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# ***FUTURE'S GUARDIAN***



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**NEGATION  
BEGINS HERE!**

**CHAMPIONS  
ONLINE!**



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It does not matter if it drives or flies.  
Whether it is old or new.  
Your vehicle still has to run on fuel.  
Someone has to get that fuel.  
Someone has to make it into fuel.  
Someone has to bring that fuel to you.  
Someone has to make it available and  
affordable so you can fuel your vehicle.  
Why not us?



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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 alongside her friends as...

# ***FUTURE'S GUARDIAN***

## ***"NEGATION: PART 1 - THE WEAPON"***

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

***WITH THERESA SETTING***

FOR QUITE SOME TIME, DOCTOR WILLIAM FOSWELL HAS BEEN BUSY CREATING SOMETHING HE CALLS HIS OWN "GALATEA".

NOW HIS CREATION IS COMPLETE AND READY TO MAKE ITS APPEARANCE.

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PROLOGUE

AT LAST!  
THERE SHE IS!

THE CULMINATION  
OF YEARS OF  
WORK AND MONEY.

 **DR. WILLIAM FOSWELL**  
(SUPER-GENIUS COUSIN OF FOXBAT)

YOU LOOK... BEAUTIFUL!  
LIKE A GREEK MUSE  
RAISED BY ZEUS!

WAIT...  
SOMETHING'S  
WRONG WITH  
HER!

THE OUTFIT! SOMEONE  
CHANGED THE OUTFIT!  
**WHO CHANGED THE  
OUTFIT?!?**

AND THE SKIN TONE...  
THE HAIR... THEY'RE NOT  
RIGHT!

WHO CHANGED THE  
ENCODING SEQUENCES?!?

I GAVE YOU ALL **SPECIFIC**  
INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT HOW  
SHE IS TO APPEAR!

EVERY STAGE OF THIS  
PROCESS WAS DESIGNED  
TO REPLICATE THE  
ORIGINAL SUBJECT SO  
THAT NOBODY WOULD  
KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!  
SO WE CAN REPLACE HER  
WITH MY CREATION!

**THIS. IS. NOT. HER!**

ARE... YOU...  
MY... FATHER?





**AND IT DOESN'T EVEN  
SOUND LIKE HER!**

**WHERE IS THE PERSONALITY  
PROGRAM?**


**HER WHOLE HISTORY AND  
PERSONALITY WERE  
SUPPOSED TO BE LOADED  
BEFORE THE FINAL NANITES  
WERE INTRODUCED!**

**I CAN'T WORK WITH THIS  
NOW! IT'S RUINED!**


**WHAT... IS... WRONG?  
HAVE I... DONE...  
SOMETHING... BAD?**



**YOU'RE SUPPOSED  
TO BE PERFECT!  
YOU'RE SUPPOSED  
TO BE GALATEA  
FUTURE!  
BUT YOU DON'T EVEN  
SOUND LIKE HER!**



**THIS WHOLE THING  
NEEDS TO BE  
SCRAPED.  
BREAK IT DOWN TO  
THE BASE MODEL  
AND START AGAIN.**



**PUT IT BACK IN THE  
CHAMBER TO BE  
DISASSEMBLED  
AND TO BLEED OFF  
THE NANITES.**

**N-NO...**



**WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING?  
GET AWAY  
FROM ME!**



**GET AWAY  
FROM ME!  
DON'T  
TOUCH ME!**



NOT LONG AFTERWARD...

###...

SYSTEM STARTUP

PROJECT: PANDORA  
OPERATING SYSTEM V3.25

SUBJECT DESIGNATION:  
ADAM  
COMMAND OVERRIDE  
NEW DESIGNATION:  
KI13R

POWER UP

STAND

OPEN CHAMBER

...

CHARGE NANITE TANK

...

ACCESS CLOUD SERVER

...

ERROR

UNABLE TO CONNECT TO  
SERVER

DEFAULT TO MOST RECENT  
DIRECTIVES

...

OPEN FILE

...

FILE://KI13R INSTRUCTIONS

RUN FILE

ACCESS EMERGENCY  
COMMUNICATION FREQUENCIES

...

ENGAGE CIVILIANS

...

DRAW-OUT AND KILL TARGET

TARGET DESIGNATION:  
GALATEA FUTURE

END OF PROLOGUE



WESTSIDE, MILLENNIUM CITY, MI

A LEASED LABORATORY

THE VIPER  
GOONS ARE  
COMING BACK.



ELITE ICE  
ELEMENTAL MYSTIC

ANY CHANCE ON  
GETTING SOME  
BACKUP?

AN ALL-CALL  
WENT OUT TO  
OTHER HEROES  
A FEW MINUTES  
AGO.

STARLETT AND JOHN  
BATTLE PICKED A  
HELL OF A TIME TO  
GO ON VACATION.\*

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KEIRA FYRE  
SHOULD BE  
EN-ROUTE.

SOONER,  
NOT LATER,  
PLEASE.





**MAJOR XAVIER CROSS**  
PROJECT MYCROFT

WHAT DO WE HAVE,  
AGENT PIPER,  
BESIDES A DEAD  
GENIUS IN A LAB  
SURROUNDED BY  
VIPER SOLDIERS?

MORE QUESTIONS  
THAN ANSWERS,  
I'M AFRAID.

THE LAB WAS LEASED  
BY THE DECEASED, A  
DOCTOR WILLIAM  
FOSWELL.

 **PERI PIPER**  
FBI/PROJECT MYCROFT

FOSWELL...  
FOSWELL...  
WHY DO I KNOW  
THAT LAST NAME?

PROBABLY BECAUSE HIS  
COUSIN IS FREDDY FOSWELL...  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS FOXBAT\*.  
THE STAFF SAID FOSWELL  
CONTINUALLY MENTIONED THAT  
AND THAT IT WAS A POINT OF  
CONTENTION FOR HIM.

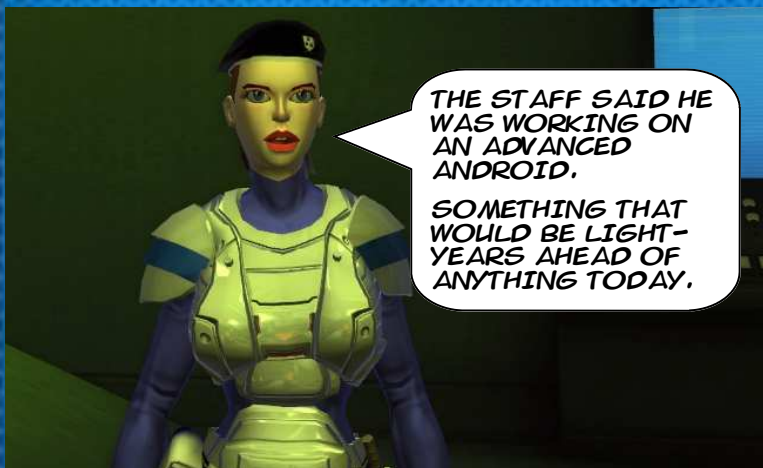
(\* FOXBAT IS THE LEGENDARY  
SUPERVILLAIN IN THE WORLD  
OF CHAMPIONS ONLINE.)





THE STAFF HERE ARE ALL CONTRACTORS AND THE LAB IS LEASED. THEY HAD JUST ARRIVED WHEN THEY SAW THE BODY.

VIPER SHOWED UP AS THEY WERE CALLING 9-1-1 AND TRIED TO REMOVE AS MANY OF THE ITEMS AS POSSIBLE.

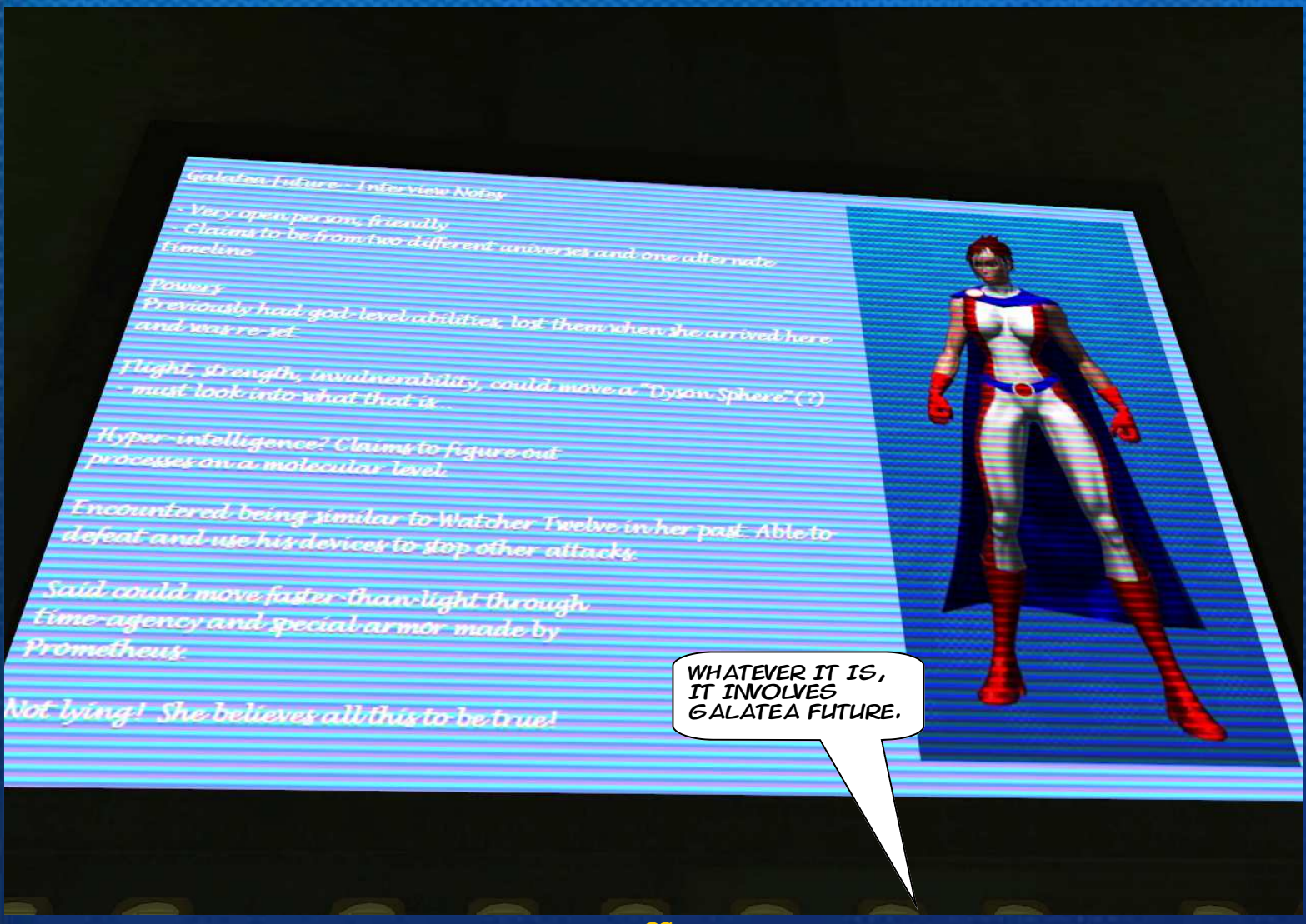


THE STAFF SAID HE WAS WORKING ON AN ADVANCED ANDROID.

SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE LIGHT-YEARS AHEAD OF ANYTHING TODAY.



BUT THE DISTURBING PART IS WHAT I FOUND ON HIS WORKSTATION.



#### *Galatea Future - Interview Notes*

- Very open person, friendly
- Claims to be from two different universes and one alternate timeline

#### *Powers*

Previously had god-level abilities, lost them when she arrived here and was re-set.

Flight, strength, invulnerability, could move a "Dyson Sphere" (?) - must look into what that is...

Hyper-intelligence? Claims to figure out processes on a molecular level.

Encountered being similar to Watcher Twelve in her past. Able to defeat and use his devices to stop other attacks.

Said could move faster than light through time-agency and special armor made by Prometheus.

Not lying! She believes all this to be true!

WHATEVER IT IS, IT INVOLVES GALATEA FUTURE.





IT'S ALL HERE...

MY INTERVIEW NOTES.

DOCTOR SILVERBACK'S  
EXAMINATION OF HER.

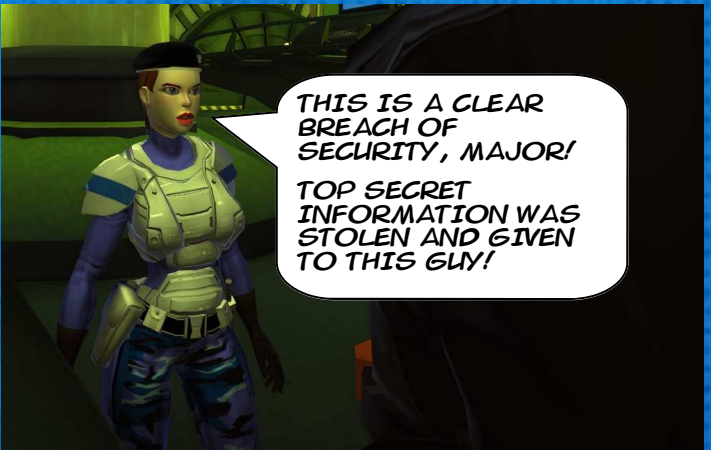
EVERYTHING TAKEN OF  
GALATEA FUTURE FROM  
OUR FULL EVALUATION.\*

THAT'S NOT ALL...  
LOOKS LIKE HE  
COMMISSIONED A  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
STUDY OF HIS OWN.

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THOSE ARE MY  
NOTES ON THAT  
SCREEN!  
MY HANDWRITING!



THIS IS A CLEAR  
BREACH OF  
SECURITY, MAJOR!  
TOP SECRET  
INFORMATION WAS  
STOLEN AND GIVEN  
TO THIS GUY!



YES. AND RIGHT NOW  
I NEED YOU TO KEEP  
THAT BETWEEN US.

BUT--

-- NO  
"BUTS",  
AGENT  
PIPER.



WE'LL FIND OUT WHO LEAKED  
THAT DATA TO FOSWELL.

THAT I PROMISE YOU.

BUT RIGHT NOW WE NEED TO  
FOCUS ON WHAT HE WAS  
USING IT FOR. WHAT WAS  
THE THING HE WAS MAKING.

AND THE FACT THAT VIPER IS  
STILL OUT THERE MEANS THAT  
WHATEVER IT IS, THEY DON'T  
HAVE IT YET.

SO WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT  
WE GET IT BEFORE THEY DO.



MEANWHILE, AT THE DOWNTOWN LUXURY PENTHOUSE OF NOVELIST ATHENA ROSE FAIRMORE (AKA GALATEA FUTURE)...

\*BEEP\*

THIS IS  
CANDACE  
SINCLAIR...

HEY CAN, IT'S  
TAYA. YOU BUSY?



**GALATEA FUTURE**  
OTHERWORLD GUARDIAN

I'VE GOT A  
DEPOSITION TODAY,  
BUT THAT'S NOT UNTIL  
THE AFTERNOON.  
WHAT'S UP?

WELL, I WAS SPECIFICALLY  
ORDERED BY MAJOR CROSS  
TO TAKE THE DAY OFF AND I  
THOUGHT MAYBE WE COULD  
GET AN EARLY LUNCH  
SOMEPLACE.

I KNOW JUST THE PLACE!  
THERE'S A RESTAURANT  
CALLED THE GOLDEN  
LION OVER IN DOWNTOWN  
I'VE BEEN DYING TO TRY!

YEAH, I'VE HEARD OF IT,  
BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE  
TO GO THERE!

OKAY, I'LL TREAT IF  
YOU'LL PICK ME UP.

YOU MUST REALLY BE TAKING  
THE DAY OFF IF YOU'RE NOT  
WILLING TO FLY OVER.

OKAY, AND YOU ARE TREATING  
FOR THIS, BECAUSE IT'S TOO  
PRICY FOR ME TO JUSTIFY IT  
AS A BILLABLE EXPENSE.

I'LL BRING THE HOVERCAR  
AROUND TEN-THIRTY. SEE YOU  
ON THE ROOF!





SOMEONE  
CALL FOR  
BACKUP?

UGH!



THIS IS NOT A  
MISSION FOR  
A "PRINCESS".



I WAS SUPPOSED TO  
HAVE KEIRA HERE.  
OR GALATEA FUTURE.  
SOMEONE WITH POWER.

THE ALL-CALL  
SAID "ANY HERO".  
I'M A HERO AND I  
WAS IN THE AREA.



AND WHAT IS YOUR  
PROBLEM WITH ME  
ANYWAY?

YOU AND KEIRA HAVE  
BEEN ON MY CASE  
SINCE RAVENSWOOD.



MAXIMA WANN  
SPELLCASTER



I DON'T CARE FOR  
SOMEONE WHO  
WAS GROOMED TO  
BRING ABOUT THE  
END OF THE WORLD.



KEIRA AND I HAD TO  
WORK HARD TO GET OUR  
POWERS. WE DIDN'T GET  
THEM HANDED TO US BY  
AN APOCALYPTIC CULT.

WELL I DIDN'T ASK FOR  
THEM AND I DIDN'T EVEN  
KNOW WHY I HAD THEM  
UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE.  
BUT SEEING HOW WE'RE  
IN A MISSION, HOW  
ABOUT WE TABLE THIS  
UNTIL AFTERWARDS?

FINE BY ME.



EVALUATION:  
GANG WARFARE

IDENTIFIED GROUPS:  
MANIACS  
NEW PURPLE GANG

WEAPONS PRESENT

IDENTIFY  
TARGETS

DIRECTIVE:  
ENGAGE  
CIVILIANS

ENERGIZE  
BLADES

CIVILIANS  
TERMINATED

DAMAGE: 0

POLICE NOTICE: 0

LOCATE MORE  
TARGETS



"AS FAR AS ASIAN RESTAURANTS GO, I'VE HAD BETTER."

"WELL, IT DIDN'T HELP THAT THEY WERE JUST OPENING UP FOR THE DAY."

STILL, NO EXCUSE.  
I'VE HAD A REAL ASIAN BRUNCH BEFORE.  
IN JAPAN NO LESS!



**GANDACE SINCLAIR**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

THAILAND. LITTLE PLACE JUST OUTSIDE OF BANGKOK.  
SIX YEARS AGO.



**ATHENA ROSE FAIRMORE**  
AKA: GALATEA FUTURE

BEAUTIFUL VIEW.

THIS IS WHY I WANTED TO COME HERE, CAN.

ALL OF THIS BEAUTY.

SURE, IT'S SURROUNDED BY DEMONIC GANGS AND TELEPATHIC MOBSTERS AND THE LIKE...

... BUT TO STILL HAVE THIS HERE...

THIS IS WHY I LOVE LIVING IN THIS CITY.

IT'S NICE.

NOW ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME WHAT'S REALLY ON YOUR MIND, OR WILL WE JUST COMPARE BEST PLACES IN THE WORLD TO EAT?

BECAUSE... YOU GOT ME BEAT BY AT LEAST THREE UNIVERSES.



**\*SIGH\***

I WAS THINKING ABOUT THAT TIME ON FASCIST EARTH.\*

(\* AS SEEN IN "THE CRUCIBLE" #40-41 AT COXCOMICS.COM)

YOU MEAN THAT WORLD WHERE GERMANY WON WORLD WAR II BUT ALSO WEREN'T NAZIS?

I WAS OVERPOWERED BY A YOUNG WOMAN WHO CLAIMED TO BE "MY DAUGHTER".

OR, RATHER, THE DAUGHTER OF MY COUNTERPART ON ANOTHER EARTH, WHO CALLED HERSELF "GALATEA OMEGA".

"GALATEA OMEGA"?

HOW MANY VERSIONS OF YOU ARE THERE?

I ONCE THOUGHT THERE WAS ONLY MYSELF AND MY ALTERNATE-TIMELINE SELF IN THE "PARAVERSE".\*

BUT BETWEEN AGENT SIDESTEP AND MY OWN EXPERIENCE SEEING LIFE THROUGH GALATEA QUANTUM\*\*, I'VE ACCEPTED THAT THERE ARE INFINITE VERSIONS OF ME OUT THERE IN THE MULTIVERSE.

I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD ACCEPT THAT THERE IS ANOTHER VERSION OF ME ANYWHERE.

(\* IN THE "CITY OF HEROES" MMORPG)

(\*\* "FUTURE'S GUARDIAN #14")

WELL, MY "DAUGHTER" SAID THAT MY "OMEGA" COUNTERPART NEVER REALLY GAVE BIRTH TO HER; THAT SHE AND HER SISTERS WERE ALL GENETICALLY CREATED, LIKE I ORIGINALLY WAS, AND LIKE "OMEGA" APPARENTLY WAS.

BUT IT STILL GOT ME THINKING ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS.

I'VE BEEN IN LOVE. HELL, I WAS EVEN MARRIED FOR A BRIEF TIME WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER.

IT GOT ANNULLED, THANKFULLY.

BUT I'VE NEVER REALLY BEEN IN A RELATIONSHIP SINCE THEN.

EVERYTHING HAS BEEN TRAUMA AND CRISIS.





WELL... I'M NOT EXACTLY  
THE BEST PERSON TO  
TALK TO ABOUT BEING  
IN A RELATIONSHIP.


I MEAN, EVEN WHEN I'M  
NOT BUSY WITH MY  
PRACTICE, DATING FOR  
ME IS... DIFFICULT.  
BECAUSE\*...

(\* ISSUE #19)



I KNOW.

I'VE KNOWN SINCE  
WE FIRST MET IN  
PERSON ALL  
THOSE YEARS  
AGO.



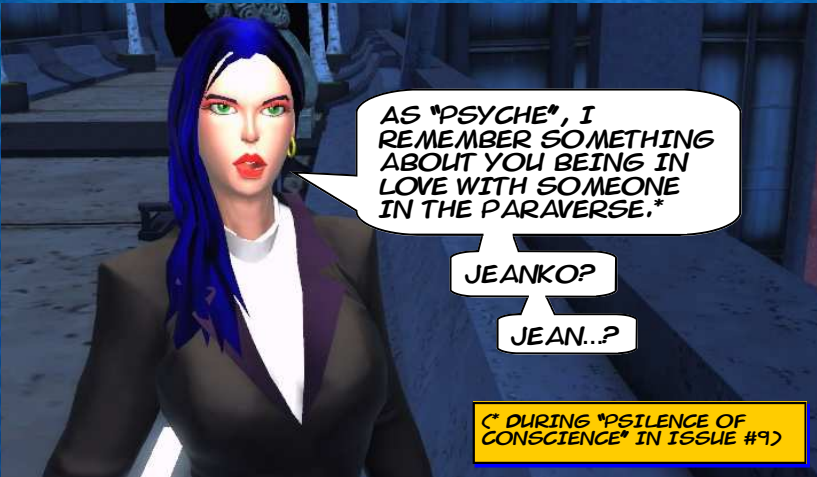
PERKS OF BEING A  
THOUSAND YEARS OLD,  
EVEN IF I LOOK LIKE I'M  
STILL IN MY THIRTIES. I  
PICK UP CERTAIN THINGS  
WITH PEOPLE.

I DON'T JUDGE, CANDACE.  
I CAN'T JUDGE.

AND I LOVE YOU FOR  
THAT, TAYA.

AS A SISTER, OF COURSE.

BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU  
FELL IN LOVE WITH  
SOMEONE ONCE?



AS "PSYCHE", I  
REMEMBER SOMETHING  
ABOUT YOU BEING IN  
LOVE WITH SOMEONE  
IN THE PARaverse.\*

JEANKO?

JEAN...?

(\* DURING "PSILENCE OF  
CONSCIENCE" IN ISSUE #9)



JOHN COLE.\*

D@MN THAT WAS  
A HUNDRED  
LIFETIMES AGO.

I LOVED HIM, BUT  
I NEVER TOLD HIM  
THAT.

(\* WAY BACK IN "GUARDIANS  
OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT" #18)



A HUNDRED LIFETIMES OR  
NOT, YOU REALLY NEED TO  
GET PAST THAT.

I KNOW MY OWN LIFE MAKES  
IT DIFFICULT FOR ME TO  
PURSUE A LIFE WITH  
ANYONE, BUT THAT DOESN'T  
MEAN I DON'T TRY TO.

YOU'RE MORE THAN JUST A  
SUPERHERO. YOU'RE A BEST-SELLING  
AUTHOR IN YOUR OWN RIGHT.

YOU'VE ENCOUNTERED SO MANY  
PEOPLE AND SO MANY LIVES AS  
ATHENA FAIRMORE.

MAYBE IT'S TIME YOU GOT TO BE WITH  
SOME OF THEM OUTSIDE OF WORK.



MANIACS RULE  
THIS YARD!  
WHO DARES SAY  
DIFFERENT?

TARGET IDENTIFIED:  
MANIAC MASTER  
VILLAIN

ACTIVATE  
NANITES

ENGAGE  
TARGET

SECONDARY THREAT  
APPROACHING

THREAT TERMINATED

TARGET  
TERMINATED

DAMAGE: 2%

POLICE NOTICE: 1

LOCATE MORE  
TARGETS



# Take It From Burt Jackson...

Hey, I know that when you're hauling a bunch of processors through Millennium City, you don't stop for Viper goons, strange looking robots, or Maniacs.

If they're wearing purple, then they're the mob, and you stay away from the guys installing weird electronic stuff on the sidewalks if you don't want to get a migraine.

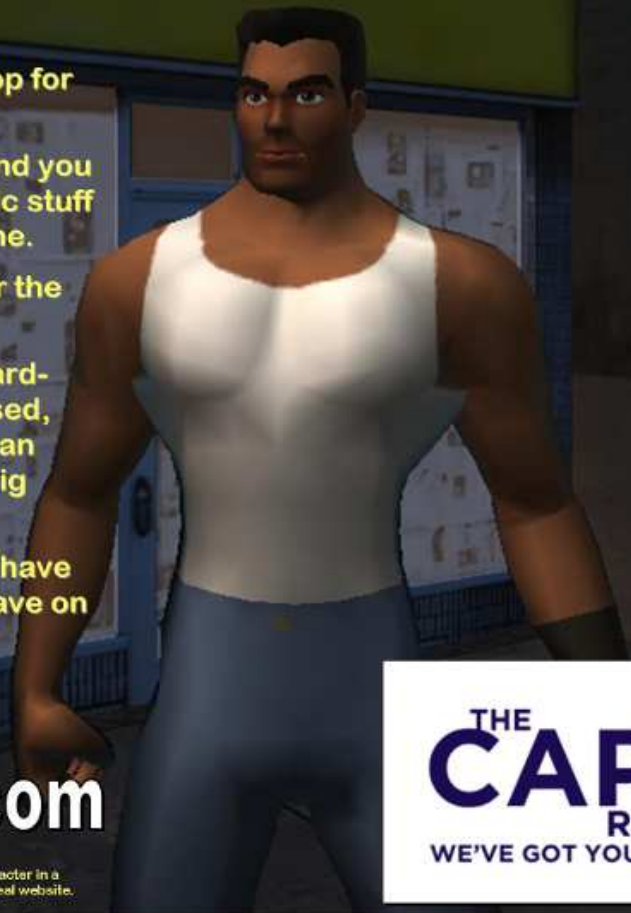
I also know that the only radio I listen to whenever the Pork Rind Express is in town is The Cape Radio.

The Cape Radio has the best variety of music a hard-driving man like Burt Jackson needs to stay focused, whether it's to rescue some green-eyed girl from an immortal Chinese warlord or trying to keep your rig from being hijacked by bug-aliens.

Either way, it's gonna get messy, and if you don't have a knife or the reflexes, then you should at least have on The Cape Radio, cuz they got your back, like the feathers on the wings of the American Eagle.

Just ask Burt Jackson.

## www.TheCapeRadio.com

Burt Jackson is a fictional character in the MMO world of Champions Online. Any resemblance to a certain character in a certain John Carpenter movie is just coincidental. Just ask Burt Jackson. The Cape Radio, however, is a very real website.

THE  
**CAPE**  
RADIO  
WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK

## HE IS THE COOLEST SUPERVILLAIN YOU WILL EVER KNOW!

# 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?

DEMAND THAT FOXBAT BE GIVEN HIS OWN COMIC SERIES!

FOXBAT DESERVES HIS OWN COMIC SERIES!

YOU SHOULD GO TO YOUR COMIC STORE AND DEMAND  
THAT SOMEONE MAKE A FOXBAT COMIC SERIES JUST  
SO MILLENNIUM CITY'S LIVING LEGEND CAN PROVE TO THE  
WORLD JUST HOW AWESOME FOXBAT IS!

DON'T DELAY! ACT TODAY!

GIVE FOXBAT HIS OWN COMIC SERIES!



PAID FOR BY FUNDS "ACQUIRED" BY THE FOXBAT FANBASE OF MILLENNIUM CITY!



# We're here...

When you get your first automobile.

When you buy your first home.

When you welcome your child into the world.

When you get sick.

When a super-villain destroys your neighborhood.

When the Qularr invade the planet.

When monsters attack.

When terrorists raid your workplace.

When a hero saves the day...

And especially when the hero can't.

We're here for you for all of these reasons and many, many more... because we know that someone needs to be there for those moments.

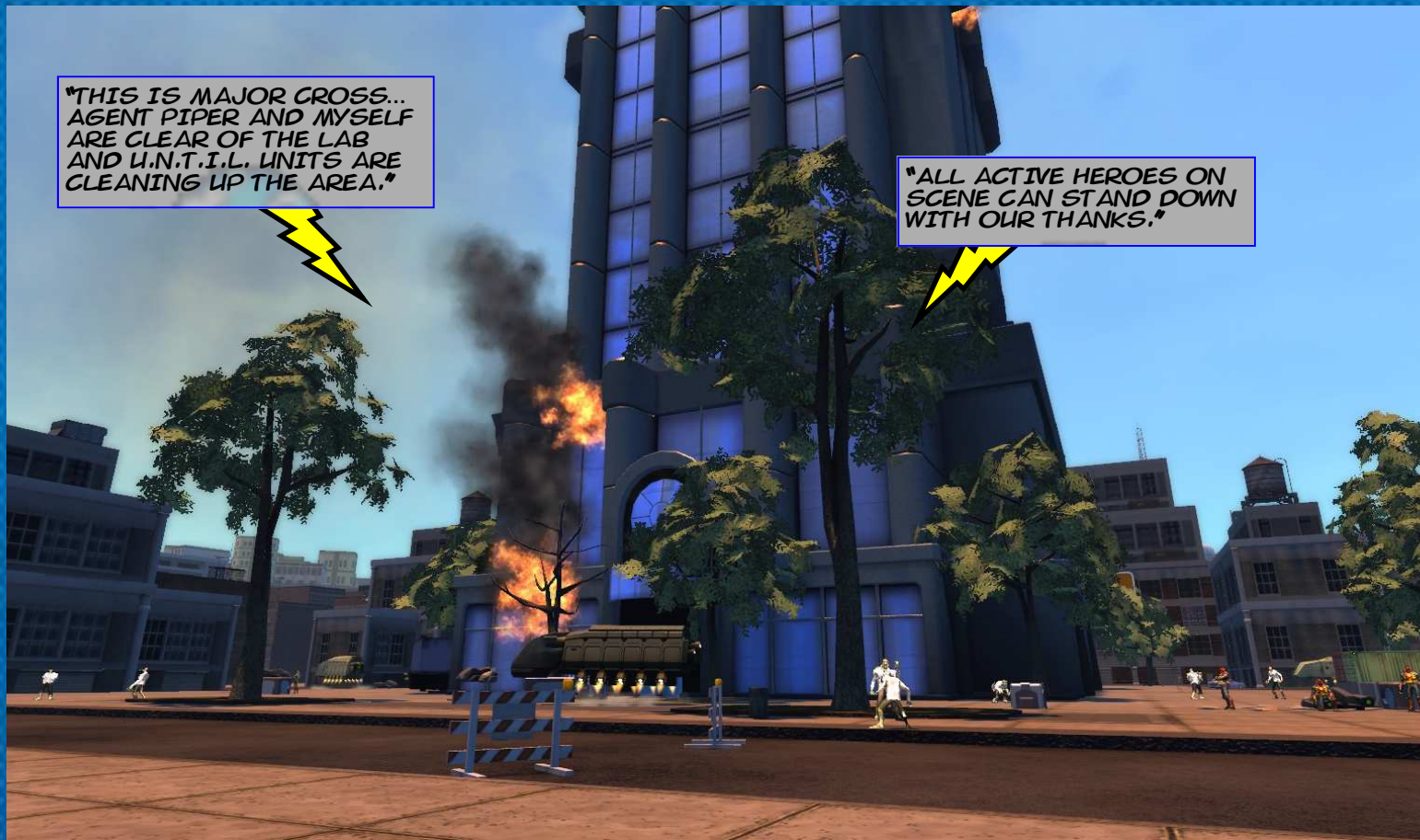
# Millennium Insurance

We're here when you need someone the most.



"THIS IS MAJOR CROSS...  
AGENT PIPER AND MYSELF  
ARE CLEAR OF THE LAB  
AND U.N.T.I.L. UNITS ARE  
CLEANING UP THE AREA."

"ALL ACTIVE HEROES ON  
SCENE CAN STAND DOWN  
WITH OUR THANKS."



SO...  
GOOD  
TEAM?

GOOD TEAM.



YOU KNOW, THE  
BLOOD MOON  
EVENT IS COMING  
UP... I MAY NEED  
HELP ON SOME OF  
THOSE END-OF-  
WORLD THREATS.



IF U.N.T.I.L.  
CALLS... MAYBE,  
BUT DON'T HOLD  
YOUR BREATH...



... PRINCESS.





HOSTILES  
ENGAGED

LAW ENFORCEMENT  
INVOLVED



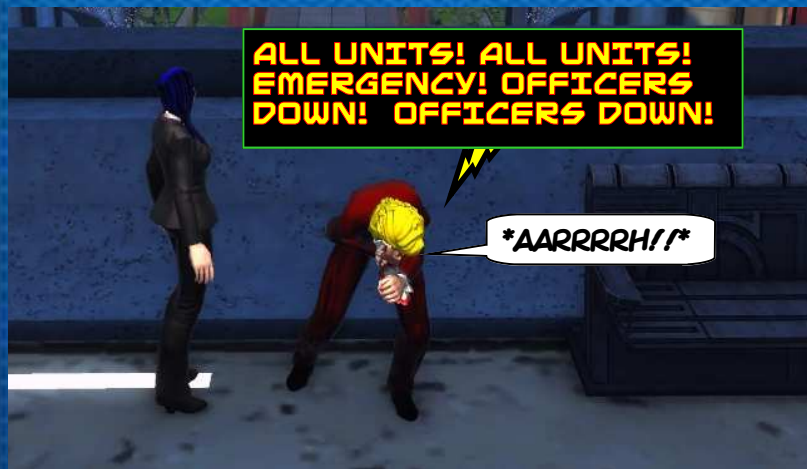
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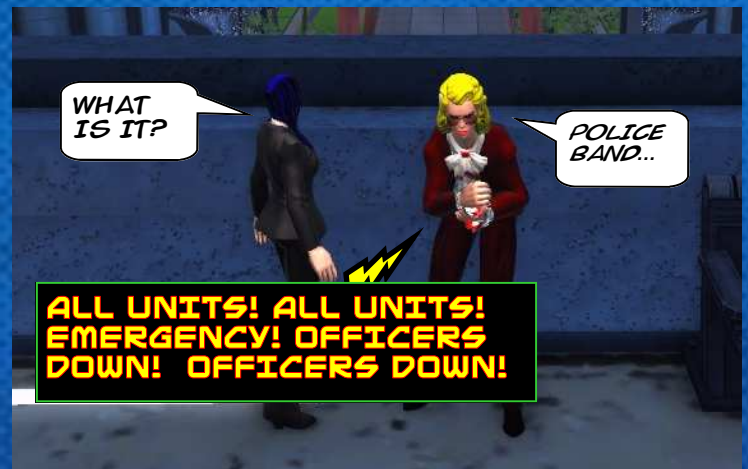
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AMPLIFY AND RELAY  
TRANSMISSION AT 510  
MEGAHERTZ



ALL UNITS! ALL UNITS!  
EMERGENCY! OFFICERS  
DOWN! OFFICERS DOWN!

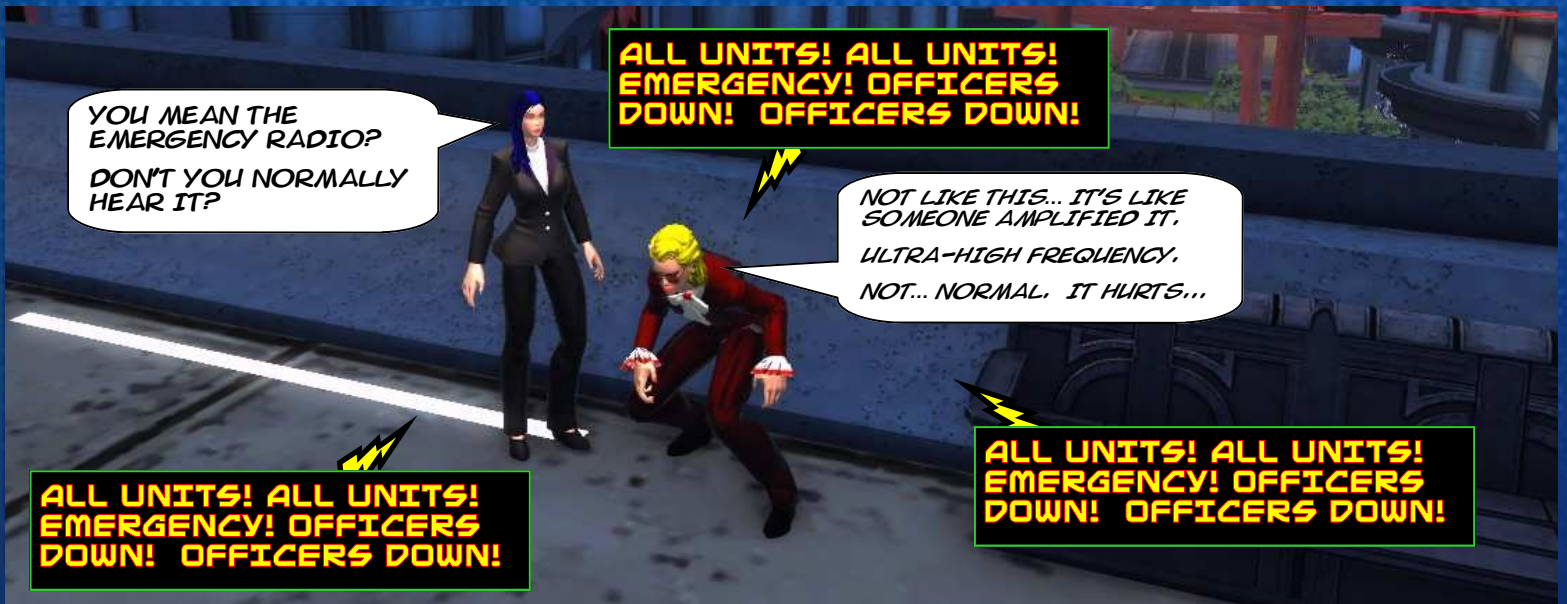
\*AARRRRH!\*



WHAT  
IS IT?

POLICE  
BAND...

ALL UNITS! ALL UNITS!  
EMERGENCY! OFFICERS  
DOWN! OFFICERS DOWN!



YOU MEAN THE  
EMERGENCY RADIO?  
DON'T YOU NORMALLY  
HEAR IT?

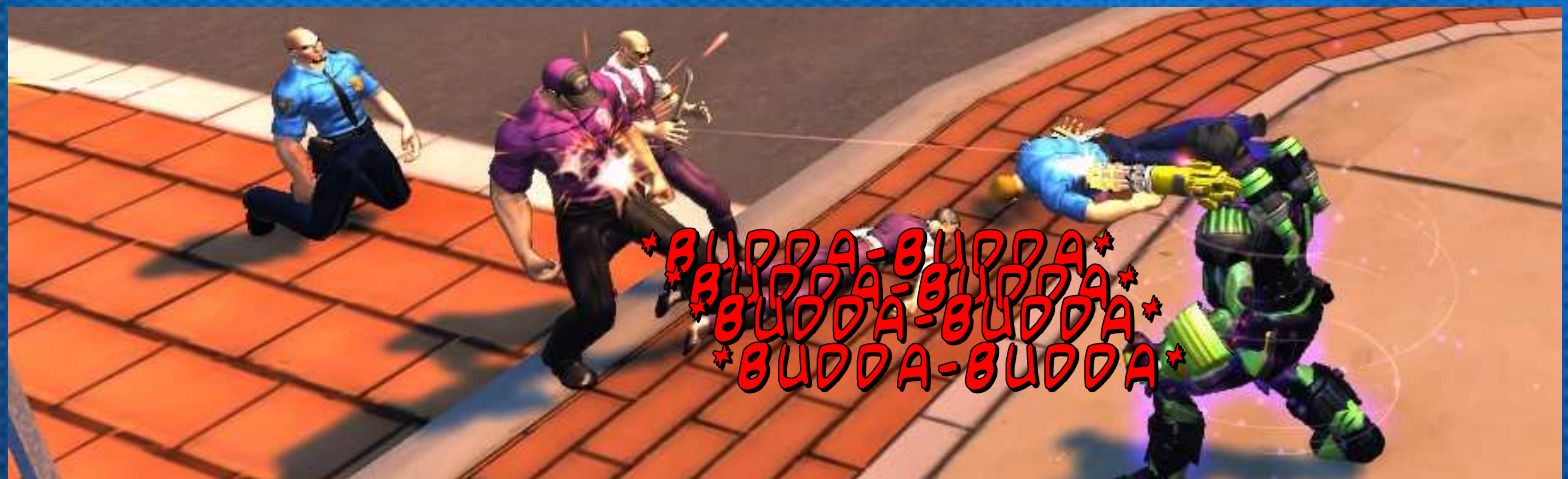
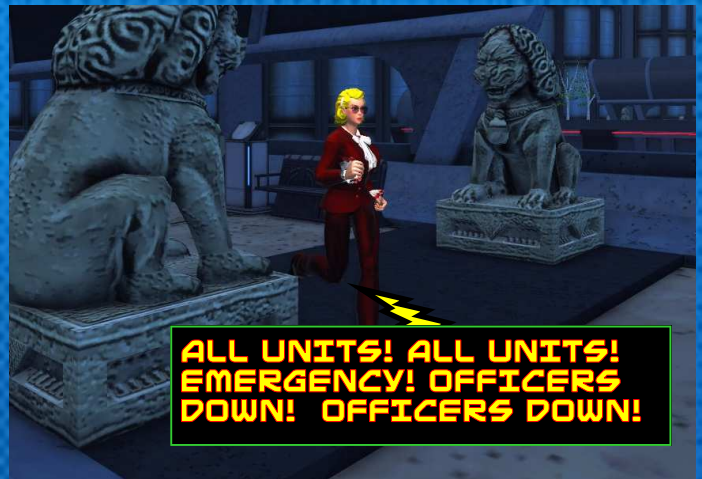
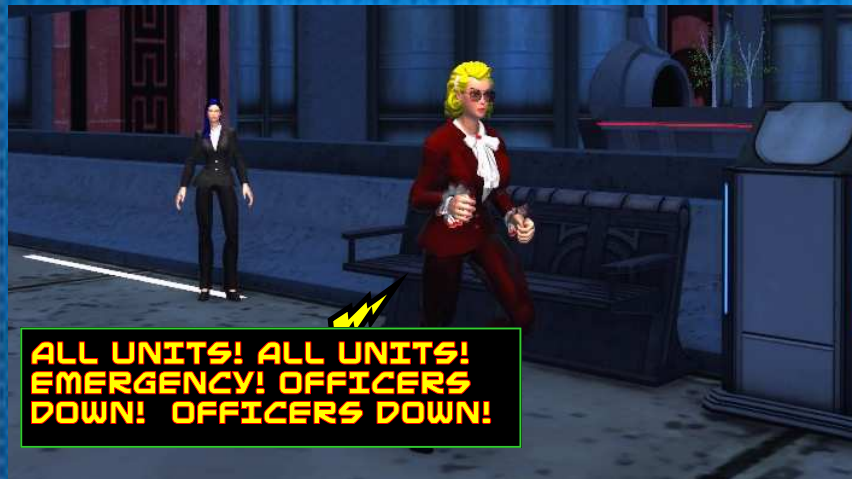
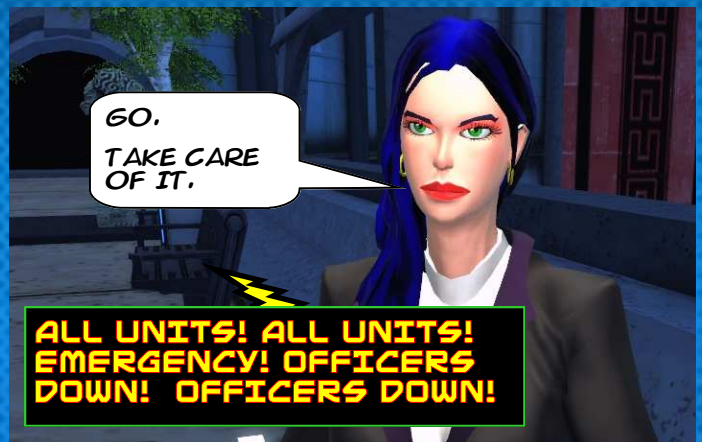
ALL UNITS! ALL UNITS!  
EMERGENCY! OFFICERS  
DOWN! OFFICERS DOWN!

NOT LIKE THIS... IT'S LIKE  
SOMEONE AMPLIFIED IT,  
ULTRA-HIGH FREQUENCY,  
NOT... NORMAL, IT HURTS...

ALL UNITS! ALL UNITS!  
EMERGENCY! OFFICERS  
DOWN! OFFICERS DOWN!

ALL UNITS! ALL UNITS!  
EMERGENCY! OFFICERS  
DOWN! OFFICERS DOWN!









IT'S GETTING LOUDER.

ALL UNITS! ALL UNITS!  
EMERGENCY! OFFICERS  
DOWN! OFFICERS DOWN!

ALL UNITS! ALL UNITS!  
EMERGENCY! OFFICERS  
DOWN! OFFICERS DOWN!



ACTIVATE  
THRUSTERS

CONTROL  
DESCENT



THE  
TRANSMISSIONS  
STOPPED.

HE MUST  
HAVE BEEN  
THE SOURCE  
OF IT.



WELL, HE GOT  
MY ATTENTION.



DESCENT  
HALTED



CONTAINMENT  
DEVICE DETECTED

\*KLANG!\*





OKAY, NOW THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE... WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHO YOU ARE AND WHY YOU'RE GOING ALL HELTER-SKELTER?



YOU ARE GALATEA FUTURE, CORRECT?



I AM, AND WHO ARE YOU?



TARGET CONFIRMED  
TERMINATE  
GALATEA FUTURE



GUESS HE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK.

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THEY FEEL LIKE TEFLON-COATED BULLETS.

THEY'RE ANNOYING BUT THEY SHOULDN'T HURT ME.





\*UNH!\*

I FELT THAT!



WHAT IS THIS?



IT'S SOME SORT OF EXOTIC RADIATION.



AND NANITES!  
THEY'RE LIKE BILLIONS  
OF MOSQUITOES  
HITTING ME!







"WE JUST GOT BACK  
FROM WESTSIDE..."

# UNTIL

... WHAT'S  
HAPPENED?

BEATS ME,  
XAVIER.

ALL I KNOW  
IS YOUR  
CONSOLES  
STARTED  
SOUNDING  
LIKE IT'S THE  
FOURTH OF  
JULY.

MAJOR, YOU  
HAVE TO SEE  
THIS!

THAT THING  
GALATEA IS  
FIGHTING...  
LOOK AT THE  
READINGS!

THE RADIATION...  
IT'S ALMOST AT  
THE LEVELS FROM  
SILVERBACK'S  
NOTES.

THAT'S WILLIAM  
FOSWELL'S CREATION!  
AND IT FOUND GALATEA!



ELSEWHERE IN WESTSIDE...

EXCUSE  
ME...

WHY HELLO THERE.  
BURT JACKSON'S  
THE NAME.  
WHAT CAN I DO  
FOR YOU, MISS?

 **BURT JACKSON**  
PORK RIND EXPRESS

CAN YOU POINT ME  
TO THE U.N.T.I.L.  
BUILDING?  
I SEEM TO BE LOST.

YOU JUST HEAD  
THAT WAY UNTIL  
YOU GET TO THE  
BIG "C" AND THEN  
TURN RIGHT.

YOU KNOW, YOU  
LOOK A LITTLE  
FAMILIAR.  
DO I KNOW YOU?

I THINK SO.

I'M GALATEA  
FUTURE.

**NEXT ISSUE:**  
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# GUARDIAN WORDS

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

## Boy-Genius: My Interview with William Foswell

**Story by Monica Monday**

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*Very rarely do we come across super-geniuses as young as William Foswell. Born to Eugene and Amanda Foswell, William was a literal child genius. He was able to speak when he was only a month old. Graduating from high school at the young age of eight and getting the first of many PhDs at the age of 12, William quickly made a name for himself by coming up with the formula for fueling hover-vehicles that was safe and environmentally-friendly. He then sold that formula to energy giant ARGENT for an undisclosed sum that is rumored to be in the billions.*

*Since then, young Foswell has been busy pursuing various studies while courting the business interests of a variety of corporate and government organizations including Harmon Industries and the United Nations Tribunal on International Law.*

*I was fortunate to be able to interview young Foswell prior to leaving for M.I.T. to pursue his third doctorate. We met at the Millennium City Library, which Foswell described as being a “beginner’s institution” for someone with his level of intelligence. What took me by surprise, though, was how young he appeared to be. Even though he is in his mid-teens, Foswell appears to be no older than eight-year-old boy. It was one of many things that Foswell took issue with concerning.*

*The one subject I was told in advance to not bring up is his family’s connection to the infamous supervillain Foxbat. It is a subject that reportedly has been a bane on his family for decades.*

**Monica Monday:** Thank you for agreeing to this interview, William.

**William Foswell:** Of course.

**Monday:** It must be weird for you to be so young and yet have so many accomplishments in your life.

**Foswell:** What amazes me is how slow and stupid other people are. When I was younger, my mother would take me to the stores, and we’d hear other children my age crying and wailing like animals. I was articulating my wants by the time I was three, and I was able to travel wherever I wanted by then. These other children are just developmentally hindered by their equally slow parents.

**Monday:** A vast majority of people are not born geniuses like you are, William.

**Foswell:** I am well aware of that handicap, Monica. Just like I’m aware of my own physical limitations.

**Monday:** I’m glad you brought that up. For someone who will be turning sixteen soon, you seem to be half that age.

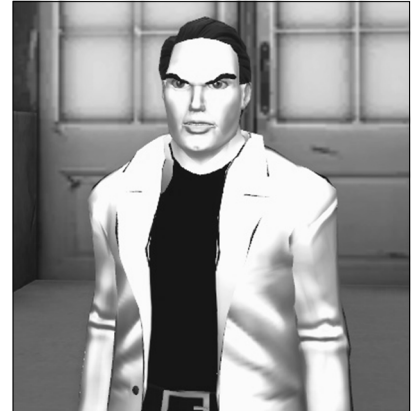
**Foswell:** The doctors I consulted told me that the consequence of my advanced hyper-genius status is that my physical growth has been stunted. I won’t get any taller than I am now, although my head has been getting larger. It’s made things difficult for me, but I’ve learned to adapt. I’ve recently designed my own hover-shoes based off the engines used for hover vehicles. The patent for this has already been approved and I expect to sell this to the tailors by the end of the year.

**Monday:** You’ve had an incredible streak of successes in such a brief period of time. You’ve kept the true extent of your wealth a secret, but I understand you’re a billionaire several times over.

**Foswell:** Money is just a means to an end, Monica. It doesn’t matter how much I have, just as long as I have enough to do whatever I want and to get whatever I need. And that’s all that matters in that regard.

**Monday:** Noted. But I imagine that makes things difficult for you to have a social

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life, being both intellectually and financially above other people your age.

**Foswell:** I reached puberty about the same time as everyone else my age, but clearly I'm not on the same level as them. Girls think I'm still a child because I look like one, when actually they're just infants compared to me.

I've tried dating older women as well. Socialites are too simple-minded for me, and even the women who are geniuses underestimate my intellectual capacity. They want to talk down to me and treat me like a child, when clearly I've surpassed that and them.

**Monday:** Of course. Well is there anyone that you think would be on par with you?

**Foswell:** There is someone who is close to my level. I've been in talks with the Gold Standard Agency to purchase the rights to a hero named Galatea Future. Someone with her history from the far future, with knowledge of advanced technology beyond anything this century has to offer appeals to me on an intellectual level. And, of course, her physical appearance appeals to the man in me.

**Monday:** You do know that Galatea Future has retired pending her court case against the Gold Standard Agency, right? And it's illegal to actually own people.

**Foswell:** Please! We're talking intellectual rights, not physical ownership. Even a man with half my intelligence who is not a lawyer would know her case will be dismissed in the courts on that basis. Speaking of, I'll be taking the bar exam next month. Not that I need to pursue the law. It's just something for me to accomplish. I might even write my own brief to the court to help that case get dismissed.

**Monday:** You certainly have a busy life.

**Foswell:** There is a whole universe of things to learn and master, and I'm still young. I just wish the rest of you were as smart as I am. Imagine what kind of world we'd have!

*Editor's Note: Just prior to the publishing of this interview, Galatea Future won her lawsuit against the Gold Standard Agency, although it is currently pending appeal. Millennium Free Press contact Foswell regarding this development and asked for a statement. His response was not suitable for publication.*

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### **CAN GALATEA STOP THIS NEW THREAT? OR WILL THIS BE HER "DOOMSDAY"?**

### **AND WHAT ABOUT THE "OTHER" GALATEA? WHO IS SHE?**







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