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The Lost Adventures Of Galatea Future



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BORN IN A UNIVERSE THAT NO LONGER EXISTS, KAREN POWERS USED HER SECOND-GENERATION SUPERHUMAN ABILITIES TO REMAKE HERSELF INTO GALATEA POWERS. THEN, THE UNIVERSE AGAIN SHIFTED, AND SHE FOUND HERSELF AN EXILE EVEN TO HER OWN TIME. NOW, SHUNTED AWAY TO YET ANOTHER UNIVERSE, GALATEA MUST FIND HER PLACE ONCE AGAIN. THESE ARE HER STORIES... THESE ARE HER CONTINUAL STRUGGLES...

The Lost Adventures Of Galatea Future

"WELCOME TO MILLENNIUM CITY"

- A CHAMPIONS ONLINE STORY BY DAVID 2

HAVING VIOLATED THE LAWS OF TIME AND ALTERED HER OWN PAST, GALATEA FUTURE, THE LAST GUARDIAN OF EARTH, FOUND HERSELF NEAR THE END OF TIME AS A TEMPORAL ANOMALY.

SHE KNOWS THAT SHE SHOULD NOT EXIST, AND YET SHE DOES. BARRED FROM TRAVEL TO THE PAST, AND WITH HER OWN HISTORY UNRAVELING WITH EVERY MOMENT THAT PASSES, SHE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HAD IN STORE FOR HER.

STILL, SHE ACCEPTED HER FATE AND THOUGHT HERSELF PREPARED FOR WHAT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT.

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"MY NAME IS GALATEA POWERS..."

"I WAS BORN KAREN POWERS..."

"I AM THE LAST GUARDIAN
OF THE PLANET EARTH..."

"I HAVE BEEN ALIVE FOR
MORE CENTURIES THAN I
CAN COUNT..."

"I HAVE FACED GODS,
DEMIGODS, AND DEMONS
ACROSS TWENTY DIMENSIONS."

"I'M SOMETHING OF A
TEMPORAL ANOMALY NOW..."

"I SEE MYSELF
CHANGED... A DIFFERENT
PERSON FROM THE ONE
I REMEMBER. MY WHOLE
LIFE IS DIFFERENT
BECAUSE OF IT."

"THE WOMAN THAT
WOULD BECOME ME IS
NO LONGER THERE.
SHE IS NO LONGER
REPEATING THE SAME
ACTIONS AS BEFORE."

"WITH HER GONE AND A NEW
TIMELINE CREATED FOR HER*, I
RETREATED TO MY TESSERACT
HOME AND PREPARED FOR THE
INEVITABLE END OF EVERYTHING
THAT HAS BEEN MY LIFE."

(* FOR MORE INFORMATION, READ
"GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN
SPOTLIGHT" ISSUES 21 AND 22.)



WHAT THE...?
WHERE THE HECK AM I?
WHY DOES EVERYTHING
LOOK DIFFERENT?

THIS ISN'T MY
TESSERACT HIDEAWAY.
THIS DOESN'T EVEN
FEEL LIKE THE RIGHT
UNIVERSE!

EVEN MY CLOTHES
ARE DIFFERENT.
I DON'T HAVE THE
AEGIS ARMOR
ANYMORE!

NO... IT DOES NOT
BELONG TO THIS
UNIVERSE...

WHO... ? IS
THIS LIBRA?

LIBRA IS NOT THE ONLY BEING
IN THE OMNIVERSE THAT CAN
AFFECT THINGS.

YOUR FRIEND "DOC" TOR
KNOWS ME AS "THE EDITOR".
I WAS THE ONE THAT BROUGHT
YOU TO THIS WORLD.

EVERYTHING THAT YOU ONCE KNEW
NO LONGER EXISTS. YOUR LIFE
IS NOW BEING REWRITTEN BY
YOUR YOUNGER SELF.*

AND YET IT WOULD BE WRONG TO
HAVE YOU SIMPLY DISAPPEAR
AFTER ALL THAT YOU ENDURED.

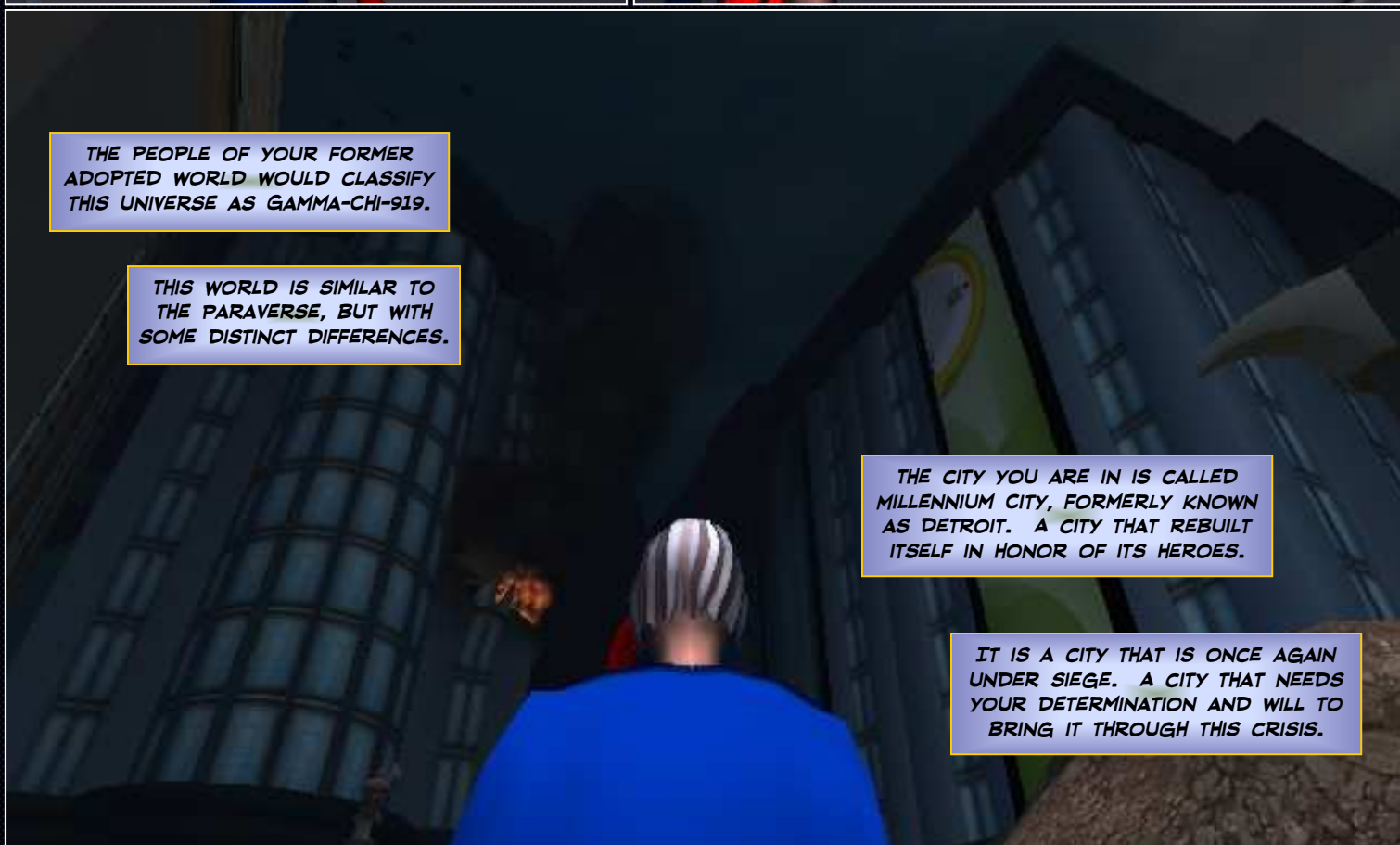
(* AGAIN, SEE "GUARDIANS
OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT")



OKAY... SO...
WHERE IS THIS
PLACE?



AND... WHY AM I
WEARING THIS
OUTFIT?



THE PEOPLE OF YOUR FORMER
ADOPTED WORLD WOULD CLASSIFY
THIS UNIVERSE AS GAMMA-CHI-919.

THIS WORLD IS SIMILAR TO
THE PARVERSE, BUT WITH
SOME DISTINCT DIFFERENCES.

THE CITY YOU ARE IN IS CALLED
MILLENNIUM CITY, FORMERLY KNOWN
AS DETROIT. A CITY THAT REBUILT
ITSELF IN HONOR OF ITS HEROES.

IT IS A CITY THAT IS ONCE AGAIN
UNDER SIEGE. A CITY THAT NEEDS
YOUR DETERMINATION AND WILL TO
BRING IT THROUGH THIS CRISIS.



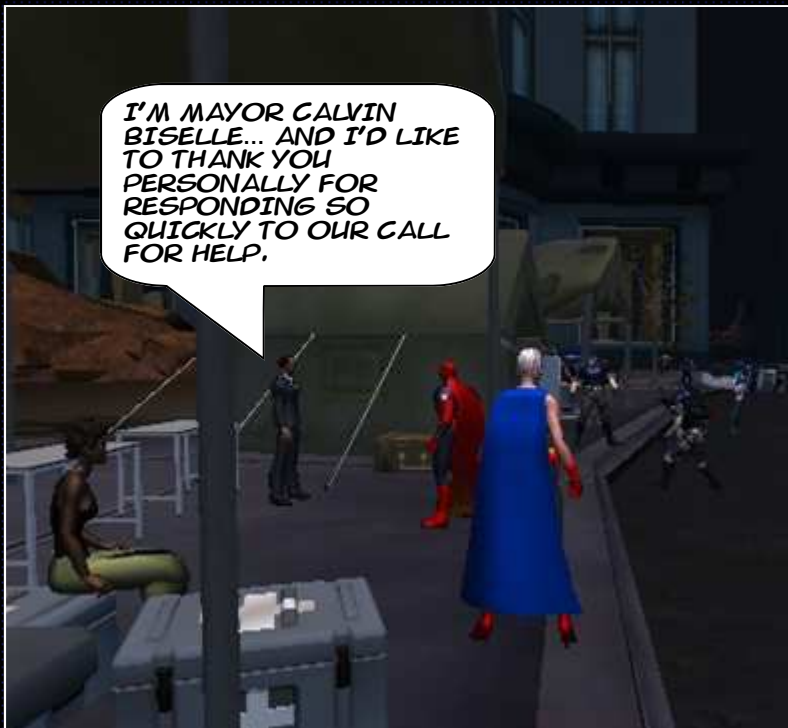
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WEARING THIS
OUTFIT?

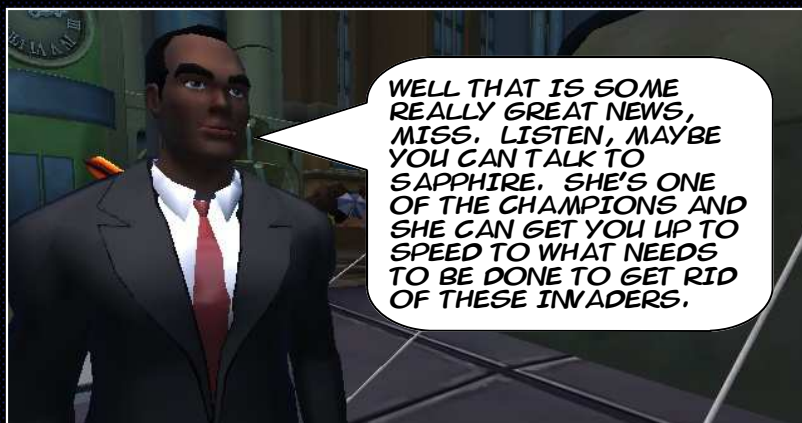
THAT DOESN'T
REALLY ANSWER
THE QUESTION.

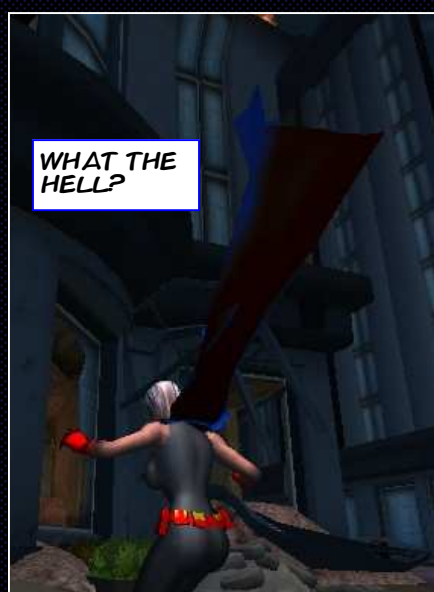
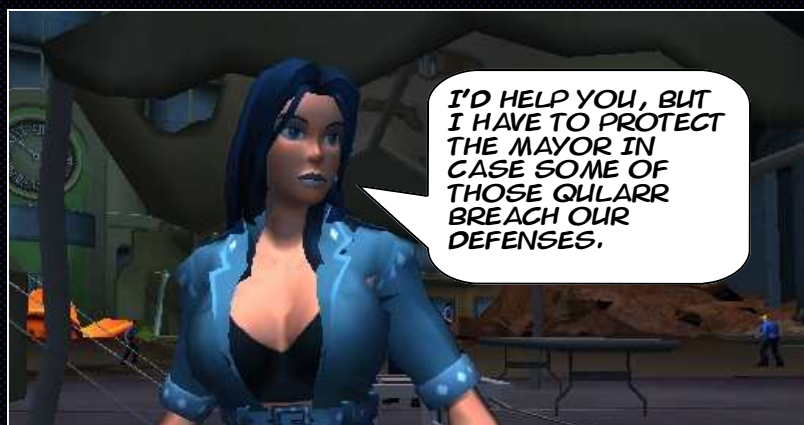
THE TRANSITION TO THIS WORLD
CAME AT THE MOMENT BEFORE
YOU WOULD CEASE TO EXIST.
IT WAS THE ONLY TIME THIS
COULD BE DONE.

AND YET IT IS THE ONLY
ANSWER THAT I CAN GIVE.

MY TIME IS SHORT. I CANNOT
BEND THE RULES ANY FURTHER TO
HELP YOU. YOU MUST LEARN ON
YOUR OWN HOW TO BEST HELP
THE PEOPLE OF THIS UNIVERSE.













HELLO? OH, MY, YOU ARE A NEW ONE, AREN'T YOU? I'M DOCTOR SILVERBACK.

I AM SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH A HOLOGRAM DEVICE. WHO MIGHT YOU BE?

A SENTIENT SIMIAN... HAVEN'T SEEN ONE OF THOSE IN A FEW CENTURIES.



MY NAME IS GALATEA... AND I NEED TO FIND DEFENDER. HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE AT THE CHAMPIONS BASE.



WELL YOU'RE IN LUCK, BECAUSE THAT'S THE BUILDING BEHIND THIS DEVICE.



GREAT! NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FIND DEFENDER AND PUT AN END TO THIS INVASION.



I WISH YOU GOOD LUCK, GALATEA.

AND BE CAREFUL... THE ENERGY DAMPENERS HERE ARE LIMITING EVERYONE'S POWERS.

OKAY, SO IT'S NOT JUST ME.



THIS WAS PART OF THEIR OVERALL PLAN.



HIT THE HEROES QUICKLY WHILE THEY'RE DE-POWERED.




IT'S A PITY THEY DIDN'T COUNT ON SOMEONE LIKE ME COMING HERE.



THERE WAS SOME SORT
OF BATTLE HERE...
QULARR AND SOME
ROBOTS, ARE THEY PART
OF THE SECURITY HERE?


LOOKS LIKE BOTH GROUPS
PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT.



I JUST HOPE THIS
DEFENDER PERSON
ISN'T SOMEWHERE
IN THE MIDDLE OF
THESE BODIES.



THERE ARE STILL PLENTY
OF LIVE ENEMIES TO HIT.



THERE'S SOMEONE
ELSE FIGHTING
HERE... I HOPE
THAT'S DEFENDER!





THIS WAY! WE
HAVEN'T A MOMENT
TO LOSE!

DEFENDER,
RIGHT? I'M
GALATEA...



OKAY... THAT
WAS AWKWARD.



ZAP!
BLACK TALON
IS THE ONE
BEHIND ALL
OF THIS! HE
MUST BE
STOPPED!



OKAY... WHEN IN ROME...
ETCETERA, ETCETERA...



WELCOME TO
YOUR DOOM!

SERIOUSLY?

YOU'RE
GOING TO
LEAD OFF
WITH THAT?

THAT IS SO
SATURDAY
MORNING!



DIE WITH ALL
THE OTHERS!



BUDDA-
BUDDA-
BUDDA-
BUDDA-
BUDDA



WHO ARE YOU
SUPPOSED
TO BE FIRING
AT?



NOW TO
ENSNARE YOU...



YOU ARE
HELPLESS
NOW!

UNF!
MUST
BREAK
FREE!



I HAVE DEFEATED
MILLENNIUM
CITY'S HERO!

WHO CAN
STOP ME
NOW?



FOOLISH
GIRL! I'LL
SQUASH YOU
LIKE A...

HOW
ABOUT
ME?



YOU KNOW WHAT
THEY SAY... THE
BIGGER THEY ARE...

NICELY DONE,
GALATEA... BUT
WE'RE NOT DONE
YET. WE HAVE TO
NEUTRALIZE THE
DAMPENERS AND
THEN LAUNCH
IRONCLAD'S
DEFENSE SYSTEM!



THE CONTROLS
WERE RELATIVELY
SIMPLE TO
FIGURE OUT.

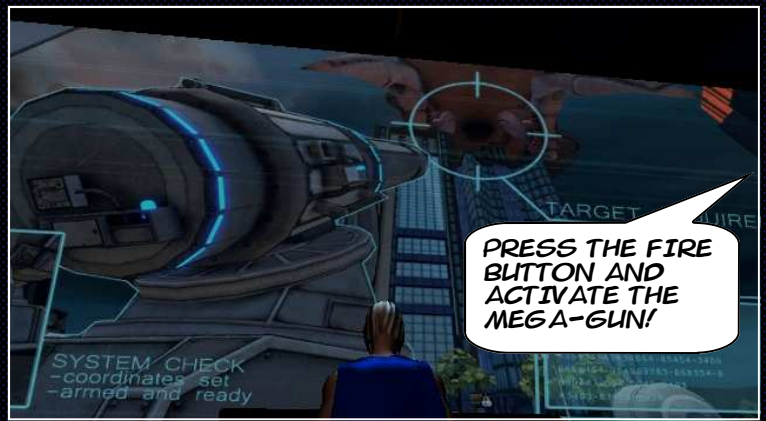


A MINUTE LATER, THE
DAMPENERS WERE
SHUTTING DOWN.

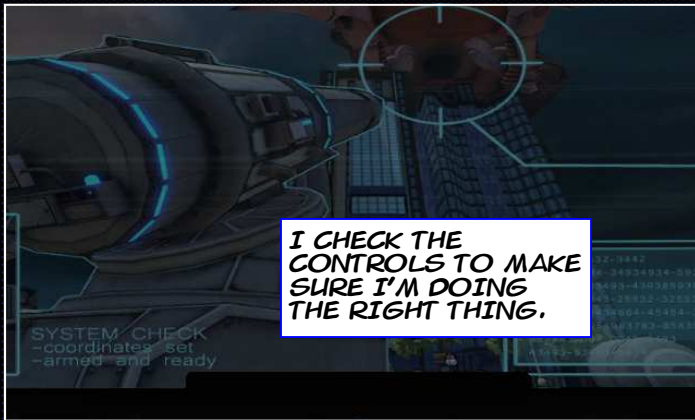
COME WITH ME,
GALATEA... WE HAVE
TO GET TO THE
DEFENSE ROOM
AND ACTIVATE
IRONCLAD'S
DEFENSE SYSTEM!



SINCE YOU DEFEATED BLACK TALON, YOU DESERVE TO SEND THE QULARR HOME.



PRESS THE FIRE BUTTON AND ACTIVATE THE MEGA-GUN!



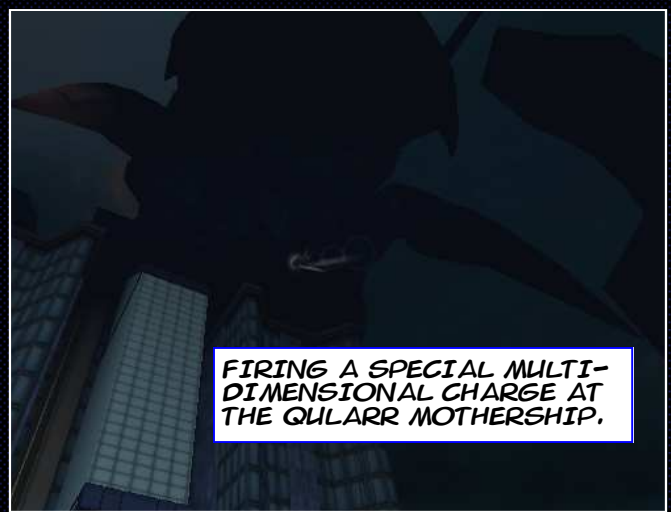
I CHECK THE CONTROLS TO MAKE SURE I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING.



OUTSIDE, IRONCLAD'S SPECIAL MEGA-GUN CHARGES UP.



BOOM!



FIRING A SPECIAL MULTI-DIMENSIONAL CHARGE AT THE QULARR MOTHERSHIP.



SENDING IT... HOPEFULLY... TO ITS HOME SYSTEM.

OR AT THE VERY LEAST SOMEPLACE WHERE THE QULARR WON'T BE A THREAT TO THIS PLANET ANYTIME SOON.



I CAN HEAR THE CHEERS FROM OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING, THE THREAT IS OVER WITH.

BUT THERE'S STILL A PART OF ME THAT'S UNEASY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.

IT SEEMED... TOO EASY FOR ME.

SURE MY POWERS WERE REDUCED, BUT MY BRAIN IS STILL RUNNING AS THOUGH ITS ALL JUST A WALK IN THE PARK.



WHY AM I REALLY HERE?

IT WASN'T BECAUSE THEY NEEDED "GALATEA POWERS", THE INCARNATE HERO AND TIME AGENT. THAT PERSON DOESN'T EVEN EXIST ANYMORE.



TIME PASSES.

THE HEROES HELP REPAIR AND REBUILD THE CITY.



IN MANY WAYS IT REMINDS ME OF THE PARaverse.



ONLY THIS WORLD WASN'T RENDERED UNINHABITABLE AFTERWARD.



GALATEA, I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE, BOTH WITH THE QULARR AND WITH THE REBUILDING OF THE CITY.

THE MAYOR WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH YOU IN AN HOUR AT CHAMPIONS HEADQUARTERS TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU.

SURE... OKAY.



I DON'T BELIEVE IT.

THEY'RE ACTUALLY
GIVING ME A
HERO'S WELCOME.



I'M NOT USED
TO THIS SORT
OF STUFF.

ON MY BIRTH-WORLD
AND MY ADOPTED-
WORLD, HEROES DID
THEIR JOB WITH LITTLE
FANFARE.

WE DIDN'T HAVE PARADES OR
CEREMONIES. WE JUST DID
OUR JOBS AND THAT WAS IT.



WE DIDN'T DO WHAT WE DID
FOR THE ROAR OF THE CROWD
OR A KEY TO THE CITY.



WE DID IT BECAUSE
THERE'S A JOB TO
BE DONE.



ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL PEOPLE, I'M HONORED TO GIVE YOU THIS KEY TO MILLENNIUM CITY.



A STRONG FIGHTER...

I THINK SHE WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT ADDITION TO THE CHAMPIONS...



DON'T BE TOO QUICK TO INDUCT HER, SAPPHIRE. I SENSE SOMETHING TROUBLING WITH HER.

YOU'RE JUST BEING PARANOID, WITCHCRAFT.



I WISH IT WAS JUST THAT, SAPPHIRE.



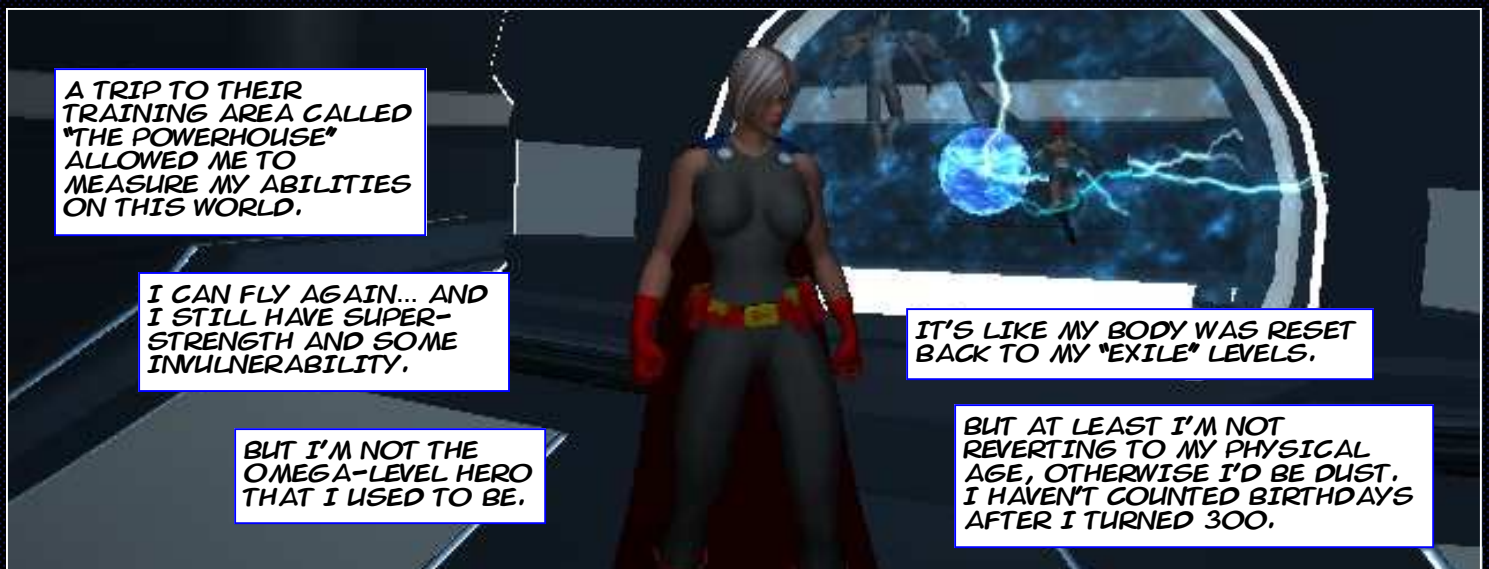
ARE YOU OKAY, GALATEA? YOU SEEM DISTRESSED ABOUT SOMETHING.

IT'S OKAY. THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING.



BUT I DID HEAR IT. AND SHE IS RIGHT TO BE WORRIED.

I KNOW I AM.



A TRIP TO THEIR TRAINING AREA CALLED "THE POWERHOUSE" ALLOWED ME TO MEASURE MY ABILITIES ON THIS WORLD.

I CAN FLY AGAIN... AND I STILL HAVE SUPER-STRENGTH AND SOME INVULNERABILITY.

BUT I'M NOT THE OMEGA-LEVEL HERO THAT I USED TO BE.

IT'S LIKE MY BODY WAS RESET BACK TO MY "EXILE" LEVELS.

BUT AT LEAST I'M NOT REVERTING TO MY PHYSICAL AGE, OTHERWISE I'D BE DUST. I HAVEN'T COUNTED BIRTHDAYS AFTER I TURNED 300.

THIS IS ABOUT
AS PRIVATE AS
I CAN GET.



THERE'S STILL
A LOT FOR ME
TO TAKE IN.



FLOATING
BILLBOARDS.

NO WAR WALLS.

HEROES THAT
ARE HONORED,
EVEN IDOLIZED.



AND THE
QUESTION
STILL ON
MY MIND...

WHY AM I
HERE?

THAT SHOULD BE
OBVIOUS, GALATEA.



EDITOR! WHY DID YOU
DO THIS? WHY DID YOU
BRING ME HERE AND
REDUCE MY POWERS?

YOU DESERVED
BETTER THAN
NON-EXISTENCE.

YOU ARE HERE TO DO THE
ONE THING YOU HAVEN'T
BEEN ABLE TO DO... YOU
ARE HERE TO LIVE.



BUT I'VE LIVED FOR
CENTURIES NOW. I'VE BEEN
THROUGH EXTINCTIONS
AND REBIRTHS. I'VE SEEN
THE END OF TIME ITSELF.

THAT IS NOT LIVING, GALATEA.
THAT IS EXISTING. YOU'VE
EXISTED FOR CENTURIES.

BUT YOU HAVEN'T
REALLY LIVED IN
A LONG TIME.

THAT'S NOT
TRUE! I'VE...

I'VE...

SIGH YOU'RE
RIGHT.



HERE IN MILLENNIUM CITY,
YOU ARE GIVEN A RARE
OPPORTUNITY TO START
YOUR LIFE ANEW.

MAYBE NOT AS "GALATEA
POWERS"... THAT PERSON
IS NO LONGER YOU.

THE FUTURE IS
YOURS AGAIN,
GALATEA. LET
THAT BE YOUR
MISSION. LET THAT
BE YOUR CALLING.

FIND YOUR
FUTURE.



A NEW BEGINNING...

Lost -n- Found

Words of wisdom from writer and creator David 2.

“FIND YOUR FUTURE...”

Welcome to a new story... and a new life for an “old” character.

Galatea Future was a character originally seen in the “**Guardians of the Dawn Spotlight**” comic series as an alternative future version of the ever-popular character **Galatea Powers**.

In the history that she knew, Galatea served as the “Last Guardian” of Earth, overseeing humanity as it fled from a world rendered inhospitable by the ravages of a mad god. Then she was given the honor of learning the secrets of time and space, and she discovered that her history was not supposed to happen. Armed with this knowledge, she broke the laws of time to reset history and save the lives of her former teammates. Afterward, though, she became an anomaly in time.

When she was last seen, she witnessed her past self leave for 2011 for a completely different life and a future that was no longer set in stone.

But some readers of the series asked if that was it for Galatea Future. Would she still exist after the events in that story?

The answer is “Yes”... and “No”.

The future of Galatea Powers will continue in the **City of Heroes** universe, but that does not mean that the alternate-future Galatea (*aka “Galatea Future”*) has to go away. The option was always there for her to show up someplace else, either as the all-powerful being she was last seen as, or in a completely new universe, starting her life anew.

Thus we have the “Lost Adventures”.

The most obvious difference between this series and the normal “Guardians” series is the setting. This series takes place in the universe of “**Champions Online**”.

“Champions Online”, or “CO”, is the second superhero-themed Massive Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game, and is the direct successor to the old “Champions” Role Playing Game from 1981. But unlike “City of Heroes”, or “COH”, whose iconic characters and settings were inspired by the “Champions” game, “Champions Online” uses all of the characters and settings DIRECTLY from the old RPG.

In fact, “Champions Online” was created by Cryptic Studios, the same people that originally created and developed “City of Heroes” for NCSoft, and a lot of the features that are incorporated into “CO” came following Cryptic’s time developing “COH”, including increased

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control over character creation, and being able to pick up and carry items. Some of these features could not be created in "COH" at the time, so Cryptic developers made sure they were standard for "CO".

And now a little **Q-&-A** for the Lost -n- Found...

WHAT ABOUT THE "CURRENT" GALATEA POWERS?

The present-day Galatea Powers will still be in the City of Heroes universe, and in fact she will be given her own series either later in the year or at the start of 2012 to continue with the storylines left unanswered when "Guardians of the Dawn Spotlight" ended.

WILL ANY OTHER CHARACTERS FROM THE "GUARDIANS" SERIES COME OVER?

No. This will be a completely new universe for Galatea, and thus she will be living a completely different life this time around. In fact, she'll stop referring to herself as "Galatea Powers" or any of her other "civilian" names after this issue, and eventually the changes between the two will become more and more distinct.

WILL GALATEA FUTURE BE RETURNING TO THE "CITY OF HEROES" UNIVERSE?

Probably not. Certainly not THIS version of her, but that doesn't mean that there wouldn't be ANOTHER "future version" of Galatea Powers in the "City of Heroes" future.

For more information about this series and the others, please visit the official website of Galatea Future at...

[HTTP://GUARDIANSOFTHEDAWN.WORDPRESS.COM/GALATEA-FUTURE/](http://guardiansofthedawn.wordpress.com/galatea-future/)

WHAT'S NEXT?



Now that Galatea got the key to Millennium City, it's time to find out what else this new universe has to offer for her...

But someone else is also watching her activities very closely.



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