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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...

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**“CITY OF GOLD AT
THE END OF TIME”**

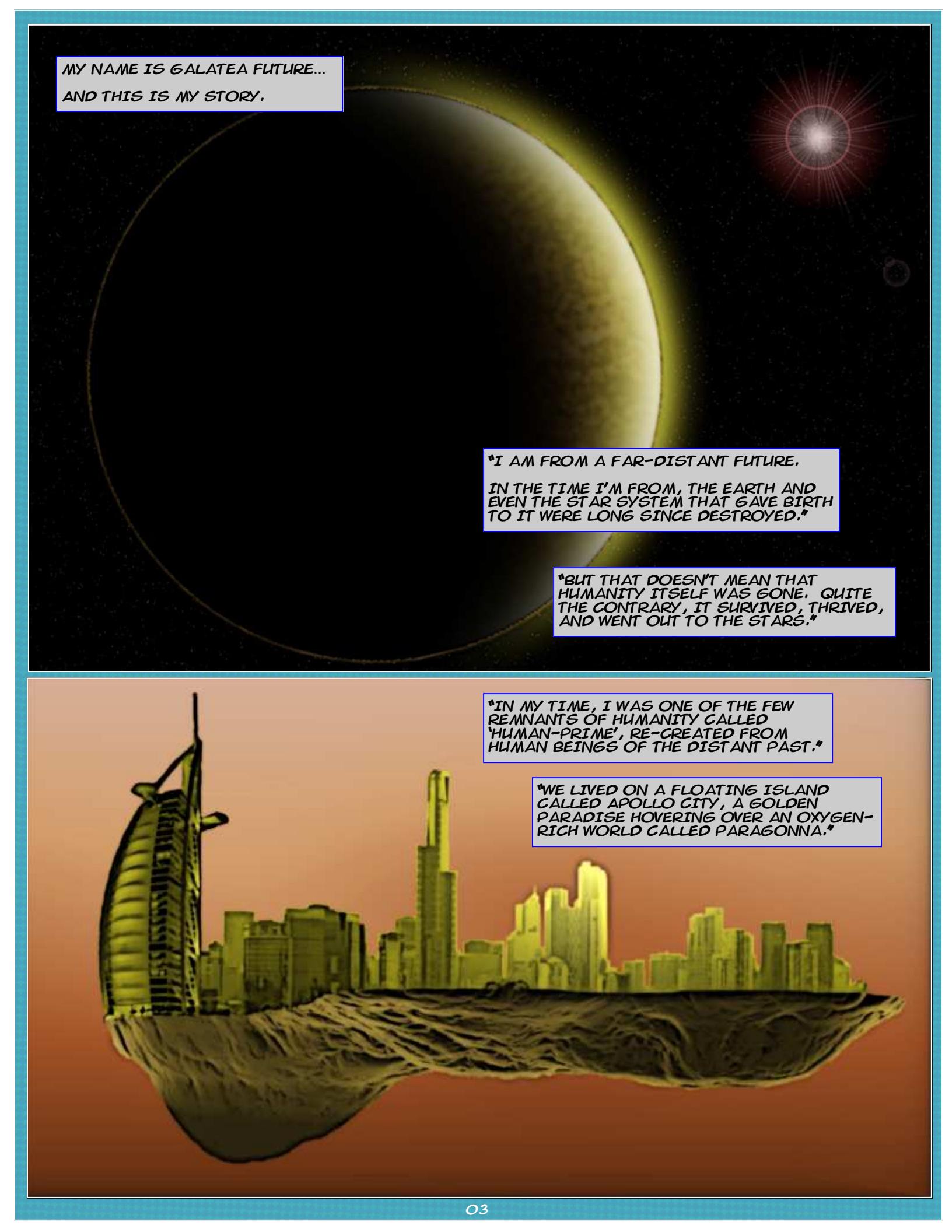
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DETERMINED TO KEEP HER REAL ORIGINS A SECRET, GALATEA STRUGGLES TO FIND A SUITABLE PUBLIC EXPLANATION FOR HER SUDDEN ARRIVAL IN MILLENNIUM CITY.

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

"I WORKED WITH PROJECT OROBOROS, 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 RETELLING OF MY LIFE, A LITTLE FACE-TIME IN FRONT OF THE CAMERAS...

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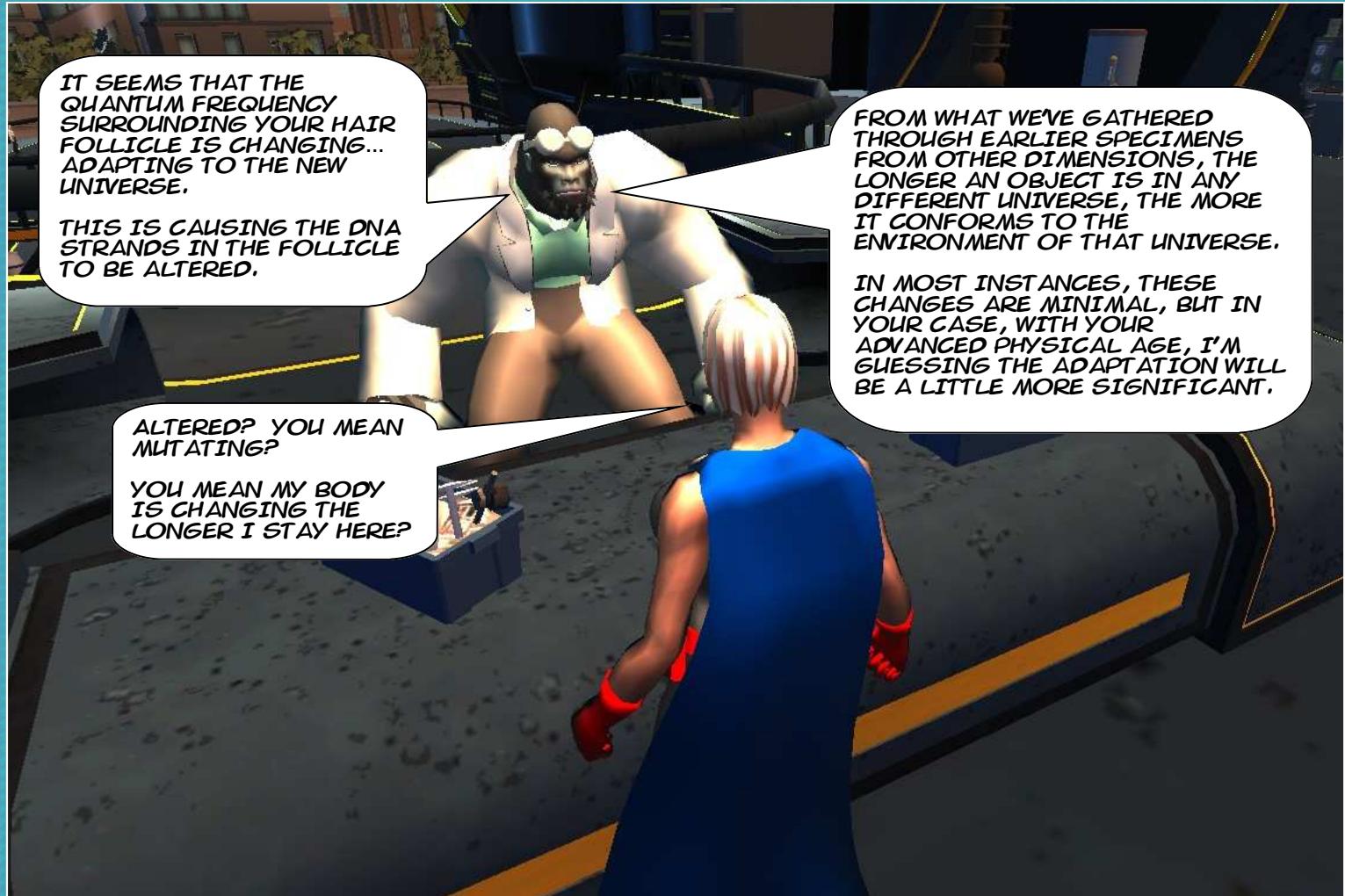
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OR AT LEAST I HOPE THEY ARE.

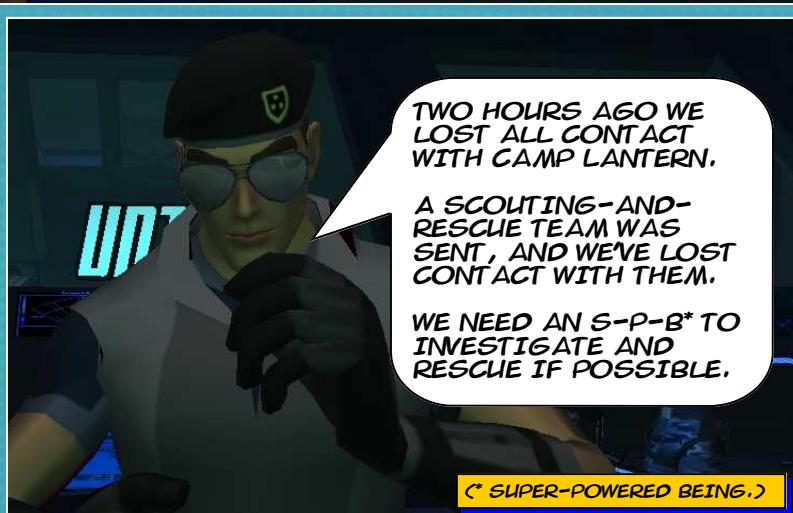
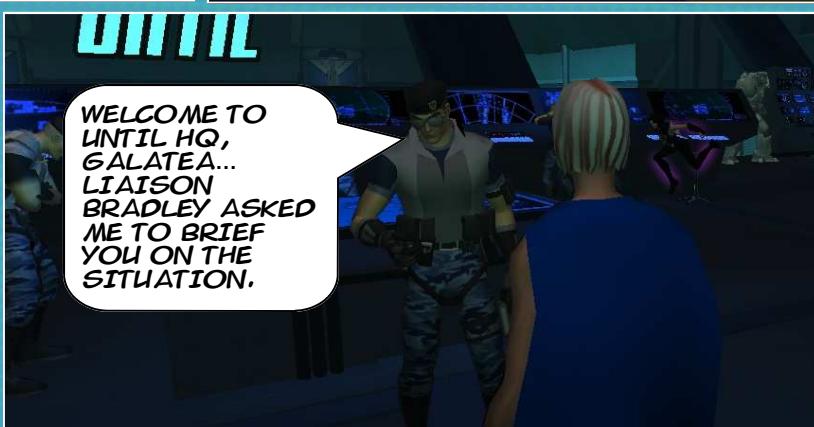
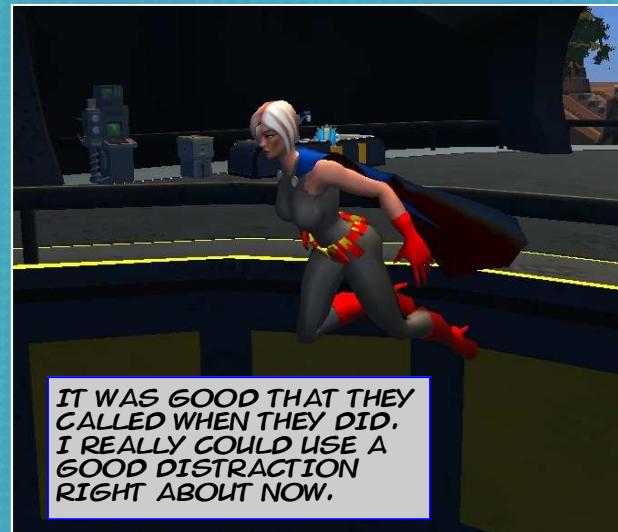
THAT LEAVES ME WITH TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHAT ELSE I SHOULD LEARN ABOUT THIS WORLD.

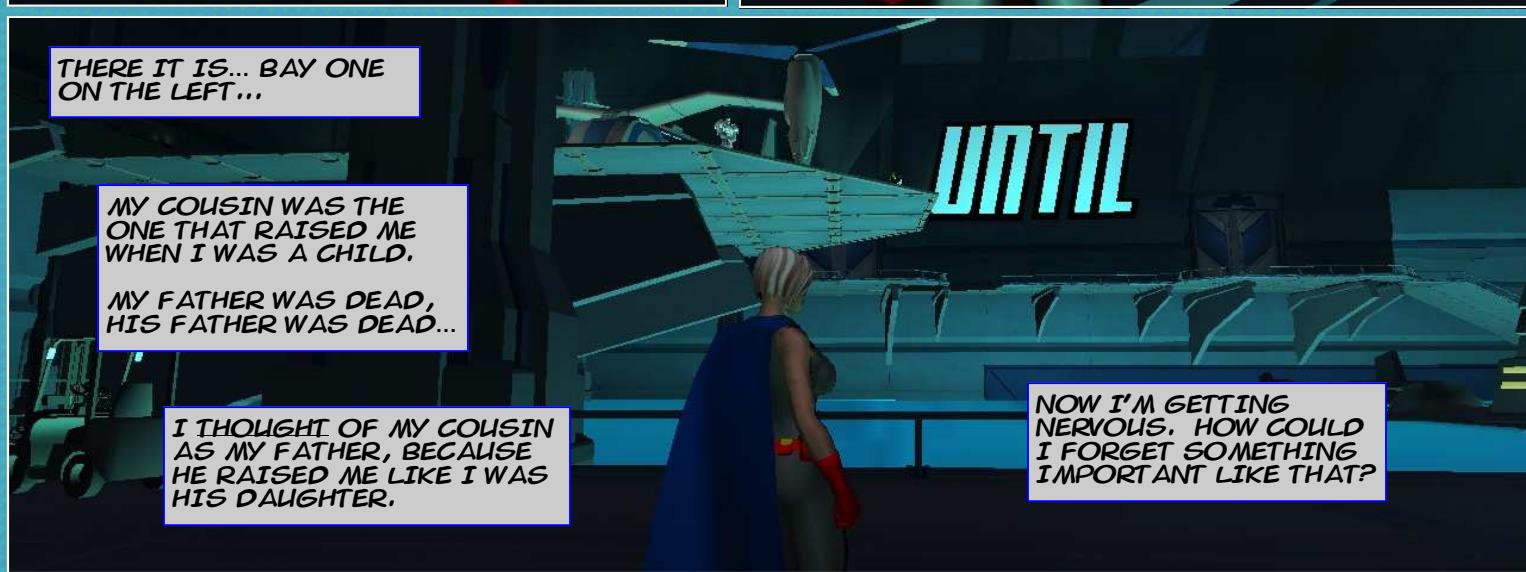
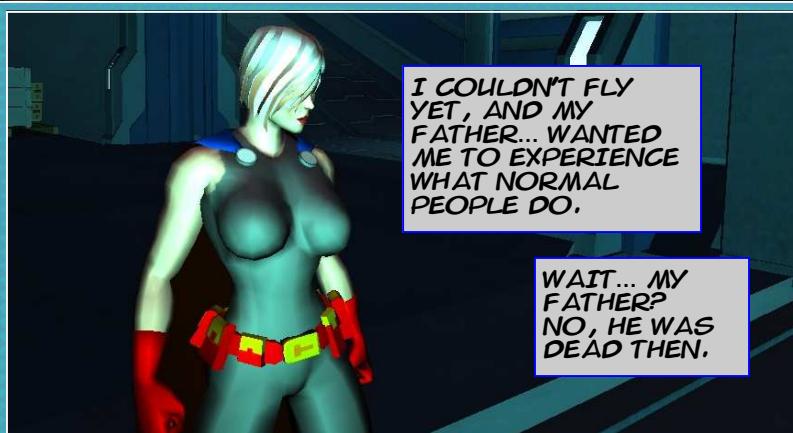
BEEP-BEEP











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...

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.

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

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

*PING!

MAGIC, MAYBE? OR EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL?

THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT DECIMATED MOST OF THE CAMP.

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?

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.

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



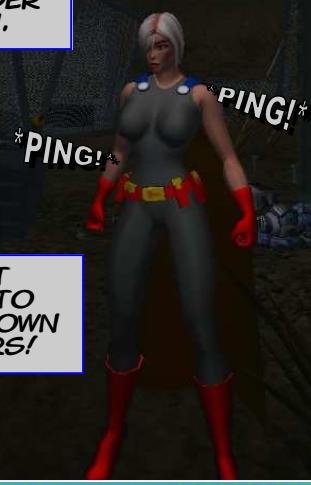
COULD IT BE CONNECTED TO THE STRANGE ENERGY IN THE CRATER?

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

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



THIS IS A MURDER INVESTIGATION.



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.

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?

OKAY, NOT
NOW...

POW!

OW! WHAT
TH...?

"HIDE-AND-GO-
SMACK" FIRST.

HOLY CR@P!
THAT'S GALATEA!

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

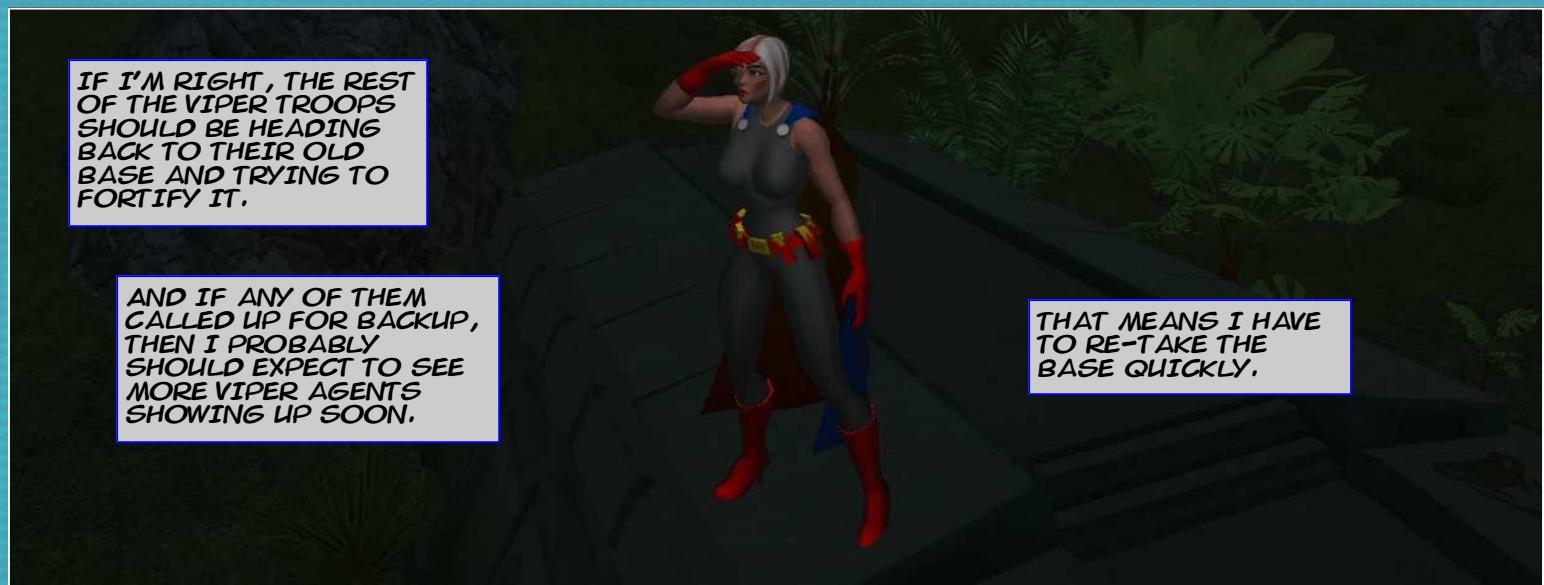
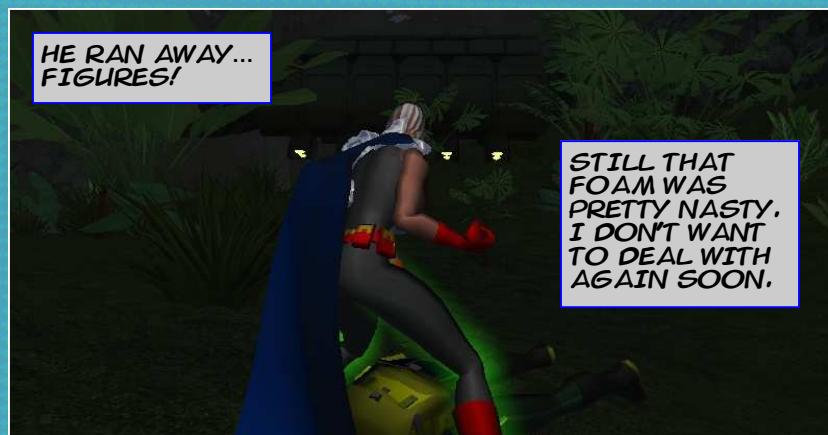
POW!

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!



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!

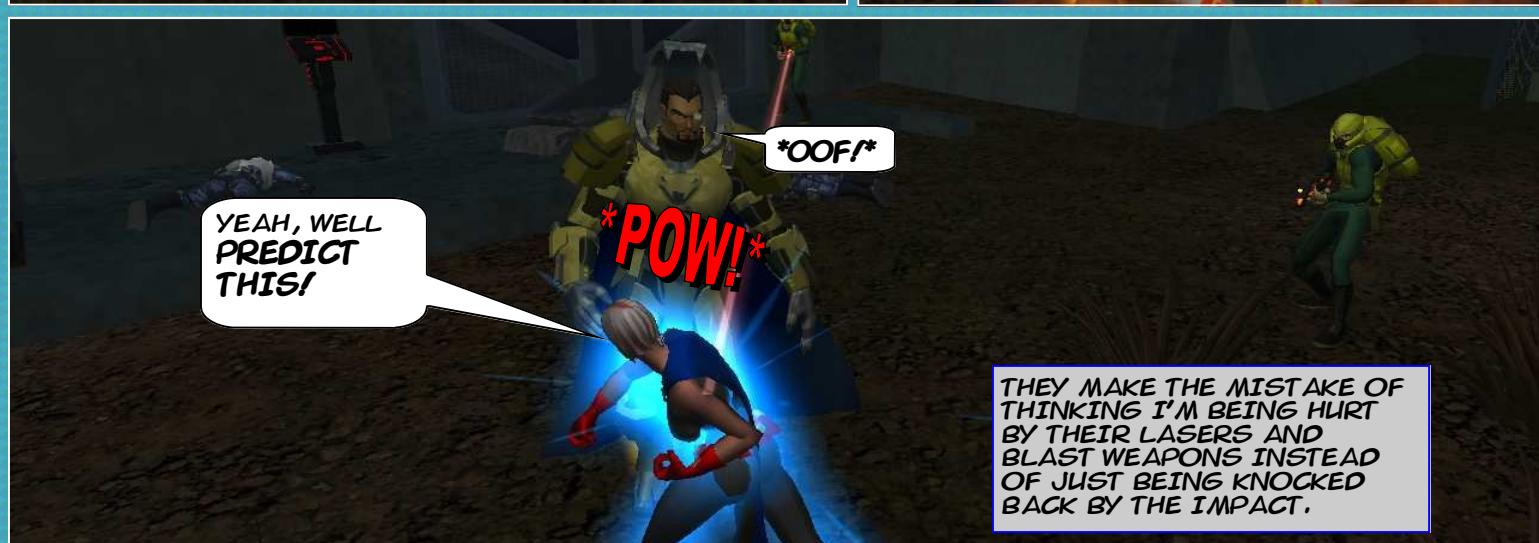
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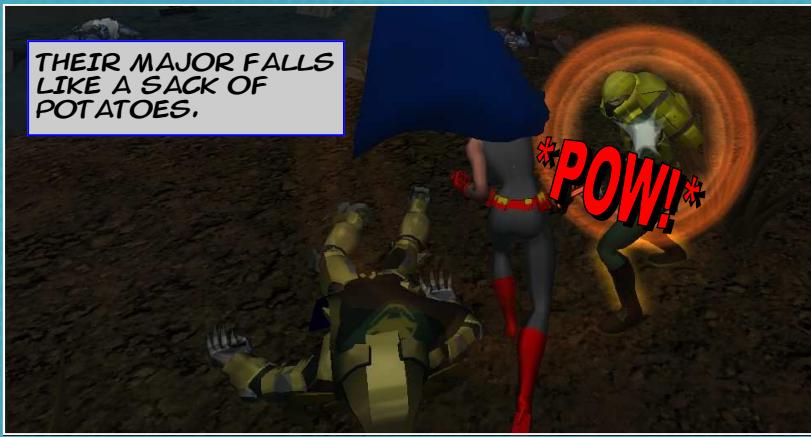
ZAP!

OKAY, THAT ONE
I DIDN'T EXPECT!

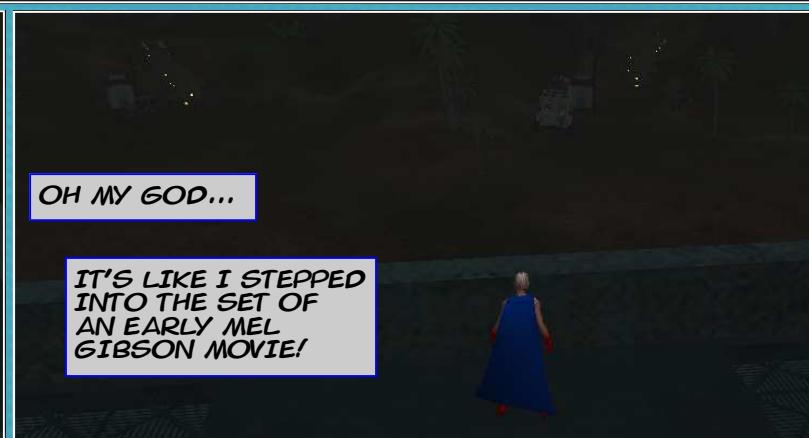
POW!

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





FIGURES! MORE VIPER TROOPS TO PLAY "HIDE-AND-GO-SMACK!"



LANTERN BASE, THIS IS CAPTAIN URQHART...

HOLD ON TO YOUR BOOTS. I'VE GOT SOME SERIOUS WHOOP-@\$\$ 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!

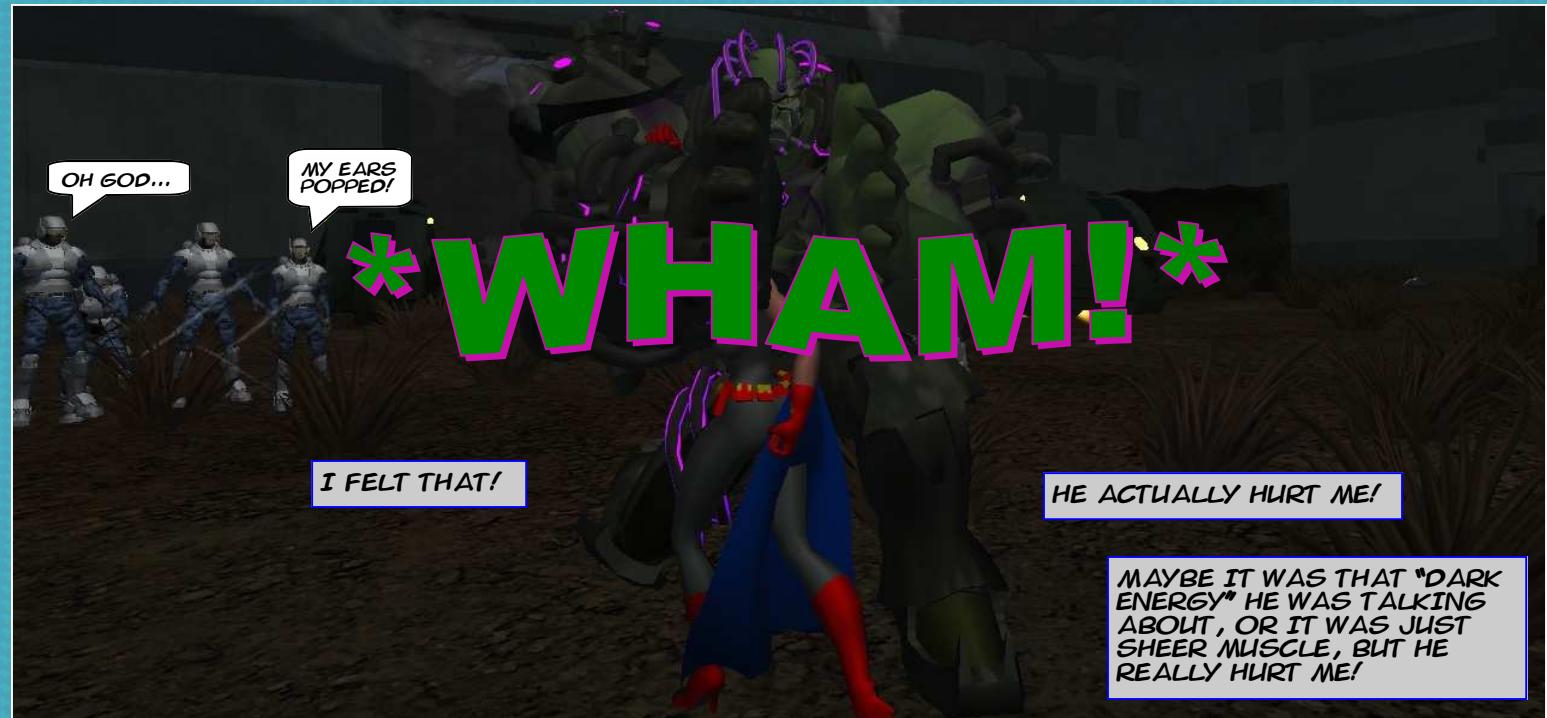
I WILL SHOW YOU MY POWER... BY TAKING YOUR LIFE!

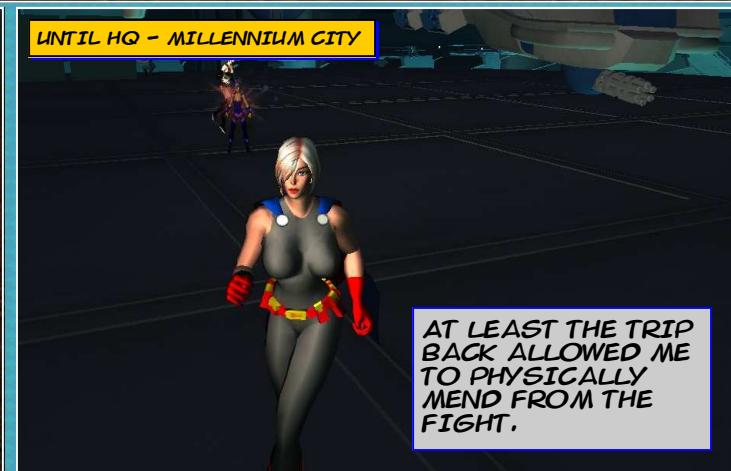
THIS IS GETTING OUT OF CONTROL! I HAVE TO PUT AN END TO IT FAST!

COWARDS!

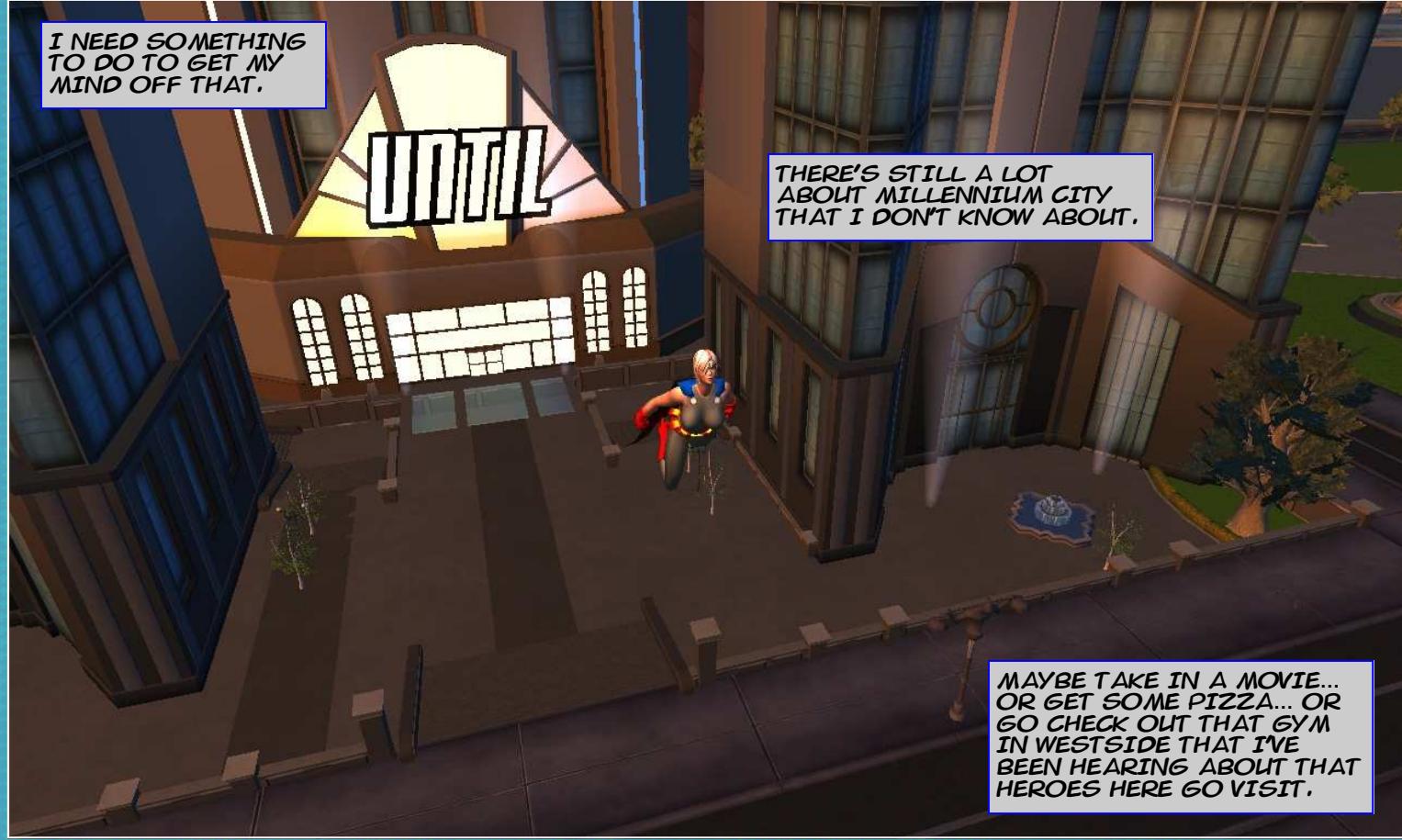
YOU ATTACK FROM YOUR PLANES BUT YOU DON'T FACE YOUR ENEMY IN PERSON!

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









IMAGES FLASHING
THROUGH MY HEAD...



THE CITY OF GOLD...
OUROBOROS...



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

TOO MANY
IMAGES...
FRIENDS...
ENEMIES...
ALL A BLUR
TO ME...



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
WIPE 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.



"DEFINITELY NOT!"



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



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



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.

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WHAT'S NEXT?



***“I GUESS IT MEANS
THAT I’M HERE TO
STAY.”***



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



CHAMPIONS ONLINE

SERPENT LANTERN

ADVENTURE PACK EXPANSION

- * NEW ENEMIES
- * 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.