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CHAMPIONS
ONLINE



IN ANOTHER WORLD AND IN ANOTHER TIME, SHE WAS GALATEA FUTURE, ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL OF SUPERHEROES. PULLED FROM A FUTURE TIMELINE THAT NO LONGER EXISTS, GALATEA NOW STRUGGLES TO FIND HER PLACE IN A NEW WORLD OF HEROES. THESE ARE HER CONTINUED ADVENTURES...

The Lost Adventures Of Galatea Future

"CITY OF GOLD AT THE END OF TIME"

- A CHAMPIONS ONLINE STORY BY DAVID 2

DETERMINED TO KEEP HER REAL ORIGINS A SECRET, GALATEA STRUGGLES TO FIND A SUITABLE PUBLIC EXPLANATION FOR HER SUDDEN ARRIVAL IN MILLENNIUM CITY.

UNFORTUNATELY, WHAT SHE REALLY REMEMBERS ABOUT HER PAST MAY BE UNRAVELLING.

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MY NAME IS GALATEA FUTURE...
AND THIS IS MY STORY.

"I AM FROM A FAR-DISTANT FUTURE.

IN THE TIME I'M FROM, THE EARTH AND
EVEN THE STAR SYSTEM THAT GAVE BIRTH
TO IT WERE LONG SINCE DESTROYED."

"BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT
HUMANITY ITSELF WAS GONE. QUITE
THE CONTRARY, IT SURVIVED, THRIVED,
AND WENT OUT TO THE STARS."

"IN MY TIME, I WAS ONE OF THE FEW
REMNANTS OF HUMANITY CALLED
'HUMAN-PRIME', RE-CREATED FROM
HUMAN BEINGS OF THE DISTANT PAST."

"WE LIVED ON A FLOATING ISLAND
CALLED APOLLO CITY, A GOLDEN
PARADISE HOVERING OVER AN OXYGEN-
RICH WORLD CALLED PARAGONNA."



"IT WAS A WORLD WATCHED OVER BY THE NOBLE CENTURION, THE GREATEST CHAMPION CULLED FROM ALL THE HEROES OF HISTORY."

"HE LED A SUPERHERO GROUP CALLED THE SENTINELS, OF WHICH I WAS PROUD TO BE A MEMBER. TOGETHER WE DEFENDED APOLLO CITY FROM ALL THREATS."

"BUT EVENTUALLY THOSE THREATS BECAME FEWER AND FEWER."



"IT SEEMED ODD TO US THAT OLD ENEMIES WOULD SUDDENLY STOP ATTACKING US, AND THAT THE THINGS THAT USED TO THREATEN OUR PEACEFUL WORLD SUDDENLY STOPPED APPEARING."

"THEN WE FOUND OUT WHY..."

"OUR GOVERNING COUNCIL OF MENTORS KEPT A VERY OLD SECRET FROM THE REST OF US: HOW OLD THE UNIVERSE REALLY WAS."

"TEN TRILLION YEARS PASSED SINCE THE BIG BANG. ALL OF THE ENERGY IN THE UNIVERSE WAS FINALLY SPENT AND IT WAS COLLAPSING, UNRAVELING THE UNIVERSE LIKE A PULLED THREAD."

"SINCE THE PLANET PARAGONNA WAS NEAR THE EDGE OF THE UNIVERSE, WE WERE UNAWARE OF THE APPROACHING ENTROPY UNTIL THE LAST FEW YEARS."

"I WORKED WITH PROJECT OUROBOROS, A WAY FOR THE HUMAN-PRIMES TO ESCAPE OBLIVION BY GOING INTO THE DISTANT PAST."

"OUR BEST SCIENTISTS WORKED AROUND THE CLOCK TO CONSTRUCT A TIME PORTAL THAT WOULD TAKE US TO THE RIGHT TIME FOR OUR PEOPLE TO SURVIVE."

"SADLY, THEY WERE TOO LATE. THEY HAD JUST OPENED THE FIRST PORTAL TO THE DISTANT PAST WHEN ENTROPY REACHED US."

"THAT'S HOW I ENDED UP HERE...
IN MILLENNIUM CITY IN THE
21ST CENTURY. JUST THE RIGHT
WOMAN IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT
WHAT BECAME THE LAST TIME."

YUP... THAT'S MY STORY,
AND I'M STICKING TO IT.

NONE OF IT IS
TRUE, THOUGH.

IT'S JUST A COLLECTION OF
ALL OF MY EXPERIENCES IN
THOSE OTHER WORLDS ALL
JUMBLED UP AND PUT TOGETHER.

BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH I AM NO
LONGER A PART OF THAT
REALITY, I STILL NEED TO KEEP
WHAT I REALLY KNOW OF THAT
ALTERNATE UNIVERSE A SECRET.

BUT I STILL NEEDED
TO TELL THE PEOPLE
OF THIS WORLD
SOMETHING ABOUT
HOW I GOT HERE.

IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN
JUST SHOW UP AND
NOT HAVE PEOPLE
ASK ABOUT MY
ORIGINS.

PLUS I DID OWE JULIE
MORGAN AN INTERVIEW
AFTER I ARBITRARILY
FLEW AWAY YESTERDAY.*

SO A LITTLE CREATIVE RE-
TELLING OF MY LIFE, A
LITTLE FACE-TIME IN
FRONT OF THE CAMERAS...

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AND NOW THOSE
NAGGING
QUESTIONS ARE
ALL ANSWERED.

OR AT LEAST I
HOPE THEY ARE.

THAT LEAVES ME WITH
TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHAT
ELSE I SHOULD LEARN
ABOUT THIS WORLD.

BEEP-BEEP





I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT..

I MAY BE A SIMIAN, BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME A MONKEY'S UNCLE.

WE'VE GONE OVER THE QUANTUM TEST OF YOUR HAIR STRANDS AGAIN AND FOUND OUT THE REASON WHY WE COULDN'T GET AN ACCURATE CHRONOLOGICAL AGE BEFORE.*

YOU'RE NOT FROM THIS UNIVERSE.

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D@MN! I WAS REALLY AFRAID OF THAT!

OKAYYY...

LET'S SUPPOSE THAT I AM.

IS THAT A PROBLEM?



NOT REALLY... I WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH WHAT ELSE I'VE DISCOVERED FROM THE SECOND TEST OF YOUR HAIR.



IT SEEMS THAT THE QUANTUM FREQUENCY SURROUNDING YOUR HAIR FOLLICLE IS CHANGING... ADAPTING TO THE NEW UNIVERSE.

THIS IS CAUSING THE DNA STRANDS IN THE FOLLICLE TO BE ALTERED.

ALTERED? YOU MEAN MUTATING?

YOU MEAN MY BODY IS CHANGING THE LONGER I STAY HERE?

FROM WHAT WE'VE GATHERED THROUGH EARLIER SPECIMENS FROM OTHER DIMENSIONS, THE LONGER AN OBJECT IS IN ANY DIFFERENT UNIVERSE, THE MORE IT CONFORMS TO THE ENVIRONMENT OF THAT UNIVERSE.

IN MOST INSTANCES, THESE CHANGES ARE MINIMAL, BUT IN YOUR CASE, WITH YOUR ADVANCED PHYSICAL AGE, I'M GUESSING THE ADAPTATION WILL BE A LITTLE MORE SIGNIFICANT.



PHYSICALLY, YOU APPEAR TO BE AT YOUR PEAK, BUT HOW ARE YOU IN TERMS OF YOUR SUPERPOWERS?

THE QILARR INVASION LIMITED SOME OF MY ABILITIES AT FIRST*, BUT THEN I FOUND OUT I LOST A LOT OF THE ADDITIONAL POWERS I USED TO HAVE.

AND THOSE POWERS I DO HAVE NOW ARE ALMOST BACK TO BASIC LEVELS.

* SEE ISSUE #1)



HMM... IT IS POSSIBLE THAT YOUR BODY IS PHYSICALLY REGRESSING AS WELL.



REGRESSING?

DO YOU MEAN I'M GETTING YOUNGER?

OR... DO YOU MEAN THAT I'LL START LOOKING MORE...



LIKE ME? I DOUBT IT.

IN ALL LIKELIHOOD IT WOULD BE A REGRESSION IN AGE, NOT IN SPECIES.

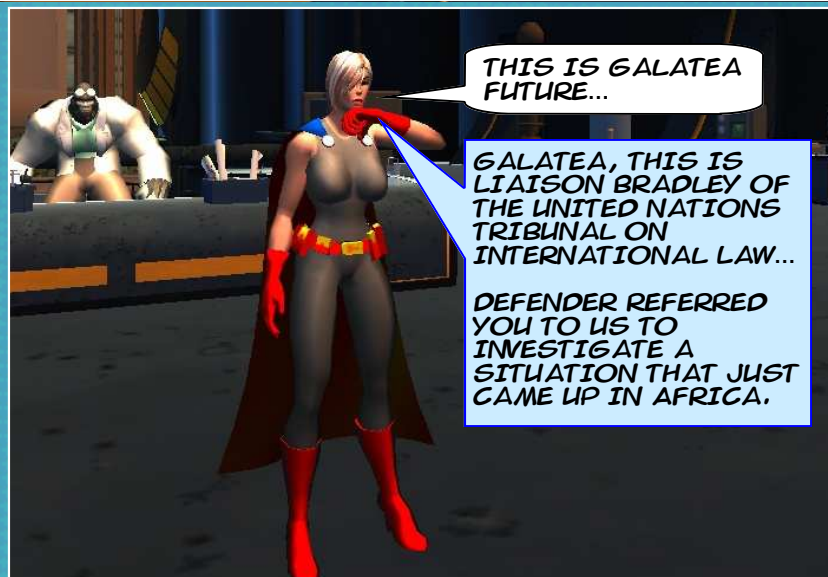
HOWEVER I DO WANT YOU TO LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU START TO EXPERIENCE ANY KIND OF SUDDEN PAINS, DIZZINESS, FATIGUE, OR MEMORY LOSS.



ABSOLUTELY... AND I HOPE WE CAN KEEP THIS BETWEEN US RIGHT NOW...

BELIEVE ME, DOCTOR-PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY IS ALWAYS A PRIORITY HERE...

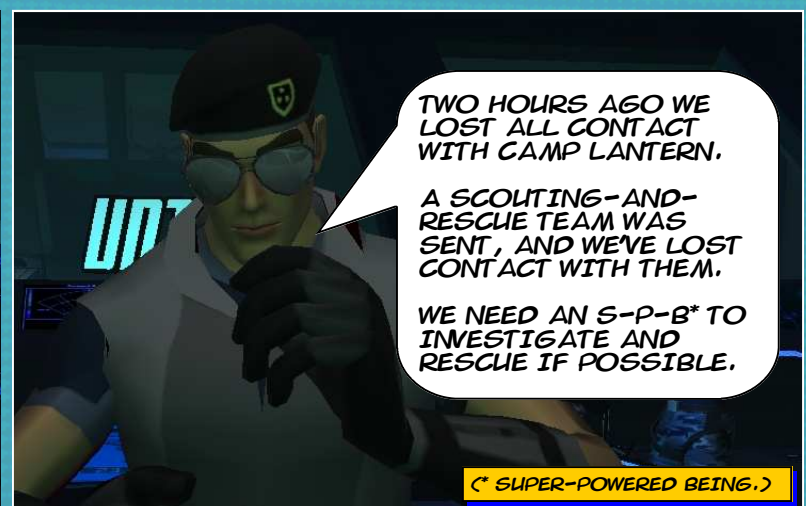
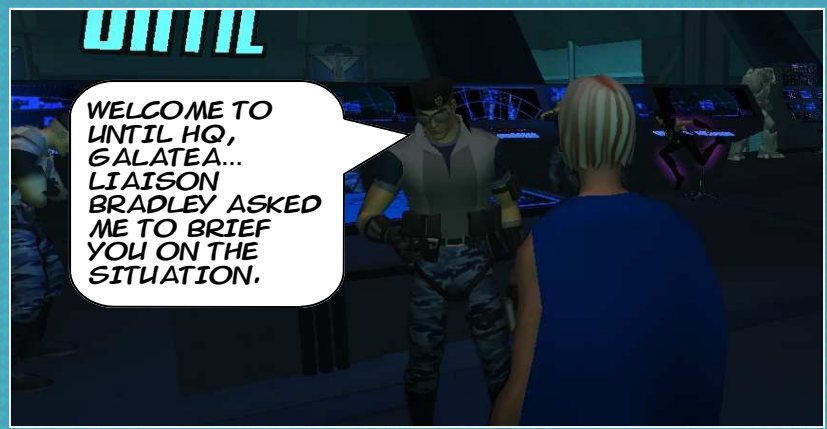
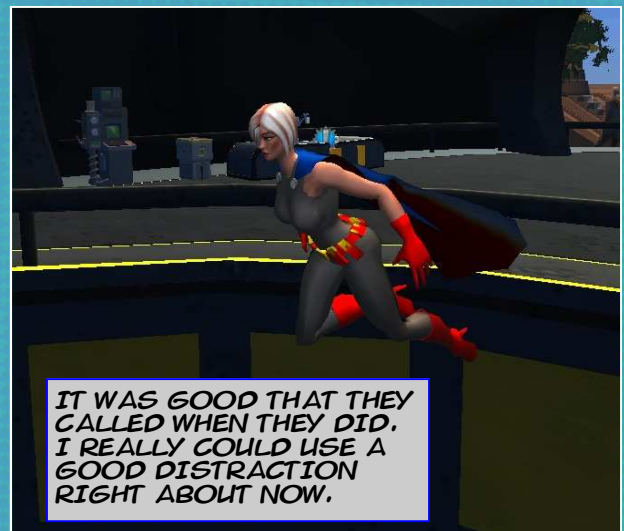
BEEP-BEEP
BEEP-BEEP



THIS IS GALATEA FUTURE...

GALATEA, THIS IS LIAISON BRADLEY OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRIBUNAL ON INTERNATIONAL LAW...

DEFENDER REFERRED YOU TO US TO INVESTIGATE A SITUATION THAT JUST CAME UP IN AFRICA.





NOT A PROBLEM.

JUST GIVE ME SOME
MAP COORDINATES
AND I CAN BE THERE
IN A FEW HOURS.

WOW! AFRICA!
IT'S BEEN A LONG
WHILE SINCE I'VE
GONE THERE... IN
ANY WORLD!



ACTUALLY... NO
OFFENSE, MA'AM,
BUT WE HAVE A
MUCH FASTER WAY
TO GET YOU OVER
THERE.



WE HAVE A MARK-
SEVEN TURBO-
TRANSPORT ON
BAY ONE PREPPED
AND READY FOR
YOU TO BOARD.

I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD BE
THANKFUL OR INSULTED. I'M
NORMALLY ABLE TO GET TO
WHEREVER I NEED TO BE IN
JUST A FEW SECONDS.

OKAYYYY... THANKS,
I GUESS.

AND I'LL LET YOU
KNOW WHAT I FIND.

BUT I HAVE TO REMIND MYSELF
THAT I'M NOT AS POWERFUL
AS I USED TO BE... AND THAT
INCLUDES FLYING AROUND
THE WORLD.



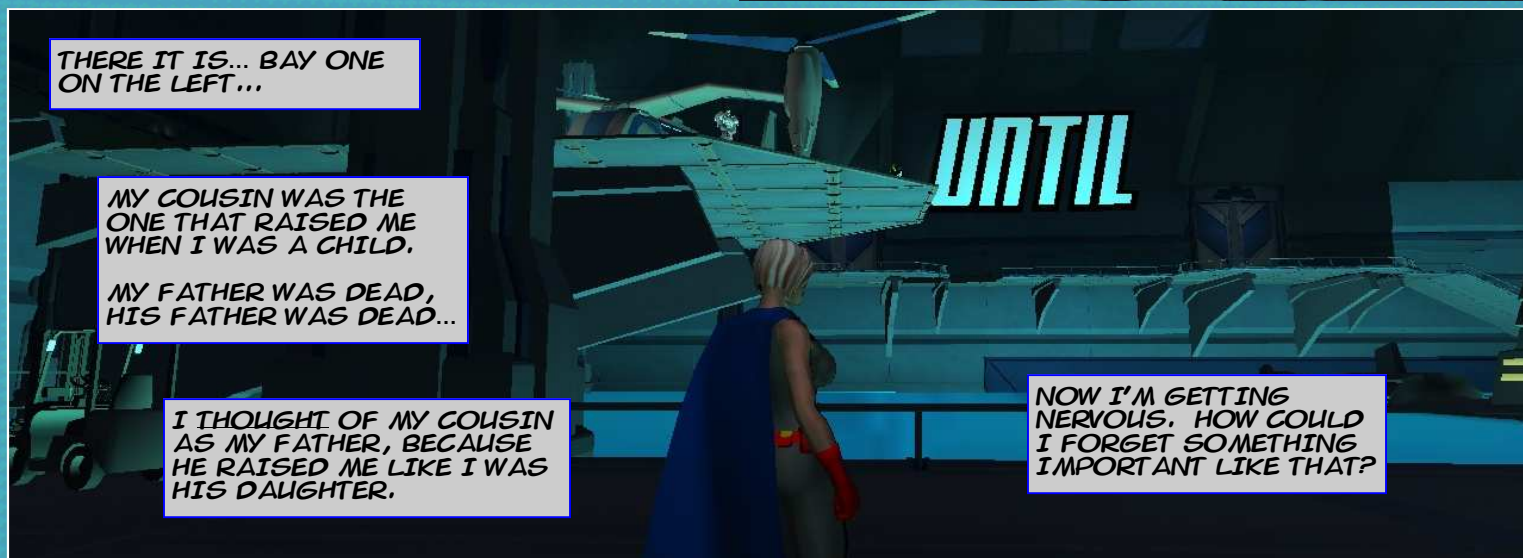
HAPPY HUNTING,
GALATEA...

THE LAST TIME I
TOOK A PLANE
FOR ANYTHING, I
WAS EIGHT
YEARS OLD.



I COULDN'T FLY
YET, AND MY
FATHER... WANTED
ME TO EXPERIENCE
WHAT NORMAL
PEOPLE DO.

WAIT... MY
FATHER?
NO, HE WAS
DEAD THEN.



THERE IT IS... BAY ONE
ON THE LEFT...

MY COUSIN WAS THE
ONE THAT RAISED ME
WHEN I WAS A CHILD.

MY FATHER WAS DEAD,
HIS FATHER WAS DEAD...

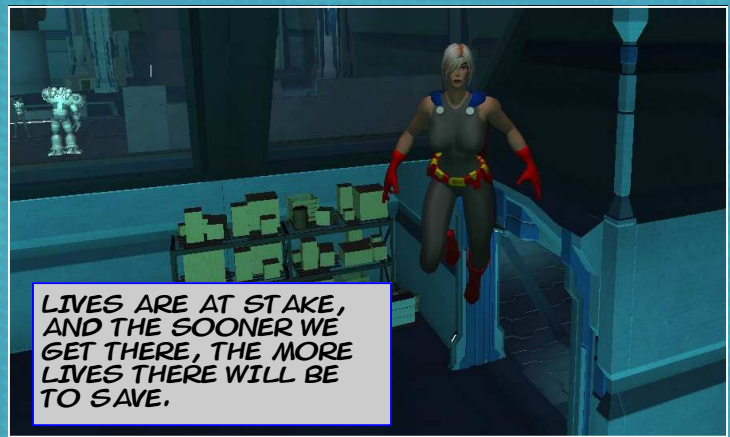
I THOUGHT OF MY COUSIN
AS MY FATHER, BECAUSE
HE RAISED ME LIKE I WAS
HIS DAUGHTER.

NOW I'M GETTING
NERVOUS. HOW COULD
I FORGET SOMETHING
IMPORTANT LIKE THAT?



GALATEA FUTURE,
PLEASE REPORT
TO BAY ONE FOR
IMMEDIATE
TRANSPORT.

KEEP IT TOGETHER,
GALATEA... PEOPLE
ARE DEPENDING ON
YOU TO BE THE HERO
YOU'RE KNOWN FOR.



LIVES ARE AT STAKE,
AND THE SOONER WE
GET THERE, THE MORE
LIVES THERE WILL BE
TO SAVE.



CONFIRM CONTROL,
GALATEA FUTURE IS
APPROACHING THE
TRANSPORT.

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH.
IT CAN HOLD, WHAT? MAYBE
FIVE PEOPLE AND SOME CARGO?

BUT I SUPPOSE IT DOESN'T
MATTER IF IT CAN GET ME
THERE QUICKLY.

NOW I REMEMBER! WHEN I FIRST
FLEW THE FIRST TIME IN A
COMMERCIAL AIRPLANE, I WAS
EIGHT, AND WE WENT FROM NEW
HAMPSHIRE TO WASHINGTON.

I COULD HEAR EVERY
CONVERSATION IN THE PLANE,
AND BETWEEN THAT AND THE AIR
PRESSURIZATION, I PROMISED
MY COUSIN THAT I WOULD NEVER
DO THAT AGAIN.



CLEAR BAY ONE! CLEAR
BAY ONE FOR DEPARTING
EMERGENCY TRANSPORT!

AND I REMEMBER WHAT
MY COUSIN TOLD ME...

"NEVER SAY NEVER."

UNTIL BASE CAMP LANTERN, AFRICA



TOTAL TRANSPORT TIME: 2 HOURS

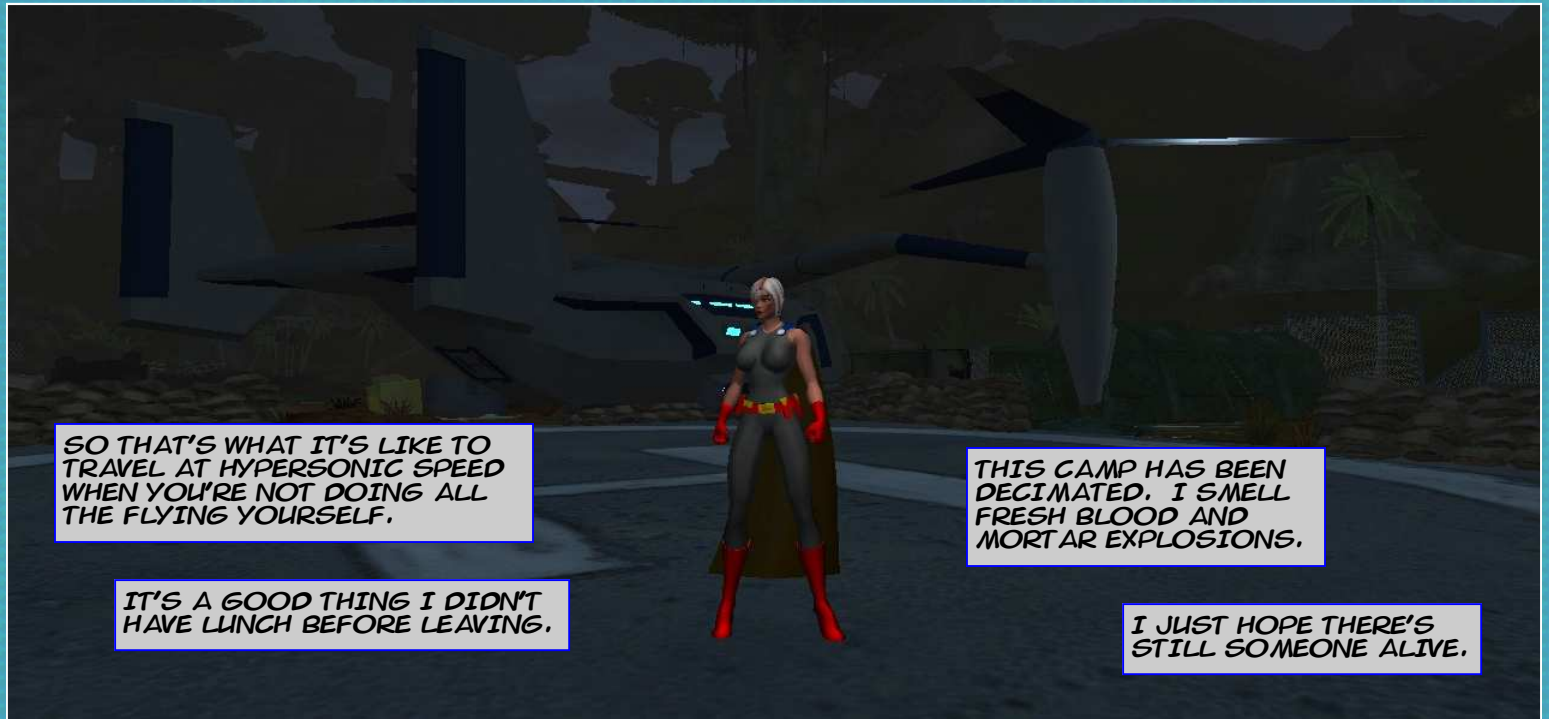


SO THAT'S WHAT IT'S LIKE TO TRAVEL AT HYPERSONIC SPEED WHEN YOU'RE NOT DOING ALL THE FLYING YOURSELF.

IT'S A GOOD THING I DIDN'T HAVE LUNCH BEFORE LEAVING.

THIS CAMP HAS BEEN DECIMATED. I SMELL FRESH BLOOD AND MORTAR EXPLOSIONS.

I JUST HOPE THERE'S STILL SOMEONE ALIVE.



THE LOOK ON HIS FACE... HE DIED OF FRIGHT.



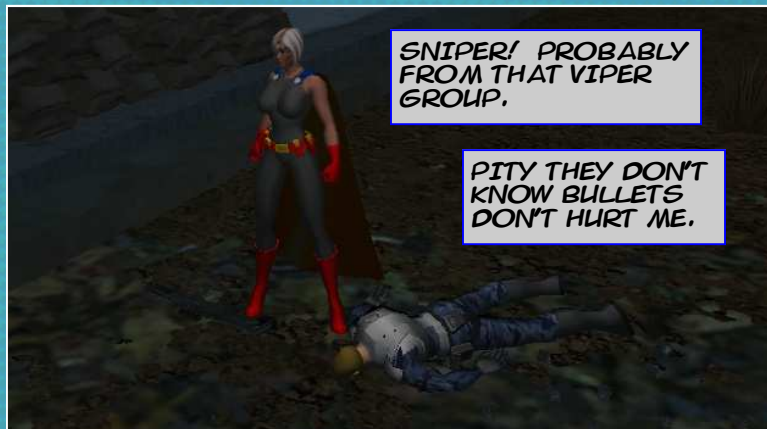
WHAT ARE THESE THINGS AROUND HIM?

PING!*

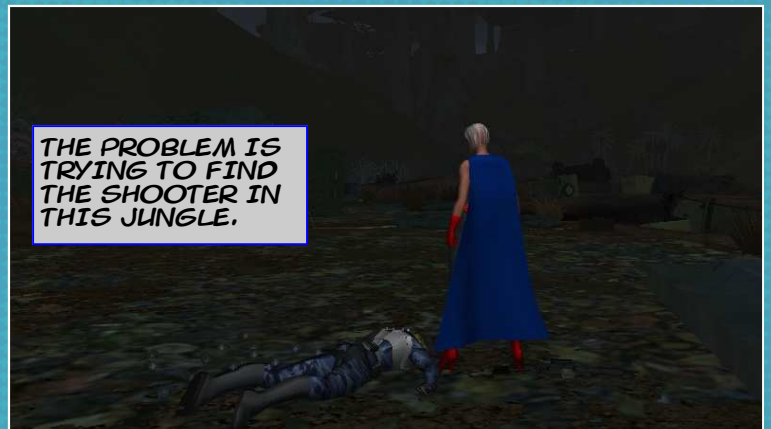


SNIPER! PROBABLY FROM THAT VIPER GROUP.

PITY THEY DON'T KNOW BULLETS DON'T HURT ME.



THE PROBLEM IS TRYING TO FIND THE SHOOTER IN THIS JUNGLE.



IF I HAD MY OTHER
VISION POWERS I
COULD USE THEM TO
FIND THE SNIPER AND
THEN USE SUPER-
SPEED TO DISARM
HIM OR HER.

IF WISHES WERE
HORSES...

OKAY, THIS IS
GETTING ANNOYING.

RIGHT ABOUT NOW I
WISH I HAD RR...R...

RUSTY? RAMPART?
REFLEX? SOMETHING
TO DO WITH RIDING
OR RUNNING...

PING!

OH GOD... I'M LOSING
IT, AREN'T I? I CAN'T
REMEMBER THE NAME
OF ONE OF MY BEST
FRIENDS!

OKAY, HANG IN
THERE GALATEA...

YOU STILL HAVE
A MISSION TO
FINISH.

PING!

AND A SNIPER
TEAM TO THRASH.

THAT TICKLED.

WHAT THE
HECK IS
THIS?

SOME SORT
OF ENERGY
RESIDUE.

MAGIC, MAYBE?
OR EXTRA-
DIMENSIONAL?

I'M GUESSING A
MORTAR ROUND HIT
THIS SPOT AND IT
STARTED A CHAIN-
REACTION.

THAT'S PROBABLY
WHAT DECIMATED
MOST OF THE
CAMP.

THIS LOOKS LIKE
ONE OF THE VIPER
CRATES THAT
UNTIL SEIZED.

AND I'M GUESSING
THAT VIPER DOESN'T
WANT ANYONE BUT
THEM TO OPEN IT
GIVEN THE SNIPER
SHOTS IT'S TAKING.

TWO ROUNDS... AT
LEAST TWO SEPARATE
SNIPERS IN THE HILLS.

IF I HAD SPECTRA-
VISION I COULD...

WAIT, DID I EVER
HAVE THAT POWER?
OR DID I CALL IT
SOMETHING ELSE?

PING!

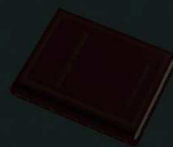
PING!

ONE OF THE FEW
TENTS LEFT
STANDING.

SHOULD BUY ME
A FEW MINUTES
BREAK FROM THE
SNIPERS.



A BOOK? NO, IT'S
A JOURNAL.



SOME SORT OF VISIONS OF A
MONSTER WAS TERRIFYING THIS
SOLDIER ENOUGH TO NOT WANT
TO SLEEP AT NIGHT.

COULD IT BE CONNECTED
TO THE STRANGE ENERGY
IN THE CRATER?

THIS IS FROM ONE OF
THE SOLDIERS... THE
LAST ENTRY TALKS
ABOUT NIGHT MARES
AND TAKING DRUGS TO
STOP THEM.



SOME OF THOSE SOLDIERS DIED
WITH SHOCKED EXPRESSIONS ON
THEIR FACES. IS THAT RELATED
TO THE NIGHT MARES?

OKAY, THIS IS NO
LONGER A SEARCH-
AND-RESCUE
OPERATION.



THIS IS A MURDER
INVESTIGATION.

PING!

AND THE FIRST
THING I HAVE TO
DO IS SHUT DOWN
THOSE SNIPERS!



NOW IT'S TIME TO
PLAY *HIDE-AND-
GO-SMACK*.



NOW THAT I'VE
TAKEN TO THE
AIR, I CAN USE
MY SENSES TO
SPOT THEM.



STANDING OUT LIKE
A SORE THUMB GIVES
THEM A TARGET TO
SHOOT AT...

... AND IT ALLOWS ME TO
USE MY ENHANCED
SENSES TO SPOT THEM
AS THEY SHOOT AT ME.

PING!

THAT WAS A LITTLE
TRICK THAT I PICKED
UP FROM JACK...

JACK? NO, THAT
WASN'T HIS NAME!
IT WAS... SOMETHING
TO DO WITH THE
NIGHT... JACKSON?
JASPER? JOSHUA?

PING!

OKAY, NOT
NOW...

POW!

OW! WHAT
TH...?

"HIDE-AND-GO-
SMACK" FIRST.

HOLY CR@P!
THAT'S GALATEA!

POW!

STOP HER! DON'T
LET HER REACH
THE BASE!

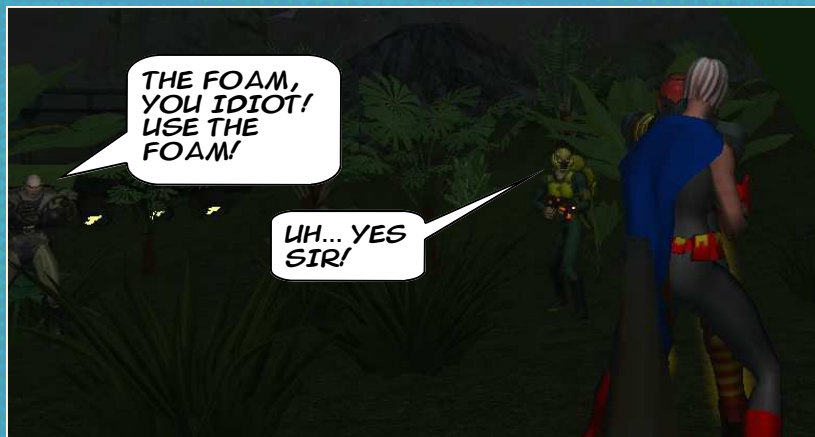
POW!

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?

YOU KNOW WHO I AM
AND WHAT I CAN DO,
AND YET YOU STILL
THINK YOU CAN BEAT
ME WITH BULLETS?

SERIOUSLY?

VIPER COMMAND! VIPER
COMMAND! WE NEED
REINFORCEMENTS!



THE FOAM,
YOU IDIOT!
USE THE
FOAM!

UH... YES
SIR!



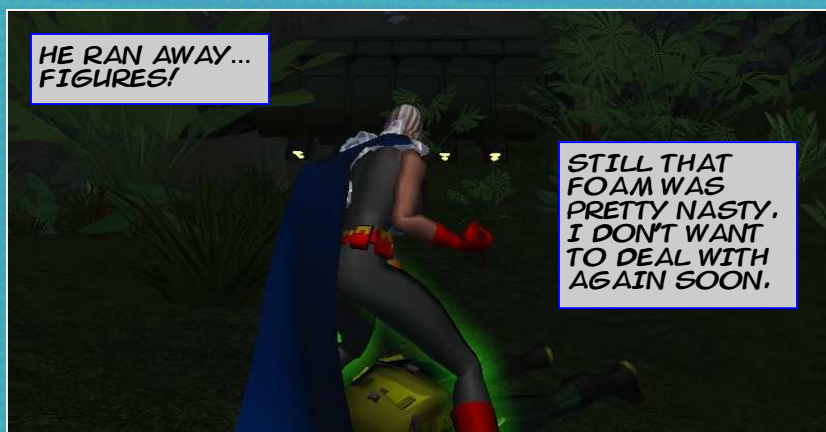
GTH!



NO! YOU'RE NOT
SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE
TO EVEN MOVE IN THAT
FOAM! THE SEDATIVES
IN IT ARE POWERFUL
ENOUGH TO TAKE DOWN
IRONCLAD!

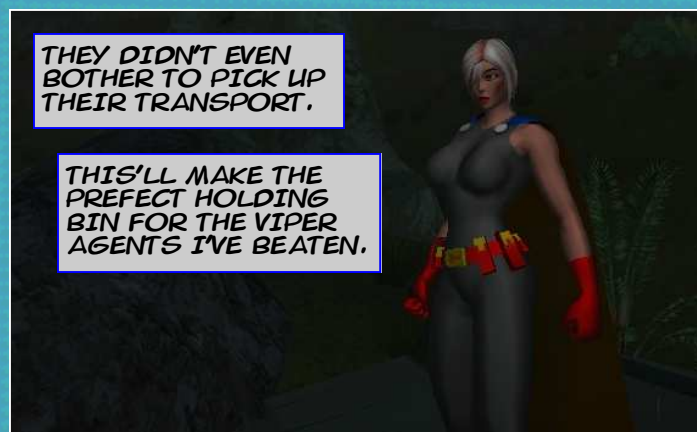
PPTH!

TASTES LIKE BAD
TOOTHPASTE!



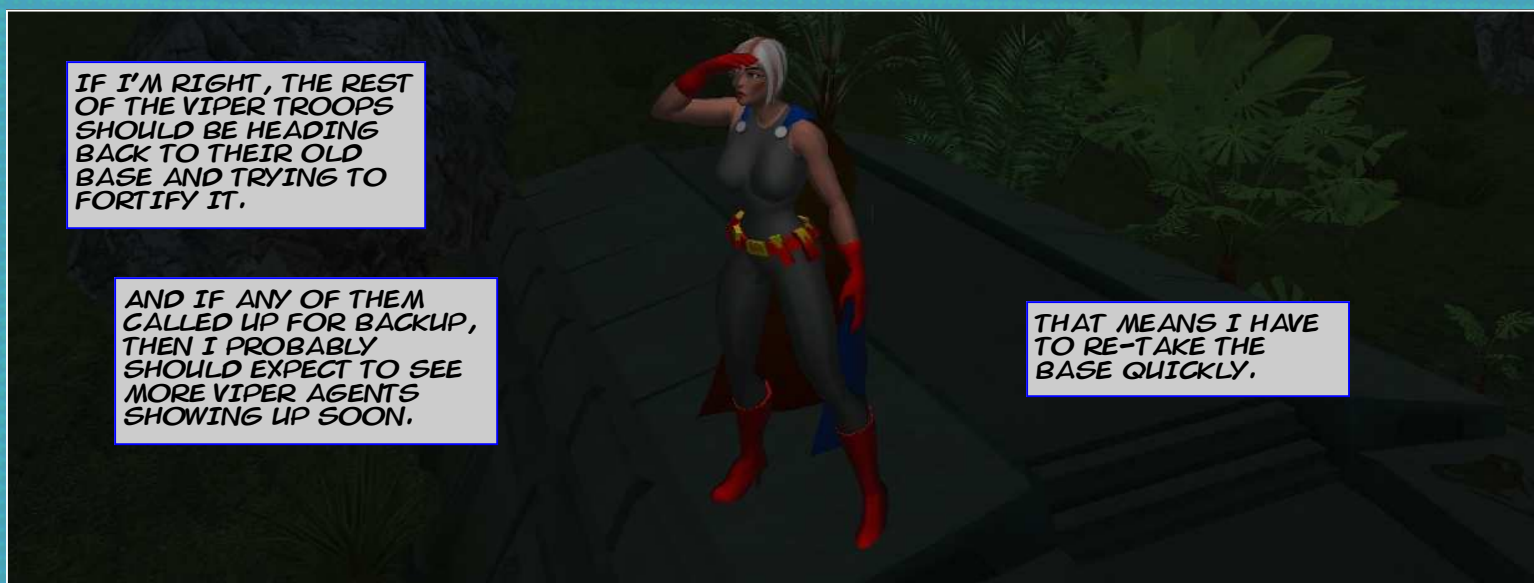
HE RAN AWAY...
FIGURES!

STILL THAT
FOAM WAS
PRETTY NASTY.
I DON'T WANT
TO DEAL WITH
AGAIN SOON.



THEY DIDN'T EVEN
BOTHR TO PICK UP
THEIR TRANSPORT.

THIS'LL MAKE THE
PREFECT HOLDING
BIN FOR THE VIPER
AGENTS I'VE BEATEN.



IF I'M RIGHT, THE REST
OF THE VIPER TROOPS
SHOULD BE HEADING
BACK TO THEIR OLD
BASE AND TRYING TO
FORTIFY IT.

AND IF ANY OF THEM
CALLED UP FOR BACKUP,
THEN I PROBABLY
SHOULD EXPECT TO SEE
MORE VIPER AGENTS
SHOWING UP SOON.

THAT MEANS I HAVE
TO RE-TAKE THE
BASE QUICKLY.

FOLLOWING THE PATH,
I SEE MORE DEAD
UNTIL SOLDIERS.



AND A SPOTTER
TEAM UP THE RIDGE.



I BETTER FLY
ALONGSIDE THE
HILL TO CATCH
THEM UNAWARE.

WHAT THE...?
IT'S
GALATEA!



AND TEN SECONDS
LATER... ANOTHER VIPER
TEAM BITES THE DUST.



THERE IT IS... FORT
LANTERN, FORMER
VIPER BASE, FORMER
UNTIL BASE, NOW A
VIPER BASE AGAIN.



I CAN ALREADY SEE
WITH MY ENHANCED
VISION THAT THERE
ARE NO UNTIL TROOPS
LEFT ALIVE.

BUT THE DAMAGE
THERE DOESN'T MATCH
THE AMOUNT OF VIPER
TROOPS IN THE FORT.

I REMEMBER FROM MY
BATTLES WITH KING SPIDER...

WAIT... KING SPIDER? NO,
NO, IT WAS SOME OTHER
SPIDER NAME...

GRRR! WORK IT THROUGH,
GALATEA AND WORRY
ABOUT THE NAMES LATER.

I REMEMBER HIS FORCES
WERE JUST LIKE VIPER. AND
IF I'M RIGHT, THESE TROOPS
COULDN'T HAVE ACCOUNTED
FOR THE NUMBER OF DEAD
UNTIL SOLDIERS.

IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH
VIPER JUST SHOWED UP
AND SAW THE BASE EMPTY.

LET'S SEE WHAT MY
ENHANCED HEARING
PICKS UP...



HURRY IT UP
YOU FOOL! I
WANT THIS
GATE LOCKED
DOWN TIGHT!

BUT SIR, THIS
WON'T STOP
GALATEA FROM
GETTING IN.
SHE CAN FLY
OVER THE WALLS!



YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW
THAT?

I KNOW ALL ABOUT THESE
HERO TYPES. THEY LIKE
THE GRAND DISPLAY.

SHE'LL POUND ON THIS
GATE JUST FOR EFFECT,
AND WHILE SHE'S DOING
THAT, WE'LL HAVE OUR
HEAVY FORCES READY TO
TAKE HER ON.

SIR, I REALLY
DON'T THINK
SHE'D BE STUPID
ENOUGH TO DO
JUST THAT.



YOU SHOULD
LISTEN TO HIM...

ESPECIALLY
SINCE YOU LEFT
THE BACK GATE
WIDE OPEN!



NFF!

ZAP!

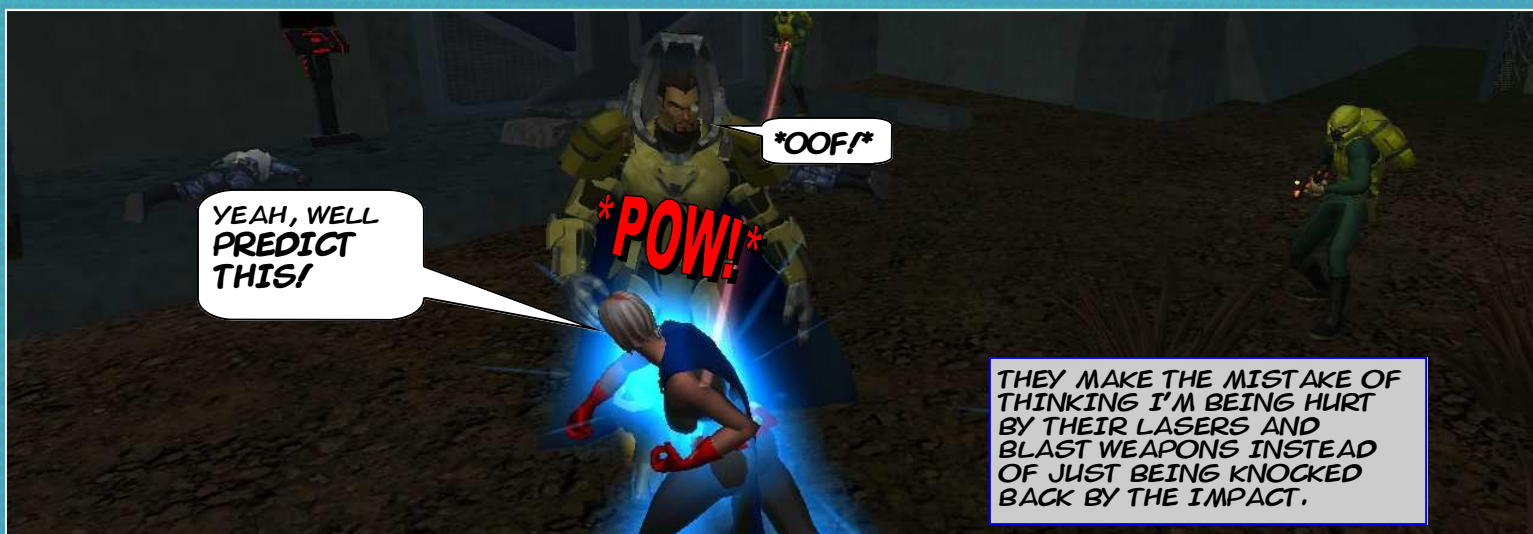
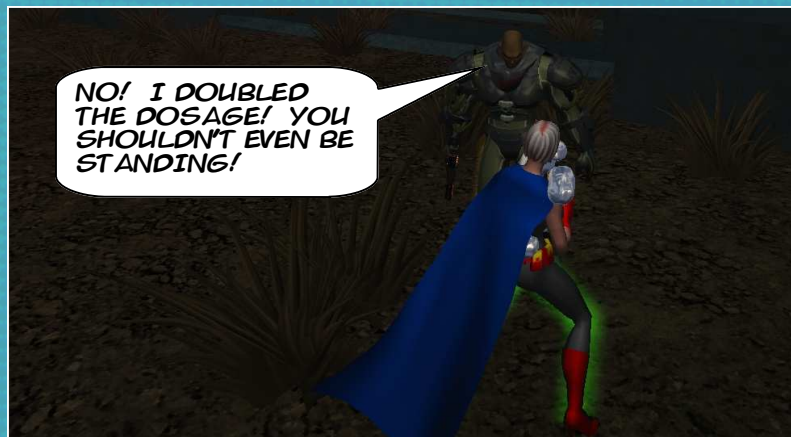


OKAY, THAT ONE
I DIDN'T EXPECT!

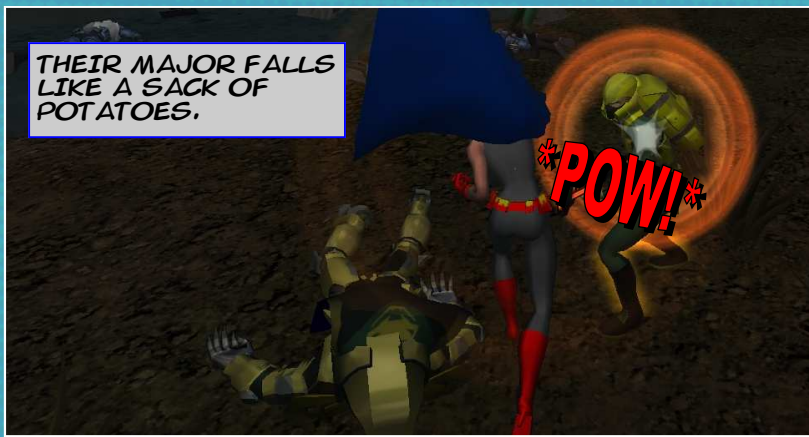
POW!



NOR WOULD YOU
EXPECT ME TO BE
WAITING FOR YOU
TO GET HERE,
GALATEA FUTURE!



THEY MAKE THE MISTAKE OF THINKING I'M BEING HURT BY THEIR LASERS AND BLAST WEAPONS INSTEAD OF JUST BEING KNOCKED BACK BY THE IMPACT.



THEIR MAJOR FALLS
LIKE A SACK OF
POTATOES.

POW!



POW!

THEN I TAKE
CARE OF THE
LEFTOVERS.



UNTIL COMMAND, THIS IS
GALATEA FUTURE AT
LANTERN BASE. BASE IS
SECURE. THERE ARE NO
SIGNS OF SURVIVORS.

GALATEA, THIS IS CAPTAIN
URQHART OF THE 2ND UNTIL AIR
SUPPORT WING. WE ARE INBOUND
TO YOUR POSITION.

UNFORTUNATELY WE'RE ALSO
PICKING UP A HUGE VIPER FORCE
THAT WILL REACH YOU BEFORE WE
GET THERE TO BACK YOU UP.

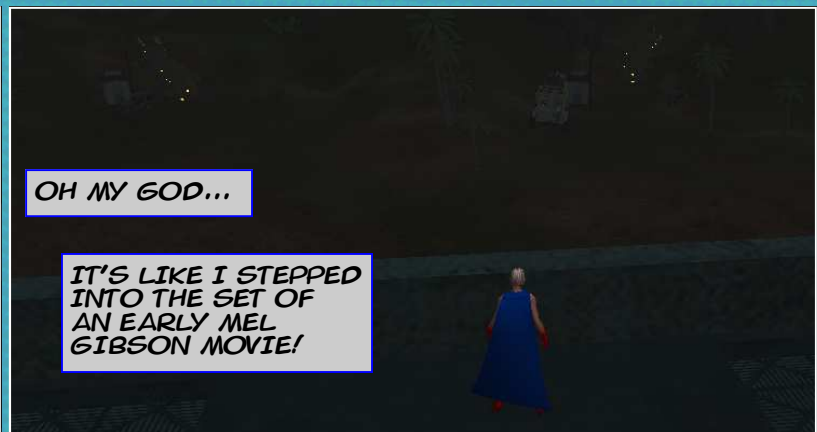
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AND-GO-SMACK!"



HOLD THE FORT
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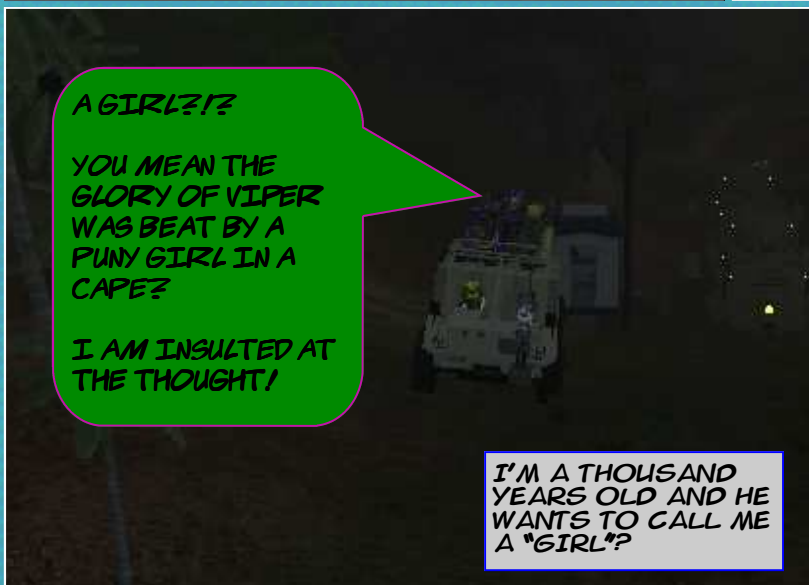
PUNY HUMAN
HERO!

COME
FORWARD AND
MEET YOUR
EXECUTIONER!



OH MY GOD...

IT'S LIKE I STEPPED
INTO THE SET OF
AN EARLY MEL
GIBSON MOVIE!



AGIRL?!?

YOU MEAN THE
GLORY OF VIPER
WAS BEAT BY A
PUNY GIRL IN A
CAPE?

I AM INSULTED AT
THE THOUGHT!

I'M A THOUSAND
YEARS OLD AND HE
WANTS TO CALL ME
A "GIRL"?



COME DOWN
NOW...

... AND YOUR
DEATH WILL
BE FASTER
THAN THIS
ONE'S WAS.

OKAY, THAT
CLINCHES IT...
HIS @\$\$ NEEDS
TO BE KICKED!

LANTERN BASE, THIS
IS CAPTAIN URQHART...

HOLD ON TO YOUR BOOTS.
I'VE GOT SOME SERIOUS
WHOOOP-@@\$ WITH VIPER'S
NAME ALL OVER IT!

BOOM!
BOOM!

IS THAT THE BEST
YOU CAN DO? I AM
POWERED BY DARK
ENERGY! I AM
INVINCIBLE!

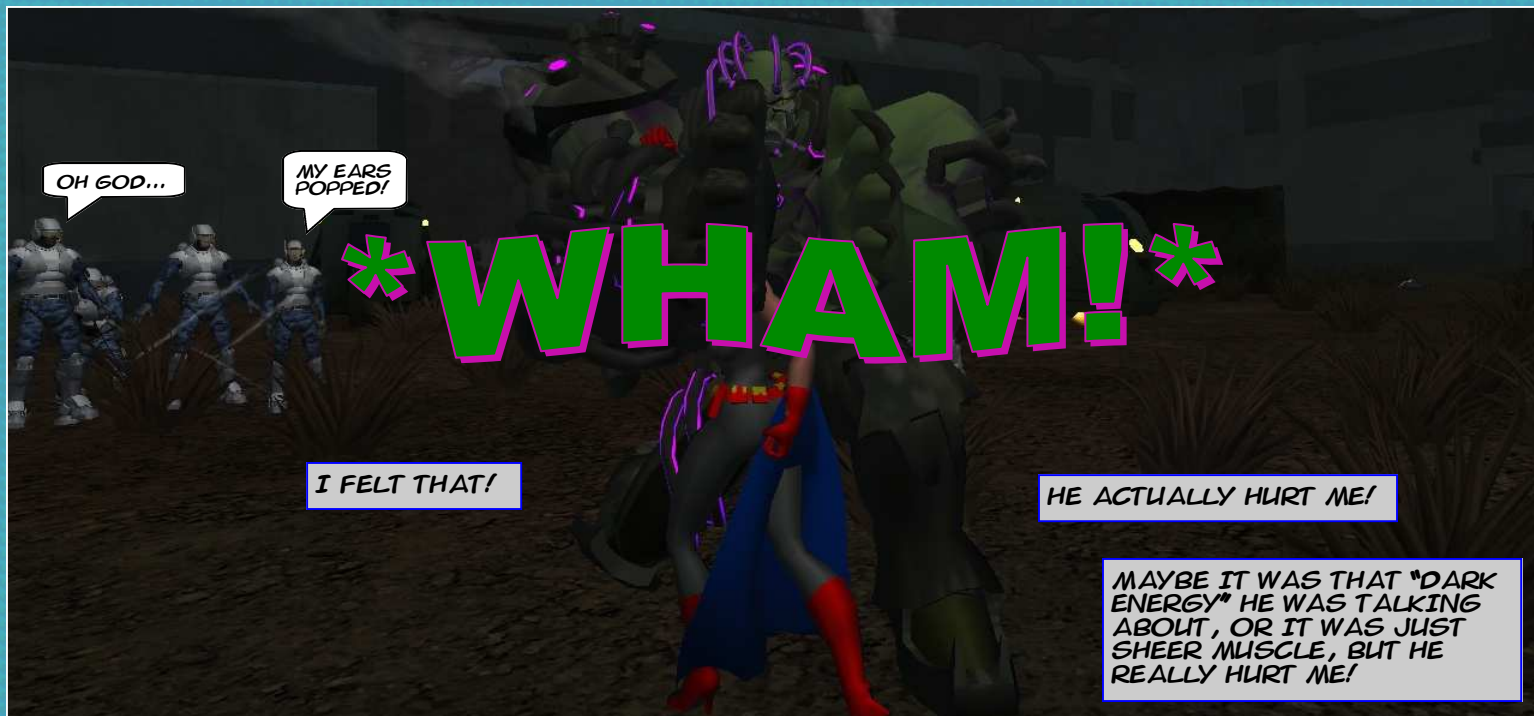
I WILL SHOW YOU
MY POWER... BY
TAKING YOUR LIFE!

THIS IS GETTING
OUT OF CONTROL!
I HAVE TO PUT AN
END TO IT FAST!

COWARDS!

YOU ATTACK FROM
YOUR PLANES BUT YOU
DONT FACE YOUR
ENEMY IN PERSON!

THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE
WAITING FOR ME, UGLY.
SOMEONE HAS TO TAKE
OUT THE TRASH.





MS. FUTURE?
A WORD,
PLEASE.



MA'AM, WE
APPRECIATE
THE HELP,
BUT I GOT
ORDERS TO
GET YOU
BACK TO THE
STATES.

WHY?



AND WHAT WAS
WITH THE AIR
STRIKE? YOU
DIDN'T HAVE TO
KILL THOSE VIPER
TROOPS!

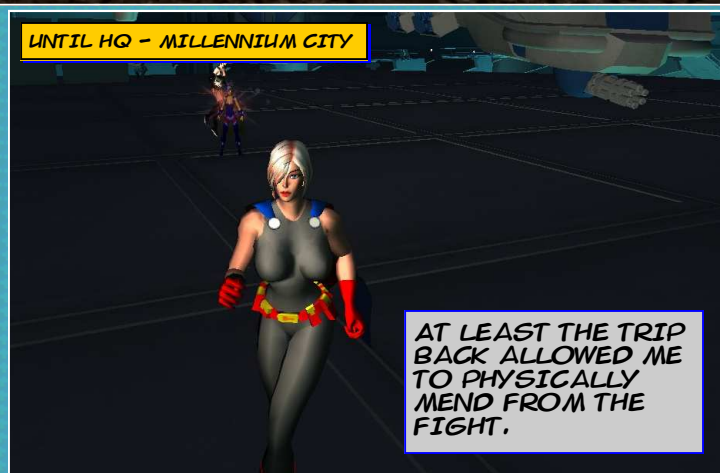
I COULD HAVE
K.O.'D THEM
EASILY!

MA'AM, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO
YOUR ABILITIES, WE HAD ORDERS TO
BOMB FIRST AND TAKE ANY SURVIVORS
PRISONER. UNTIL COMMAND DEEMED
THE SECURITY OF THE FORT IMPORTANT
ENOUGH TO NOT TAKE ANY CHANGES.

AS FOR THEM ORDERING YOU
BACK TO MILLENNIUM CITY...
WELL, THAT'S ALSO THEIR CALL,
AND I SUPPOSE IF YOU WANT TO
KNOW WHY THEN YOU'LL JUST
HAVE TO ASK THEM IN PERSON.



OH BELIEVE ME,
I INTEND TO DO
JUST THAT!



UNTIL HQ - MILLENNIUM CITY

AT LEAST THE TRIP
BACK ALLOWED ME
TO PHYSICALLY
MEND FROM THE
FIGHT.



AND I'D NEED MY HEAD CLEAR
TO DEAL WITH THE BRASS.

OKAY, WHAT THE HELL
IS GOING ON GUYS?

WHY DID YOU BOTHER
CALLING ME IN IF YOU
WERE GOING TO BOMB
THE PLACE CLEAR
ANYWAY?

AND WHY THE HELL DID YOU
BRING ME BACK HERE WHEN
THERE'S STILL WORK TO BE
DONE THERE?

THERE ARE STILL TWENTY OR SO
UNTIL SOLDIERS UNACCOUNTED
FOR OVER THERE. AND I DON'T
BELIEVE THAT VIPER KILLED
THEM! I DON'T EVEN THINK
VIPER WAS THERE WHEN THE
BASE WAS FIRST ATTACKED.



IS SHE TALKING TO YOU?

I WAS A LITTLE DISTRACTED BY THE SCENERY.

YOU WOULD BE...

UNTIL

MS. FUTURE, UNTIL IS A U.N. MILITARY FORCE FIRST AND FOREMOST. THE DAYS OF THE PEACEKEEPER ENDED YEARS AGO. WE BOMB ON THE CRACK OF DAWN... HELL, WE'LL EVEN BOMB THE CRACK OF DAWN IF WE HAVE TO!



THEN WHY DID YOU NEED ME THERE IF YOU WERE GOING TO BOMB FIRST AND LET GOD KEEP TRACK LATER?

AND BY THE WAY, G.I. BROSTACHE, THEY'RE CALLED BREASTS. WOMEN HAVE THEM. MAYBE IF YOU SPENT LESS TIME BOMBING THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT GET "DISTRACTED" AS MUCH.



UNTIL

SERIOUS CRASH-AND-BURN, MARTY.

OKAY, STOW THE LOCKER ROOM TALK YOU TWO!

MS. FUTURE, WE BROUGHT YOU IN BECAUSE WE KNEW FROM THE INITIAL REPORTS FROM THE ORIGINAL TEAM THAT THERE WAS A MYSTERIOUS SUBSTANCE, BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW IF IT WAS THE CAUSE OF THE LOSS OF COMMUNICATION OR BECAUSE OF VIPER.

STANDARD PROTOCOL IS TO BRING IN AN S-P-B TO INVESTIGATE.



OKAY, I GET THAT PART.

BUT WHY PULL ME OUT OF THE MISSION WHEN THERE'S STILL MORE GOING ON OVER THERE?

THERE ARE STILL SOME TWENTY...



WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, MS. FUTURE... YOU DID EVERYTHING THAT WE ASKED OF YOU TO DO THERE.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, AND IF THERE IS MORE, WE'LL CONTACT YOU.



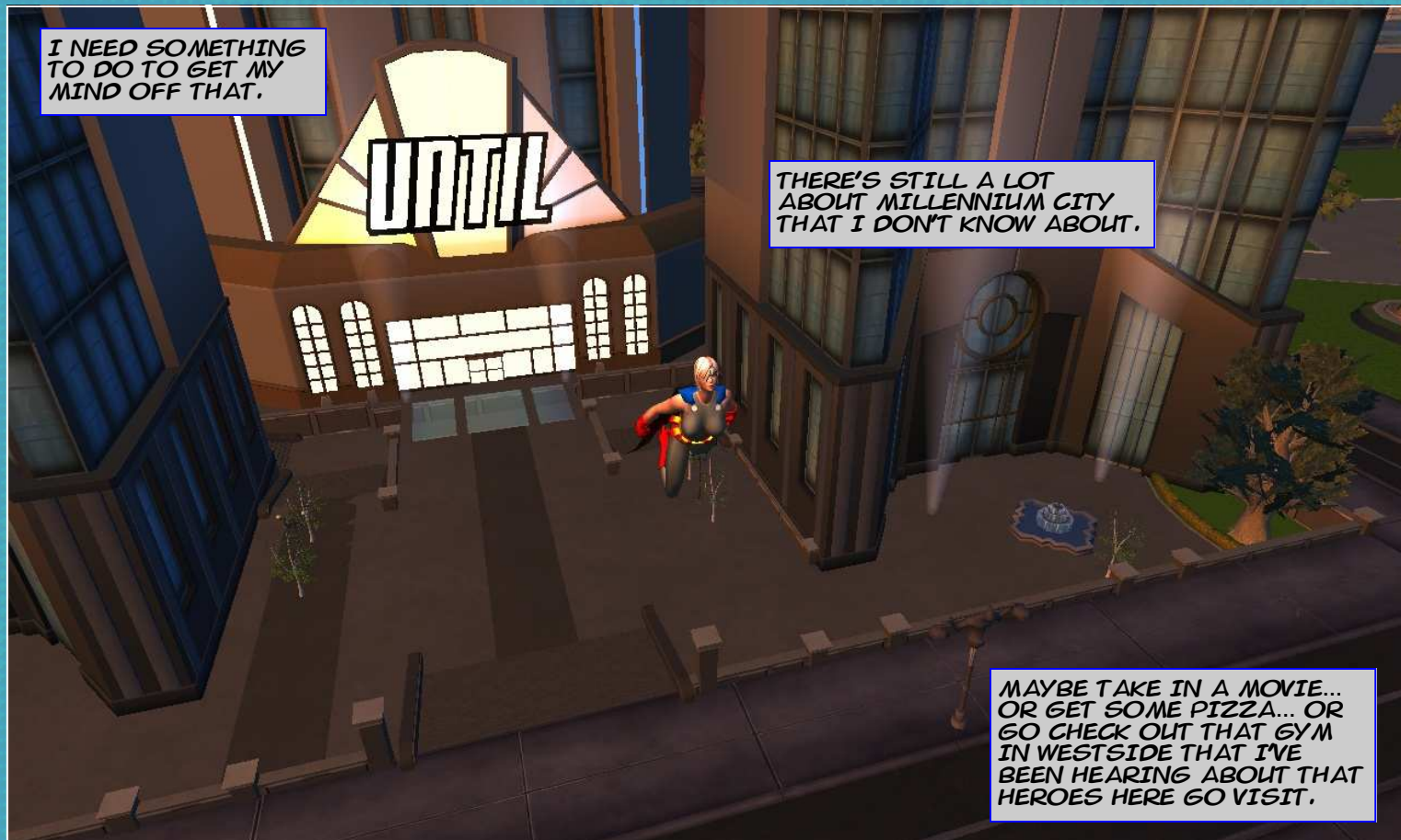
SERIOUSLY.

THAT WAS ALL
THEY SAID.
THEY JUST LEFT
IT AT THAT.



"DON'T CALL US,
WE'LL CALL YOU."

FAT CHANCE I'D BE
ANSWERING THAT
CALL ANYTIME SOON.



I NEED SOMETHING
TO DO TO GET MY
MIND OFF THAT.

UNTIL

THERE'S STILL A LOT
ABOUT MILLENNIUM CITY
THAT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT.

MAYBE TAKE IN A MOVIE...
OR GET SOME PIZZA... OR
GO CHECK OUT THAT GYM
IN WESTSIDE THAT I'VE
BEEN HEARING ABOUT THAT
HEROES HERE GO VISIT.



I...

UNNH!/?

IT'S LIKE SOMEONE'S
SHOVED AN ICE-PICK
INTO MY BRAIN!

IMAGES FLASHING
THROUGH MY HEAD...



THE MEMORIES I
KNOW... THE LIES
I'VE TOLD...

THE CITY OF GOLD...
OUROBOROS...



NO, NOT A CITY...
IT'S... A BASE... A
PLACE WHERE I HAD
TO LIVE BECAUSE...

TOO MUCH PAIN.
CAN'T STAY IN
THE AIR...

TOO MANY
IMAGES...

FRIENDS...

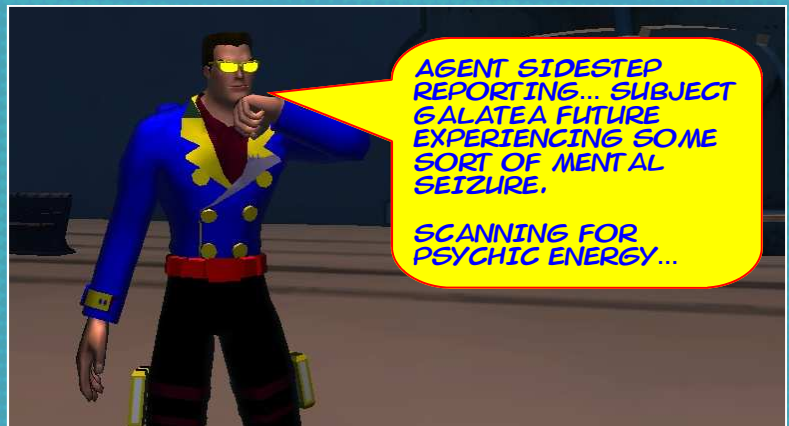
ENEMIES...

ALL A BLUR
TO ME...



AGENT SIDESTEP
REPORTING... SUBJECT
GALATEA FUTURE
EXPERIENCING SOME
SORT OF MENTAL
SEIZURE.

SCANNING FOR
PSYCHIC ENERGY...



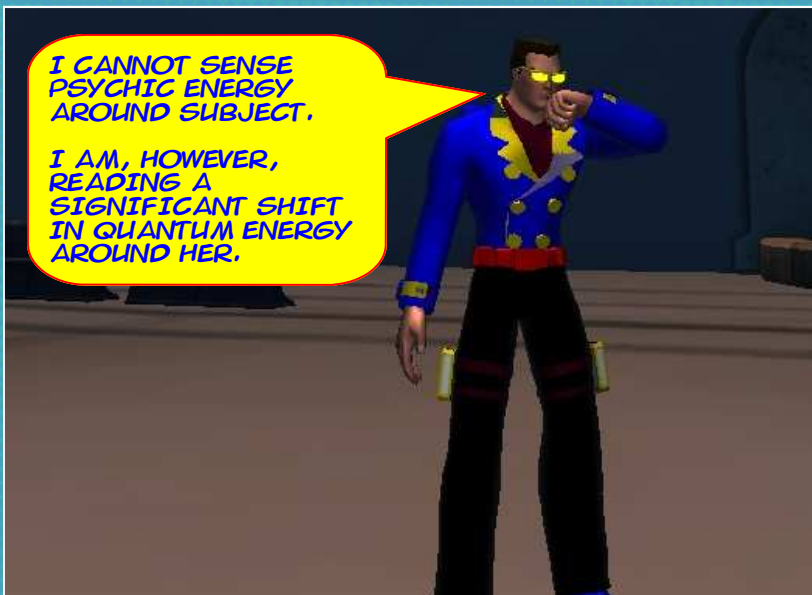
TRYING TO REMEMBER THE
PEOPLE I LOVE... THE
COUSIN THAT RAISED ME...
THE HEROES I'VE COME TO
KNOW AS FRIENDS... THE
THINGS I'VE SEEN IN THE
MULTIVERSE...



NAMES OF CITIES... THE
WORLDS I'VE VISITED... THE
GODS I'VE BATTLED...

I CANNOT SENSE
PSYCHIC ENERGY
AROUND SUBJECT.

I AM, HOWEVER,
READING A
SIGNIFICANT SHIFT
IN QUANTUM ENERGY
AROUND HER.



OH GOD... THE PAIN
IS KILLING ME...



FEEL LIKE I'M READY
TO BLACK... OUT...

RENAISSANCE CENTER

I WAKE UP IN A
DIAGNOSTIC BED.

SILVERBACK SAYS A
STRANGER BROUGHT
ME HERE AND THEN
LEFT WITHOUT
LEAVING HIS NAME.

IT'S FUNNY THAT SOMEONE
WOULD COME TO MY AID LIKE
THAT WHEN IT'S USUALLY THE
OTHER WAY AROUND.

BUT THEN AGAIN, I SHOULD BE
THANKFUL FOR IT.

BUT WHAT BOTHERS
ME MORE IS WHAT
HAPPENED TO ME.

DID I SUFFER
SOMETHING WORSE
THAN A CONCUSSION
IN AFRICA?

THE SCANNING
EQUIPMENT SAYS
THAT PHYSICALLY
I'M FINE.

AND THAT REALLY
WORRIES ME.

JUST LIKE I SHOULD
KNOW MORE ABOUT
THIS EQUIPMENT
THAN I DO RIGHT
THIS MINUTE.

IT'S LIKE MY HEAD'S BEEN
RESET ALONG WITH MY
POWERS. A THOUSAND
YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
AND KNOWLEDGE BEING
WIPED CLEAN LIKE A
COMPUTER HARD DRIVE.

IT SEEMS LIKE
EVERYTHING THAT
USED TO DEFINE ME
IS SLOWLY BEING
STRIPPED AWAY.

EVERYTHING
EXCEPT MY BODY,
OF COURSE.



SO I GUESS
THE QUESTION
IS... WHAT DO I
DO NOW?



HELLO THERE!
I'M TRAYA, AND
I'LL BE YOUR
CHAMPION
MAKEOVER
EXPERT TODAY!



HELLO TRAYA.
I'M LOOKING
TO UPDATE
THIS OUTFIT
SOMEWHAT...



SAY NO MORE, MISS
GALATEA, I HAVE
SOME EXCELLENT
IDEAS THAT WOULD
BE PERFECT FOR
SOMEONE LIKE YOU!



"THIS FIRST ONE IS
PERFECT FOR YOUR
FORM... I CALL IT 'THE
SAVAGE WORLD!'"

"DEFINITELY NOT!"

"OKAY... HOW ABOUT THIS
LOOK? I CALL THIS ONE
'THE OBSERVER!'"

"UM... A LITTLE
TOO COMPLEX
FOR MY TASTES."



"OKAY... OKAY... I GET IT... YOU WANT
SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE SIMPLE
AND A LITTLE MORE CONSERVATIVE.
HOW ABOUT THIS?"

I CALL IT 'THE LEGION LASS!'"

"HMM... THERE ARE PARTS OF
THIS THAT I LIKE. MAYBE
SOMETHING IN GOLD-AND-
WHITE? OH, WAIT, THAT'S
BEEN DONE BEFORE."



DON'T GET ME WRONG, I LIKE SOME OF THE IDEAS... BUT I'M NOT INTERESTING IN A "LOOK" AS MUCH AS I AM IN HAVING AN OUTFIT THAT I CAN WORK IN THAT HIGHLIGHTS ME.



DOES THAT... DOES THAT MAKE ANY KIND OF SENSE TO YOU?



HOW'S THAT?

PERFECT!

I GUESS IT DID.



GLAD I COULD HELP.

AND PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS TO VISIT MY TAILOR KIOSK.



I FIGURED A NEW LOOK WOULD HELP GET MY MIND BACK INTO THE GAME.

I SUPPOSE I THOUGHT THAT MY TIME HERE WOULD STILL BE JUST A TEMPORARY THING.

FIND THE EARTH-SHATTERING CRISIS THAT I WAS MEANT TO STOP, AND THEN BACK TO THE WORLD THAT I KNEW.

BUT NOW I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER THAT WORLD... OR THE UNIVERSES THAT I'VE BEEN IN PREVIOUSLY. THEY'RE ALL JUST A JUMBLE TO ME.

I GUESS IT MEANS THAT I'M HERE TO STAY.

AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I NEED TO REALLY NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT I WANT TO DO WITH THIS NEW LIFE OF MINE.

END

Lost -n- Found

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

SNAKES AND LANTERNS

This issue delves into material borrowed from two different kinds of missions.

In the world of Champions Online, there are several different kinds of missions you can take part in. Some missions are assigned by contacts or through the SOCRATES terminals. Some are “on-the-spot” missions that happen when you venture into a certain location.

But some missions come from special add-ons called Adventure Packs. For normal subscription members, these Adventure Packs are free, but those who chose to be Free-2-Play members, you have to purchase these packs in order to access them. You do not have to purchase the Adventure Packs to enjoy normal game-play.



The first of these Adventure Packs is the “Serpent Lantern”. Taken from Millennium City to the secret VIPER base in Africa, you have to stop the Supreme Serpent from finding the lost Serpent Lantern and uniting the various VIPER factions into one army capable of ruling the world.

The Serpent Lantern Adventure Pack is one overall mission broken down into four objectives. Success unlocks special costume pieces and rewards for you to use.

The other kind of mission featured heavily in this issue is the Comic Series. Unlike Adventure Packs, the Comic Series are free to all players. They also consist of a series of missions which are released much like comic book serials.

In this issue, you saw the first part of the first Comic Series “Aftershock”, which takes place after the events in “Serpent Lantern”. Subsequent “issues” in the “Aftershock” series tie into another Adventure Pack called “Demonflame”.



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In terms of villains, a snake-themed villain group is far from being original. But the fact that it has been done dozens of times over in different publications allows Champions Online to give their own spin to the idea.

Here, VIPER is a secret organization based on an ancient religious sect going back to the days of Atlantis. According to lore, VIPER would stay silent, coming to the aid of governments during “great wars” (most notably World Wars I and II). It is split into thirty smaller groups whose leaders make up the Council of Thirty. It is believed the original thirty leaders were visited by the ancient snake-god Rama and told to build a new nest for the modern world.



The group itself is ruled by The Supreme Serpent, although he is often at odds with the Council of Thirty in terms of the grand vision for the organization. One has to wonder, though, just how much more formidable VIPER would be if they could get past their internal dysfunctions.

No doubt they would make life for everyone that much more difficult.

[HTTP://GUARDIANSOFTHEDAWN.WORDPRESS.COM/GALATEA-FUTURE/](http://guardiansofthedawn.wordpress.com/galatea-future/)

WHAT'S NEXT?



**"I GUESS IT MEANS
THAT I'M HERE TO
STAY."**

**SO WHAT DOES THAT
REALLY MEAN FOR
GALATEA FUTURE?
STAY TUNED!**



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- * UNLOCK NEW COSTUME PIECES AND REWARDS
- * PLAY ALONE OR IN TEAMS



VIPER COULD VERY WELL RULE THE WORLD, IF THE SUPREME SERPENT CAN GET HIS HANDS ON AN ANCIENT ARTIFACT KNOWN AS THE SERPENT LANTERN! JOURNEY TO NEW LANDS AND FACE AN ALL-NEW AND FIGHT TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM THIS THREAT!



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"Serpent Lantern" Adventure Pack is free for paid subscribers to Champions Online. Free-to-Play members can purchase this adventure pack through the C-Store. Once purchased, all items in the adventure pack are accessible to all characters on that account.