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CHAMPIONS
ONLINE



IN ANOTHER WORLD AND ANOTHER TIME, SHE WAS GALATEA POWERS, 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

"A NEW DAY"

- A CHAMPIONS ONLINE STORY BY DAVID 2

HAVING BEEN BROUGHT OVER FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE AND WELCOMED WITH OPEN ARMS, GALATEA MUST NOW TRY TO FIGURE OUT HER PLACE IN THIS NEW CITY.

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IT'S A NEW DAY...

FOR ME THAT'S
TRUE IN MORE
WAYS THAN ONE.

I'M NOT USED TO SEEING CITIES
AND PEOPLE AGAIN. I'M USED TO
SEEING THE ENDLESS ILLUSION OF
FLOATING ISLANDS AMIDST THE
SEA OF INFINITE WATERS.

FOR COUNTLESS YEARS,
CITIES WERE JUST IMAGES
ON A HISTORICAL FILE.
THE SOUNDS OF PEOPLE
AND TRAFFIC WERE JUST
DISTANT MEMORIES.

BUT NOW I CAN HEAR THE
CHAOTIC SYMPHONY OF
THE CITY AGAIN.

I CAN HEAR THE MORNING
TRAFFIC AND THE DOZENS
OF RADIO STATIONS.

THE MORNING TELEVISION
SHOWS ARE STILL
TALKING ABOUT THE
QULARR INVASION THAT I
HELPED TO THWART.*

SOMEWHERE DOWN
THERE, A WOMAN IS
COMPLAINING
BECAUSE HER
COFFEE HAS TOO
MUCH SOY MILK.

A BUSINESSMAN IS
TELLING HIS BROKER TO
SELL EVERYTHING HE HAS
ON A CERTAIN COMPANY.

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I HAVE TO RE-TRAIN
MYSELF TO SHUT IT
ALL OUT. TO
FILTER THE NOISE
TO ONLY WHAT IS
IMPORTANT.

BELIEVE ME, IT'S
HARDER THAN IT
SEEMS.

AND THAT DOESN'T
HELP ME ANSWER
THE QUESTION
THAT'S BEEN
NAGGING ME SINCE
I GOT HERE...

WHAT DO I
DO NOW?



I KEEP COMING
BACK HERE...

... TO CHAMPIONS
HEADQUARTERS.



MAYBE IT'S
BECAUSE IT
REMINDS ME OF
OUROBOROS...

OR MAYBE IT'S
BECAUSE IT'S
THE FIRST PLACE
THAT I FELT
WELCOMED.



BUT THERE'S STILL A LOT
THAT I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT
THIS NEW UNIVERSE THAT I
FIND MYSELF IN, AND THE
BEST PLACE TO DO IT IS
HERE, AMIDST THE MOST
NOTEWORTHY HERO GROUP
IN THE WORLD.



UM... HI.

DEFENDER SAID THAT
I COULD COME HERE
ANYTIME TO USE THE
RESOURCES OF THE
HEADQUARTERS...



YES, MA'AM...
DEFENDER
ALREADY LEFT A
MESSAGE ABOUT
THAT. PLEASE
FEEL FREE TO USE
OUR SERVICES
FOR AS LONG AS
YOU WISH.



OH... OKAY...

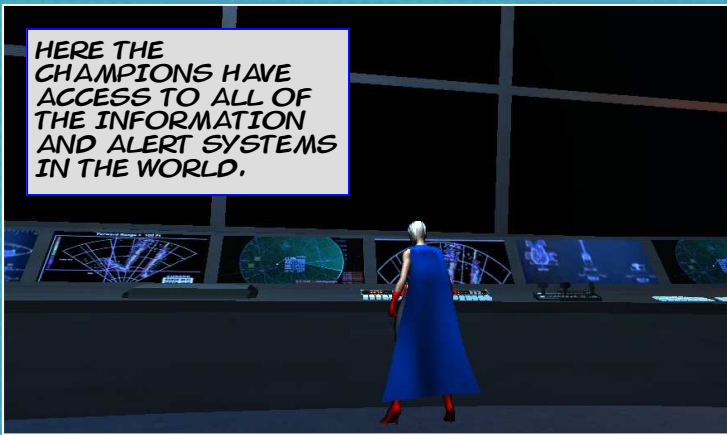
SO, I GUESS I'LL
JUST... OKAY...

YEAH, I'M JUST
BRIMMING WITH
CONFIDENCE
RIGHT NOW...



MAYBE I SHOULD
JUST STICK TO
WHY I'M HERE
AND WHAT I NEED
TO KNOW.

HERE THE CHAMPIONS HAVE ACCESS TO ALL OF THE INFORMATION AND ALERT SYSTEMS IN THE WORLD.



WELCOME TO THE SOCRATES SYSTEM, GALATEA.



SOCRATES GETS ME CAUGHT UP ON EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED ON THIS WORLD THAT DIFFERS FROM THE HISTORY I KNOW.

DETROIT DESTROYED!



I FIND OUT THAT A MONSTER NAMED DOCTOR DESTROYER LIVED UP TO HIS MONIKER AND OBLITERATED THE CITY OF DETROIT.

MILLENNIUM CITY WAS LATER BUILT ON TOP OF THE RUINS OF THAT CITY.

DEFENDER AND THE OTHER CHAMPIONS BELIEVE THAT DESTROYER IS DEAD, BUT THEY'RE NOT CERTAIN.

I'VE LEARNED FROM EXPERIENCE THAT SOME EVIL NEVER REALLY GOES AWAY.



I'M SORRY GALATEA, BUT THERE IS NO RECORD ANYWHERE OF A HERO FAMILY NAMED "POWERS".

OUT OF CURIOSITY, I SEARCHED TO SEE IF THERE WERE ANY COUNTERPARTS TO MY FRIENDS AND ADOPTED FAMILY.

SADLY, IT APPEARS THAT THIS UNIVERSE IS SO WILDLY DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE I USED TO CALL HOME THAT THERE ARE NO COUNTERPARTS AT ALL.



STILL, THIS WORLD ALSO HAS NO SHORTAGE OF HEROES.

I SPEND MY TIME GETTING AS MUCH INFORMATION AS I CAN ABOUT THE THREATS THIS WORLD FACES, AS WELL AS THE ADVANCES MADE SO FAR.

MAGIC, TECHNOLOGY, THERE'S EVEN SOME TALK ABOUT DIMENSIONAL PORTALS.

MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE A TALK WITH THEM ABOUT THAT...



Galatea, you have an incoming call...

Galatea is standing at a control console with multiple screens displaying data. She is wearing a blue cape and a grey bodysuit.

Galatea, this is Doctor Silverback.


Galatea is in a dark hallway, looking towards the camera. She is wearing a grey bodysuit with blue accents and a red cape.

The results of our tests are now in.


Thanks Doctor... I'll be right there!

Galatea is running through a dark, industrial-looking environment.

RENAISSANCE CENTER

Thankfully it's not that far of a flight over.

Galatea is flying over a city with tall buildings and a bridge. A car is seen flying through the air.

Galatea, thank you for coming over so quickly.

Galatea is talking to Doctor Silverback, a large, muscular, grey-skinned character with a green shirt and a white lab coat. They are in a control room with various equipment.

Doctor Silverback was one of the first heroes I met when I came here.

Granted, it was through a hologram.*

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Believe me, I'm eager to hear what you were able to find out.

Galatea is standing in a dark, industrial-looking environment, looking towards the camera.

Still, it's not that often one gets to work with a simian genius.

Yes, of course.

Galatea is talking to Doctor Silverback, who is holding a large blue box. They are in a control room with various equipment.

Well, first I want to thank you for offering yourself for our quantum dating system. We otherwise wouldn't believe your claims of being from some distant future.

When we carbon-tested the hair follicle you gave us, it said that physically you're 35.

I hope you're not bothered by that...

No, not really.

Good... Good...

Because then we put that same follicle through the quantum test, and it said that you're actually over one thousand years old.



A... THOUSAND YEARS OLD?

THAT... THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT!

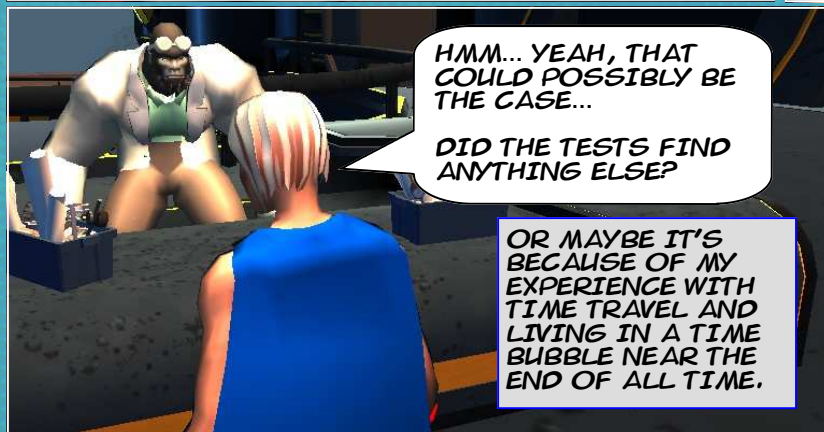
WOW! REALLY? A THOUSAND?

I THOUGHT MAYBE FOUR OR FIVE HUNDRED YEARS... BUT A THOUSAND?



THAT'S A BALLPARK ESTIMATE, OF COURSE. THE QUANTUM SCANNER COULDN'T PIN DOWN AN EXACT CHRONAL AGE FOR YOU FOR SOME STRANGE REASON.

MAYBE BECAUSE IT'S STILL A NEW PROCESS FOR US.



HMM... YEAH, THAT COULD POSSIBLY BE THE CASE...

DID THE TESTS FIND ANYTHING ELSE?

OR MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF MY EXPERIENCE WITH TIME TRAVEL AND LIVING IN A TIME BUBBLE NEAR THE END OF ALL TIME.



WELL...

ATTENTION ALL HEROES!

THIS IS DEFENDER SPEAKING...



CHIEF SURHOFF IS REPORTING A MAJOR JAILBREAK IN WESTSIDE.

ALL AVAILABLE HEROES REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO CHIEF SURHOFF AT THE JAIL FOR FURTHER ASSIGNMENTS.

SIGH

WELL, I GUESS THE REST WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR NOW...

I'D LIKE TO SCHEDULE SOME MORE TESTS TO SEE IF WE CAN DETERMINE WHAT IS CAUSING THE VARIABLE READINGS IN THE...



I WAS ACTUALLY TAKING A BIG RISK WITH THE QUANTUM TEST.

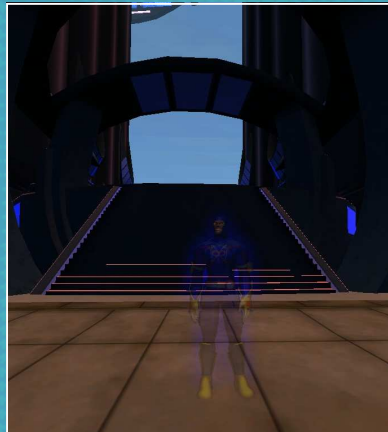
QUANTUM SCANNING SO WE CAN BETTER GAUGE...

IT'S ONE THING TO SAY I'M FROM SOME DISTANT FUTURE...



IT'S ANOTHER TO SAY THAT YOU'RE FROM A DIFFERENT UNIVERSE COMPLETELY.

I STILL NEED TO KEEP THAT SECRET AS CLOSE TO THE VEST AS POSSIBLE FOR NOW.



SCANNING
FOR TACHYON
SIGNATURE...
DESTINATION
CONFIRMED.



AGENT SIDESTEP
REPORTING. I HAVE
ARRIVED AT UNIVERSE
DESIGNATION TWO-
ZERO-ZERO-NINE-
ZERO-NINE-ZERO-ONE.



CONFIRMED, AGENT
SIDESTEP.

PROCEED WITH
INVESTIGATION.

UNDERSTOOD.

REQUESTING
SYNCHRONIZATION WITH
PROPHET SYSTEM.

PROPHET
SYNCHRONIZATION
AUTHORIZED.



PROPHET SYSTEM
SYNCHRONIZED AND ONLINE.

BEGIN QUANTUM PROFILE OF
EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL TRAVELER
WITH OMNIVERSE FREQUENCY
TWO-ZERO-ZERO-FOUR-ZERO-
FOUR-TWO-SEVEN.

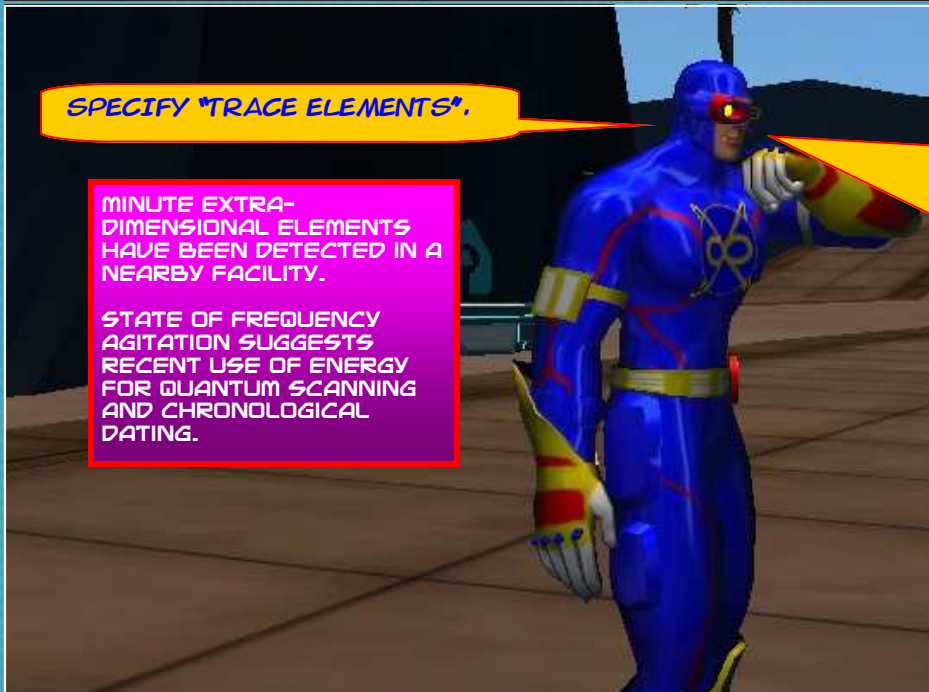
PROFILE ESTABLISHED.

NOTE: TRACE ELEMENTS
DETECTED.

SPECIFY "TRACE ELEMENTS".

MINUTE EXTRA-
DIMENSIONAL ELEMENTS
HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN A
NEARBY FACILITY.

STATE OF FREQUENCY
AGITATION SUGGESTS
RECENT USE OF ENERGY
FOR QUANTUM SCANNING
AND CHRONOLOGICAL
DATING.



OF COURSE... DIMENSIONAL
TRAVEL IS LIMITED IN THIS
UNIVERSE'S TIME, SO THE
TECHNOLOGY WOULD STILL
BE IN ITS INFANCY.

LOCATE SOURCE OF TRACE
ELEMENTS AND ASCERTAIN
WHO IN THIS REALITY WOULD
EMPLOY SUCH TECHNOLOGY
FOR THAT REASON.

SOURCE LOCATED USING
NATIVE DATABASE SOURCE.
CAMBRIDGE BIOCHEM FACILITY.
MOST LOGICAL OPERATIVE IS
DOCTOR SILVERBACK.



OH MY...

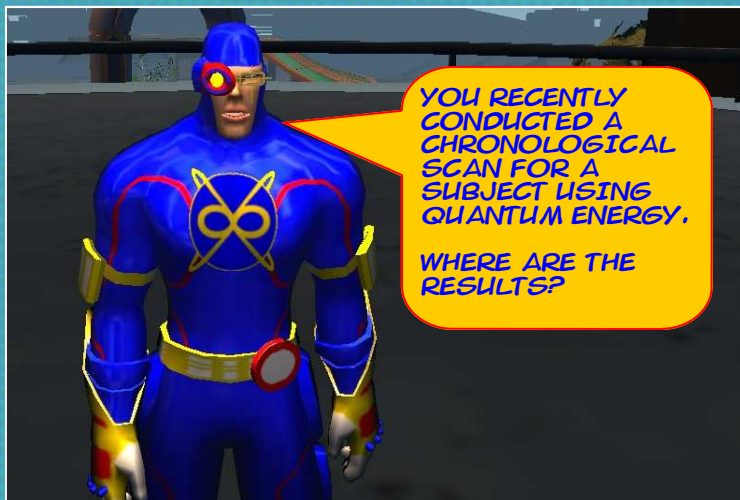


GREETINGS.



WELCOME TO THE
CAMBRIDGE
BIOCHEM BRANCH
FACILITY.

I AM DOCTOR
SILVERBACK. HOW
MAY I HELP YOU?



YOU RECENTLY
CONDUCTED A
CHRONOLOGICAL
SCAN FOR A
SUBJECT USING
QUANTUM ENERGY.
WHERE ARE THE
RESULTS?



I'M SORRY, BUT WE
HAVE STRICT RULES
ABOUT DISCLOSING
SUCH INFORMATION
TO OTHERS.

I'LL NEED TO ASK
FOR YOUR
IDENTIFICATION.

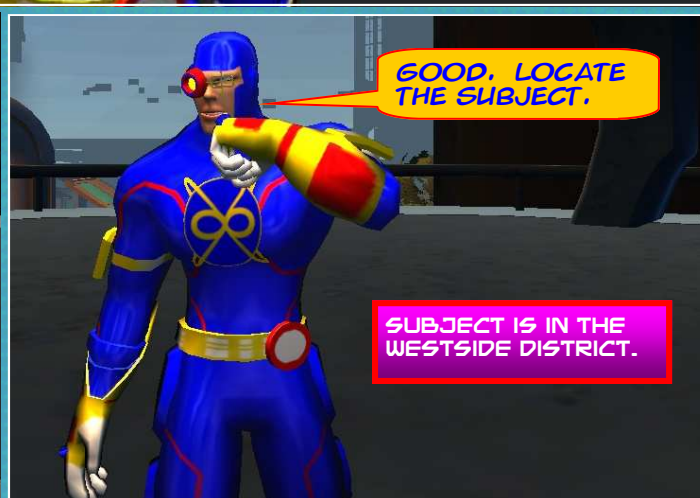
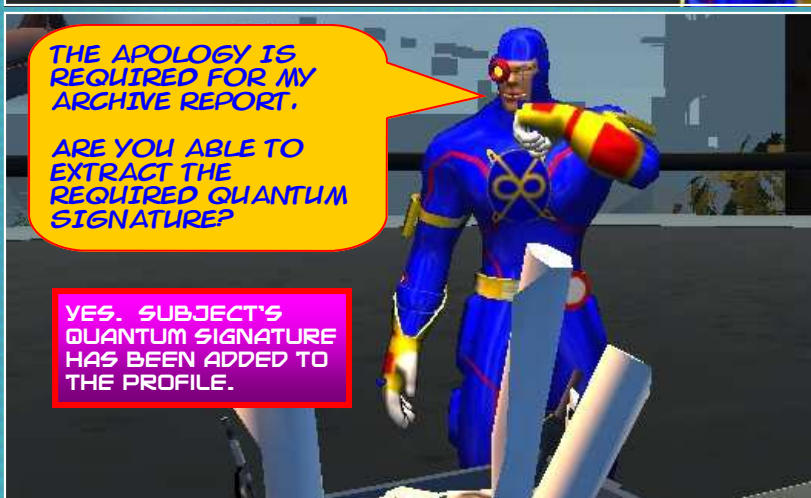


MY DESIGNATION IS AGENT
SIDESTEP.

MY MISSION IS TO
INVESTIGATE A CROSS-
DIMENSIONAL TRANSITION
INVOLVING A HIGH-OMEGA
OPERATIVE AND ASSESS
THAT SUBJECT'S CURRENT
THREAT POTENTIAL.

YOUR RESULTS WOULD
ALLOW ME TO PRECISELY
LOCATE THE SUBJECT.

EVEN IF I COULD TAKE
YOU AT YOUR WORD,
I WOULD STILL NOT
BE ALLOWED TO GIVE
YOU THAT
INFORMATION.



WESTSIDE - MILLENNIUM CITY JAIL

OKAY, SO HERE'S
WHERE THE
BREAKOUT WAS...

IT LOOKS LIKE THE
OTHER HEROES HAVE
SEALED THE OPENING.

THAT'S THE GOOD
NEWS... THE BAD IS
THAT THE ESCAPED
PRISONERS ARE STILL
RUNNING ABOUT.

TIME TO CHECK IN
WITH THE CHIEF.

GALATEA, GOOD
TO SEE YOU
AGAIN. I JUST
WISH IT WAS
UNDER BETTER
CIRCUMSTANCES.

I AGREE, CHIEF. I
NOTICED ON MY WAY
OVER THAT THE JAIL
WALL WAS ALREADY
SEALED BACK UP.

SO, HOW CAN I BE
OF ASSISTANCE?

RIGHT NOW, JUST
SHEER BRUTE
FORCE AND THAT
SAME IRON WILL
YOU SHOWED WITH
THE QULARR.

WE HAVE OVER ONE
HUNDRED ESCAPED
GANG-BANGERS,
HOODLUMS, AND
STREET TOUGHS IN
THE STREETS...

TAKE THEM DOWN!

YES SIR! I'LL
DO WHAT I CAN!

HEADS UP!
PRISONERS
HEADING FOR
THE COMMAND
TENT!

AAAAND I
GUESS THAT'S
MY CUE TO GET
TO WORK.





ON THE GROUND... NOW!



I GOT THIS ONE FOR YOU.

NICE JOB.



URF! SHOOT HER, YOU MORON! YOU'RE JUST STANDING THERE WITH THE STUPID GUN IN YOUR HAND!

BUT-BUT-BUT... SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL... AND I DON'T WANT TO SHOOT HER IN THE CHEST... CUZ...

OKAY, AND I'LL ADMIT, I COME OFF AS SOMEWHAT INTIMIDATING AT TIMES, ESPECIALLY IN THIS SOMEWHAT SIMPLE OUTFIT. BUT IT'S ON PURPOSE... BECAUSE IT HELPS CUT DOWN ON STUPID THINGS...



RRRR!!

AAH! I'M SORRY!

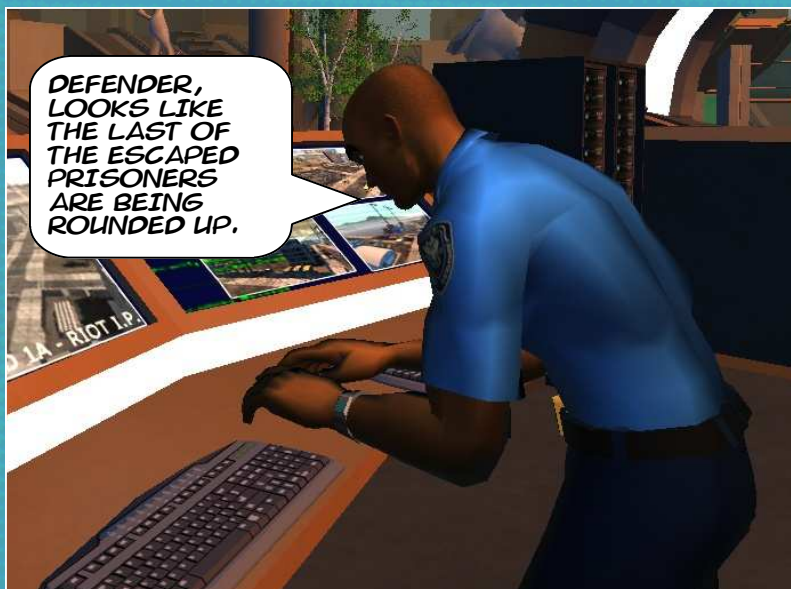
BANG!

... LIKE THIS.



POW!

THE GOOD NEWS IS WE'RE MAKING HEADWAY.



DEFENDER, LOOKS LIKE THE LAST OF THE ESCAPED PRISONERS ARE BEING ROUNDED UP.



GOOD.

FOR A WHILE I WAS CONCERNED, BUT IT'S GOOD TO SEE THE OTHER HEROES HAVE STEPPED UP.

WHAT ABOUT GALATEA?

RIGHT IN THE THICK OF IT, SIR.

SHE'S WORKING WITH THE OFFICERS TO BRING DOWN THE WORST OF THE ESCAPEES.

HOURS LATER...

DESPITE THE THREAT POSED TO THE AREA, POLICE AND HEROES WERE ABLE TO BRING ALL OF THE ESCAPED PRISONERS INTO CUSTODY.

AND I AM HERE WITH ONE OF THE HEROES THAT HELPED TO CONTAIN THE BREAKOUT AND KEEP THE CRIMINAL THREAT TO A BARE MINIMUM, MILLENNIUM CITY'S NEWEST HERO, GALATEA.

8WCOC Julie Morgan - Reporting

GALATEA, THANK YOU FOR SPEAKING WITH US...

IT'S MY PLEASURE, JULIE.

I'M STILL NEW TO THE AREA, BUT I'M GLAD TO BE ABLE TO HELP OUT IN ANY WAY THAT I CAN.

WELL I'M SURE THE VIEWERS HAVE PLENTY OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CITY'S NEWEST SUPERHERO...

***GALATEA, I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR THIS FREQUENCY, SO LISTEN CAREFULLY...**

THE FURTHER EXISTENCE OF THIS WORLD DEPENDS ON YOU REVEALING AS LITTLE OF YOURSELF AS POSSIBLE.

MEET ME AT THE RENAISSANCE CENTER AND THIS WORLD MAY SURVIVE THE NIGHT.*

GALATEA? DO YOU NEED ME TO REPEAT THE QUESTION?

I'M SORRY, JULIE...

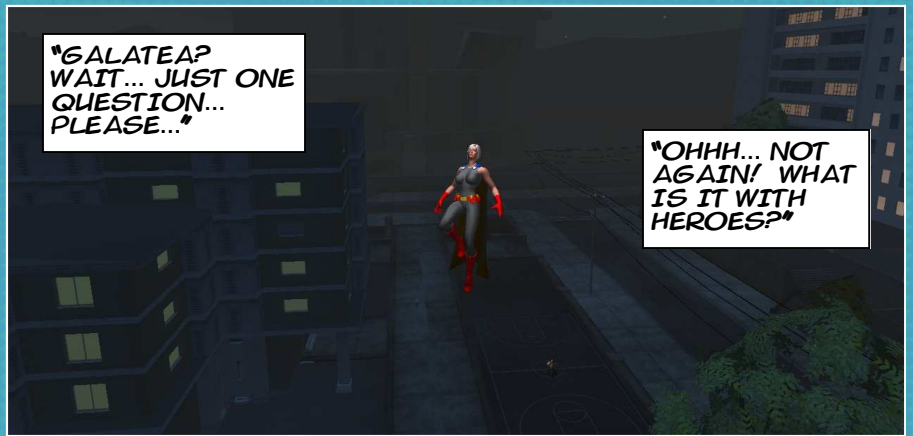
... BUT I WAS JUST INFORMED OF A PRESSING MATTER THAT I HAVE TO DEAL WITH RIGHT NOW.

YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WITH US HEROES... ALWAYS BUSY TWENTY-FOUR-SEVEN.

BUT I PROMISE YOU AND THE VIEWERS THAT I'LL GIVE YOU THE INTERVIEW THAT YOU WANT REAL SOON.



STATION SAYS KEEP IT GOING...



"GALATEA? WAIT... JUST ONE QUESTION... PLEASE..."

"OH... NOT AGAIN! WHAT IS IT WITH HEROES?"



I MEAN... IT'S BAD ENOUGH WHEN NIGHTHAWK DOES THIS. HE'S A VIGILANTE.

NOT TO MENTION A REAL JERK...

BUT I THOUGHT THAT A HERO'S SUPPOSED TO BE A LITTLE MORE OPEN TO THE PRESS, I MEAN THEY'RE HERE FOR US...

JULIE, YOU'RE STILL LIVE ON THE AIR...

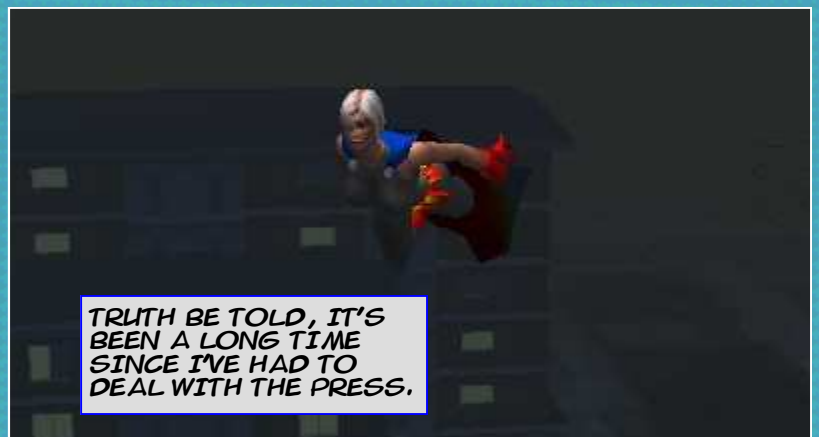
... AND... AS YOU CAN SEE, DUTY ALWAYS CALLS FOR MILLENNIUM CITY'S NEWEST HERO, TIRELESSLY WORKING TO KEEP US ALL SAFE.

REPORTING LIVE FROM WESTSIDE NEAR THE CITY JAIL, JULIE MORGAN, WCOG NEWS.



SORRY JULIE... I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU LATER...

... BUT MY MYSTERY ULTRASONIC CALLER REALLY DID ME A FAVOR.



TRUTH BE TOLD, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE HAD TO DEAL WITH THE PRESS.



INVESTIGATION UPDATE:

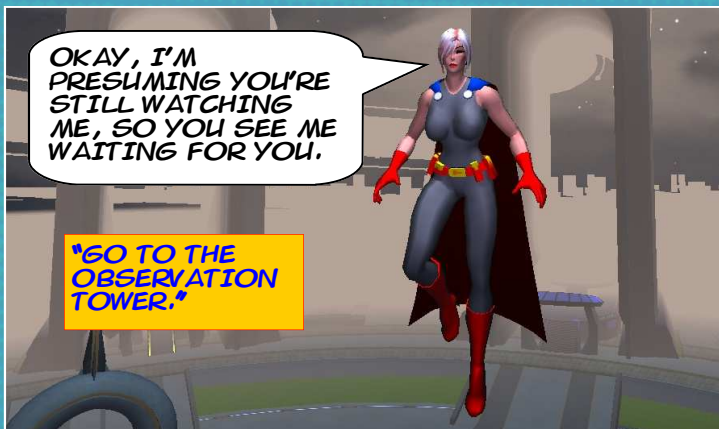
SUBJECT GALATEA FUTURE HAS RESPONDED TO MY ULTRASONIC COMMUNICATION AND HAS ARRIVED AT THE RENAISSANCE CENTER.

OBSERVED FLIGHT SPEED: 50 UNITS PER CYCLE.

FAR BELOW RECORDED SPEED.

QUERY: IS SUBJECT HOLDING BACK HER POWER LEVELS FOR THIS WORLD?

WILL HAVE TO TEST FURTHER TO MEASURE HER TRUE THREAT POTENTIAL.



OKAY, I'M PRESUMING YOU'RE STILL WATCHING ME, SO YOU SEE ME WAITING FOR YOU.

GO TO THE OBSERVATION TOWER.



I WANT ANSWERS.
LIKE WHO YOU ARE
AND HOW YOU GET
OFF THREATENING
THIS WORLD.

*YOU WILL HAVE
THEM WHEN YOU
GET TO THE
OBSERVATION
TOWER.*



*TAKE THE
ELEVATOR
TO THE TOP
FLOOR.*

OKAY, GOTTA
PLAY THIS ONE
CAREFULLY.



I DON'T KNOW HIM,
BUT HE APPARENTLY
KNOWS ME WELL
ENOUGH TO USE
ULTRASONICS TO
COMMUNICATE WITH
ME FROM LONG
DISTANCES.



OKAY WIZARD,
TIME TO COME OUT
FROM BEHIND THE
CURTAIN.



COME ON... DON'T
MAKE ME PLAY
*HIDE-AND-GO-
SMACK*.



YOUR PREFERENCE
TOWARDS VIOLENCE
IS DISTURBING,
GALATEA FUTURE.
THIS IS HARDLY THE
PERSONALITY TRAIT
THAT WE HAVE ON
FILE ABOUT YOU.

WELL I'M NOT TOO KEEN
ON PEOPLE INTERRUPTING
ME WHILE I'M TALKING
WITH THE MEDIA, NOT TO
MENTION THREATENING
THIS WORLD.

AND WHAT'S WITH THE
GALATEA FUTURE
REFERENCE?

GALATEA FUTURE IS
YOUR OMNIVERSE
DESIGNATION. IT
DIFFERENTIATES YOU AS
A UNIQUE BEING FROM
THE ALTERNATE VERSION
FROM UNIVERSE TWO-
ZERO-ZERO-FOUR-
ZERO-FOUR-TWO-SEVEN.



THERE YOU ARE!



I KNEW IF YOU KEPT TALKING THAT I WOULD FIND YOU.



THERE WAS NO INTENT ON CONCEALMENT, GALATEA FUTURE.

THIS ENCOUNTER WAS BY CHOICE, NOT BY ERROR.



WELL THEN LET'S START OFF WITH THE BASICS... SUCH AS WHO YOU ARE, WHERE YOU CAME FROM, AND WHY DID YOU THREATEN THIS WORLD IF I DIDN'T AGREE TO MEET YOU?



MY DESIGNATION IS AGENT SIDESTEP.

I AM AN OMNIVERSE AGENT CHARGED WITH INVESTIGATING POTENTIAL THREATS TO THE MULTIVERSE.

WE ARE WELL AWARE OF YOUR DESIGNATION AS A MULTI-DIMENSIONAL TRAVELER AS WELL AS YOUR STATUS AS A NIGH-OMEGA-LEVEL BEING.*

MY MISSION IS TO ASSESS THE THREAT YOU POSE TO THIS UNIVERSE SINCE YOUR TRANSITION, AND, IF NECESSARY, TO NEUTRALIZE THAT THREAT.

(* SEE "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT" #21)



FOR STARTERS, I DIDN'T CHOOSE TO COME TO THIS WORLD.

I WAS SENT HERE TO BE SPARED FROM BEING OBLITERATED AS A TEMPORAL ANOMALY.*

SOME OMNIVERSE BEING THOUGHT I NEEDED TO "LIVE" INSTEAD OF JUST "EXISTING".

SECOND, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU CLASSIFY AS A "NIGH-OMEGA-LEVEL"...

BUT WHATEVER THAT IS, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I'M NOT IT ANYMORE. I LOST MOST OF MY POWERS IN THE TRANSITION. EVEN MY AEGIS ARMOR IS GONE.

I'M BACK TO SQUARE ONE IN TERMS OF SUPERPOWERS.

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YOUR OUTWARD
APPEARANCE IS
NEGLECTIBLE.

I MUST STILL
INVESTIGATE.



YOU'RE KIDDING,
RIGHT?

WHAT DO YOU WANT
ME TO DO TO PROVE
THAT I'M NOT AS
POWERFUL AS I USED
TO BE?



THE THREAT YOU POSE IS MORE THAN
JUST A MATTER OF GAUGING YOUR
POWER LEVEL.

THE ENTITIES I REPRESENT KNOW
YOUR HISTORY, GALATEA FUTURE.
THEY KNOW THE GOD-LEVEL BEINGS
THAT HAVE PURSUED YOU FROM
ACROSS DIMENSIONS PREVIOUSLY.

THE FACT THAT I CAN TRACK YOU BY
YOUR QUANTUM SIGNATURE IS PROOF
THAT OTHERS CAN AS WELL.



CASE IN POINT:
OMNIVERSE
HISTORY RECORDS
THAT IT WAS YOUR
OWN COUSIN THAT
WAS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE ENTITY
ALOR FINDING AND
DESTROYING YOUR
BIRTH-WORLD BY
THE SAME METHOD.*

(* GOTDS #20-21)



THAT'S THE WRONG
THING TO SAY TO
ME RIGHT NOW...



PROPHET,
CONTAIN AND
SCAN SUBJECT.

ARRGH!

CONTAINMENT
FIELD ENGAGED.



YOUR ANGER WAS
INTENTIONALLY
PROVOKED TO
LOWER ANY
ATTEMPT TO
WITHHOLD YOUR
TRUE POWER
LEVELS.

INITIATING TRI-FOLD
SCAN OF SUBJECT.

PLEASE DO NOT FIGHT THIS SCAN, GALATEA FUTURE.

THIS IS FOR THE GOOD OF THE OMNIVERSE.

UNNH! I... WOULDN'T... HAVE... FOUGHT... IF... YOU... ASKED FIRST!

ALERT! NEW DATA RECEIVED!

CLARIFY DATA.

THAT CANNOT BE POSSIBLE!

IS SHE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO SUPPRESS EVEN A TRI-FOLD SCAN?

TRI-FOLD SCAN REVEALS THAT SUBJECT'S POWER LEVELS ARE NO LONGER CLASSIFIED AS NIGH-OMEGA.

PHYSICAL ABILITIES HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO LEVEL 2. INTELLIGENCE LEVEL DOWNGRADED FROM ULTRA-GENIUS TO GENIUS.

THERE IS A SIXTY-THREE PERCENT PROBABILITY THAT AN OMEGA-LEVEL BEING COULD CONCEAL THEIR TRUE POWER LEVEL IN A TRI-FOLD SCAN.

HOWEVER, THE SUBJECT WAS CLASSIFIED AS NIGH-OMEGA. PROBABILITY OF CONCEALMENT IS TWENTY-TWO PERCENT.

YEAH, YOU KEEP ON TALKING TO YOUR COMPUTER.

BUT THERE'S A REASON WHY I HAVE A BELT WITH POUCHES, AND IT'S NOT JUST TO HOLD CHANGE.

PROPHET, WHAT ARE THE PROBABILITIES OF HER ADVANCING FROM NIGH-OMEGA TO OMEGA IN THE TRANSITION?

THE PROBABILITIES OF SUCH A TRANSFORMATION ARE TWENTY-...

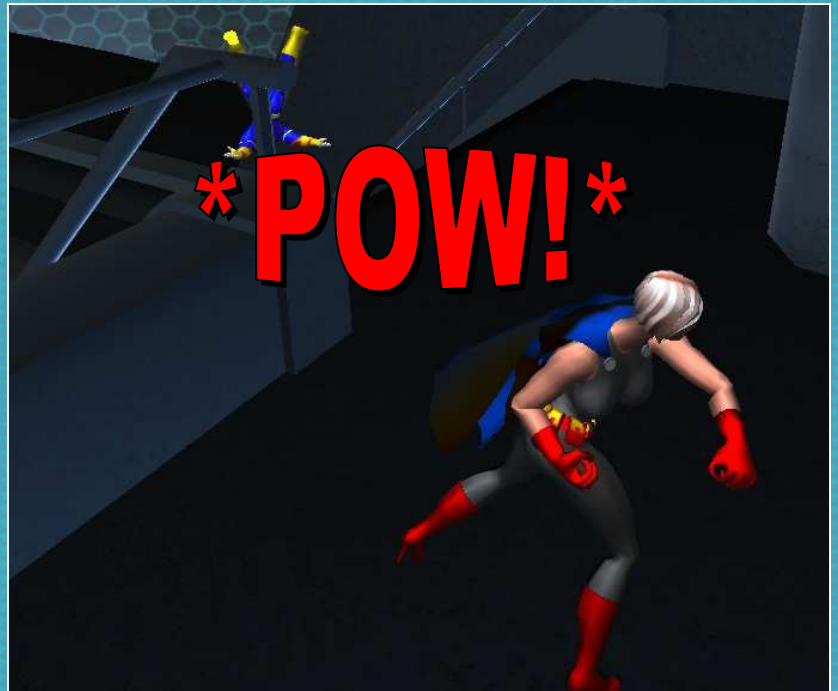
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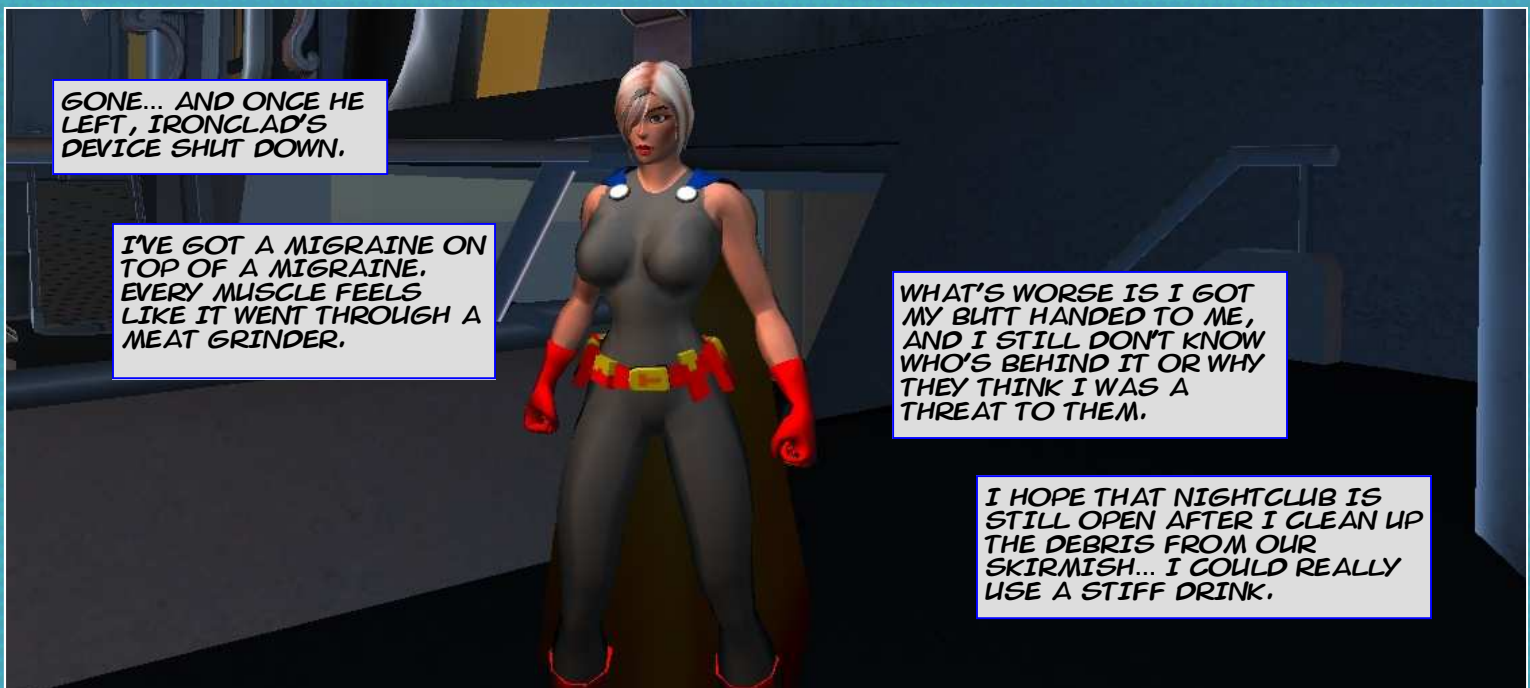
OH, I'M SORRY... DID I BREAK YOUR CONNECTION?

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH A FEW TOYS ON THEM.

THIS ONE WAS A GIFT FROM IRONCLAD, BASED OFF THE QILARR TECHNOLOGY TAKEN FROM THEIR LAST INVASION. IT CREATES A SMALL ENERGY BARRIER AROUND THE AREA.



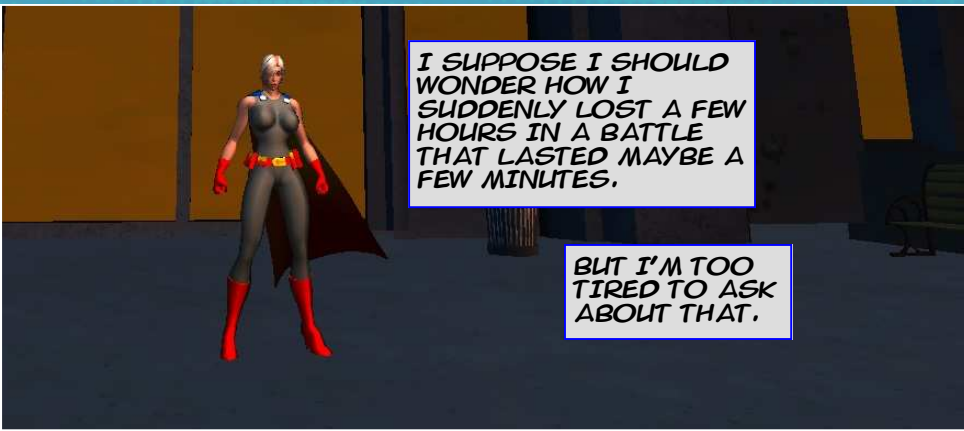






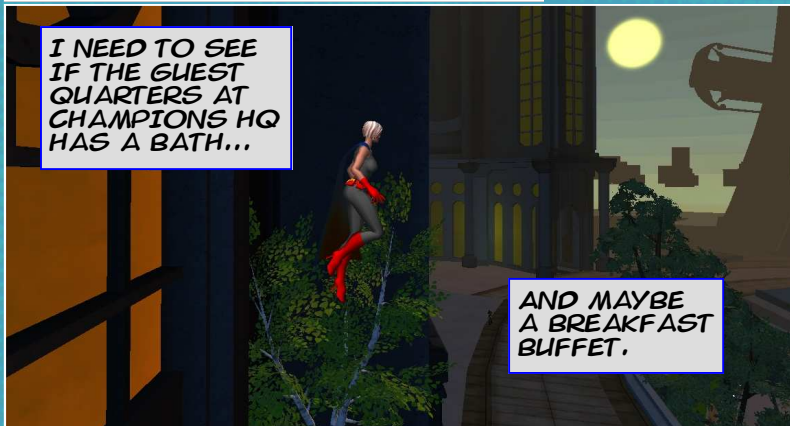
JUST MY LUCK...

IT'S MORNING.



I SUPPOSE I SHOULD WONDER HOW I SUDDENLY LOST A FEW HOURS IN A BATTLE THAT LASTED MAYBE A FEW MINUTES.

BUT I'M TOO TIRED TO ASK ABOUT THAT.



I NEED TO SEE IF THE GUEST QUARTERS AT CHAMPIONS HQ HAS A BATH...

AND MAYBE A BREAKFAST BUFFET.



BED, BATH, BREAKFAST...

WHICH DO I DO FIRST?



SUBJECT DID NOT DETECT YOUR PRESENCE.



GOOD, THERE WAS NO NEED FOR FURTHER VIOLENCE.

IT IS TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR REPORT.



AGENT SIDESTEP, READY TO PROVIDE THE FINAL ASSESSMENT ON SUBJECT DESIGNATED "GALATEA FUTURE".

PROCEED.

SUBJECT:
"GALATEA FUTURE".

PREVIOUS DESIGNATION:
NIGH-OMEGA A-LEVEL
MULTIVERSE-CAPABLE
TIME OPERATIVE.

AFTER FURTHER EVALUATION AND TRI-LEVEL SCANNING BY PROPHET SYSTEM, I CONCUR WITH ITS INITIAL ASSESSMENT THAT THE SUBJECT IS NO LONGER THE NIGH-OMEGA A-LEVEL BEING SHE PREVIOUSLY WAS.

MY RECOMMENDATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT SHE BE RE-CLASSIFIED AS SUB-ALPHA. FURTHER, SINCE THIS UNIVERSE HAS SOME DIMENSIONAL ACTIVITY, THAT WE MONITOR SAID USE TO ENSURE MULTIVERSE TRANSITION DOES NOT OCCUR.





Medical Journal Entry
Subject: Galatea
Report by: Silverback, PhD.

After an initial discussion was made with patient Galatea concerning the results of our analysis of her DNA, I felt strangely compelled to re-examine those results.

Physically, Galatea appears to be in her mid-thirties. This has been backed up by normal carbon-date testing.



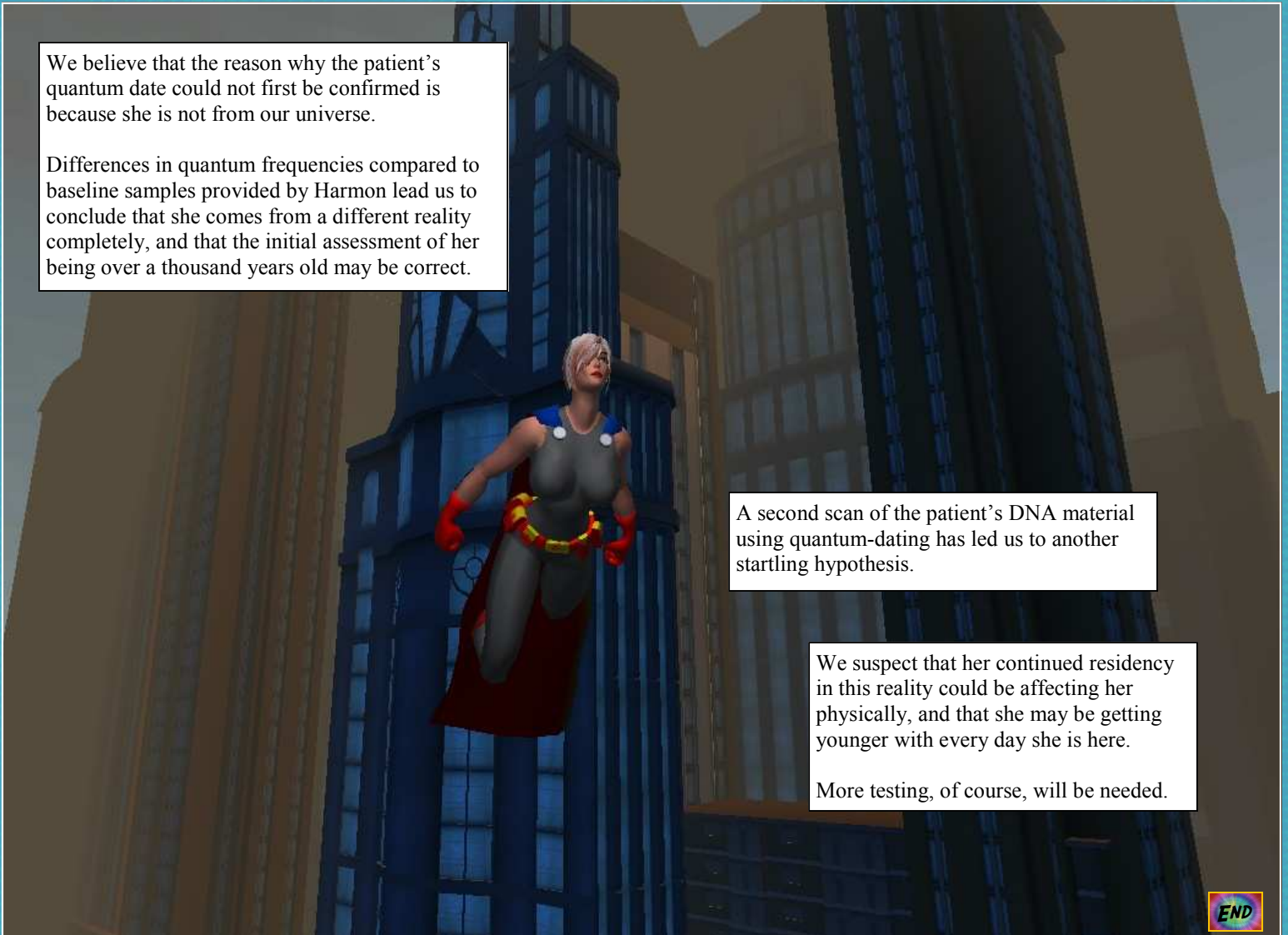
However, using our newer quantum scanning system, we could not give a precise age for Galatea.

We initially believed that this was due to the newness of our technology. Quantum dating was only made available to medical applications within this year.

But in consulting with the technical experts in Harmon Industries, using the strictest of security measures to protect the identity of the patient, we've made a startling discovery about the instability of our initial results.

We believe that the reason why the patient's quantum date could not first be confirmed is because she is not from our universe.

Differences in quantum frequencies compared to baseline samples provided by Harmon lead us to conclude that she comes from a different reality completely, and that the initial assessment of her being over a thousand years old may be correct.



A second scan of the patient's DNA material using quantum-dating has led us to another startling hypothesis.

We suspect that her continued residency in this reality could be affecting her physically, and that she may be getting younger with every day she is here.

More testing, of course, will be needed.



Lost -n- Found

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

Of Dimensions, Multiverses, and the Omniverse

As a writer of fiction and science-fiction, one of the things that I learned from other writers is that when you're "inventing your world", you have to do more than just create the settings and the characters. You literally have to invent a whole universe, as well as invent the rules by which that universe operates.

For instance, if you're writing a fantasy story involving swords-and-sorcery, you have to set down what is and is not allowed. How does magic work in this world? Can it be used freely, or is there some sort of equivalent exchange required? Do you need to write down spells, speak incantations, combine a grocery list of ingredients, shed blood, or even make a human sacrifice?

Same thing with technology. How advanced is the world that you're creating? Are you able to split the atom? The quantum particle? Are you able to travel to other worlds? And if so, how do you do it?

With hero stories, you have to ask how people get their abilities. Are they born with them? Are they given their powers through science and technology? Are they aliens or even alien-hybrids? And how do those powers work?

These are all things that come up in setting the stage for your story that the reader will probably not know about unless you actually mention it.

In hero-based MMO worlds, such as Champions Online, there's pretty much an open playing field in terms of origins and natures of powers. You can have magic, mutations, ultra-tech, and even retro-tech all in the same setting, which is great because it stokes the imagination of the MMO player in creating their characters.

With that in mind, though, one of the things that has only recently come up in Champions Online (*and has been a mainstay in certain other MMO worlds*) is the idea of alternate universes. And with that subject comes some confusion about what constitutes an "alternate reality" and an "alternate universe" and even an "alternate dimension".

First, let's separate between "dimensions" and "universes".

A "**dimension**" can be defined as a parameter within a universe. For instance, the first five dimensions that many of us are familiar with are length, width, depth, time, and space. Most of us know the first three, which is how we get concepts like "3-D". In theory, there can even be more than those five dimensions, although those others we'd have to imagine .

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But when we talk about “alternate dimensions”, we are not really talking about different parameters, but rather we are talking about alternate **universes**, sometimes with different parameters.

Having more than one universe, even when one of them has wildly different dimensional parameters to them, means that you have a “**multiverse**”. Here you could have similar worlds with characters that are evil instead of good, or worlds where certain historical events never happened, or even realities where certain rules don’t work the same, like gravity.

But having those multiple universes and the means to travel to and from them, even for just one rare instance, presupposes that there is a larger “master universe” that connects them all and makes that transition possible. This “master universe” from which all other universes exist inside can be called an **Omniverse**.

Once you accept the idea of multiple universes (even if you call them “alternate dimensions” or “alternate realities”) and then the idea of an Omniverse linking them all together, that lead one to ask... what else is there in that Omniverse? And what does it mean to represent the whole Omniverse?

This series is not the first, nor will it be the last, to transition certain characters over from other universes to the Champions Universe. But this series certainly opens the door to ask... is there anything else in the Omniverse besides other universes?

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