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AND THE GUARDIANS



WITH APPEARANCE BY...



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A BRICKSTOWN TO
TALOS ISLAND RETURN IS
FASTER THAN SYNAPSE

NEED TO GO SOMEWHERE AND GET BACK?

WE HAVE MORE TRAINS RUNNING AT THE WEEKEND

THAN WE'VE EVER HAD *

TALOS ISLAND RETURN \$12.00

GREEN LINE



*(STATISTICS ARE NOT FACTUAL)

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

Under the watching eyes of Lexie Lothora and LexieTech, Inc., Paragon City is besieged by strange robots.

The Guardians of the Dawn have been given the lead in dealing with these automated attackers, but even with help from all of the active heroes in the city, can they put an end to the seemingly mindless chaos and destruction?

And can they stop the other threat that is slowly making its way into the city?

"DESTITUTION"

- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

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BREAKING NEWS



I'M ROBIN STEED, AND WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON THE BREAKING NEWS CONCERNING THE ROBOT RAMPAGE ALL OVER PARAGON CITY.

BREAKING NEWS · ROBOT RAMPAGE

THE ROBOTS WERE FIRST REPORTED AN HOUR AGO COMING FROM VARIOUS UNMARKED DELIVERY TRUCKS. THEN IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT SOME ROBOTS CAME TO LIFE FROM THE SOUND SYSTEMS INSTALLED IN CERTAIN BUSINESSES.



ROBOT RAMPAGE ALL OVER PARAGON CITY · HEROES ON GAMMA-LEVEL ALERT

CITIZENS ARE BEING ASKED TO STAY INDOORS AND TO UNPLUG ANY LARGE HOME OR BUSINESS SOUND SYSTEMS YOU CURRENTLY USE. IF YOU DO SEE ONE OF THESE ROBOTS, PLEASE DIAL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.



POSITRON, LEADER OF THE FREEDOM PHALANX, HAS ISSUED A CITY-WIDE GAMMA-LEVEL ALERT FOR ALL REGISTERED HEROES. THEY ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

TURN OFF AND UNPLUG ALL LARGE SOUND SYSTEMS · POSSIBLE ROBOT THREAT

ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE, WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON THE CONDITION OF PNN REPORTER FAITH NOTTINGHAM, WHO WAS ONE OF THE FIRST VICTIMS OF THE RAMPAGE.* FAITH WAS TAKEN TO THE STEEL CANYON MEDICAL CENTER, WHERE SHE IS BEING TREATED FOR MINOR ELECTRICAL BURNS AND RUPTURED EAR DRUMS. ALL OUR HOPES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY.



FAITH NOTTINGHAM

(* LAST ISSUE)

STAY TUNED TO PNN FOR FURTHER UPDATES · ROBOT RAMPAGE ALL

YOU KNOW WHEN I SAID *COME SEE ME ANYTIME IF YOU WANT TO TALK*...

WHAM!

...I DIDN'T MEAN IN THE MIDDLE OF A GAMMA-LEVEL CRISIS!

Galatea Powers
(FAITH KARL)

WELL, I DIDN'T MEAN *TALK* RIGHT THIS MINUTE, GALATEA.

WHAM!

Furia Powers
FORMER PRAETORIAN

KA-POW!

RELAX. I WAS JUST MESSING WITH YOU.

BUT WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT...

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU WEARING?
DON'T TELL ME THAT'S YOUR NEW WORK OUTFIT!

BZZZZT



WHAT IF IT IS?

I'D ASK WHO YOU LOST A BET TO IN ORDER TO WEAR IT.



SCREEEEEEEEEEEE

NOT VERY FUNNY, GALATEA!

WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM



THIS OUTFIT WAS DESIGNED BY THE ICON TAILORS.

HOLD THAT THOUGHT...



THAT SHOULD GIVE US A LITTLE BREATHING ROOM.



MY VANGUARD COUNCILOR SAID THAT I NEEDED TO RE-MAKE MYSELF IN ORDER TO FEEL LIKE I BELONG IN THIS UNIVERSE.*

SO I ASKED THE ICON TAILOR THERE TO COME UP WITH A PARAGON VERSION OF MY OUTFIT.

AND THAT WAS YOUR MISTAKE RIGHT THERE, FURIA.

YOU REALLY SHOULD HAVE GONE TO ONE OF THE ICON STORES.

(* LAST ISSUE)



A FEW YEARS BACK, IN A DIFFERENT LIFE, I WORKED FOR THE ICON TAILORS AS AN APPRENTICE.*

I LEARNED EARLY ON THAT THE VANGUARD BASE GET ALL OF THE ROOKIE TAILORS. THEY'RE ALL ABOUT PATTERNS AND PROCEDURE, WITH NO IMAGINATION AND NO REAL SENSE OF CREATIVITY.

A GOOD TAILOR WOULD TELL YOU THAT SIMPLY COMING UP WITH A "PARAGON VERSION" OF A PRAETORIAN OUTFIT WOULDN'T MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU "BELONG" IN PARAGON CITY.

IT STILL LOOKS TOO MUCH LIKE YOUR PRAETORIAN OUTFIT, AND THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE WILL STILL SEE.

(* GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT #0)



SO WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
I MEAN, YOU'RE FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE... DID YOU HAVE A HARD TIME ADAPTING?



MORE THAN YOU KNOW. I SHOWED UP HERE WITH AMNESIA. NO IDEA WHO I WAS OR WHERE I CAME FROM FOR TWO YEARS.
WORSE YET, VANGUARD TREATED ME AS A SECURITY THREAT AND HAD ME LOCKED AWAY IN "QUARANTINE".



YOU?
NO WAY!



WAY. MYSELF AND RYDER AND MIDNIGHT X WERE ALL CONSIDERED "INVADERS" BECAUSE OF HOW WE GOT HERE. BUT WE PAID OUR DUES WITH THEM AND THEY GAVE US NEW LIVES AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES.*

* AS WILL BE SEEN IN "THE CITY'S FINEST: GUARDIAN EXILES", CURRENTLY IN PRODUCTION. >



I'LL LET YOU IN ON A LITTLE SECRET ABOUT HERO OUTFITS. SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO KEEP IT SIMPLE IN ORDER TO STAND OUT.

LET WHAT YOU DO MAKE THE BIGGER STATEMENT THAN WHAT YOU ARE WEARING. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?



YEAH... I THINK I DO.



GOOD. BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER BATCH OF WIND-UP TOYS JUST SHOWED UP.

LET'S SHOW THEM WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU MESS AROUND WITH THE POWERS.

TALOS ISLAND



ALERT!
RESOURCES
LOW!

HEADQUARTERS OF THE GUARDIANS
OF THE DAWN SUPERHERO GROUP

ALERT!
RESOURCES
LOW!

ALERT!
RESOURCES
LOW!

NO, NO,
NO...

COME
ON!

ALERT!
RESOURCES
LOW!

MINDY, THE
SYSTEM KEEPS
SLOWING DOWN.
WHAT'S GOING
ON WITH THE
CPCU?

Ryder Lightning
(BART WALLACE)

THE CPCU* IS BEING
OVERLOADED WITH
TRACKING ALL THE
HEROES THAT ARE
RESPONDING TO
THE CRISIS CALLS.

* CPCU: CENTRAL PROCESSOR
AND COMMAND UTILITY

IF WE WERE JUST TRACKING
THE ACTIVE GUARDIANS,
THAT WOULD BE ONE
THING.

BUT BEING GIVEN POINT
ON THIS CITY-WIDE
CRISIS BY POSITRON
SUDDENLY GAVE US
HUNDREDS OF HEROES.

I CAN SPARE SOME EXTRA
SPACE BY SHUTTING DOWN
SOME OF THE AUTOMATED
FUNCTIONS, BUT THAT'S
JUST A BAND-AID AT BEST.

Mindy Harrison
OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

NO... YOU HAVE THE
RIGHT ANALOGY, BUT
THE WRONG APPROACH.
THINK TRIAGE. FOCUS
ON THE MOST SERIOUS
MATTERS FIRST.

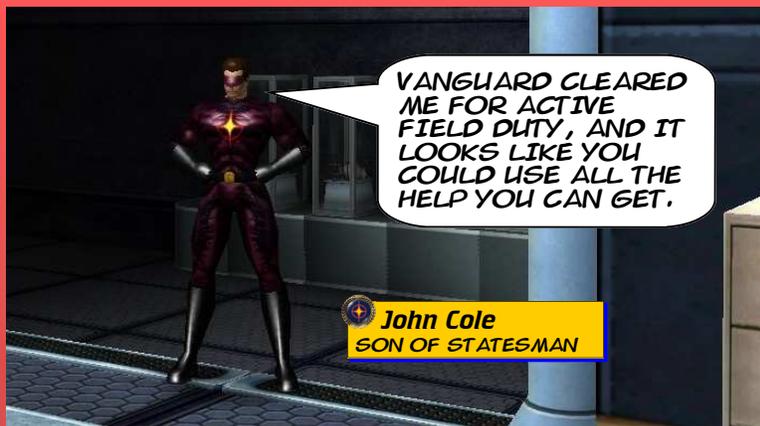
HAVE THE CPCU GIVE PRIORITY TO
FINDING THE CRISIS PROBLEMS
AND KEEPING LINES OF
COMMUNICATION OPEN.

PARAGON CITY'S MEDICAL
TELEPORT SYSTEM IS DESIGNED
TO HANDLE THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF
THE BULK OF THE HEROES, SO THE
CPCU JUST NEEDS TO FOCUS ON
THE STATUS OF THE GUARDIANS.



SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD PLAN, BOSS.
SO WHERE DO YOU NEED ME TO BE?

JOHN?



VANGUARD CLEARED ME FOR ACTIVE FIELD DUTY, AND IT LOOKS LIKE YOU COULD USE ALL THE HELP YOU CAN GET.

John Cole
SON OF STATESMAN



SO RATHER THAN COME SEE ME FIRST, YOU JUST PUT ON A COSTUME AND JUST JUMP IN? DO YOU EVEN HAVE A CODENAME?



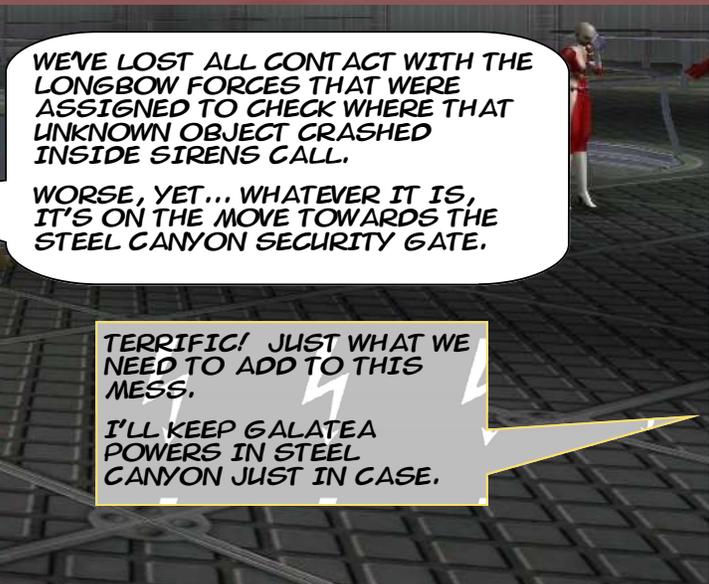
I AM COMING TO SEE YOU FIRST. THIS IS ME SEEING YOU FIRST. AND WE CAN WORK ON THE CODENAME LATER.



FINE... FINE... I'LL HAVE YOU LISTED AS SIMPLY "JOHN" FOR NOW.
GET ON OVER TO SKYWAY CITY AND HELP OUT PHARON AND KDAVE.



GUARDIAN BASE, THIS IS POSITRON AT FORT TRIDENT. HATE TO PILE ON YOUR TROUBLES, BUT WE HAVE A NEW SITUATION.



WE'VE LOST ALL CONTACT WITH THE LONGBOW FORCES THAT WERE ASSIGNED TO CHECK WHERE THAT UNKNOWN OBJECT CRASHED INSIDE SIRENS CALL. WORSE, YET... WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S ON THE MOVE TOWARDS THE STEEL CANYON SECURITY GATE.

TERRIFIC! JUST WHAT WE NEED TO ADD TO THIS MESS.
I'LL KEEP GALATEA POWERS IN STEEL CANYON JUST IN CASE.

Positron
(RAYMOND KEYES)

AEON CITY - CAP AU DIABLE

ROGUE ISLES

"STATUS REPORT."

CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS OF LEXIETECH, INC.

PHASE ONE IS CURRENTLY ON-SCHEDULE.

ALL SUPPORT UNITS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED THROUGH THE CITY.

SIREN'S CALL

"THE PAYLOAD IS ON HIS WAY TO THE STEEL CANYON GATE."

"WE ESTIMATE HE WILL BREAK THROUGH THE SECURITY AREA IN TEN MINUTES."

"BROAD-WAVE CONTROL IS CONNECTED THROUGH HIS NEURAL-NET, SO IT WILL BEGIN WHEN HE EMERGES ON THE STEEL CANYON SIDE."

PHASE TWO IS READY IN THE TRAVEL OFFICE, AWAITING YOUR GO-AHEAD.

HAVE ALL PARAGON CITY OFFICES TAKE THEIR MONITORS OFF-LINE. THEY MUST NOT BE CONNECTED TO THE LOCAL NETWORKS WHEN THE BROAD-WAVE TRANSMISSION BEGINS.

CALL IT AN "UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE". AND I WANT ONE MONITOR IN HERE ISOLATED AND STILL CONNECTED TO PNN WHEN THE BROAD-WAVE COMMENCES.

Lexie Lothora
LEXIETECH CEO



THESE THINGS JUST KEEP ON COMING!

Elite Ice Queen
(CYNTHIA DI GHIACCIO)

TashaTiger
(NATASHA PRISS)



I AGREE... THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE A PATTERN IN THEIR ATTACKS. THEY'RE JUST MINDLESSLY CAUSING CHAOS.

Pharon
(SET RAMSES)



YOU'RE WRONG.

CHAOS IS THEIR PLAN.

Cardinal Syn
(CASSANDRA DARE)

Jason Knight
STREET VIGILANTE



THIS IS ALL MEANT TO KEEP US BUSY.

DEplete OUR RESOURCES AND KEEP US DISTRACTED.



JASON? WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT?
DID THE VANGUARD DOCTORS CLEAR YOU?



YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO HAVE ME WAIT FOR DOCTORS, RYDER.

KINGS ROW IS STILL MY DOMAIN, AND I WILL PROTECT IT.

WITH OR WITHOUT MY DARK POWERS.*

(* SEE "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN GRADUATION" #3 FOR DETAILS.)

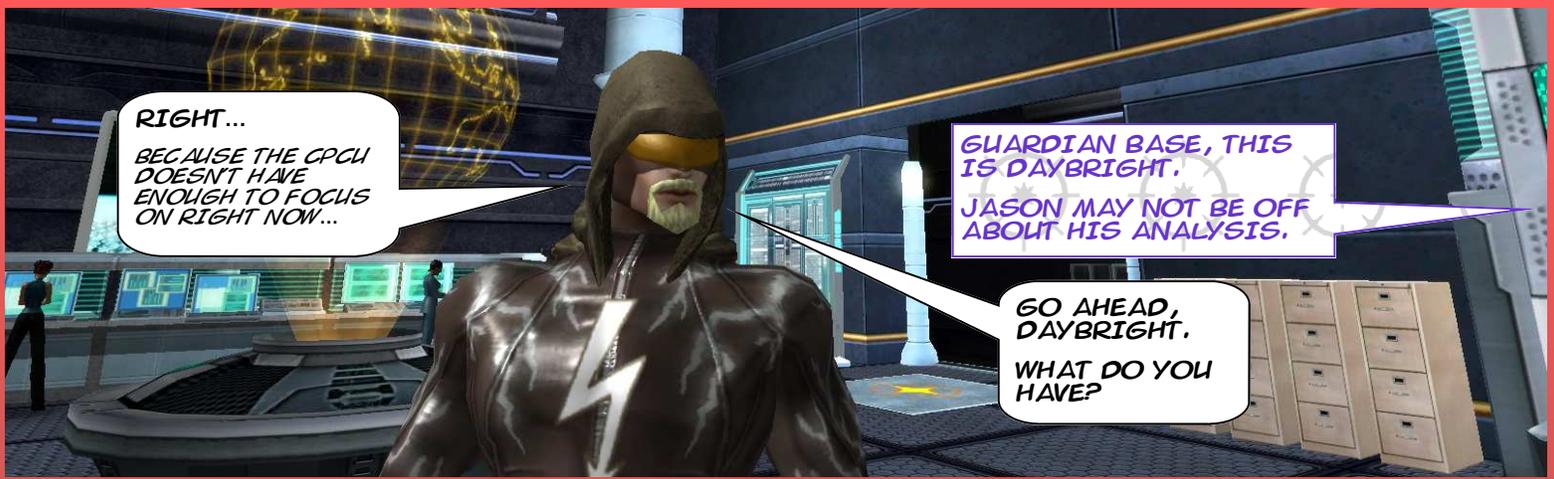


DON'T WORRY, RYDER. I STILL HAVE HIS BACK.
WELL, ME AND A FEW DOZEN OTHER STREET VIGILANTES HERE.

HAVE THE CPCI CHECK FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES.

SOMETHING LOW ON THE PRIORITY THAT DOESN'T SEEM CONNECTED TO THE ROBOTS.

THAT'LL BE THE REAL OBJECTIVE.



RIGHT...
BECAUSE THE CPCU
DOESN'T HAVE
ENOUGH TO FOCUS
ON RIGHT NOW...

GUARDIAN BASE, THIS
IS DAYBRIGHT.
JASON MAY NOT BE OFF
ABOUT HIS ANALYSIS.

GO AHEAD,
DAYBRIGHT.
WHAT DO YOU
HAVE?

UNDERNEATH CITY HALL - ATLAS PARK



I WAS HELPING THE
TECHNICIANS IN CITY HALL
UPDATE THE SYSTEMS WHEN A
FEW OF THE SPEAKERS HERE
TURNED INTO ROBOTS.

I WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT THEM,
BUT THEN I NOTICED THAT TWO
OF THEM WERE SPECIFICALLY
ACCESSING THE EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS TERMINAL.

THAT'S ODD...
EVERY OTHER REPORT
THAT WE HAVE SAID
THAT THEY SIMPLY
ATTACKED ANYTHING
ON SIGHT.
WHAT DID THEY GET
ACCESS TO?



THAT'S JUST IT,
RYDER.
I REALLY DON'T KNOW
WHAT THEY DID OR
WHAT THEY GOT
ACCESS TO.

Daybright
(GRACE FELLOWS)



THEY COULD HAVE
DOWNLOADED
ACCESS CODES...
OR THEY COULD
HAVE INSTALLED
MALWARE INTO THE
NETWORK.
I REALLY WON'T
KNOW UNTIL I
FINISH THE
DIAGNOSTIC THAT
I'M RUNNING NOW.



UNDERSTOOD.
GIVE ME A REPORT
WHEN IT'S DONE.
AND THEN I'LL NEED
YOU OUT IN THE
FIELD WITH THE
OTHER GUARDIANS.



UNDERSTOOD.
NO PROMISES, JUST
THE WEIGHT OF THE
WORLD ON MY HYBRID
KHELDIAN SHOULDERS...
AGAIN.

THIS IS APRIL RAMIREZ, REPORTING FROM SKYWAY CITY, WHERE THE HEROES HAVE BEEN GOING BLOCK-BY-BLOCK TO CLEAR THE AREA OF THE STRANGE ROBOTS.



"THIS BLOCK ITSELF WAS JUST CLEARED THANKS TO PHARON AND KDAVE OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN."

LIVE · APRIL RAMIREZ · SKYWAY CITY



SKYWAY CITY · MINUTES AGO



YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED ONE OTHER HERO THAT HAS BEEN SEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN, AND THAT IS THE UNIDENTIFIED MALE WITH THE "GUARDIAN STAR" LOGO ON HIS CHEST.



SOME HERE HAVE BEEN SPECULATING THAT THIS IS THE SAME MYSTERY MAN FROM VANGUARD THAT WAS DUBBED "GLY", AND HAS RECENTLY BEEN ROMANTICALLY LINKED TO GALATEA POWERS.

GUARDIANS LEADING POINT FIGHTING OFF ROBOT RAMPAGE

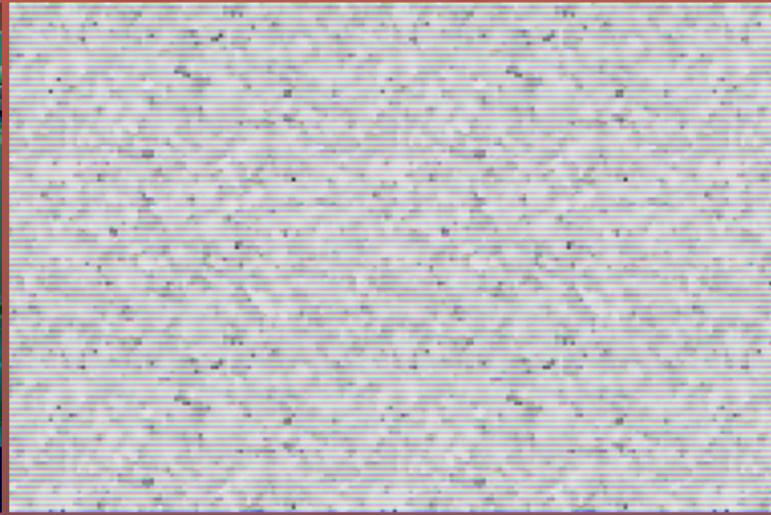


"GUARDIAN STAR", HUH?

THAT ACTUALLY HAS A NICE RING TO IT.

OKAY, THAT WAS APRIL RAMIREZ IN SKYWAY CITY.

AND NOW WE WANT TO UPDATE YOU ON--



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WHAT THE HELL?



WHAT TH..?

MY SCREEN'S DEAD!

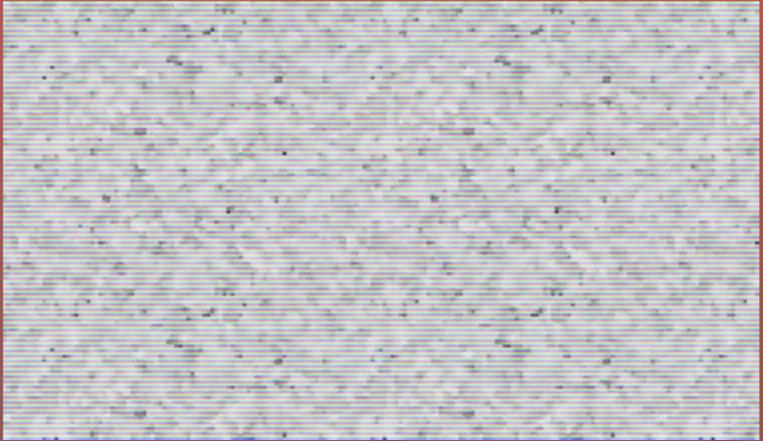
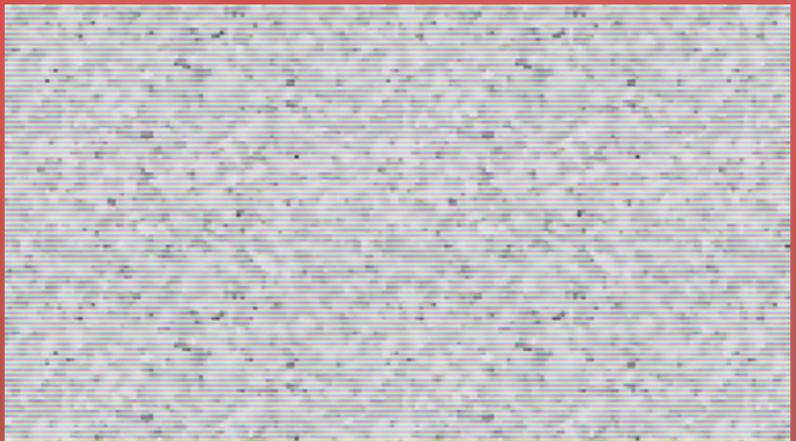
MINE TOO!

I NEED A TECH HERE!

I GOT NOTHING!



OKAY, I DID NOT DO THIS!

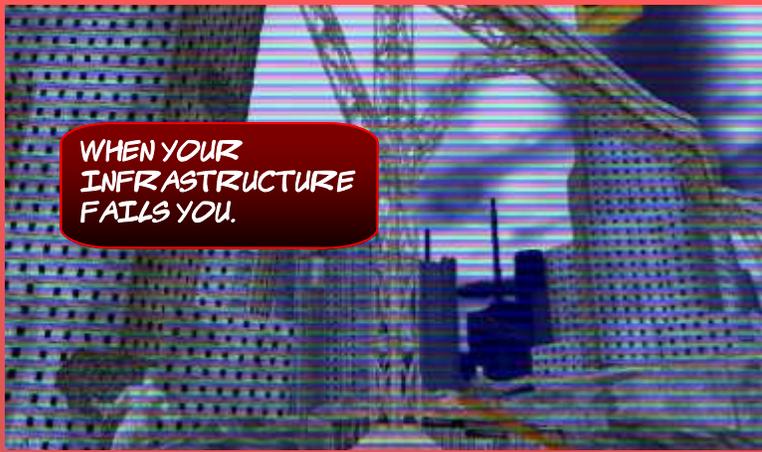


DESTITUTION



IT IS A STATE OF EXTREME POVERTY.

WHEN YOUR INSTITUTIONS HAVE ABANDONED YOU.



WHEN YOUR
INFRASTRUCTURE
FAILS YOU.



WHEN YOUR
SUPPOSED HEROES
FAIL YOU.



WHEN YOU ARE
DEVOID OF ALL HOPE.
THAT IS
DESTITUTION.



THAT IS
WHAT I AM.



THAT IS WHAT
I WILL LEAVE
YOUR CITY
WITH WHEN I
AM FINISHED.



I AM...
DESTITUTION!



WELL DONE.
EXACTLY
AS IT WAS
WRITTEN.



OKAY, I WANT
GALATEA POWERS
AND FURIA POWERS
OVER THERE RIGHT
NOW TO TAKE THAT
GLY DOWN!



SIR, WE LOST
ALL ACCESS TO
THE COMMS.

WHAT??



ALL OF THE
COMMUNICATION
NETWORKS ARE
DOWN.

THAT CAN'T BE!
THEY'RE ALL
ON SEPARATE
SYSTEMS!

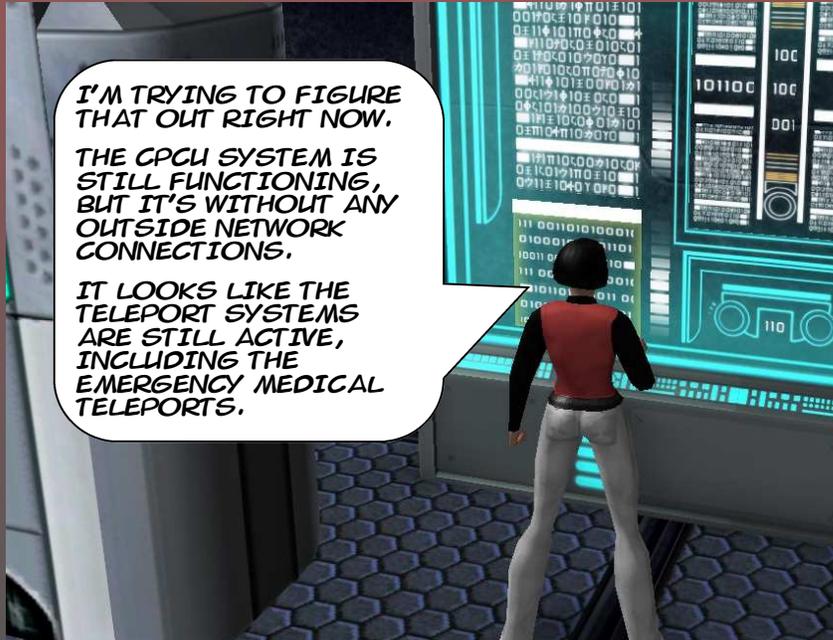


THEY MAY ALL BE ON
SEPARATE SYSTEMS,
BUT THEY'RE ALL TIED
IN THROUGH THE
VARIOUS CPCU
SYSTEMS EMPLOYED
BY THE FREEDOM
CORPS, VANGUARD,
AND JUST ABOUT
EVERY SUPERHERO
GROUP IN THE CITY.

SO THIS "DESTITUTION"
MANAGED TO TURN OUR
PRIZED INVENTION* INTO
THE MEANS TO SHUT DOWN
ALL COMMUNICATION
SYSTEMS IN THE CITY.

MINDY, WHAT ABOUT THE
CPCU SYSTEM ITSELF?
WHAT IS AND IS NOT
AFFECTED?

*GUARDIANS OF THE
DAWN SPOTLIGHT* #12)



I'M TRYING TO FIGURE
THAT OUT RIGHT NOW.

THE CPCU SYSTEM IS
STILL FUNCTIONING,
BUT IT'S WITHOUT ANY
OUTSIDE NETWORK
CONNECTIONS.

IT LOOKS LIKE THE
TELEPORT SYSTEMS
ARE STILL ACTIVE,
INCLUDING THE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL
TELEPORTS.



SO UNLESS WE
CAN GET THE
WORD OUT BY
CARRIER PIGEON,
WE HAVE TO WAIT
UNTIL SOMEONE
COMES HERE TO
USE THE
TELEPORTERS.

I WONDER HOW
WIDE-SPREAD
THIS THING IS?

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU MEAN WE LOST CONTROL OF OUR OWN SIGNAL?!

Kenny "K.C." Emerson
PNN GENERAL MANAGER

WE HAVE AN EYE-RIVETING MANIFESTO FROM THE BIGGEST THING SINCE THE RIKTI, AND YOU'RE TELLING ME WE CAN'T CAPITALIZE ON IT BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE CONTROL OF OUR OWN STATION'S TRANSMITTERS?!?

EVERYTHING INSIDE THE BUILDING IS WORKING, MISTER EMERSON.

BUT THE TRANSMITTERS ARE TIED INTO THE CITY'S EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION NETWORK.

AS SOON AS THOSE WERE TAKEN OVER, EVERYTHING CONNECTED TO IT WENT DOWN TOO.

HELL, WE CAN'T EVEN USE THE CELLPHONES OR THE LANDLINES!

YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY, WHEN WE HAVE OUR FINGERS INTO EVERY ASPECT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN THE CITY, WE'RE LEFT WITH THOSE FINGERS UP OUR ASSES?

I WANT EVERY TECHNICIAN WE HAVE... HELL, DIG UP GUGLIELMO MARCONI FROM THE GRAVE IF YOU HAVE TO... AND I WANT SOME WAY FOR US TO GET BACK ON THE AIR SO WE CAN--

SO... YOU DARE CHALLENGE ME?

AND HOW THE HELL IS HE STILL ABLE TO CONTROL OUR BROADCASTS?!?

I'M MORE CONCERNED AS TO WHERE HE'S DOING IT FROM...

THAT'S... THAT'S RIGHT OUTSIDE THIS BUILDING!

SOMEONE HAS TO... MIGHT AS WELL BE ME.

OUTSIDE THE PNN BUILDING

SO DO YOU HAVE A NAME? OR WILL YOU BE ANOTHER NOBODY THAT I HAVE KILLED TODAY?

THE NAME'S QUALINA...
AND IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT SOMEONE SHUT YOU UP.

★ Qualina
(SARINA MARTINEZ)

GO AHEAD...
GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT.

TOO SLOW!

FWOOSH!

WHAM!

MADRE DE DIOS...

WHAT'S WRONG?
THE FIGHT HAS ONLY BEGUN!



WHY AREN'T YOU FIGHTING BACK?
WHY AREN'T YOU SHUTTING ME UP?



YOU ARE NO CHALLENGE!

SHE IS NOT EVEN WORTH KILLING.
I WILL LEAVE HER TO MY ROBOT MINIONS TO DO WITH AS THEY WISH.

IF THIS IS ALL THAT THIS CITY HAS TO OFFER FOR A CHALLENGE, THEN IT DESERVES TO BE DESTROYED.





Image by Yon Phillipz

But it wouldn't hurt to put on some clothes too...

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**THE GAME IS GONE...
BUT NOT THE STORIES...**



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JUDICIAL CENTER - FOUNDERS FALLS

I FEEL
HELPLESS.

I'M STUCK AS A BYSTANDER
WHILE A HERO FALLS TO
THAT MONSTER.

A FEW YEARS AGO, I WOULD
BE OUT THERE; TAKING ON
THE MONSTER AS THE
LIBERTARIAN AVENGER.

EVEN THOUGH I CAN WEAR
THE COSTUME, I CAN'T
PULL A BOWSTRING.**

BUT THAT WAS BEFORE
AN ASSASSIN'S
BULLET NEARLY
KILLED ME.*

A "HERO" IN NAME ONLY.

 Alex Wentworth
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

(* "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN AFTERMATH")
(** "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN GRADUATION")

I CAN'T EVEN CONTACT THE
GUARDIANS TO GET AN
UPDATE OR OFFER ADVICE.

WHATEVER "DESTITUTION"
DID, IT ALSO AFFECTED
MY OWN COMMUNICATOR.

AND AS MUCH AS I WOULD
LIKE TO TELEPORT THERE
AND HELP RYDER, I HAVE
RESPONSIBILITIES HERE
AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY
THAT I CAN'T SET ASIDE.

ALL I CAN DO NOW IS
WATCH... AND WAIT.

AND PUT MY FAITH IN
RYDER AND THE REST OF MY
TEAM THAT THEY CAN DO
WHAT IT TAKES TO PUT THAT
MONSTER DOWN BEFORE HE
DISMANTLES THE CITY IN
PIECEMEAL.

STILL, I'VE NEVER
FELT MORE HELPLESS
IN MY LIFE.

SKYWAY CITY

WHAT'S WRONG?

I DON'T KNOW...

ONE OF THE CIVILIANS SAID HE HEARD THERE WAS SOME BOSS FIGURE IN STEEL CANYON, BUT I CAN'T CONTACT GUARDIAN BASE TO CONFIRM IT.

YEAH, I TRIED MY COMMUNICATOR ALREADY. GOT NOTHING BUT STATIC. I THINK JOHN'S JUST MISSING HIS GIRLFRIEND.

IT DOESN'T MATTER. WE STILL HAVE A JOB TO DO HERE.

KDave
(PHIL SKI)

LOOK, WE'RE JUST A HUNDRED FEET OR SO FROM A BASE PORTAL. I CAN HOP ON OVER AND BE BACK BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.

YOU WILL DO NO SUCH THING.

WE STILL HAVE A JOB TO DO, MISTER COLE, AND THAT IS TO KEEP THE PEOPLE SAFE FROM THOSE ROBOTS.

THAT'S WHAT STATESMAN WOULD TELL YOU.

MY FATHER IS DEAD.* AND I DIDN'T KNOW HIM LONG ENOUGH TO TELL ME ANYTHING. SO ONCE WE FINISH THIS, I WILL CHECK OUT STEEL CANYON. AND YOU AND I WILL HAVE A TALK LATER!

FAIR ENOUGH.

AFTER WE FINISH CLEARING SKYWAY CITY OF THE THREAT.

* FROM THE IN-GAME STORYLINE "WHO WILL DIE?"



IT'S TIME TO PUT THIS TO AN END!



MY NAME IS GALATEA POWERS.
AND IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGE, THEN I'M IT.



ALRIGHT!
KICK HIS ASS, TAYA!



TAKE HIM DOWN HARD, GALATEA.



GOOD! GIVE HIM A FEW FOR ALL OF US!



PERFECT.
NOW WE GET TO SEE JUST HOW WELL THOSE "GIFTS" FROM LORD GEDDY HOLD UP.



GALATEA POWERS... EVEN I'VE HEARD OF YOU.

YOUR DEFEAT WILL CERTAINLY BRING THIS CITY TO ITS KNEES.

THIS CITY'S SUPPOSED "TRUE GUARDIAN".



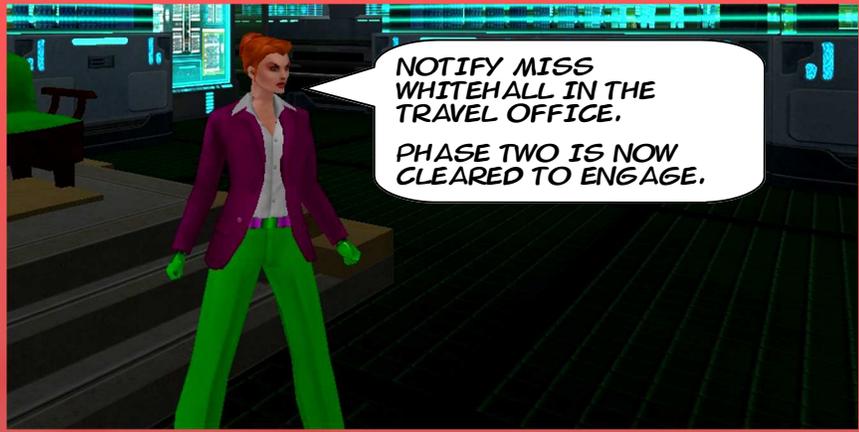


**BEHOLD,
PARAGON CITY!
YOUR TRUE GUARDIAN
IS DEFEATED!**

**AND EVERY OTHER
HERO THAT DARES
TO CHALLENGE ME
WILL SHARE HER
FATE!**



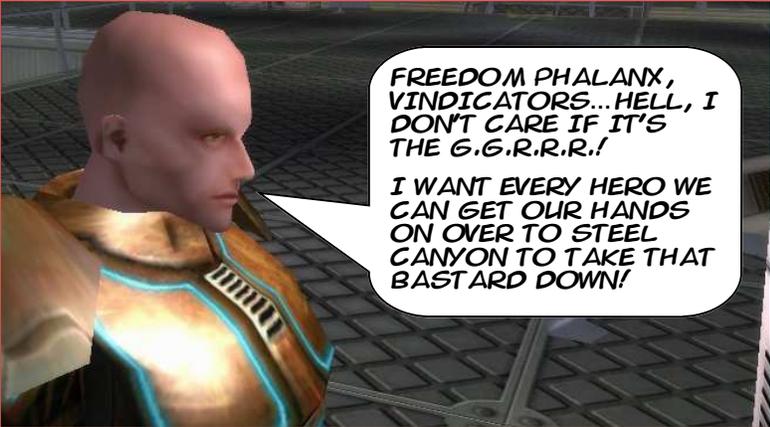
OUT-STANDING!
DESTITUTION IS
DOING BETTER
THAN I EVER
EXPECTED.



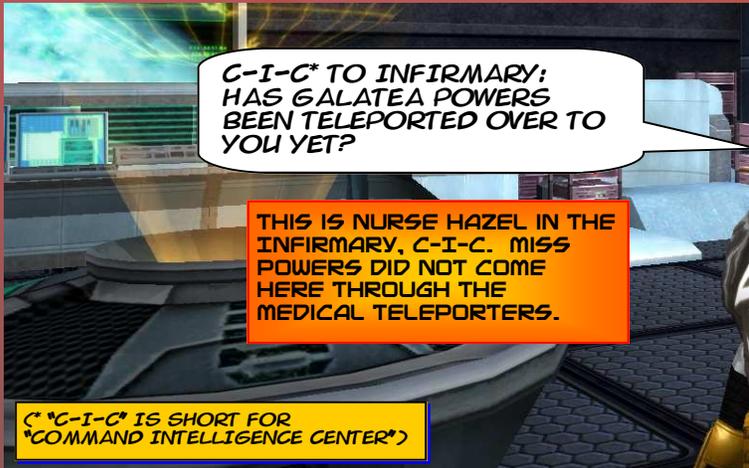
NOTIFY MISS
WHITEHALL IN THE
TRAVEL OFFICE.
PHASE TWO IS NOW
CLEARED TO ENGAGE.



I WANT EVERY
LONGBOW
SOLDIER IN HERE
TO GRAB A
PORTAL AND
SPREAD THE WORD
IN PERSON.



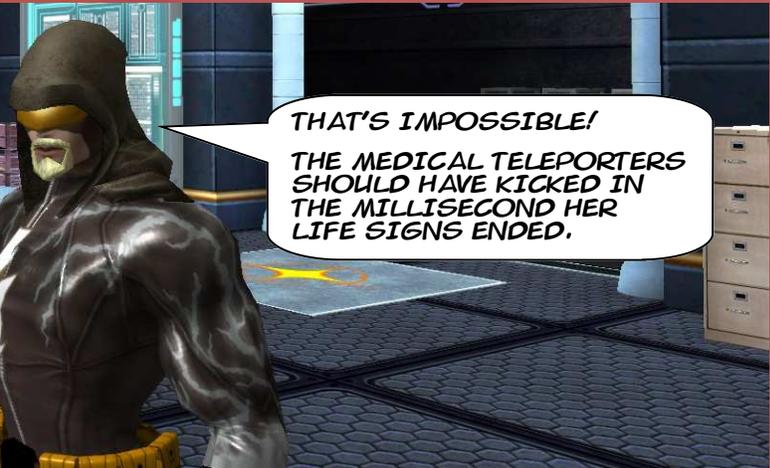
FREEDOM PHALANX,
VINDICATORS...HELL, I
DON'T CARE IF IT'S
THE G.G.R.R.R.!
I WANT EVERY HERO WE
CAN GET OUR HANDS
ON OVER TO STEEL
CANYON TO TAKE THAT
BASTARD DOWN!



C-I-C* TO INFIRMARY;
HAS GALATEA POWERS
BEEN TELEPORTED OVER TO
YOU YET?

THIS IS NURSE HAZEL IN THE
INFIRMARY, C-I-C. MISS
POWERS DID NOT COME
HERE THROUGH THE
MEDICAL TELEPORTERS.

(*C-I-C* IS SHORT FOR
COMMAND INTELLIGENCE CENTER)



THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
THE MEDICAL TELEPORTERS
SHOULD HAVE KICKED IN
THE MILLISECOND HER
LIFE SIGNS ENDED.





GOODNESS!
YOU LOOK
TIRED!

I'M OKAY,
WHERE IS
SHEP?



IF YOU MEAN MISS
POWERS, WELL, SHE
HASN'T COME HERE.
IN FACT NOBODY'S
BEEN IN THE INFIRMARY
SINCE THIS WHOLE
THING BEGAN.



THAT'S ACTUALLY
A MIRACLE, IF
YOU ASK ME.

CPCU, THIS IS RYDER
LIGHTNING. SECURITY
AUTHORIZATION XAVIER-
HILO-THOMAS-SAMUEL-
SEVEN-ZERO-TWO.
I NEED ACCESS TO THE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL
TELEPORT CONSOLE.

AUTHORIZATION
APPROVED.



ACCORDING TO THIS...
GALATEA'S HERO ID
CARD IS STILL LISTED
AS ACTIVE, BUT
THERE'S NO KNOWN
LOCATION.



EVEN IF SHE WAS SENT
TO ONE OF THE
HOSPITALS OR ONE
OF THE MEDICAL
TELEPORTS IN POCKET
D OR THE VANGUARD
BASE, THE SYSTEM
WOULD STILL LIST IT
IN THE LOGS AND IT
WOULD SHOW UP HERE.



SO SHE'S STILL ALIVE...
BUT SHE'S NOT HERE.
WHERE THE HELL DID SHE
DISAPPEAR TO?



**C-I-C TO INFIRMARY:
RYDER, GET OVER TO
A VIEWING TERMINAL
RIGHT NOW!**



**OKAY, LET'S
SEE WHAT...**



**IS THAT..?
OH NO!**



**HEY
UGLY!**



**I DON'T KNOW WHAT
YOU DID TO GALATEA...**

**BUT I PROMISE
YOU I WON'T BE
THAT EASY TO
GET RID OF!**

**Next:
Furia vs
Destitution!**

FURIOUS SCRIBBLINGS

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

Say Hello To Our New Crew!

So...

In the last issue, I talked about how we were able to bring back the world of the “City of Heroes” even though the MMO itself has been gone for two years. Obviously a lot of digital magic and some good friends have been very helpful in making this little “miracle” happen, and I’m glad they’re able to help me continue to bring these stories to digital life.

With that said, let’s talk about some of the characters - old and new - that will be showing up here.

Furia Powers: Obviously our title character will be featured more often than the others. While we can’t say that she’ll be in every issue, it’s a safe bet that you’ll see her in most issues in one form or another.

Just like the title of the previous issue, “Do-Over” will allow us to see Furia as she re-starts her “new life” in Paragon City, complete with a new identity, a new day job, and even a new look.

Galatea Powers: Our long-time favorite superheroine won’t be going away anytime soon... current issue notwithstanding. But, as was revealed in “Guardians of the Dawn GRADUATION” #3, she’s got a few new issues to deal with, including a new boyfriend. And, soon, a new roommate.

John Cole: The “son of Statesman” has been on the periphery since his expulsion from the Libra Order in “The Guardian Powers”. And even though he’s been “allowed” to start field work as a hero, he’s far from being trusted. There’s still a lot about him that needs to be discovered, including whether or not he really is the biological son of Paragon City’s greatest hero.

KDave: The “Super-Strong Beefy Guy” from “Tales from Paragon City” #1 was re-introduced as a new Guardian in “GRADUATION” #2, and some of what happened to him between those two issues was covered in his return. But what about the group he was in before the Guardians?

Lexie Lothora: Obviously we’re leading off strong with our main villainess. But there’s a lot more to Lexie than just her beauty and hyper-

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tech toys. There is a reason why Lord Geddy picked her to be his “proxy”, and it’s not necessarily because she had potential to become a new member of the Bilderburg Alliance. You’ll find out more about her and about LexieTech itself in future issues.

Malcom Rochspare: The “bad boy” attorney with the white hair isn’t going away anytime soon, despite being removed from the Rocinante Group in “GRADUATION” #1. In fact, you’ll be seeing him again real soon.

Hank Geddy: The phony “hero” and former agent of the Rocinante Group has an agenda all his own since his release from Vanguard’s ultra-max prison. We got a glimpse of it in “GRADUATION” #3, but you’ll see more soon.

Andrew Wentworth: The patriarch of the Wentworth Dynasty and CEO of Wentworth’s Fine Consignment stores was mentioned often in the “GRADUATION” mini-series as being a rather active patron for the Guardians, and you’ll be seeing more of that in future issues. Obviously that will conflict with Ryder’s style of management.

Cardinal Syn: One of the new Guardians that made her debut in “GRADUATION” #2 will have her own origin story told soon, including her connection to Jason Knight, aka **MidKnight X**, who is going through some changes himself after being released from the corruptions of the dark god Mot. Whew! That’s a lot to digest... and we’re just getting started! There will be more, including someone you will least expect becoming a Guardian.

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NEXT ISSUE...



**IT'S FURIA POWERS VERSUS
DESTITUTION IN A WINNER-TAKE-ALL
BATTLE FOR PARAGON CITY!**

**BUT CAN THE FORMER PRAETORIAN DO
WHAT EVEN THE TEAM'S MOST POWERFUL
MEMBER COULDN'T?**

AND WHERE DID GALATEA POWERS GO?

**ALL THIS AND LEXIE LOTHORA'S
"PHASE TWO" IS FINALLY
REVEALED IN THE NEXT ISSUE!**



Did you know that...

- ◆ Statistically speaking, you have a better chance at getting robbed in Paragon City - the so-called “City of Heroes” - than anywhere in the Rogue Isles? It’s true!
- ◆ Despite an ongoing and hostile boycott of trade by the United States and most European nations, the Rogue Isles continue to thrive and serve as a shipping hub for goods.
- ◆ We have completely solved homelessness, joblessness, and hunger!
- ◆ There is no energy crisis thanks to our advanced energy program bringing free energy through most of the Isles.
- ◆ Our education program has a 99.9% success rate. Almost every single graduate of our Rogue Isles University will find a job immediately! Some find work even before they graduate!
- ◆ Our climates are constant... and comfortable.
- ◆ Despite what you hear from the media, most places in the Isles are still locally-governed, and enjoy the highest and longest-lasting citizen satisfaction rating than any country in the world today.
- ◆ There are no “War Walls” in the Isles - either literally or politically.

So why continue to buy the hype that the Rogue Isles are somehow “evil”?

COME TO THE ROGUE ISLES
YOU'LL BE BETTER HERE THAN ANYWHERE ELSE!

Statistics are not an accurate representation of standards of living or chances of survival. Climate is controlled through volcanic clouds and magic. Most brand goods are not legally available due to ongoing international boycott. Local officials are honorary members of Arachnos or are put to death for treason.

Paid for by the Rogue Isles Chamber of Commerce and Tourism. All hail Lord Recluse and Arachnos!

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