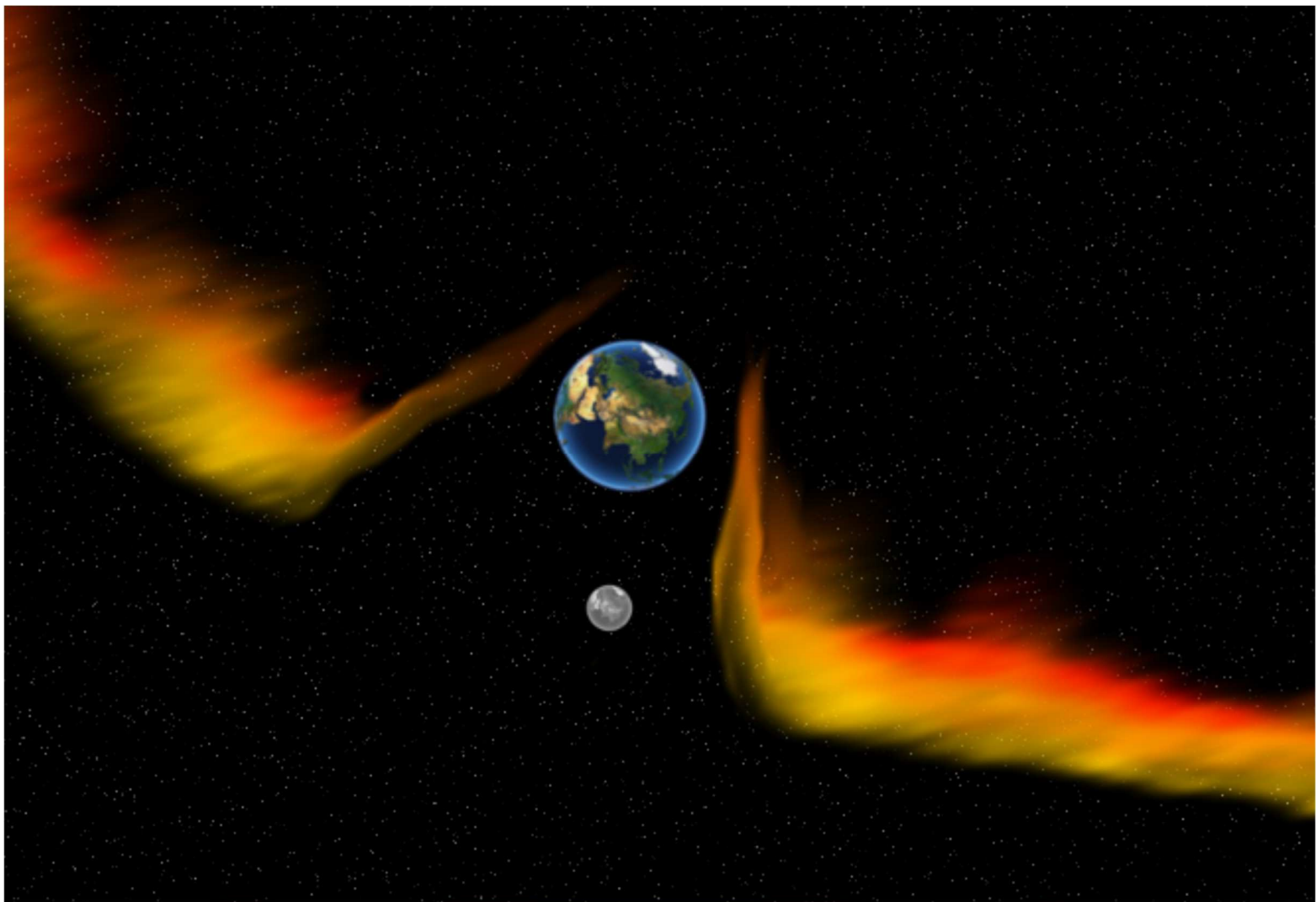


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SPIDER CITY - GRANDVILLE





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PLEASE STAND BY...

CRACKLE
... IS THIS ON?

THIS IS ROBIN STEED HERE AT THE PNN CENTER IN PARAGON CITY.

I'VE BEEN TOLD BY THE CONTROL ROOM THAT WE HAVE POWER, EVEN IF THE LIGHTS ARE A LITTLE DIMMED.

IF YOU CAN HEAR OR SEE THIS BROADCAST...

IT APPEARS THAT THE CORONAL MASS EJECTION HAS PASSED AND THAT WE ARE STILL HERE!

WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO HEAR BACK FROM OUR REPORTERS AT THE VARIOUS SHELTER LOCATIONS TO SEE IF THEY SURVIVED THE STORM AS WELL.

STAND BY.... STAND BY....

THIS IS CITADEL OF THE FREEDOM PHALANX.

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC ON THE STATUS OF THE SOLAR STORM.

ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THE EJECTED SOLAR MATTER WAS DEFLECTED BY A COMBINATION OF THE KHELDIANS AND A SECOND MAGNETIC FIELD THAT WAS CREATED JUST PRIOR TO THE IMPACT OF THE SOLAR MATTER.

CITADEL · FREEDOM PHALANX

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WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO REGAIN CONTACT WITH THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN TO SEE IF THEY CAN PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

WE ARE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT THE KHELDIANS WHO RISKED THEIR LIVES TO SAVE THE EARTH.

IN THE MEANTIME, WE ASK THAT ALL ABLE-BODIED HEROES ASSIST IN THE EVALUATION OF ANY POSSIBLE DAMAGE AND RENDER AID WHERE IT IS NEEDED.

WE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHEN POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU.

SOLAR STORM · WE SURVIVED! BUT AT WHAT COST?



OKAY, IT APPEARS THAT THE MYSTICAL REACTOR HAS SHUT DOWN AND WE'RE NO LONGER CREATING A SECOND MAGNETIC NORTH.

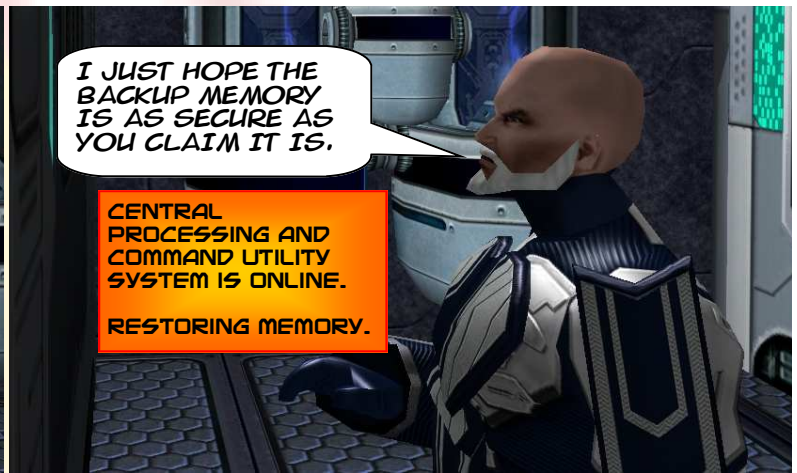


NOW WE JUST NEED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.

SAGE, WHAT'S THE STATUS OF OUR SYSTEMS?

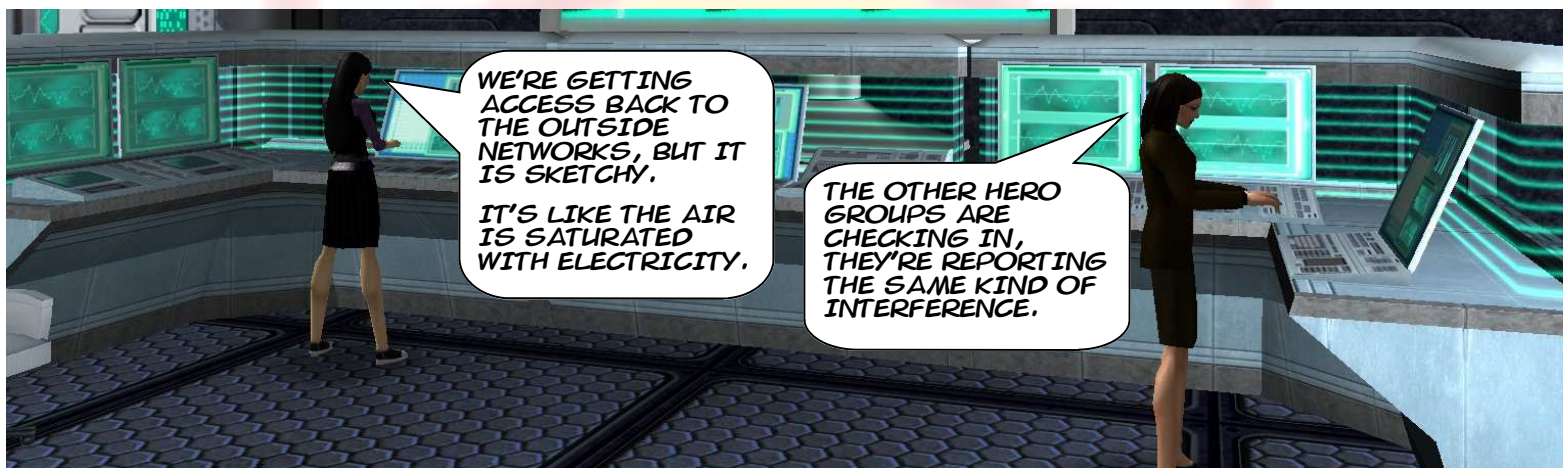


WE JUST PUT THE WORLD'S BIGGEST MAGNET ON TOP OF OUR COMPUTERS. WHAT DO YOU THINK?



I JUST HOPE THE BACKUP MEMORY IS AS SECURE AS YOU CLAIM IT IS.

CENTRAL PROCESSING AND COMMAND UTILITY SYSTEM IS ONLINE.
RESTORING MEMORY.



WE'RE GETTING ACCESS BACK TO THE OUTSIDE NETWORKS, BUT IT IS SKETCHY.

IT'S LIKE THE AIR IS SATURATED WITH ELECTRICITY.

THE OTHER HERO GROUPS ARE CHECKING IN, THEY'RE REPORTING THE SAME KIND OF INTERFERENCE.



SAVED THE EARTH FROM BEING FRIED, BUT WE STILL GOT SOME OF THAT ELECTROMAGNETIC DISRUPTION LIKE WHEN THE CARRINGTON EVENT HAPPENED.

I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE KHELDIANS OUT THERE. IF OUR SYSTEMS ON EARTH ARE SCREWY, THEN THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN TELEPORT ANY OF THEM FROM SPACE THAT ARE STILL ALIVE AND MIGHT NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION.



LIKE I TOLD YOU,
WE GOT THEIR
BACKS.
C-I-C* TO GALATEA
POWERS...

C* COMMAND INTELLIGENCE
CENTER)



"GO!"

CHIEF, I'M GOING
TO NEED YOU TO
OPEN A SECURE
CHANNEL TO
STATION KNIGHT
SEVEN-ONE-FIVE.



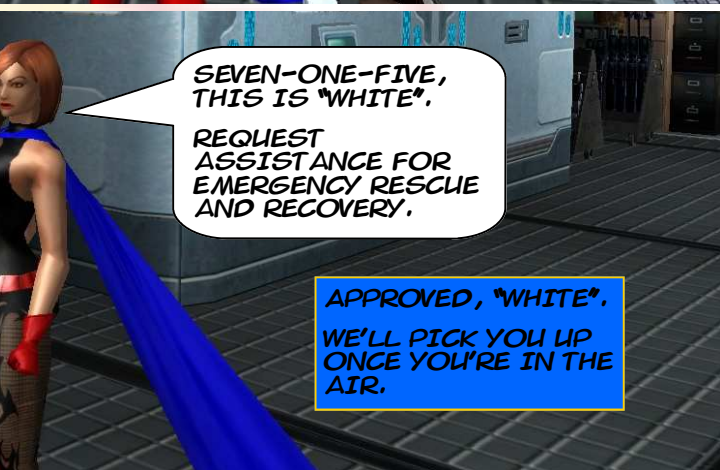
OPEN THE CHANNEL...
... FOR ALL THE
GOOD THAT IT'LL DO
FOR YOU ANYWAY.
THERE'S TOO MUCH
STATIC FOR A
CLEAN TELEPORT.



I DON'T NEED TO
TELEPORT FROM HERE.
I JUST NEED THE
AUTHORIZATION ONCE
I GET OUTSIDE FOR
THEM TO TELEPORT ME.



CONNECTION HAS
BEEN MADE.
SECURE CHANNEL
IS OPEN TO
KNIGHT SEVEN-
ONE-FIVE.



SEVEN-ONE-FIVE,
THIS IS "WHITE".
REQUEST
ASSISTANCE FOR
EMERGENCY RESCUE
AND RECOVERY.

APPROVED, "WHITE".
WE'LL PICK YOU UP
ONCE YOU'RE IN THE
AIR.



WITH ALL DUE
RESPECT, GALATEA,
THERE'S NO BASE ON
THIS PLANET WITH A
WORKING TELEPORT
THAT CAN HELP
DAYBRIGHT IF SHE'S
EVEN ALIVE!



THAT'S WHERE
YOU'RE WRONG,
CHIEF... THERE IS
ONE GROUP LEFT
WITH A BASE THAT
CAN STILL HELP
THE KHELDIANS...

**The Justice-
Knights!**

Next Issue:
Justice-Knights
To The Rescue!



FURIOUS SCRIBBLINGS

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

“Icarus” Notes

When coming up with the “Icarus” storyline, I wanted to have something that would really catch the attention of the world. With everything going on in Paragon City in this series, with Furia Powers sidelined, with corrupt cops getting away with things they shouldn’t, with a street vigilante still figuring out how to regain his “notorious” status, now would be a horrible time for something major to just pop out of nowhere.

And yet, you can’t really have a more perfect time for something like that to happen.

Consider, for a moment, our planet and just how perfect things are for us humans.

Earth is in the perfect orbital position around the sun to support life called the “Goldilocks Zone”. Not too close and not too far away. It’s “just right.” We have one moon which stabilizes our rotation and provides tides which churn up the ocean water for nutrients to spread about. Hell, we even have water, which is as precious as gold in the cosmos. We have large gaseous planets which keep the stray comet or asteroid from coming our way. We have a spinning core which generates a magnetic field that protects us from the most damaging of solar radiation. We have an atmosphere and an eco-system that supports life.

Those are a lot of good things that came our way for us to be here today.

Some people consider all of this a gift from a higher power. Others see it as a lucky roll of the cosmic dice.

But what we don’t realize is just how easily this can all be taken away from us.

We’d like to think that we could somehow prepare for something big to happen. And sometimes we are arrogant enough to think that we could stop the “something big” from happening.

We chase down tornadoes and hurricanes, trying to find telltale signs of their approach so we could give ourselves enough time to seek shelter. We measure seismic events to see if an earthquake is about to happen, especially if “The Big One” were to ever occur. We check to see if the super-volcano under the Yosemite National Park is ready to pop. I’m told we’re a bit overdue for that one. We worry about climate change. We scan the heavens to see if an asteroid or a comet or a rogue planet will start meandering our way.

And yet there are some things that can still happen that we have no preparation for.

There are things that can happen in the cosmos that can mess with our very existence. If you watch the various Discovery cable channels, you’ll see a few of them.

And then there’s one threat that is in our own solar system that could happen at any time that would mess with our lives. And that is a Coronal Mass Ejection, like the kind seen in this issue. A huge ejection of star matter that could happen at any time with little warning, and we would be unable to stop it should it come our way.

Understand, of course, that the kind of threat the Earth faced in this issue is even larger than anything our sun could generate on its own in the real world, and that is one mystery that will be explained in

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the near future. But that doesn't diminish the threat that our real-world society faces from these things.

The "Carrington Event" that was referenced in this issue was a real event. It actually happened. On September 1st, 1859, matter from a coronal mass ejection hit the Earth which lasted for two days and had a global effect.

For those two days, telegraphs around the world stopped working. Auroras could be seen as far south as the island of Cuba. New Englanders could read at night simply from the glow of the auroras. Electrical devices of the time could reportedly function for as long as eight minutes without any electricity whatsoever; simply by running off the electricity that was in the air.

Keep in mind that this was during a time when society was not as dependent on electricity like it is today. This is before automobiles, before airplanes, before computers, before television, before the Internet, and before global satellites. This happened before the days of smartphones and dumb users, when currency was either paper or gold, and all financial transactions were physical ones.

If what happened then were to occur today, civilization would essentially be knocked back into the stone age. The world-wide damage would be measured in the trillions of dollars and it would take years if not decades before we could get back to anything resembling normal.

And yet, we face that kind of random chance every single day and there's nothing that we can do to stop it or to even prepare for it. In fact, Earth lucked out from having another "Carrington"-like CME happen back in 2012.

We are truly lucky to have such ideal circumstances for us to be here and to do the things that we can do. We are so dependent on technology right now that if anything were to happen in the cosmos to disrupt it, it would be a fate as bad as mass extinction.

So treat every day as a "thank you" to the fates and fortunes of the universe, because you never know when our collective roll of the cosmic dice will come up snake-eyes...

Until it does.

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NEXT ISSUE...



"ICARUS" CONTINUES WITH GALATEA POWERS JOINING FORCES WITH THE JUSTICE-KNIGHTS TO RESCUE DAYBRIGHT AND THE OTHER KHELDIANS IN SPACE.

BUT THEY ALSO DISCOVER SOMETHING ELSE THAT COULD MAKE THINGS EVEN WORSE.





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The City of Comic Creators is always looking for more talented writers, artists, and overall comic creators. We are a group of amateur creators with one thing in common: turning the stories in our heads into digital comics for others to share and enjoy.

All of us started out as players of Massive Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Games as well as fans of comic books, and it was our love of those two things that led us to become comic creators in our own right, taking our characters and our stories out of the MMOPRG and into digitized pages.

And if you're one of those people who are wondering how we could come up with these comics, and maybe even wanting to do one yourself, then we have a "How To" section for you.

Follow this address to the MMO Comic Index and look for the link on **"How To Create A Comic"**.

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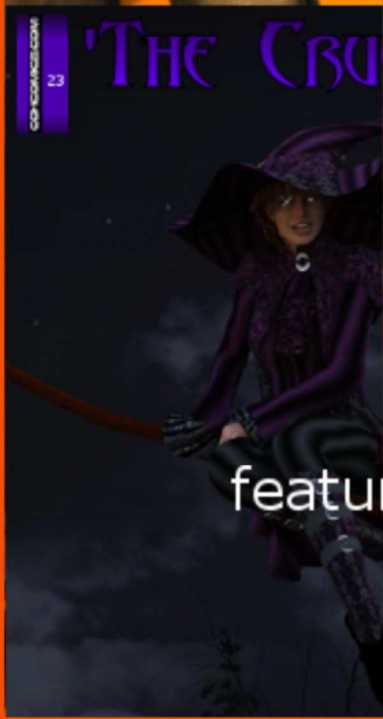
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