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FURIA

AND
THE GUARDIANS



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Not All Holiday Events Are "Fun"!

It's a FACT:

- ⇒ Even though they first appear in brightly-colored boxes, Winter Horde monsters are far from festive creatures.
- ⇒ Even when defeated, still-melting snow creatures have been known to cause havoc with the daily commute and have even caused power-outages.
- ⇒ While a “winter wonderland” is beautiful to view in Atlas Park, the mere threat by Lord and Lady Winter to make the rest of the world a frozen wasteland is still enough to shut down stores and schools.

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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

For most of her younger years, Furia Powers had to endure the passing of time with fewer and fewer people that she could call family.

Even after she was introduced to her family's counterparts in the world of the City of Heroes, she never really could consider herself to be a part of that famous Welsh family.

It is no wonder, then, that this time of the year would still be hard for her.

"HOLIDAY FOR HEROES"

- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

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ATLAS PARK, PARAGON CITY, RI, USA

DECEMBER 21ST

IT IS SAID THAT THE HOLIDAYS ARE A MAGICAL SEASON.

THAT IS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR PARAGON CITY, THE "CITY OF HEROES".

BUILT ATOP THE REMAINS OF AN ANCIENT MYSTICAL CITY, PARAGON CITY SERVES AS A MYSTICAL CONDUIT FOR GODS, DEMONS, MYSTICS, WITCHES AND WIZARDS.

AND NEAR THE END OF THE YEAR, THAT MAGIC EXPRESSES ITSELF IN WAYS THAT SURPRISE EVEN THE SKEPTICS.

STEEL CANYON

GALATEA POWERS!

COME OUT AND FACE ME, YOU WHORE, AND MAYBE I WON'T MAKE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FOR CHRISTMAS!

Scorned
(TAMMY LYNN VOSS)

ALTHOUGH SOME SKEPTICS ARE FAR BEYOND SWAYING.

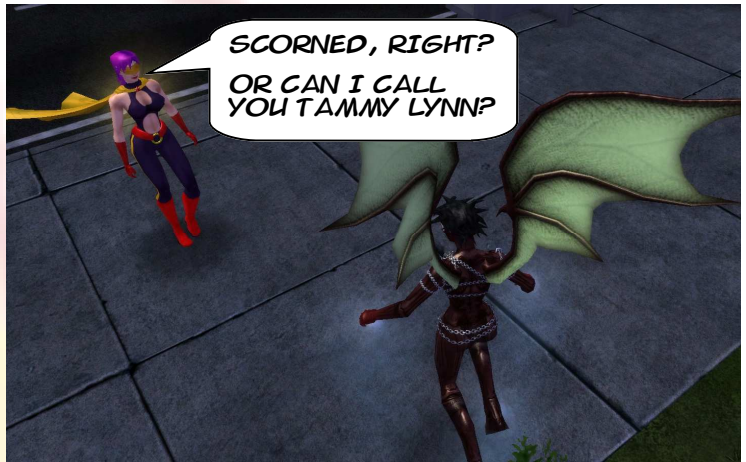


I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR ME!
YOUR SO-CALLED "HYPER-
HEARINGS" LETS YOU HEAR
EVERYTHING IN THIS CITY!

SO IF YOU DON'T SHOW YOUR
SKANK ASS IN SIXTY SECONDS,
I'M GOING TO TAKE MY
FRUSTRATIONS OUT ON THE
FIRST PEOPLE I SEE!



TELL YOU WHAT...
LET'S SKIP THE
SIXTY SECONDS
THING AND JUST
DEAL WITH ME.



SCORNE, RIGHT?
OR CAN I CALL
YOU TAMMY LYNN?



TAMMY LYNN
VOSS IS DEAD!
GALATEA
KILLED HER!
I AM SCORNE!



NOW WE BOTH KNOW
THAT'S REALLY NOT
THE TRUTH.
BY THE WAY, MY
SISTER'S A LITTLE
BUSY RIGHT NOW.
I'M FURIA POWERS.

Furia Powers
(FIONA PODERES)



THE WHORE
DOESN'T EVEN
THINK I'M WORTHY
OF HER NOW? SHE
HAS TO SEND IN
HER LITTLE SISTER
TO FIGHT ME?



WELL I WAS
GOING TO SHARE
BEAUTY TIPS, BUT
YOU JUST TICKED
ME OFF...
AND THAT'S THE
WORST THING TO
DO, BITCH.



DID YOU...?
YOU DO KNOW THAT
YOUR HANDS-FREE
EARBUD IS STILL
ON, RIGHT?

Mindy Harrison
OPERATIONS ASSISTANT



I MEAN, I KNOW
YOU'RE BUSY AND
ALL FIGHTING
HER... BUT FOR
FUTURE REFERENCE
YOU MAY WANT TO
MIND YOUR WORDS.



NOT A GOOD
TIME FOR A
"LANGUAGE"
LECTURE, BASE.



RRRAH! FOCUS
ON ME, BITCH!



UGH! YOU
FLING ACID?
THIS SHIT IS
RANGID!



THAT'S A TASTE
OF MY HATRED
FOR YOUR
SKANKY SISTER!



OKAY, GALATEA'S NOTES ON HER
DOES SAY SCORNE'S SPINES SHOOT
TOXIC CHEMICALS, ALTHOUGH THE
LAST TIME SHE FACED HER, SHE MADE
QUICK WORK OF HER.*
YOU NEED TO DO THE SAME BEFORE
THOSE CHEMICALS START MESSING
WITH YOU OR YOUR ABILITIES.

WAY AHEAD OF YOU ON
THAT, GUARDIAN BASE.



WOW! TALK ABOUT BRINGING DOWN THE HAMMER ON HER!
OKAY, WE'LL GET THE POLICE TO PICK HER UP FOR ZIGURSKY PRISON.

HEY, WHILE I HAVE YOU HERE, I NOTICED THAT YOUR NAME WAS LISTED AS "ON CALL" FOR THIS WEEKEND.

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE SPENDING CHRISTMAS WEEKEND WITH THE POWERS FAMILY IN WALES.



SORRY, BUT SOMEONE HAS TO MAKE SURE SCORNED HERE GETS HER LUMP OF COAL FROM SANTA.
AND MAYBE A GOOD DELOUSING.

NNN... KILLLL
YOWWWW...
NEXTTTT...



BESIDES, I THINK THE WHOLE HOLIDAY THING REALLY IS OVERRATED.



I DON'T GET IT, DOC.

KDave
(PHIL SKI)



I MEAN, SHE PLAYS COY WITH ME, THEN SHE SAYS SHE'D LIKE TO SEE ME, BUT THEN DOESN'T.



HAVE YOU ASKED COEUR DU FELU ABOUT IT?



WELL, YEAH, I MEAN WE'VE BEEN ON A FEW MISSIONS, AND I'D ASK WHEN WE COULD GO OUT, AND SHE'D SAY SHE'D LIKE TO.



THEN SHE'D SAY SOMETHING WEIRD... LIKE HOW SHE WOULD LIKE TO GET TO KNOW THE "REAL ME".



AND I'M LIKE, "HEY, THIS IS THE REAL ME!"



EXCEPT IT'S NOT REALLY YOU, AND WE BOTH KNOW THAT.

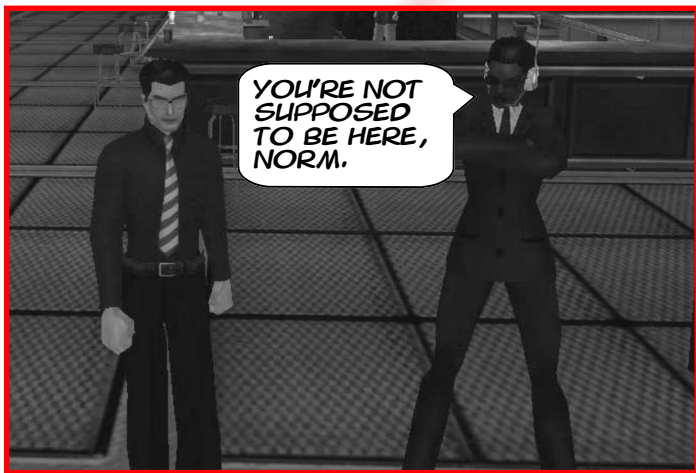
AND I SUSPECT THAT SHE KNOWS AS WELL.

YOU'VE BEEN ASKED BEFORE TO COME TO THESE SESSIONS AS YOURSELF, AND YET YOU CONTINUE TO BE HERE IN YOUR HERO GUISE.



YEAH WELL MAYBE I DON'T WANT TO BE NORMAL!
DID THAT EVER OCCUR TO YOU?

FOR YEARS I'VE LIVED AS A "NORM". A SKINNY LITTLE MAN SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WITH POWERS WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE AND RUBBED IT IN MY FACE! THEY'D GET ALL THE PERKS, WHILE GUYS LIKE ME GOT THE SHAFT.



YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE, NORM.



SO AFTER PUTTING UP WITH THAT YEAR AFTER YEAR, I FINALLY GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE THE KIND OF HERO I ALWAYS DREAMED OF BEING!*

(*TALES FROM PARAGON CITY* #1)



AND ONCE I GET THIS WAY, PEOPLE JUST WANT TO KNOW WHO THAT SKINNY LITTLE MAN WAS!
WELL HOW ABOUT HE'S THE ILLUSION AND THIS IS THE REAL ME, HUH? ANYONE EVER THOUGHT OF THAT?

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN WHY DO YOU STILL CHANGE BACK TO GO TO WORK AS PHIL SKI?



IF YOU'RE REALLY DONE WITH BEING A "NORM", THEN WHY DO YOU STILL GO BACK TO THAT LIFE?

I ... *SIGH*
I WISH I KNEW.

HELIOS TOWERS - TALOS ISLAND

DECEMBER 22ND

WELL YOU SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST WARNED ME ABOUT HER SPITTING THAT TOXIC CRAP!


SOME OF IT DRIPPED DOWN UNDER THE FRONT OF MY OUTFIT!

POWERS ESTATE - WALES, UK

EMWWW!
AND NOW YOU KNOW WHY MY BOOB WINDOW IS TRANSLUCENT.

VERY FUNNY,
I HAD TO TAKE AN HOUR-LONG SHOWER JUST TO GET THE SMELL OFF ME!

COULD BE WORSE.
EVER HAVE TO SHOWER OFF VAHZILOK SPEW?
I HOPE YOU'RE JUST EXAGGERATING ABOUT THE TIME IN THE SHOWER.

 Galatea Powers
(FAITH KARL)

LET'S PUT IT THIS WAY... YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO SEE NEXT MONTH'S WATER BILL.

THEN I'M GLAD THAT ONE OF US HAS A STEADY PAYCHECK SO WE CAN PAY IT.

LISTEN, I KNOW THAT YOU'VE ALREADY SAID YOU'RE NOT COMING, BUT I WAS HOPING THAT YOU'D RECONSIDER.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL THE OTHERS WHO YOU REALLY ARE... BUT KATIE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE FOR CHRISTMAS.
AND SO WOULD I.



TAYA...
I...

BLUMP

SOMETHING CAME UP, I'LL TALK WITH YOU LATER...



SAVED BY THE NOISE...



THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY IN THIS...



THEY WOULDN'T KEEP THIS HERE IF IT WASN'T BEING USED.



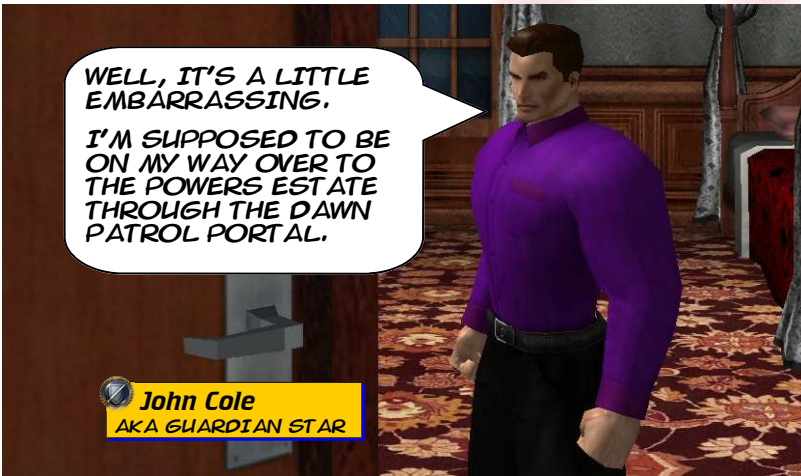
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?



OH! UM... HI.
I GUESS I SHOULD
HAVE CALLED FIRST.



CALLED? HOW
ABOUT EXPLAINING
WHY YOU'RE HERE
AND NOT IN WALES
WITH GALATEA?



WELL, IT'S A LITTLE
EMBARRASSING.
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE
ON MY WAY OVER TO
THE POWERS ESTATE
THROUGH THE DAWN
PATROL PORTAL.

John Cole
AKA GUARDIAN STAR



BUT I LEFT MY
VANGUARD
IDENTIFICATION
IN MY JACKET,
WHICH I THOUGHT
I LEFT HERE IN
TAYA'S ROOM.



AND YOU DIDN'T
CALL ME UP OR
TAYA AND ASK IF
IT WAS OKAY FOR
YOU TO STOP BY
BE-CAUSE... ?



YOU'RE RIGHT!
YOU'RE RIGHT, I
SHOULD HAVE AND
I'M SORRY.



IT'S JUST... IT'S JUST THAT
I'VE BEEN HERE ALMOST EVERY
DAY WHEN I'M NOT EITHER ON
PATROL AS A HERO OR
DOING ASSIGNMENTS FOR
VANGUARD.
I GUESS I'VE GOTTEN USED
TO BEING A DE FACTO
ROOMMATE.

THAT'S NOT MUCH OF AN
EXPLANATION, BUT IT'S THE
BEST I CAN COME UP WITH.
OF COURSE IT WOULD'VE
HELPED IF I ACTUALLY
FOUND MY JACKET HERE.
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO CHECK
THE BARRACKS AGAIN.



AS EXPLANATIONS GO, THAT ONE WAS PRETTY WEAK.

YOU'RE JUST LUCKY I DIDN'T COME IN READY TO FIGHT, OR SOUNDED THE ALARM FIRST.



NOTED FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

CALL FIRST BEFORE VISITING.



AND NOW... I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING THIS BUT...

WHY AREN'T YOU OVER IN WALES WITH GALATEA FOR CHRISTMAS?

YOU KNOW, IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO THAT YOU TOLD ME TO NOT KNOCK THE WHOLE "FAMILY LEGACY" THING WHEN IT CAME TO MY FATHER.*

WELL I KNOW YOU HAVE YOUR OWN FAMILY TOO... TAYA, KATIE LEA, EVEN KENT.

HELL, YOUR CIVILIAN ID LISTS KENT AS YOUR UNCLE!

(← SEE LAST ISSUE)



IT'S...
IT'S COMPLICATED.



JUST... TAKE MY WORD FOR IT, OKAY?

I'M BETTER STAYING HERE.

DECEMBER 23RD

THIS IS P-N-N AFTERNOON NEWS.
I'M FAITH NOTTINGHAM IN FOR ROBIN STEED, WHO IS OFF FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

OUR TOP STORY:
SCRATCH ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT A FROZEN INVASION BY LORD WINTER.

PNN AFTERNOON NEWS · DECEMBER 23



FAITH NOTTINGHAM · HOLIDAY ANCHOR



PNN CENTER

STUDIO A

I'M SURPRISED THAT'S NOT YOU BEHIND THAT DESK, APRIL.
I THOUGHT THIS WAS YOUR DREAM GIG.

IT WAS, CLAY.
ONCE UPON A TIME.

April Ramirez
PNN REPORTER

IF YOU ASK ME, I THINK YOU'RE CRAZY TO TURN DOWN A SHOT LIKE THIS.
ROBIN'S GREAT, BUT SHE'S NOT GETTING ANY YOUNGER, AND NEITHER IS FAITH.

THIS SORT OF STINT OPENS THE DOOR FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU TO BE HER EVENTUAL REPLACEMENT.

I KNOW.
I JUST HAVE TOO MUCH ON MY PLATE RIGHT NOW.

WELL, IF YOU HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS BETWEEN NOW AND CHRISTMAS, LET ME KNOW, OKAY?
I MIGHT GET YOU IN FOR THE NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND SHOW.

GUARDIAN LOUNGE

"THANK YOU FOR COMING, KDAVE."

YOU SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT, CHEF. SO... WHAT'S UP?

TOMORROW NIGHT, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE THE FOOD FOR A SPECIAL HOLIDAY HIDEAWAY IN CROATOA.

EVERYTHING WILL BE MADE; IT JUST NEEDS TO BE DELIVERED.

Chef Dramsay
(CELLIOT DRAMSAY)

AND YOU NEED SOME HEAVY-DUTY MUSCLE TO HELP GUARD YOU?
I'M THERE!

ACTUALLY, I'LL BE WITH THE MISSUS TOMORROW NIGHT, WHICH IS WHY I NEED SOMEONE LIKE YOU TO DELIVER IT TO THE HIDEAWAY.

AND... TO SWEETEN THE TASK, I'M TOLD THERE'S GOING TO BE SOMETHING THERE FOR YOU AS WELL.

SOMETHING FOR ME? COOL!
WHAT IS IT? ANY HINTS?

I'M NOT AT LIBERTY TO SAY, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT IN IT DOES INVOLVE SOMEONE THAT YOU'VE SHOWN AN INTEREST IN SPENDING TIME WITH.

BUT... HERE'S THE THING:

IN ORDER FOR YOU TO ENJOY THIS, YOU HAVE TO BE COMPLETELY "OFF THE CLOCK", AS IT WERE.

SO, DELIVER THE FOOD, COMPLETE THAT PART OF THE JOB, AND THEN YOU'RE FREE TO STAY THERE AS LONG AS YOU WANT TO... "OFF THE CLOCK".

CALL IT... A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

See This Guy?

His name is Snaptooth, and he hates two things: heroes, and the holidays.

In fact, he hates these two things so much that he kidnaps Baby New Year every year so he can ruin the holidays for everyone, and also so it will bring as many heroes his way so he can pound on them.

Of course, he always loses, but that doesn't stop him from trying over and over again.

So if someone as twisted as him can continue to give everything he has into something he thinks is worthy, then why can't you do the same?

Heroes put their lives on the line every day. They deserve nothing less than our support, especially when they give the ultimate sacrifice for us.



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"It's Not Fluff!"

When I first started covering stories here in Paragon City, I thought it would be a piece of cake. After all, we're in the "City of Heroes", right?

But I've quickly learned that when you're trying to keep up with heroes, you have to take risks, and you have to put yourself out there with them.

Can I get hurt? Sure! But it's worth it.

Because we're here to report on the greatest stories in the world, not make tabloid fluff.



Faith Nottingham
On-The-Scene Correspondent

PNN
Paragon News Network



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DECEMBER 24TH

EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER.
ENJOY YOUR VISIT, MISTER GREY.

THANK YOU.
I'LL TRY TO DO JUST THAT.

Drake Grey
AKA JASON KNIGHT

I EXPECTED THEIR SECURITY TO BE TOUGHER THAN IT WAS.

THANKFULLY I ONLY HAD "DRAKE'S" CLOTHES IN MY LUGGAGE.

DOCTOR AEON SHOULD HAVE A CAR WAITING FOR ME AT THE AIRPORT ENTRANCE TO TAKE ME TO THE HOTEL IN AEON CITY.

WHAT THE HELL?

IS THAT... JOHN COLE?

I THOUGHT HE WAS IN WALES!

AND HE SEEMS TO BE TOO CHUMMY WITH THAT AGENT FOR SOMEONE WHO WAS PURGED FROM ARACHNOS.

THIS JUST MADE MY "COURTESY VISIT" A LITTLE MORE COMPLICATED.



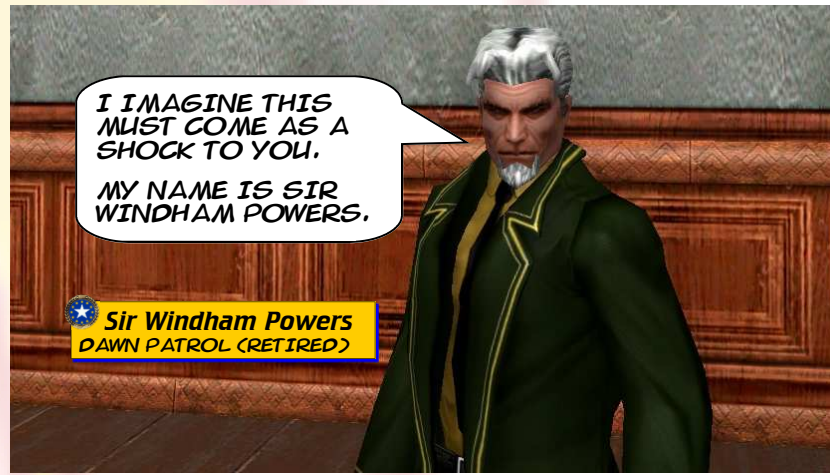
DING-DONG



GASP



D...



I IMAGINE THIS MUST COME AS A SHOCK TO YOU. MY NAME IS SIR WINDHAM POWERS.

**Sir Windham Powers
DAWN PATROL (RETIRED)**



MAY I COME IN? UNLESS YOU PREFER TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION IN THE HALLWAY.



N-NO. NO, COME IN, PLEASE.

SOMEWHERE IN CROATIA



WHOA...
NOW THAT'S A
HIDEAWAY!



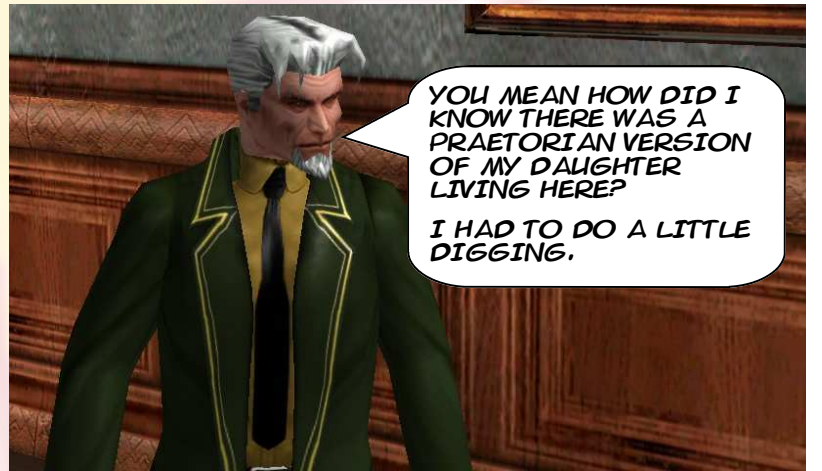
A VERY NICE
PLACE YOU HAVE.
I CAN SEE WHY
KATHERINE WOULD
LOVE BEING HERE.



KATH--?
OH, YOU MEAN
KATE! OF COURSE.



I... HATE TO BE
SO BOLD BUT...
HOW DID YOU
KNOW ABOUT ME?



YOU MEAN HOW DID I
KNOW THERE WAS A
PRAETORIAN VERSION
OF MY DAUGHTER
LIVING HERE?
I HAD TO DO A LITTLE
DIGGING.



MIND YOU, I DIDN'T
GET A PEEP ABOUT IT
FROM KATHERINE, OR
GALATEA, OR, FOR
THAT MATTER, KENT.

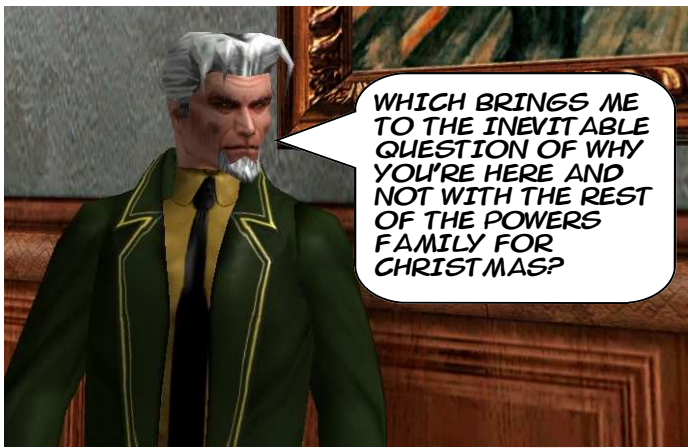
THAT OLD MAN IS AS
STUBBORN AS I AM. IF
HE WASN'T FROM
ANOTHER UNIVERSE, I'D
SWEAR HE REALLY WAS
MY BROTHER BY BIRTH.

BUT THEN YOU TOOK ON
DESTITUTION, AND IT
WAS ALL OVER THE TELE.*

I DIDN'T GET TO BE EITHER THE
HEAD OF MIS** OR THE
OPERATIONS MANAGER FOR THE
DAWN PATROL WITHOUT A FEW
RESOURCES AT MY DISPOSAL.

(* ISSUE #3)

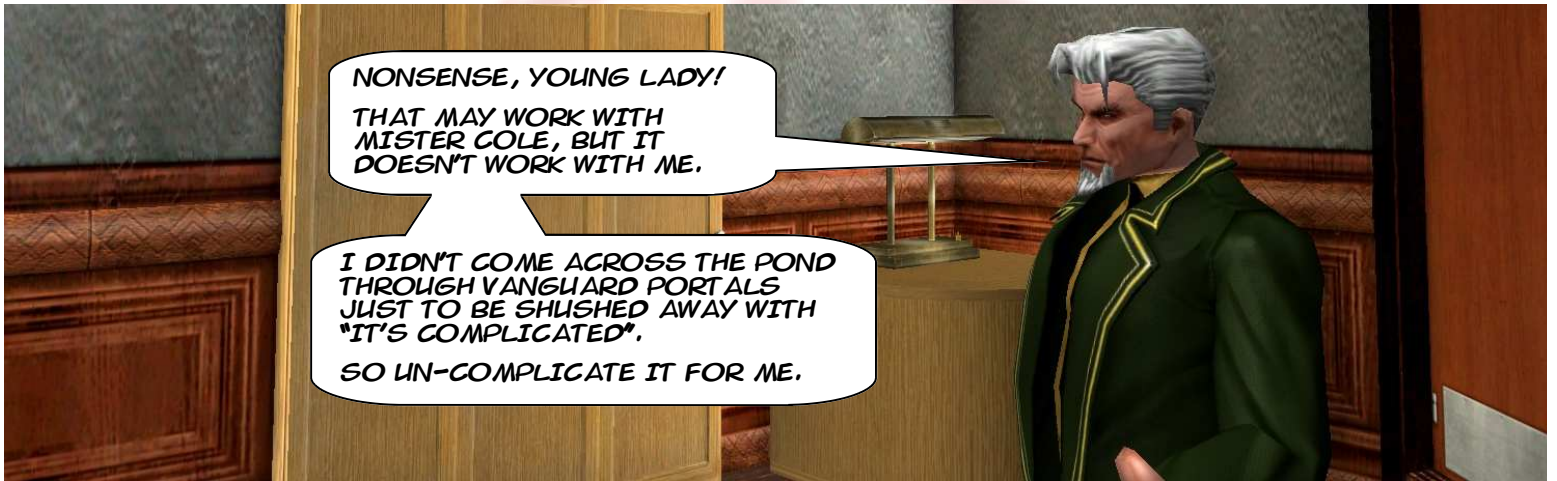
(** MIS: BRITISH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SECTION FIVE, FOR DOMESTIC TERRORIST THREATS.)



WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE INEVITABLE QUESTION OF WHY YOU'RE HERE AND NOT WITH THE REST OF THE POWERS FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS?

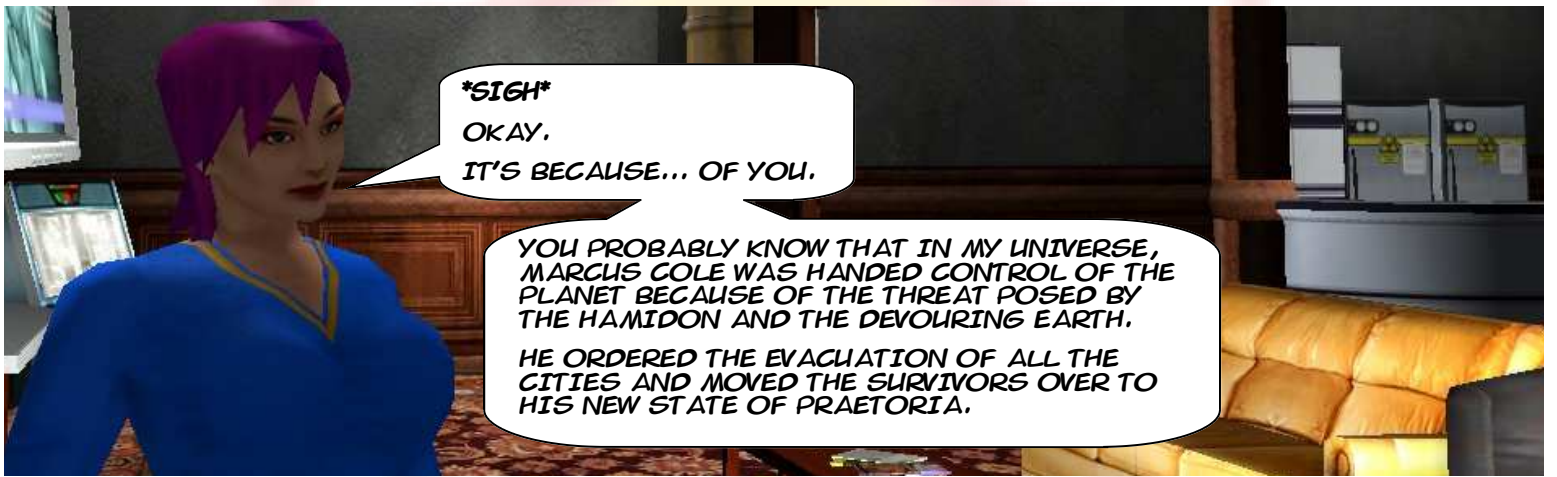


IT'S...
IT'S COMPLICATED, SIR.



NONSENSE, YOUNG LADY!
THAT MAY WORK WITH MISTER COLE, BUT IT DOESN'T WORK WITH ME.

I DIDN'T COME ACROSS THE POND THROUGH VANGUARD PORT ALS JUST TO BE SHUSHED AWAY WITH "IT'S COMPLICATED".
SO UN-COMPLICATE IT FOR ME.



SIGH
OKAY.
IT'S BECAUSE... OF YOU.

YOU PROBABLY KNOW THAT IN MY UNIVERSE, MARCUS COLE WAS HANDED CONTROL OF THE PLANET BECAUSE OF THE THREAT POSED BY THE HAMIDON AND THE DEVOURING EARTH.
HE ORDERED THE EVACUATION OF ALL THE CITIES AND MOVED THE SURVIVORS OVER TO HIS NEW STATE OF PRAETORIA.

NOVA PRAETORIUM - PRAETORIA - PRAETORIAN UNIVERSE


"EMPEROR COLE DECLARED THAT WE NEEDED A FRESH START TO OVERCOME THE HAMIDON."

"SO ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS HE DID WAS TO OUTLAW RELIGION."

"THAT INCLUDED ALL RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS, INCLUDING THE MORE SECULAR ONES LIKE CHRISTMAS."

"BUT A LOT OF US STILL KEPT THE TRADITIONS AROUND, EVEN IF THEY WERE DONE IN PRIVATE."





BACK THEN, THE POWERS FAMILY WAS DOWN TO THREE PEOPLE: MYSELF, MY FATHER, AND KATE.

AND WE WERE ONLY SAVED BECAUSE EMPEROR COLE NEEDED MY FATHER TO RUN THE NEW DIVISION FOR SUPER-POWERED AGENTS.

WE WERE LIVING IN FIRST WARD AT THE TIME. MOST OF PRAETORIA ITSELF WAS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

KATE WAS STILL IN PRIMARY EDUCATION. I WAS IN TRAINING TO BECOME AN INVESTIGATOR AND TO CONTROL MY POWERS.



WE WERE GOING TO SPEND "SATURNALIA" TOGETHER.

THAT'S HOW WE GOT AROUND TO SAYING "CHRISTMAS".

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST CELEBRATION AS A FAMILY IN YEARS.

HEH

KATE HAD A BIG DINNER PLANNED FOR US.

SHE HAD SAVED UP THE FOOD RATIONS FOR IT.



"I JUST FINISHED MY TRAINING FOR THE DAY AND I DECIDED TO PAY MY FATHER A VISIT AT HIS OFFICE."

"I THOUGHT I WOULD SURPRISE HIM AND WE COULD TAKE THE RAIL BACK TO FIRST WARD TOGETHER."



"BUT BY THE TIME I GOT THERE, HE WAS ALREADY DEAD."

DAD!
NOOOOOOOO!

"I WOULD LATER REMEMBER HOW NONCHALANT THE POLICE WERE ABOUT HIM LAYING THERE DEAD."

"HOW THEY WATCHED A TEENAGED GIRL KNEEL IN FRONT OF HER DEAD FATHER AND JUST CRY."

"NOBODY OFFERED TO COMFORT ME. NOBODY OFFERED TO HELP ME OR MY SIS THROUGH THIS."

"EVENTUALLY, PRAETOR WHITE... WHO USED TO BE KNOWN AS MARAUDER... WOULD TELL ME THAT MY FATHER WAS SHOT BY MEMBERS OF A GANG CALLED THE DESTROYERS."

"HE NEVER SAID WHY THEY WOULD DO THAT. HE ONLY ASKED ME IF I WANTED TO MAKE THEM SUFFER FOR IT."

"MY FATHER WAS DEAD. MY SISTER AND I WERE NOW ORPHANS."

"I HAD NOTHING INSIDE ME BUT HATE AND ANGER AND RAGE."

"FAITH POWERS" DIED WITH MY FATHER ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

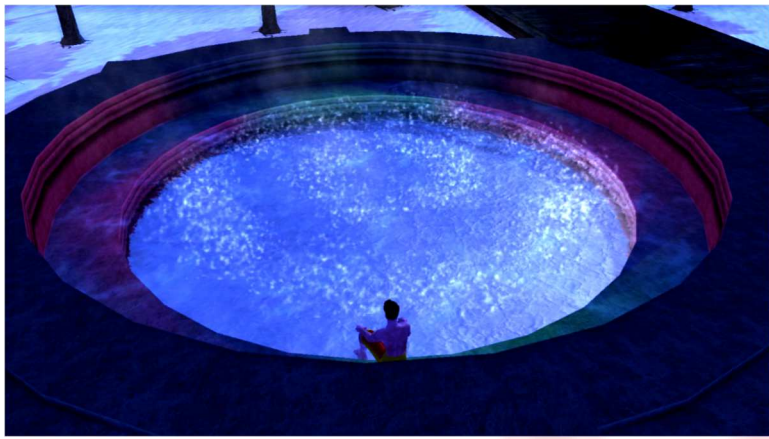
THAT'S WHEN "FURIA" WAS TRULY BORN.

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT REALLY MY FATHER, BUT YOU STILL LOOK LIKE HE DID.

AND EVERY TIME I THOUGHT OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SEEING YOU AT THE POWERS ESTATE, I WOULD THINK BACK TO THE LAST TIME I SAW MY FATHER.

MY POWERS ARE FUELED BY RAGE AND ANGER. THE Madder I GET, THE STRONGER I BECOME.

AND... I'M AFRAID THAT IF I SPEND TIME WITH THE POWERS FAMILY THERE... WITH YOU THERE... I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO.



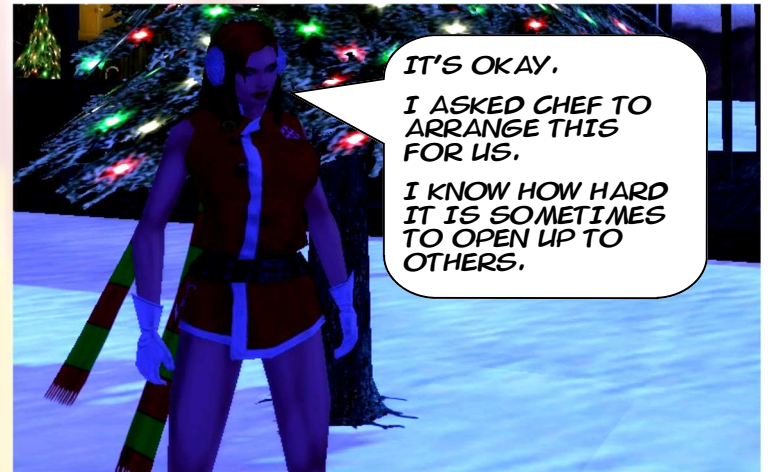
MERRY CHRISTMAS.
I WAS WONDERING IF
I WOULD GET TO SEE
THE "REAL YOU".

Coeur du Feu
(COURTNEY HART)

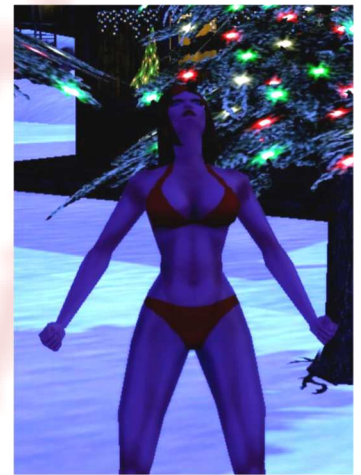


OH!
HI! I, UM, WAS
JUST TAKING A
BREAK.

Phil Ski
AKA KOAVE



IT'S OKAY.
I ASKED CHEF TO
ARRANGE THIS
FOR US.
I KNOW HOW HARD
IT IS SOMETIMES
TO OPEN UP TO
OTHERS.



WOW!
YOU ARE
BEAUTIFUL!



MY REAL NAME IS
COURTNEY.
YOU MAY THINK THIS
IS WHAT I REALLY
LOOK LIKE, BUT I WAS
CURSED YEARS AGO
BY A SPELLBOOK.
I'M FOREVER THIS WAY
UNTIL SOMEONE CAN
LOVE THE "REAL ME".

Courtney Hart
AKA COEUR DU FEU



AS FAR AS CURSES GO, I GUESS THAT ONE ISN'T SO BAD.



I MEAN, IT COULD BE WORSE.
YOU COULD BE CURSED LIKE I WAS GROWING UP.
A "NORM" IN THE "CITY OF HEROES".



BELIEVE ME, I WAS THAT WAY, AND THEN SOME.
THAT'S WHY I WAS LOOKING FOR A WAY OUT THROUGH MAGIC.



OKAY...
SO... UM... WHY ASK ME TO BE THIS WAY WHEN YOU... YOU CAN'T?



BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN MAKING THE EFFORT TO BE MORE THAN JUST SOME MUSCLE-BOUND CLOD.

AND, MAYBE IT'S TIME FOR THE "NORM" TO GET SOMETHING SPECIAL THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.

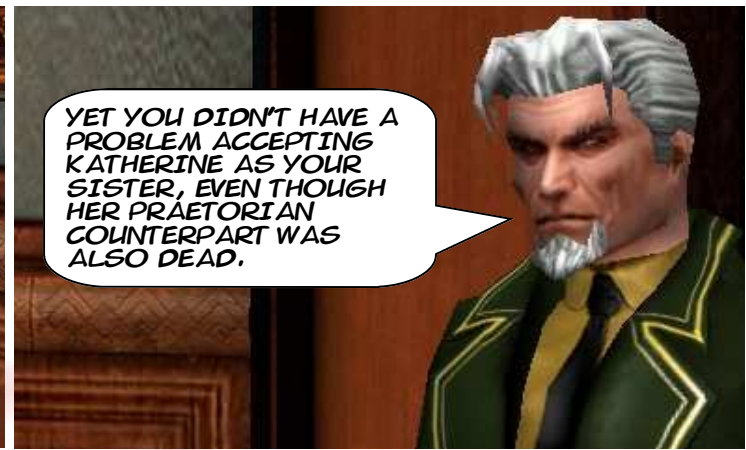


NO SERUM, NO MAGIC, NO PRETENSES.
JUST TWO TEAMMATES ENJOYING THE EVENING.

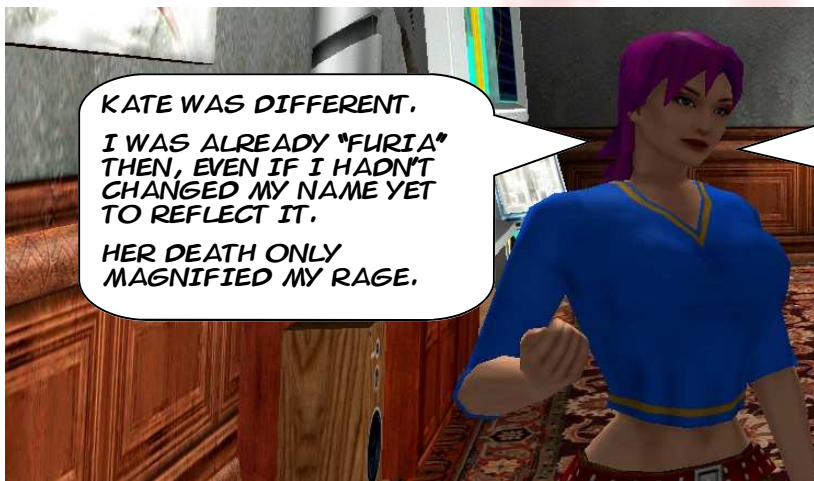
MERRY CHRISTMAS.



SO YOU'RE AFRAID YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WILL DO IF YOU SPEND TIME WITH SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE YOUR DECEASED FATHER.

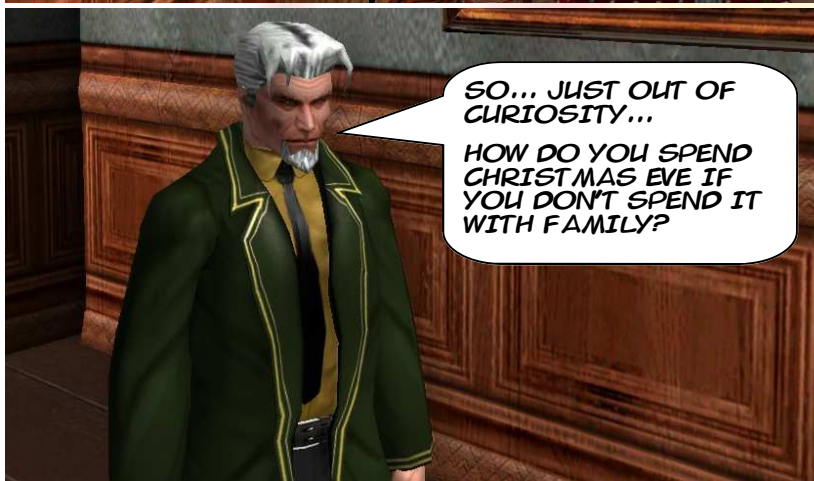


YET YOU DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM ACCEPTING KATHERINE AS YOUR SISTER, EVEN THOUGH HER PRAETORIAN COUNTERPART WAS ALSO DEAD.



KATE WAS DIFFERENT. I WAS ALREADY "FURIA" THEN, EVEN IF I HADN'T CHANGED MY NAME YET TO REFLECT IT. HER DEATH ONLY MAGNIFIED MY RAGE.

BUT ALL OF THAT RAGE AND ANGER STARTED WITH Y-- WITH HIM, MURDERED. AND I'VE SPENT A LONG TIME FOCUSING THAT RAGE, STOKING IT LIKE A FIRE IN A FIREPLACE.



SO... JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY... HOW DO YOU SPEND CHRISTMAS EVE IF YOU DON'T SPEND IT WITH FAMILY?



ON-CALL, FIGHTING CRIMINALS. OR SOMETIMES I'D GET MONITOR DUTY.



THIS PAST YEAR, WE'VE GOTTEN SOME REFUGEES FROM FIRST WARD THAT WE'VE BEEN HELPING TO SETTLE IN KINGS ROW. SOME OF THEM REMEMBER ME FROM MY YEARS HELPING THE RESISTANCE. THEY'RE HAVING THEIR OWN SATURNALIA-SLASH-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION TONIGHT AND THEY INVITED ME TO JOIN THEM.

I THOUGHT ABOUT GOING TO THAT, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IF I COULD.



NO... OF COURSE NOT.
BECAUSE YOU'RE SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH FAMILY.



NO... I... CAN'T ASK--



IT'S NOT UP FOR DEBATE.
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT MY DAUGHTER. YOU HAVE HER FACE AND HER EYES AND HER POWERS, BUT YOU'RE NOT HER. I KNOW THE FAITH POWERS I WATCHED GROW UP DIED IN THE RIKTI WAR. WHO I SEE BEFORE ME IS SOMEONE ELSE. SOMEONE WHO IS EVERY BIT WORTHY OF BEING PART OF THIS FAMILY AS FAITH WAS.



YOU'VE LET KENT WELCOME YOU IN.
YOU'VE LET KATHERINE WELCOME YOU IN.
YOU'VE LET GALATEA WELCOME YOU IN.
NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO LET THE REST OF THE POWERS FAMILY WELCOME YOU IN.



IT'S TIME TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH FAMILY, FURIA POWERS. WHAT DO YOU SAY?



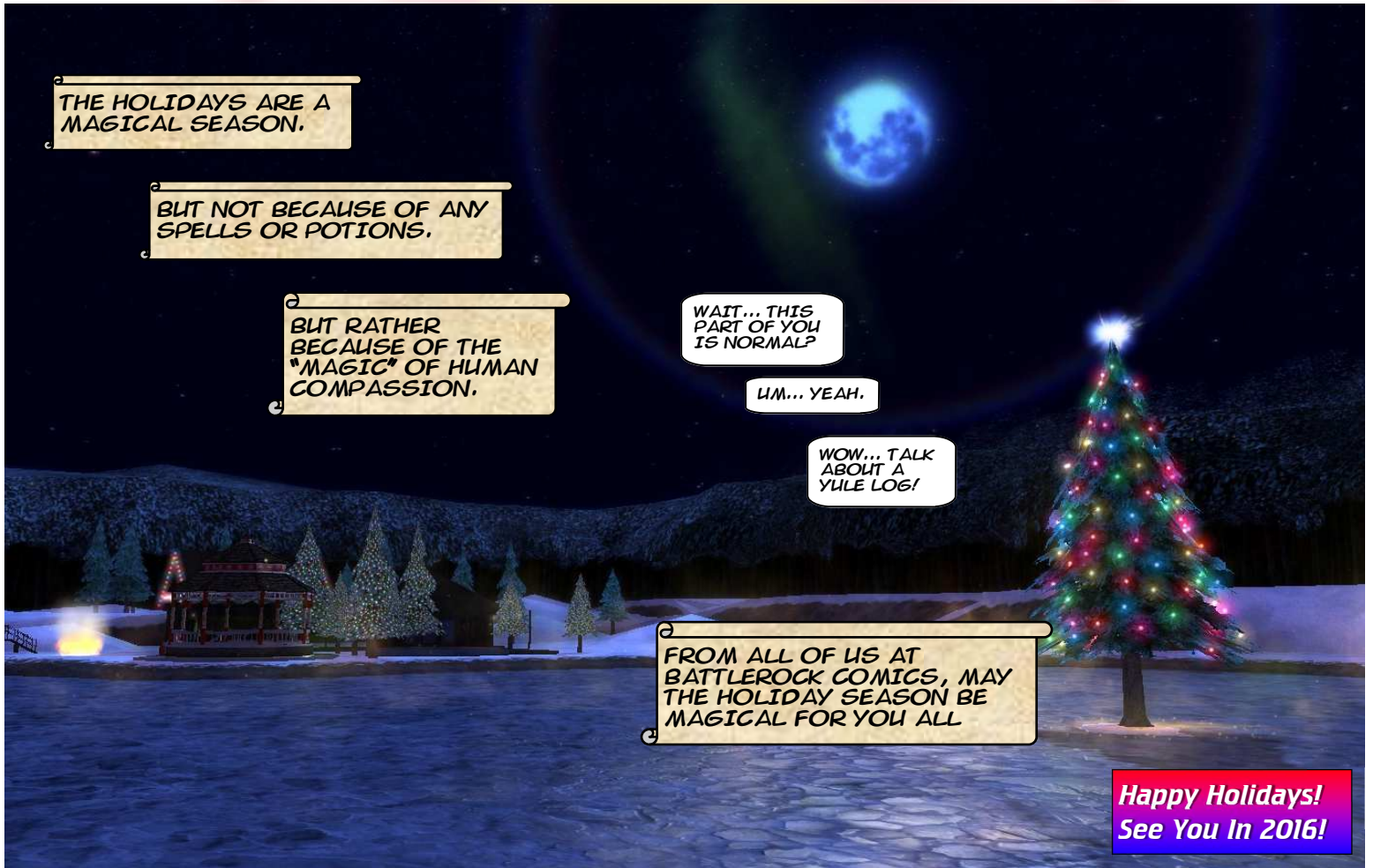
I...
I DON'T HAVE A
GIFT TO BRING.



BEING WITH
FAMILY WILL BE
YOUR GIFT TO US.



SNIFF
OKAY.
OKAY. LET ME
GET MY COAT.



THE HOLIDAYS ARE A
MAGICAL SEASON.

BUT NOT BECAUSE OF ANY
SPELLS OR POTIONS.

BUT RATHER
BECAUSE OF THE
"MAGIC" OF HUMAN
COMPASSION.

WAIT... THIS
PART OF YOU
IS NORMAL?

UM... YEAH.

WOW... TALK
ABOUT A
YULE LOG!

FROM ALL OF US AT
BATTLEROCK COMICS, MAY
THE HOLIDAY SEASON BE
MAGICAL FOR YOU ALL

Happy Holidays!
See You In 2016!

FURIOUS SCRIBBLINGS

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

And So Ends 2015...

It's hard to believe that we're at the end of 2015.

It seems like it was just yesterday that I was working on Issue #1 of this issue and trying to get everything right.

Coming back to "The City" through the magic of demorecording and Titan Icon took a lot of work, and thankfully I have some good friends from "The City" that have been really helpful in getting the material needed to make these stories happen even three years to the month after NCSoft pulled the plug on the MMO.

Winter Wonderland: I'm sure some of you have been looking at the scenes in this issue and asking yourselves just how the heck I was able to get the winter scenes, especially the "holiday hideaway".

That, my friends, can be attributed to the people behind Titan Icon.

The people that helped give me access to "The City" (*or at least access to the program on the computer, since there is no interactive MMO server*) also played around with some map textures. They were able to come up with snow for Atlas Park, and also to come up with the spectacular hideaway hidden in the "frozen" part of Croatoa. They then made these maps available for users of Titan Icon to download and run on their computers. One of the people even created a special holiday video of the fun in a wintery Atlas Park and posted it on YouTube. (*You can find the link to the video over at the Battlerock Comics website.*)

Of course, now there's the release of the more interactive Paragon Chat, which uses the same base program as Titan Icon but allows players to converse using their characters as chat avatars. One can only wonder what sort of holiday interaction could take place with those maps introduced.

The Return Of Scorned: Scorned was one of the characters that I was itching to bring back. She first appeared briefly in "The Guardian Powers" #10 as one of the many villains that Galatea Powers faced, and her origin story was eventually told in the "Guardians of the Dawn 2012 Special".

Scorned is probably the best anti-Galatea I could come up with, with Galatea's "twin sister" Leona coming a close second. This is someone who was beautiful,

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but was made ugly because of her obsessive hatred of Galatea Powers. Someone whose hatred drove her to take risks that made her into a monster.

And believe me when I say that you haven't seen or heard the last of Scorned. Now that she knows Galatea has a "sister", she's going to spread her hatred out even further to other members of the Powers Family.

Speaking of which...

The Powers Family: It was long established (*at least in the Battlerock Comics family of publications*) that the Powers Family in the world of the City of Heroes is a super-powered dynasty in England, even more so than Statesman's bloodline in Paragon City, or, for that matter, Justin Sinclair's family legacy as Manticore.

You know about Lyon Powers, and in this issue you finally got to see the patriarch of the family, Sir Windham. And, of course, Furia herself is the Praetorian version of Faith Powers, aka Welsh Fury, who was killed in the Alpha-Omega Gambit in 2002. And let's not forget that Kent Powers (*aka Icon Powers*) and Galatea Powers were both "adopted" by the Powers family. But who else is a part of this dynasty? You'll just have to wait and see.

Finally...


We here at Battlerock Comics want to wish you all a happy Holiday Season, no matter if it's Christmas, Chanukah, Ramadan, Yule, "Saturnalia", or even Festivus for the rest of us.

May this time be joyful and shared, and we'll see you all in 2016!

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NEXT ISSUE...

**HERE'S A
LITTLE TASTE
OF WHAT TO
EXPECT
STARTING IN
2016...**



Tor? Blue?
Have You Been Scorned By Fate?
I can buy anything. Road To Redemption
You do this and she WILL look for you. I have a schedule to keep.
BULLDOG! Who does she really work for?
Back... Down! Incarnate? You are not my sister!
The Dream is dead!

I am in sales...
What do you mean Baby Nathan?
H@CK@T@ck!



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