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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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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

Three years ago, Furia Powers was considered to be just another refugee from the despised Praetorian Universe. A "goldie" with a temper.

She had to work hard to earn her respect, fighting prejudice along the way from those in authority who only saw her as a drone of a fascist leader.

Then, through the mechanizations of others, she faced a seemingly unstoppable force. But her anger and her fury prevailed in this fight, and she was soon recognized as a hero in her own right.

Furia has gone through several changes in her life since then. She gained a new civilian identity, a new home, a new job, and even a new family. She has accepted herself as a member of the legendary Powers family in this universe.

And now... all of that is at risk.

"ONE MORE TIME... WITH FEELING"

- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

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WHITE PLAINS (AKA RIKTI WAR ZONE) - PARAGON CITY, RI

UNITED NATIONS RESTRICTED HAZARD ZONE

"FURIA".
CHILD OF FURY.

I WASN'T BORN WITH
THAT NAME, BUT IT
IS THE NAME THAT I
TOOK.

FURIA WAS BORN IN MY
HEART WHEN MY FATHER
WAS MURDERED BY THOSE
THAT HE HAD TRUSTED.

I BECAME FURIA BY NAME
WHEN I WATCHED AS MY
YOUNGER SISTER WAS
KILLED IN FRONT OF ME
BY THE HAMOON.

FURY AND RAGE FUEL
MY POWER. IT GIVES
ME STRENGTH, IT
GIVES ME FLIGHT, AND
IT KEEPS ME ALIVE.

EXCEPT...

NOW I HAVE A NEW FAMILY.
NOW I HAVE A GROUP
WHERE I'M WELCOMED.

 **Furia Powers**
(FIONA PODERES)

SOMEWHERE OUT
THERE IS MY
GREATEST ENEMY.

A THREAT THAT I
BARELY DEFEATED
THE LAST TIME.

AND... FOR THE LIFE OF
ME, I DON'T KNOW IF I
HAVE THE POWER TO
DEFEAT HIM AGAIN.

EARLIER...

HELIOS TOWERS - HERO-FRIENDLY CONDOMINIUM

TALOS ISLAND

"KATE!"

SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG T' GET HERE.
'SWEAR IT'S TH' LAST TIME I FLY ON BRITT AIR.
COACH, NO LESS!

 **Katie Lea Powers**
AKA LYON POWERS

YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T TAKE THE VANGUARD PORTAL FROM CARDIFF?

WHERE'S YOUR LUGGAGE?

 **Fiona Poderes**
AKA FURIA POWERS

THEY GOT PUT ON A DIFFER'NT FLIGHT. THEY'LL 'AVE 'EM DELIVER'D 'ERE.

WELL, YOU'RE HERE AND THAT'S WHAT MATTERS!

COME ON IN!
CAN I GET YOU SOMETHING?

I REALLY WOULDN'T MIND ONE OF GALATEA'S SMOOTHIES.
REALLY MISS THOSE WHILE GETTIN' MYSTICAL TREATMENTS FOR THIS DAMNED CURSE.

WISH 'TAYA COULD BE HERE.

YEAH, VANGUARD HAS HER OFF IN THE SHADOW SHARD UNIVERSE DOING SOME MORE INTEL MISSIONS.

SOMETHING TO DO WITH HER STARTING TO BECOME AN INCARNATE.*

THAT REALLY SCARES ME, FI.
MY FIRST HERO MENTOR WAS HERO 1, AN' WHAT HE TOLD ME ABOUT BEIN' AN INCARNATE MADE IT SEEM MORE OF A BURDEN TH'N A BLESSING.

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OI! THAT REMINDS ME!
I 'AVE SOMETHIN' FER YOU.



CAME 'CROSS ABBEY LOCKE ON TH' WAY UP AND SHE ASKED ME T' GIVE YOU YOUR PAY VOUCHER.



THANKS...
THIS... THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT!



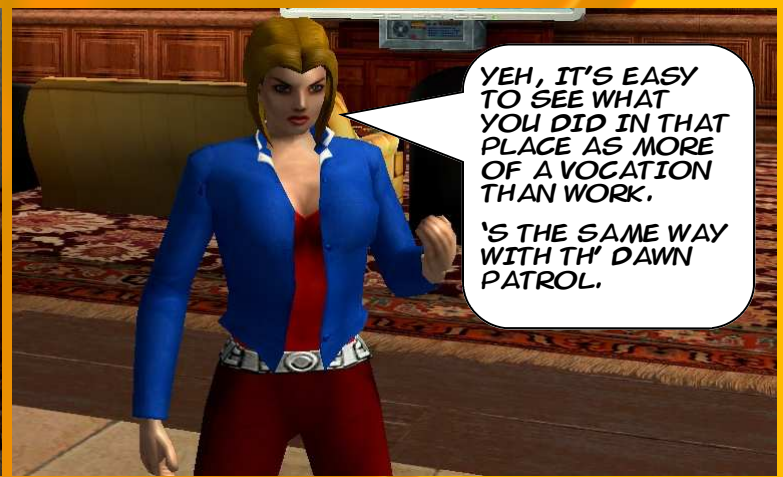
ABBIEY TOLD ME T' TELL YOU THAT THE AMOUNT COVERS YOUR JOB FOR PROTECTING KAREN MANNING* AN' ALSO A LITTLE EXTRA FER THE FIRM'S THANKS.
SHE SAID SHE'LL 'AVE SOME MORE WORK FER YOU SOON.

(* LAST ISSUE)



THANKS FOR BRINGING THIS, KATE...

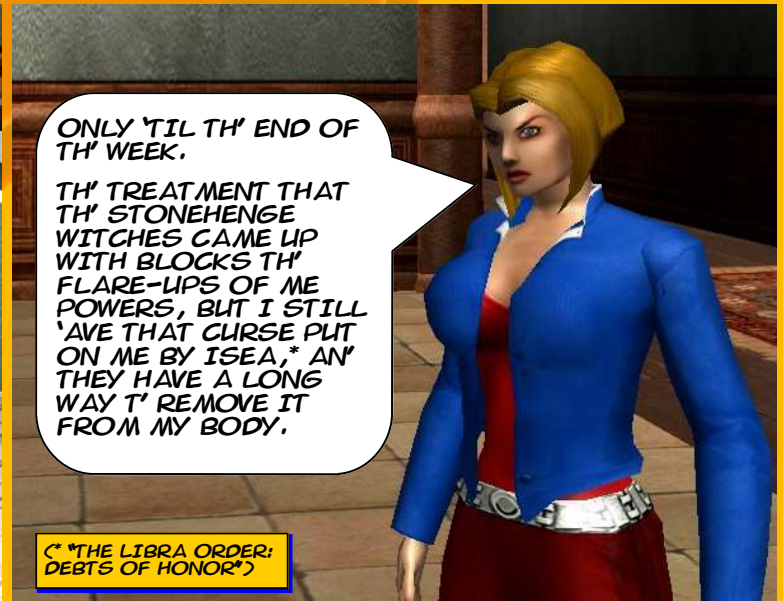
THIS IS ALL STILL NEW TO ME. I NEVER REALLY HAD A JOB WHEN I WAS IN PRAETORIA.



YEH, IT'S EASY TO SEE WHAT YOU DID IN THAT PLACE AS MORE OF A VOCATION THAN WORK.
'S THE SAME WAY WITH TH' DAWN PATROL.



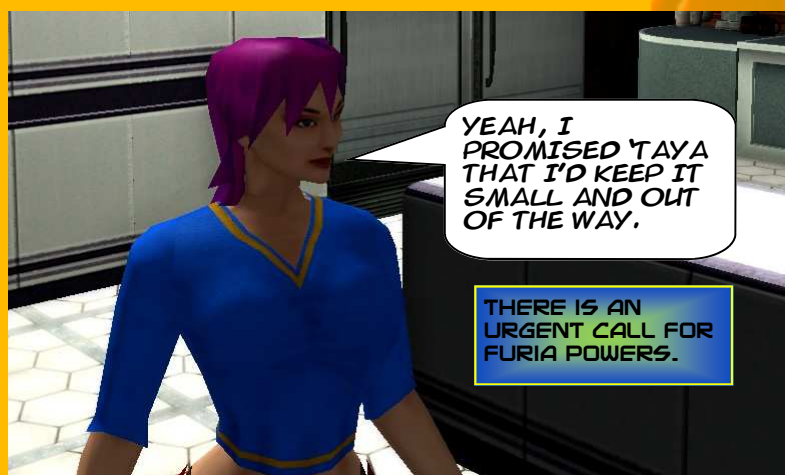
I'VE MISSED YOU, SIS.
HOW LONG CAN YOU STAY?



ONLY 'TIL TH' END OF TH' WEEK.

TH' TREATMENT THAT TH' STONEHENG WITCHES CAME UP WITH BLOCKS TH' FLARE-UPS OF ME POWERS, BUT I STILL 'AVE THAT CURSE PUT ON ME BY ISEA,* AN' THEY HAVE A LONG WAY T' REMOVE IT FROM MY BODY.

(* THE LIBRA ORDER: DEBTS OF HONOR*)



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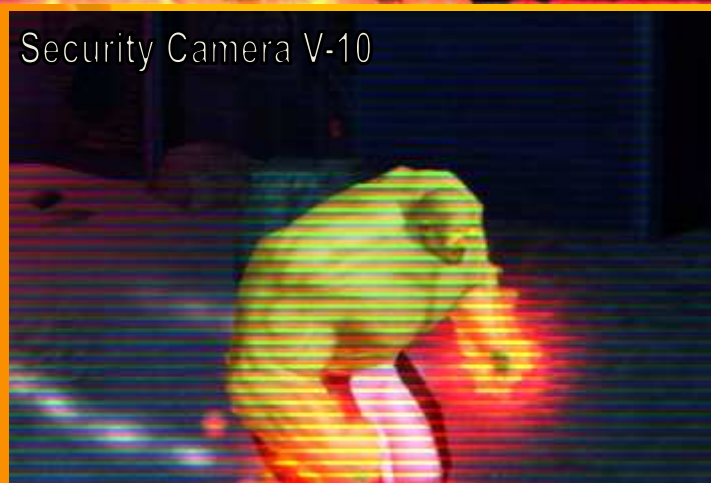
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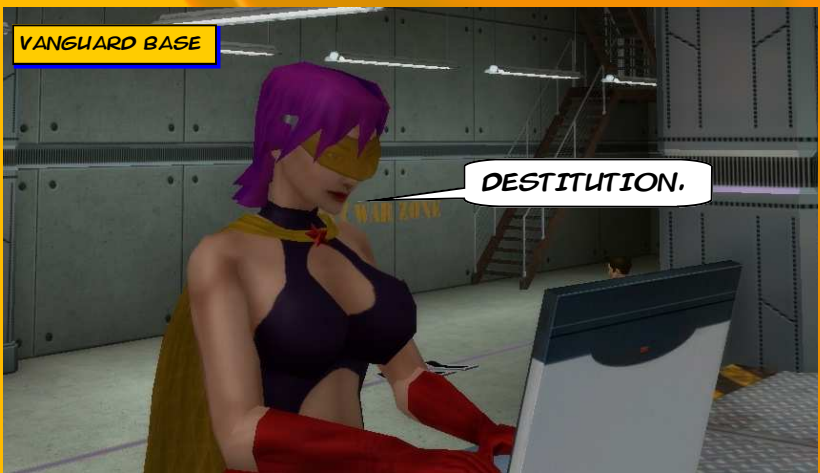
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VANGUARD BASE



DESTITUTION.



HOW? HE WAS
BRAIN-DEAD!
HIS WHOLE HEAD
WAS FRIED!*

(* ISSUE #3)



AS YOU ARE AWARE, MISS
POWERS, DESTITUTION WAS
GENETICALLY-ENHANCED WITH
REGENERATIVE ABILITIES.
WE JUST DID NOT REALIZE THE
FULL EXTENT OF THAT ABILITY.

AFTER WE DISCOVERED HIS
BRAIN WAS FULLY RESTORED,
WE TRANSPORTED HIM TO THE
STASIS WING OF OUR
VANGUARD ATLANTIS BASE.

 **THE Lady Grey**
VANGUARD LEADER



UNFORTUNATELY WE
DID NOT TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT THAT HE
COULD FORCE HIS
WAY OUT OF
STASIS AS WELL.



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HE WAS ABLE TO
GRAB PART OF
HIS OUTFIT AND
MAKE HIS WAY
TO THE DOCK.



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NOT HER...



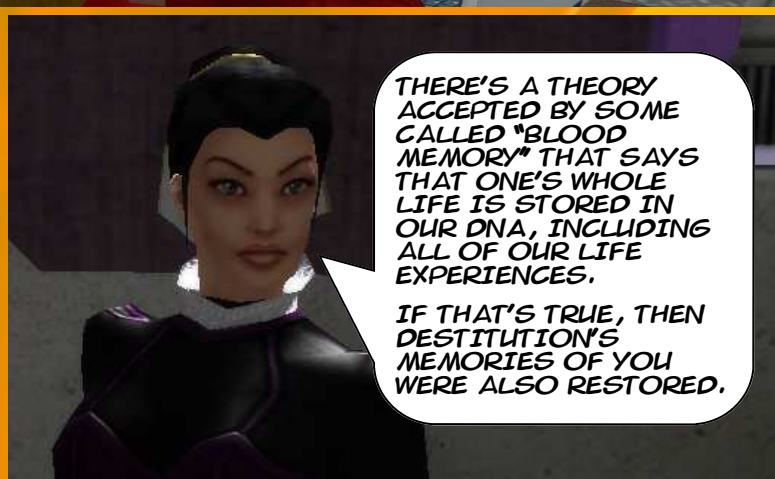
WAIT... DID HE
JUST SAY
SOMETHING?



"NOT HER",
ACCORDING TO THE
SURVIVORS.

"NOT PURPLE-HAIR."

HE NEVER KNEW
YOUR NAME WHEN
YOU TWO FOUGHT.



THERE'S A THEORY
ACCEPTED BY SOME
CALLED "BLOOD
MEMORY" THAT SAYS
THAT ONE'S WHOLE
LIFE IS STORED IN
OUR DNA, INCLUDING
ALL OF OUR LIFE
EXPERIENCES.

IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN
DESTITUTION'S
MEMORIES OF YOU
WERE ALSO RESTORED.



Security Camera V-D8
ENHANCED IMAGE

PURPLE HAIR!
I AM COMING
FOR YOU!



WHERE IS
HE NOW?

LIFE-SIZED STATUE OF TALOS - TALOS ISLAND

HEADQUARTERS FOR THE
GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN

"LADY GREY SAID THAT HE
BOARDED AN EMERGENCY
ESCAPE VEHICLE AND IT
CRASHED INSIDE THE
RIKTI WAR ZONE."

"SOP THAT'S GREAT!
THEY CAN KEEP HIM
THERE INDEFINITELY!"

"NOT GREAT, KATE.

IMAGINE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN
IF THE RIKTI GET HOLD OF
SOMEONE WITH THAT LEVEL OF
REGENERATIVE ABILITY."

TECH WORKSHOP

SO CALL GALATEA
BACK FROM 'ER
SHADOW SHARD
MISSION AN'
THEN HOLD THE
BLOKE OFF 'TIL
SHE GETS THERE!

IT'S NOT
THAT SIMPLE.

IT'S TH' BLOODY
"CITY OF HEROES"!

THERE 'RE
HEROES AT
EV'RY
CORNER!

LADY GREY
CAN CALL UP
A WHOLE
LEGION!

Lyon Powers
(KATIE LEA POWERS)

SHE ALREADY DID.

SHE HAS EVERY ACTIVE
AND AVAILABLE HERO
OUT THERE RIGHT NOW
DOING TWO THINGS.

THE FIRST IS TO KEEP
DESTITUTION AWAY
FROM THE CRASHED
RIKTI MOTHERSHIP SO
THEY DON'T GET HIM
AND HIS ENHANCED
REGENERATION POWER.

"BUT THEY'RE HAVING
TO FIGHT HIM AND
THE RIKTI THAT ARE
ALREADY THERE."

"THE OTHER CHALLENGE IS
TO MAKE SURE NONE OF THE
OTHER GROUPS GET THEIR
HANDS ON HIM."

"VANGUARD GAVE
CONTRACTOR PERMITS OUT
TO ALL THE MAJOR
ORGANIZATIONS THAT
COULD HELP DEVELOP WAYS
TO STOP THE RIKTI."

"GREY, CYCOP, LEXIETECH,
WYVERN, THE GOLDBRICKERS, THE
ROGINANTE GROUP... AND LET'S
NOT FORGET THAT ARACHNOS
HAS A PRESENCE THERE."

"NOBODY WANTS TO SEE ANY
OF THEM GET THE KEY TO
DESTITUTION'S REGENERATIVE
POWER EITHER."



THAT LEAVES ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE THAT COULD...

THERE! THAT DOES IT! NOW THEY WORK!

WHAT DOES?
WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?



POWER GLOVES.
A GIFT FROM FENNEC ENTERPRISES FROM WHEN I FOUGHT THE SIRIANS.*

(*THE CRUCIBLE* #22)



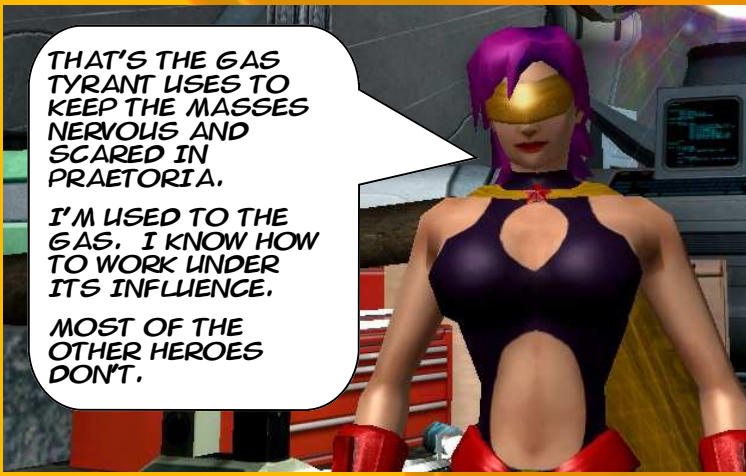
I'VE NEV'R SEEN YE NEEDING HELP FR'M TECH LIKE THIS.

WHY NOW? AND WHY DOES IT 'AVE T' BE YOU?



BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN FACE HIM AND BEAT HIM.

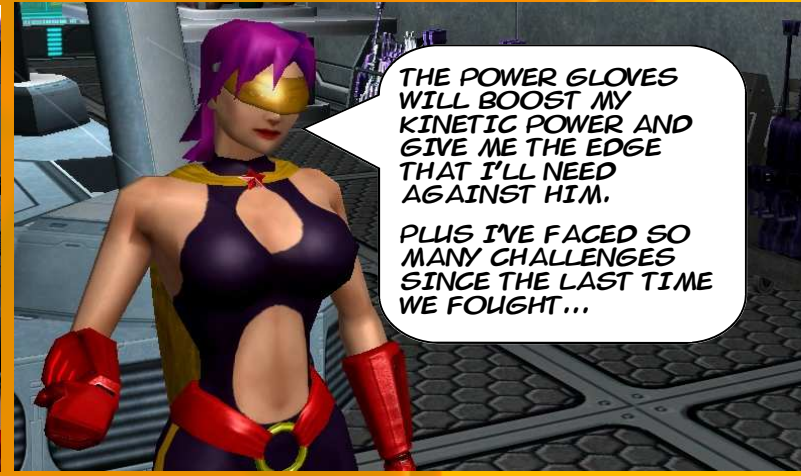
ONE OF THE DEVICES IN HIS BODY IS A PUMP THAT SECRETES ADRENALINE GAS.



THAT'S THE GAS TYRANT USES TO KEEP THE MASSES NERVOUS AND SCARED IN PRAETORIA.

I'M USED TO THE GAS. I KNOW HOW TO WORK UNDER ITS INFLUENCE.

MOST OF THE OTHER HEROES DON'T.



THE POWER GLOVES WILL BOOST MY KINETIC POWER AND GIVE ME THE EDGE THAT I'LL NEED AGAINST HIM.

PLUS I'VE FACED SO MANY CHALLENGES SINCE THE LAST TIME WE FOUGHT...



WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY:

THAT WHICH DOES NOT KILL ME ONLY MAKES ME STRONGER.



'CEPT IT CAN ALSO APPLY TO DESTITUTION.
AN' 'AT'S WOT WORRIES ME.

PRESENT TIME...

I DIDN'T WANT TO LET HER KNOW THAT I WAS AFRAID OF THAT TOO. THAT'S REALLY WHY I NEED THE GLOVES.

WHEN I FOUGHT DESTITUTION THE FIRST TIME, I WAS STILL FULL OF RAGE AND ANGER.

STILL ANGRY OVER BEING ASSAULTED BY THE POLICE FOR DOING MY JOB AND TRYING TO HELP A DOWNED OFFICER.

STILL ANGRY OVER BEING CALLED A "GOLDIE".

STILL ANGRY OVER BEING TREATED AS A THREAT EVEN THOUGH I WAS ONCE A MEMBER OF THE RESISTANCE TRYING TO STOP TYRANT.

(* ISSUE #1)

THAT ANGER IN ME DIED WHEN I BEAT DESTITUTION.

WHEN I BECAME THE CITY'S "HERO OF THE MOMENT".

I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN GET INTO THAT STATE AGAIN.

DO NOT FEAR. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FACE HIM ALONE.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

LEXIETECH HEADQUARTERS

AEON CITY, CAP AU DIABLE

ROGUE ISLES



STATUS
REPORT.

Lexie Lothor
LEXIETECH CEO



THE STRIKE
TEAM IS
MEETING
RESISTANCE
FROM THE
HERO
COMMUNITY.

Lawrence Technis
LEXIETECH LEGAL

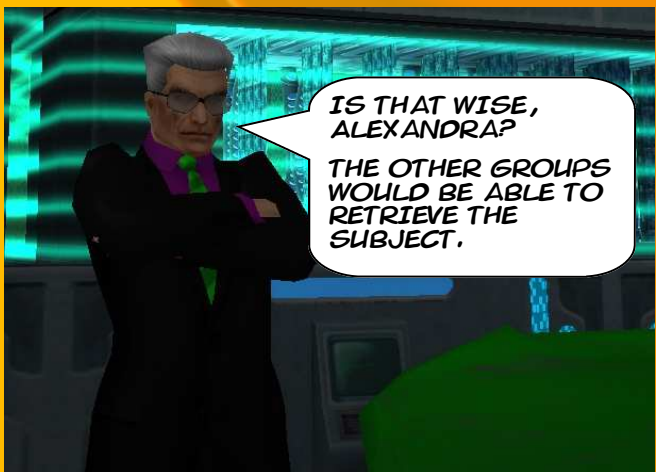


AS SHOULD BE
EXPECTED.
BEGIN A PASSIVE
RETREAT FROM
THE WAR ZONE.



IS THAT WISE,
ALEXANDRA?

THE OTHER GROUPS
WOULD BE ABLE TO
RETRIEVE THE
SUBJECT.



IF I THOUGHT THAT ANY
OF THE OTHER GROUPS
COULD, I'D NEVER LET
VANGUARD KEEP HIM.
AS IT IS, LADY GREY
AND HER PEOPLE WILL
KEEP THE RIVALS FROM
THE PRIZE.



OUR RETREAT WILL
HELP CONCEAL OUR
ROLE IN CREATING
DESTITUTION.

THE OTHERS WILL
ASSUME THAT WE
WERE ONLY THERE FOR
AN OPPORTUNITY
THAT IS NO LONGER
VIABLE.

I'LL WANT A FULL UPDATE ON
WHAT IMPLANTS INSIDE OF
HIM ARE STILL FUNCTIONING
AND WHICH ONES WE HAVE
REMOTE CONTROL OVER.
AND MAKE SURE THAT WE
MAINTAIN THE FEED FROM
VANGUARD AT ALL COSTS.



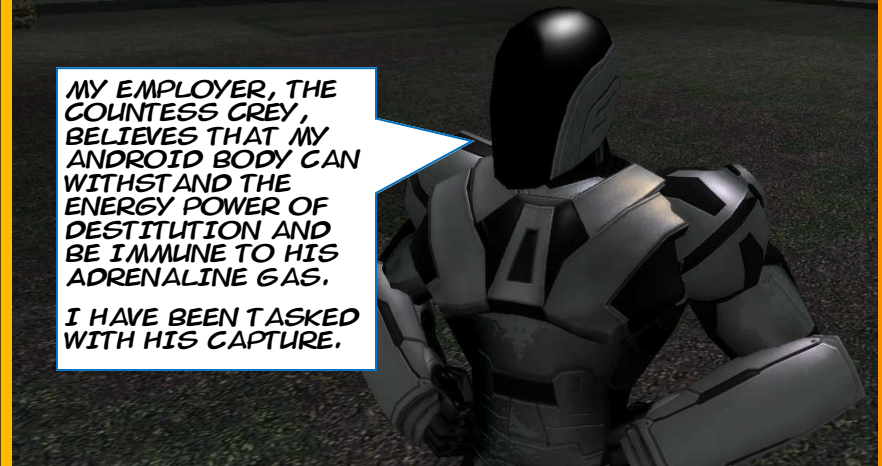


IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, FURIA.
I AM GLAD YOU RECOGNIZE ME EVEN WITH MY UPDATED TACTICAL ARMOR.

C.E.C.I.L.
GREY EXPERIMENTAL CRIME INTERVENTION LOGIC

IT'S A LITTLE HARD TO FORGET YOU, ROBOT BOY, AFTER WHAT WE WENT THROUGH TOGETHER.*
BUT ... WHY ARE YOU HERE?

* FURIA CAME TO THE RESCUE OF CECIL DURING THE "HOUSE OF SOTHIS" STORYLINE IN THE COX COMICS SERIES "THE CRUCIBLE", AVAILABLE AT WWW.COXCOMICS.COM



MY EMPLOYER, THE COUNTESS GREY, BELIEVES THAT MY ANDROID BODY CAN WITHSTAND THE ENERGY POWER OF DESTITUTION AND BE IMMUNE TO HIS ADRENALINE GAS.

I HAVE BEEN TASKED WITH HIS CAPTURE.



CECIL, I CAN'T LET YOU DO THIS.

I'M THE ONE THAT BEAT DESTITUTION THE FIRST TIME.

I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN STOP HIM.



DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BATTLE WITH DESTITUTION WAS UPLOADED INTO MY HARD DRIVES, ALONG WITH TACTICAL PROGRAMS FROM MILITARY CONSULTANTS EMPLOYED BY GREY INDUSTRIES.

I AM WELL AWARE OF DESTITUTION'S STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES.

NO! NO! THIS ISN'T THE SAME AS THE LAST TIME!

VANGUARD COULDN'T CONTAIN HIM! YOUR EMPLOYER CERTAINLY CAN'T!



YOUR CONCERN FOR MY WELL-BEING IS MISPLACED BUT APPRECIATED.

I MUST COMPLETE MY ASSIGNMENT.

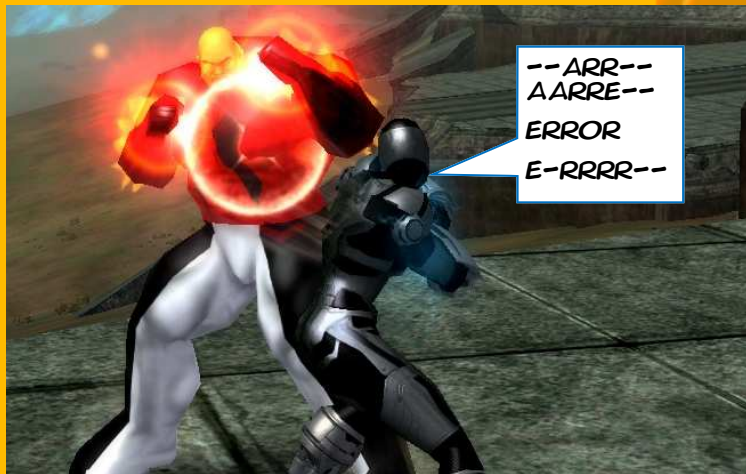
CECIL, DON'T DO THIS!



CECIL!



YOU ARE UNDER AR--





AAAAAAAAAAAAARRRRGH!!!!



"WE'VE GOT TO HELP FURIA!"

NO! YOU'RE CRAZY
IF YOU THINK YOU
CAN HELP HER
AGAINST HIM!

★ **Qualina**
(SARINA MARTINEZ)

LOOK, WE JUST CAN'T
STAND BACK AND
WATCH HER GET HER
ASS KICKED!
YOU FACED HIM
BEFORE, QUALINA.

YES, AND I HAD MY
CULO HANDED TO
ME BOTH TIMES!*
BELIEVE ME WHEN I
SAY WE'D ONLY GET
IN FURIA'S WAY.

(* ISSUES 2 & 3)

I DON'T LIKE SITTING
BACK WHEN THE REAL
ACTION IS STILL
GOING ON...
BUT... IF SHE CAN'T
STOP HIM... ALL BETS
ARE OFF.

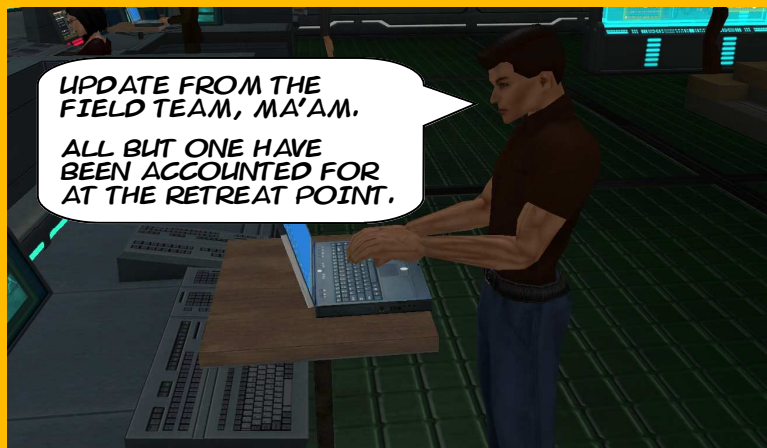
★ **Guardian Star**
(JOHN COLE)

WHAM!

SHE'LL DO IT, LYON.
I HAVE FAITH IN
YOUR SISTER.

★ **Ryder Lightning**
(BART WALLACE)

I JUST 'OPE
IT'S ENOUGH...



UPDATE FROM THE
FIELD TEAM, MA'AM.
ALL BUT ONE HAVE
BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR
AT THE RETREAT POINT.



WHICH ONE?

THE FIELD
LEADER
HERSELF,
MA'AM.



BATTLEVENGER.
YOU ARE
ORDERED TO
PULL BACK TO
THE EXTRACTION
POINT AT ONCE.



I'M FINE WHERE I AM.
I'M WEARING A LEVEL
FIVE MINIMAL
DETECTION SUIT AND I
HAVE THE PERFECT
VANTAGE POINT FOR
TACTICAL EVALUATION.

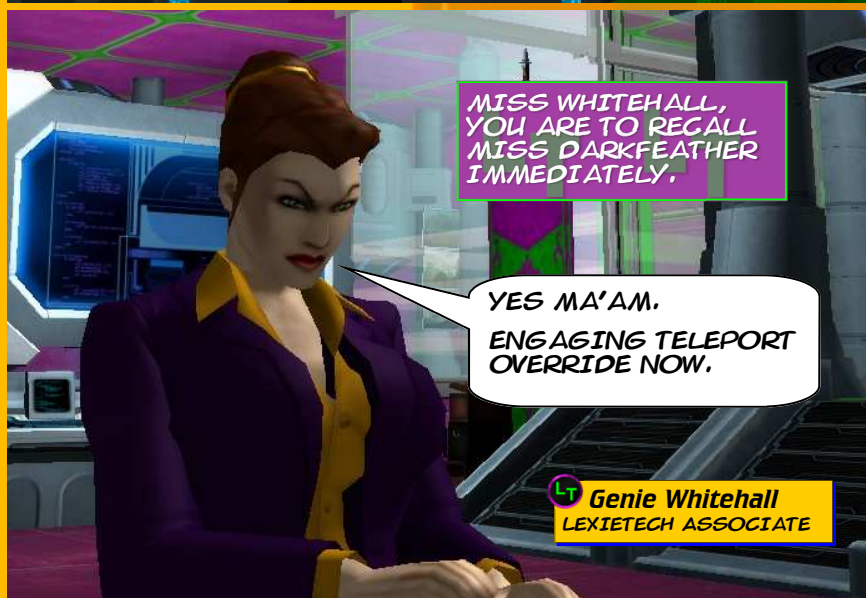
 **Battlevenger**
(JOANNA DARKFEATHER)



WOMAN'S BEEN
TROUBLE EVER SINCE
WE GAVE HER THOSE
POWERS FROM JOHN
BATTLE ROCK'S DNA.

THEN I WON'T TRY
TO PERSUADE HER.

OPEN A DIRECT
LINE TO THE
TRAVEL OFFICE.



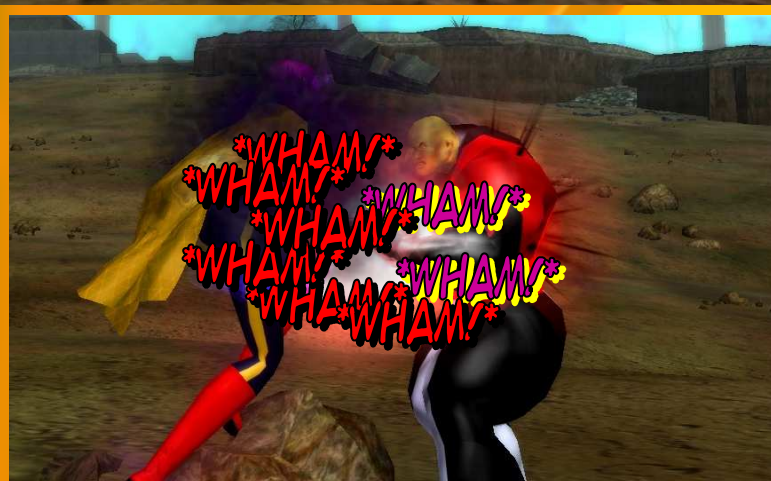
MISS WHITEHALL,
YOU ARE TO RECALL
MISS DARKFEATHER
IMMEDIATELY.

YES MA'AM.
ENGAGING TELEPORT
OVERRIDE NOW.

 **Genie Whitehall**
LEXITECH ASSOCIATE



NO!
NO!







FURIA!



THOSE GLOVES
WERE NEVER
DESIGNED FOR
MELEE FIGHTING.
HE HIT THEM WITH
HIS ENERGY FISTS
AND CAUSED THEM
TO EXPLODE.



LOOK AT YOU!
WEAK!
RELYING ON YOUR
TECH TO FACE ME!



YOU USED TO FIGHT
ME WITH JUST YOUR
POWERS, AND YOU
ALMOST KILLED ME.
NOW LOOK AT YOU!



I'LL SHOW THE WORLD JUST
HOW WEAK YOU ARE...
...BY WEARING YOUR SKIN
AS MY NEW BELT!

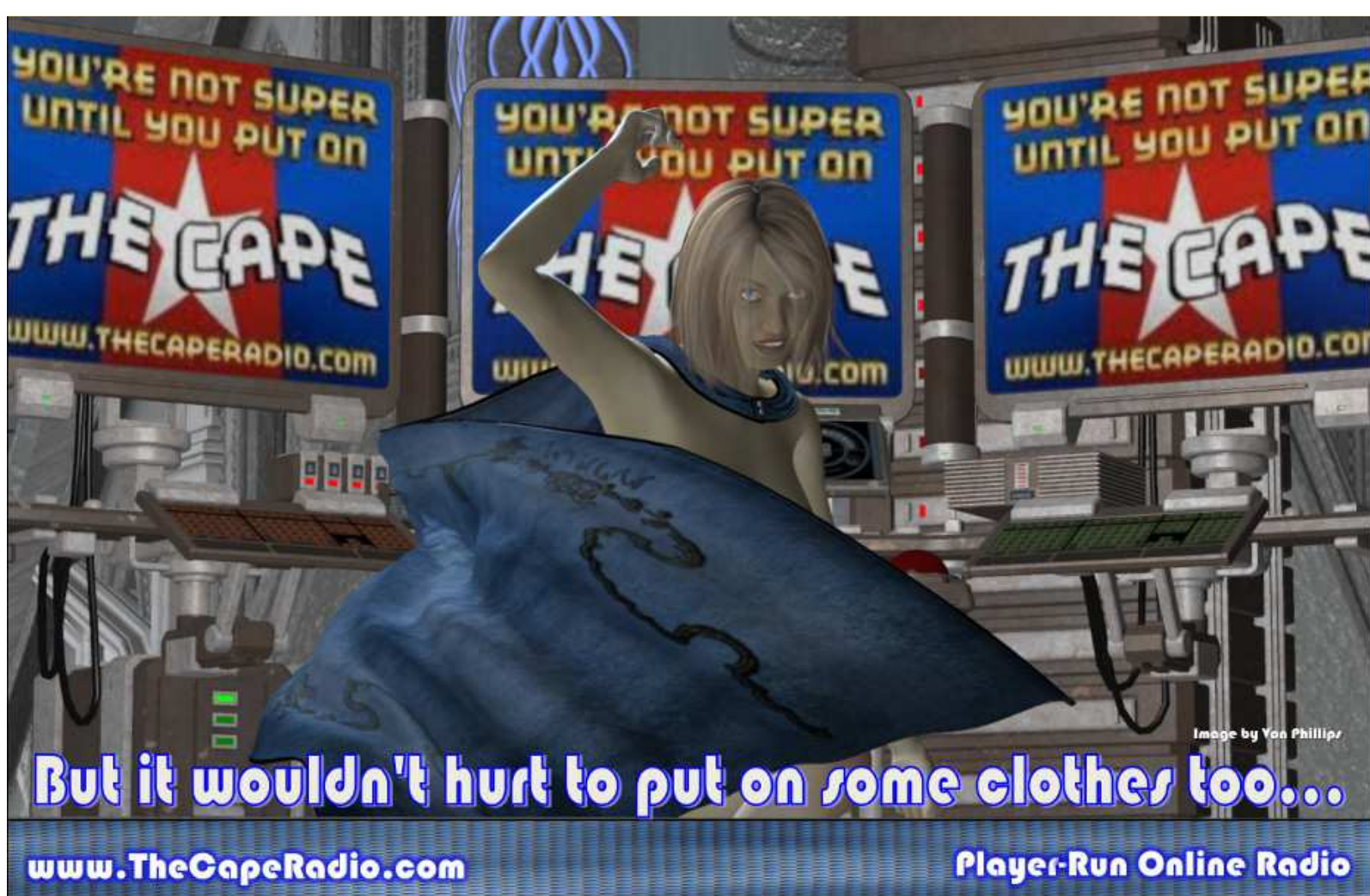


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But it wouldn't hurt to put on some clothes too...

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YOU'RE GOING TO SEND ME BACK TO THE WAR ZONE RIGHT NOW, AND MAYBE WHEN I GET BACK I MIGHT JUST FORGET WHAT YOU DID.

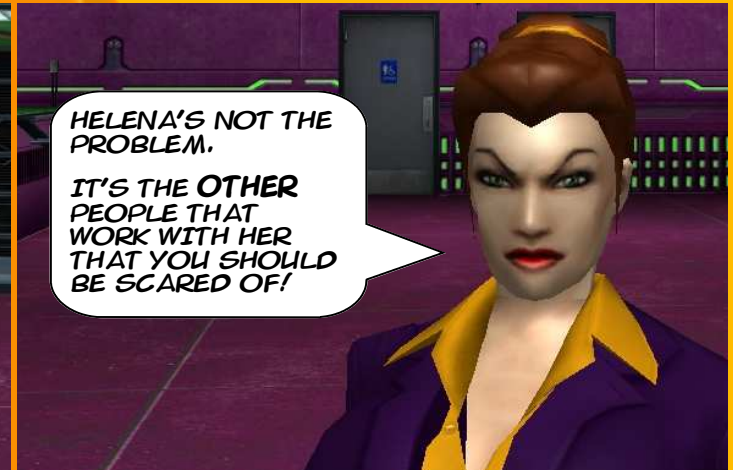


NO, WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO IS LISTEN TO ME BEFORE SECURITY GETS HERE.



YOU THINK YOU CAN FRIGHTEN ME BY TELLING ME HOW MUCH OF A BADASS HELENA GORO IS?

HONEY, I WAS DOING THIS BEFORE SHE WAS STALKING OLD CRIME BOSSSES IN ST. MARTIAL.



HELENA'S NOT THE PROBLEM.

IT'S THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT WORK WITH HER THAT YOU SHOULD BE SCARED OF!



WHEN I DIDN'T REVEAL THAT MY MISSION WAS COMPROMISED, I WAS "INTERVIEWED" BY MS. LOTHORA'S SECURITY STAFF.*

I COULDN'T PEE FOR A WEEK AFTERWARD.

(* ISSUE #6)



DO YOU HEAR WHAT I AM TELLING YOU?
THEY ARE THAT SADISTIC!



I GET THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO BE TOUGH. THAT'S THE FIRST THING THEY WILL BREAK YOU OF.

MS. LOTHORA WANTS PEOPLE THAT WILL FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LETTER.

AND I'M TELLING YOU NOW... YOU DON'T WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT SHE DOES TO THOSE WHO CAN'T FOLLOW HER INSTRUCTIONS!

PRINCESS, I HAD MY RIGHT EYE REMOVED. NOT BEING ABLE TO PEE CAN'T COMPARE TO THAT LEVEL OF TRAUMA.

YOU'D BE SURPRISED.



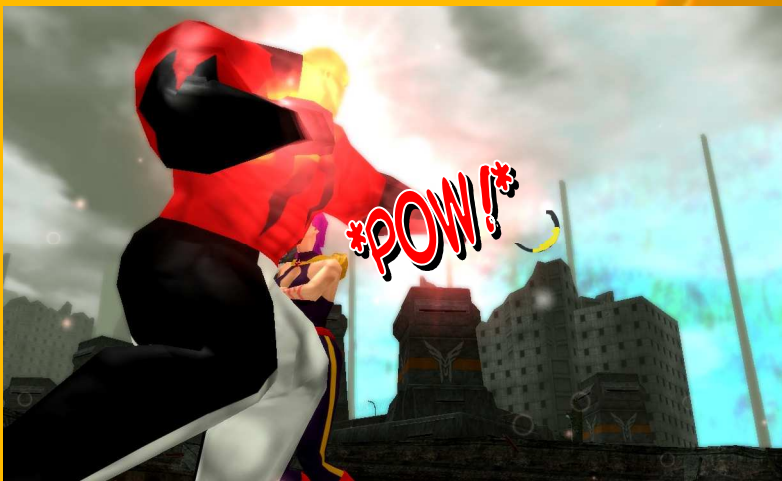


I FEEL SO
HELPLESS....
I CAN'T BE 'ERE
FER 'ER!
I DON'T 'AVE MY
POWERS!



EVEN IF WE COULD,
THE GAS WOULD
AFFECT US AS WELL.
WE'D BE USELESS.

COME ON, FURIA!
FIGHT BACK!



POW!



PIECE...
BY...
PIECE!



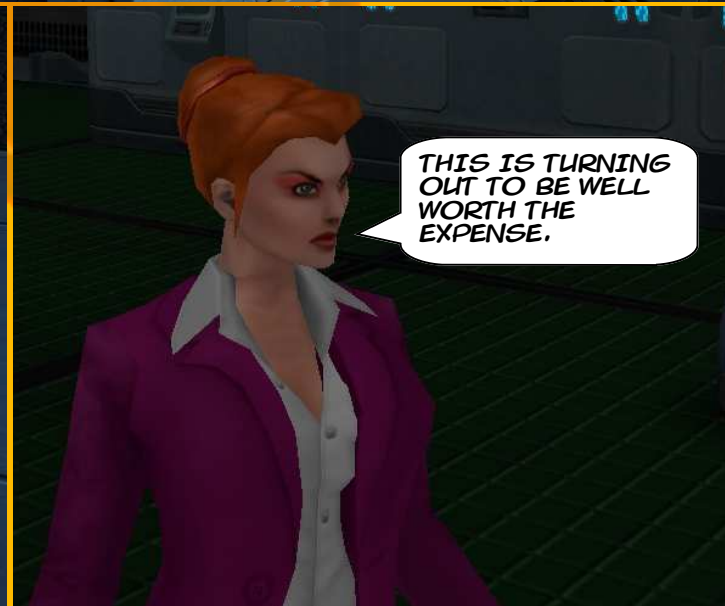
RRRIPPP!



VANGUARD TACTICAL ROOM



YOU'RE BETTER
THAN THIS, FURIA.
STAY STRONG AND
FIGHT BACK!

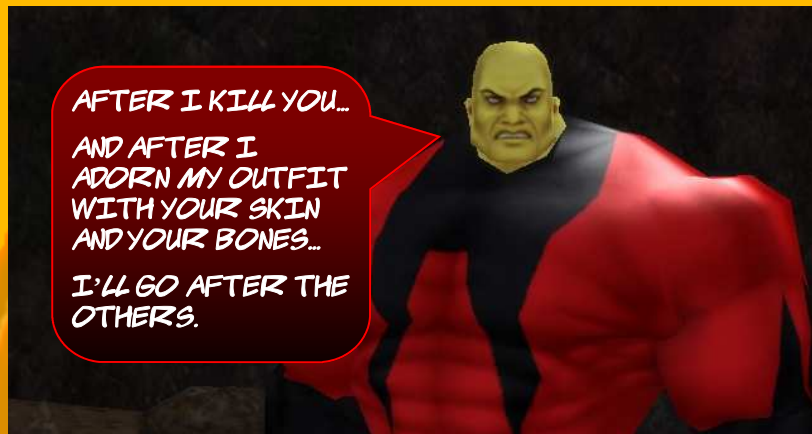


THIS IS TURNING
OUT TO BE WELL
WORTH THE
EXPENSE.



CAN'T
FOCUS...
CAN'T
THINK...

DON'T GIVE UP
ON ME YET,
FURIA...
I'M NOT DONE
WITH YOU.



AFTER I KILL YOU...
AND AFTER I
ADORN MY OUTFIT
WITH YOUR SKIN
AND YOUR BONES...
I'LL GO AFTER THE
OTHERS.



GET UP,
FURIA!
GET UP!

I'LL GO AFTER THE
OTHER WOMEN THAT
TRIED TO CHALLENGE
ME BEFORE.
BECAUSE I REMEMBER
THEM TOO.



QUALINA.



THE ELITE
ICE QUEEN

Elite Ice Queen
(CYNTHIA DI GHIACCIO)



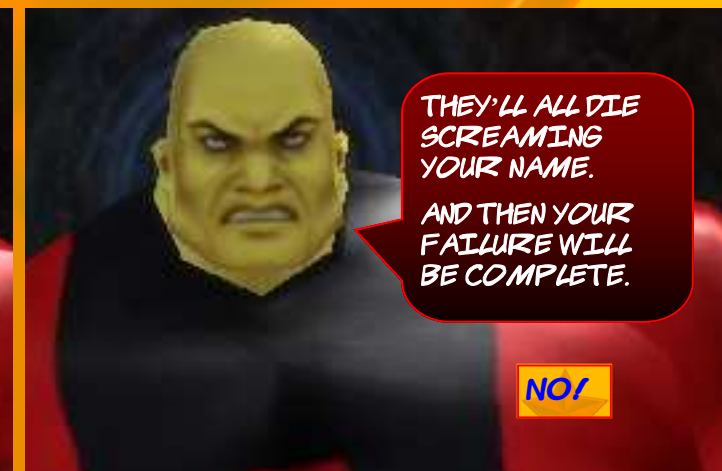
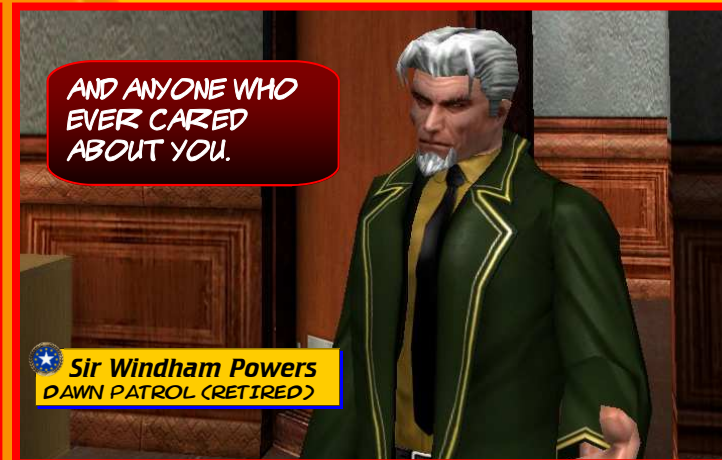
GALATEA
POWERS

Galatea Powers
(FAITH KARL)

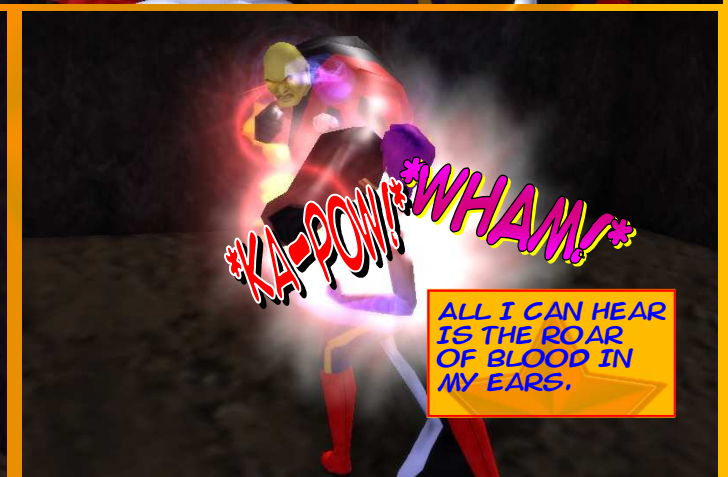
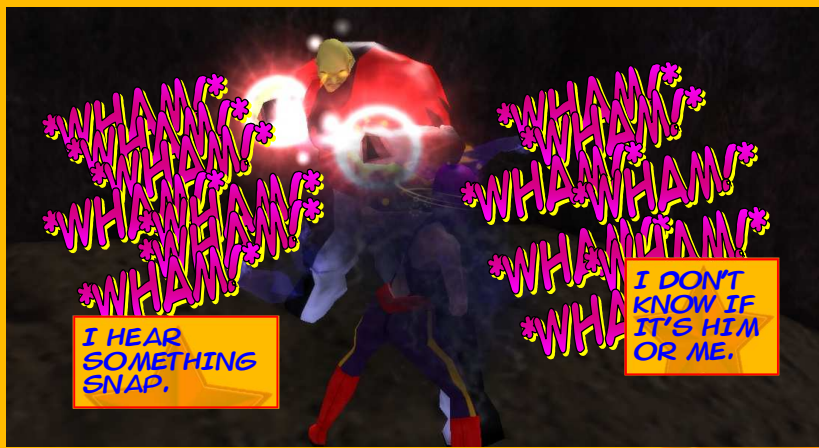


THAT LITTLE
CAT-GIRL

TashaTiger
(NATASHA PRISS)









I'VE NEVER SEEN HER
LIKE THIS BEFORE.
EVEN AGAINST THE
POLICE, SHE WAS
NEVER THIS... VIOLENT.

I'VE SEEN IT B'FORE.
NOT WITH FURIA...
BUT WITH FAITH... I
MEAN, WELSH FURY.*

(* WELSH FURY WAS FURIA'S
COUNTERPART IN THE CITY OF
HEROES UNIVERSE AND LYON'S
OLDER SISTER BY BLOOD.)



TH' DAWN PATROL
SHOWED ME VIDEO
OF WELSH FURY
DURING THE ALPHA-
OMEGA GAMBIT.

SHE TOOK ON A
GAUNTLET OF RIKTI
SOLDIERS BY
HERSELF, THREE
DOZEN STRONG.



"SHE TOOK
THEM ALL ON
WITH THAT
SAME LOOK
IN HER EYES!"



EV'N WHEN SHE WAS
MORTALLY WOUNDED,
SHE DIDN'T LET UP
AGAINST THEM.

SHE DIDN'T STOP
UNTIL THE LAST RIKTI
IN HER WAY FELL.
AN' THEN SHE... SHE...



LYON...

FURIA'S NOT GOING
TO DIE LIKE YOUR
OTHER SISTER.

I HAVE FAITH IN HER.
AND SO DO YOU.



"BECAUSE BEFORE
SHE BECAME A HERO
IN THIS WORLD..."

"BEFORE SHE
BECAME A
GUARDIAN..."



"FURIA POWERS WAS
A SURVIVOR."







GET UP...

YOU'RE
NOT
DONE.



THE SUN IS
STARTING
TO SET.

BUT IT FEELS
LIKE A
MILLION
YEARS SINCE
WE STARTED.



HE'S STILL BREATHING
THROUGH HIS
SHATTERED RIBCAGE.

I BLASTED HIS
KNEECAPS AND
HIS ELBOWS.

I TORE HALF
HIS FACE OFF...

999FFFINI999...
TH' SJOBB...
KILL ME...

HE'S NOT
HEALING AS
FAST AS WHEN
WE STARTED.

HE'S BEATEN.
HE CAN'T FIGHT BACK.
I CAN END THE THREAT
OF HIM FOREVER
RIGHT NOW.



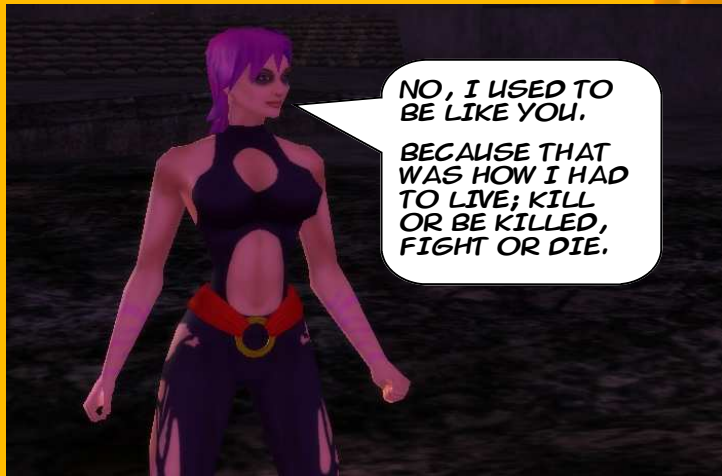


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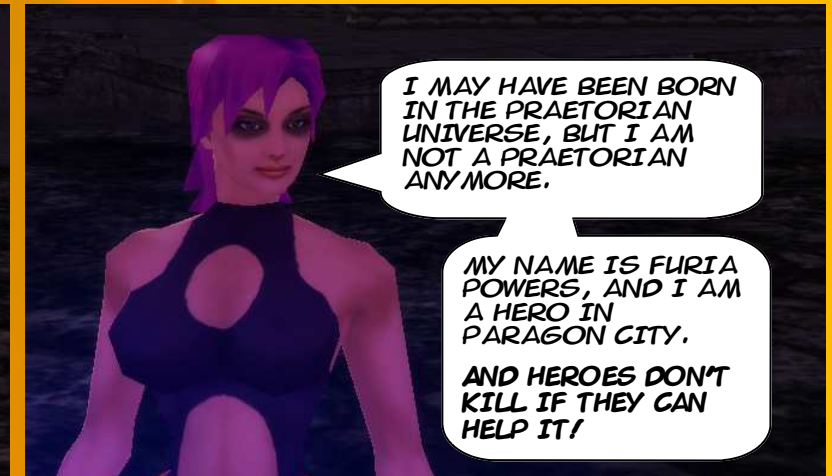
NO, I'M NOT
GOING TO
KILL YOU.



... YOU KNOW... SSS...
YOU WANT TO...
... SSS... I KNOW YOU...
... YOU'RE LIKE ME...



NO, I USED TO
BE LIKE YOU.
BECAUSE THAT
WAS HOW I HAD
TO LIVE; KILL
OR BE KILLED,
FIGHT OR DIE.



I MAY HAVE BEEN BORN
IN THE PRAETORIAN
UNIVERSE, BUT I AM
NOT A PRAETORIAN
ANYMORE.

MY NAME IS FURIA
POWERS, AND I AM
A HERO IN
PARAGON CITY.
AND HEROES DON'T
KILL IF THEY CAN
HELP IT!



... THEN SS... YOU'LL
BE... A DEAD HERO...



... SSS... I HEAL...
EVEN... NOW... MY
BONES ARE... SS...
MENDING...

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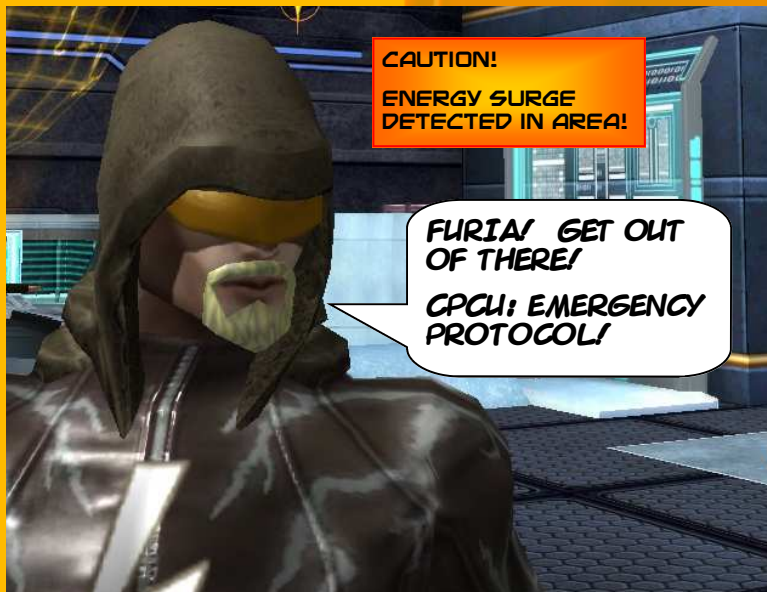
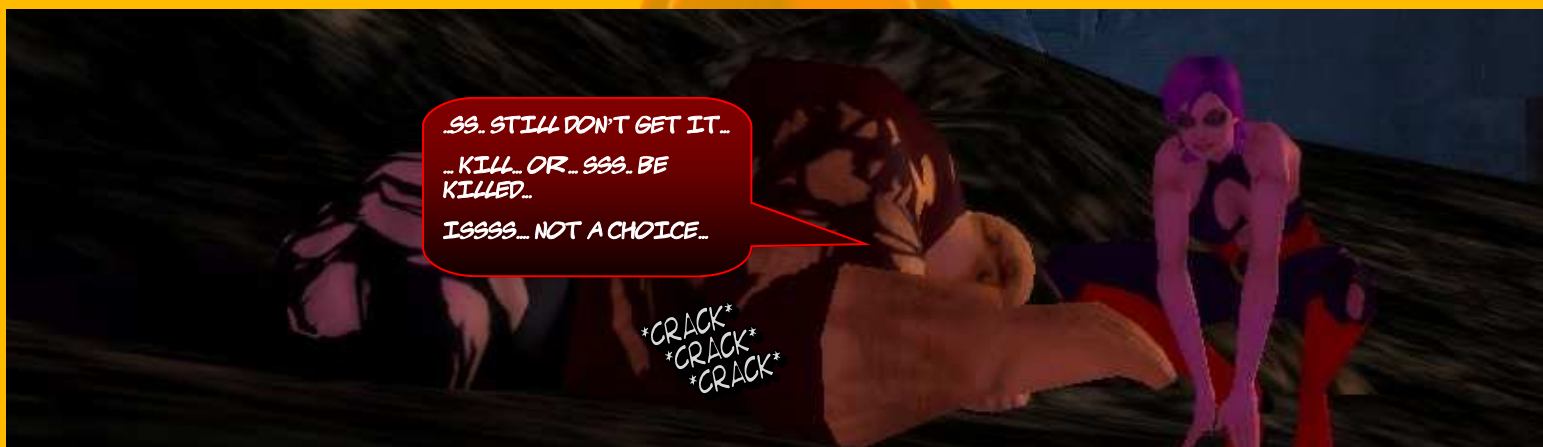
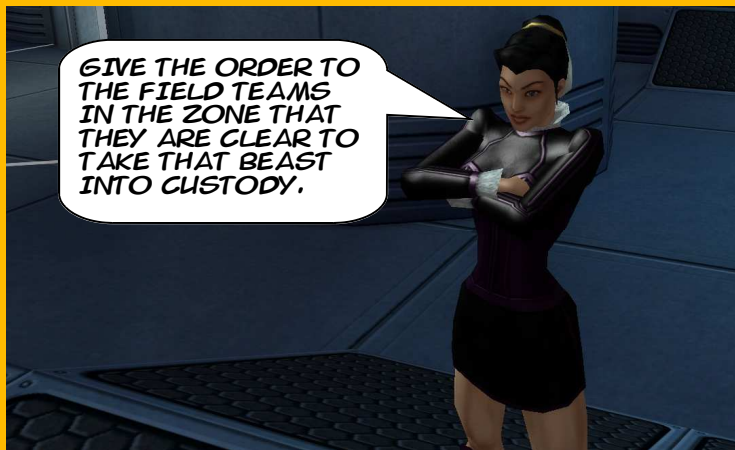
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THEN I'LL BREAK THEM
AGAIN RIGHT BEFORE
VANGUARD PUTS YOU
BACK IN STASIS.

AND THEN IF YOU GET OUT
OF THAT, I'LL BE WAITING
FOR YOU... AGAIN.

THAT'S WHY IT'S CALLED A
"NEVER-ENDING BATTLE".







THIS OPERATION
HAS ENDED.
I WANT ALL
REPORTS ON MY
DESK BY EARLY
MORNING.



LAWRENCE...
THANK YOU
EVERYONE.

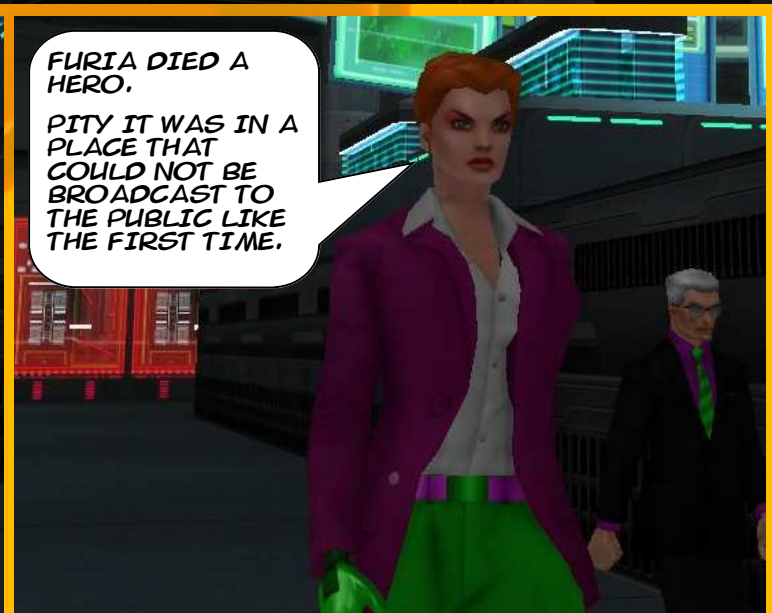


YOU CAN LET MISTER
COULSON KNOW THAT HE CAN
ARRANGE FOR THE RETRIEVAL
OF ANY OF DESTITUTION'S
REMAINS THAT ARE LARGER
THAN AN INCH.

YOU'RE NOT GOING
THROUGH THE USUAL
CHANNELS FOR THIS?
THAT MIGHT RUIN THE
ILLUSION OF YOU
BEING "IMPARTIAL" IF
VANGUARD FIND OUT.



I SUSPECT VANGUARD
WILL BE A LITTLE TOO
BUSY TO NOTICE.



FURIA DIED A
HERO.
PITY IT WAS IN A
PLACE THAT
COULD NOT BE
BROADCAST TO
THE PUBLIC LIKE
THE FIRST TIME.



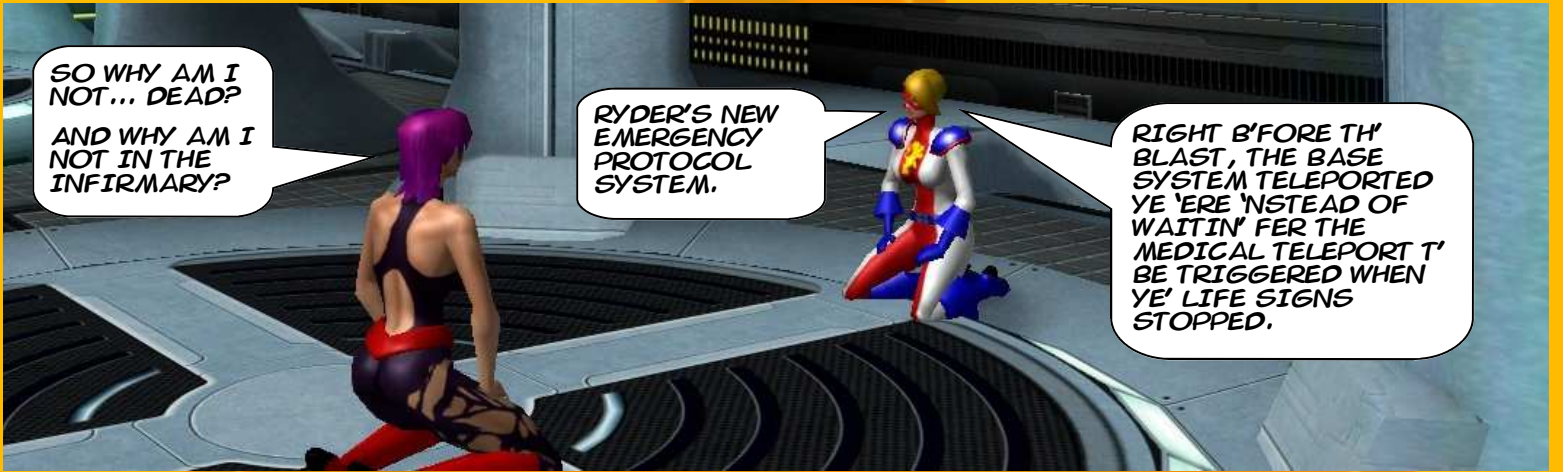


LAST THING I REMEMBER
WAS DESTITUTION
STARTING TO SAY MY
NAME ONE LAST TIME...
AND THEN...

HIROSHIMA.

RIGHT.

HE TURNED INTO
A NEUTRON BOMB
AND BLEW UP THE
'OLE AREA.



SO WHY AM I
NOT... DEAD?

AND WHY AM I
NOT IN THE
INFIRMARY?

RYDER'S NEW
EMERGENCY
PROTOCOL
SYSTEM.

RIGHT B'FORE TH'
BLAST, THE BASE
SYSTEM TELEPORTED
YE 'ERE 'NSTEAD OF
WAITIN' FER THE
MEDICAL TELEPORT T'
BE TRIGGERED WHEN
YE' LIFE SIGNS
STOPPED.



WHICH ACTUALLY
WAS A GOOD
THING, 'CUZ IF
YE WERE BLOWN
T' ATOMS, THERE
WOULDN'T BE
ANYTHING OF YE
T' SAVE.



SO IT... REALLY
HAPPENED.
DESTITUTION
IS... DEAD.
NO COMING BACK
FROM THIS.



NOT 'NLESS 'E CAN PULL
'IMSELF T'GETHR ON A
SUB-ATOMIC LEVEL.

I THINK IT'S SAFE TO
SAY 'IS BRAWLING DAYS
ARE DONE.

OI, YOU OKAY,
SIS?

YE'RE SHAKIN'
LIKE A LEAF!



ADRENALINE GAS IS
STILL GIVING ME THE
SHAKES...

BASTARD WAS RIGHT,
I WAS USED TO IT,
BUT I'M NOT IMMUNE.

WOL, I KNOW
CHEF DRAMSAY
'AS SOMETHIN'
FER THAT.

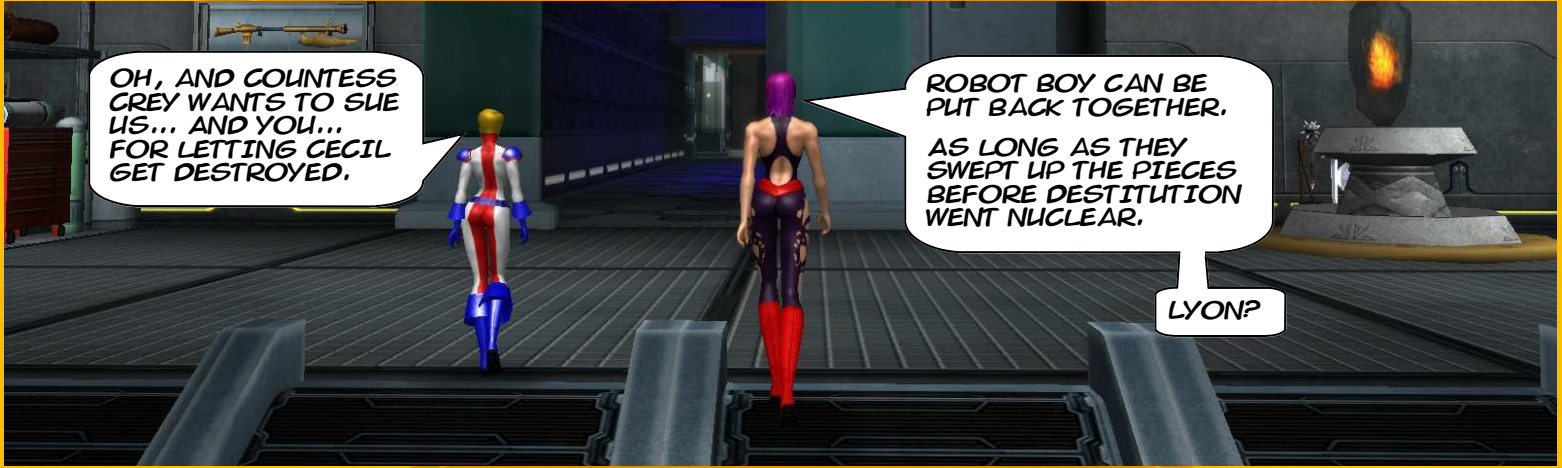
AN' IT'S A LITTLE
STRONGER THAN
A SMOOTHIE.



LEAD THE WAY.

JUST AS LONG AS
IT DOESN'T INVOLVE
A TRIP TO THE
INFIRMARY.

I THINK I 'ERD
RYDER SAY
SOMETHIN' 'BOUT
'AT, BUT I DON'T
KNOW FER SURE.



OH, AND COUNTLESS
GREY WANTS TO SUE
US... AND YOU...
FOR LETTING CECIL
GET DESTROYED.

ROBOT BOY CAN BE
PUT BACK TOGETHER.
AS LONG AS THEY
SWEEP UP THE PIECES
BEFORE DESTITUTION
WENT NUCLEAR.

LYON?



YEAH?

I'M REALLY GLAD
THAT YOU'RE HERE.
FAMILY IS THE ONE
THING THAT GOT ME
THROUGH THIS.

The End

FURIOUS SCRIBBLINGS

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

The End of One Story... And The Start of Another...

This is a very special issue for me as a comic creator and also as a publisher.

It's the twenty-fifth issue, which has become something of a milestone for publishers such as myself.

A lot of publications start strong but can't really last a year or two. Things happen. Creative minds change course, editorial mandates can sometimes micromanage a comic right out of existence, or sometimes the readers just aren't there to justify keeping the series going.

Sure the big mainstream publishers have a couple of issues that will soon hit the 1000 mark, and that's really great! But these are also the same folks that hit the reset button a few times on their own series, never mind the reset on their story continuities.

For the rest of us, just getting to issue #25 is a big thing, second only to making it to #50, and then #75, and so on.

Sadly, though, issue #25 is also the last issue for this series.

When we started this little journey, it was on the idea that this would be about Furia Powers and her development as a hero in Paragon City, with the Guardians of the Dawn helping her along the way. And, in the beginning, that was precisely what it was about, starting with the threat posed by Lexie Lothora's custom-created supervillain Destitution, and then developing her civilian guise, finding a home, and trying to live a normal life as well as continue to serve as the city's "New Guardian".

But something funny happened along the way. The Guardians began to get more and more attention, and I don't just mean within the storylines. At first, her sister-from-another-universe Galatea was getting some of the attention, which was fine because it was storyline-dictated. But then other heroes started getting focus. Suddenly it wasn't about Furia at all, but about Jason Knight and his "new life", and with TashaTiger and her origin story, and new characters like Bulldog Powers and Alley Kazam and Koldfront and Carlton Sage. Even Mindy Harrison, who was originally meant to be a very minor support character, suddenly had a two-part origin story of her own.

I toyed with the idea of simply changing the title, which was why "**Furia and the Guardians**" became "**Galatea and the Guardians**" for a few issues, thinking that the solution was to simply find a new central character. Unfortunately, I began to understand that this was just a short-term fix for a larger problem.

When I launched the "**Guardian Powers**" series in 2011, it was initially done with the five "core" characters of Galatea, Lyon Powers, Captain Paragonna, Icon Powers, and Alex Wentworth, but I always knew at some point that it was going to get larger. The eventual goal was the resurrection of the Guardians of the Dawn as a hero group, which was achieved in Issue #15, which was its final issue. *(By the way, the last stories had to be rushed because of the closing of the MMO.)*

Here, we have a series that tried to focus on one character, but ends up getting lost in the greater group.

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For any publishing companies with a staff of writers and editors and artists, the simple solution to this would be to create another comic series that would focus on the group so you can continue to focus on the central character. Sadly, Battlerock Comics is a self-published comic company with a management and staff of one. And there is no money to be made from these comic because of IP issues, so bills have to be paid from other jobs, which also eats at the time, energy, and effort going into these comics. *(Note: this is also why the issues themselves were taking long and longer to be released.)*

That's why the decision was made, albeit reluctantly, to end **"Furia and the Guardians"** at Issue #25. It's not for a lack of ideas or story. Quite the contrary; it's because I have so many great stories that I can't keep the focus on just one character.

So Furia and Lyon and Galatea and all the other heroes of Paragon City won't really be going away. They'll still be fighting the good fight, just under a different banner and a new series.

In the immediate future will be the start of a mini-series called **"Task Force Twilight"**, which will follow the events seen here in Issue #24 concerning the corrupt Blue Dog Squad police unit. As hinted in the after-issue memo, things on that subject are going to get a lot more complicated for the heroes of Paragon City, and it will take a special team to finally bring that matter to an end.

In addition, there will be some one-shot specials in the works, including a reprint of one of my first text-only stories involving one of my first characters, J-Star. Lexie Lothora mentioned that J-Star was "retired", but what was it about her that worried Jen Glamour in the first place? You'll find out.

Then, at some point in 2018, the Guardians of the Dawn will be back in their own regular series, showing people just why Paragon City is called the "City of Heroes" and why the Guardians themselves are on the verge of becoming legends.

Before we close, though, I want to take this time to say thanks to all those who helped with this series, including .Ra, Dam025, Theresa Setting, and Sin Stalker, who provided not just characters, but also feedback and suggestions. Thank you all.

This is not goodbye. This is "we'll be back". And we can't wait until we are!

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COMING SOON...



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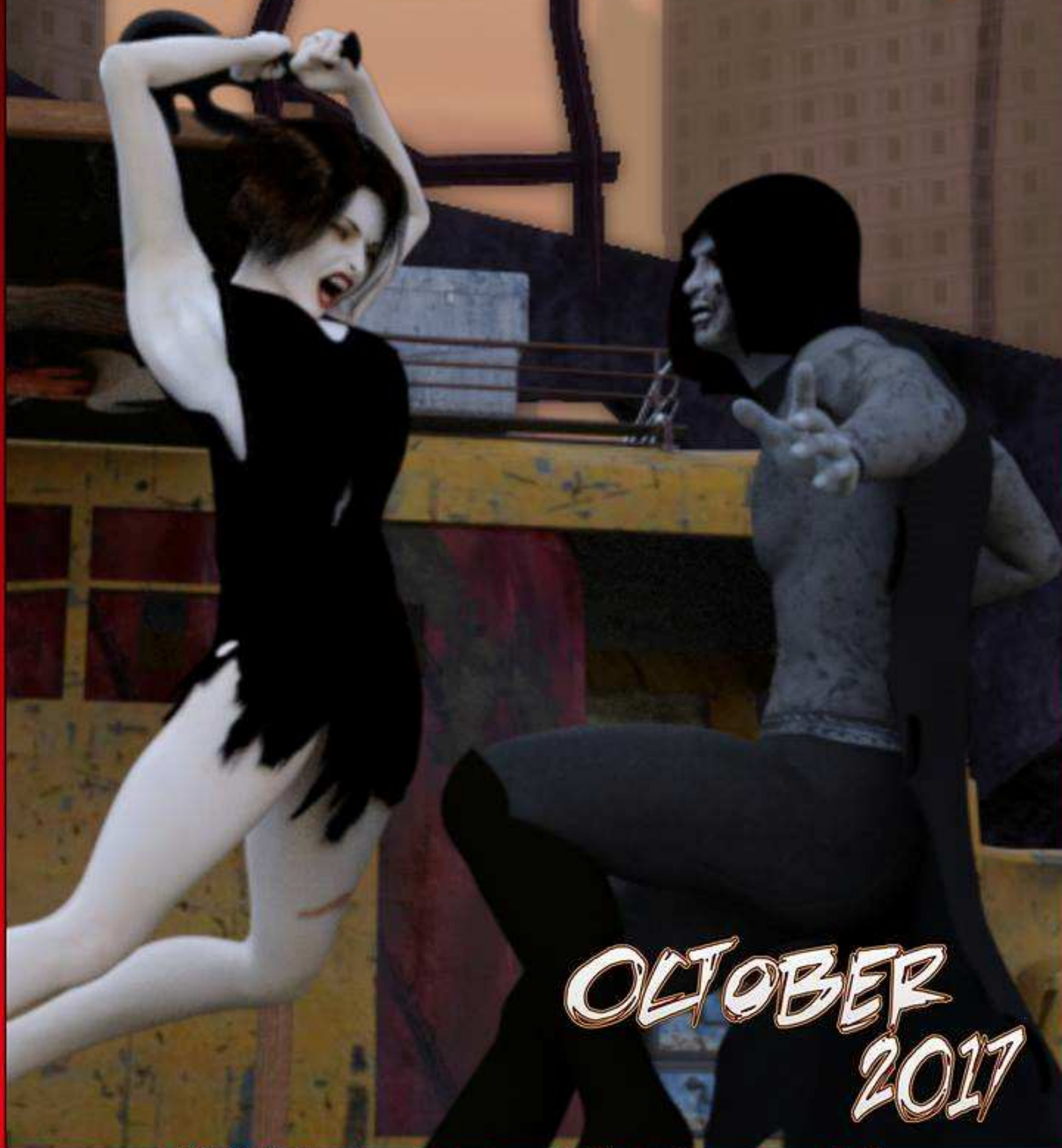
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