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AND  
THE GUARDIANS



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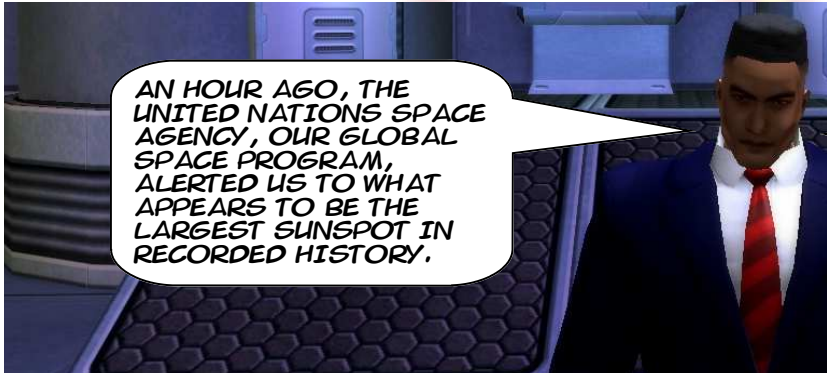
GOOD AFTERNOON.  
TODAY I AM  
ADDRESSING NOT  
JUST AMERICA,  
BUT THE WORLD.



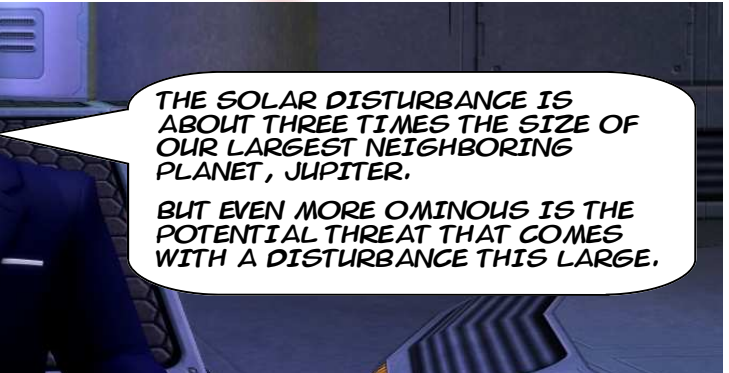
President Barack Obama  
United States of America




AND I AM  
SPEAKING NOT  
JUST AS THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES...  
... BUT ALSO ON  
BEHALF OF THE  
OTHER WORLD  
LEADERS, WHO  
HAVE AGREED ON  
THIS JOINT  
ANNOUNCEMENT.




AN HOUR AGO, THE  
UNITED NATIONS SPACE  
AGENCY, OUR GLOBAL  
SPACE PROGRAM,  
ALERTED US TO WHAT  
APPEARS TO BE THE  
LARGEST SUNSPOT IN  
RECORDED HISTORY.



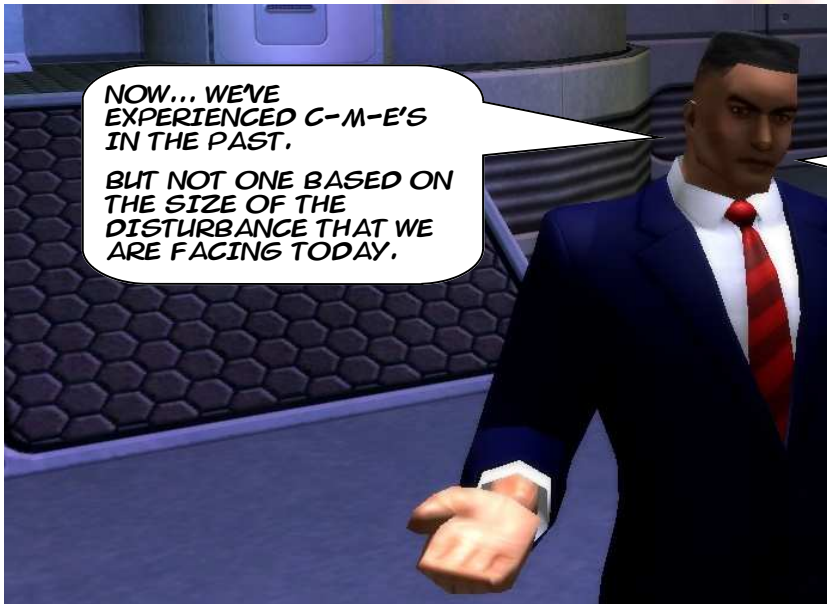
THE SOLAR DISTURBANCE IS  
ABOUT THREE TIMES THE SIZE OF  
OUR LARGEST NEIGHBORING  
PLANET, JUPITER.  
BUT EVEN MORE OMINOUS IS THE  
POTENTIAL THREAT THAT COMES  
WITH A DISTURBANCE THIS LARGE.



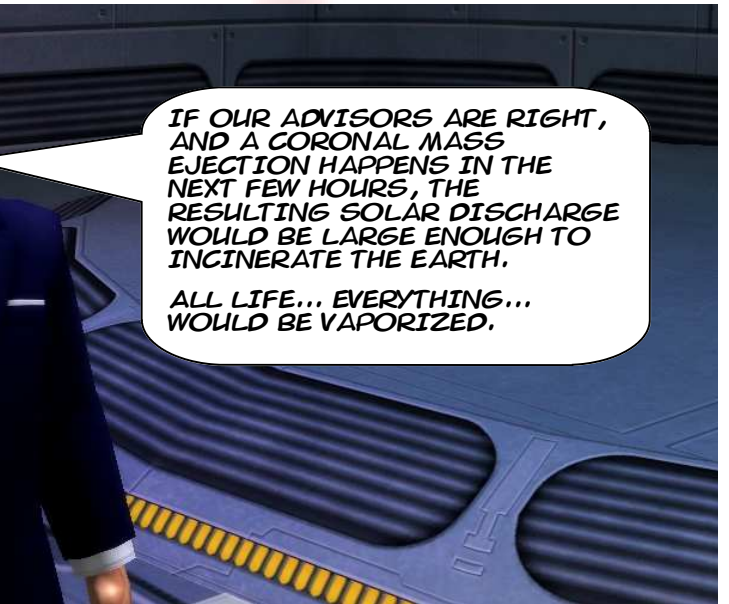
OUR BEST SCIENTISTS,  
INCLUDING THOSE  
FROM OTHER WORLDS,  
ALL AGREE THAT A  
DISTURBANCE THIS  
SIZE IS A PRECURSOR  
TO A HUGE SOLAR  
DISCHARGE CALLED A  
CORONAL MASS  
EJECTION.



ESSENTIALLY A HUGE  
PIECE OF THE  
SURFACE OF THE SUN  
IS VIOLENTLY FLUNG  
OFF AND SENT  
OUTWARD.  
AND, IN THIS CASE,  
IT WOULD BE FLUNG  
AT US.



NOW... WE'VE  
EXPERIENCED C-M-E'S  
IN THE PAST.  
BUT NOT ONE BASED ON  
THE SIZE OF THE  
DISTURBANCE THAT WE  
ARE FACING TODAY.



IF OUR ADVISORS ARE RIGHT,  
AND A CORONAL MASS  
EJECTION HAPPENS IN THE  
NEXT FEW HOURS, THE  
RESULTING SOLAR DISCHARGE  
WOULD BE LARGE ENOUGH TO  
INCINERATE THE EARTH.  
ALL LIFE... EVERYTHING...  
WOULD BE VAPORIZED.




**BUT... WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SURVIVE IT.**

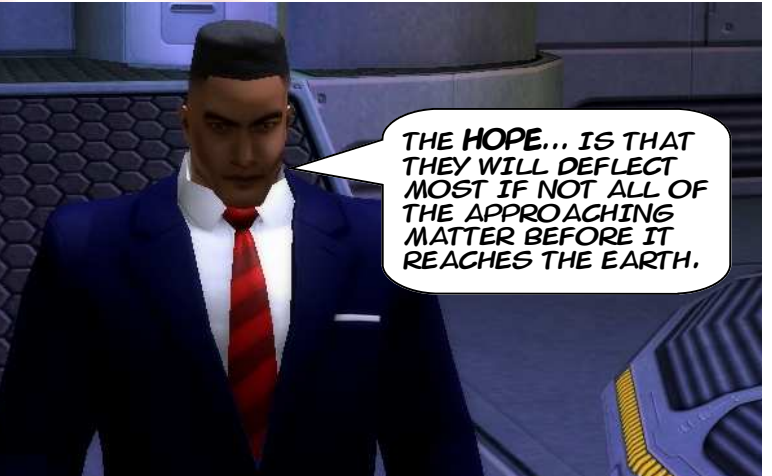
**THROUGHOUT HISTORY, INSURMOUNTABLE ODDS HAVE BEEN MET WITH BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE FOUND THE STRENGTH TO SURVIVE.**

**WE HAVE SUCH INDIVIDUALS IN OUR MIDST.**


**OUR ALLIANCE WITH THE COSMIC STAR-TRAVELERS KNOWN AS THE KHELDIANS HAVE GIVEN US VERY POWERFUL HYBRIDS CALLED PEACEBRINGERS.**



**A RAPID-RESPONSE TEAM OF THESE HYBRIDS WILL BE POSITIONING THEMSELVES IN THE OUTER ORBIT OF THE PLANET AND FORM A GIANT ENERGY BARRIER IN FRONT OF THE EARTH.**



**THE HOPE... IS THAT THEY WILL DEFLECT MOST IF NOT ALL OF THE APPROACHING MATTER BEFORE IT REACHES THE EARTH.**



**BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE SHOULD NOT TAKE STEPS TO TRY TO PRESERVE WHAT WE HAVE SHOULD THEIR EFFORTS FAIL.**

**WHICH IS WHY MYSELF AND THE OTHER WORLD LEADERS ARE MAKING YOU AWARE OF THIS LOOMING THREAT.**

**PLEASE... USE THIS TIME TO JOIN WITH YOUR LOVED ONES AND TAKE SHELTER IN THE NEAREST RIKTI OR DISASTER SHELTER.**

**AND IF YOU CAN'T BE WITH YOUR LOVED ONES, THEN HELP THOSE WHO NEED IT. LET US BE THE BETTER PEOPLE THAT I KNOW WE CAN ALL BE.**



**NO MATTER THE CHALLENGE, I KNOW THAT WE WILL RISE TO MEET IT.**

**WE'VE DONE SO BEFORE... AND WE WILL DO SO AGAIN.**



**TO OUR BRAVE DEFENDERS, I WISH THEM GODSPEED.**

**AND FOR THE REST OF US, MAY GOD BLESS US ALL, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO TUNED IN LATE, I'M ROBIN STEED, AND THIS IS PNN'S CONTINUING COVERAGE OF THE SOLAR CRISIS.

ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER PRESIDENT OBAMA CHALLENGED THE CITIZENS OF THE WORLD TO BE THE BETTER PEOPLE IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS, RIOTS AND LOOTING BROKE OUT IN MOST MAJOR CITIES.

# SOLAR CRISIS: PNN SPECIAL REPORT



YOU CAN'T STOP ALL OF US!

**Coeur du Feu**  
(COURTNEY HART)



WANNA BET?

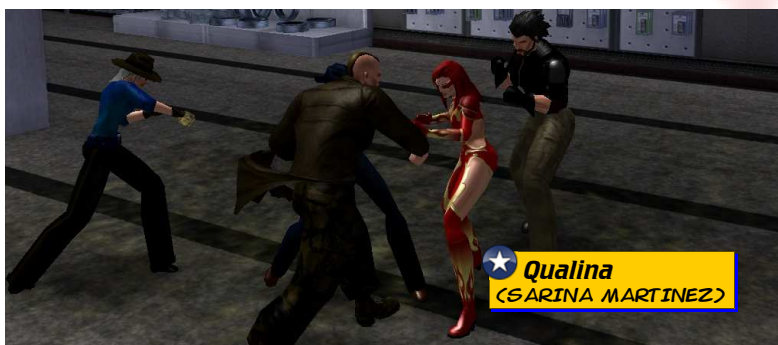


STOP FIGHTING AND RETURN TO YOUR HOMES!

**Ally Kazam**  
(CALISON KANE)



**Jason Knight**  
(DRAKE GREY)



"NO, FURIA POWERS IS STILL ON THE DISABLED LIST, SIR. I WISH SHE COULD BE THERE JUST AS MUCH AS YOU DO."

WELL IT LOOKS LIKE THE RIOTING IS CALMING DOWN IN PARAGON CITY, THANKS AGAIN TO OUR HEROES.

THIS SUCKS!

I SHOULD BE OUT THERE, HELPING KEEP THE CITY SAFE.

Fiona Poderes  
AKA FURIA POWERS

BUT THOSE GODDAMNED COPS DECIDED TO PICK A FIGHT WITH ME USING EVERYTHING THEY HAD.\*

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AND NOW MY KINETIC MELEE POWERS ARE ALL MESSED UP.

EVERY FOOTSTEP IS LIKE A PINPRICK ON MY FEET.

EVERY USE OF MY POWERS LEAVE ME IN DEBILITATING PAIN.

THE ONLY THING I CAN DO IS DRINK THIS MEDICINE TO BALANCE OUT THE ELECTROLYTES IN MY BODY.

I DON'T EVEN DARE TRY TO PULL MONITOR DUTY AT GUARDIAN BASE.

I'D BE TOO TEMPTED TO JUMP INTO A TELEPORTER AND JOIN IN THE FIGHT.

I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT TAYA AND CHUCK AND THE OTHERS ARE OKAY OUT THERE.

AND DAYBRIGHT!  
GOD I DON'T ENVY HER ROLE IN THIS!

UNITED NATIONS VANGUARD BASE

I WANTED TO TALK WITH YOU BEFORE YOU DEPLOY TO THE ORBITAL PLATFORMS.

**Captain Paragonna**  
(STEVIE WALKER-RODGERS)



I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH SOME OF YOU IN REORGANIZING THE AWAKENED DIVISION. BUT YOU'RE ALL WELL KNOWN TO THE OTHER KHELDIAN HYBRIDS.



\*YOU KNOW THE MISSION. YOU KNOW WHAT IS AT STAKE.\*



**Sunstorm**  
PEACEBRINGER COORDINATOR

\*DAYBRIGHT WILL BE THE LEADER OF THIS OPERATION.\*



**Daybright**  
(GRACE FELLOWS)

HER STATUS AS A PEACEBRINGER REDEEMER AS WELL AS THE COSMIC EXPERIENCE OF HER KHELDIAN HALF MAKE HER THE NATURAL LEADER AND COORDINATOR FOR THE ENERGY SHIELD.

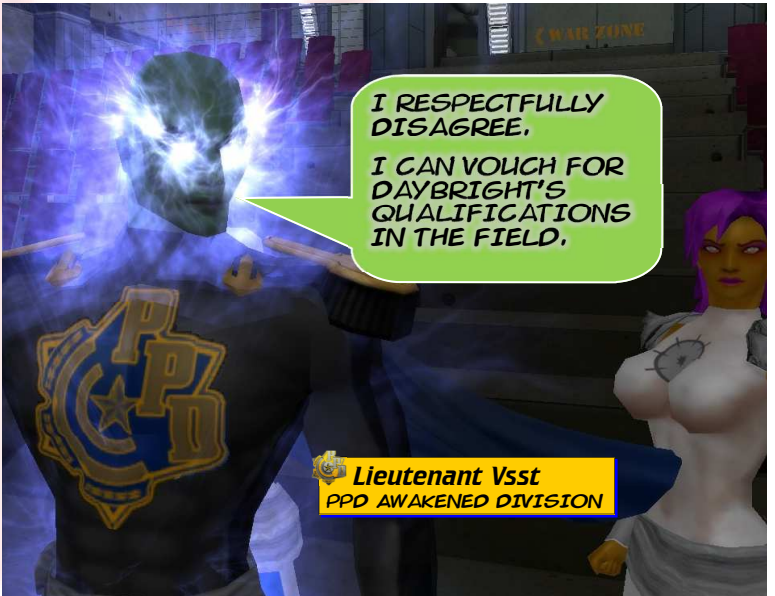


PFFT! IT ONLY MEANS WE KNOW WHOSE SASH GETS UNTIED TO GET THE JOB.




**StarStella**  
NEW YORK PEACEBRINGER

I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE. I CAN VOUCH FOR DAYBRIGHT'S QUALIFICATIONS IN THE FIELD.

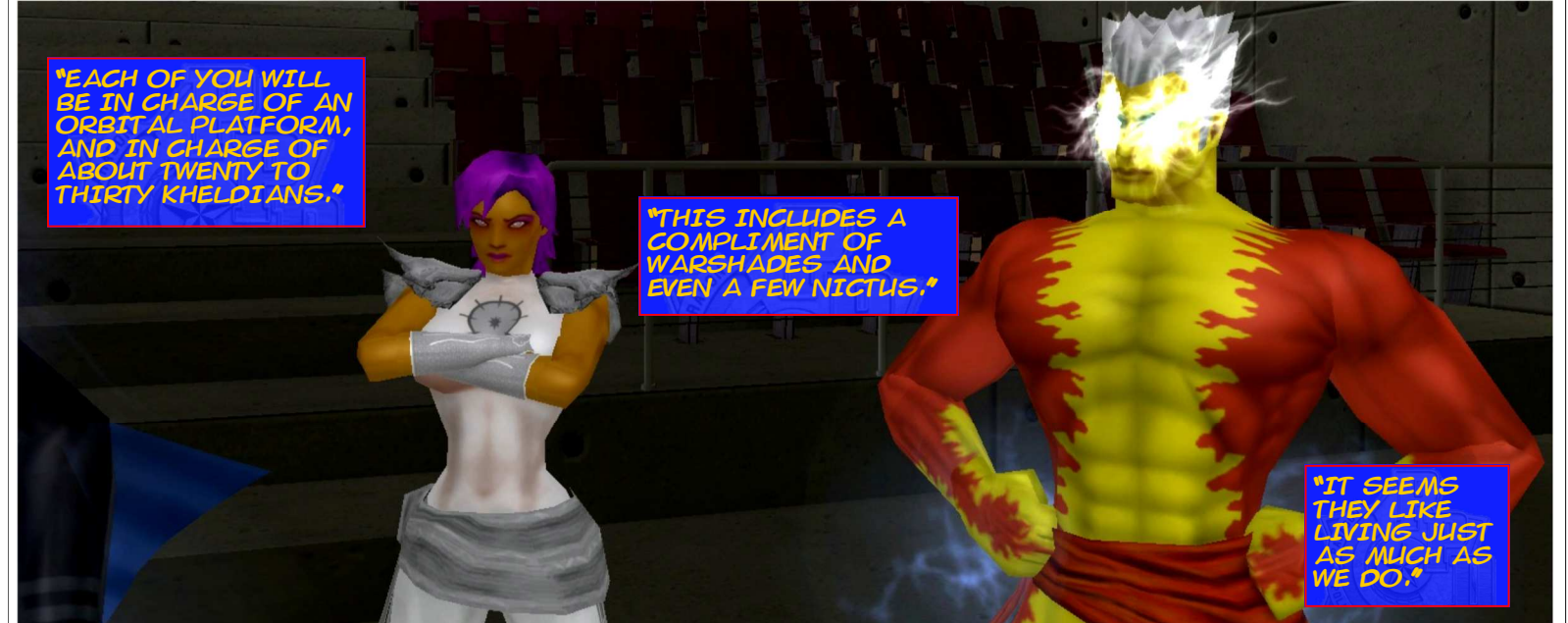


**Lieutenant Vsst**  
PPD AWAKENED DIVISION



OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH.  
IN CASE IT'S NOT  
OBSVIOUS TO YOU, THE  
REAL THREAT IS ABOUT  
READY TO SPIT A HUGE  
WAD OF SOLAR ENERGY  
AT THIS PLANET.


YOU CAN FIGHT  
OVER WHICH  
SQUIDDY HAS THE  
LONGER TENDRILS  
AFTERWARD.



"EACH OF YOU WILL  
BE IN CHARGE OF AN  
ORBITAL PLATFORM,  
AND IN CHARGE OF  
ABOUT TWENTY TO  
THIRTY KHELOIANS."

"THIS INCLUDES A  
COMPLIMENT OF  
WARSHADES AND  
EVEN A FEW NICTUS."

"IT SEEMS  
THEY LIKE  
LIVING JUST  
AS MUCH AS  
WE DO."



BETWEEN YOUR  
COMBINED POWERS AND  
EARTH'S MAGNETIC  
FIELD, IT SHOULD BE  
ENOUGH TO DEFLECT  
THE EJECTED MASS.

BUT ON THE OFF-CHANCE THAT IT ISN'T...  
LET ME JUST SAY THAT I HAVE NEVER  
WORKED WITH A MORE NOBLER GROUP  
OF BEINGS THAN THE KHELDIANS.  
IT HAS BEEN MY HONOR TO KNOW YOU.



ONE OF THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE C-M-E EVENTS TO HIT THE EARTH WAS BACK IN 1859, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CARRINGTON EFFECT".



THE RESULTS WERE FELT WORLD-WIDE AS TELEGRAPH DEVICES STOPPED WORKING. OF COURSE THAT WAS BEFORE SOCIETY BECAME DEPENDENT ON TECHNOLOGY LIKE IT IS TODAY.

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YOU THINK THEY CAN DO IT?



GIVEN THE SIZE INVOLVED... MAYBE. WE'LL FIND OUT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

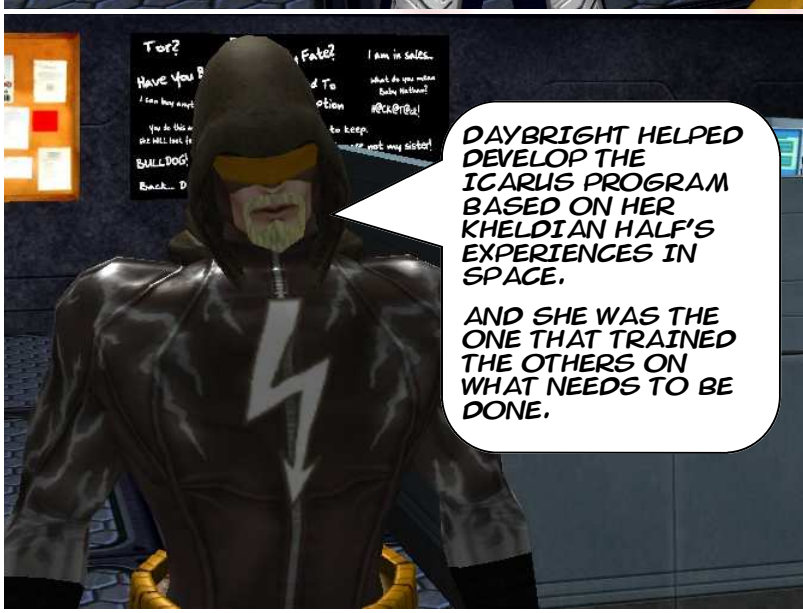
**Carlton Sage**  
VANGUARD OVERSEER



WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW IS WHAT HAPPENS IF THE KHELDIANS NEED HELP AFTERWARD.



THAT'S WHY THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN TOOK THE LEAD ON THIS CRISIS INSTEAD OF THE FREEDOM PHALANX.



DAYBRIGHT HELPED DEVELOP THE ICARUS PROGRAM BASED ON HER KHELDIAN HALF'S EXPERIENCES IN SPACE. AND SHE WAS THE ONE THAT TRAINED THE OTHERS ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.



"AND IF THINGS DO GO BAD FOR THEM..."

"LET'S JUST SAY WE'VE GOT THEIR BACKS."

**Galatea Powers**  
(FAITH KARL)



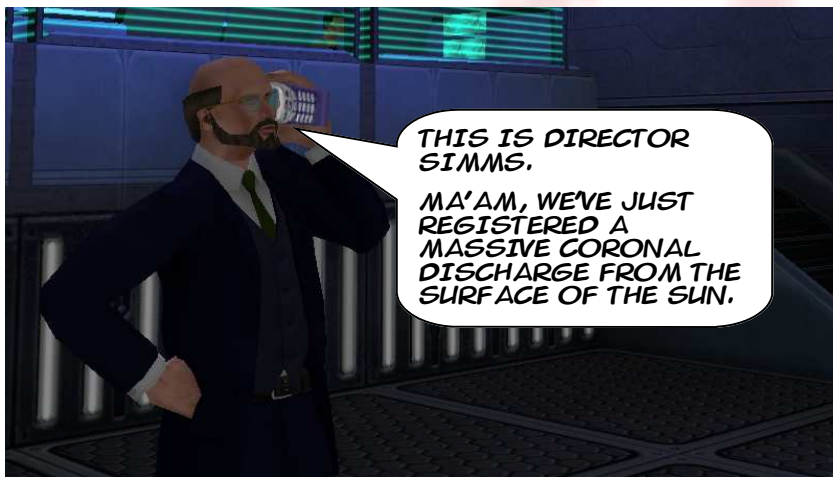


MY GOD..  
I'VE NEVER SEEN A SOLAR ERUPTION LIKE THAT BEFORE!

IT.. IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO DO THAT, IS IT?



NO... IT'S NOT.  
GET ME LADY GREY. IT'S URGENT!



THIS IS DIRECTOR SIMMS.  
MA'AM, WE'VE JUST REGISTERED A MASSIVE CORONAL DISCHARGE FROM THE SURFACE OF THE SUN.



YES, I KNOW THAT'S WHAT WE WERE FEARING, BUT IT'S MUCH WORSE THAN THAT!  
THE MASS WAS FLING AT AN EXCESSIVE RATE OF SPEED.



YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND...  
MOST STELLAR MASS CAN TAKE UP TO FOUR DAYS TO REACH THE EARTH.



THIS MASS IS MOVING SO FAST IT'LL REACH THE PLANET IN A MATTER OF MINUTES!



WE'RE AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN THIS AS WELL, LADY GREY.  
ALL I KNOW IS THAT THOSE KHELDIANS HAD BEST BE ALREADY ON THE ORBITAL PLATFORMS AND READY TO BLOCK IT, BECAUSE IF THEY DON'T IN THE NEXT FEW MINUTES, IT'LL BE TOO LATE!

ORBITAL PLATFORM ABOVE EARTH

[IS SOMETHING WRONG, REDEEMER?]\*

(\* EDITOR'S NOTE: BECAUSE THERE IS NO AIR IN SPACE, THE KHELIANS COMMUNICATE USING RADIO WAVES)

[THERE IS...]  
[SOMETHING IS OFF.]  
[THE STAR-NOISE IS... WRONG.]

[ZTHL'S LIGHT!]  
[THE STORM!]

[THE STARWAVE IS MOVING FAST...  
FASTER THAN IT EVER SHOULD!]

[ALL KHELIANS, THIS IS DAYBRIGHT.]

[THE STORM HAS ALREADY HAPPENED AND THE STARWAVE WILL BE HERE SHORTLY.]

[LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY TO WHAT I HAVE TO TELL YOU...]

[THERE IS NO TIME TO COORDINATE POSITIONS. WHEREVER YOU ARE NOW, GET YOUR GROUPS AS SPREAD OUT AS POSSIBLE AND PROJECT YOUR LIGHT.]

[THIS STARWAVE WILL BE BIGGER AND FASTER THAN ANYTHING ANY OF US HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED.]

[SPARE NOTHING! USE ALL OF OUR LIGHT IN ORDER TO SURVIVE!]

[FOR OUR FRIENDS, FOR OUR ADOPTED HOME!]



COME ON!  
THERE'S PLENTY  
OF ROOM IN  
THE SHELTER!

★ **Monsterness**  
FRESHMAN HEROINE



I PROMISE I  
WON'T HIT ON  
YOU... NOW  
PLEASE GET INTO  
THE SHELTER!

Ⓚ **KDave**  
(PHIL SKI)



[REDEEMER?  
SHOULDN'T WE  
BE PROJECTING  
OUR LIGHT?]



[IT... IT WON'T  
BE ENOUGH.]



[ACTIVATE OVERRIDE  
PROTOCOL "MINOS".]

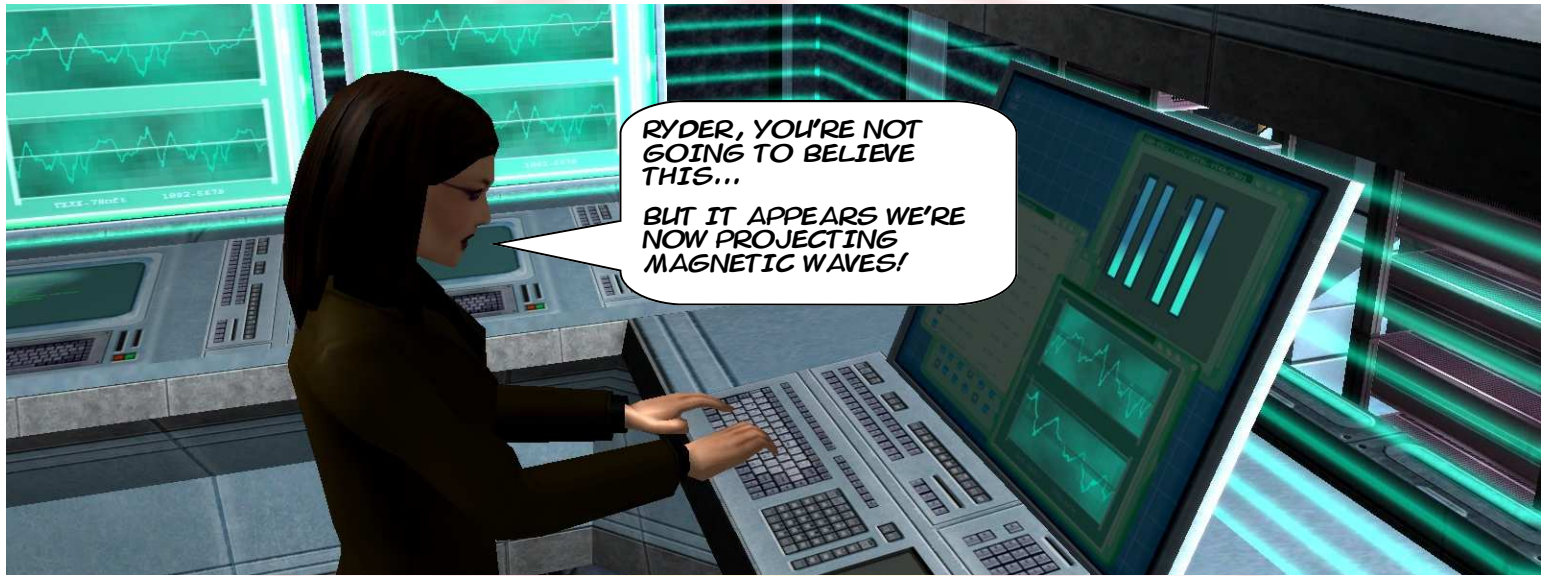




[WHAT WAS THAT FOR?]



[A DESPERATION MOVE.]  
[IF WE LIVE THROUGH THIS I PROMISE TO EXPLAIN IT TO YOU ALL IN DETAIL.]



RYDER, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS...  
BUT IT APPEARS WE'RE NOW PROJECTING MAGNETIC WAVES!



NO, WE CAN CONFIRM IT IS COMING FROM SOMEWHERE IN PARAGON CITY.



WHATEVER IT IS, IT JUST CREATED A SECOND MAGNETIC FIELD!  
PARAGON CITY HAS BECOME A SECOND NORTH POLE!



WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, RYDER?

THE DIMENSIONAL ORBS FROM THE SHADOW SHARD THAT POWER THE MYSTICAL REACTOR... VANGUARD SAID THE POWER LEVELS COULDN'T BE MEASURED.\*  
DAYBRIGHT FOUND A WAY TO USE THOSE WITH THE MAKER'S FURNACE TO GENERATE A NEW MAGNETIC FIELD FOR THE PLANET.

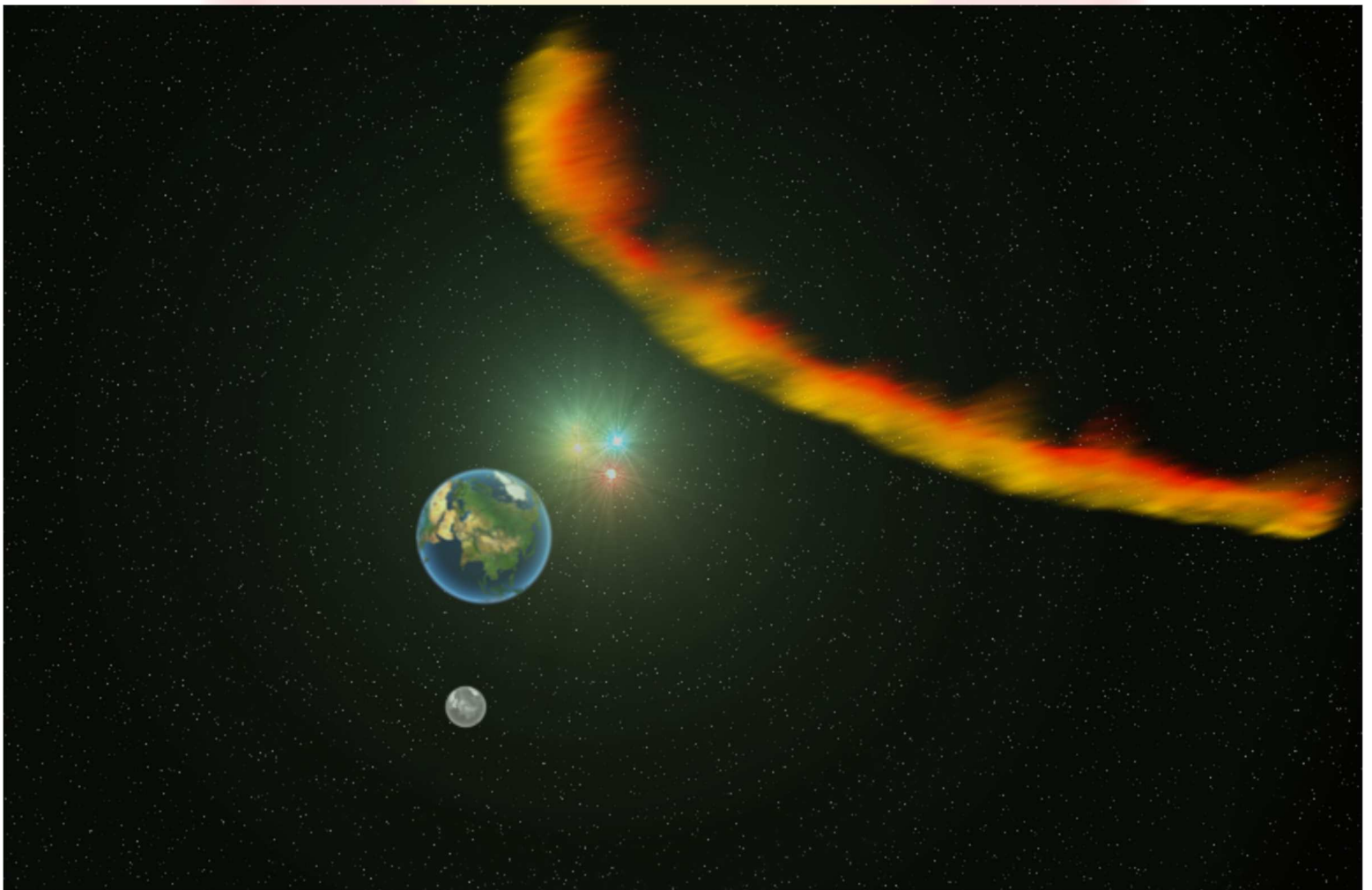
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WE NOW HAVE  
ACTIVITY  
FROM ALL  
FIVE ORBITAL  
PLATFORMS.

WE'RE UNABLE TO  
MEASURE THE FULL  
DETAIL OF THE ENERGY  
FIELDS FROM THE  
KHELDIANS. TOO MUCH  
MAGNETIC INTERFERENCE.

ONE MINUTE  
UNTIL C-M-E  
CONTACT.



[ERAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!]

CITY HALL - ATLAS PARK



STEEL CANYON



ROGINANTE GROUP BUILDING - PEREZ PARK



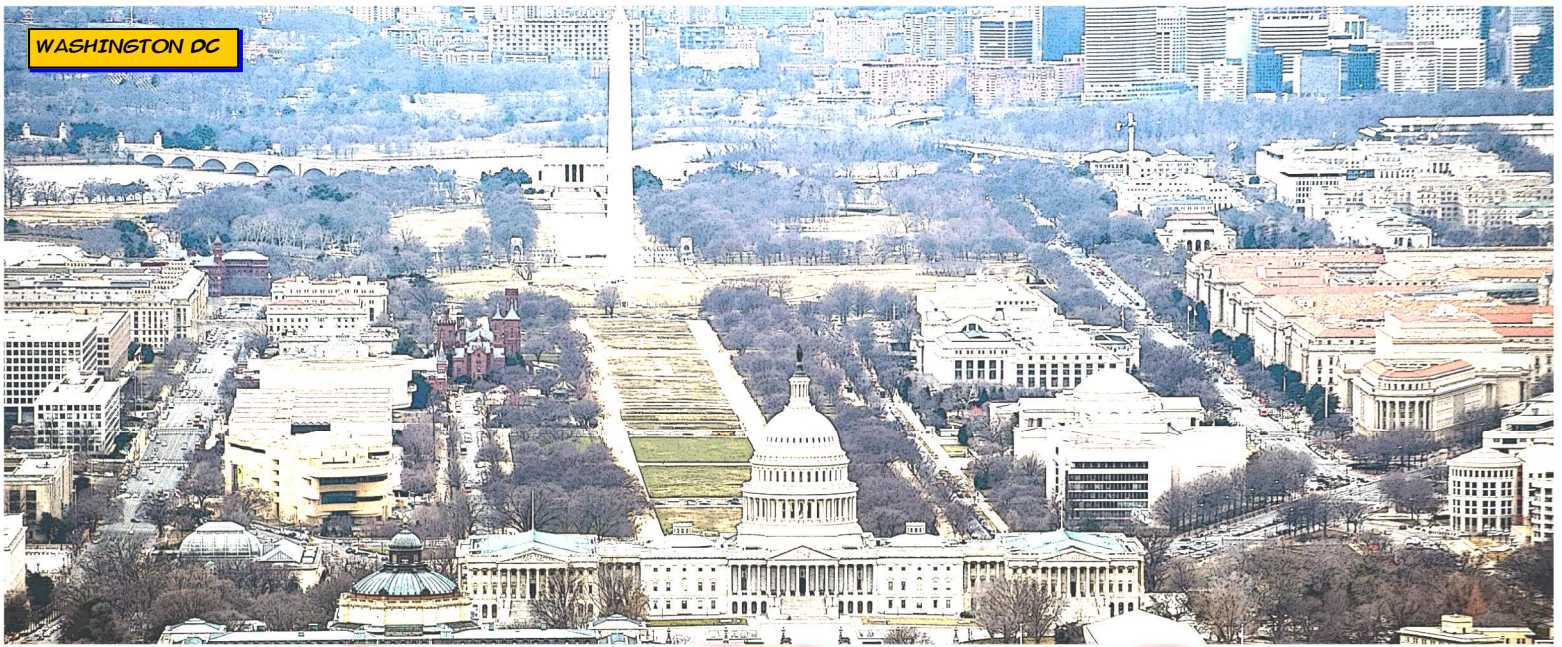
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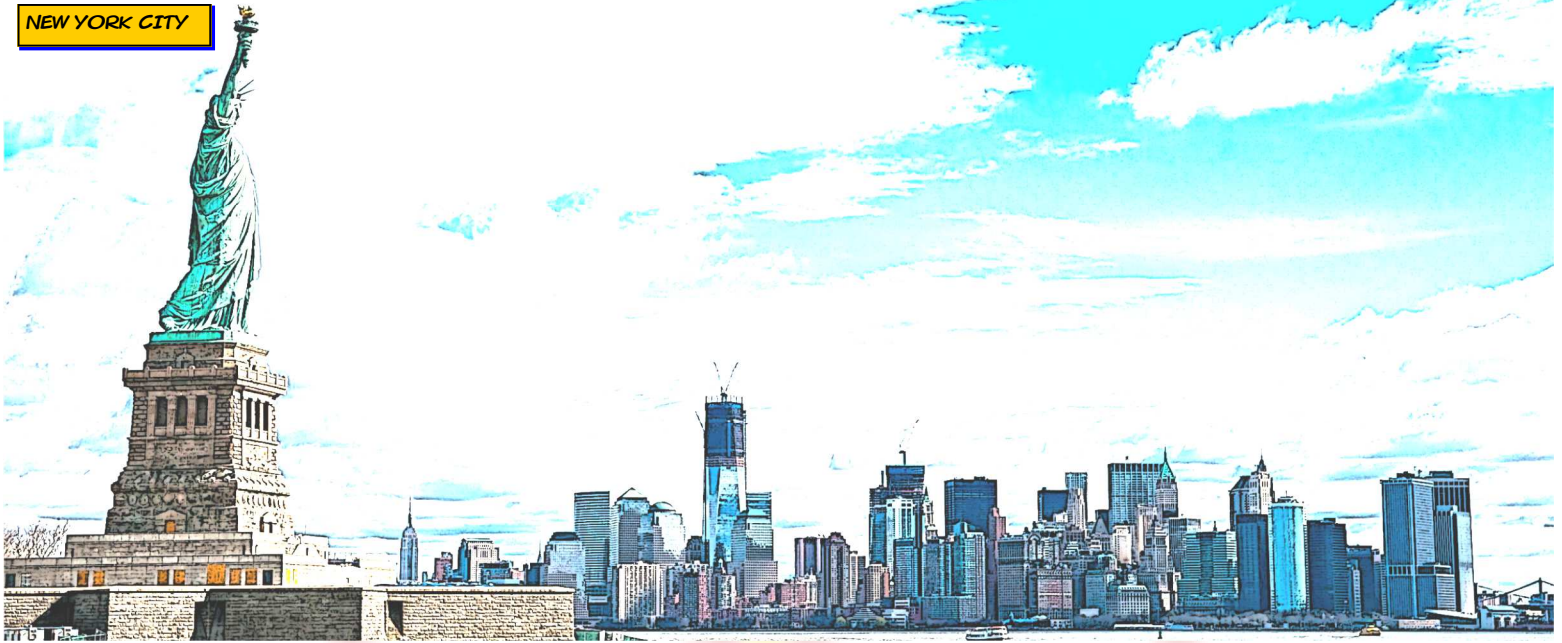
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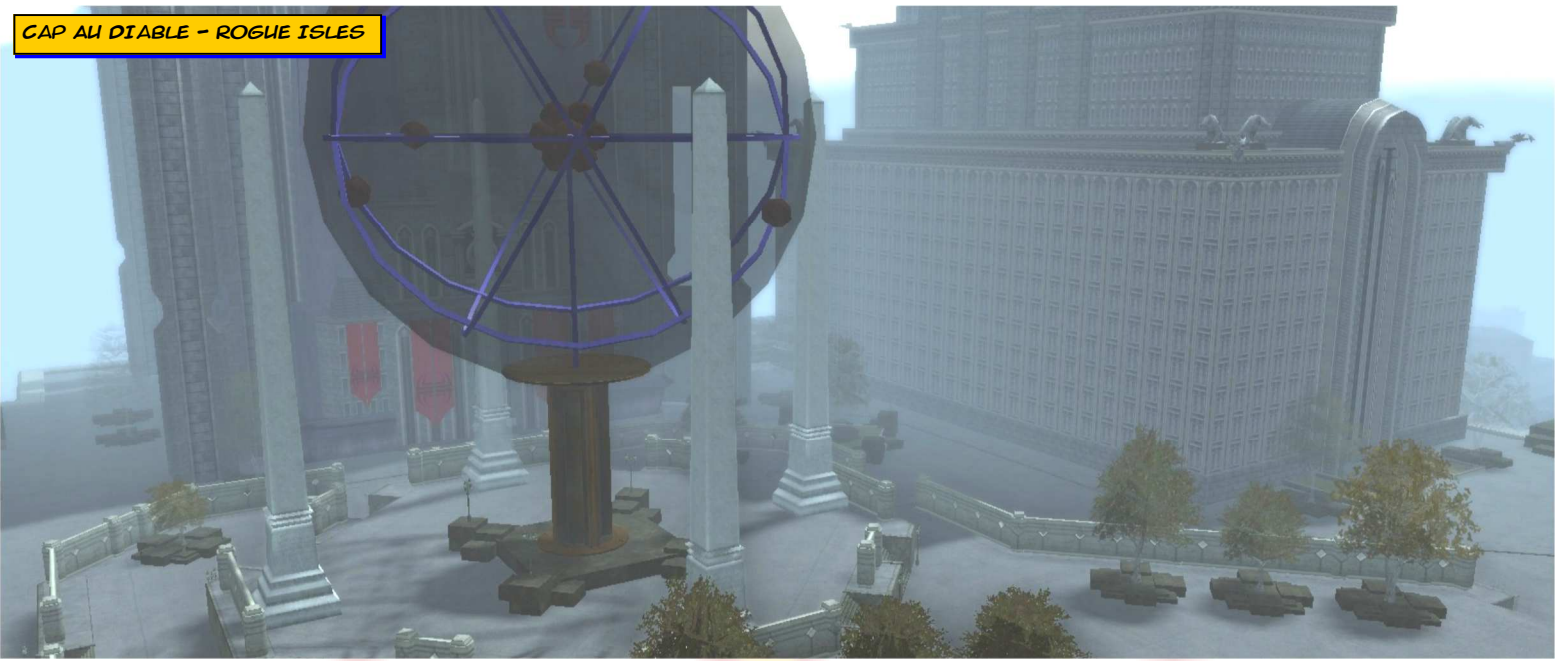
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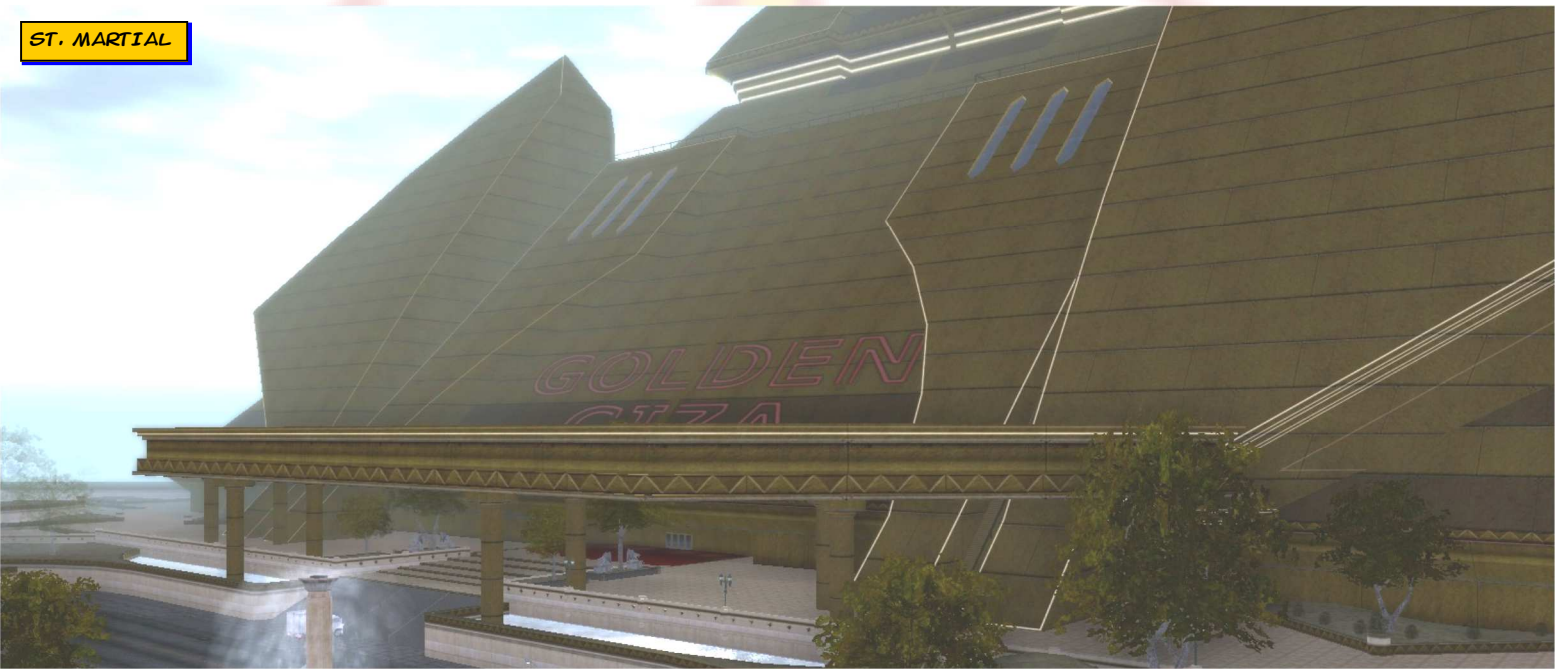
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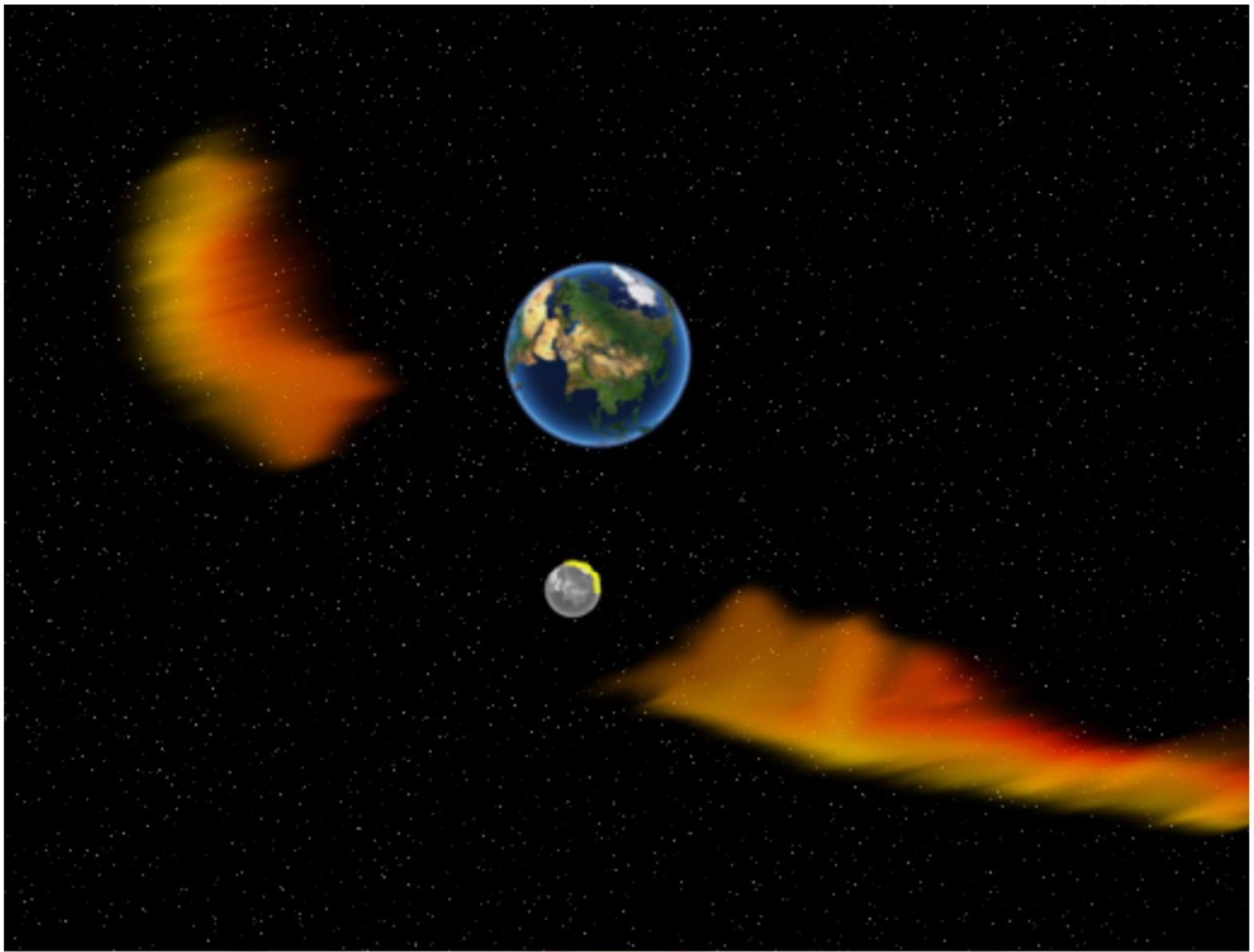


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SPIDER CITY - GRANDVILLE





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**PLEASE STAND BY...**

*\*CRACKLE\**  
*... IS THIS ON?*

THIS IS ROBIN STEED HERE AT THE PNN CENTER IN PARAGON CITY.

I'VE BEEN TOLD BY THE CONTROL ROOM THAT WE HAVE POWER, EVEN IF THE LIGHTS ARE A LITTLE DIMMED.

IF YOU CAN HEAR OR SEE THIS BROADCAST...

IT APPEARS THAT THE CORONAL MASS EJECTION HAS PASSED AND THAT WE ARE STILL HERE!

WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO HEAR BACK FROM OUR REPORTERS AT THE VARIOUS SHELTER LOCATIONS TO SEE IF THEY SURVIVED THE STORM AS WELL.

STAND BY.... STAND BY....

THIS IS CITADEL OF THE FREEDOM PHALANX.

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC ON THE STATUS OF THE SOLAR STORM.

ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THE EJECTED SOLAR MATTER WAS DEFLECTED BY A COMBINATION OF THE KHELDIANS AND A SECOND MAGNETIC FIELD THAT WAS CREATED JUST PRIOR TO THE IMPACT OF THE SOLAR MATTER.

CITADEL · FREEDOM PHALANX

CITADEL · FREEDOM PHALANX

WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO REGAIN CONTACT WITH THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN TO SEE IF THEY CAN PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

WE ARE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT THE KHELDIANS WHO RISKED THEIR LIVES TO SAVE THE EARTH.

IN THE MEANTIME, WE ASK THAT ALL ABLE-BODIED HEROES ASSIST IN THE EVALUATION OF ANY POSSIBLE DAMAGE AND RENDER AID WHERE IT IS NEEDED.

WE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHEN POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU.

SOLAR STORM · WE SURVIVED! BUT AT WHAT COST?



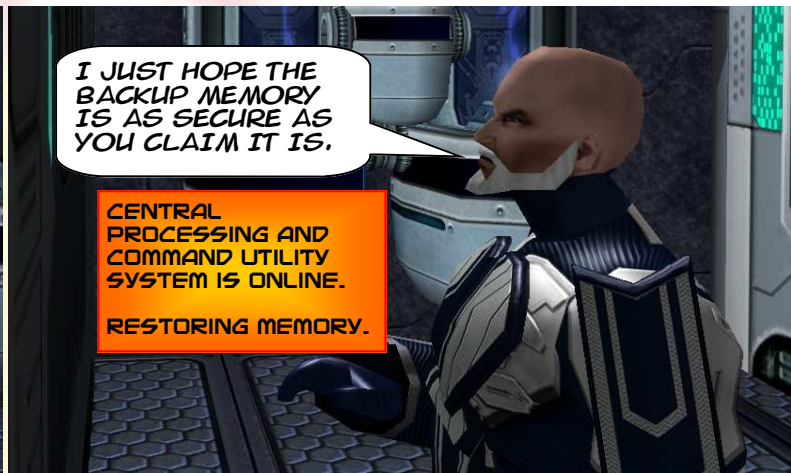
OKAY, IT APPEARS THAT THE MYSTICAL REACTOR HAS SHUT DOWN AND WE'RE NO LONGER CREATING A SECOND MAGNETIC NORTH.



NOW WE JUST NEED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.  
SAGE, WHAT'S THE STATUS OF OUR SYSTEMS?

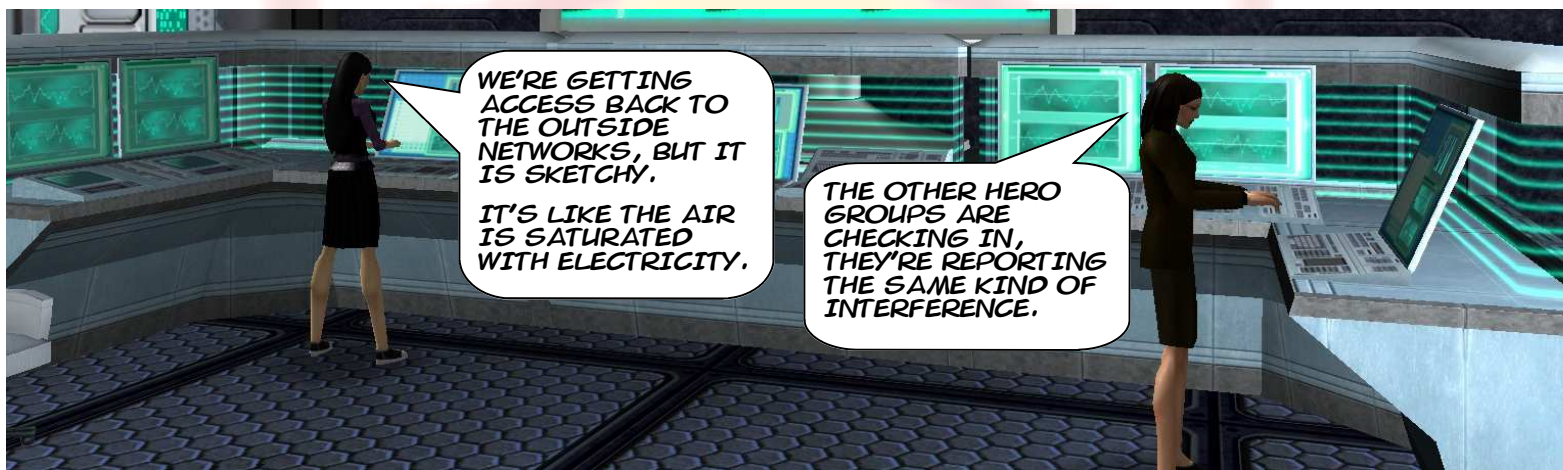


WE JUST PUT THE WORLD'S BIGGEST MAGNET ON TOP OF OUR COMPUTERS. WHAT DO YOU THINK?



I JUST HOPE THE BACKUP MEMORY IS AS SECURE AS YOU CLAIM IT IS.

CENTRAL PROCESSING AND COMMAND UTILITY SYSTEM IS ONLINE.  
RESTORING MEMORY.



WE'RE GETTING ACCESS BACK TO THE OUTSIDE NETWORKS, BUT IT IS SKETCHY.  
IT'S LIKE THE AIR IS SATURATED WITH ELECTRICITY.

THE OTHER HERO GROUPS ARE CHECKING IN, THEY'RE REPORTING THE SAME KIND OF INTERFERENCE.



SAVED THE EARTH FROM BEING FRIED, BUT WE STILL GOT SOME OF THAT ELECTROMAGNETIC DISRUPTION LIKE WHEN THE CARRINGTON EVENT HAPPENED.

I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE KHELDIANS OUT THERE. IF OUR SYSTEMS ON EARTH ARE SCREWY, THEN THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN TELEPORT ANY OF THEM IN SPACE THAT NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION.



LIKE I TOLD YOU,  
WE GOT THEIR  
BACKS.  
COMMAND  
INTELLIGENCE  
CENTER TO  
GALATEA POWERS.



"GO!"

CHIEF, I'M GOING  
TO NEED YOU TO  
OPEN A SECURE  
CHANNEL TO  
STATION KNIGHT  
SEVEN-ONE-FIVE.



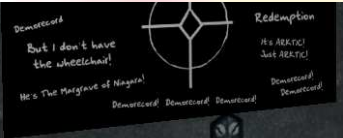
OPEN THE CHANNEL...  
... FOR ALL THE  
GOOD THAT IT'LL DO  
FOR YOU ANYWAY.  
THERE'S TOO MUCH  
STATIC FOR A  
CLEAN TELEPORT.



I DON'T NEED TO  
TELEPORT FROM HERE.  
I JUST NEED THE  
AUTHORIZATION ONCE  
I GET OUTSIDE FOR  
THEM TO TELEPORT ME.



CONNECTION HAS  
BEEN MADE.  
SECURE CHANNEL  
IS OPEN TO  
KNIGHT SEVEN-  
ONE-FIVE.



SEVEN-ONE-FIVE,  
THIS IS "WHITE".  
REQUEST  
ASSISTANCE FOR  
EMERGENCY RESCUE  
AND RECOVERY.

APPROVED, "WHITE".  
WE'LL PICK YOU UP  
ONCE YOU'RE  
AIRBORNE.



WITH ALL DUE  
RESPECT, GALATEA,  
THERE'S NO BASE ON  
THIS PLANET WITH A  
WORKING TELEPORT  
THAT CAN HELP  
DAYBRIGHT IF SHE'S  
EVEN ALIVE!



THAT'S WHERE  
YOU'RE WRONG,  
CHIEF... THERE IS  
ONE GROUP LEFT  
WITH A BASE THAT  
CAN STILL HELP  
THE KHELDIANS...

**The Justice-  
Knights!**

Next Issue:  
Justice-Knights  
To The Rescue!

# **FURIOUS SCRIBBLINGS**

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

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## **“Icarus” Notes**

When coming up with “Icarus”, I wanted to have something that would really catch the attention of the world. With everything going on in Paragon City in this series, with Furia Powers sidelined, with corrupt cops getting away with things they shouldn’t, with a street vigilante still figuring out how to regain his “notorious” status, now would be a horrible time for something major to just pop out of nowhere.

And yet, you can’t really have a more perfect time for something like that to happen.

Consider, for a moment, our planet and just how perfect things are.

Our planet, Earth, is in the perfect orbital position around the sun to support life called the “Goldilocks Zone”. Not too close and not too far away. We have one moon which stabilizes our rotation and provide tides which churn up the ocean water. Hell, we even have water, which is as precious as gold in the cosmos. We have large gas giants which keep the stray comet or asteroid from coming our way. We have a spinning core which generates a magnetic field that protects us from the most damaging of solar radiation. We have an atmosphere and an eco-system that supports life.

That’s a lot of good things that came our way for us to be here today.

Some people consider all of this a gift from a higher power.

Others see it as a lucky roll of the cosmic dice.

But what we don’t realize is just how easily this can all be taken away from us.

We’d like to think that we could somehow prepare for something big to happen. And maybe, if we’re arrogant enough, even be able to stop it from happening.

We chase down tornadoes and hurricanes, trying to find telltale signs of their approach so we could have enough time to seek shelter. We measure seismic events to see if an earthquake is about to happen, especially if “The Big One” were to occur. We check to see if the super-volcano in under the Yosemite National Park is ready to pop. I’m told we’re a bit overdue for that one. We worry about climate change. We scan the heavens to see if an asteroid or a comet or a rogue planet will start meandering our way.

And yet there are somethings that can still happen that we have no preparation for.

There are things that can happen in the cosmos that can mess with our very existence. If you watch the various Discovery cable channels, you’ll see a few of them.

And then there’s one threat that is in our own solar system that could happen at any time that would mess with our lives. And that is a Coronal Mass Ejection, like the kind seen in this issue. A huge ejection of star matter that could happen at any time with little warning, and we would be unable to stop it should it come our way.

Understand, of course, that the kind of threat the Earth faced in this issue is even larger than anything our sun could generate on its own in the real world, and that is one mystery that will be explained in

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the near future. But that doesn't diminish the threat to our real-world society faces from these things.

The "Carrington Event" that was referenced in this issue was a real event. On September 1st, 1859, matter from a coronal mass ejection hit the Earth which lasted for two days and had a global effect.

For those two days, the planet's telegraph system shut down. Telegraphs around the world stopped working. Auroras could be seen as far south as the island of Cuba. New Englanders could read at night simply from the glow of the auroras. Electrical devices of the time could reportedly function for as long as eight minutes without any electricity whatsoever, simply by running off the electricity that was in the air.

Keep in mind that this was during a time when society was not as dependent on electricity as it is today. This is before automobiles, before airplanes, before computers, before television, before the Internet, and before global satellites. This is before the days of smartphones and dumb users, when currency was either paper or gold, and financial transactions were physical and not electronic.

If what happened then were to occur today, civilization would essentially be knocked back into the stone age. The damage would be measured in the trillions of dollars and it would take years before we could get back to anything resembling normal.

And yet, we face that kind of random chance every single day and there's nothing that we can do to stop it or to even prepare for it. In fact, Earth lucked out from having another "Carrington"-like CME happen back in 2012.

We are truly lucky to have such ideal circumstances for us to be here and to do the things that we can do. We are so dependent on technology right now that if anything were to happen in the cosmos to disrupt it, it would be a fate as bad as mass extinction.

So treat every day as a "thank you" to the fates and fortunes of the universe, because you never know when our collective roll of the cosmic dice will come up snake-eyes...

Until it does.

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