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# The Lost Adventures Of Galatea Future

*IS IT REALLY GOODBYE?*



**CHAMPIONS**  
ONLINE



PERFECT  
WORLD

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

**"LOST, FOUND,  
& LOST AGAIN"**

*- A CHAMPIONS ONLINE STORY BY DAVID 2*

FOR MONTHS, THE WOMAN KNOWN AS GALATEA FUTURE HAS BEEN GETTING USED TO LIVING IN THE WORLD OF THE CHAMPIONS. SHE HAS LEARNED TO ACCEPT HER FATE AND HAS JUST STARTED TO CALL THIS WORLD HER NEW HOME.

WHAT COULD SPOIL THIS?

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IT'S BEAUTIFUL HERE.

BEST THREE MONTHS  
OF MY TIME ON THIS  
WORLD SO FAR!


JUST A HANDFUL OF  
PEOPLE, A FEW ARCTIC  
CREATURES, AND EVERY  
SO OFTEN A FEW VIPER  
BASES TO ERADICATE.

SPENT THE HOLIDAYS WITH  
THE ROYAL CANADIAN  
MOUNTED POLICE'S  
STEELHEAD DIVISION.

THEY'RE NOT BAD. THEY  
DON'T GO OVERBOARD  
WITH DISPLAYS OR  
CEREMONIES.

I MEAN, TO THEM, EVERY  
DAY IS A WINTER  
WONDERLAND.






THREE MONTHS TO CLEAR  
MY HEAD OF ALL OF THE  
CONFUSION.

THREE MONTHS TO GET  
MY ORIGIN STRAIGHT.  
OR... THE LACK OF AN  
ORIGIN NOW.

I HAD FABRICATED A MYTHICAL  
PLACE CALLED "APOLLO CITY",  
BASED ON WHAT LITTLE LEFT I  
REMEMBERED OF MY TIME IN  
THE PREVIOUS UNIVERSE, TO  
EXPLAIN MY ORIGINS TO THE  
PUBLIC...\*


AND THEN MY MEMORIES  
WERE RESET, AND ALL I  
REMEMBER NOW IS THAT  
"FICTIONAL HISTORY".

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I NEEDED TO GET  
AWAY AFTER THAT.  
TO GET MY HEAD  
STRAIGHT ABOUT  
WHAT I DO KNOW.

AND WHILE SOME OF  
THOSE DETAILS OF MY  
PAST ARE BLANK, I DO  
KNOW THAT I AM  
MEANT TO BE HERE.



NOW THAT I AM SURE  
ABOUT THIS, IT IS TIME  
FOR ME TO GO BACK TO  
MY NEW "HOME".

SURE THE CANADIANS CAN  
STILL USE ME HERE. VIPER IS  
A GLOBAL TROUBLEMAKER.

AND THERE ARE A FEW SUPER-  
VILLAINS HERE AS WELL...

BUT MY PLACE IS BACK IN THE  
UNITED STATES AND IN  
MILLENNIUM CITY.





HI GUYS...  
I DON'T HAVE  
MUCH TIME  
BEFORE MY  
FLIGHT.



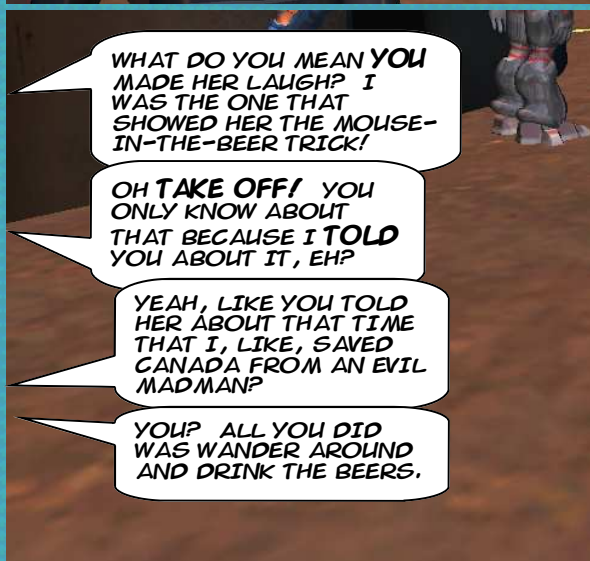
BUT I JUST WANTED TO  
LET YOU GUYS KNOW  
HOW MUCH I REALLY  
APPRECIATED  
SPENDING CHRISTMAS  
WITH YOU TWO.  
YOU TWO REALLY MADE  
ME LAUGH, AND I  
NEEDED THAT.



WELL, I CAN'T  
SPEAK FOR MY  
BROTHER  
DOUGLAS, BUT IT  
SURE WAS A  
BEAUTY OF A  
TIME FOR ME  
TOO, EHP?



OH TAKE OFF, LOSER!  
WE BOTH KNOW THAT I  
WAS THE ONE THAT  
REALLY MADE HER  
LAUGH.  
GALATEA, ON BEHALF  
OF MY HOSE-HEAD  
BROTHER ROBERT, I  
WANT TO THANK YOU  
FOR MAKING THIS THE  
BEST CHRISTMAS  
EVER, EHP?



WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU  
MADE HER LAUGH? I  
WAS THE ONE THAT  
SHOWED HER THE MOUSE-  
IN-THE-BEER TRICK!

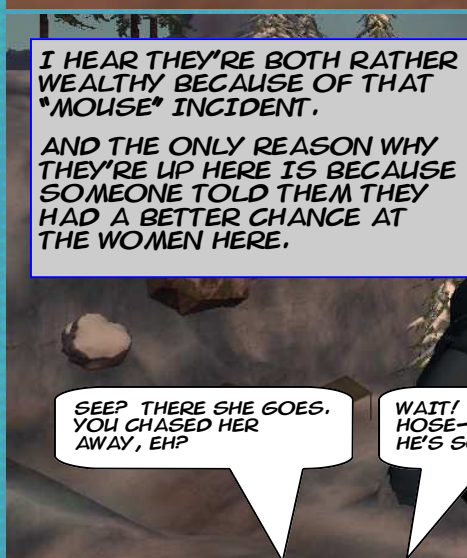
OH TAKE OFF! YOU  
ONLY KNOW ABOUT  
THAT BECAUSE I TOLD  
YOU ABOUT IT, EHP?

YEAH, LIKE YOU TOLD  
HER ABOUT THAT TIME  
THAT I, LIKE, SAVED  
CANADA FROM AN EVIL  
MADMAN?

YOU? ALL YOU DID  
WAS WANDER AROUND  
AND DRINK THE BEERS.

UM... GUYS?  
THANKS. I'LL  
WRITE YOU  
BOTH WHEN I  
GET BACK.

OKAY, TRUTH IS THAT THE  
MCKENZIE BROTHERS  
WEREN'T THAT FUNNY.  
BUT THEIR ATTEMPTS TO  
"WOO" ME IN THEIR OWN  
DORKY WAYS REMINDED  
ME OF SOME OLD  
CHICAGO COMEDY ACT.



I HEAR THEY'RE BOTH RATHER  
WEALTHY BECAUSE OF THAT  
"MOUSE" INCIDENT.

AND THE ONLY REASON WHY  
THEY'RE UP HERE IS BECAUSE  
SOMEONE TOLD THEM THEY  
HAD A BETTER CHANCE AT  
THE WOMEN HERE.

SEEP THERE SHE GOES.  
YOU CHASED HER  
AWAY, EHP?

WAIT! COME BACK!  
HOSE-HEAD SAYS  
HE'S SORRY!

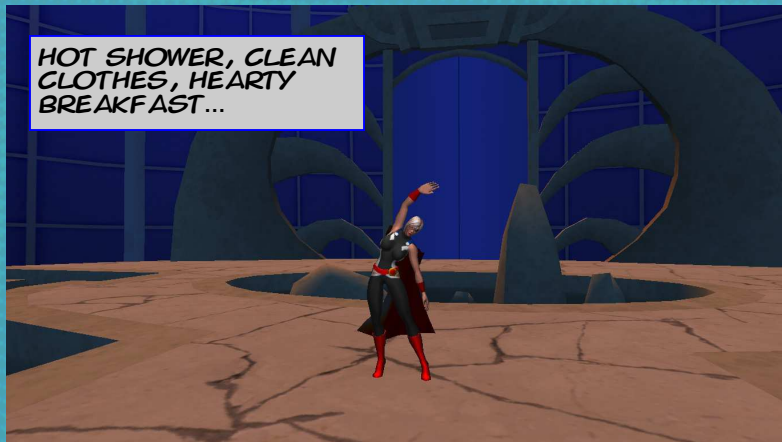
I FEEL SORT OF  
SORRY FOR THEM.  
THEY SAY MONEY  
CAN'T BUY YOU  
HAPPINESS, BUT THIS  
IS RIDICULOUS.



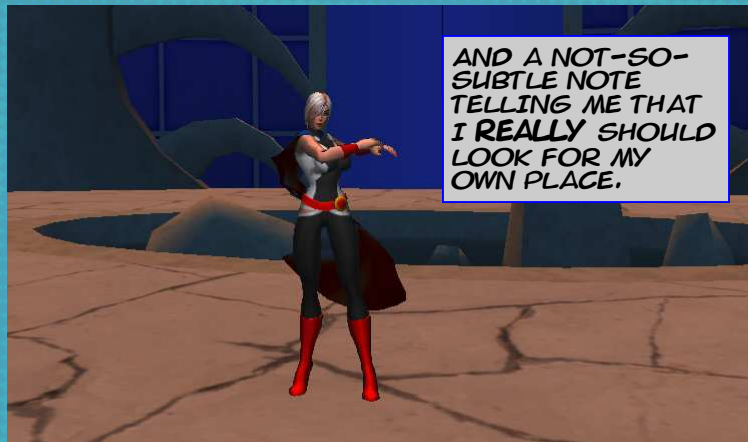




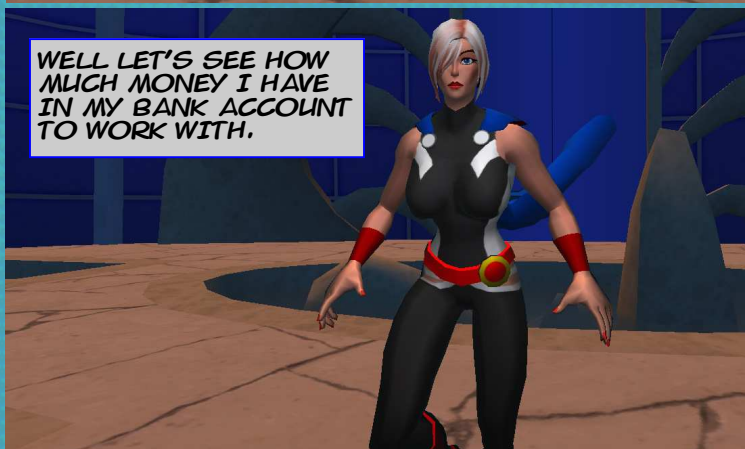
HOT SHOWER, CLEAN CLOTHES, HEARTY BREAKFAST...



AND A NOT-SO-SUBTLE NOTE TELLING ME THAT I REALLY SHOULD LOOK FOR MY OWN PLACE.



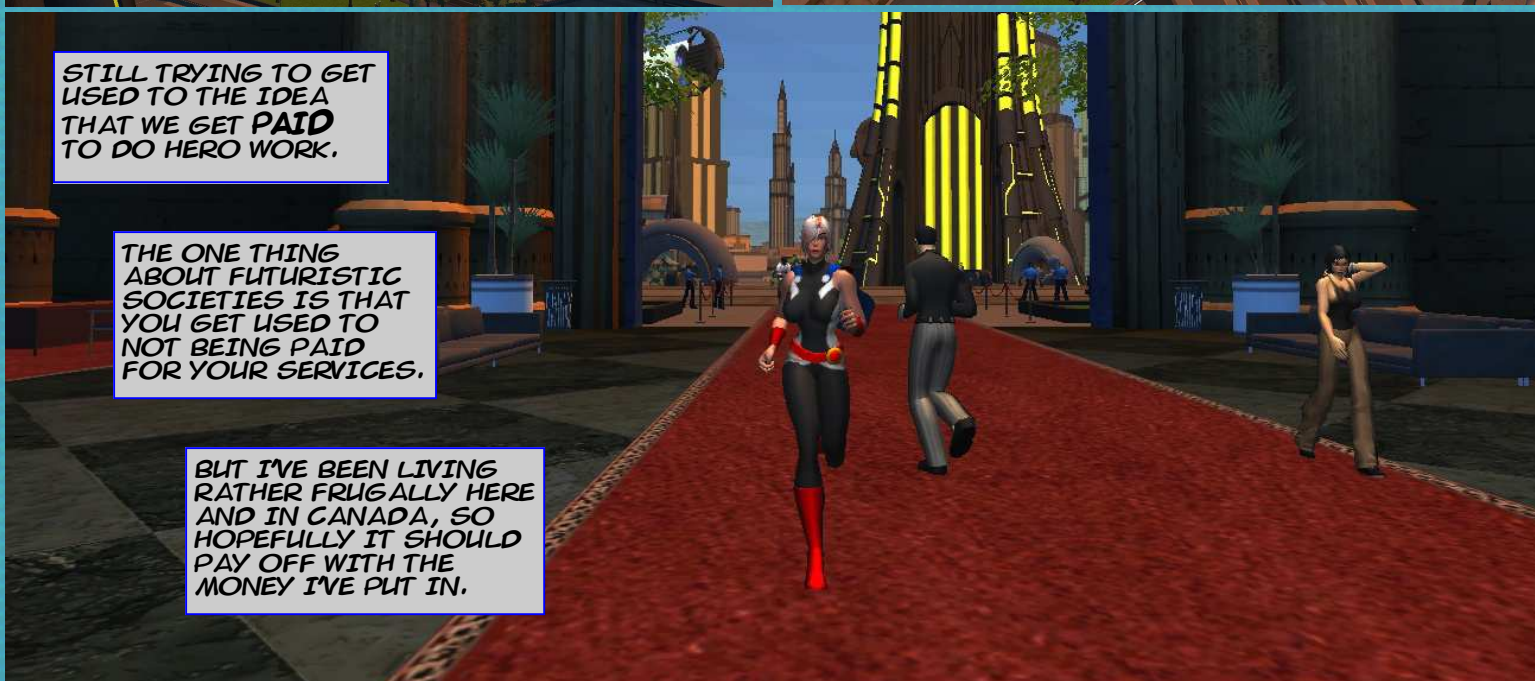
WELL LET'S SEE HOW MUCH MONEY I HAVE IN MY BANK ACCOUNT TO WORK WITH.



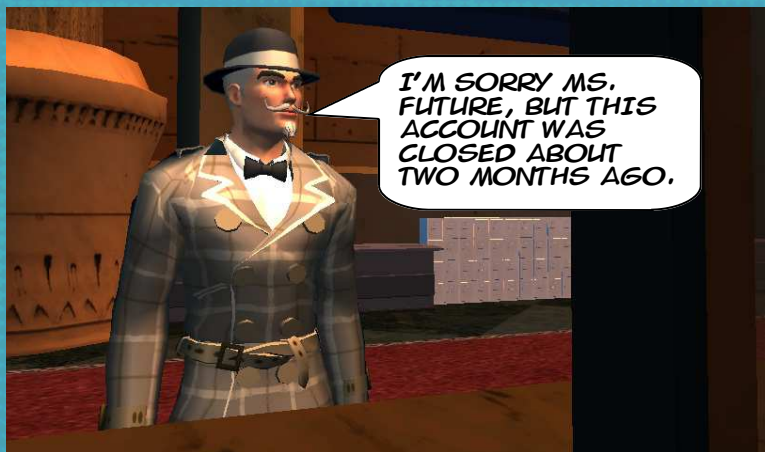
STILL TRYING TO GET USED TO THE IDEA THAT YOU GET **PAID** TO DO HERO WORK.

THE ONE THING ABOUT FUTURISTIC SOCIETIES IS THAT YOU GET USED TO NOT BEING PAID FOR YOUR SERVICES.

BUT I'VE BEEN LIVING RATHER FRUGALLY HERE AND IN CANADA, SO HOPEFULLY IT SHOULD PAY OFF WITH THE MONEY I'VE PUT IN.



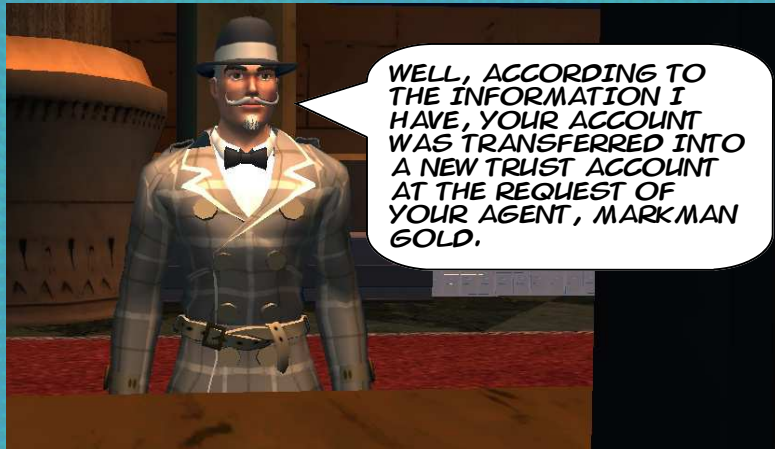




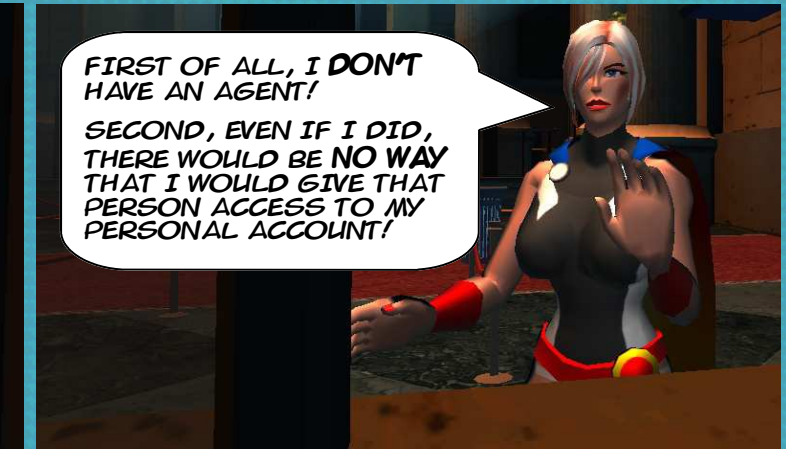
I'M SORRY MS. FUTURE, BUT THIS ACCOUNT WAS CLOSED ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO.



EX-CUSE ME?!?  
WHO THE HELL AUTHORIZED THAT?  
AND WHERE HAS ALL THE MONEY I'VE BEEN PUTTING IN GOING TO?



WELL, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION I HAVE, YOUR ACCOUNT WAS TRANSFERRED INTO A NEW TRUST ACCOUNT AT THE REQUEST OF YOUR AGENT, MARKMAN GOLD.



FIRST OF ALL, I DON'T HAVE AN AGENT!  
SECOND, EVEN IF I DID, THERE WOULD BE NO WAY THAT I WOULD GIVE THAT PERSON ACCESS TO MY PERSONAL ACCOUNT!



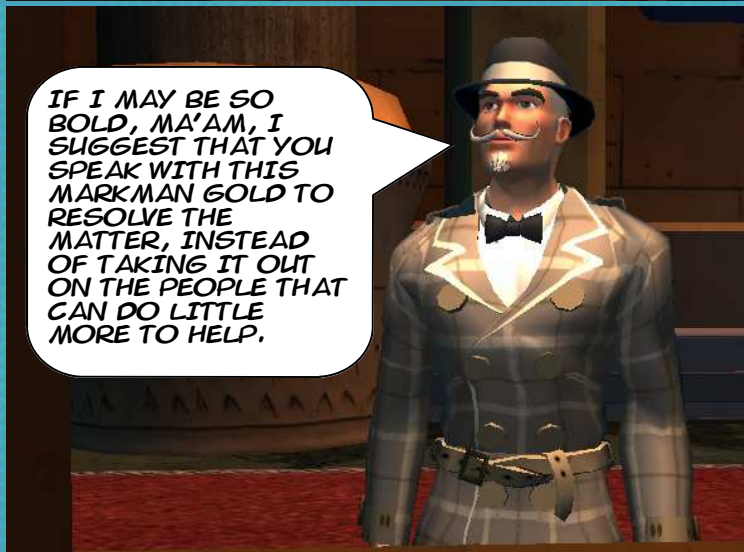
MA'AM, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I'M NOT THE ONE THAT MADE THE DECISION.

YOU'RE FREE TO SPEAK WITH OUR MANAGER WHEN HE GETS BACK FROM HIS VACATION.



WHEN HE GETS BACK FROM HIS VACATION?

MY MONEY HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM ME, DUMPED INTO SOME TRUST ACCOUNT BY SOMEONE ELSE AND ALL YOU CAN TELL ME IS I CAN SPEAK WITH THE MANAGER WHEN HE GETS BACK?!?



IF I MAY BE SO BOLD, MA'AM, I SUGGEST THAT YOU SPEAK WITH THIS MARKMAN GOLD TO RESOLVE THE MATTER, INSTEAD OF TAKING IT OUT ON THE PEOPLE THAT CAN DO LITTLE MORE TO HELP.



THANK YOU, AND HAVE A CHAMPION DAY!





WELCOME TO SOCRATES,  
GALATEA FUTURE.  
HOW MAY I ASSIST YOU?



TELL ME ABOUT  
MARKMAN GOLD.

SEARCHING...



MARKMAN GOLD IS THE SELF-  
PROFESSED "AGENT TO THE  
SUPER-LEGENDS" AND SERVES  
BOTH PAST AND PRESENT AS  
THE AGENT OF OVER TWO  
HUNDRED VARIOUS HEROES.

BORN IN INDIA, HE BEGAN HIS  
CAREER PROVIDING MANAGERIAL  
SERVICES TO THE LOCAL HINDI  
HERO GROUPS, TREATING THEM  
MUCH LIKE A HINDI FILM AGENT  
WOULD REPRESENT ACTORS.

EVENTUALLY HE LEGALLY  
CHANGED HIS NAME AND HIS  
APPEARANCE BEFORE COMING  
TO THE UNITED STATES.

RECENTLY HE ANNOUNCED THAT  
HE WAS MANAGING YOUR HERO  
CAREER.

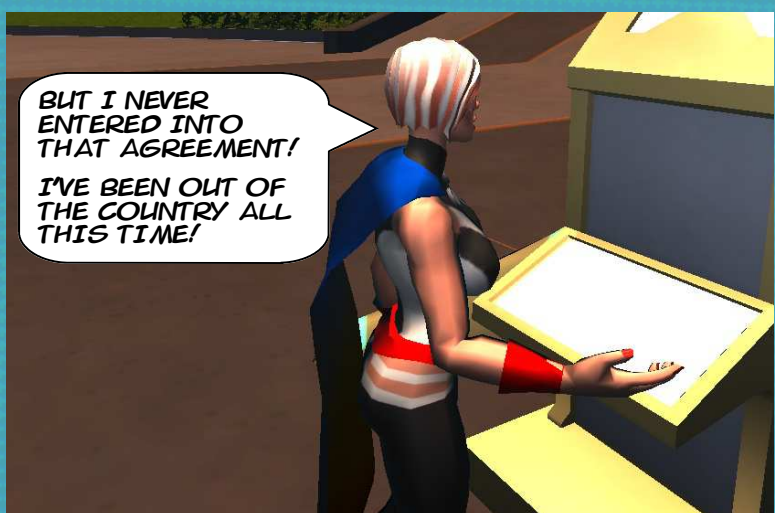
### MARKMAN GOLD TAKES HIS "GOLD STANDARD" TO UNITED STATES!

Celebrity hero agent Markman Gold recently  
announced that he would be moving his  
managerial operations to Millennium City.

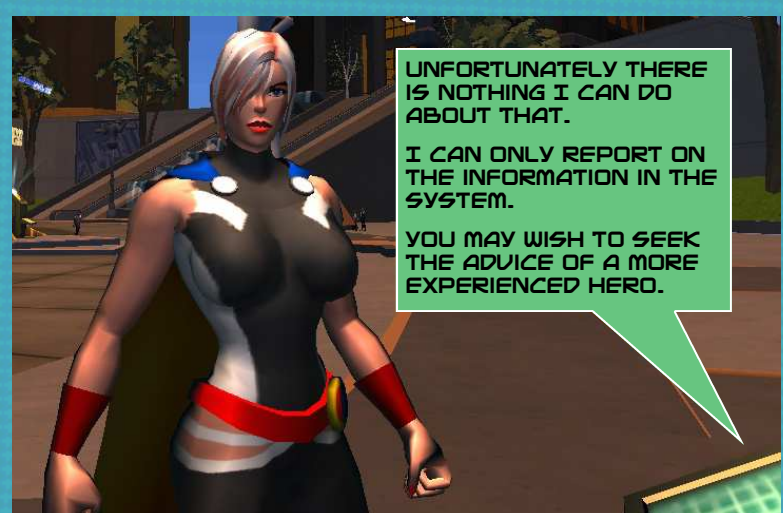
Gold said that the decision to close his India  
offices was a financial decision and not involved  
with the scandals surrounding his services.



## MARKMAN GOLD HITS JACKPOT WITH GALATEA FUTURE



BUT I NEVER  
ENTERED INTO  
THAT AGREEMENT!  
I'VE BEEN OUT OF  
THE COUNTRY ALL  
THIS TIME!



UNFORTUNATELY THERE  
IS NOTHING I CAN DO  
ABOUT THAT.

I CAN ONLY REPORT ON  
THE INFORMATION IN THE  
SYSTEM.

YOU MAY WISH TO SEEK  
THE ADVICE OF A MORE  
EXPERIENCED HERO.

















AS IT IS, YOU'RE IN LUCK. MISTER GOLD JUST POSTED IN HIS NITPIK ACCOUNT THAT HE'S IN THE CLUB CAPRICE NIGHTCLUB.



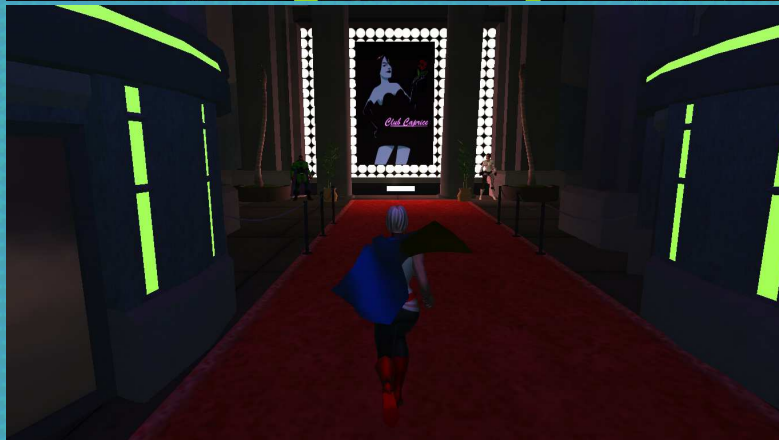
I'M THERE!



CLUB CAPRICE...  
THE SUPERHERO HOTSPOT.



OPEN 24-HOURS,  
IF YOU'RE INTO  
THAT KIND OF  
PARTYING.



MARKMAN  
GOLD.  
TELL ME  
ABOUT HIM.



ONE OF MY FRIENDS FROM THE "OTHER WORLD" TOLD ME ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF TALKING WITH SERVICE PEOPLE, LIKE BARTENDERS, WAITRESSES, AND DOOR PEOPLE.

THEY OFTEN GO UNNOTICED AND THEY WILL TELL YOU A LOT ABOUT THE CUSTOMERS SUCH AS IF THEY ARE THERE ALONE, HOW LONG THEY NORMALLY STAY, AND HOW MUCH ALCOHOL THEY WOULD NORMALLY CONSUME.

ALL IMPORTANT PIECES OF INFORMATION WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO CONFRONT SOMEONE THAT YOU'VE NEVER MET BEFORE.





IN THIS CASE, I'M TOLD THAT GOLD LIKES TO STAY IN THE "QUIETER" HALF OF THE CLUB.



THE GAUDY PLACE THAT REMINDS ME OF A ROMAN BROTHEL.



WITHOUT THE ROMAN PROSTITUTES, OF COURSE.



THERE HE IS...



LIKE A LION STALKING A HERD OF GAZELLE.



MARKMAN GOLD, I PRESUME.



AT LAST! YOU ARE A HARD WOMAN TO FIND!

SHANTALLE, I'LL NEED THAT CHAMPAGNE...



NO, SHANTALLE, HE WON'T.





YOU'RE RIGHT... BUSINESS FIRST.

GALATEA, I MUST SAY IT IS AN HONOR TO FINALLY MEET YOU FACE-TO-FACE! YOU ARE EVERY BIT AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU ARE SHOWN IN THE MEDIA!


AND I PROMISE YOU THAT YOUR STAR WILL SHINE EVEN BRIGHTER UNDER THE GOLD STANDARD AGENCY!

YOU WILL BE THE CROWN JEWEL OF HEROES!




ALRIGHT STOP!

FIRST OF ALL, I'VE NEVER MET YOU UNTIL NOW, AND I CERTAINLY DID NOT ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENTS FOR YOU TO REPRESENT ME.



NOW I AM SHOWING INCREDIBLE RESTRAINT FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT I NEED YOU CONSCIOUS SO YOU AND I CAN GO TO THE BANK AND GET MY FINANCIAL ACCOUNT RESTORED.



AND THEN YOU AND I ARE GOING TO PAY WCOC A VISIT AND YOU ARE GOING TO ANNOUNCE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A "MISUNDERSTANDING" AND THAT YOU HAVE NO CLAIM OVER ME OR MY CAREER.

YOU WILL ALSO APOLOGIZE FOR FALSELY CLAIMING THAT I AGREED TO POSE FOR A NUDE PINUP MAGAZINE.

OR... I CAN DRAG YOU OVER TO THE POLICE AND HAVE YOU ARRESTED FOR FRAUD, THEFT-BY-TAKING, AND IDENTITY THEFT. AND THAT PART DOESN'T REQUIRE YOU TO BE EITHER CONSCIOUS OR LUCID. WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE?



OH GALATEA, GALATEA... YOU ARE SO INCREDIBLY AND DELICIOUSLY NAÏVE!

YOU CAME HERE FROM THE FAR FUTURE WITHOUT ANY KIND OF PHYSICAL HISTORY WHATSOEVER.

NO BIRTH CERTIFICATE, NO SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, NOT EVEN A CREDIT HISTORY!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS? IT MEANS THAT YOU HAVE NO LEGAL PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OF YOUR NAME!

SO WHILE YOU WERE FIGHTING THE QULARR AND VIPER, MY STAFF WAS BUSY CREATING A FICTIONAL HISTORY OF A TIME-LOST SUPER-POWERED WOMAN NAMED "GALATEA FUTURE"... AND THEN HAVING THAT FICTIONAL HISTORY AND LIKENESS TRADEMARKED.






IN OTHER WORDS, GALATEA, I DIDN'T **STEAL** YOUR NAME OR YOUR IDENTITY.

**I OWN IT!**


LEGALLY SPEAKING, I **OWN** YOUR NAME AND LIKENESS.

I ASSUMED CONTROL OF YOUR BANK ACCOUNTS BECAUSE THEY WERE UNDER THE NAME LEGALLY OWNED BY THE GOLD STANDARD AGENCY.

EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE AS "GALATEA FUTURE", YOU'VE DONE WITH THE TACIT APPROVAL OF THE GOLD STANDARD AGENCY.



AS FAR AS THE LAW IS CONCERNED, YOU ARE NOTHING MORE THAN AN **ACTRESS** PLAYING THE PART OF "GALATEA FUTURE"; A NAME AND LIKENESS OWNED BY MY AGENCY.



NOW WE CAN RESOLVE THIS BY GOING TO MY OFFICE AND MAKING OUR ARRANGEMENT FORMAL AND THEN SET YOU UP WITH A CLIENT ACCOUNT.

OR--



**OR I CAN FIGHT YOU IN COURT.**

GALATEA FUTURE IS WHO I AM AND YOU CAN'T **OWN** PEOPLE!


THAT'S CALLED **SLAVERY!**

I CAN PROVE THAT I WAS HERE BEFORE YOU LAID CLAIM TO MY NAME!

MAYBE...

BUT LAWYERS COST MONEY, AND RIGHT NOW I LEGALLY OWN ALL OF YOURS.

AND YOU CAN'T MAKE A SINGLE PENNY AS "GALATEA FUTURE" WITHOUT MY PERMISSION.



YOU HAVE FORTY-EIGHT HOURS TO APPEAR IN MY OFFICE TO SIGN THE AGENCY CONTRACT.

OR MY ATTORNEYS WILL FIND YOU AND SERVE YOU WITH PAPERS FOR TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT.

I DON'T NEED FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OR EVEN ONE TO TELL YOU WHERE YOU CAN STICK YOUR THREATS AND YOUR CONTRACTS.





I'VE FACED MEN JUST LIKE YOU  
ON OTHER WORLDS. MEN THAT  
THINK THEY CAN BUY AND SELL  
PEOPLE LIKE CATTLE!

MEN THAT THINK THEY CAN USE  
THE LAW AND MONEY TO GET  
WHATEVER THEY WANT WITHOUT  
ACCOUNTABILITY.

MEN THAT THINK THEY CAN OWN  
SOMEONE LIKE ME.

WELL I'VE FOUGHT THEM AND WON,  
AND I'LL DO THE SAME TO YOU!



OH  
GALATEA...



YOU HAVE  
ALREADY LOST.  
YOU JUST DON'T  
KNOW IT YET.



PROPHET:  
SEARCH ALL  
CURRENT LEGAL  
SERVICES.  
FIND A LEGAL  
REMEDY FOR  
GALATEA.

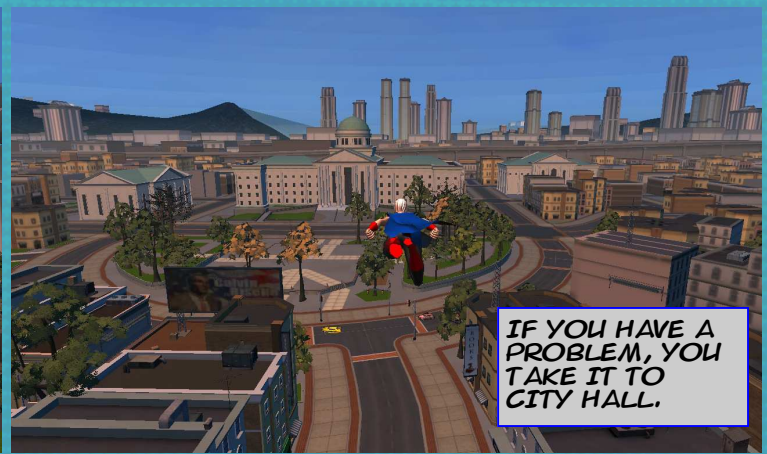


QUERY STARTED,  
AGENT SIDESTEP.





WELL THE ONE  
THING I DO  
REMEMBER  
FROM THAT  
OTHER WORLD...



IF YOU HAVE A  
PROBLEM, YOU  
TAKE IT TO  
CITY HALL.

MILLENNIUM CITY - CITY HALL



"THIS EMERGENCY  
SESSION WILL  
COME TO ORDER."

"GALATEA FUTURE, YOU ARE  
ASKING THAT THE COURT  
ISSUE A TEMPORARY  
ORDER TO VACATE ANY  
CLAIM MADE ON YOUR  
NAME BY MARKMAN GOLD  
AND THE GOLD STANDARD  
AGENCY, IS THAT RIGHT?"

"YES, YOUR HONOR.  
HE HAS CLAIMED  
THAT HIS AGENCY  
OWNS THE TRADEMARK  
ON MY LEGAL NAME  
AND THUS OWNS ANY  
MONEY THAT I MAKE."



YOU ARE SAYING,  
THEN, THAT "GALATEA  
FUTURE" IS, IN FACT,  
YOUR REAL NAME.

THAT'S THE ONLY  
NAME THAT I KNOW,  
YOUR HONOR.

AND YOU ARE PREPARED TO  
BACK THIS UP WITH PROOF  
OF YOUR IDENTITY?

I CAN PROVIDE THE  
TESTIMONY OF DOCTOR  
SILVERBACK OF CAMBRIDGE  
BIOCHEM TO VALIDATE MY  
PHYSICAL ORIGINS.\*

HE CAN ALSO VERIFY THAT I  
DID NOT EXIST HERE UNTIL  
THE QULARR INVASION.





UNFORTUNATELY THAT WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT PROOF OF YOUR IDENTITY, MS. FUTURE.

BUT THAT'S ALL THAT I HAVE.

THE COURT EMPATHIZES WITH YOUR PROBLEM, MS. FUTURE.

UNFORTUNATELY COPYRIGHT AND TRADEMARK LAW ARE NOT FORGIVING WHEN IT COMES TO PEOPLE FROM OTHER REALMS.

SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT I HAVE NO RIGHTS HERE.

YOU ARE ESSENTIALLY SAYING THAT MARKMAN GOLD CAN OWN ME LIKE A SLAVE SIMPLY BECAUSE I CAME FROM A FUTURE TIME.

THE COURT OBJECTS TO THE CHARACTERIZATION.

I EMPATHIZE WITH THE COURT'S DISPLEASURE, YOUR HONOR, BUT THE TRUTH CANNOT AFFORD TO BE KIND IN THIS MATTER.

I AM BEING TOLD THAT TRADEMARK LAW OVERRULES THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, LEAVING ME WITH NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE BUT TO CONCLUDE THAT THIS IS A DE FACTO STATE OF SLAVERY.

THIS IS AN EMERGENCY HEARING FOR A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER, NOT A FULL TRIAL.

IN ORDER TO GRANT AN ORDER, YOU HAVE TO ESTABLISH AN URGENT NEED FOR ACTION. WHERE IS THAT NEED?

THE FORMER WAS AN ACTION ALREADY TAKEN, SO A RESTRAINING ORDER WOULD BE MOOT. THE LEGAL THREAT, THOUGH, IS NOT THE SAME AS ACTUAL COURT ACTION.

IN EITHER CASE, URGENCY IS NOT PROVEN.

HE HAD ALREADY TAKEN ACTION TO SEIZE MY BANK ACCOUNT AND THEN HE TOLD ME THAT I HAD FORTY-EIGHT HOURS TO SIGN INTO A BINDING AGREEMENT WITH HIS AGENCY OR ELSE BE SERVED WITH PAPERS FOR TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT.

THE COURT FINDS SYMPATHY WITH YOUR SITUATION, MS. FUTURE, BUT IT SEES NO CAUSE TO TAKE ACTION PRIOR TO A FULL HEARING WITH BOTH PARTIES PRESENT.

THE SYSTEM MAY BE FLAWED, BUT IT STILL MUST BE FOLLOWED.

REQUEST FOR A TEMPORARY ORDER IS DENIED.






DON'T CRY...  
DON'T CRY...



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DON'T CRY!



WHAT DO I DO NOW?

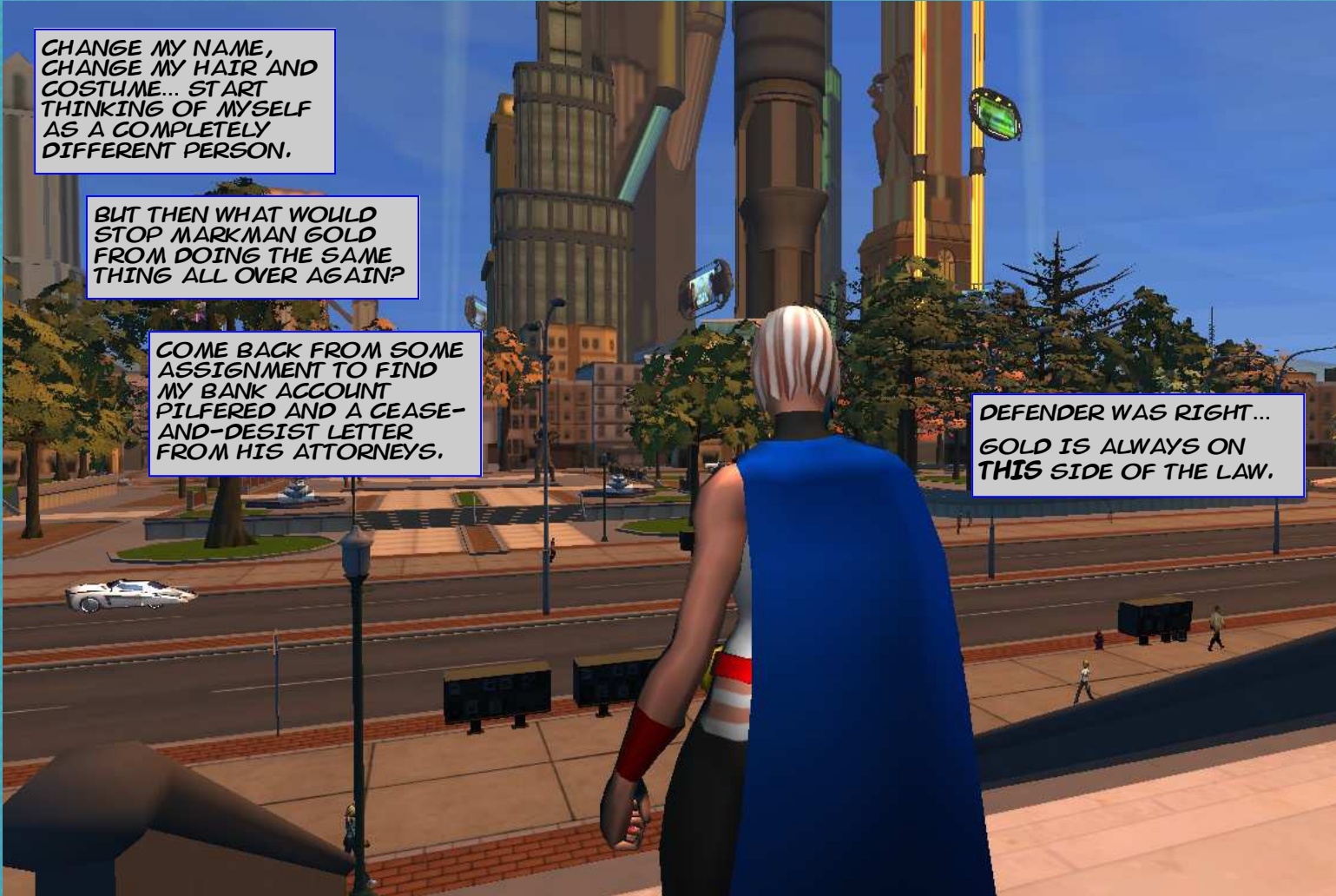
MARKMAN GOLD HAS  
ESSENTIALLY WON.

HE OWNS MY NAME  
UNTIL I CAN GET A  
COURT TO SAY  
OTHERWISE!

EVEN IF I REPRESENTED  
MYSELF, I COULDN'T  
AFFORD TO PAY FOR  
THE FILING FEES.

MY ONLY CHOICES ARE  
TO EITHER SIGN WITH  
HIS AGENCY AND DO  
WHATEVER THEY WANT  
ME TO DO...

OR ELSE TO STOP  
BEING... ME!



CHANGE MY NAME,  
CHANGE MY HAIR AND  
COSTUME... START  
THINKING OF MYSELF  
AS A COMPLETELY  
DIFFERENT PERSON.

BUT THEN WHAT WOULD  
STOP MARKMAN GOLD  
FROM DOING THE SAME  
THING ALL OVER AGAIN?

COME BACK FROM SOME  
ASSIGNMENT TO FIND  
MY BANK ACCOUNT  
PILFERED AND A CEASE-  
AND-DESIST LETTER  
FROM HIS ATTORNEYS.

DEFENDER WAS RIGHT...  
GOLD IS ALWAYS ON  
THIS SIDE OF THE LAW.





THE ONLY  
OTHER OPTION  
IS TO JUST  
GIVE THIS UP.



GIVE UP BEING  
A HERO  
ALTOGETHER.



GALATEA...

OKAY, WHO'S  
TALKING TO ME  
NOW?

EDITOR? IS THAT  
YOU? I REALLY  
HOPE IT IS YOU.

NO, BUT YOU MAY  
RECALL OUR LAST  
CONFRONTATION.\*

AGENT SIDESTEP?

I AM REALLY NOT IN  
THE MOOD FOR MORE  
OF YOUR GAMES!

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THE ANIMOSITY OF  
OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER  
WAS REQUIRED FOR  
MY EVALUATION OF  
YOUR POWERS.

HOWEVER, I AM NOT  
HERE TO RESUME  
THAT ANIMOSITY,  
BUT RATHER TO AID  
YOU IN YOUR LEGAL  
CRISIS.

WHY DO I FIND  
THAT SO HARD  
TO BELIEVE?

YOUR FAITH IN THE  
FAIRNESS OF THE  
UNIVERSE IS BEING  
CHALLENGED. IT IS  
UNDERSTANDABLE YOU  
WOULD HAVE DOUBTS.





HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE, YOUR GOALS AND MINE ARE IDENTICAL.

MARKMAN GOLD MUST NOT PREVAIL IN OWNING YOUR CAREER.



OKAY, SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

FIRST, FLY UP.



WE HAVE GONE THROUGH THE CURRENT LAWS REGARDING TRADEMARKED NAMES AND CONCEPTS AND WE HAVE DISCOVERED A FLAW.

SOMETHING THAT WILL ALLOW ME TO CONTINUE BEING ME?

MARKMAN GOLD'S TRADEMARK CLAIM IS FOR A FICTIONAL HERO NAMED GALATEA FUTURE.

HOWEVER HIS TRADEMARK SPECIFIES THAT IT IS BASED ON AN ACTUAL HERO: YOU.



SO IN ORDER FOR HIM TO PROFIT FROM HIS VENTURE, HE NEEDS A REAL HERO.

HE NEEDS ME, SPECIFICALLY, AS GALATEA FUTURE.

HOW ARE YOU COMMUNICATING TO ME, BY THE WAY? THIS ISN'T YOUR USUAL TRANSMISSION.

THE DETAILS ARE NOT IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW.

CORRECT.

THE FIRST STEP IS TO DISPUTE HIS TRADEMARK CLAIM OF OWNERSHIP.



THERE IS AN ATTORNEY IN WESTSIDE THAT WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE LEGAL ELEMENTS OF YOUR DISPUTE.

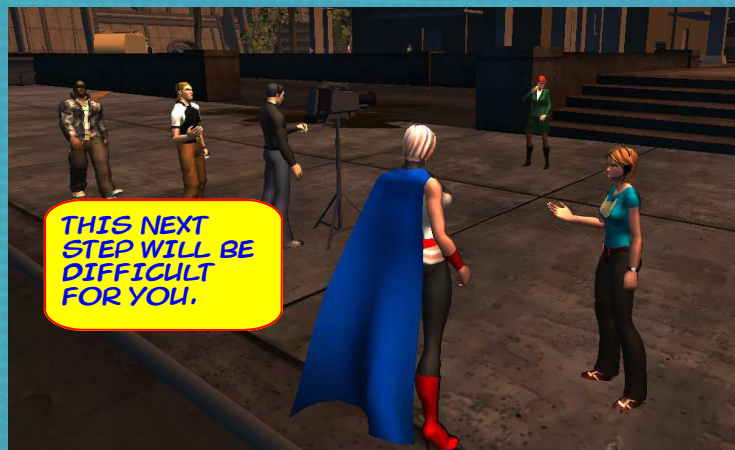
I HOPE HE OR SHE IS WILLING TO WORK FOR FREE.

THAT WILL NOT BE AN ISSUE IN THIS MATTER.

THE ATTORNEY WILL FILE THE PAPERWORK TO DISPUTE THE CLAIM OF OWNERSHIP.

BUT IN ORDER TO MAKE THE CLAIM WORTHLESS, YOU WILL NEED TO STARVE HIM OF THE PROCEEDS.





THIS NEXT STEP WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR YOU.



I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS...



JULIE IS STILL PRETTY CHEESED ABOUT YOU JUST FLYING AWAY THE LAST TIME SHE INTERVIEWED YOU.\*



I KNOW... I KNOW... AND I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT. BUT I THINK THIS TIME AROUND SHE WILL WANT TO BE HERE FOR THIS. TELL HER IT'S A BELATED CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

(\* ISSUE #2)



CHIP I'M HERE WITH GALATEA FUTURE, WHOM I'M TOLD HAS A VERY SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SHE NEEDS TO MAKE. GALATEA?



THANK YOU JULIE. I'VE ONLY BEEN HERE FOR A LITTLE OVER SIX MONTHS NOW, AND I'VE BEEN IN AWE AS TO HOW I HAVE BEEN WELCOMED BY BOTH HEROES AND CIVILIANS.

**8WCOC** BREAKING NEWS - Westside - Julie Morgan - Reporting



IN RECENT WEEKS, HOWEVER, CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS CLAIMING TO REPRESENT ME HAVE BEEN MAKING PROMISES IN MY NAME TO THINGS THAT I EITHER CANNOT FULFILL OR ELSE VIOLATE WHAT I BELIEVE IN.

**8WCOC** BREAKING NEWS - Westside - Julie Morgan - Reporting



FOR THE RECORD, I DID NOT AT ANY TIME SECURE THE SERVICES OF ANY AGENCY TO REPRESENT EITHER MYSELF OR MY CAREER.

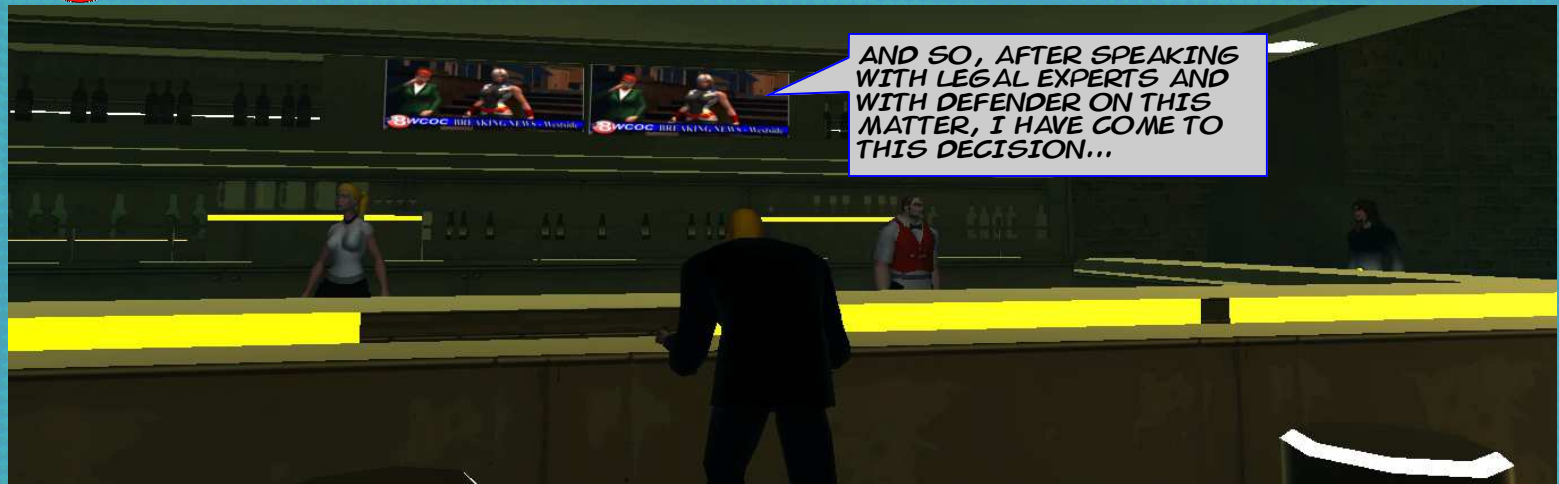
I CERTAINLY DID NOT GIVE APPROVAL TO THEM TO MAKE PROMISES REGARDING ME APPEARING IN AN ADULT PUBLICATION, AS SOME NEWS ARTICLES HAVE CLAIMED.

I HAVE MET WITH THE AGENT CLAIMING TO REPRESENT ME AND IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT THERE CAN BE NO REMEDY OUTSIDE OF LEGAL ACTION.



## 8WCOC BREAKING NEWS - Westside - Galatea Future Announcement

AND SO, AFTER SPEAKING WITH LEGAL EXPERTS AND WITH DEFENDER ON THIS MATTER, I HAVE COME TO THIS DECISION...



THIS IS IT.  
COME TO ME,  
GALATEA.

COME TO  
MARKMAN!



EFFECTIVELY  
IMMEDIATELY, I  
HEREBY RESIGN  
AS A SUPERHERO.

WHAT?



**SHE CAN'T DO THAT!**  
SHE CAN'T JUST UP AND...  
AND... **QUIT** LIKE THAT!



HEY GOLD, YOU  
SUCK, YOU  
CAREER-KILLER!

THIS ISN'T OVER.  
SHE CAN'T MAKE  
A LIVING USING  
HER NAME.  
I'LL OWN EVERY  
SINGLE PENNY  
SHE PICKS UP  
FROM NOW  
UNTIL SHE DIES!







I REALIZE THAT THIS IS A DRASTIC MEASURE... BUT THERE IS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE FOR ME RIGHT NOW. UNTIL THIS LEGAL MATTER IS RESOLVED, I CANNOT FUNCTION AS A HERO, AND CERTAINLY NOT AS THE HERO THAT MILLENNIUM CITY NEEDS AND DESERVES.

THIS IS CERTAINLY A SHOCK TO THE HERO COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY AFTER ALL YOU'VE DONE IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.



BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW? WHERE WILL YOU GO? HOW WILL YOU SURVIVE?



THOSE ARE GOOD QUESTIONS, JULIE, AND I'LL TAKE THEM ONE AT A TIME.

**8 WCOC** BREAKING NEWS - Galatea Future Resigns

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THANK YOU, DEFENDER, FOR ALL THAT YOU AND THE OTHER CHAMPIONS HAVE GIVEN ME HERE.


"WHAT I'M GOING TO DO IS TO REASSESS WHO I AM, AND TO DO SO WITHOUT DISTRACTIONS."




GOOD LUCK AND GODSPEED, GALATEA FUTURE.

"THERE IS STILL SO MUCH ABOUT MYSELF THAT IS LOCKED AWAY THAT I NEED TO GET UNLOCKED."





"AS TO WHERE... WELL  
I HAVE MADE SOME  
FRIENDS IN MY  
SHORT TIME HERE."



"THOUGH THEY DIDN'T  
EXACTLY EXPECT TO  
HEAR FROM ME  
AGAIN SO SOON,  
THEY HAVE AGREED  
TO HELP ME OUT IN  
THAT DEPARTMENT."



"AND WHAT ABOUT  
THE THIRD PART?"



"HOW WILL  
YOU SURVIVE?"

IT'S COLDER  
THAN WHEN I  
LEFT.  
IF THAT IS EVEN  
POSSIBLE.



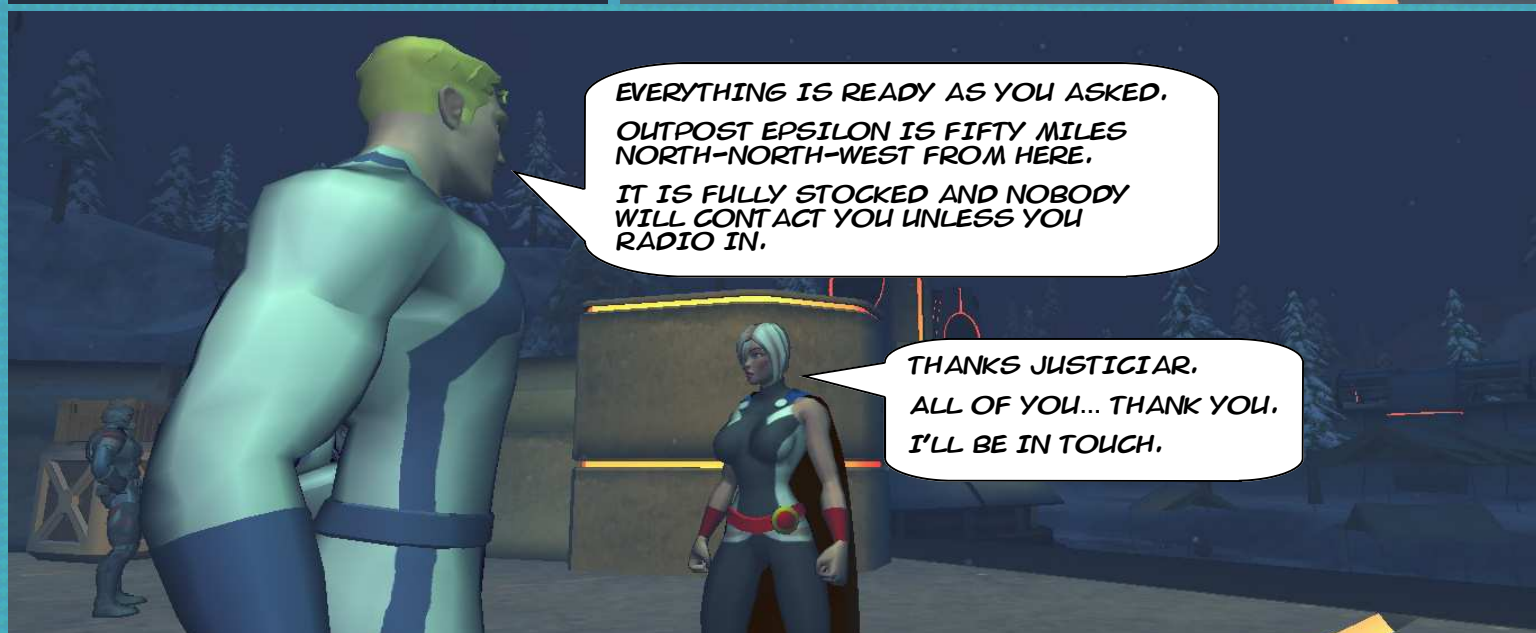


HI GUYS.



HEY, HOSER,  
GALATEA'S  
BACK, EHP?

GALATEA...



EVERYTHING IS READY AS YOU ASKED.  
OUTPOST EPSILON IS FIFTY MILES  
NORTH-NORTH-WEST FROM HERE.  
IT IS FULLY STOCKED AND NOBODY  
WILL CONTACT YOU UNLESS YOU  
RADIO IN.

THANKS JUSTICIAR.  
ALL OF YOU... THANK YOU.  
I'LL BE IN TOUCH.



OUTPOST EPSILON



"HOW I'LL SURVIVE...  
WELL THERE IS ONLY  
ONE WAY THAT I KNOW."

"DAY BY DAY."

THE STORY RESUMES IN  
"FUTURE'S GUARDIAN" #1



# Lost -n- Found

*Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.*

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## **Hail and farewell...**

It seems that I've been saying "goodbye" a lot of late.

For those that don't know, Galatea Future's story originally came from another world... the world known as the "City of Heroes".

When circumstances forced me to leave that "City" for a limited period of time, I decided to take up base in Millennium City with a character that I was used to, and one that I could easily transition over. That, of course, was Galatea Future.

The "Lost Adventures" came from the possible idea of bringing this Galatea back when City of Heroes went free-to-play. That's why the series was known as "The Lost Adventures" instead of "The Further Adventures". I didn't know if I could keep the characters I created there when I returned.

Of course, when I did return to that "City", I was able to pick up where I left off with the stories there and that sort of left Galatea Future here in Millennium City. Every so often I'd return to her to collect some extra in-game perk, some bonus for being involved, but for the most part she was "holding the fort".

## **And then "The City" fell...**

"City of Heroes" parent owner NCSoft decided that they were going to pull the plug on the MMO. Nobody really knows why; only that they did. Longtime players were completely stunned by this, and every effort to try to keep it going or to sell the MMO off to a company that would better appreciate it and its players were rebuffed by the corporate office in South Korea.

So at 11:59:59pm Pacific Time on November 30th, 2012, the MMO ceased to be and all of the characters there became nothing more than so much digital memory, living on only through screenshots, YouTube videos, and online comics. Even the folks here in Champions Online gave a proper and very respectful farewell to "The City"... and now eagerly welcome all those new "exiles" in search of other adventures to experience.

So I'm back in the world of Champions, along with Galatea Future and Agent Sidestep and a few other characters you probably will see or hear about at some point soon. And as long as Perfect World will have us, we're here to stay.

But having said that, I can't really continue with a series called "The Lost Adventures of Galatea Future" if the title character no longer sees herself as being "lost". It just wouldn't make sense.

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So the “Lost Adventures” have to come to an end...

But that doesn't mean that Galatea Future's time in the world of Champions has also come to an end.

Quite the contrary... that time is only beginning.

**One story ends, another begins...**

Galatea's story will continue in 2013 with a new series called “**Future's Guardian**”. Published as part of the new **Battlerock Comics**, “Future's Guardian” will take place a year after the events in this issue.

While the world of the Champions will not change much, there will be much that changes for those in that world.

Markman Gold has been denied his “crown jewel” hero with the departure of Galatea Future, but does that mean that he's done as a self-professed “hero-agent”? And why is he fixated on “possessing” Galatea Future in the first place?

What is Agent Sidestep's agenda? More about Sidestep's new role will be revealed.

Who else came to Galatea's aid with her legal troubles?

And what about Galatea herself? Remember what Doctor Silverback said in Issue #2 about her continuing to change? How much will she change in that missing year?

Get caught up with her time in the world of Champions by visiting her official website...

[HTTP://GUARDIANSOFTHEDAWN.WORDPRESS.COM/GALATEA-FUTURE/](http://GUARDIANSOFTHEDAWN.WORDPRESS.COM/GALATEA-FUTURE/)

And then join us next year for the next chapters in her life.

## **WHAT'S NEXT?**



*The “Lost” adventures are done... but the stories are far from over with.*

*Stay tuned in 2013 for...* **FUTURE'S  
GUARDIAN**

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***SHE WILL BE BACK...  
IN 2013.***



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