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FUTURE'S GUARDIAN

"THE CRUCIBLE CRUSADE"

- A CHAMPIONS ONLINE STORY BY DAVID 2

AS GALATEA FUTURE CEMENTS HER POSITION IN MILLENNIUM CITY AS A HERO PUBLICLY AND SECRETLY AS A BEST-SELLING FICTION/ROMANCE WRITER, ANOTHER FIGURE HAS BEEN MAKING A NAME FOR HIMSELF THROUGH THE FIRES OF CONTROVERSY.

THE NATIONALIST HAS BEEN LINKED TO SEVERAL MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSIONS THAT HAVE KILLED DOZENS OF PEOPLE. BUT IS HE SIMPLY A "CRUSADING VIGILANTE" AS SOME CLAIM HIM TO BE, OR IS HE A DOMESTIC TERRORIST WITH A DESTRUCTIVE POLITICAL AGENDA?

AND WITH "HERO AGENT" MARKMAN GOLD NOW ASSISTING HIM, THAT LINE GETS BLURRED EVEN FURTHER.

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"IT'S MORNING AGAIN
IN MILLENNIUM CITY!"

"ONCE AGAIN THE STREETS
ARE A LITTLE SAFER..."

"CHILDREN CAN PLAY IN THE PARKS..."

"... AND PEOPLE CAN GO ABOUT THEIR
BUSINESS WITHOUT LOOKING OVER
THEIR SHOULDERS IN FEAR."

"IT'S A MORNING THAT MILLENNIUM
CITY HAS NOT HAD IN A LONG TIME."

"AND ALL OF IT THANKS TO
BRAVE HEROES LIKE..."

THE NATIONALIST!

**THE
NATIONALIST**

"PAID FOR BY THE BEAR-IN-
THE-WOODS COMMITTEE
FOR BRIGHTER MORNINGS
IN MILLENNIUM CITY."

"WELCOME BACK TO 'GOOD MORNING MILLENNIUM CITY'!"

Good Morning MILLENNIUM CITY

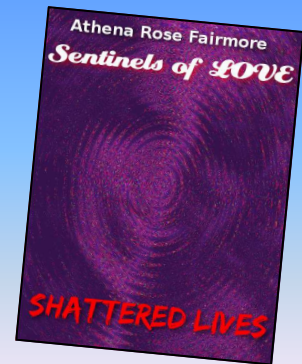
"ONCE AGAIN, HERE'S YOUR HOST, VICTORIA CROWNSTONE..."



AND WELCOME BACK...

WE'RE CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSION WITH ATHENA ROSE FAIRMORE ABOUT HER LATEST STORY IN THE EVER-POPULAR 'SENTINELS OF LOVE' SERIES...

"... 'SHATTERED LIVES', WHICH WILL HIT THE BOOKSTANDS NEXT WEEK."



WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF HEROES, THOUGH, I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU COULD SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT SOME OF THE HEROES WE HAVE IN THE HERE AND NOW.

 **VICTORIA CROWNSTONE**
WCOC ANCHORWOMAN

OH, SURE, NOT A PROBLEM. I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF TALKING WITH SEVERAL HEROES WHEN I COME UP WITH BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR MY SERIES.

 **ATHENA ROSE FAIRMORE**
AKA: GALATEA FUTURE

WELL YOU'VE SAID BEFORE THAT BLACK MASK IS YOUR PERSONAL FAVORITE HERO... IS SHE STILL ON THE TOP OF YOUR LIST OR IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE NOW?

NO, SHE'S STILL AT THE TOP OF MY PERSONAL LIST.

JUST THE IDEA OF A FEMALE CARRYING ON THE FAMILY TRADITION AS A LEGACY HERO REALLY HITS HOME FOR ME.

HOW ABOUT SOME OF THE MORE RECENT HEROES IN MILLENNIUM CITY? THE NATIONALIST HAS BEEN MAKING NEWS THESE PAST FEW WEEKS.

I WAS WONDERING WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF SOME OF HIS CONTROVERSIAL POSITIONS WHEN IT COMES TO CLEANING UP THIS CITY?

FIRST OF ALL, I AGREE WITH MAYOR BISELLE'S ORIGINAL STATEMENT ABOUT THE NATIONALIST.*

HEROES ARE DEFINED BY THEIR ACTIONS, AND THE ACTIONS OF THIS "NATIONALIST" ARE SADLY LACKING.

(* LAST ISSUE)

BUT NOBODY HAS BEEN ABLE TO CONNECT THE NATIONALIST TO THE TRAGEDIES. HE'S SIMPLY SPEAKING HIS MIND.

ISN'T HE ENTITLED TO DO THAT IN A FREE SOCIETY?

WOW! WHERE IS SHE GETTING THIS FROM?

IT'S ONE THING TO SPEAK YOUR MIND.

IT'S ANOTHER TO BE STANDING OVER A BURNING BUILDING AND GLOATING THAT IT'S ON FIRE AND NOT BOTHERING TO HELP THE PEOPLE INSIDE.

YES BUT, IN A WAY, ISN'T THAT WHAT NIGHTHAWK DOES?

HOW DO HIS ACTIONS DIFFER FROM THOSE OF THE NATIONALIST?

SHE'S NORMALLY NOT THIS MUCH OF AN APOLOGIST. THIS GOES BEYOND PLAYING DEVIL'S ADVOCATE.

RIGHT OFF THE BAT I'D HAVE TO SAY THAT NIGHTHAWK DOESN'T STAND THERE AND GLOAT ABOUT A TRAGEDY AND THEN TRIES TO WIPE HIS HANDS CLEAN OF IT.

TIME TO USE MY HYPER-HEARING TO LISTEN IN ON WHAT SHE'S BEING TOLD ON HER EARPiece.

OKAY VICTORIA, SHE'S GOT YOU BEAT ON THIS.

WRAP IT UP AND WE'LL GO TO BREAK EARLY.

AH-HA! FIGURES, SHE'S BEING PRODDED FROM THE PRODUCER!

I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO DISAGREE ON THAT PARTICULAR SUBJECT...

ATHENA ROSE FAIRMORE'S BOOK "SENTINELS OF LOVE: SHATTERED LIVES" WILL BE ON BOOKSHELVES NEXT TUESDAY.

ATHENA, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING ON THE SHOW.

WHEN WE COME BACK, SALLY SPARKLE WILL BE JOINING US FROM HOLLYWOOD TO GET THE LATEST ON THE NEW SAPPHIRE MOVIE.

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

YOU WERE REALLY GREAT,
MISS FAIRMORE.
I'M JUST SORRY YOU
HAD TO DEAL WITH THAT
NATIONALIST STUFF.

IT'S OKAY NIKKI. I'M
JUST GLAD SHE DIDN'T
GET TOO MUCH INTO
THE SUBJECT.

YEAH, WELL, JUST
BETWEEN YOU AND
ME, THEY'RE ALL
GETTING PRESSURE
FROM UP TOP TO
PAINT THE
NATIONALIST AS,
LIKE, THE NEW
NIGHTHAWK.

THAT'S CRAZY!
I MEAN, NIGHTHAWK
NEVER GOT THIS MUCH
MEDIA EXPOSURE
EVEN WHEN HE WAS
BEING FRAMED!*

* DURING THE IN-GAME
"NIGHTHAWK EVENT"

I KNOW!
LISTEN, THE NEWS
DIRECTOR'S SCREAMING
AT ME ON THE HEADSET
TO GET READY.
YOU STILL HAVE MY
ADDRESS, RIGHT?

YEAH, I'LL SEND YOU A
PERSONALIZED COPY
FOR BOTH YOU AND
YOUR SISTER.
IT'S GOOD TALKING
WITH YOU AGAIN, AND
GIVE TERRY MY BEST!

ON AIR

THAT WAS CERTAINLY
ONE OF THE STRANGEST
INTERVIEWS I'VE DONE.

I SHOULD
PROBABLY LET
MRS. CARLISLE
KNOW SO SHE
CAN TRY TO
PREVENT
ANOTHER ONE
OF THOSE...

OH
GOD
NO!

MARKMAN GOLD!
THE S.O.B. THAT TRIED
TO OWN ME IS HERE!

BUT WHY?
WHY IS HE
HERE NOW?

IS HE TRYING
TO DISCREDIT
MY BOOK?

DESTROY ME
LIKE HE TRIED
TO DESTROY
MY HERO
CAREER?

 **MARKMAN GOLD**
AGENT TO THE SUPER-LEGENDS

(FROM "THE LOST ADVENTURES OF GALATEA
FUTURE" #4 AND ALSO "FUTURE'S GUARDIAN" #1,
BOTH AVAILABLE THROUGH BATTLEROCK COMICS.)

WHOA... CALM
YOURSELF
GALATEA...

YOU'RE NOT
GALATEA
FUTURE
RIGHT NOW...

YOU ARE
ATHENA ROSE
FAIRMORE.

GOLD HAS
NEVER MET
YOU!

JUST KEEP
WALKING
NORMALLY.

AS FAR AS YOU
ARE CONCERNED,
YOU DON'T KNOW
WHO HE IS OR
THAT HE EVEN...

MISS FAIRMORE!

EXCUSE ME
GENTLEMEN, I'LL
BE RIGHT BACK.

... NOTICES
YOU.

D@MNIT!

JUST REMEMBER THAT
HE DOES NOT KNOW
THAT YOU ARE
GALATEA FUTURE.

YOU'RE JUST A
FICTION WRITER.

YOU'VE NEVER
MET HIM
BEFORE NOW!

YES?

MY NAME IS
MARKMAN GOLD OF
THE GOLD STANDARD
AGENCY... I'M SURE
YOU'VE GOT A BUSY
SCHEDULE BUT IF I
COULD JUST HAVE A
FEW MINUTES OF
YOUR TIME.



SURE. I THINK I'VE
HEARD YOUR NAME A
FEW TIMES BEFORE...
AREN'T YOU A...
"HERO-PUBLICIST"?



HERO-AGENT,
ACTUALLY, ALTHOUGH
PUBLICITY IS A KEY
PART OF THE JOB.
I MUST SAY THAT I
REALLY AM A FAN OF
YOUR BOOK SERIES.

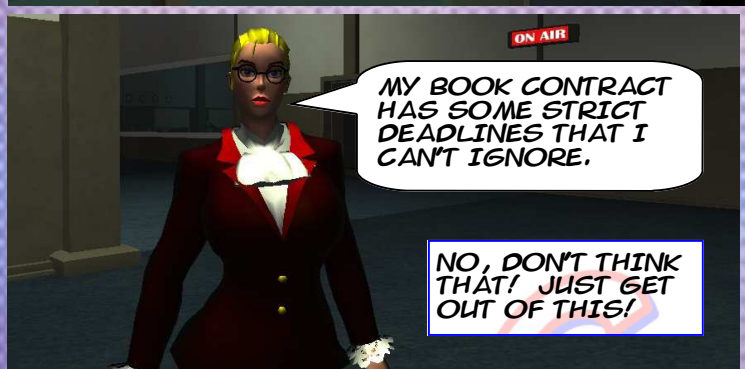
OH GOD I
WANT TO PUKE!



GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF DEDICATION
YOU PUT INTO RESEARCH FOR YOUR
BOOKS, AND YOUR... CREATIVE
IMAGINATION... I WAS HOPING I
COULD CONVINCE YOU TO WORK WITH
MY AGENCY AS A CONSULTANT FOR
SOME OF THE MORE CHALLENGING
HERO CLIENTS THAT I HAVE.

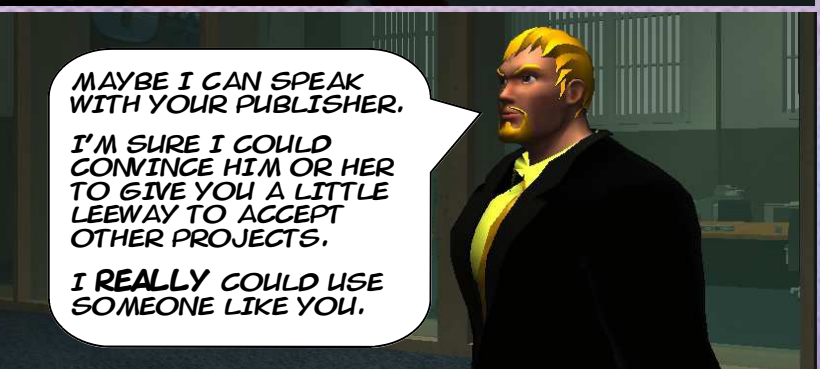
UMMM... I DON'T KNOW...
MY WORK SCHEDULE
IS PRETTY HECTIC AS
IT IS.

WOULD I HYPER-PUKE?
MAYBE IT WOULD
KNOCK HIM INTO THE
NEXT ROOM?



MY BOOK CONTRACT
HAS SOME STRICT
DEADLINES THAT I
CAN'T IGNORE.

NO, DON'T THINK
THAT! JUST GET
OUT OF THIS!



MAYBE I CAN SPEAK
WITH YOUR PUBLISHER.

I'M SURE I COULD
CONVINCE HIM OR HER
TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE
LEEWAY TO ACCEPT
OTHER PROJECTS.

I REALLY COULD USE
SOMEONE LIKE YOU.



I'M SORRY, BUT
I HAVE ANOTHER
INTERVIEW TO
GO TO...

I'LL... THINK
ABOUT YOUR
OFFER.



I SINCERELY
HOPE YOU WILL.
I'LL BE IN
TOUCH.



UGH!

JUST WALK.
DON'T LOOK
BACK.

I'M GOING TO
NEED A SHOWER.

CITY CENTER - MILLENNIUM CITY, MI





SKREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE





WELL AS YOU CAN SEE
THIS IS A PERFECTLY
SECLUDED LITTLE
PARK. NO WITCHES
HERE, AND CERTAINLY
NO SATANISTS.

MAYBE YOU WERE
THINKING OF THE
GREAT BEAST
BOOKSTORE? IT'S
JUST A FEW BLOCKS UP
THE STR--

DO NOT PLAY TRICKS
ON ME, HARLOT!

I WILL NOT BE LIED TO
BY... BY SATANISTS
DRESSED UP... LIKE...
LIKE... PROSTITUTES!



SIR, I AM TRYING TO
TREAT YOU WITH THE
RESPECT THAT YOU
DESERVE.

I WOULD ONLY ASK
THAT YOU DO THE
SAME FOR ME.



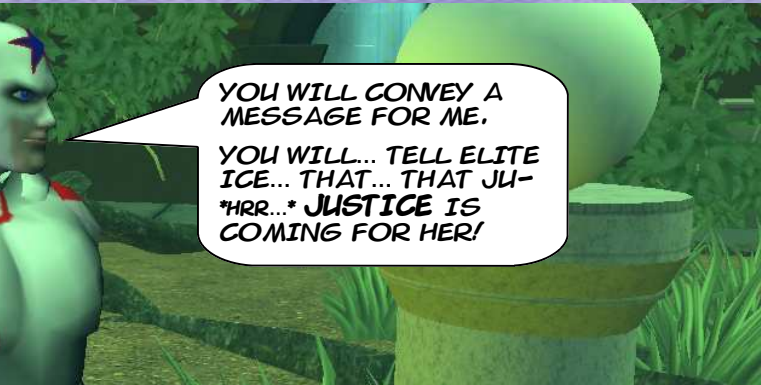
"DESERVES?" "FEH!"

THIS PLACE **DESERVES**
TO BE CLEANSED BY
THE FIRES OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS!



IT... IT DES-
IT DESERVES TO BE...

HRRRRR...



YOU WILL CONVEY A
MESSAGE FOR ME.
YOU WILL... TELL ELITE
ICE... THAT... THAT JU-
HRR... **JUSTICE IS**
COMING FOR HER!



AND LATER...
FOR YOU!



STUPID LITTLE SELF-
RIGHTEOUS MUGGLE,
THINKS HE CAN BULLY ME
INSIDE A MYSTIC FIELD!

I HOPE ELITE KICKS
HIS SORRY @SS BACK
TO WHATEVER MILITIA
ROCK THAT HE
CRAWLED OUT OF!

WELL I CAME
HERE FROM
WASHINGTON TO
SET THE RECORD
STRAIGHT.

8 WCOC THE NATIONALIST: TERRORIST OR VIGILANTE?

YOUR MAYOR SEEMS
TO OPERATE ON THE
ASSUMPTION THAT
ONLY **HIS** CITY CAN
DECIDE WHO IS AND
IS NOT A HERO IN
THIS COUNTRY.

8 WCOC REPRESENTATIVE SHELLY STUCKBUTT (R - WI)

APPARENTLY HIS
ELITE IVY-LEAGUE
EDUCATION DID NOT
INCLUDE
GEOGRAPHY,
BECAUSE THERE ARE
FIFTY STATES IN
THIS GREAT
COUNTRY OF OURS.

8 WCOC REPRESENTATIVE SHELLY STICKBUTT (R-WI)

AND I AM **PROUD**
TO SAY THAT **MY**
HOME STATE OF
WISCONSIN SEES
THE NATIONALIST
FOR THE **GREAT**
AMERICAN THAT HE
IS AND GAVE HIM A
HERO PERMIT.

8 WCOC NATIONALIST - WISCONSIN-APPROVED HERO

AND ACCORDING
TO THE PRIMUS
LAWS AND OUR
BLESSED U.S.
CONSTITUTION,
THAT MEANS HE
IS A HERO IN
THIS CITY AND
ANY OTHER IN
THIS COUNTRY.

8 WCOC REPRESENTATIVE SHELLY STICKBUTT (R-WI)

NOW I HAVE TRIED
TO MEET WITH YOUR
MAYOR TO **EDUCATE**
HIM ON THIS, BUT
APPARENTLY HE
DOESN'T THINK THAT
A CONSERVATIVE
MEMBER OF
CONGRESS IS
WORTH HIS TIME.

8 WCOC REP. STICKBUTT - NATIONALIST A NATIONAL HERO

WELL IT'S HIGH TIME THAT
MAYOR BISELLE APOLOGIZE TO
THE NATIONALIST AND TO THE
SILENT MAJORITY THAT LOOKS
UP TO THE NATIONALIST AS THE
HERO THIS CITY SORELY NEEDS.

MAYBE THE MAYOR CAN IGNORE A
HUMBLE MEMBER OF CONGRESS
LIKE MYSELF, BUT HE CANNOT
IGNORE HIS OWN VOTERS, WHOM
I THINK HAVE KEPT HIM IN OFFICE
JUST A LITTLE TOO LONG.

I AM CALLING ON THE
SILENT MAJORITY IN
MILLENNIUM CITY TO BE
SILENT NO MORE... TO RAISE
YOUR VOICES IN PROTEST
AND **DEMAND** MAYOR
BISELLE APOLOGIZE FOR
THE NATIONALIST AND FOR
OUR BLESSED WAY OF LIFE!

8 WCOC CONGRESSWOMAN DEMANDS APOLOGY FROM MAYOR FOR COMMENTS





We Join These Two Heroes...

IN UTTER TORMENT!

Athena Rose Fairmore
Sentinels of LOVE

"Your heart will be
broken three times
over before you set
this book down!"
- Hero Reader Today

"You keep
wondering what
secret will be
revealed next when
you turn the page!"
- Books 102

"Archer and Psyche
are tested in ways
no hero should
ever be tested."
- Harpy Books

"Athena Rose Fairmore
has set the bar once
again for hero fiction."
- Cape And Cowl
Magazine

SHATTERED LIVES

The latest chapter in the "Sentinels of Love" series by Athena Rose Fairmore.
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LET'S FACE IT... IT'S NOT EASY TO KEEP WORKING HARD!

WHETHER YOU'RE HUMAN OR SUPERHUMAN, WORKING LONG HOURS DAY AND NIGHT CAN TAKE A TOLL ON YOU PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY. COFFEE? SODA? ENERGY DRINKS? THOSE ONLY LAST FOR A SHORT TIME. AND ANYTHING HARDER CAN BECOME ADDICTIVE, NOT TO MENTION EXPENSIVE AND POSSIBLY EVEN ILLEGAL!

WAKE-EZ IS A NON-HABITUAL SAFE WAY TO STAY AWAKE AND ALERT FOR THOSE LONG HOURS. USING ALL-NATURAL INGREDIENTS, WAKE-EZ STIMULATES THE BRAIN WITHOUT CAFFEINE OR EXPENSIVE PROSCRIPTION DRUGS SO YOU CAN WORK THAT LATE SHIFT, STAY UP ALL NIGHT, AND STILL BE ABLE TO KEEP YOUR MIND IN THE GAME!

ONE WAKE-EZ TABLE WILL KEEP YOU GOING LONGER THAN TEN CUPS OF COFFEE, AND IT WON'T BREAK THE BANK!

Stay In The Game with Wake-EZ!

DO NOT USE IN LIEU OF SLEEP. DO NOT USE TO STAY AWAKE LONGER THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. DO NOT USE WHILE ENGAGING IN BRAIN SURGERY. CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR IF YOU EXPERIENCE HALLUCINATIONS. THIS IS NOT AN ACTUAL PRODUCT. THIS IS NOT A REAL AD. ANY RESEMBLANCE IN NAME OR APPEARANCE IS COINCIDENTAL. DO NOT CONSULT AN ATTORNEY. SIMPLY GET A GRIP AND REALIZE THIS IS FICTION.

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HELL OF A
VIEW, ISN'T
IT?

YEAH...

 **STARLETT**
STREET VIGILANTE

WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED HERE,
I USED TO STAND ATOP THE
ROOFTOPS JUST AS THE SUN
WOULD COME UP AND HEAR
THE CITY WAKE UP.

IT'S BEAUTIFUL AS THE SUN
COMES UP AND PEOPLE START
THEIR DAY. NO HASSLES. NO
DISASTERS. JUST A HALF-
HOUR OR SO OF BLISS.

 **GALATEA FUTURE**
OTHERWORLD GUARDIAN

I'VE COME TO
APPRECIATE THE
LITTLE THINGS LIKE
THAT, EVEN WHEN
THINGS SEEM
REALLY CHAOTIC.

I WISH I COULD SAY
I HAD SOMETHING
LIKE THIS OVER IN
WESTSIDE.

UNTIL JUST A FEW
MONTHS AGO I WAS
SLEEPING IN A GYM.

BREAKFAST FOR ME WAS
WHATEVER WAS LEFTOVER
FROM YESTERDAY'S
SNACK TRAY WITH SOME
FREE COFFEE.

IF I WAS LUCKY, MY
MORNING VIEW DIDN'T
INCLUDE A DRUNK
PEEING IN THE ALLEY.

THAT'S WHY I'M THANKFUL YOU AND
RONIN OMEGA HAVE BEEN SO
GENEROUS WITH ME.

THE NEW OUTFIT, THE TRAINING...

CHUCKLE YOU KNOW, HE MAY BE A
PAIN IN THE @SS, BUT HE'S REALLY
HELPED ME UP MY GAME.

RONIN TOLD ME THAT HE'S
WORKED WITH YOU BEFORE,
BUT HE'S NEVER REALLY
SAID WHERE OR WHEN.



UM... YEAH.
IT'S JUST...
FOR ME IT'S
ALMOST LIKE IT
WAS A THOUSAND
YEARS AGO.*

(* NO, REALLY,
IT WAS. SEE
LAST ISSUE.)*



I CAN RELATE.
WHEN I LIVED IN
HOLLYWOOD, I DID
THINGS JUST TO
PAY THE BILLS...

THINGS THAT I WISH
HAPPENED A
THOUSAND YEARS
AGO JUST SO PEOPLE
WOULD FORGET THAT I
DID THEM.



BUT... THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
LETTING ME COME OUT ON
PATROL WITH YOU.

WITH RONIN AWAY LOOKING
INTO... WHATEVER HE'S LOOKING
INTO... IT WAS GOOD TO GET
OUT OF THE LOFT FOR A BIT.

BELIEVE ME, IT'S MY
PLEASURE. IT GIVES ME
A CHANCE TO GET TO
KNOW YOU MORE AFTER
WHAT HAPPENED WITH
"MISTER BLUE".*

BEEP
INCOMING
MESSAGE.

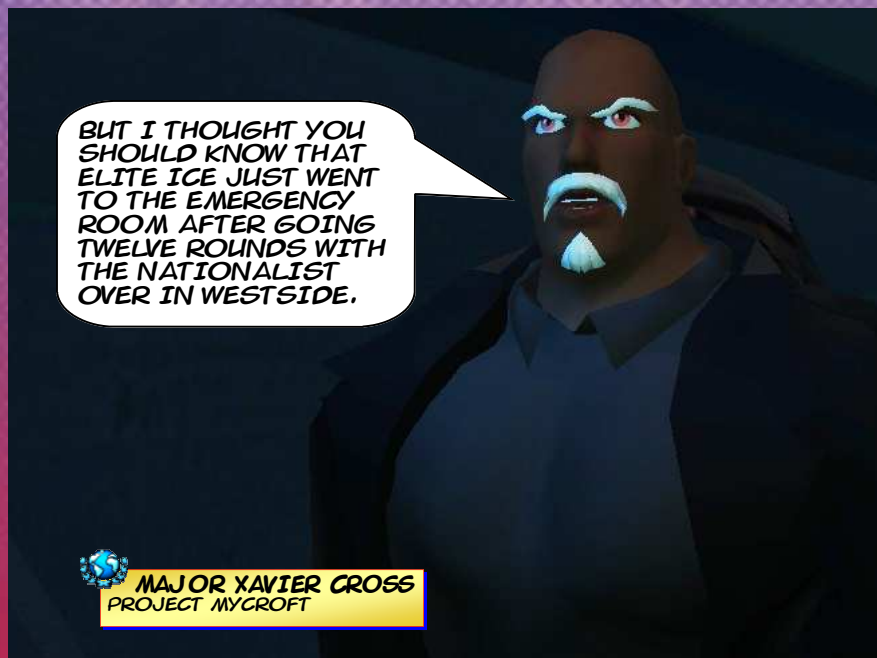
(* SEE ISSUE #4)*



THIS IS GALATEA
FUTURE RESPONDING
TO PAGE.

GALATEA, THIS IS
MAJOR CROSS OVER AT
U.N.T.I.L. COMMAND*.
HATE TO INTERRUPT YOUR
HERO-BONDING MOMENT
WITH STARLETT...

(* UNITED NATIONS TRIBUNAL ON
INTERNATIONAL LAW, THE WORLD'S HIGHEST
AUTHORITY ON SUPERHUMAN MATTERS)*



BUT I THOUGHT YOU
SHOULD KNOW THAT
ELITE ICE JUST WENT
TO THE EMERGENCY
ROOM AFTER GOING
TWELVE ROUNDS WITH
THE NATIONALIST
OVER IN WESTSIDE.



MAJOR XAVIER CROSS
PROJECT MYCROFT



WHERE IS
HE NOW?



NOW, I'M TOLD THERE WAS AN ALTERCATION BETWEEN YOU AND ANOTHER HERO EARLIER TODAY. CAN YOU ELABORATE MORE ON THAT?

SIGH I SUPPOSE I MUST AT SOME POINT.

A YOUNG WOMAN WHO CALLS HERSELF "ELITE ICE" HAD A DIFFERENCE OF OPINIONS OVER HER LIFESTYLE CHOICES AND THAT SADLY ESCALATED.

8 WCOC JULIE MORGAN INTERVIEWS THE NATIONALIST - WESTSIDE



AS WITH THE VAST AND SILENT MAJORITY OUT THERE, I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE PERSECUTED BY NARROW-MINDED HATERS FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE.



I AM THANKFUL, HOWEVER, IN THAT I WAS BLESSED WITH THE POWER TO DEFEND MYSELF AGAINST SUCH UNPROVOKED ATTACKS ON OUR WAY OF LIFE.

8 WCOC THE NATIONALIST CLAIMS BEING VICTIM OF CRUEL "HATER" ATTACK

8 WCOC THE NATIONALIST - CRUSADING CONSERVATIVE



WAIT, ARE YOU SAYING THAT ELITE ICE **INSTIGATED** THE FIGHT AND THAT YOU WERE SIMPLY "DEFENDING YOURSELF"?

I DON'T WANT TO MAKE DISPARAGING REMARKS ABOUT THE YOUNG WOMAN, NO MATTER HOW WRONG HER LIFESTYLE CHOICES ARE IN EMBRACING SATANISM, BUT IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY EXPERIENCE THAT SUCH HOSTILE MINDS HAVE BEEN THE INSTIGATORS OF SUCH--



HOW DARE YOU!?!

KEEP IT ROLLING! DON'T CLIT AWAY! STAY ON THIS!

SOMEONE GET THE BIG MIC! I DON'T WANT TO MISS A WORD OF WHAT THEY SAY!

JULIE, YOU STAY
ON THAT FIGHT!
KEEP THE CAMERA
ON THEM NO
MATTER WHAT!

IT'S BAD ENOUGH
THAT YOU HAD TO
PICK A FIGHT
WITH ANOTHER
HERO AND PUT HER
IN THE EMERGENCY
ROOM...

BUT I WILL NOT
ALLOW YOU TO
STAND THERE AND
SLANDER HER ON
LIVE TELEVISION!

ELITE ICE IS A FRIEND
AND COLLEAGUE, AND I
HAVE SEEN HER DO MORE
FOR THIS CITY IN THE
PAST WEEK THAN WHAT
YOU'VE DONE SINCE
YOU'VE BEEN HERE!

OBSOLETELY YOU HAVE
BEEN MISINFORMED
OF WHAT TRANSPIRED.
WITCHES CANNOT BE
TRUSTED TO TELL THE
TRUTH.

AND WAS A BOOKSTORE OWNER
NAMED ALICIA BLACKMUN
LYING WHEN SHE SAID YOU
CALLED HER A HARLOT AND
THREATENED TO BURN DOWN A
DOWNTOWN PARK WHEN YOU
COULDN'T FIND ELITE ICE?

SHE'S ALREADY FILED A
COMPLAINT WITH THE POLICE
ABOUT YOUR CONDUCT!

LIBERALS ARE ALWAYS
LYING AND INVENTING
THINGS TO PERSECUTE
TRUE CONSERVATIVES
LIKE MYSELF.

THEY ALL LIE. THAT'S
ALL THAT THEY KNOW!

GALATEA,
DON'T DO
THIS.

THIS IS HIS
GAME YOU'RE
PLAYING.

OH GO RIGHT AHEAD,
MISS FUTURE...

MAKE AN EXAMPLE
OUT OF ME!

SHOW THE LIVE
VIEWING AUDIENCE
THAT I'M RIGHT ABOUT
BEING PERSECUTED!



GO AHEAD! LET THE WHOLE WORLD SEE THE **REAL** GALATEA FUTURE!
LET THEM SEE HOW THEIR HERO RESPONDS TO SOMEONE SPEAKING THEIR MIND IN A SUPPOSEDLY "FREE SOCIETY"!

8 WCOC BREAKING NEWS - GALATEA FUTURE VERSUS THE NATIONALIST!



SLANDER IS NOT PROTECTED IN THE FIRST AMENDMENT.



I'M JUST EXPRESSING MY OPINION.
IF THOSE LIBERALS THINK IT'S SLANDER, THEN LET THEM PROVE IT IN A COURT OF LAW!
UNTIL THEN, I'M FREE TO SAY WHAT I WANT ABOUT THEM!



CARE TO COMMENT?

COME ON, GALATEA...
YOU'VE SAID WHAT NEEDED TO BE SAID.
LET'S GO.



NOT YET.
YOU'RE RIGHT, THIS IS A FREE COUNTRY.
BUT IT'S NOT FREE FROM CONSEQUENCE.



AS OF NOW, YOU'RE ON NOTICE.

YOU THREATEN MY FRIENDS, YOU ANSWER TO ME.
YOU ATTACK MY FRIENDS, AND I WILL RESPOND IN KIND.
I WILL DEFEND THE FREEDOM OF MY FRIENDS TO EXIST IN MILLENNIUM CITY. IS THAT CLEAR?

THE ONLY THING THAT IS CLEAR IS WHERE YOU STAND WITH THE SILENT MAJORITY.
AND IT'S CLEARLY NOT WITH THEM.
I'LL LET THEM DECIDE WHAT CONSEQUENCE YOU SHOULD FACE FOR YOUR DECISION.

THE DEL GELO FAMILY SANCTUM

NO, I'M FINE.
IT LOOKED
WORSE THAN
WHAT IT REALLY
WAS.

AS SOON AS I
REALIZED HE WAS A
PYRO-KINETIC, I PUT
UP A QUICK FROST
FIELD THAT PROTECTED
ME FROM THE WORST
OF HIS ATTACKS.

HIS FIRST HIT MAY HAVE
SINGED ME A BIT, BUT
THEN HE JUST HIT ME WITH
FIREBALL AFTER FIREBALL,
AND THAT BURNED AWAY
THE OXYGEN UNDER MY
FIELD, SO I COULDN'T HELP
BUT PASS OUT.

BASIC FIRE 101. FIRE EATS
OXYGEN.

OVERLOOKING CITY CENTER

WELL, I HEAR
"EMERGENCY
ROOM" AND I
THINK THE WORST.

PLEASE! I WENT
THROUGH WORSE
WHEN WE WENT TO
PANAMA CITY ON
SPRING BREAK!

OKAY, SO THEN
WHY **DID** YOU END
UP IN THE
EMERGENCY ROOM
IF YOU WEREN'T IN
ANY DANGER?

LACK OF
OXYGEN,
SILLY!

YOU KNOW THIS ISN'T RAVENSWOOD
ANYMORE, RIGHT?

WE'RE PLAYING WITH THE GROWN-
UPS NOW, AND THESE GUYS DON'T
PLAY AROUND.

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN GO UP TO
HIM AND PERMAFROST HIS SHORTS
LIKE YOU DID TO MISTER "MIND-
PHREAK" IN OUR JUNIOR YEAR.

OH, WORD OF WARNING: HE'S NOW
TRYING TO PASS HIMSELF OFF AS
A MAGICIAN OVER IN VIBORA BAY,
OF ALL PLACES.

SO, I GUESS WE
SHOULD PLAN ON HIS
FUNERAL SOON?

PROBABLY. ALTHOUGH
BLACK MASK MAY JUST GIVE
HIM A FEW "MEMENTOS".

AND NOW MAYBE YOU CAN
TELL ME WHY YOU **REALLY**
CALLED ME?

SIGH I CAN'T GET
ANYTHING PAST YOU,
CAN I, KEIRAP?

HE BEAT ME, OKAY?

THAT KLAN-WANNABE BEAT ME
LIKE I WAS STILL A FRESHMAN
BEFORE MY POWERS MANIFESTED.
YOU KNOW ME; I DON'T LIKE
BEING BEATEN AT ANYTHING!

SO YOU KNOW THE MOTTO OF THE POWERHOUSE DUO: "DON'T STAY BEAT, GET EVEN."

OH, I REMEMBER... IN FACT I'M GOING THROUGH SOME OF MY FAMILY'S THING TO SEE IF THERE ARE SOME CHARMS THAT I CAN USE TO BOOST MY POWERS.



I HEAR A "BUT" COMING.

BUT... I COULD USE SOME HELP.



EXCUSE ME? YOU HAVE GALATEA FUTURE ON YOUR SIDE! SHE IS THE MOST KICK-@SSING HERO ON THE PLANET AND SHE JUST PUT THAT @SS ON THE LINE IN FRONT OF A LIVE TELEVISION AUDIENCE JUST TO BACK YOU UP!

I KNOW... BUT SHE'S NOT LIKE YOU. IT'S LIKE USING A NUKE WHEN ALL YOU NEED IS A GOOD SNIPER.

AND NOBODY CAN MATCH YOUR SNIPER EYES.



SO YOU'LL COME TO MILLENNIUM CITY?

ALREADY HERE, C.R. HOW DO YOU THINK I KNOW ABOUT THE TV THROWDOWN?



JUST HAVE TO MAKE SOME CALLS, AND THEN THE POWERHOUSE DUO IS BACK IN BLACK!

KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU! THANKS KEIRA!



"WELL, DOCTOR 'FEEL GOOD', YOU GET TO LIVE ANOTHER DAY TO GROPE PATIENTS AND CHEAT ON YOUR TAXES."

"I'VE GOT BIGGER FISH TO SPEAR."



I JUST HOPE MISTER VAN GLEEF WON'T MIND ME DOING A LITTLE FREELANCING FOR MY OLD SCHOOL FRIEND.



 **KEIRA FYRE**
ELEMENTAL ARCHER

WELL OF COURSE I BLAME MAYOR BISELLE AND HIS LACKADAISICAL OPEN-HERO POLICY! IT HAS CREATED AN ENVIRONMENT TO WHERE SOMEONE LIKE GALATEA FUTURE CAN DISRESPECTFULLY THREATEN A GREAT HERO LIKE THE NATIONALIST!

WHO IS SHE TO CHALLENGE THE CREDIBILITY OF THE NATIONALIST, ONE OF THE MOST DECENT AND BLESSED HEROES THIS NATION HAS EVER SEEN?

THAT'S WHAT **I** WANT TO KNOW!

8 WCOC REP. SHELLY STICKBUTT (R-WI) ON GALATEA FUTURE'S THREAT

I'VE KNOWN GALATEA FUTURE SINCE SHE ARRIVED HERE IN 2011.
I TRUST HER MORE THAN I DO THE NATIONALIST.

8 WCOC MILLENNIUM CITY POLICE CHIEF SURHOFF

I MAY NOT AGREE WITH SOME OF THE NATIONALIST'S BOASTS, BUT I CAN'T DENY THAT CRIME HAS BEEN DOWN SINCE HE ARRIVED HERE.

8 WCOC LYSSA DEAN - COLLEGE STUDENT

GUYS TRYING TO SPEAK HIS MIND, Y'KNOW?
SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE THREATENED FOR DOING THAT.

8 WCOC ANTOINE DEREZ - CONSTRUCTION WORKER

DON'T KNOW THE NATIONALIST. SEEMS TO BE ALL FLASH AND NO BANG, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT'S SLOW? THIS IS SLOW FOR ME.

8 WCOC KINETIK - FASTEST CHAMPION IN MILLENNIUM CITY

I CANNOT CONDONE MISS FUTURE'S ACTIONS, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT INVOLVES ANOTHER HERO IN GOOD STANDING.
BUT I SUPPORT HER INTENTIONS.

8 WCOC DEFENDER - LEADER OF THE CHAMPIONS

AS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS I WILL **DEMAND** A FULL HEARING ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HEROES IN MILLENNIUM CITY!

8 WCOC CONGRESSWOMAN STICKBUTT DEMANDS HEARING

THE NEXT DAY... NOT FAR
FROM CITY CENTER...

HEY APRIL...
CANDACE
SINCLAIR HERE.

JUST WANTED TO
LET YOU KNOW I'M
GOING TO BE A
LITTLE LATE TO
OUR 11AM MEETING.



CANDACE SINCLAIR
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

NO, IT'S NOTHING
THAT SERIOUS...

IT'S JUST THAT I LEFT
SOME IMPORTANT
PAPERS AT HOME AND
I'M HAVING TO GO
BACK TO GET THEM.

WELL THE GOOD PART
ABOUT LIVING NOT
FAR FROM THE OFFICE
IS THAT I CAN WALK
TO AND FROM WORK,
SO I'M GETTING MY
DAILY EXERCISE IN
AND THEN SOME.

DON'T WORRY, I WON'T
BE TOO LATE FOR OUR
MEETING.

OKAY, SEE YOU
THEN. BYE...

UM...
HELLO.

THUD!



YOU ARE CANDACE SINCLAIR...
ONE OF THE LIBERAL TRAITORS DESTROYING THIS COUNTRY.



I AM CANDACE SINCLAIR, BUT I'M NOT A "LIBERAL TRAITOR".



THE DEVIL CAN QUOTE THE BIBLE, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN HE IS NO LONGER THE DEVIL.
YOU ARE A LAWYER, THAT MAKES YOU A NATURAL THREAT TO FREE PEOPLE.



L-LOOK, WHATEVER DISAGREEMENTS YOU MAY HAVE, I'M SURE WE CAN WORK THEM OUT.
LET'S JUST GO SOMEWHERE WHERE WE--

I AM NOT HERE TO TALK AND LET YOU WEASEL YOUR WAY OUT OF YOUR DUE PUNISHMENT.



YOU AND YOUR KIND HAVE PERVERTED OUR BLESSED RULE OF LAW AND TURNED IT INTO AN ABOMINATION.

LAWYERS FREE THE CRIMINALS THAT PREY ON OUR CHILDREN.
LAWYERS ARREST THE POLICE WHO TRY TO PROTECT FAMILIES.
LAWYERS ALLOW THE CORRUPT TO STAY IN POWER!

YOUR HANDS ARE STAINED WITH THE SAME BLOOD AS THE LIBERAL GROUPS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN PURGED BY FIRE FROM THIS CITY!
YOU MUST SHARE THEIR FATE!



GUARDIAN WORDS

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.



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OPERATION: BURNED FLAG

Summary:

“Operation: Burned Flag” was an attempt to scare the United States into going into a state of Martial Law. It was based off the fictional book “*Patriots Ablaze*” by Fritz Wilson that depicted a Nazi-style takeover of the United States that began with orchestrated riots over the planned burning of an American flag. Both the protest and the riots would be staged by militia groups and counted on the governors to declare immediate martial law and a suspension of civil liberties. Eventually the rioting would reach Washington, where the Constitution of the United States would be suspended and the united forces of supposedly “devout patriots” would reshape the nation to suit their narrow vision.

The book was popular with militia groups across the nation and seen by some as the guidebook for real-life acts of sedition. “Operation: Burned Flag” was the closest any of those groups came to carrying out their plan.

Background:

According to the Paranormal Research and Investigation Mission of the United States (**PRIMUS**), there are over two hundred different militia groups operating in the United States. At least fifty of them operate in the Great Lakes region. A vast majority of them are ultra-conservative in affiliation, although there have been a few extreme environmental militias.

These militia groups operate in both rural and suburban areas, often disguising themselves as either “heritage groups” or in some instances “neighborhood watch organizations”. They each carry some sort of grudge against the United States Government, even though they still consider themselves to be “true patriots” on the same level as American’s Founding Fathers.

Some militia leaders have equated their complicated stance to those behind the Whisky Rebellion of 1791, supportive of revolution against Great Britain but also opposed to centralized power. They claim to support state’s rights, but in practice they support the idea only when it mirrors their conservative viewpoints.

Their opposition to centralized power even extends to education, often refusing to allow their children to attend local schools, which they believe are simply “indoctrination centers” for a national agenda. Instead, they “home school” their children, although it’s not considered “home schooling” in a true sense as it is informal group education among fellow militia members.

Certain militia groups even teach what they call the “Secret History of the United States”, which asserts that the country had been “taken over” by a socialist cabal at some point in the 1930’s after the Stock Market Crash of 1929, which they also believe was orchestrated by this same group. This distorted history allows them to see themselves as patriots fighting “The Second American Revolution” and share that vision with their children.

Many of the more dangerous of these groups were shut down in the 1990’s by PRIMUS following “Operation: Burned Flag”. Other groups promised to disband or otherwise curb their extremist stances, although there really is no way to determine if that is really the case or if they simply went further underground.

Operation Details:

On April 13th, 1995, the PRIMUS branch in Lansing was tipped off of a large

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weapons transfer in a warehouse outside of Flint, Michigan. The weapons would be instrumental in a planned riot that would follow the protest burning of an American Flag in Lansing. Both the protest and the riot would be executed by the Great Lakes Hourmen, a collection of five local extremist groups that firmly believed that their riots would automatically spread across the country by other extreme conservative groups as was described in Wilson's fictional book.

Federal agencies monitored the weapons distribution at the warehouse but did not take action until the next day, when the planned protest was to take place. PRIMUS agents then raided the three staging areas just before the protest would begin. A brief firefight did ensue against super-powered beings working with PRIMUS at one staging area, but thankfully no lives were lost. The protest was allowed to go on as scheduled, with the protesters watching in utter shock as there was no counter-protest as was originally planned.

PRIMUS agents then raided the five militia group communities on the charges of possession of illegal weapons and conspiracy to instigate a riot. Over two hundred people were taken into custody that day with minimal resistance, despite previous threats of militia leaders to die in a blaze of glory rather than face prison.

The next day the All-American made a television appearance asking that all remaining militia groups abandon the fiction of Wilson's book and work within their communities to make them better places rather than continue to live in the shadows of fear and ignorance. With the details of "Operation: Burned Flag" quickly made public by PRIMUS and with Congressional hearings looking into the actions of the militia groups, the militia movement in the United States and the dreams of a supposed "Second American Revolution" came to a quick end.

Aftermath:

Although the militia movement was seen as being "stopped", the extremist mindset did not. It is believed that some of those groups simply went further underground after "Operation: Burned Flag". Some members of the militia groups raided by PRIMUS were able to avoid capture.

One recorded observation by a PRIMUS agent should give people pause. None of the militia members arrested in any of these communities possessed superhuman abilities. While their deep religious convictions condemn magic and mysticism as "tools of the Devil", many members consider genetic mutations as "divine gifts". This makes one wonder how the events surrounding "Operation: Burned Flag" would have turned out if even one of those involved had superhuman abilities.

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WHO WILL WIN?**

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INTO THIS?**

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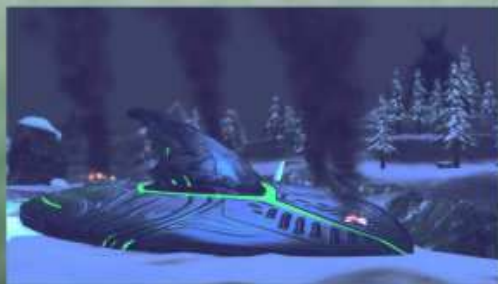


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