

THE GUARDIAN POWERS



THERE IS NO
WAY YOU CAN
BE HER!

**MY SISTER
IS DEAD!**

ONCE THEY REPRESENTED THE NEXT GENERATION OF SUPERHERO TEAMS... THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN! THEY BATTLED CRIME LORDS, CORRUPT GOVERNMENT AGENTS, AND EVEN GODS AND DEMIGODS. THEY MADE A DIFFERENCE WHEN MANY BELIEVED THEY WOULD NOT.

BUT WHILE THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN ARE NO MORE, SEVERAL OF THE HEROES REFUSE TO GIVE UP THE FIGHT TO MAKE THAT BRIGHTER FUTURE POSSIBLE. CONTINUING TO OPERATE COVERTLY AS A "GHOST GROUP", THEY ARE KNOWN COLLECTIVELY AS...

THE GUARDIAN POWERS



LYON POWERS - WELSH SUPERHERO

THIRD-GENERATION SUPERHERO FROM ENGLAND, KATIE LEA POWERS IS QUICK TO DEFEND HER FAMILY'S HONOR AND REPUTATION, EVEN WHEN EXTENDING IT TO HER NEW "ADOPTED" SISTER, GALATEA POWERS.



CAPTAIN PARAGONNA - PARAGON CITY'S SUPERHERO POLICEWOMAN

THE ORIGINAL FOUNDING MEMBER AND FORMER LEADER OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN, STEVIE WALKER-RODGERS CONTINUES THE FIGHT FOR LAW AND ORDER, AS WELL AS BRING THAT PROMISE OF A BRIGHT FUTURE.

PHARON - PHARAOH'S CHAMPION

RESURRECTED FROM THE DAYS OF EGYPTIAN RULE, THIS ANCIENT WARRIOR LIVES AGAIN THANKS TO KHELDIAN TECHNOLOGY AND THE REINCARNATION OF RAMSEN-SET IN THE FORM OF ARCHEOLOGIST SET RAMSES.



BLOODBLADER - SMART-MOUTHED ASSASSIN

SHE IS THE BEST AT WHATEVER SHE PUTS HER MIND TO, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT INVOLVES HER CUSTOM BLADES. THE PROBLEM IS PUTTING HER MIND TO IT. SHE'S NOT LOYAL TO SHADOWBORN; ONLY TO MS. MAPLE.

AND INTRODUCING...

FURIA POWERS - PRAETORIAN SUPERHERO

IN ANOTHER REALITY, SHE'S THE LAST SURVIVING MEMBER OF THE LEGENDARY POWERS FAMILY. SHE'S MADE A VOW TO SEE JUSTICE DONE, AND TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF HER YOUNGER SISTER.

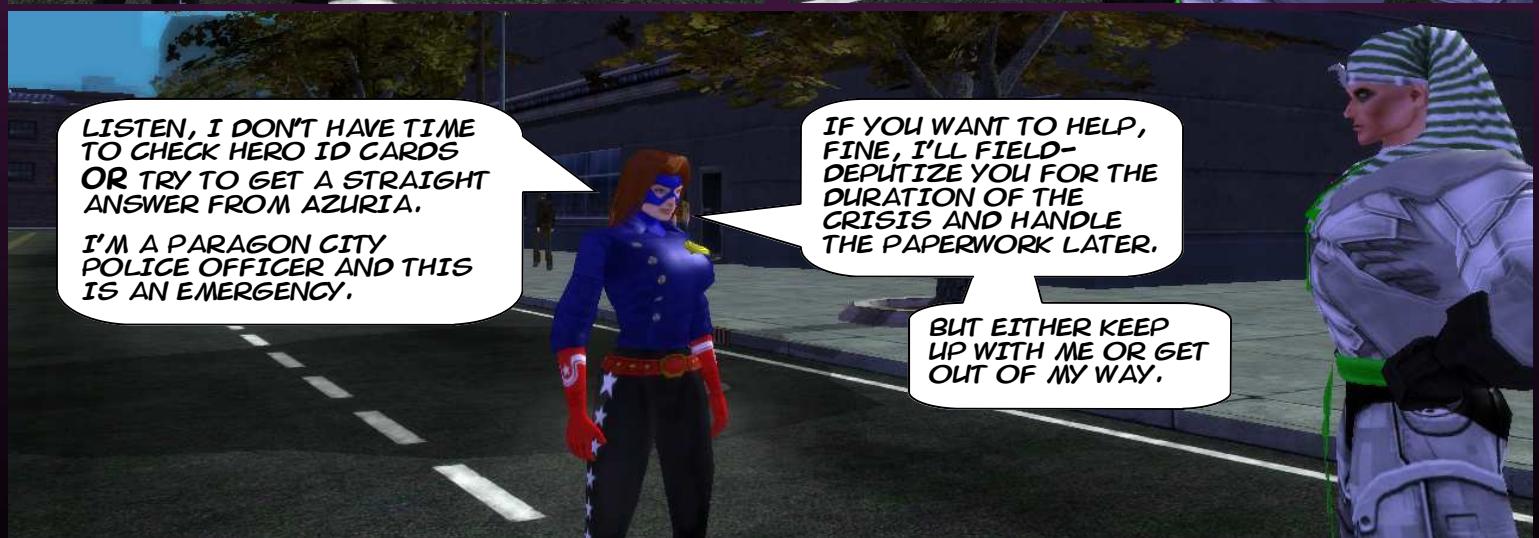


"ENTER: FURIA"

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TEN MINUTES
TO SHIELD
IMPLOSION!

FINAL EVAC
BOARDING!
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BOARDING!

HOLD THE
LINE! DON'T
LET THEM GET
NEAR THE
EVAC SHIP!

WE GOTTA GO! WE
GOTTA GO NOW!
TO HELL WITH THE
STRAGGLERS!

OHMIGOD!
HELP! HELP!
THEY'RE
COMING
THROUGH!

NINE MINUTES
TO SHIELD
IMPLOSION!

NO! I'M ON
ORDERS TO
WAIT FOR ONE
MORE PERSON!

KATE!!



COME ON KATE,
THIS IS THE
LAST SHIP OUT!
THEY'RE WAITING
FOR US!

FINAL EVAC
BOARDING!

FAITH, I... I
CAN'T KEEP
UP! THEY'RE
TOO FAST!



IEEEEEE!!!



KAAAAATE!!















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into the mind of a hero filled
with many layers. There I
said it, now stop zapping me!"**
- Random Hellion Thug

HOW ARE THESE
STUPID REVIEWS
GOING TO GET
PEOPLE TO READ THE
COMIC?

IT'S AT
LEAST WORTH
A SHOT.

THE SPECTACULAR SPARKY

STARRING A.R.G.H.

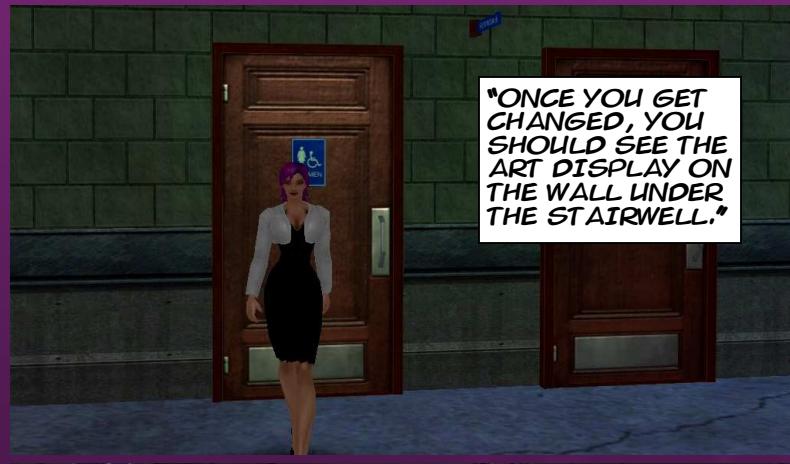




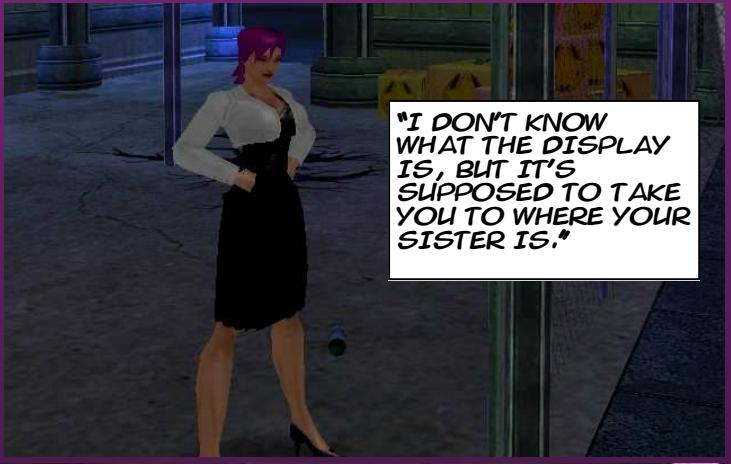
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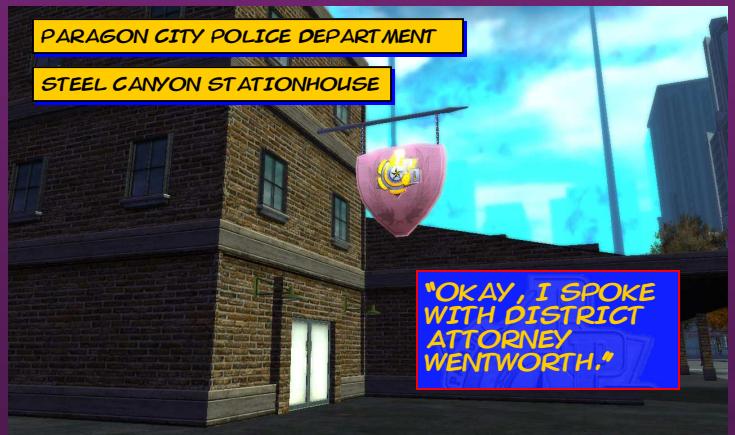
"ONCE YOU GET CHANGED, YOU SHOULD SEE THE ART DISPLAY ON THE WALL UNDER THE STAIRWELL."

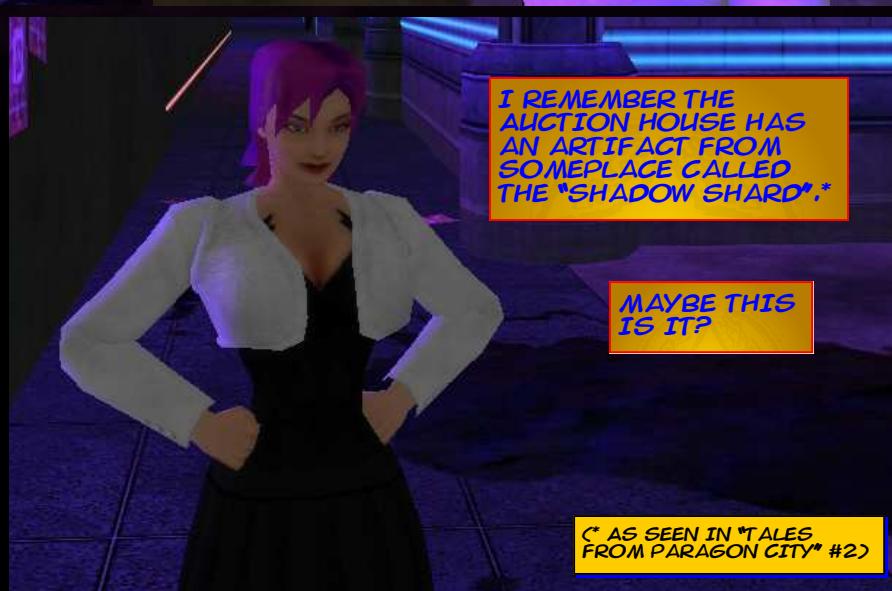


"I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DISPLAY IS, BUT IT'S SUPPOSED TO TAKE YOU TO WHERE YOUR SISTER IS."



"ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS REACH OUT AND TOUCH THE LIGHT STREAMS."









A FEW MINUTES LATER IN AN EMPTY CORNER OF THE BLUE SIDE LOUNGE...

SO YOU'RE FROM THAT OTHER UNIVERSE... THE ONE THAT EMPEROR COLE TALKS ABOUT.

BUT WHY DO YOU CALL IT "PRIMAL"? IT SOUNDS SILLY.

OI, DON'T I KNOW IT! NO, IT WAS T' GLY THAT CREATED THE PORTAL INDUSTRY THAT CAME UP WITH THAT NAME.

I WOULDVE SETTLED WITH CALLING IT "UNIVERSE ONE" OR SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT.

EXCEPT WE'D PROBABLY CALL OURS "UNIVERSE ONE", AND THEN WE'D HAVE A FIGHT OVER WHO GETS TO BE NUMBER ONE.

THAT'S HOW IT ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE IN MY WORLD... JUST ONE FIGHT AFTER ANOTHER AFTER ANOTHER.

AND THEN THERE'S THE HAMIDON... ALWAYS THAT DAMNED HAMIDON.

THE HAMIDON AND THE DEVOURING EARTH DESTROYED EVERYTHING WE HAD.

OUR HOMES, OUR CITIES... OUR FAMILIES...

"WHEN MARCHUS COLE, THEN SIMPLY 'GLOBAL COMMANDER', BEGAN SETTING UP A NEW CITY-STATE FOR THE SURVIVORS TO LIVE IN, HE ASKED OUR... MY... FATHER... WINDHAM POWERS... TO SET UP THE SPECIAL DIVISION THAT WOULD HELP KEEP THE PEACE."

"IN RETURN FOR SETTING UP THE POWERS DIVISION, COLE BROUGHT US... I MEAN... MY FAMILY... OVER FROM ENGLAND."

"KATE AND I LIVED IN FIRST WARD, THE FIRST SETTLEMENT IN THE NEW CITY-STATE OF PRAETORIA."

"YOU... I MEAN KATE... WENT TO SCHOOL, AND I WAS IN TRAINING AS PART OF THE POWERS DIVISION PROGRAM TO BECOME AN INVESTIGATOR, TO KEEP UP WITH THE FAMILY TRADITION."

"IT WAS PERFECT... UNTIL THE HAMIDON FOUND A WAY TO BURROW UNDER THE SONIC FIELD THAT PROTECTED US."



WE WERE TRYING TO REACH THE LAST TRANSPORT SHIP OUT OF FIRST WARD BEFORE THE SONIC SHIELD WAS GOING TO BE TURNED INWARD TO DESTROY THE HAMIDON ALREADY INSIDE.

THAT WAS WHEN... THAT WAS WHEN AN ASPECT OF THE HAMIDON... KILLED HER.



"I COULDN'T SAVE HER."

"I DIDN'T KNOW WHY IT DIDN'T KILL ME TOO."

A PART OF ME WISHED THAT IT DID."



"AFTERWARD, I WAS BROUGHT TO NOVA PRAETORIA AND HONORED BY EMPEROR COLE HIMSELF."

"I HAD TO PUT ON A BRAVE FACE THEN. I COULDN'T LET ANYONE KNOW HOW BADLY I WAS HURTING OVER MY FAILURE."

"IT WASN'T 'APPROPRIATE' TO THINK ABOUT FIRST WARD, ACCORDING TO COLE."

"SEERS WOULD MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE DIDN'T 'DWELL' ON THOSE MEMORIES."

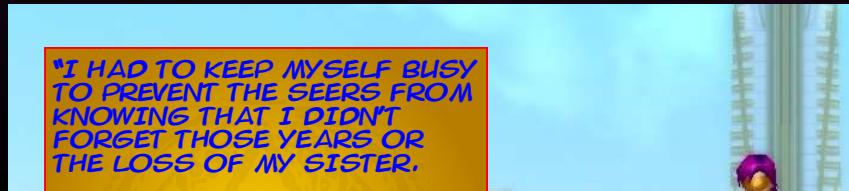
 EMPEROR COLE
PRAETORIAN TYRANT



WAIT... WHEN YOU SAID "SEERS"... YOU MEAN TELEPATHS, RIGHT?

RIGHT. PRAETOR TILMAN'S PERSONAL ARMY OF TELEPATHS, SERVING AS HER EYES AND EARS AND "SENSES".

THANKFULLY THE FIRST TRICK I LEARNED IN POWERS DIVISION WAS TO "LOCK AWAY" MY THOUGHTS FROM THEM.



"I HAD TO KEEP MYSELF BUSY TO PREVENT THE SEERS FROM KNOWING THAT I DIDN'T FORGET THOSE YEARS OR THE LOSS OF MY SISTER."

FIGHTING THE SYNDICATE, FIGHTING THE DESTROYERS, TRYING TO KEEP THE PEACE."



"NOT FOR EMPEROR COLE, NOT FOR ANY OF THE PRAETORS, NOT EVEN BECAUSE I WAS TOLD TO DO THESE THINGS."

I DID IT... WELL, BECAUSE IT'S WHAT WAS RIGHT, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT A HERO LIKE OUR GRANDFATHER WOULD DO."





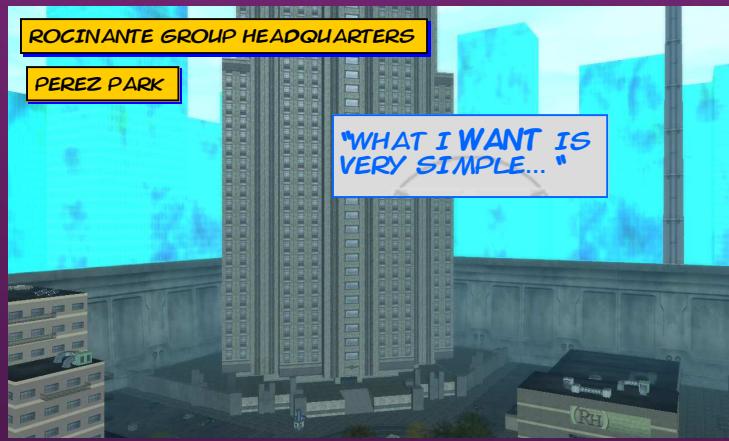
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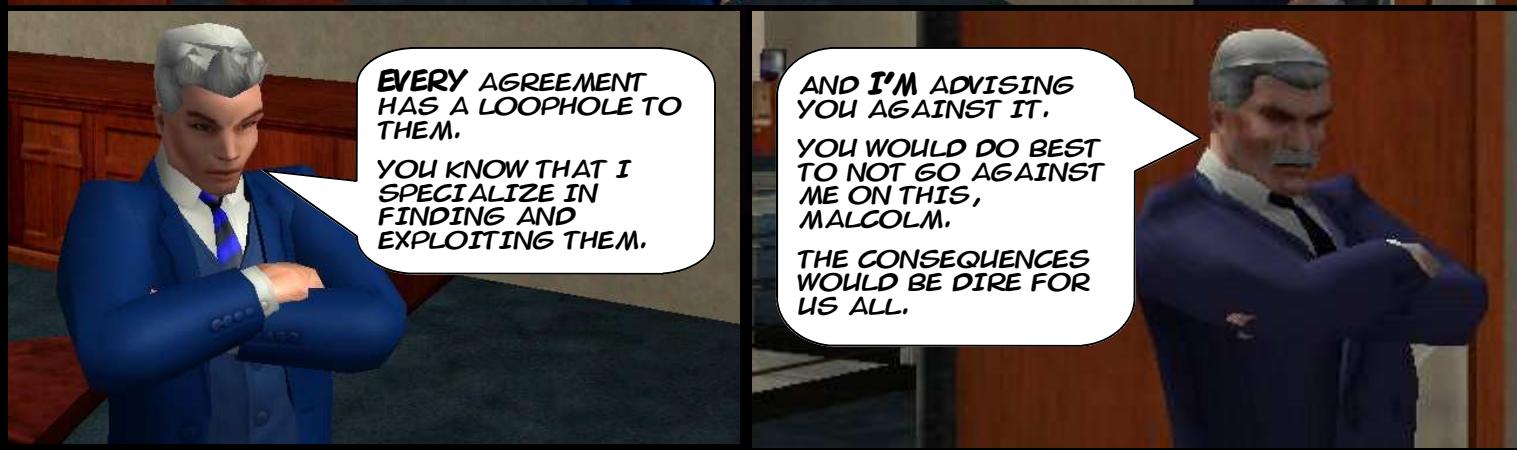
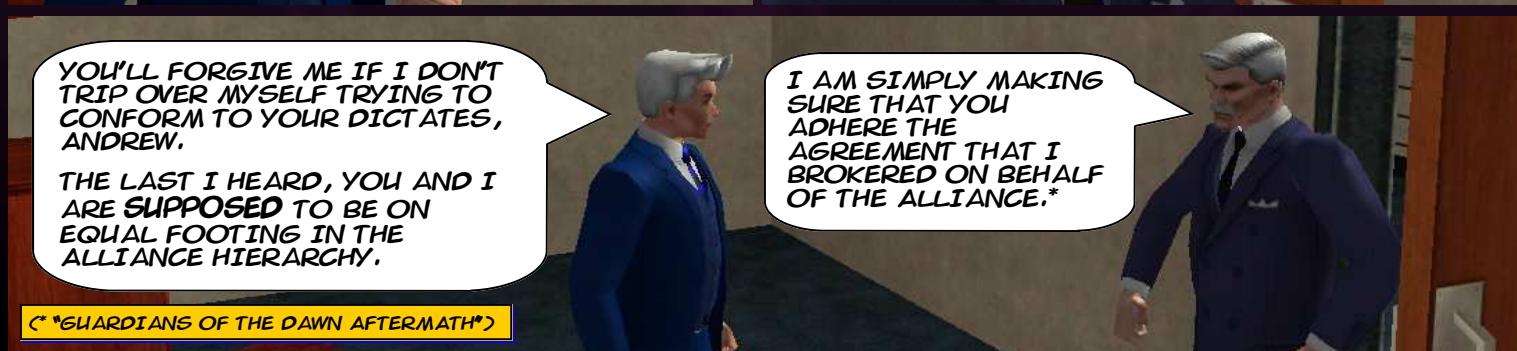


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ANDREW WENTWORTH
CEO WENTWORTH'S FINE CONSIGNMENT





POWER TRIP



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

Selected excerpts from the book...

“My Uncle’s Keeper: The Story of Lionel Powers” - by Icon Powers

Part 3: Vengeance Is His

When “Steelman” testified before the House Subcommittee on Un-American Activities and publicly removed his mask to reveal that he was, in fact, John Powers, that became the turning point for the whole Powers family.

Lionel firmly believed that his brother’s sense of honor and nobility - or, as Lionel called it, “his ego” - would be so strong that it would prevent him from complying with Senator McCarthy’s request. He believed that John would give up his hero career before giving up his mask. He did not expect his brother to do the exact opposite.

...

The next morning, the hotel switchboard reported fifty phone calls were made from Lionel’s room to various businesses and think-tank organizations in the District of Columbia. Each call lasted less than two minutes in length.

The message each time was clear: Lionel Powers could not control his brother. He was of no use to “The Circle”.

...

At a time when the United States was arming itself for the Cold War, Powers Industries was going bankrupt. Lucrative “no-bid” contracts suddenly were cancelled. The dreams and ideas for the future that were once considered “visionary” were suddenly dismissed as being “delusional”. The Internal Revenue Service was investigating his company’s assets. Even the scientific circles that once welcomed him with open arms were shutting him out.

By the end of 1955, Lionel was left with nothing, save for two million dollars in offshore accounts. The “Great Visionary” who once had a regular audience with the President of the United States was now just another “meteor freak”.

And, according to Lionel, it was all his brother’s fault.

...

Lionel’s new “network of friends” had a much different vision of world events than “The Circle” refused to consider.

According to one anonymous insider, “The Circle” could not see society existing beyond the end of the 20th Century. All of their models indicated that global war and genocide was inevitable. So for them, the goal of “The Circle” was not only survival for themselves, but also to make as much money as possible before that moment arrived.

That was the “coming conflict” that Lionel saw and tried to warn John about in their last peaceful meeting in 1956. He tried to warn John about the wars that were brewing that would lead to a nuclear conflict.

...

The name “Millennium” came quickly to mind for two reasons. The first was the fatalistic nature of “The Circle” in their belief that the world we know would come to an end before the millennium does. They wanted others to know that they saw hope for the future, and that they would mold that future themselves.

The second reason came as a vow from Lionel himself on the eve of their group’s unofficial “christening”.

“The old guard sees themselves as not being around by the time the new millennium begins. So be it. We’re going to make sure that they live up to their vision, only they won’t have to wait forty years to see it happen. The new Millennium will start now!”

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Author's Notes On Furia Powers:

When the developers of the City of Heroes MMO were ready to launch their “Going Rogue” extension, they gave active subscribers a quick preview of the changes, allowing them to temporarily create a character in Praetoria and using the new costume pieces that would be available with “Going Rogue”.

My first instinct was to create a Praetorian version of Galatea Powers. But Going Rogue allowed me to change things up a bit, which meant that I could use either hero or villain archetypes (*bear in mind this was a year before they allowed it for all characters in the MMO*). Plus they had introduced a new powerset called “Kinetic Melee” that I wanted to try out. So instead of a super-strong invulnerable tanker, I created a “brute” with kinetic melee and willpower.

The look of my new Praetorian agent was another matter. I tried to incorporate as many “Praetorian” elements as possible, such as their “police” visor, gloves, and shoulder pads, along with their “resistance” pants, chest straps, and belt. I kept the colors simple at first. White and red with a bit of yellow and blue. I gave her purple hair instead of blond, and there’s even an aura around her eyes when she uses her powers, which are tinted purple and yellow.

Then came the name and her backstory. I instantly thought of “Fury”, since her “Brute” archetype allowed her strength to increase the longer she is in a fight. Then I remembered that Lyon Powers had a good-sized family. So I thought “What if this would be the sister of Lyon Powers that isn’t alive in the ‘normal’ universe?” Big family in the normal universe, orphaned in Praetoria. “Fury” then becomes “Furia Powers”.

When the teaser period was over with, it was a few more months before I could get the “Going Rogue” extension and re-create her fresh. Thankfully I kept the costume file so I could just build from there. But when a few folks saw her, the first that they complained was that she STILL looked too much like “Galatea Powers”. Given the grief I was getting over Galatea looking too much like a certain DC Comics character, I needed to make a few modest changes to Furia. Thankfully, with Furia, those changes were mostly in the costume colors.

For more about the hassles concerning costume changes, check out **Issue #25** of “**Guardians of the Dawn Spotlight**”, which you can find at the official website...



Original Look (Top)



Revised Look (Below)

<http://GuardiansOfTheDawn.wordpress.com>
NEXT ISSUE...



“Where is Midnight Arachnia?”

That question will finally be answered!

Plus, at long last, Galatea Powers meets with Mr. Cyril of CyCorp to explain his damaging accusations about the role of the Guardians in the destruction of Galaxy City!

But the evidence he gives her will leave her with even more questions!



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