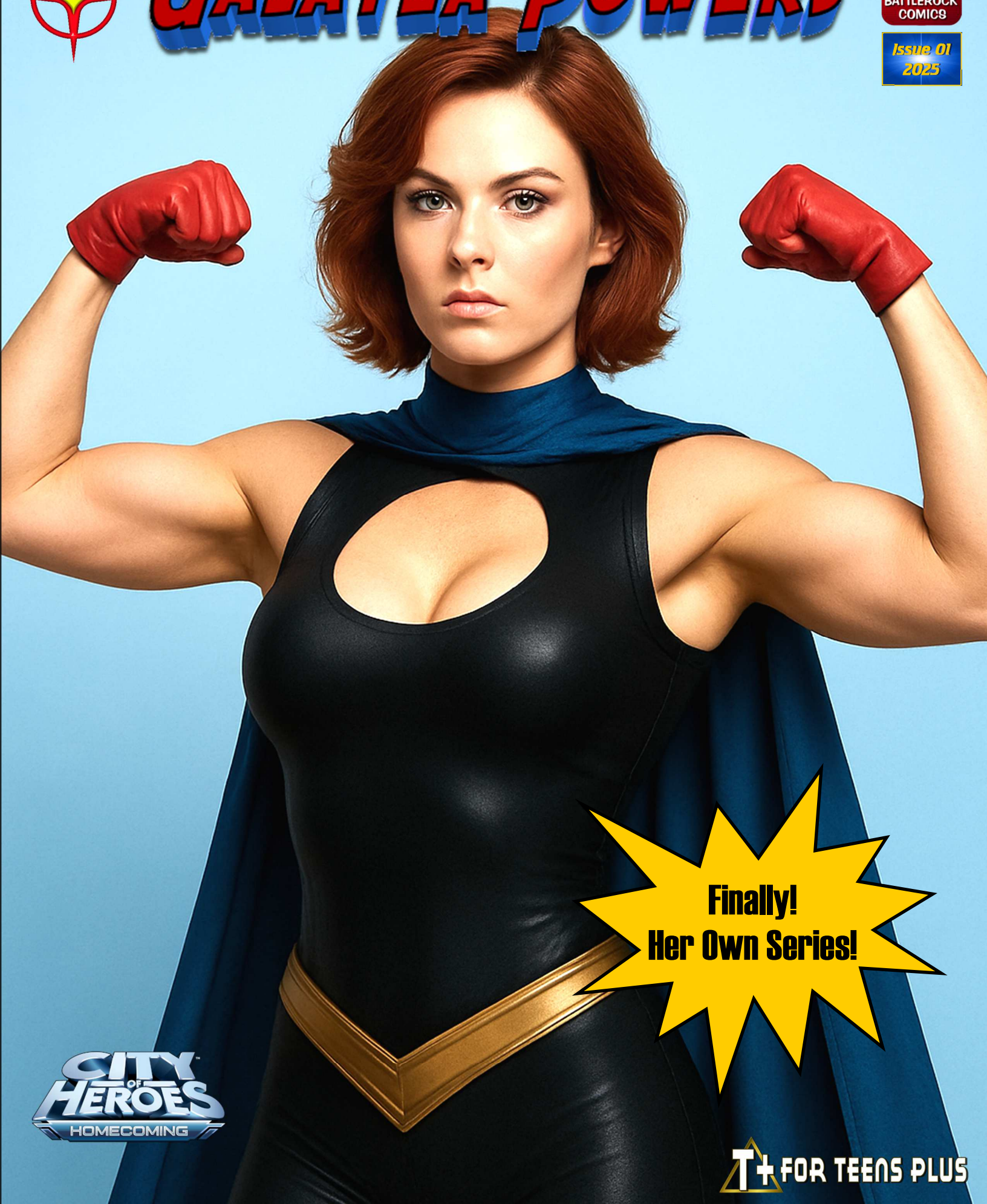




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*She was created, not born, on another world.*

*The genetic product of that world's greatest hero and greatest villain, she represented the next generation of heroes and protectors.*

*Then a would-be god destroyed her whole universe.*

*She was saved and ended up in the City of Heroes, where she has spent her new life continuing to defend the world from those that would destroy it.*

*She is...*



# **GALATEA POWERS**

## **"POWERS OF ONE"**

### **- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2**

For almost two decades, Galatea Powers has defended Paragon City as one of its most popular guardians.

A longtime member of the Guardians of the Dawn, she has fought would-be gods and demons, threats from across dimensions, and even her own darker side.

But now she faces a new challenge... and this time she must face it without the other Guardians.

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PARAGON CITY, RHODE ISLAND, USA  
JANUARY 2025

MY NAME IS GALATEA POWERS...

I WAS CREATED ON ANOTHER WORLD  
BY MY EARTH'S MOST INTELLIGENT  
AND DANGEROUS MAN.

I REPRESENTED HOPE  
FOR THE FUTURE.

 **Galateia Powers**  
(FAITH KARL)

THEN MY UNIVERSE WAS  
DESTROYED BY A WOULD-BE  
GOD NAMED ALOR.

AND I ENDED UP HERE...  
IN THE CITY OF HEROES.

SINCE THEN I'VE  
EARNED THE TRUST  
AND RESPECT OF MY  
PEERS AND FROM THE  
PEOPLE OF THIS CITY.

I'VE BEEN A PROUD  
MEMBER OF THE  
GUARDIANS OF  
THE DAWN.

AND I'VE STRIVED  
TO DO MORE.  
TO BE MORE.





A FEW YEARS AGO I WAS  
TOLD I WAS ON THE PATH  
TO BECOMING SOMETHING  
RARE.

I WAS ON THE PATH  
TO BECOME AN  
INCARNATE.

AND I WAS ALMOST THERE.

THEN SOMETHING HAPPENED.  
A MONSTER FROM ANOTHER  
WORLD THREATENED MY  
FRIENDS, AND I HAD TO  
STOP HIM.



I DID IT.

BUT IT COST ME  
EVERYTHING I  
HAD BUILT UP.

AND I WAS  
FORCED BACK  
ALMOST TO  
SQUARE ONE.



I'M GOING TO  
GET ON THAT  
PATH AGAIN.

NO MATTER  
THE COST.



GUARDIAN BASE - TALOS ISLAND

LOOKS LIKE  
GALATEA IS  
AT IT AGAIN.



*\*SIGH\**

NOTIFY THE HERO ON  
WATCH THAT GALATEA  
IS SHOOTING FOR  
THE STARS AGAIN.

AND GET THE  
INFIRMARY READY.



THE FIRST TIME AROUND, I  
DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT  
POWERED MY ABILITIES.

CONTRARY TO INTERNET  
RUMORS, MY POWERS  
DON'T COME FROM THE  
SUN LIKE SOME OF THE  
OTHER HEROES.

THEY ACTUALLY COME  
FROM SOMETHING MORE  
POTENT: DARK ENERGY.\*

← "FURIA AND THE GUARDIANS" #207

BETWEEN EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE  
AND THE SUN'S HELIOSPHERE,  
MY EXPOSURE TO DARK ENERGY  
IS VERY LIMITED.

SO TO GET CHARGED UP  
FASTER, I HAVE TO GO  
HIGHER THAN I  
PREVIOUSLY COULD.

I HAVE TO GO UP...

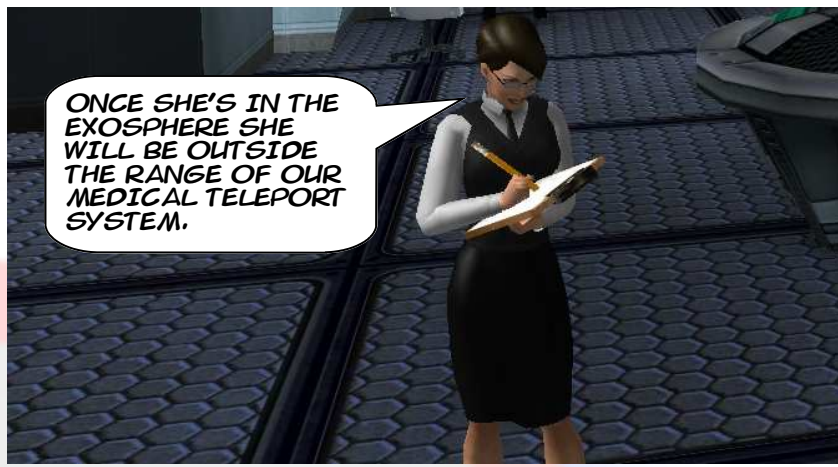
UP...

... AND AWAY FROM  
EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE.





SHE'S BREAKING  
THE THERMOSPHERE  
AND ENTERING THE  
EXOSPHERE.



ONCE SHE'S IN THE  
EXOSPHERE SHE  
WILL BE OUTSIDE  
THE RANGE OF OUR  
MEDICAL TELEPORT  
SYSTEM.

MINUTES LATER...

I'M HIGHER THAN I'VE  
EVER BEEN BEFORE.



I DON'T EVEN NEED  
A SPACESUIT NOW.

I CAN FEEL THE DARK  
ENERGY BOMBARDING  
MY CELLS, ENERGIZING  
THEM.

I DON'T FEEL THE COLD  
OF SPACE OR THE  
BURNING NEED FOR  
OXYGEN IN MY LUNGS.

MY SENSES ARE OPENING UP  
TO THE COSMOS AGAIN.

I CAN HEAR THE SOLAR  
WINDS ROAR AROUND THE  
EARTH. I CAN SEE THE  
AURORAS OF JUPITER  
WITH CRYSTAL CLARITY.







IT ALWAYS HAPPENS.

MY BODY OVERLOADED  
WITH DARK ENERGY.

THERE IS NO SOUND IN  
SPACE, SO THERE WAS NO  
"BOOM", BUT I'VE ALWAYS  
PICTURED IT IN MY MIND.

THE PAIN IS REAL,  
THOUGH.

MY NEURONS WERE  
FIRING ALL AT ONCE.

I HAD ENOUGH SENSE  
TO NUDGE MYSELF BACK  
TOWARDS EARTH  
BEFORE I BLACKED OUT.

GRAVITY WOULD  
BRING ME BACK  
INTO THE  
ATMOSPHERE.

I HAD DONE THIS ENOUGH  
TIMES TO KNOW THAT  
EVENTUALLY MY BODY  
WOULD BE IN RANGE OF  
THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
TELEPORT SYSTEM.

IT WOULD CATCH ME  
AND TELEPORT ME TO  
THE INFIRMARY AT  
GUARDIAN BASE, ALL  
HEALED AND READY  
TO GO AT IT AGAIN.

EXCEPT ON THAT DAY...  
...IT DIDN'T.



VANGUARD HEADQUARTERS

ON THAT DAY I FOUND MYSELF TELEPORTED TO THE INFIRMARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEFENSE GROUP VANGUARD.  
THE BACKUP IN CASE OUR BASE INFIRMARY FAILED.

AND BEFORE I COULD SAY "WHAT THE HELL", I WAS SURROUNDED BY ARMED VANGUARD SOLDIERS.

TALOS ISLAND - TALOS STATUE

HEADQUARTERS OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN

THEY QUESTIONED ME FOR HOURS BEFORE FINALLY TELLING ME WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

WHILE I WAS IN HIGH EARTH ORBIT, HYPER-CHARGING ON DARK ENERGY, MY SISTER, LEONA, ENTERED GUARDIAN BASE USING MY BIO-CODE.

ONCE INSIDE, SHE LAID WASTE TO THE BASE AND TO EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING.

THE COSMIC ORBS...

THE MAKER'S FURNACE...

ITEMS OF POWER THAT WERE USED TO LITERALLY SAVE THE WORLD FROM THE ICARUS FLARE IN 2016.\*

LEONA TURNED THEM INTO BOMBS TO OBLITERATE THE BASE.

(\* FROM THE "ICARUS" STORYLINE IN "FURIA AND THE GUARDIANS".)



LEONA TIMED IT PERFECTLY.  
SHE WAITED FOR ME TO BE  
OUTSIDE TELEPORT RANGE  
FOR HER TO ATTACK, USING  
OUR SHARED DNA.

THAT'S WHY VANGUARD  
THOUGHT I WAS THE ONE  
THAT DID ALL THAT.

SEVENTY-TWO LIVES  
WERE LOST THAT DAY.

SUPPORT STAFF.  
HEROES.  
FRIENDS.

DEAD.

WE ALL THOUGHT  
SHE WAS GONE.

VANISHED AFTER  
OUR FIRST AND  
ONLY FIGHT.\*

\* "GUARDIANS OF THE  
DAWN SPOTLIGHT" #25)

I HAD FORGOTTEN  
ABOUT HER.

APPARENTLY  
SHE DID NOT  
FEEL THE SAME.

I VOWED THEN TO  
NOT MAKE THAT  
MISTAKE AGAIN.

I AM COMING  
FOR YOU, LEONA.

NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES.

I'M COMING FOR YOU, AND  
ANYONE ELSE HELPING YOU.



PEREZ PARK - HAZARD ZONE

ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM SKYWAY CITY

CORPORATE OFFICE OF ALLIANT LLC.

ALLIANT LLC

I'M SORRY, SIR,  
BUT THE DRONES  
AREN'T ABLE TO  
KEEP UP WITH HER.

IT DOESN'T MATTER.  
CAN YOU VENTURE A  
GUESS WHERE SHE  
IS HEADED?

 **Malcolm Rochspare**  
ALLIANT LLC CEO

PATTERN SUGGESTS  
SHE'S HEADING  
TOWARDS THE  
RESIDENTIAL AREA.





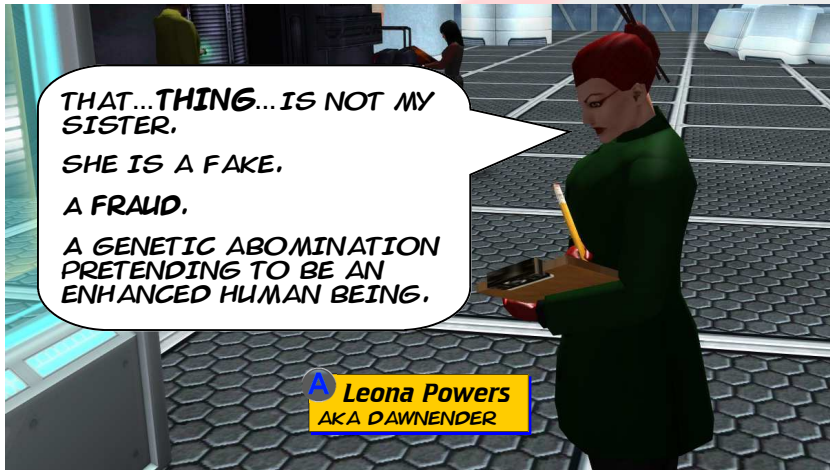




YOUR SISTER IS UNRELENTING.



I'VE TOLD YOU REPEATEDLY, MALCOLM...



THAT...**THING**...IS NOT MY SISTER.  
SHE IS A FAKE.  
A FRAUD.  
A GENETIC ABOMINATION PRETENDING TO BE AN ENHANCED HUMAN BEING.

 **Leona Powers**  
AKA DAWNENDER

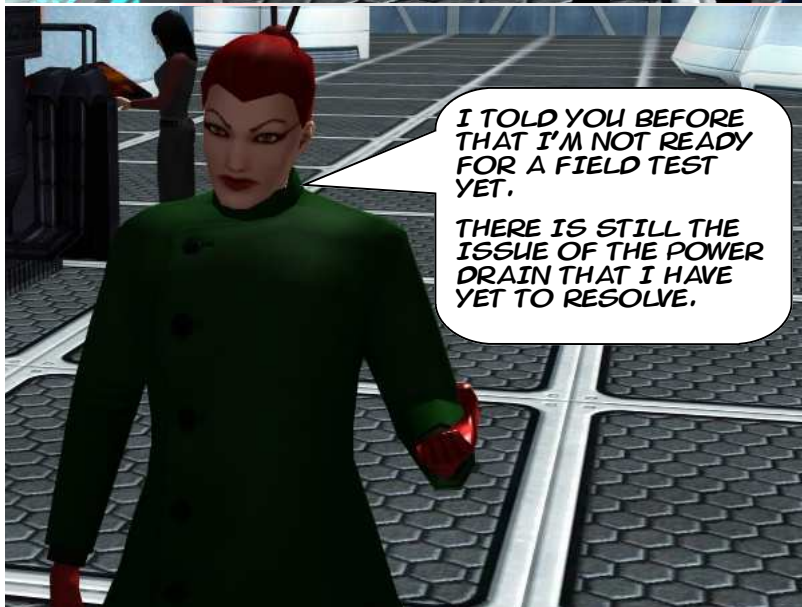


WELL THAT **"FRAUD"** IS STILL LOOKING FOR YOU.



LET HER KEEP LOOKING.  
SHE HAS NO IDEA WHERE TO FIND ME.  
AND WHEN I DO MAKE MYSELF KNOWN TO HER, SHE'LL WISH SHE WAS NEVER CREATED.

I MUST REMIND YOU THAT WE HAVE A SCHEDULE TO KEEP.  
BLACKWING IS ASKING ABOUT YOUR QUANTUM SUIT AGAIN.



I TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT I'M NOT READY FOR A FIELD TEST YET.  
THERE IS STILL THE ISSUE OF THE POWER DRAIN THAT I HAVE YET TO RESOLVE.



I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW WHY YOU ARE STILL FIXATED ON THAT MATTER.  
YOU KNOW YOU'RE MORE POWERFUL THAN HER.





WHEN I FIRST FOUGHT HER, IT WAS AFTER I HAD ALREADY DEFEATED TWO SUPERHERO GROUPS; THE GUARDIANS AND THE DAWN PATROL.\*

GOTDS #25)



THAT FAKE WAS FRESH. NEWLY-CREATED AND FULLY-POWERED. SHE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF ME WHEN I WAS PHYSICALLY DRAINED. I WILL NEVER MAKE THAT MISTAKE AGAIN!



THE SUITS ARE PATTERNED AFTER MY PROTOTYPE, SO THE POWER DRAIN THAT I AM EXPERIENCING WILL AFFECT THE OTHERS AS WELL.

GREY AND CYCORP ARE ALREADY DUSTING OFF THEIR OLD ARMORS. I HEAR COUNTESS GREY IS EVEN BRINGING BACK PERSUADER. THE QUANTUM SUIT IS OUR GAME-CHANGER.



WE NEED A DEMONSTRATION. WE NEED PROOF THAT THE SUIT IS MORE THAN JUST A CONCEPT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO FACE HER FULL-ON. NOT YET, ANYWAY.

JUST ENOUGH TO ENRAGE HER? TO KEEP HER OFF-BALANCE?



I ALREADY HAVE A CANDIDATE WE CAN USE TO INITIATE THE CONTACT. HE'LL DRAW HER OUT, YOU LEAD HER INTO THE ZONE AND THE DRONES WILL CATCH IT ALL.

"CONTROL THE BATTLEGROUND AND YOU ENSURE YOUR VICTORY," AS MY FATHER ONCE SAID.

WHO DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?



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# THE ONLY THING "DIRTY" IS OUR NAME!

SOME PEOPLE SEE OUR NAME AND THINK THAT WE RUN SOME KIND OF DIVE WHERE THE GLASSES ARE FILTHY AND THE FOOD IS RANCID.

AND NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH!

OUR RESTAURANTS ARE INSPECTED EVERY SIX MONTHS AND HAVE REPEATEDLY PASSED WITH A PERFECT SCORE.

AND WE PROMISE YOU THAT IF WE DON'T GET THAT 100% SCORE, WE'LL SHUT THE PLACE DOWN AND CLEAN IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN UNTIL WE GET IT RIGHT.

IT'S JUST EASIER TO SAY THAT WE'RE THE "DIRTY DUCK" INSTEAD OF BEING THE "CLEAN DUCK".



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# DID A HERO DO YOU WRONG?

**Heroes are not "gods with capes".**

**They're not "demonic sentinels lurking in dark corners waiting for bad guys."**

**They're certainly not "special cops with super-powers." Some of them aren't even trained like the police!**

**Heroes are people. And people make mistakes all the time. And when a hero makes a mistake, it's our responsibility to call them on it.**

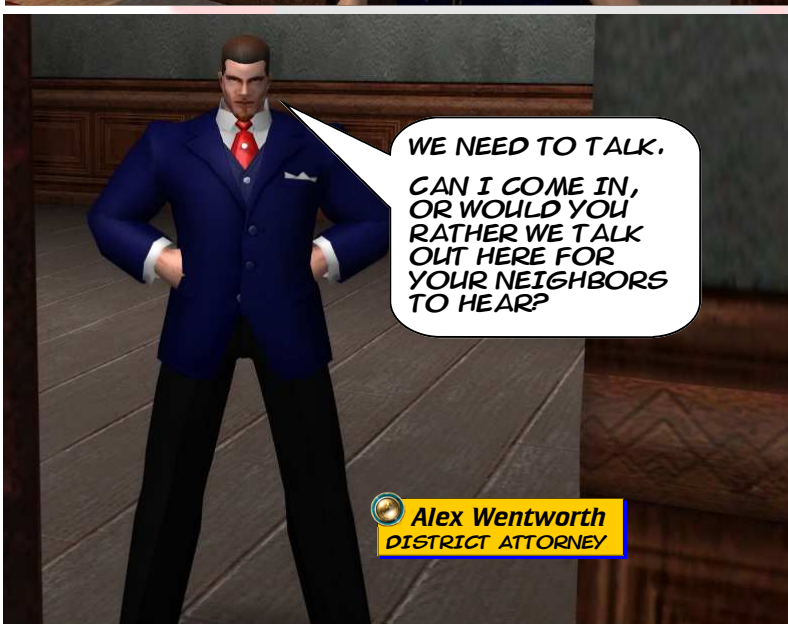
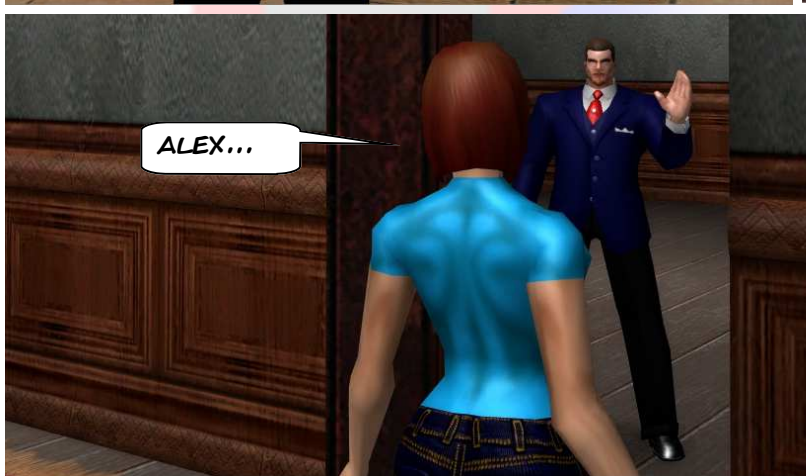
**That's when you need someone like me in your corner to hold those people accountable.**

**I'll make them do right by you!**

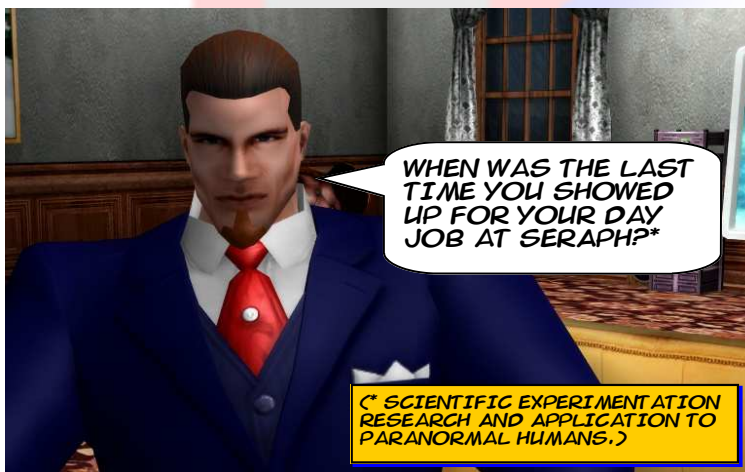
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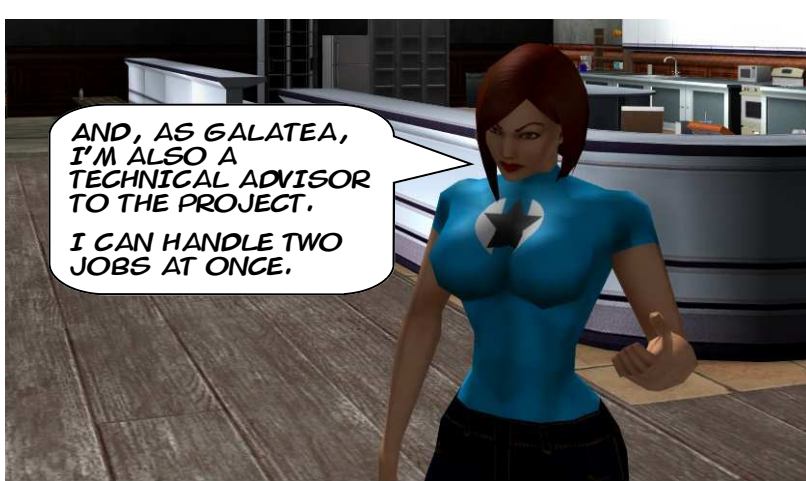














THE NEXT DAY...

STEEL CANYON (NORTH)

ALL UNITS! ALL UNITS!  
STRUCTURE FIRE AT  
STONEBRIDGE  
APARTMENTS!

FIRE CHIEF ON SITE  
SAYS STRUCTURE IS  
FULLY ENGLTFED WITH  
REFUGEES INSIDE!

REQUESTING ADDITIONAL  
POLICE, FIRE, RESCUE,  
AND HERO ASSISTANCE!

THIS IS GALATEA  
POWERS. ENROUTE  
TO SCENE.

CAN'T EVEN TRY TO  
MAKE IT TO WORK  
WITHOUT A CALL.

GOOD THING I  
WAS JUST A FEW  
BLOCKS AWAY.

DISPATCH, THIS IS  
GALATEA POWERS.  
FIRE UNITS HAVE THE  
OUTSIDE CONTAINED.  
I'M GOING IN FOR  
THE REFUGEES.

UNDERSTOOD, GALATEA  
POWERS. BE ADVISED  
THERE MAY BE SUSPECTS  
STILL INSIDE.

I SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED.  
THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF  
REFUGEES FROM GALAXY CITY,  
THE ROGUE ISLES, AND EVEN  
WHAT'S LEFT OF PRAETORIA IN  
NEED OF HOMES.

AND HOSTILITY AGAINST THE  
REFUGES HAS GONE BACK UP IN  
THE LAST FEW MONTHS.





WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED IT'D BE YOU GUYS?



HELLIONS.

GIT HER!

THE CITY'S PYRO-FREAKS



THESE GUYS DON'T JUST USE FIRE AS THEIR GO-TO FOR EVERYTHING.

THEY REALLY BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE THE BLESSING OF AN ANCIENT FIRE GOD.

SOME OF THEM EVEN HAVE MAGIC POWERS AND CAN SUMMON DEMONS.

**\*FWOOOOOOOSH!\***



THANKFULLY THESE GUYS ARE JUST LOW-LEVEL MINIONS. NO MAGIC.

**\*POW!\***



AND REGULAR FIRE DOESN'T HURT ME.

**\*POW!\***



THEY TOOK A FEW REFUGEES PRISONER. SOMETHING ABOUT TAKING THEM TO THEIR BOSS.

YO MAN, STOP HER!

**\*POW!\***

CAN'T WAIT TO MEET HIM!





YOU SAY SOMETHING?

**\*KAPOW!\***



OOF!

THOUGHT NOT.

**\*POW!\***



I DON'T HEAR TOO MANY HEARTBEATS LEFT IN THE BUILDING.

THE HOSTAGES MADE IT OUTSIDE.

THE HELLIONS GOT POLICE TELEPORT PATCHES STRAIGHT TO JAIL.

THERE ARE JUST TWO LEFT.

SOMETHING METALLIC. ARMOR? AND THE OTHER IS ANOTHER MINION.

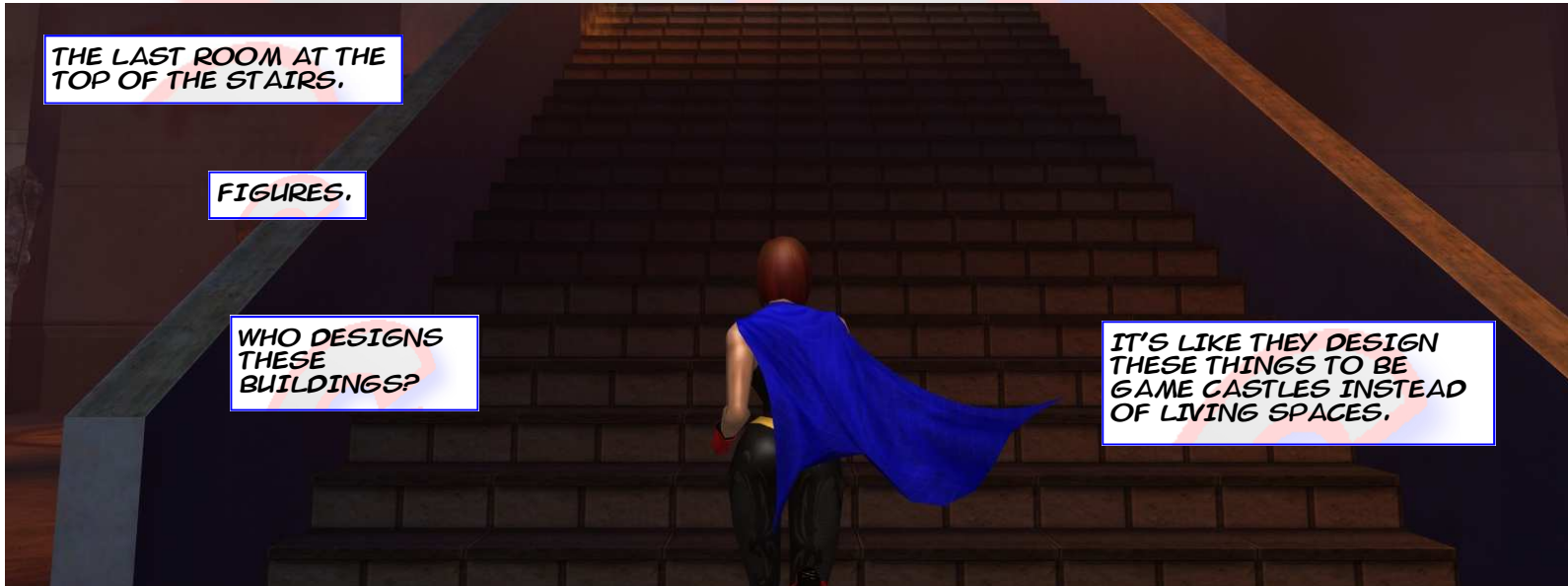


STILL, NEED TO PLAY IT SAFE.

I CAN'T JUST FLY THROUGH.



THERE MAY BE SOME OTHERS MY SENSES DIDN'T PICK UP BEFORE.



THE LAST ROOM AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS.

FIGURES.

WHO DESIGNS THESE BUILDINGS?

IT'S LIKE THEY DESIGN THESE THINGS TO BE GAME CASTLES INSTEAD OF LIVING SPACES.




A large, red, armored figure with glowing yellow eyes and chest pieces stands in a room filled with metal lockers. A small fire is visible on the floor to the left.

SO... YOU'RE THE  
ONE RUINING MY  
OPERATION!

Catwoman, wearing her black bodysuit, blue cape, and red gloves, stands in the same locker room.

AND YOU  
ARE...?

A close-up of the Incinerator's face and chest, showing its glowing red armor and yellow eyes.

MY CODE NAME IS INCINERATOR.  
I HAVE BEEN TASKED TO SHUT  
DOWN THESE ILLEGAL REFUGEE  
HAVENS THAT HAVE PLAGUED THIS  
CITY AND THIS NATION.

MANY OF THESE ILLEGALS ARE  
FROM HOSTILE REGIONS, BRINGING  
CRIME AND POTENTIAL DISEASE.  
MY MISSION IS TO RID THIS NATION  
OF THAT THREAT!

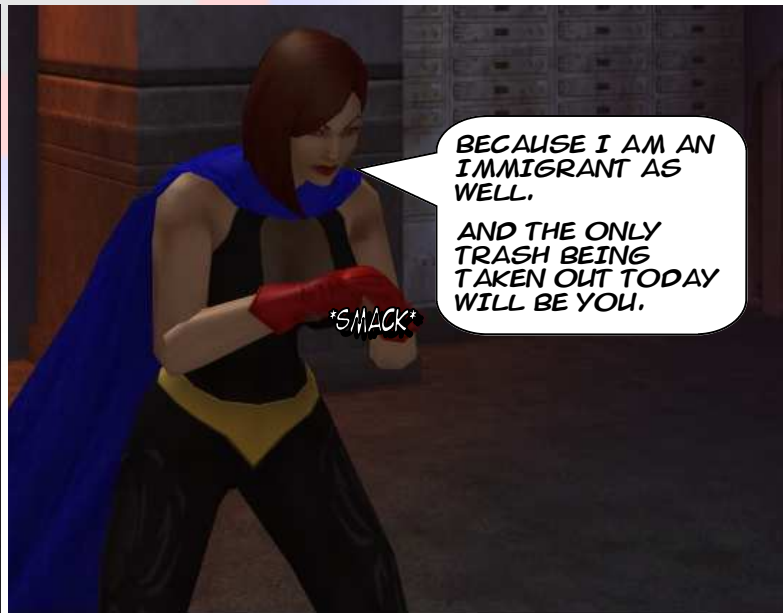
Miles, wearing a red bandana, a dark vest over a white shirt, and black pants, stands in the locker room.

YEAH! WE'RE GIVING  
ALL THAT IMMIGRANT  
TRASH THE ULTIMATE  
PURGE!

BURN THEM ALL  
AND LET GOD  
SORT THEM OUT!

Catwoman is shown from the waist up, looking towards the right.

WELL, THEN, YOU  
HAVE A REALLY  
BIG PROBLEM ON  
YOUR HANDS.

Catwoman is shown from the waist up, looking towards the right. A small "\*SMACK\*" text is visible near her hand.

BECAUSE I AM AN  
IMMIGRANT AS  
WELL.  
AND THE ONLY  
TRASH BEING  
TAKEN OUT TODAY  
WILL BE YOU.



THEY ALWAYS START  
WITH FIRE.

FIRE BLINDS. FIRE BURNS  
THE SKIN AND THE SMOKE  
MAKES IT HARD TO BREATHE.

THE MINION MOVES  
IN, THINKING I'M  
DISORIENTED AND  
UNABLE TO FIGHT.

**\*FWOOOOOOOSH!\***

I'VE FOUGHT ON  
THE FACE OF  
THE SUN.

**\*KAPOW!\***

A LITTLE  
FIRE IS  
NOTHING  
COMPARED  
TO THAT!

YOU'RE TOUGH,  
I'LL GIVE YOU  
THAT.

BUT MY POWER  
COMES ALL THE  
WAY FROM THE

**BOF!**

**\*KAPOW!\***

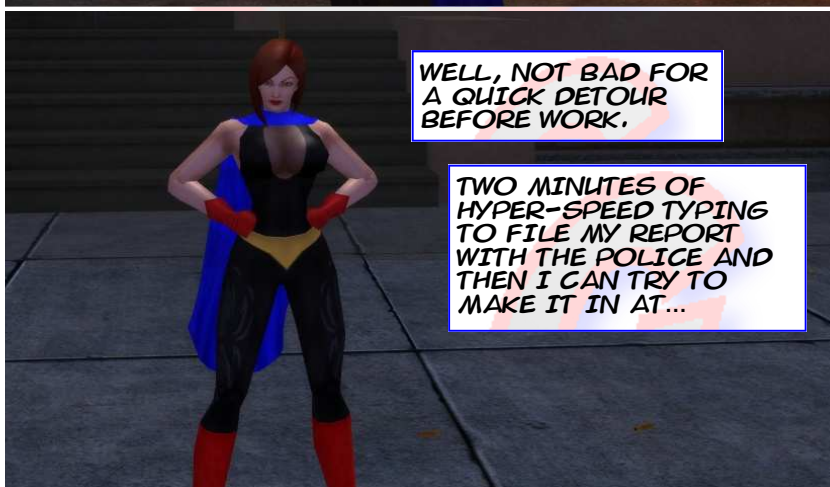
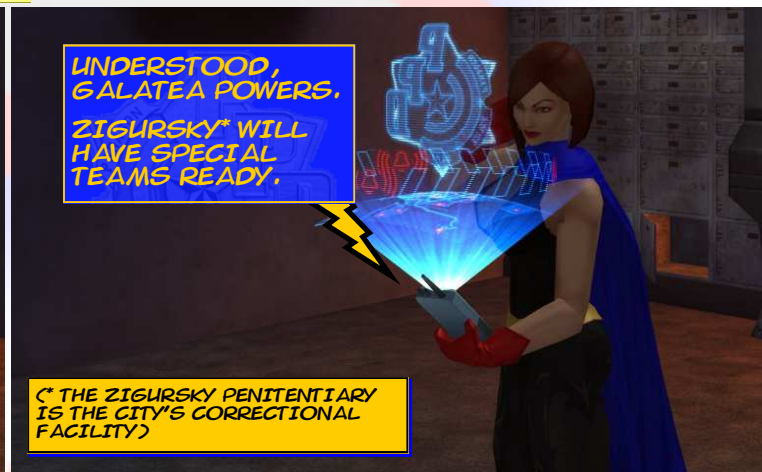
I DON'T LET  
HIM FINISH.

HE HAS NOTHING  
I NEED TO HEAR  
ANYWAY.

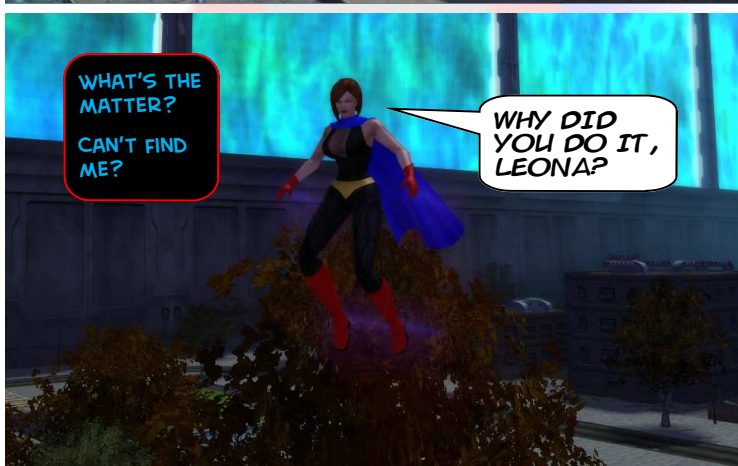
**\*POW!\***

IT'S TIME TO  
END THIS.













HE USED TO TEASE ME  
WITH HIS SPEED.

CALLED ME  
"SLOWPOKE".

SHE'S  
MOVING.

HE LAUGHED WHEN HE WOULD  
LAP ME OVER AND OVER.

SO YOU KILLED HIM  
BECAUSE OF THAT?

I KILLED HIM BECAUSE HE WAS  
YOUR FRIEND, NOT MINE.



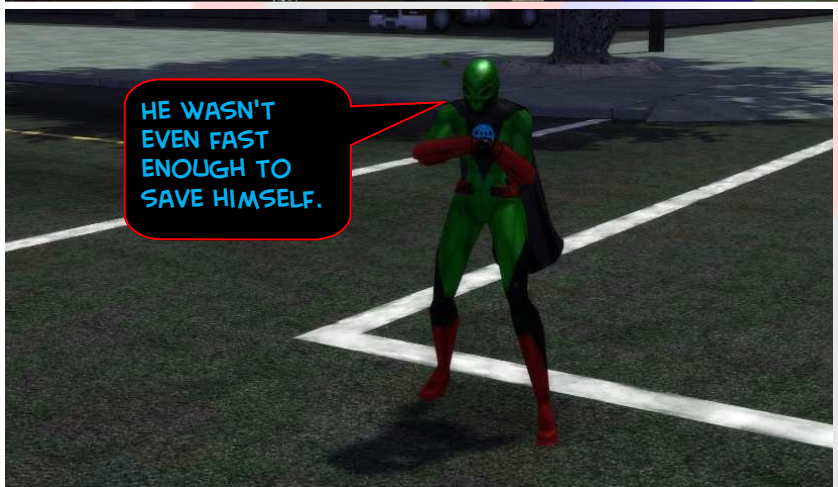
HE CLAIMED TO BE THE  
FASTEST HERO THERE  
EVER WAS.

I ALMOST  
HAVE YOU...



AND YET...  
IN THE END...

THERE!



HE WASN'T  
EVEN FAST  
ENOUGH TO  
SAVE HIMSELF.

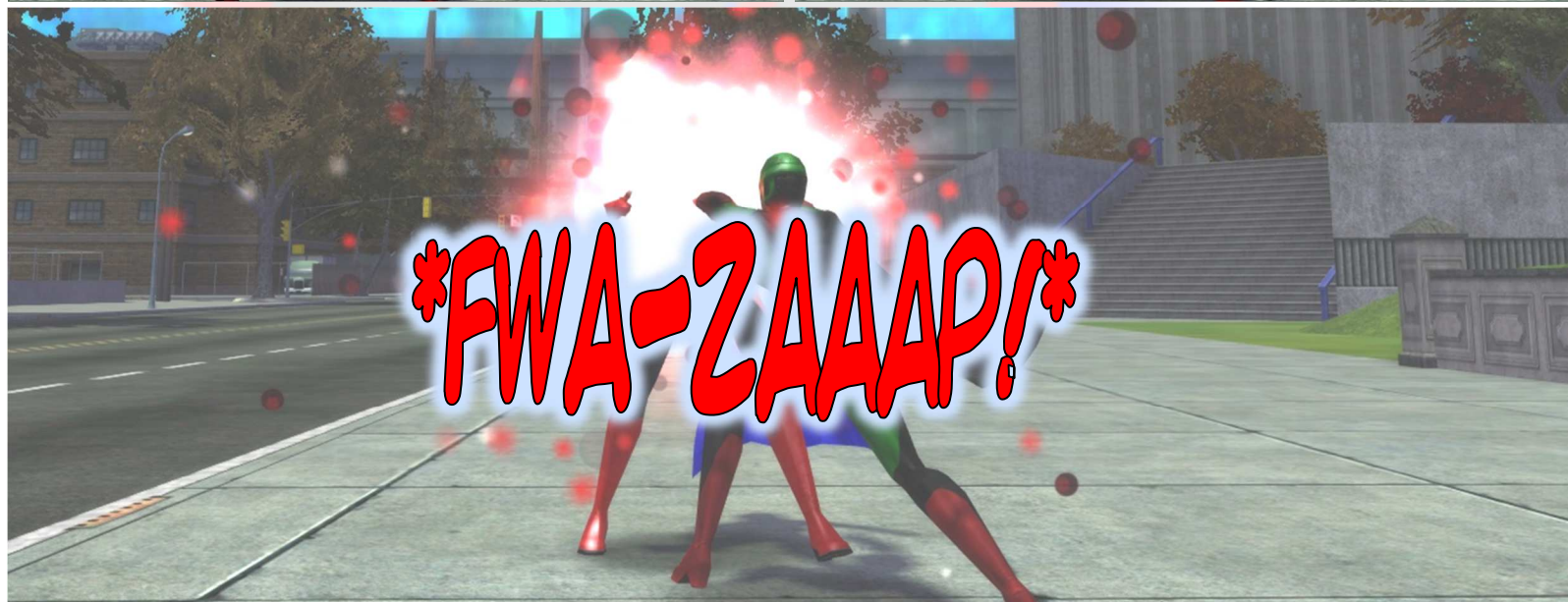
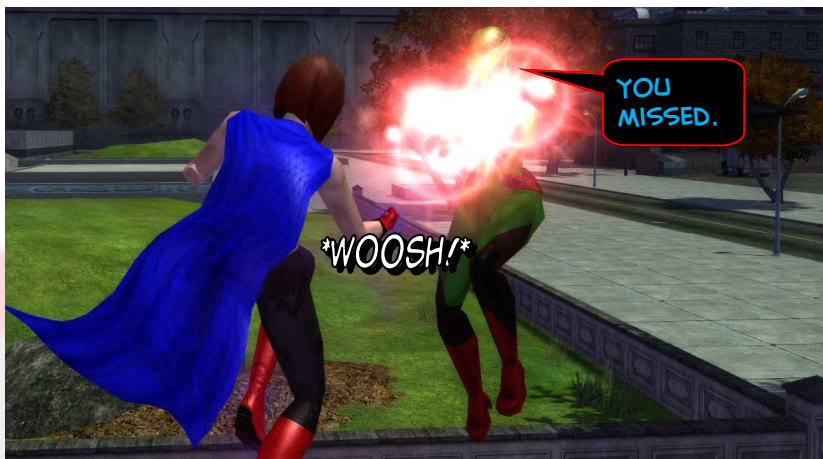


WHAT TH..?



\*KRAKOOOM\*













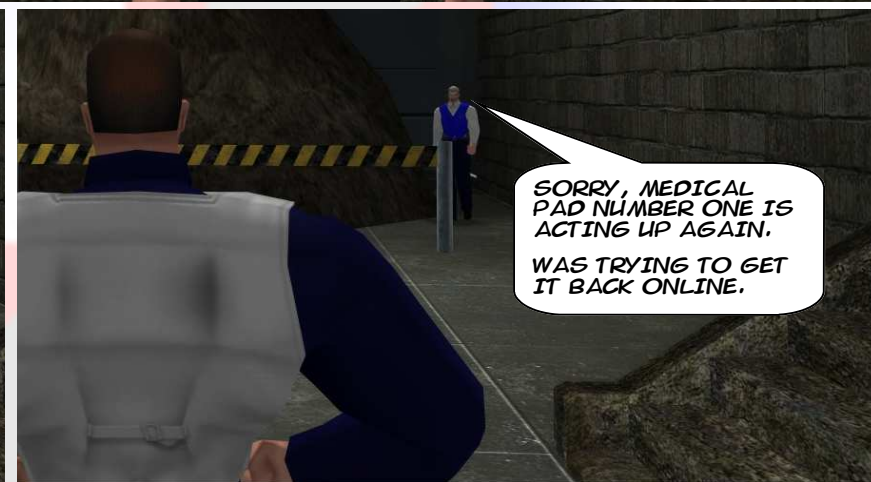
BASE OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN (WHAT'S LEFT OF IT)



KENT!  
ARE YOU HERE?



HOLD ON...  
HOLD ON...



SORRY, MEDICAL  
PAD NUMBER ONE IS  
ACTING UP AGAIN.  
WAS TRYING TO GET  
IT BACK ONLINE.



AT LEAST WE HAVE  
THE SECOND PAD  
IF WE NEED IT.  
PROVIDED WE  
STILL HAD AN  
ACTIVE GROUP.



THE GUARDIANS  
ARE STILL IN THE  
CITY, ALEX.  
THEY JUST NEED  
THEIR BASE BACK  
UP AND RUNNING.

**Kent Poderes**  
AKA ICON POWERS





COME ON... I'LL  
SHOW YOU  
WHAT WE'VE  
GOT SO FAR.



THESE TWO AREAS  
ARE THE ONLY  
PLACES WE  
BEEN ABLE TO  
CLEAR UP SO FAR.  
THE BIGGEST  
PROBLEM IS  
STABILIZATION.



SINCE THE BASE WAS BUILT  
INSIDE THE BASE OF THE  
TALOS STATUE, WE'VE HAD  
TO MAKE SURE THAT THE  
SURROUNDING AREA IS  
SECURE, OR ELSE TALOS  
WOULD COME FALLING IN  
ON THIS PLACE.

DAMN LUCKY THE  
ORIGINAL BASE  
DESIGNER TEAM  
CAME UP WITH  
DIMENSIONAL  
TUNNELING.

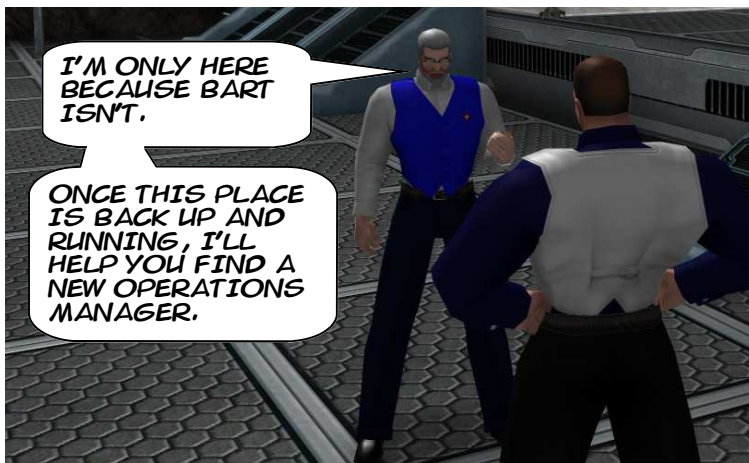


"LUCK" DIDN'T HELP  
OUR FRIENDS AND  
ALLIES, ALEX.  
CHEF DRAMSAY,  
TASHATIGER,  
RYDER...  
LEONA SEALED  
THEIR FATES RIGHT  
IN THIS ROOM.



I KNOW... I SAW THE  
FOOTAGE TOO.  
AND WE'RE GOING TO  
GET HER, KENT.  
WE OWE IT TO THEM.  
RIGHT NOW I'M GLAD  
TO HAVE YOU BACK AS  
OUR OPERATIONS  
MANAGER.







# IN MEMORY OF

Patricia Matthews  
(aka PattMatt1)  
1944-2025

Never will there be a better supporter.

#em holdtorch

## Why settle for just any diamond?



WE LIVE IN A DAY AND AGE WHERE WE DON'T HAVE TO GO TO A CERTAIN CONFLICTED COUNTRY AND PAY OVERINFLATED EUROPEAN BROKERS FOR THE FINEST DIAMONDS ANYMORE.

NOW WE CAN GET THEM FROM OTHER DIMENSIONS.

SO WHY SHOULD YOU SETTLE FOR JUST ANY EARTH DIAMOND WHEN YOU CAN GET THE QUANTUM ECLIPSE DIAMOND? DENSER THAN ANY DIAMOND MADE ON EARTH, YET LIGHT ENOUGH TO STILL BE MOUNTED ON A RING. IT IS A DIAMOND WORTHY OF HEROES, YET STILL AFFORDABLE ENOUGH FOR AN EVERYMAN'S SALARY.

THE QUANTUM ECLIPSE DIAMOND IS ONLY AVAILABLE THROUGH FAMILY JEWELS STORES IN PARAGON CITY.

YOUR LOVED ONE WILL APPRECIATE IT! WE GUARANTEE IT!

**FAMILY JEWELS**

PROMETHEUS PARK, ATLAS PARK  
NEW OVERBROOK, OVERBROOK



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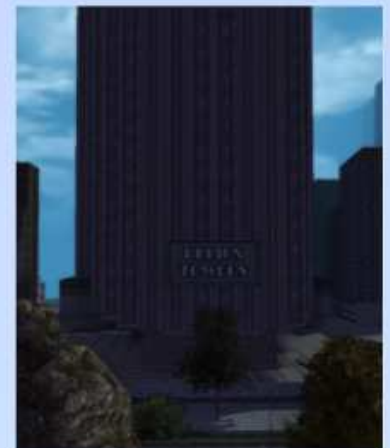
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INCOMING  
TELEPORT  
SIGNAL.



“HSSSS...”



SUPERB WORK,  
LEONA! YOU GAVE  
US MORE THAN  
ENOUGH FOOTAGE  
FOR BLACKWING  
TO SEE YOUR SUIT  
IN ACTION!



THE IMAGE  
DEPARTMENT WILL  
PARSE THROUGH  
THE VIDEO,  
SELECT THE BEST  
PARTS, AND SEND  
IT TO BLACKWING  
TONIGHT.




THERE WAS STILL AN  
EIGHT-PERCENT DROP  
IN ENERGY BY THE  
TIME I ENGAGED HER.

EIGHT PERCENT!

JUST FOR FLYING!


THAT IS  
UNACCEPTABLE.






YOU MANAGED TO  
ENGAGE YOUR SI--  
SORRY! YOUR ENEMY...  
YOU ENGAGED HER,  
OVERWHELMED HER, AND  
LEFT HER SPEECHLESS.

YOU PROVED YOUR  
QUANTUM SUIT IS  
CAPABLE OF HOLDING  
ITS OWN AGAINST A  
PRIMARY HERO-TYPE  
BEING.  
THAT IS WORTH  
CELEBRATING.



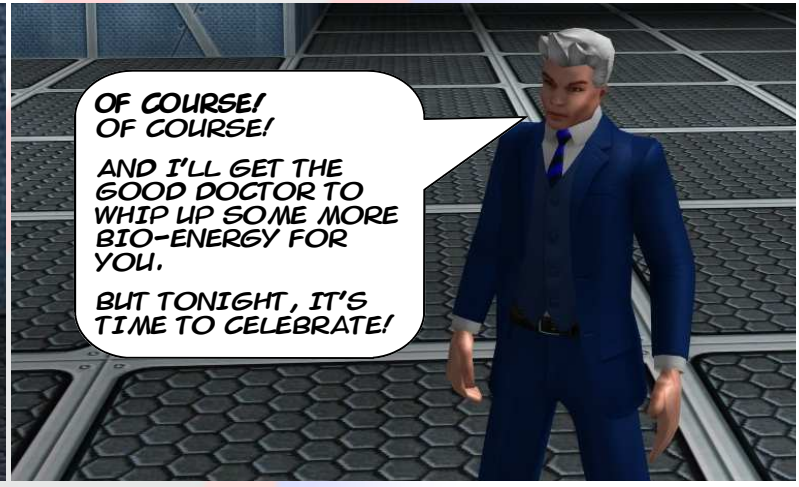
"HOLD ITS OWN"?  
MY ADVANTAGE  
WAS MERELY  
SURPRISE.  
THE FAKE DID NOT  
KNOW ABOUT MY  
NEW POWERS.



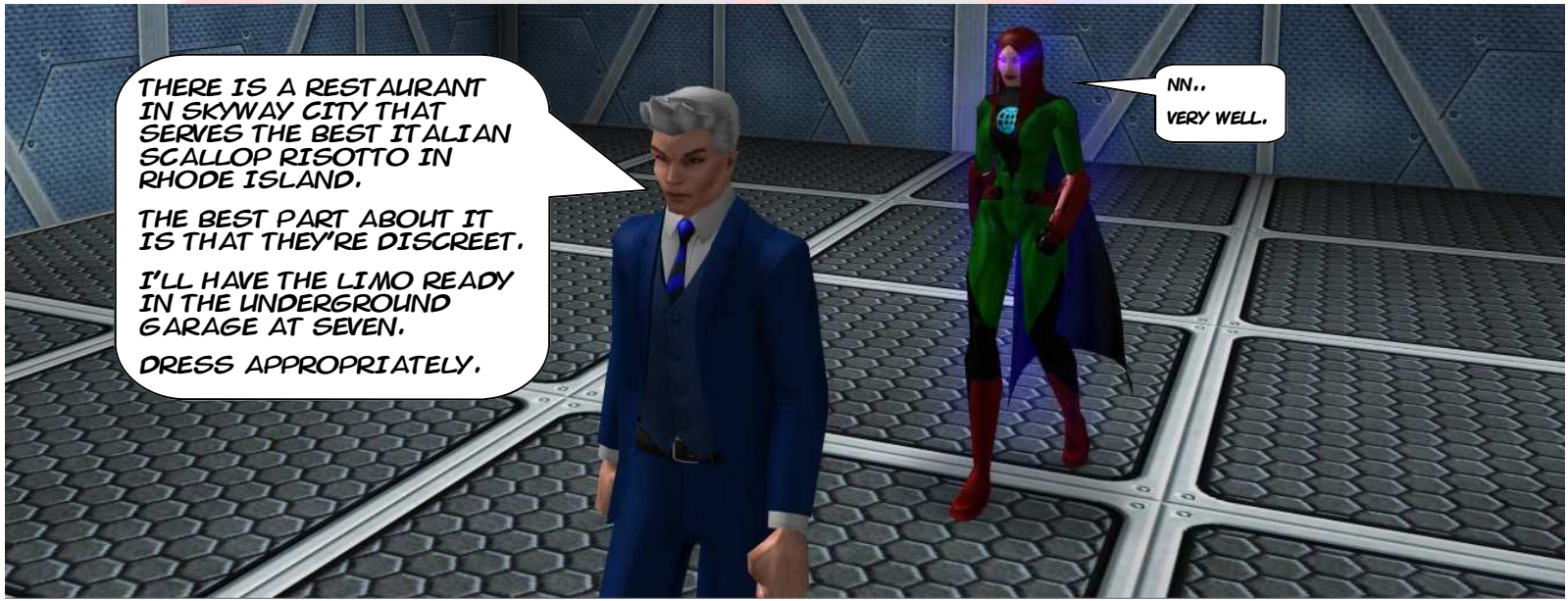
NOW THAT SHE  
KNOWS, SHE WILL BE  
PREPARED.  
WHICH MEANS I WILL  
NEED MORE BIO-  
ENERGY TO NOT JUST  
OVERWHELM HER...



... BUT TO  
KILL HER.



OF COURSE!  
OF COURSE!  
AND I'LL GET THE  
GOOD DOCTOR TO  
WHIP UP SOME MORE  
BIO-ENERGY FOR  
YOU.  
BUT TONIGHT, IT'S  
TIME TO CELEBRATE!



THERE IS A RESTAURANT  
IN SKYWAY CITY THAT  
SERVES THE BEST ITALIAN  
SCALLOP RISOTTO IN  
RHODE ISLAND.

THE BEST PART ABOUT IT  
IS THAT THEY'RE DISCREET.  
I'LL HAVE THE LIMO READY  
IN THE UNDERGROUND  
GARAGE AT SEVEN.  
DRESS APPROPRIATELY.

NN..  
VERY WELL.



THE SUSPECTED ARSONIST CALLING HIMSELF "INCINERATOR" WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY PARAGON CITY'S OWN GALATEA POWERS.

HIS REAL NAME IS BEING WITHHELD ON HIS CLAIM OF BEING A REGISTERED HERO.

HOMELAND UNDERSECRETARY DARRIN BURGESS ISSUED A STATEMENT TONIGHT DENYING ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN INCINERATOR AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO CRACK DOWN ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

## PNN EVENING NEWS WITH ROBIN STEED

**PNN**  
Paragon News Network

I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT!  
IT WAS LIKE I WAS FIGHTING A KHELDIAN!

AN' THIS IS WHY YE BROKE OUR "NO CAPES IN TH' FLAT" RULE?

**Katie Lea Powers**  
AKA LYON POWERS

I'M SORRY KATIE... IT'S JUST...  
AFTER ALL THIS TIME, I WAS FINALLY FACE-TO-FACE WITH HER...  
AND SUDDENLY SHE HAS ALL-NEW POWERS.

OR... FACE-TO-FACE NOT COUNTING THAT HELMET SHE WORE.

AND... MAYBE THAT WASN'T HER AT ALL?

MAYBE SHE WAS PROJECTING HER VOICE THROUGH THAT SKULL HELMET?

MAYBE THAT WAS A KHELDIAN I WAS FACING AND SHE WAS JUST CONTROLLING HER?

I MEAN... WE'VE FACED SOCKPUPPET SITUATIONS BEFORE!

IT'S ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT SHE COULD STILL BE HELD SOMEWHERE AND SHE'S USING PAWNS TO... TO...





OI, 'OLD  
UP, TAYA.  
YER GETTIN'  
DAFFY.



JUST KNOWIN'  
LEONA'S BACK IS  
GIVIN' ME CHILLS.  
NEVER MIND SHE'S  
GONE SQUIDDY\*.  
MAYBE YOU SHOULD  
GIT DAYBRIGHT ON  
TH' CELLIEP GET A  
SQUIDDY T' HELP  
FACE A SQUIDDY.

(\*SQUIDDY\* IS SLANG FOR  
A KHELDIAN HYBRID, WHOSE  
ENERGY FORMS RESEMBLE A  
SPACE SQUID.)



NOT AN OPTION.  
GRACE IS STILL  
BUILDING THE NEW  
AWAKENED POLICE  
FORCE.



THEN WHY NOT CALL  
YER BOYFRIEND?  
I MEAN, HE IS THE  
SON OF STATESMAN!



JOHN IS STILL IN  
WALES PROTECTING  
OUR FAMILY.  
WHICH, BY THE WAY,  
YOU SHOULD BE  
DOING AS WELL!



NOT A CHANCE!

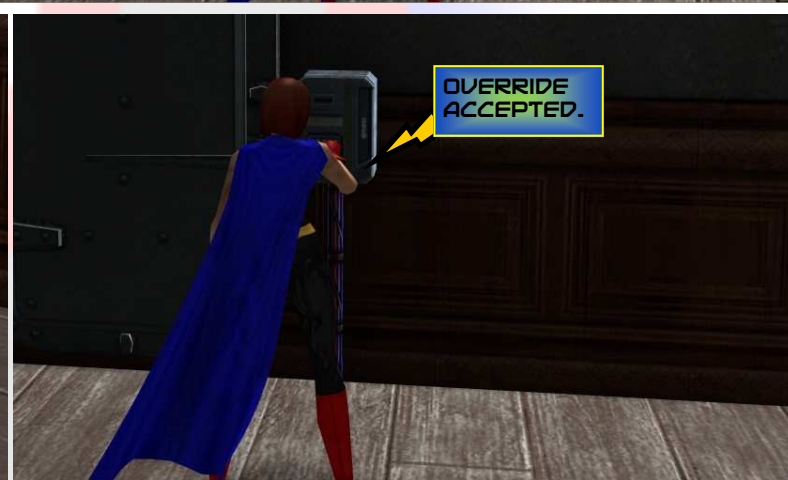
I'VE GOT ONE MORE  
SEMESTER T' GO  
B'FORE I GET ME  
MASTERS AN I DON'T  
WANNA DELAY IT  
ANY MORE THAN I  
'AVE ALREADY!



STILL... SIS...  
YE NEED SOMEONE  
T' BACK YE UP.  
I MEAN... EVEN IF YE  
DON'T WANT MY  
HELP, CALL FIONA  
OR YER JUSTICE-  
KNIGHTS FRIENDS  
OR... SOMEONE!









PROMETHEUS STATION

GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT  
OVER PARAGON CITY

PROJECT: PROMETHEUS  
NAMED AFTER THE  
GREEK TITAN THAT GAVE  
FIRE TO MANKIND.

(NOT TO MENTION ONE  
OF MY MENTORS.\*)

THE PROJECT I'VE BEEN  
WORKING ON FOR THE  
PAST FOUR YEARS.

STUDYING EXOTIC ENERGIES  
AND PARTICLES ON EARTH  
AND IN SPACE.

(\* NO, SERIOUSLY. GALATEA KNOWS  
PROMETHEUS GOING BACK TO THE  
"GUARDIAN POWERS" SERIES.)

THAT INCLUDES DARK  
ENERGY, WHICH IS WHY  
I GOT INVOLVED.

INCOMING  
TELEPORT

WELCOME BACK  
GALATEA POWERS.

THANK YOU,  
ATHENA.

ACCESS THE  
VANGUARD  
SENSOR LOGS  
FROM STEEL  
CANYON NORTH.

CONNECTING TO  
VANGUARD SERVERS

PULL UP THE WAR  
WALL SENSORS  
FROM THAT AREA  
AND LOOK FOR  
ABNORMAL ENERGY  
SIGNATURES  
AROUND THE P-N-N  
BUILDING





CONFIRMED. ABNORMAL  
ENERGY SIGNATURE AROUND  
THE PARAGON NEWS  
NETWORK STUDIOS BETWEEN  
TEN-TWENTY HOURS AND TEN  
-FIFTY-THREE HOURS.

CAN YOU PULL UP THE  
WAVELENGTH ANALYSIS  
OF THAT SIGNATURE?

ACCESSING SENSOR DATA  
FROM VANGUARD.  
SECURITY AUTHORIZATION  
REQUIRED.



VANGUARD AUTHORIZATION  
XAVIER-ZERO-ZERO-THREE.  
CODEWORD: WHITE.

VANGUARD AUTHORIZATION  
APPROVED FOR OPERATIVE  
GALATEA POWERS.

THAT GOES ALL THE WAY  
BACK TO MY EARLY YEARS,  
WHEN I WORE A WHITE  
OUTFIT INSTEAD OF BLACK.\*


\* GALATEA'S OUTFIT CHANGED AS  
PART OF THE "GALATEA DAWNING"  
STORYLINE IN "GUARDIANS OF THE  
DAWN SPOTLIGHT".>



ATHENA, DO  
YOU HAVE THE  
WAVELENGTH  
DATA?

ATHENA IS THE  
BRAINS OF THE  
STATION.


PATTERNED  
AFTER THE OLD  
CPCU SYSTEM.



WAVELENGTH  
ANALYSIS OF THE  
ENERGY SIGNATURE  
INDICATES AN EIGHTY  
PERCENT MATCH WITH  
ESTABLISHED  
KHELDIAN HYBRIDS.

I GAVE IT A  
FEMALE  
PERSONALITY.

BECAUSE  
WHY NOT?



ONLY EIGHTY PERCENT?

ALMOST EVERY KHELDIAN I  
KNOW, PEACEBRINGER AND  
WARSHADE, MATCH AT ONE  
HUNDRED PERCENT.

WHAT'S THE OTHER TWENTY?

ANALYZING... STAND BY...  
THE REMAINING TWENTY PERCENT  
MATCHES THE ENERGY  
WAVELENGTH OF METAHUMAN  
ENERGY EMISSIONS, EITHER  
THROUGH THE EYES OR HANDS.













## WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the city where it all began.

Our city was gone.

Then it was back with some secret help.

And now our city is back licensed and legitimate.

In between all that, I've been busy with another universe, one where the "original" Galatea Powers was reborn as Galatea Future.

Doing "**Future's Guardian**" has been fun, but ever since the City of Heroes was back with an officially licensed server, there was a call to bring my characters back into the light.

And there have been quite a few changes to our city since the shutdown. Some of those changes you've seen with this premiere issue. Some places and even some new residents have been included.

But this new licensed server came with some downsides as well. All the things brought in since the "secret" had to remain there. Characters, bases, settings, they all had to go back to square one.

And so we had to as well. Thus, that version of Guardian Base - as grand as it was - had to go.

On the plus side, going back to square one also opened the door for us to make changes and improvements. Galatea's in-game archetype, for instance, is no longer a "Tanker" but a "Brute". Similar powersets but distribution of power is different. The more she fights, the stronger she gets. This puts her in the same category as her Praetorian twin, Furia Powers.

Another big change, as you may have seen, is with Leona, aka "Dawnender". Clearly not the "Tanker" that she once was, she's developed energy powers. How much and what kind you'll find out in future issues.

There are some things that happened since we last saw our would-be incarnate hero that connect between her last appearance in "**Furia and the Guardians**" and with this issue. Things that set her "path to incarnate" aside. Things that happened that led Malcolm Rochspare to become a business manager in direct competition with some of the big names in the city. These will be explained in future issues.

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Another big question mark is what happened to the miniseries “**Task Force Twilight**”. This was the story of the street-level Guardians and their allies as they took on the corrupt police officers under their authoritarian deputy chief that paused after five issues.

Obviously the change to the licensed server means all of the progress made with the “secret” had to stop. This put the events of 2017 in limbo.

That had an effect on who is still in the City in 2025. Who survived Dawnender’s attack? Who didn’t? Some people we could name. Others remain in limbo until this story could be finished.

The decision was made to continue the events of TFT as a series of text-only backstories, as it would save us numerous hours of recreating characters and rebuilding scenes that are now inaccessible. Part 6 of this miniseries will be told starting with Issue #2.

The only thing left is to say... welcome back to the city!

Now let’s see what’s coming up.

## **NEXT ISSUE:**



**WHO IS DAWNENDER?**

**WHAT HAS SHE BECOME?**

**WHAT IS SHE BECOMING?**

**THE HISTORY OF LEONA POWERS WILL BE REVEALED.**

**PLUS: PART 6 OF “TASK FORCE TWILIGHT”**

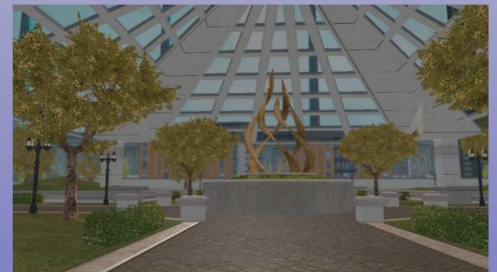


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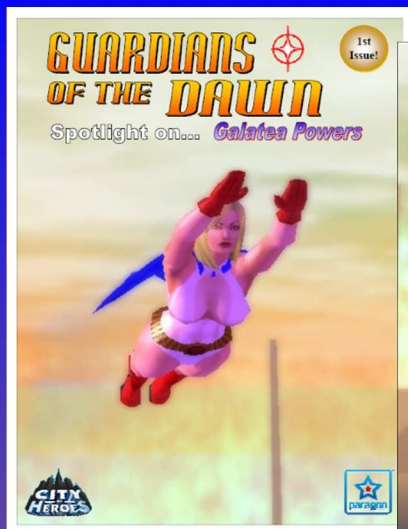
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