

# THE GUARDIAN POWERS



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



## ALEX WENTWORTH - PARAGON CITY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FORMERLY THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER, THIS ONE-TIME "CELEBLANT" BECAME THE WORST NIGHTMARE FOR CROOKED COPS AND ABUSIVE PROSECUTORS. NOW HE WORKS FROM WITHIN THE SYSTEM TO BRING IT IN LINE.

## GALATEA POWERS - PARAGON CITY'S "TRUE GUARDIAN"

BORN FROM ANOTHER WORLD, GALATEA CAME TO THIS WORLD WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHO SHE WAS. GIVEN A NEW LIFE AND A NEW NAME, SHE'S NOW ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR HEROES IN PARAGON CITY.



## 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.

## 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.



## ICON POWERS/KENT PODERES - TECHNICAL CONSULTANT

THE GREATEST HERO OF HIS EARTH, AND FOSTER FATHER OF GALATEA, KENT SACRIFICED EVERYTHING, INCLUDING HIS COUSIN'S TRUST. NOW HE HAS LOST MUCH OF HIS POWERS AND SEEKS TO REBUILD THE TRUST OF HIS TEAMMATES.

# "THE DAWN RETURNS"

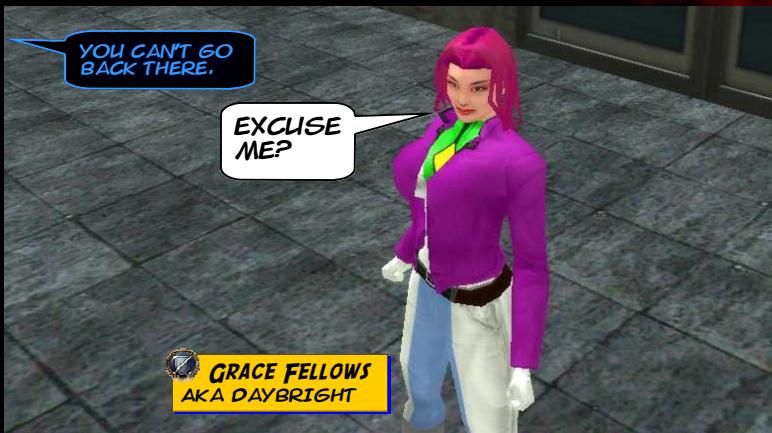
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THIS IS PNN EARLY AFTERNOON NEWS, I'M ROBIN STEED, AND WE START WITH AN UPDATE ON A STORY THAT HAS BEEN ON MANY OF OUR MINDS THESE PAST FEW MONTHS.

PNN REPORTS THAT THEY HAVE UNCOVERED THE SPONSOR OF THE STRANGE BILLBOARDS THAT HAVE POPPED UP ALL OVER PARAGON CITY CONCERNING THE DESTRUCTION OF GALAXY CITY IN SEPTEMBER OF LAST YEAR.

## PNN EARLY AFTERNOON NEWS · ROBIN STEED

### FILE FOOTAGE · TALOS ISLAND

"BILLBOARDS SUCH AS THE ONE YOU SEE HERE IN TALOS ISLAND BEGAN APPEARING LAST NOVEMBER."

Never Forget Galaxy City!

- We The Fallen  
Sept. 18, 2011

"BUT NOBODY CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE MESSAGES REMINDING PEOPLE TO 'NEVER FORGET GALAXY CITY'."

### STRANGE SPONSOR BEHIND "NEVER FORGET GALAXY CITY"

PNN NOW REPORTS THAT THE PERSON BEHIND THOSE MESSAGES IS "DOC" TOR, THE SAME HERO ACCUSED BY SOME OF CAUSING THE DISASTER!

### FILE FOOTAGE · GALAXY CITY

"DOC" TOR HAS NOT BEEN SEEN OR HEARD FROM SINCE THE SHIVAN METEORS DESTROYED GALAXY CITY.

### STRANGE BILLBOARD SPONSOR IDENTIFIED

### "DOC" TOR NOT SEEN SINCE DISASTER

### FILE FOOTAGE · GALAXY CITY

"UNTIL NOW, OFFICIALS BELIEVED THAT TOR WAS ONE OF THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE PRESUMED MISSING OR KILLED IN THE DISASTER."

"OVER TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE STILL CONSIDERED EITHER MISSING OR DEAD, TRAPPED IN PLACES THAT CANNOT BE REACHED DUE TO THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THE NEO-SHIVANS."

"SO THE QUESTION IS... IF HE REALLY IS BEHIND THE BILLBOARD MESSAGES, THEN WHERE IS HE?"

AND IF HE DID CAUSE THE DISASTER, WHY THEN SEND SUCH A MACABRE MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC?"

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FREEDOM SQUARE - GALAXY CITY (P)

FREEDOM CORPS HEADQUARTERS

"SO WHEN YOU SAID WE'RE GOING TO 'SAVE THEM ALL', YOU REALLY DON'T MEAN THAT LITERALLY, DO YOU?"

"YES, THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN, GALATEA."

EVERY HUMAN BEING STILL INSIDE THIS... WHATEVER THIS PLACE IS...  
WE'RE GOING TO SAVE THEM ALL FROM THE SHIVANS?

IF ALL GOES AS I PLANNED IT... YES.  
EVERY HUMAN BEING HERE NOW IN GALAXY CITY.

GALATEA POWERS  
OTHERWORLD HERO

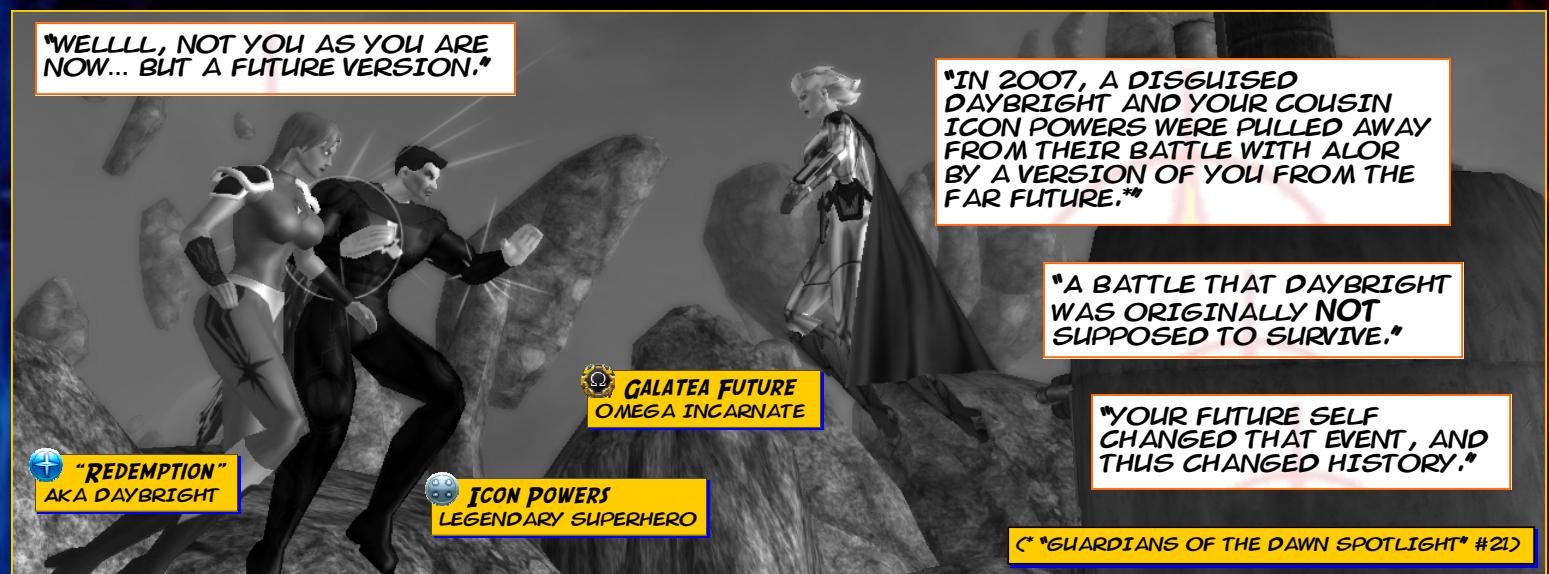
"DOC" TOR  
EXILED MANIPULATOR

"WHERE ARE WE GOING ANYWAY? I DON'T REMEMBER THIS PART OF THE FREEDOM CORPS HEADQUARTERS."

"WE'RE GOING TO THE MEDICAL TELEPORT SYSTEM LOCATED UNDER THE STATUE OF GALAXY GIRL."

"WAIT, I THOUGHT THE MEDICAL SYSTEM WAS IN CITY HALL."

"WELL THAT IS THE FINISHED VERSION. THIS ONE IS THE PROTOTYPE THAT THE FREEDOM PHALANX ORIGINALLY TESTED AFTER THE FIRST RIKTI INVASION IN 2002."



WAIT... WAIT...

DAYBRIGHT WAS IN THAT BATTLE WITH MY COUSIN?  
THE BATTLE THAT DESTROYED MY OWN UNIVERSE?  
WHY DIDN'T EITHER OF THEM TELL ME ABOUT THAT?

KENT HAS TIME-TRAVELED BEFORE. HE KNOWS HE HAS TO KEEP SOME THINGS TO HIMSELF.

OKAY... AND I GUESS I RATHER EXPECTED HIM TO DO THAT.

BUT... WHY DIDN'T DAYBRIGHT MENTION ANY OF THIS?

I MEAN, I REMEMBER EVERYONE THOUGHT SHE WAS DEAD FOR A WHILE, WHEN I WAS AN UNWILLING GUEST OF OUROBOROS--

--AND THOSE TWO EVENTS WERE PART OF THE SAME GRAND PLAN.

LIBRA WAS THE FORCE BEHIND YOUR "UNWILLING STAY" IN OUROBOROS, AS WELL AS PULLING DAYBRIGHT AWAY FROM THE BRINK OF DEATH.\*

EVENTS THAT NEITHER THE MENDERS NOR I KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT WHEN THEY OCCURRED, NEVER MIND THAT THEY WERE DONE BY THE SAME BEING.

THE FIRST THING THE MENDERS DID WAS TO KEEP YOU IN OUROBOROS UNTIL THEY COULD INVESTIGATE WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED... WHICH IS PRECISELY WHAT LIBRA EXPECTED THEM TO DO.

(\* "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT" #17)

"A WHOLE TIMELINE OF EVENTS OCCURRED DURING THAT INVESTIGATION."\*



"THE WORLD CHANGED, AND YOU CHANGED WITH IT. YOU BECAME OLDER, WISER, AND MORE AND MORE POWERFUL."



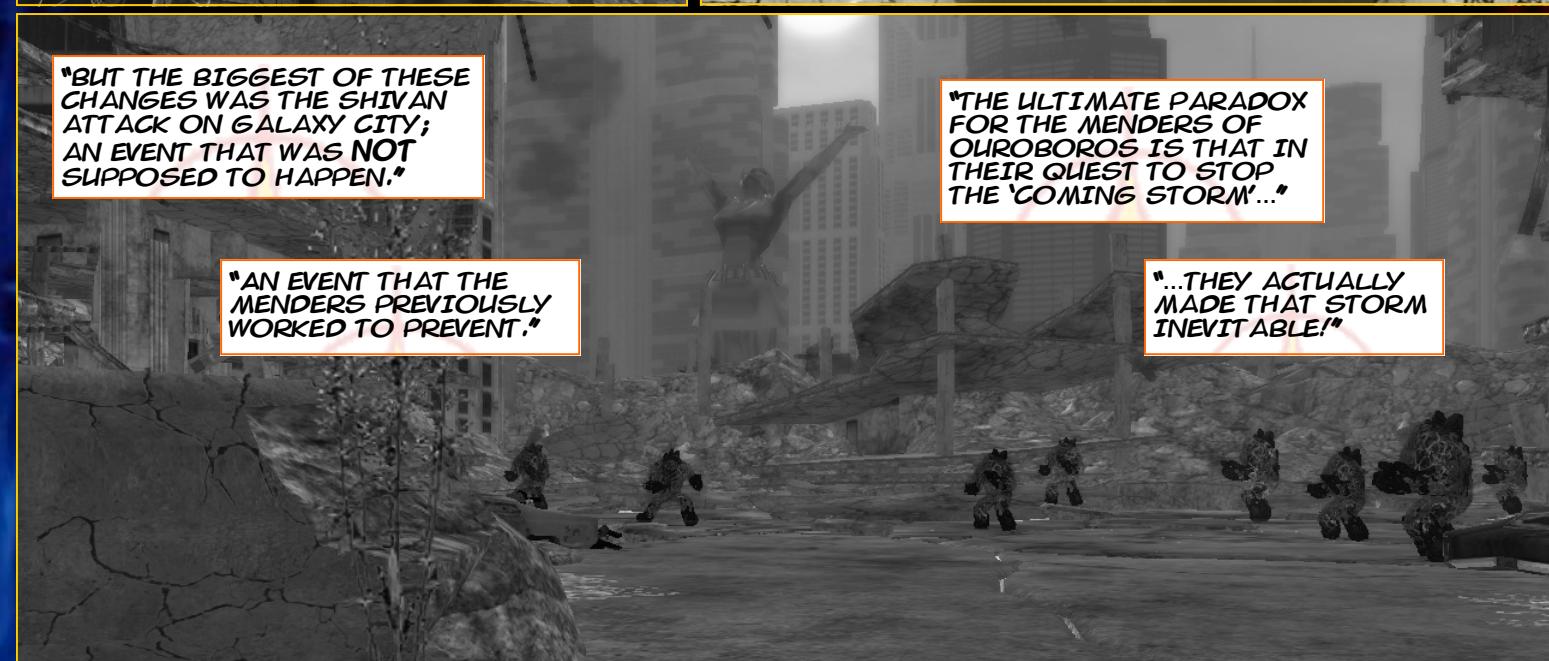
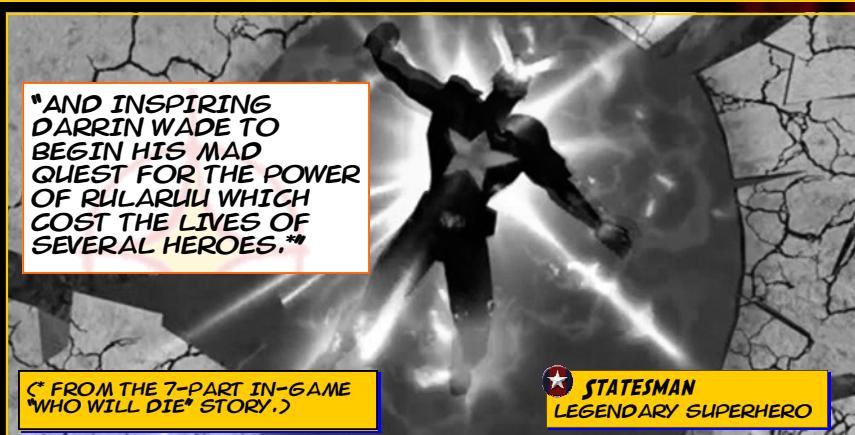
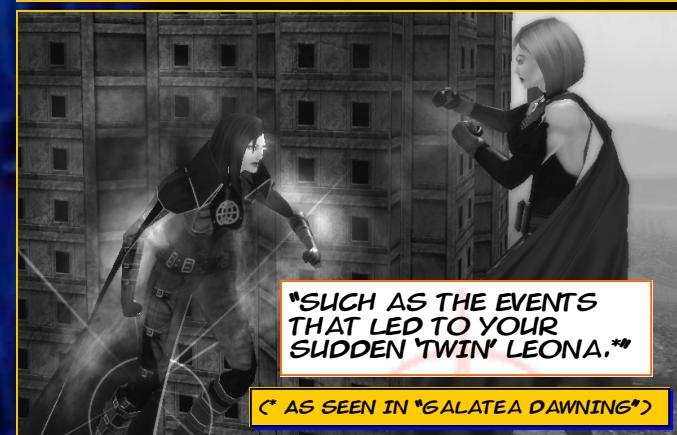
"FRIENDS DIED, THE EARTH ITSELF DIED. BUT YOU SURVIVED AND EVENTUALLY BECAME AN OUROBOROS MENDER."



"OKAY, NOW YOU'RE JUST MAKING THIS UP!  
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD BECOME A MENDER, NEVER MIND... IMMORTAL!"



(\* ALL EVENTS AS SEEN IN "SPOTLIGHT" #18)





AND WE'RE BACK TO THE IDEA THAT I WOULD BE SOME FUTURE MENDER.

DON'T FORGET THAT THE MENDERS HAVE ALREADY CHANGED THE FUTURE, SO THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOUR FUTURE COULD BE SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

RIGHT... RIGHT...

SO, HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE THINGS IN THE FIRST PLACE?

PROMETHEUS.

OH, AND CAREFUL, IT'S A TIGHT CORNER AROUND THERE.

WHILE YOU WERE HAVING IDENTITY PROBLEMS WITH YOUR SUDDEN "TWIN SISTER", I WAS CONTACTED BY PROMETHEUS.

SEEMS HE WAS MADE AWARE OF THE CHANGES THROUGH THE PILLAR OF ICE AND FLAME.

HOW DID PROMETHEUS KNOW THIS? AND WHY DID HE CALL YOU?

WELL WHERE DO YOU THINK THE "FLAME" FROM THE PILLAR OF ICE AND FLAME CAME FROM?

PROMETHEUS WAS ONE OF THE FORCES THAT CREATED THE PILLAR THAT POWERS OIROBOROS, AND THIS HOLDS OFF EVENT TERMINAL.

AND OBVIOUSLY HE CAN'T TRUST THE MENDERS TO LOOK INTO THIS, SO HE REACHED OUT TO THE ONE PERSON THEY CAN'T CONTROL.

NOT TO MENTION THE ONE PERSON THE MENDERS FEAR, RIGHT?

"PROMETHEUS KNOWS THE PILLAR WAS UNBALANCED FROM THE CHANGES THAT WERE MADE BY SILOS AND THE SUBSEQUENT CHAIN REACTIONS THAT FOLLOWED."

"TO FIX IT, A SENSE OF NORMALCY HAS TO BE RE-ESTABLISHED.

BOTH PROMETHEUS AND I BELIEVE THAT COMES FROM SAVING AS MANY LIVES AS POSSIBLE IN GALAXY CITY."

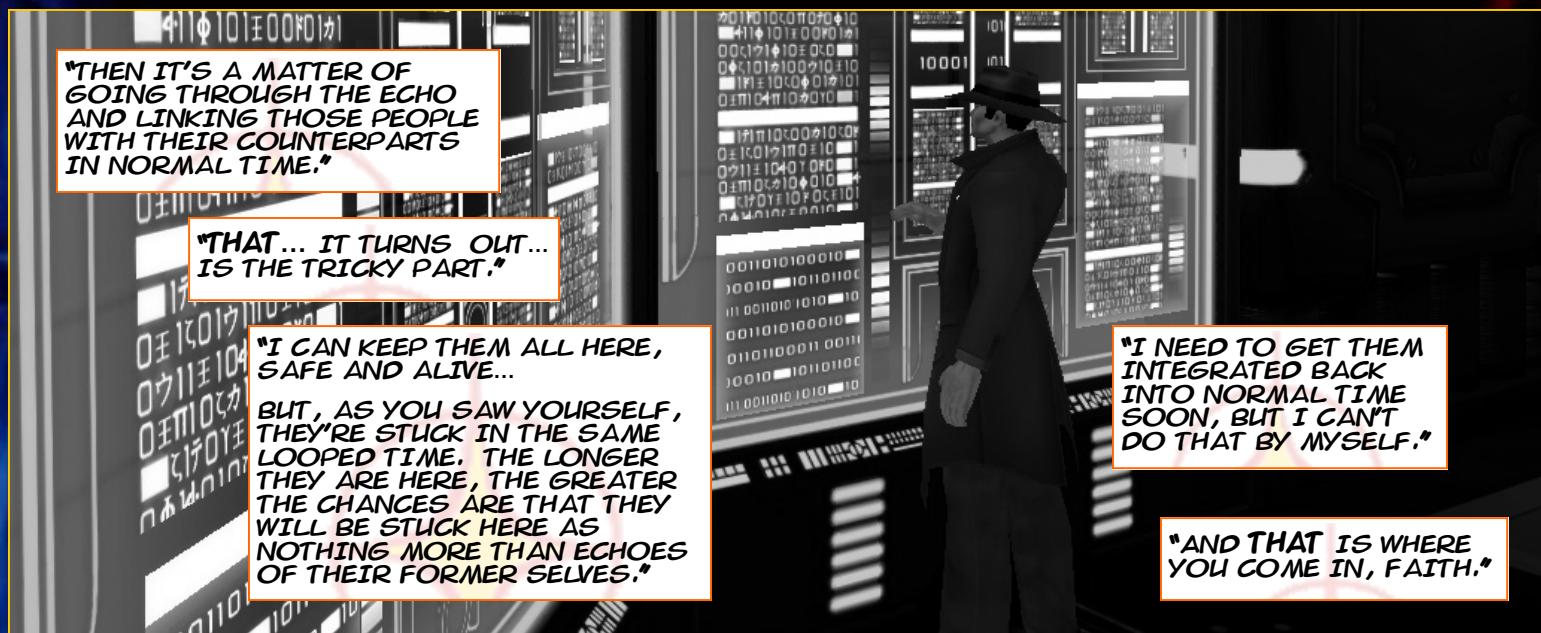
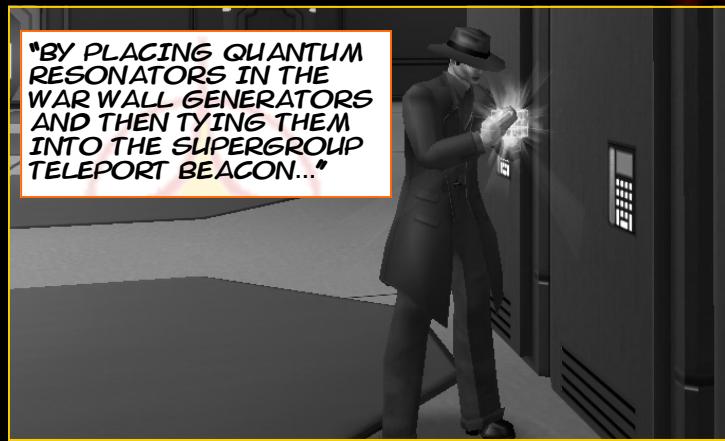
"BUT YOU SAID THAT THE DESTRUCTION OF GALAXY CITY WAS A FIXED POINT."

"RIGHT... THE DESTRUCTION OF GALAXY CITY."

"BUT NOT THE DEATHS OF THE PEOPLE!"

"THAT'S SPLITTING HAIRS A BIT, ISN'T IT?"

 PROMETHEUS  
GREEK TITAN



TALOS ISLAND



LYON POWERS  
WELSH SUPERHERO

CAPTAIN PARAGONNA  
SUPERHERO POLICEWOMAN



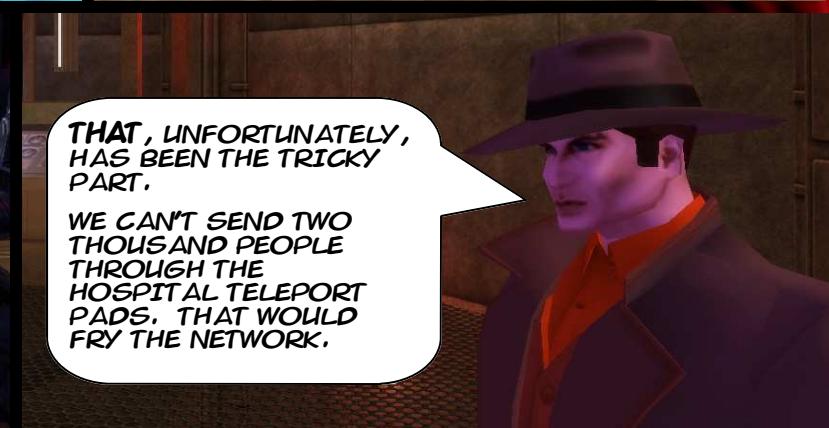
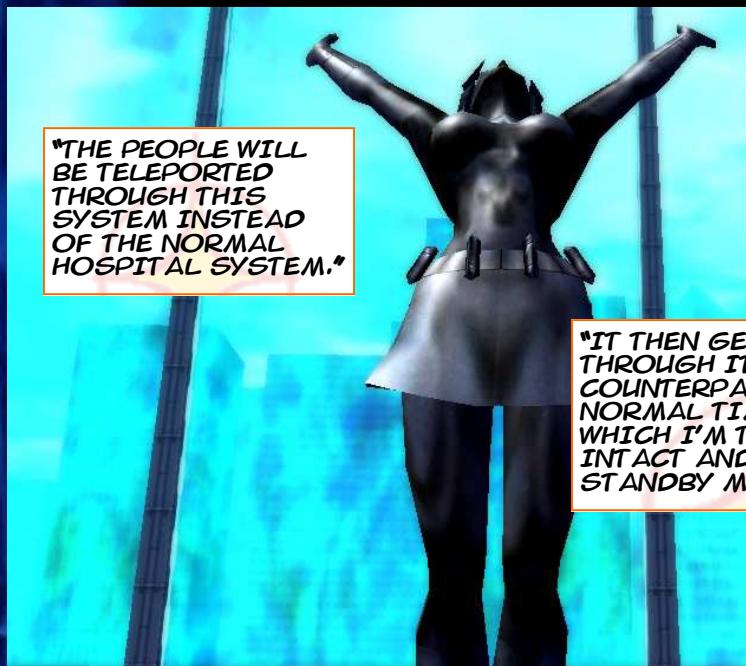
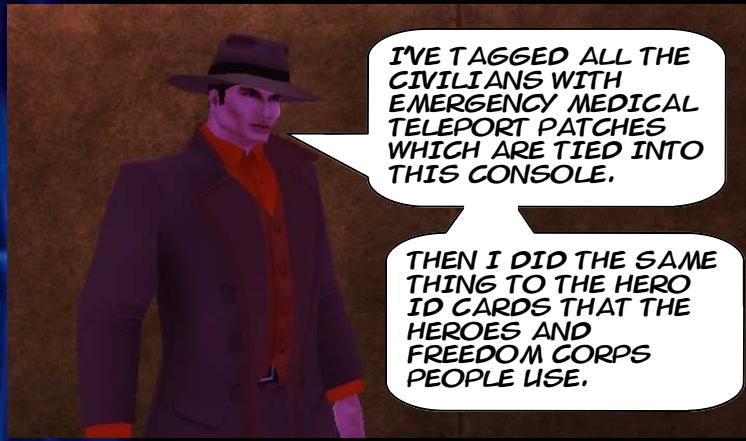
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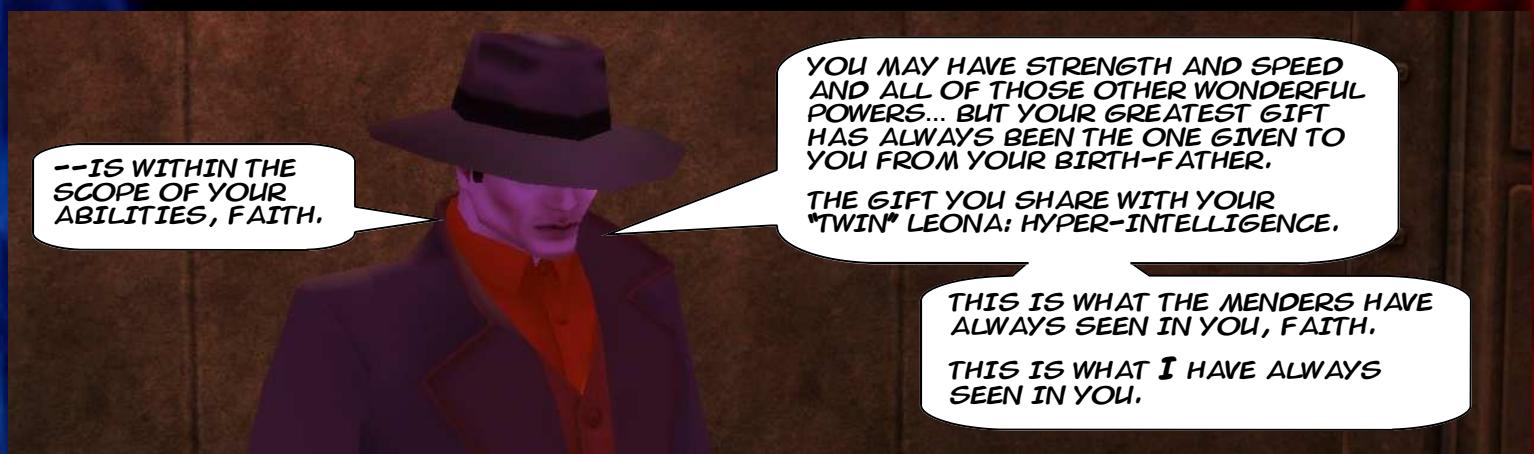


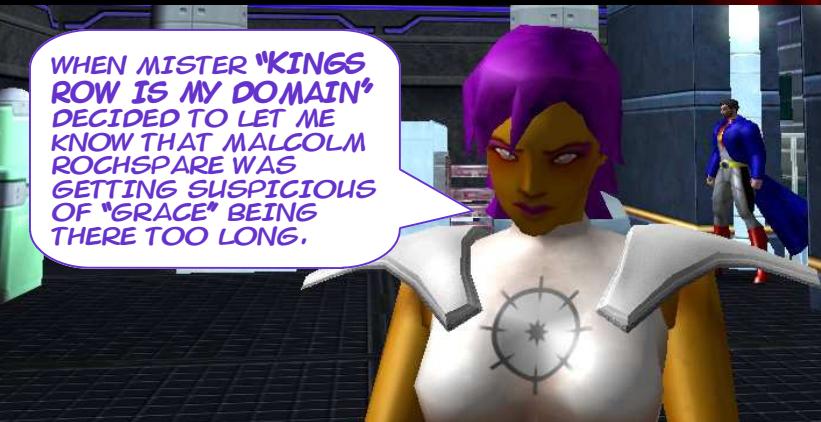
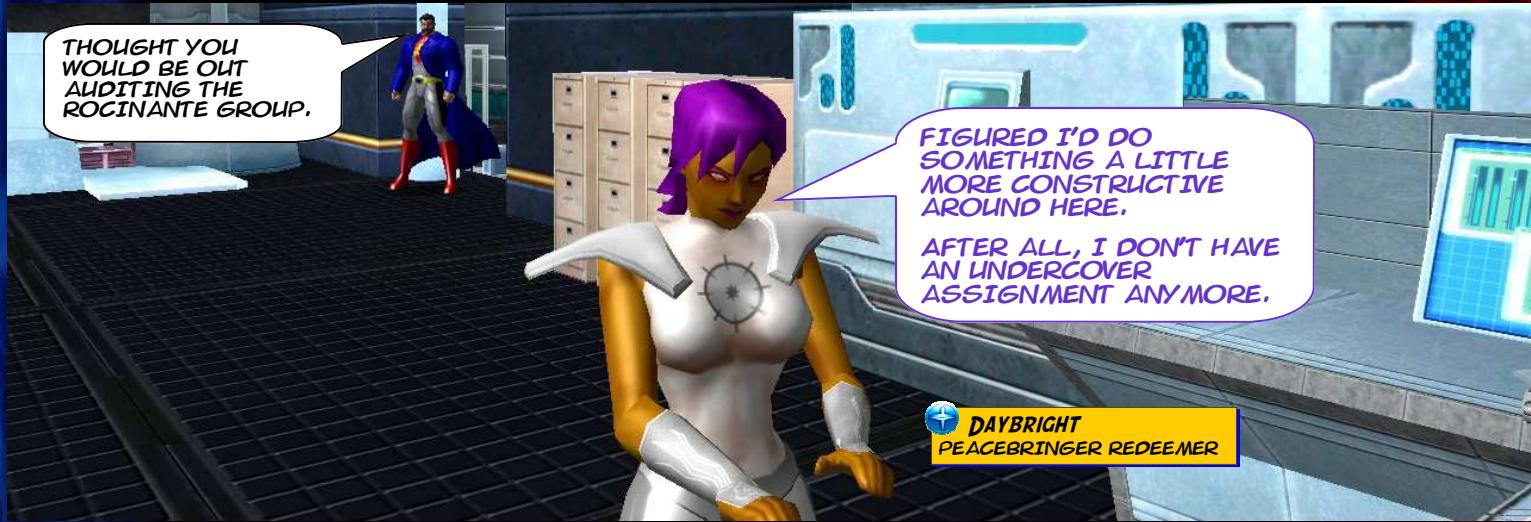
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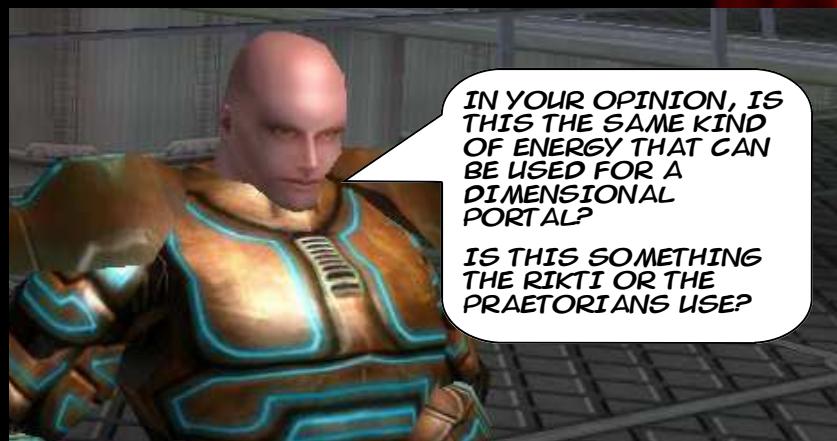


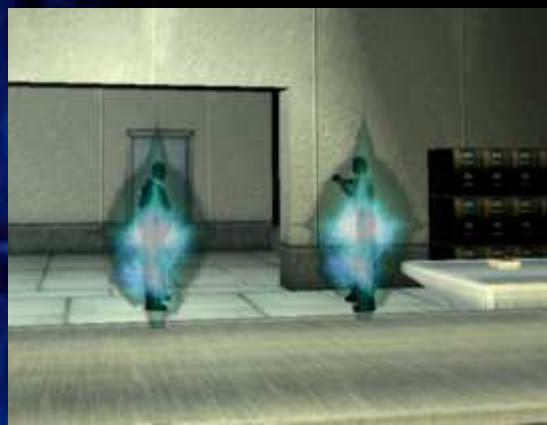




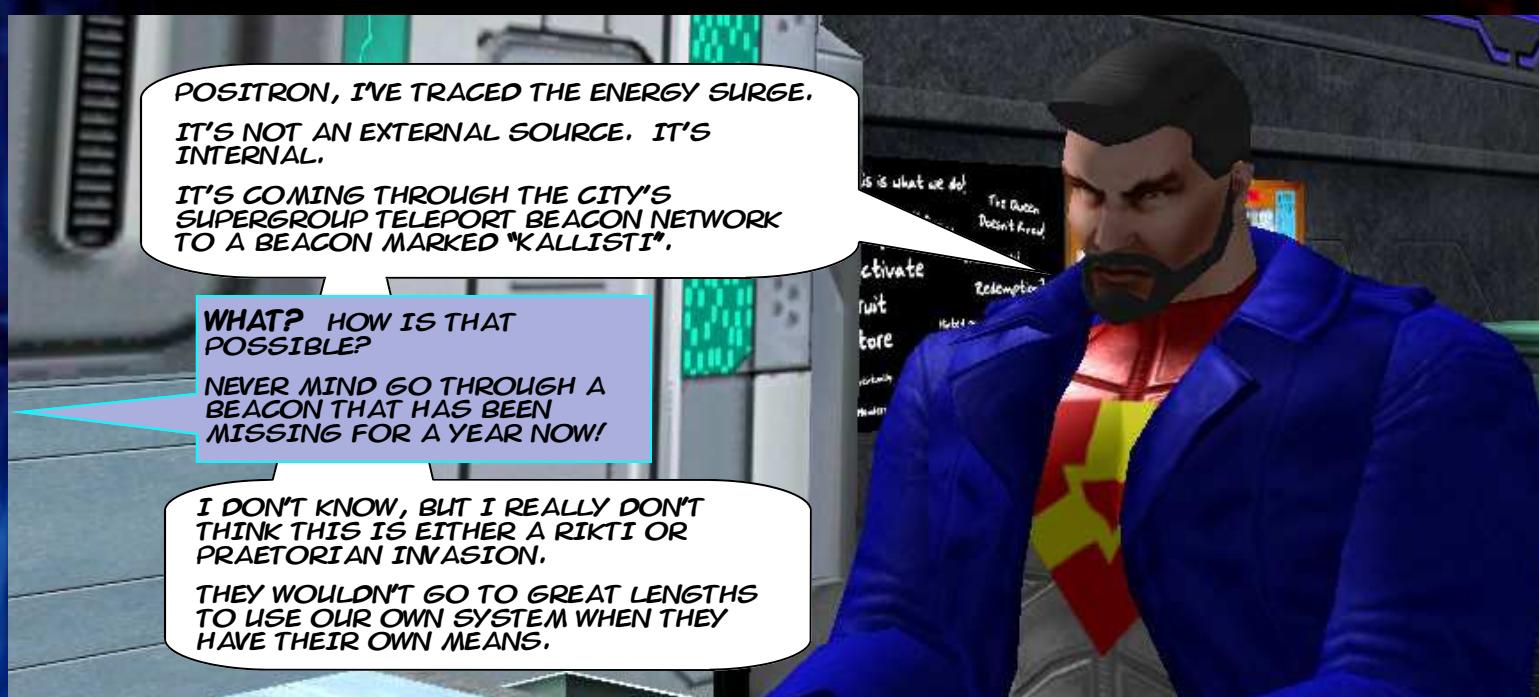


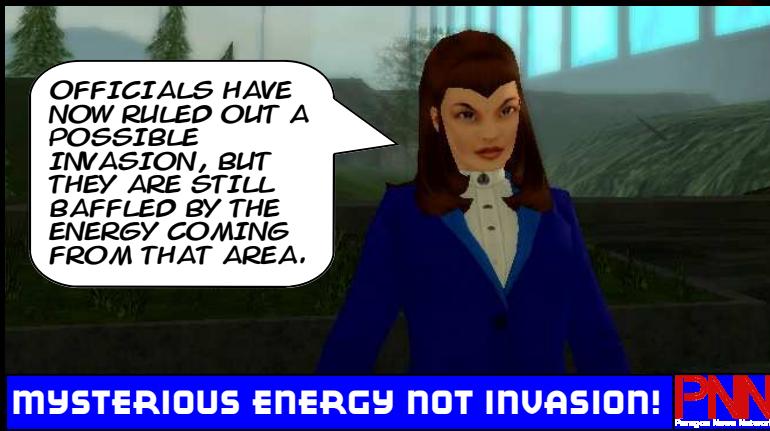






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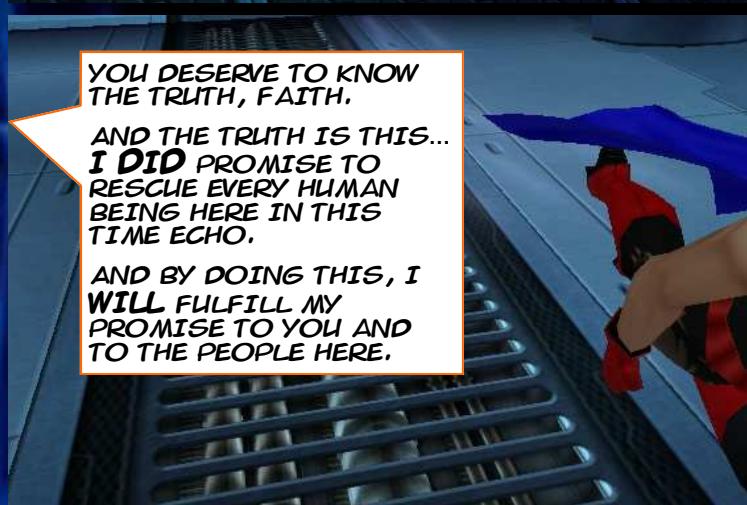
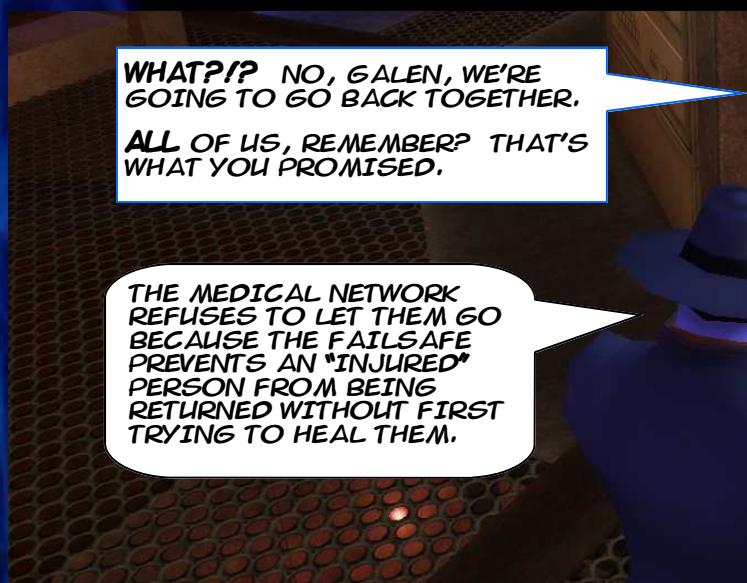
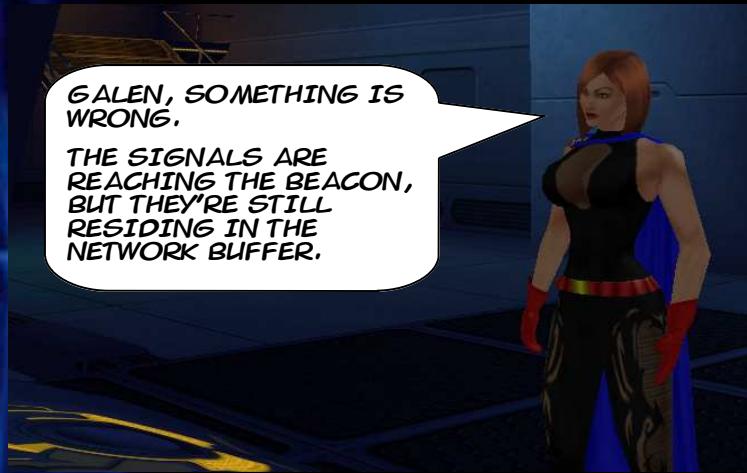


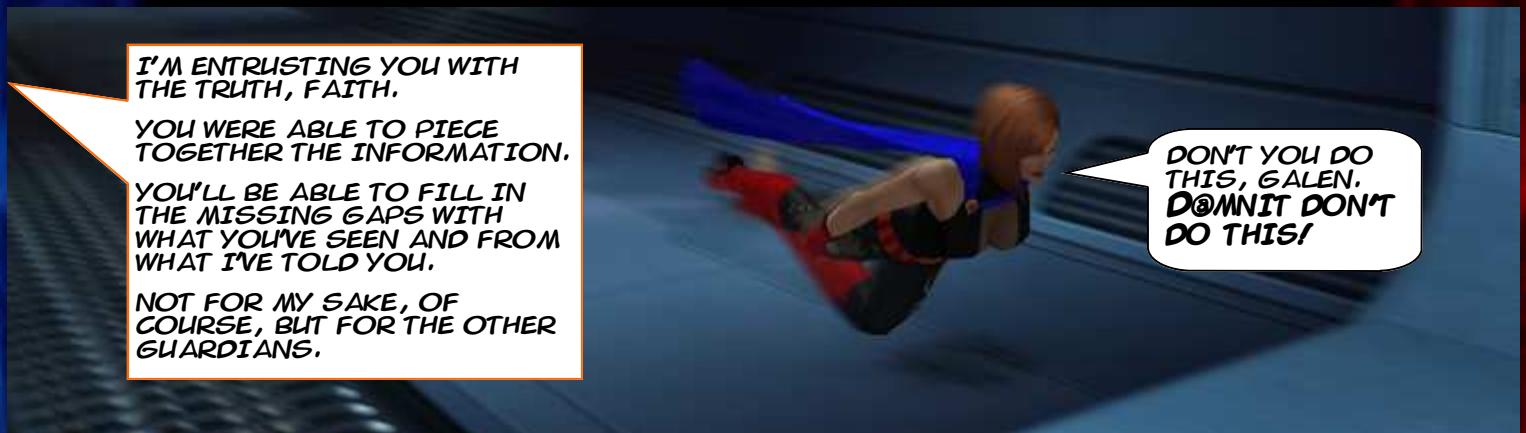
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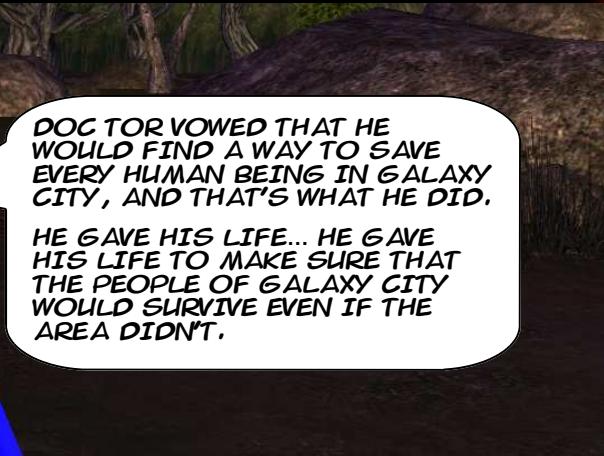


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DAYS LATER...



ALEX, THANK YOU  
FOR COMING.

ANDREW WENTWORTH  
CEO WENTWORTH'S FINE CONSIGNMENT

FROM THE TONE OF YOUR  
MESSAGE, IT SOUNDED  
RATHER URGENT, UNCLE.

I TAKE IT THIS  
CONVERSATION DOESN'T  
RATE THE SITTING ROOM?

LET'S JUST SAY THAT THE  
PRYING EARS IN THIS  
ESTATE HAVE... EXPANDED  
THEIR SCOPE.

I HAVE SOME BAD NEWS  
AND I WANTED YOU TO  
HEAR IT FROM ME FIRST.

ALEX WENTWORTH  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

SIMON BARRISTER  
WAS FOUND DEAD  
IN HIS CELL THIS  
MORNING.

I PRESUME YOU'RE  
TELLING ME THIS  
TO ASSERT YOU  
HAD NOTHING AT  
ALL TO DO WITH IT.

I SUPPOSE I SHOULD  
DISMISS THAT  
COMMENT AS SIMPLY  
DOING YOUR JOB AS  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

BUT FOR THE  
RECORD, NEPHEW, I  
HAD NOTHING TO DO  
WITH HIS DEATH.

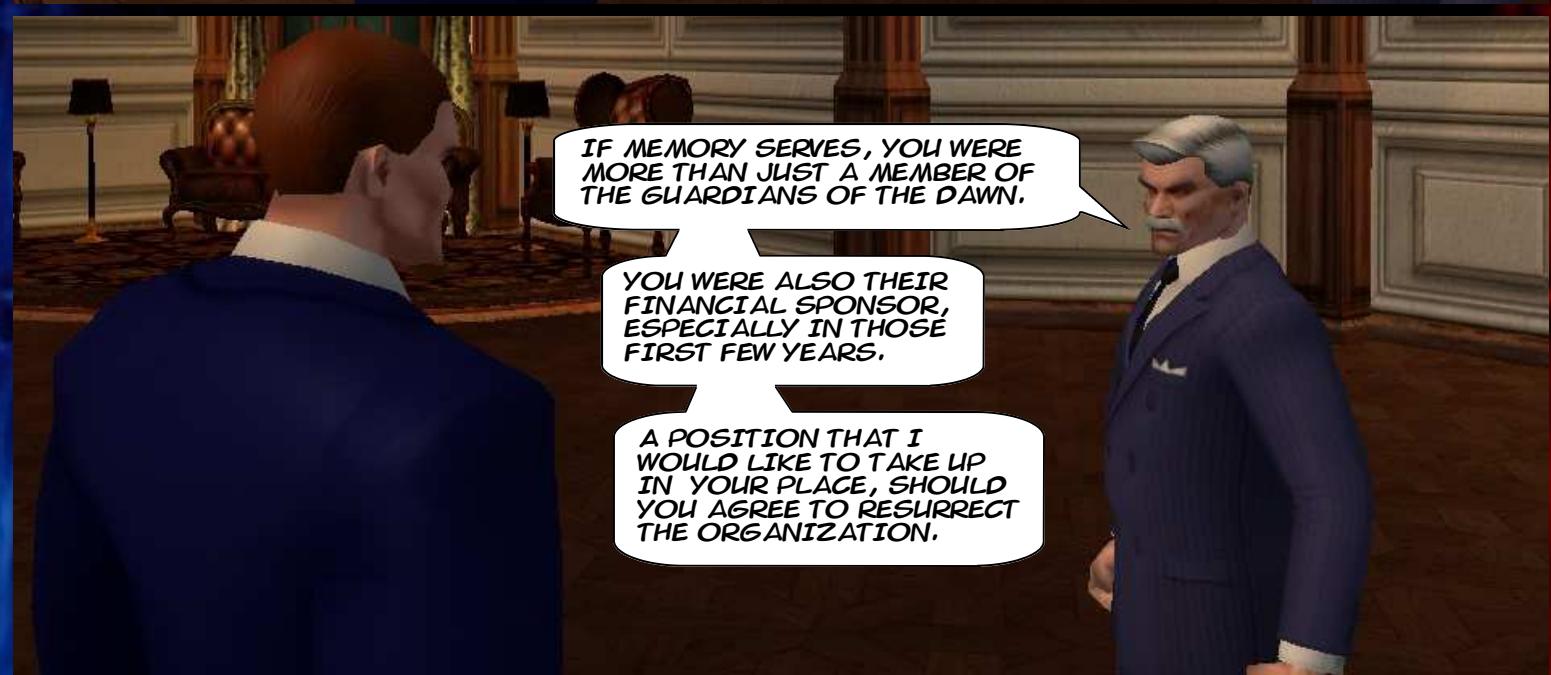
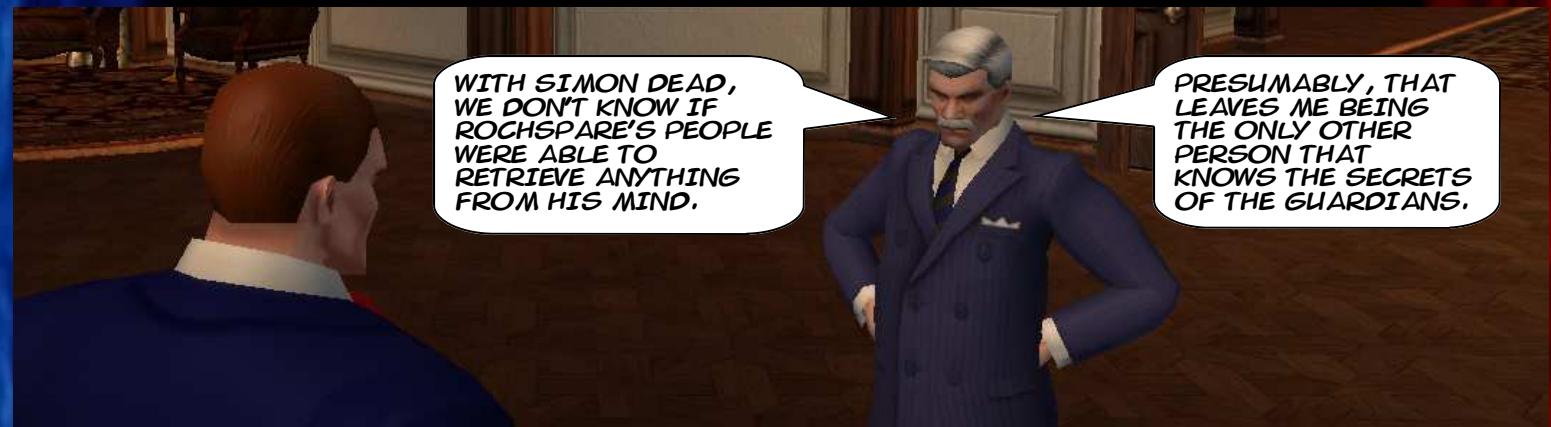
MISTER BARRISTER WAS A  
SKILLED FACILITATOR.

HE DID, AFTER ALL, MANAGE  
TO GET HIS HANDS ON THE  
SECRETS OF YOUR FORMER  
HERO ORGANIZATION.

I HAD EVERY HOPE OF THE  
BILDERBURG ALLIANCE SECURING  
HIS RELEASE FROM THE DAWN  
PATROL SO HE COULD RESUME  
DOING WHAT HE DOES BEST.

BUT... APPARENTLY MISTER  
ROCHSPARE WAS DETERMINED TO  
FIND OUT WHAT WAS WIPE FROM  
SIMON'S MIND.\*\*

(\*SPOTLIGHT\* #28)



LET'S SEE IF I GOT THIS RIGHT, UNCLE.

YOU SPEND A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF EFFORT TO GET THE SECRETS OF THE GUARDIANS FROM US, THEN YOU USE IT TO COERCE US TO DISBAND, SUPPOSEDLY TO ENSURE AN UNHINDERED TENURE FOR ME AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY.\*

AND NOW THAT YOU'RE OUT OF FAVOR WITH THE BILDERBURGS, YOU WANT TO SPONSOR THE GUARDIANS?

("AFTERMATH")

ALEX, I'M NOT GOING TO DENY THAT I HAD MY OWN SELFISH REASONS FOR DISBANDING YOUR GROUP.

I BELIEVED WHAT I WAS DOING THEN WAS FOR THE SAKE OF THE FAMILY AND THE WENTWORTH NAME. I STILL BELIEVE THAT I MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE THEN.

BUT NOW CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED.

MY POSITION IN THE ALLIANCE WAS MORE THAN JUST FOR VANITY. IT WAS ALSO FOR THE ECONOMIC STABILITY OF PARAGON CITY ITSELF.

MY PLACE IN THE ALLIANCE SECURED VALUABLE BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH EUROPE, BRINGING THE IMPORT TRADE HERE INSTEAD OF TO MAJOR CITIES LIKE NEW YORK.

THE ESCALATING CONFLICT BETWEEN YOUR HEROES AND WITH LORD GEDDY'S SHADOWBORN NETWORK THREATENED THOSE DEALINGS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE ALLIANCE DECIDED TO EXTEND OUR MEMBERSHIP TO GEDDY.

MALCOLM'S POWER GRABS, HOWEVER, THREATEN TO RE-IGNITE THAT CONFLICT, AND THIS PUT THOSE BUSINESS DEALINGS AT RISK AGAIN.

HE NEEDS TO BE CONTAINED... AND THE GUARDIANS ARE THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT.

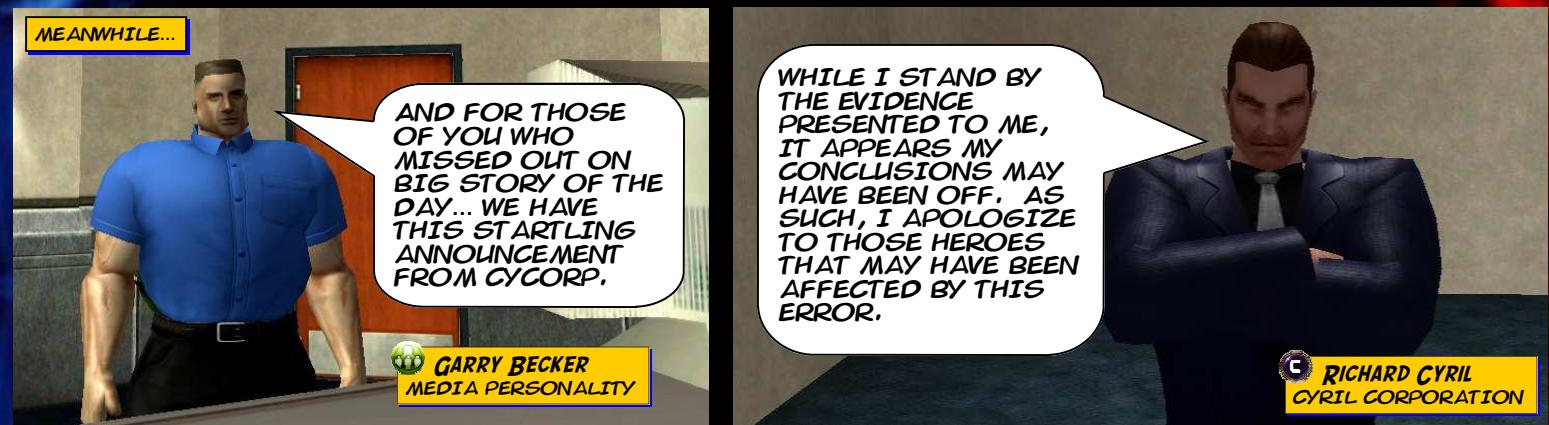
UNCLE... I'M NOT NAIVE AS TO HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS AROUND HERE... AND FOR WHOM.

I WAS GIVEN A VERY RUDE AWAKENING TO IT YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS FALSELY CHARGED AND THROWN AWAY IN JAIL JUST TO SECURE POLITICAL POINTS FOR EDWARD VANCE.\*

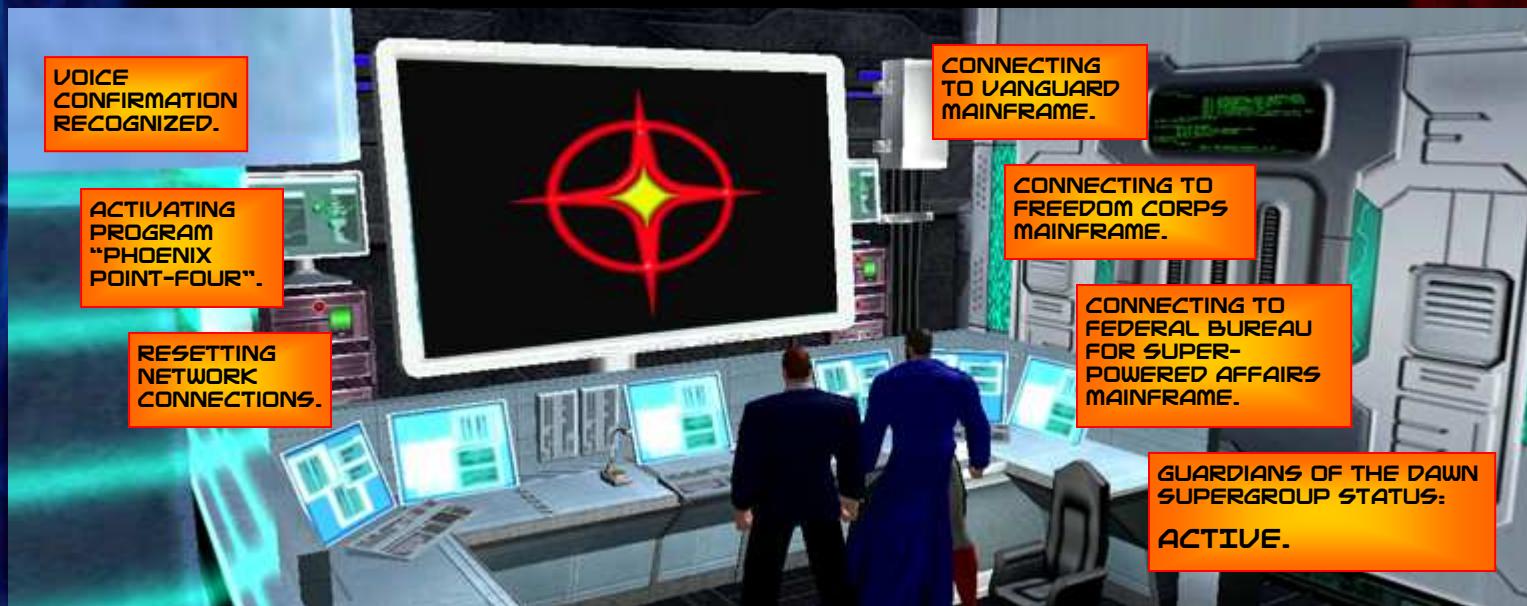
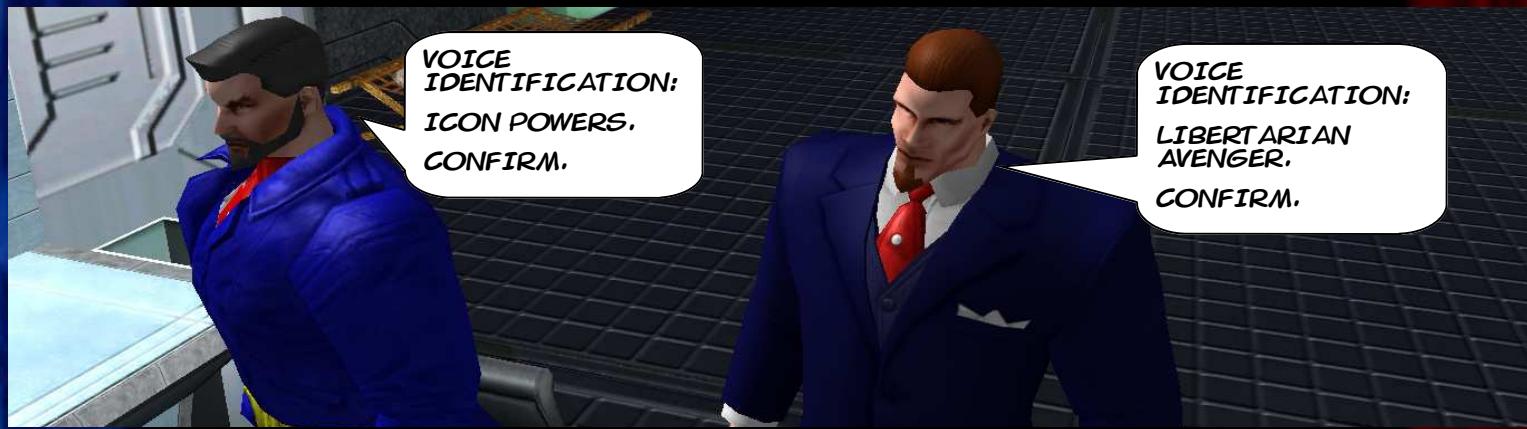
I SPONSORED THE GUARDIANS BECAUSE I BELIEVED THEY WOULD HELP BRING ABOUT THAT BRIGHTER FUTURE THAT PARAGON CITY NEEDS.

A FUTURE THAT GOES BEYOND PETTY POWER GAMES.

("SPOTLIGHT" #5)

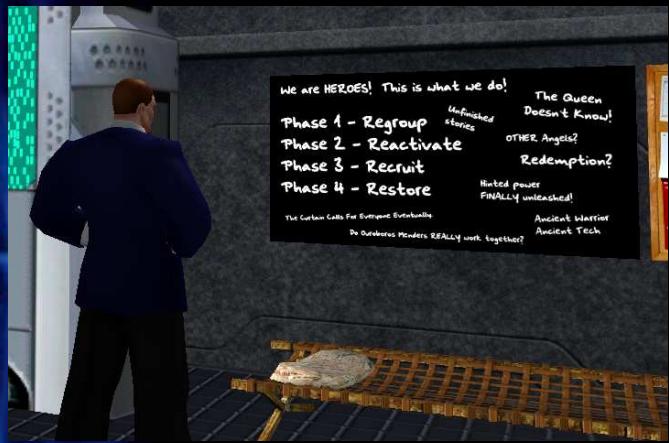


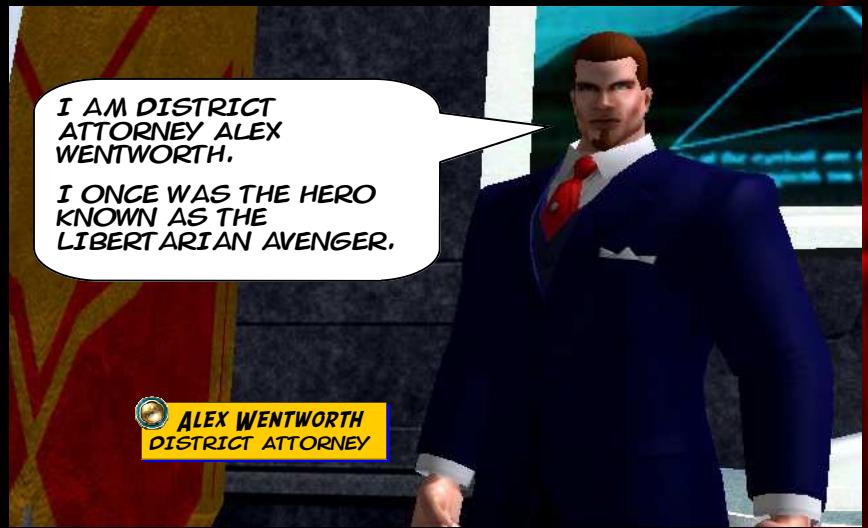












# POWER TRIP



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

## **FINAL THOUGHTS FOR THE FINAL ISSUE**

When I started doing this comic series a year ago, I never expected it to end.

I thought the same of “**Guardians of the Dawn Spotlight**” as well; that I would have all the time in the world to go over stories and get people interested in the characters I had invested so much time and energy and effort into. But then financial problems forced me to leave the City of Heroes MMO for a brief time and I had to end the series abruptly. It wasn’t how I wanted to end the series, but I believed that if I could return, I could just pick up where I left off.

I was able to return to City of Heroes, but I just couldn’t resume doing all things I used to.

When I started up “**The Guardian Powers**”, I again thought that I had all the time in the world to tell my stories. City of Heroes was now the hybrid Free-To-Play/Pay-For-Features/Pay-To-Play model that other MMO games were moving into. I was able to bring back a core group of characters plus a few new ones. I set up a production schedule and I had a pretty good routine going.

I did not expect the City of Heroes MMO to end.

Nobody did.

The gaming model wasn’t breaking financial records but it was providing a stable source of income to parent company NCSoft, which actually says something given that advertising for the MMO was abysmal compared to the efforts put into Blizzard’s Worlds of Warcraft. There was no reason at all for NCSoft to make the decision to end the game, and yet that is precisely what they did.

I find it hard to be cordial about this decision. I know the US developers that lost their jobs because of this South Korean company’s corporate-minded decision have to be polite and cordial to their outgoing employers.

I don’t have to, but I will anyway. So I will simply give this advice to NCSoft...

***When you burn a bridge, you cannot use it again. Nor can you expect the people who once used that bridge to be willing to cross any other bridge that you make.***

‘Nuff said on that.

When the decision was made to end the MMO, I had to make some decisions of my own. People were wondering if I would simply transplant my characters over to another MMO like Champions Online or DC Universe Online, or maybe even some of the other non-hero MMO games.

First and foremost, I am a comic book and superhero fan. I cannot see myself transplanting into a non-hero MMO, and I certainly cannot see my superhero characters suddenly become non-heroes. Second, I’ve played DC Universe Online and I wish any PC user luck in not only playing it but also in creating a comic series from it.

That leaves Champions Online. And if you visit the Guardians website then you would know that there is already a series online in that MMO.

But more on that in a bit...

So then came the question of what to do with the comic series.

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Transplanting is out, and unless the MMO is given a reprieve through sale or reconsideration, there simply will not be any more source material. I am not a 3D renderer. I salute the craftsmanship of those that do. However, my work depends on the MMO, so when it ends, the series ends.

That left me with one more question: How did I *want* it to end?

I didn't like leaving "Spotlight" on a cliffhanger. I didn't have a choice then, but I believed back then that I would be going back to it at some point. Obviously this wasn't going to happen now, so I didn't want to end the series with another cliffhanger that would never be addressed.

I wanted to end this series with a high note. I didn't want it to be necessarily a "happy" ending, but I certainly wanted it to be an optimistic ending that would reflect the optimistic purpose of the Guardians of the Dawn. There would still be battles to be fought. There would still be challenges to be overcome. But now the Guardians would do it as a team, as they were meant to. And it would do it with a measure of redemption in the public eye.

There are plenty of stories that will go untold. Stories that I wanted to go over in detail. The "looming crisis" that was hinted by Mender Roebuck. The "debts of honor" payback by the Libra Order. John Cole's transition into a hero. Even the trip to Praetoria, the introduction of Furia Powers, and the "Galaxy City" story in the finale were all stories that I wanted to explore more in detail instead of being put back-to-back as they were. Sadly, those other stories will continue to be untold.

So what's next, you ask?

Well last year there was a small series called "**The Lost Adventures of Galatea Future**", taking the future version of Galatea Powers from the "Time and Changes" storyline and putting her in the world of Champions Online. Those stories will resume, and you can find more information about them at the official Guardian website listed below.

But for now, this is it, and I want to thank the people that helped make this series what it is.

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In the immortal words of every COH player since the news of "the end" broke...

**We are heroes. This is what we do.**

*Thank you all!*  
- David 2 (aka Battlerock X)



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