

THE GUARDIAN POWERS



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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 "CELEBRITANT" 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"

- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

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KINGS ROW - PARAGON CITY, RI.

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OKAY, PRESUMING
THAT YOU KNOW
SOMETHING ABOUT
WHAT I'M DOING...

WHY CAN'T I KEEP
DOING MY JOB?



BECAUSE THEY'RE
ON TO YOU.

THEIR NEW LAWYER
KNOWS YOU'RE
SPENDING TOO
MUCH TIME THERE.




MALCOLM
ROCHSPARE IS NOT
LIKE LORD GEDDY.

HE DOESN'T FAWN
OVER YOUR HUMAN
APPEARANCE LIKE
GEDDY HAD BEEN
DOING.



UM, EXCUSE ME
MISTER *TALL, DARK,
AND BROODING*, BUT
HERE'S A NEW FLASH:

RIGHT NOW I AM A
HUMAN BEING FOR
ALL INTENTS AND
PURPOSES!




MAYBE IF YOU
SPENT A LITTLE
TIME SLEEPING
YOU MIGHT SEE
THE DIFFERENCE.



I SLEEP WHEN I NEED TO.
KINGS ROW NEEDS ME MORE.

I'M DOING YOU AND THE
OTHER GUARDIANS A FAVOR
BY TELLING YOU THIS.

YOUR COVER IS BLOWN. YOUR
DETAIL THERE IS DONE. THE
OTHERS WON'T BE ABLE TO
SAVE YOU IF ROCHSPARE
GETS TO YOU FIRST.



I HATE IT WHEN
HE DOES THAT...
EVEN WHEN HE'S
RIGHT.

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?"

PNN EARLY AFTERNOON NEWS · ROBIN STEED



FREEDOM SQUARE - GALAXY CITY (?)

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."

ALRIGHT, STOP!

I'M NOT TAKING ONE MORE STEP UNTIL YOU START EXPLAINING WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE!

YOU WANT MY HELP TO SAVE THEM? THEN YOU HAVE TO TELL ME **EVERYTHING!**

AND I MEAN **EVERY-THING, DOC.**

SIGH I SUPPOSE THAT WAS INEVITABLE.

OKAY... OKAY... I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING. BUT FIRST...

AS LONG AS IT'S JUST US, I WANT YOU TO START CALLING ME GALEN.

THAT'S MY FIRST NAME.

MY **REAL** FIRST NAME.

I ONLY GIVE THAT NAME TO THE PEOPLE I TRULY TRUST, AND I HAVE LONG COUNTED YOU AMONG THAT GROUP.

OH! OKAY... GALEN.

AND... I GUESS YOU CAN CALL ME... FAITH.

SO YOU'VE ADOPTED THE NAME OF KATIE LEA'S LATE SISTER. THAT'S QUITE HONORABLE.

OKAY... LIKE I SAID EARLIER, FAITH, THE TIMELINE OF THIS UNIVERSE WAS ALTERED.*

(* LAST ISSUE)

RIGHT... SO THE DESTRUCTION OF GALAXY CITY SOMEHOW BECOMES A "FIXED POINT", AN EVENT THAT CANNOT BE CHANGED WITHOUT DESTROYING THE WHOLE UNIVERSE.

BUT... WHY?

WHAT COULD CAUSE HISTORY TO BE CHANGED SO DRASTICALLY?

YOU DID...

WHAT?/?

WELLLL, NOT YOU AS YOU ARE NOW... BUT A FUTURE VERSION.

IN 2007, A DISGUISED DAYBRIGHT AND YOUR COUSIN ICON POWERS WERE PULLED AWAY FROM THEIR BATTLE WITH ALOR BY A VERSION OF YOU FROM THE FAR FUTURE.

A BATTLE THAT DAYBRIGHT WAS ORIGINALLY NOT SUPPOSED TO SURVIVE.

YOUR FUTURE SELF CHANGED THAT EVENT, AND THUS CHANGED HISTORY.

 **GALATEA FUTURE**
OMEGA INCARNATE

 **"REDEMPTION"**
AKA DAYBRIGHT

 **ICON POWERS**
LEGENDARY SUPERHERO

(* "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT" #21)

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-TRAVELLED 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 OUBOROBOS--

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

LIBRA WAS THE FORCE BEHIND YOUR "UNWILLING STAY" IN OUBOROBOS, 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.

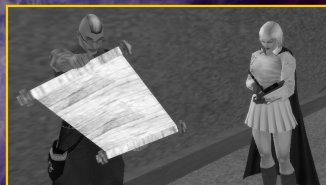
THE FIRST THING THE MENDERS DID WAS TO KEEP YOU IN OUBOROBOS UNTIL THEY COULD INVESTIGATE WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED... WHICH IS PRECISELY WHAT LIBRA EXPECTED THEM TO DO.

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"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 OUBOROBOS MENDER."



"OKAY, NOW YOU'RE JUST MAKING THIS UP!"

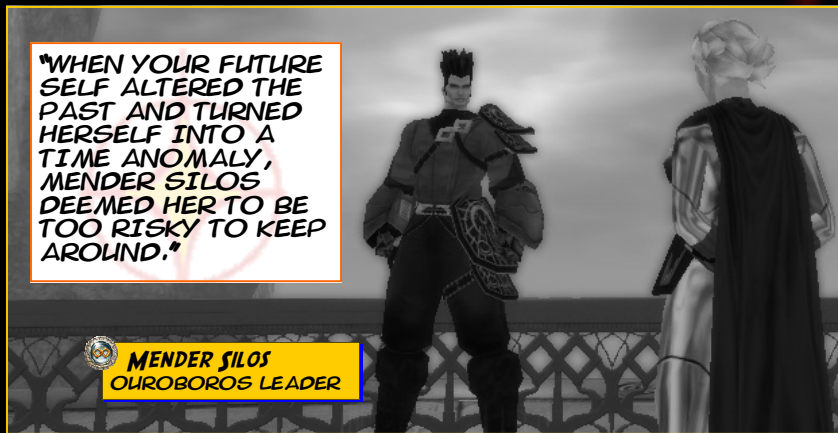
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD BECOME A MENDER, NEVER MIND... I'M MORTAL!"



© ALL EVENTS AS SEEN IN "SPOTLIGHT" #18)



BELIEVE ME, I WISH I WAS MAKING THIS UP. SO WOULD THE MENDERS.



"WHEN YOUR FUTURE SELF ALTERED THE PAST AND TURNED HERSELF INTO A TIME ANOMALY, MENDER SILOS DEEMED HER TO BE TOO RISKY TO KEEP AROUND."

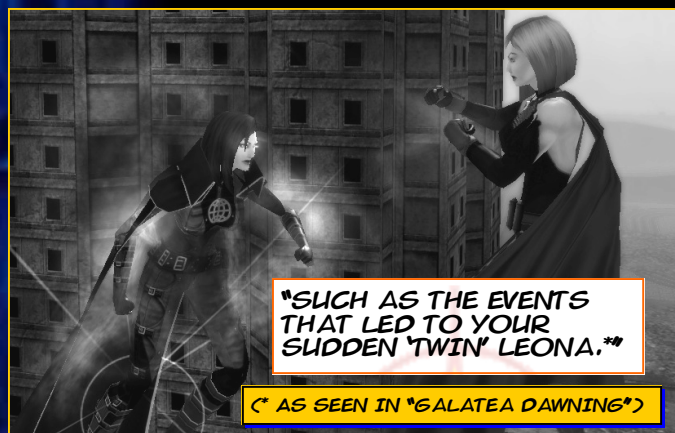
MENDER SILOS
OUROBOROS LEADER

"SO HE COMMANDED THE PILLAR OF ICE AND FLAME TO CHANGE THE TIME THAT YOU SPENT IN OUROBOROS..."

"... SENDING YOU HOME AFTER FIVE MONTHS INSTEAD OF THREE YEARS, WHICH WAS HOW LONG THEIR ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION TOOK."

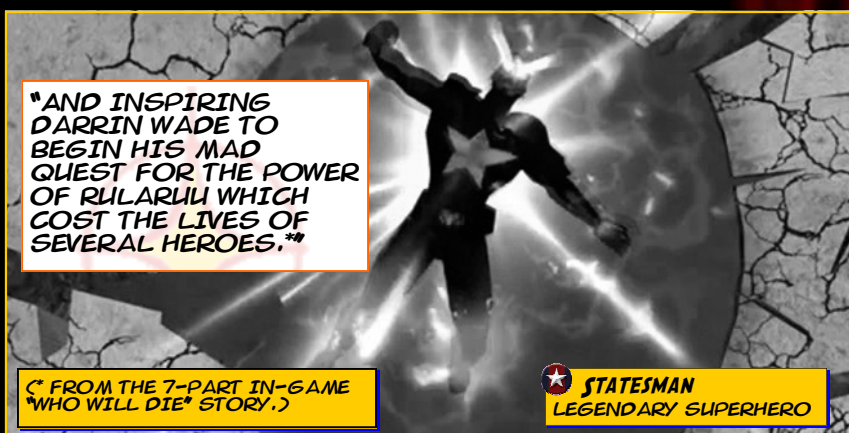
"IT ESSENTIALLY ERASED THE EVENTS THAT LED TO YOUR FUTURE SELF."

"BUT IT COULD NOT ERASE WHAT SHE DID WHILE SHE EXISTED, SO IT CAUSED RIPPLES OF TEMPORAL INSTABILITY THAT REACHED OUT AND MADE OTHER CHANGES TO THE TIMELINE."



"SUCH AS THE EVENTS THAT LED TO YOUR SUDDEN 'TWIN' LEONA."

(* AS SEEN IN "GALATEA DAWNING" *)



"AND INSPIRING DARRIN WADE TO BEGIN HIS MAD QUEST FOR THE POWER OF RULARUU WHICH COST THE LIVES OF SEVERAL HEROES."

(* FROM THE 7-PART IN-GAME "WHO WILL DIE" STORY *)

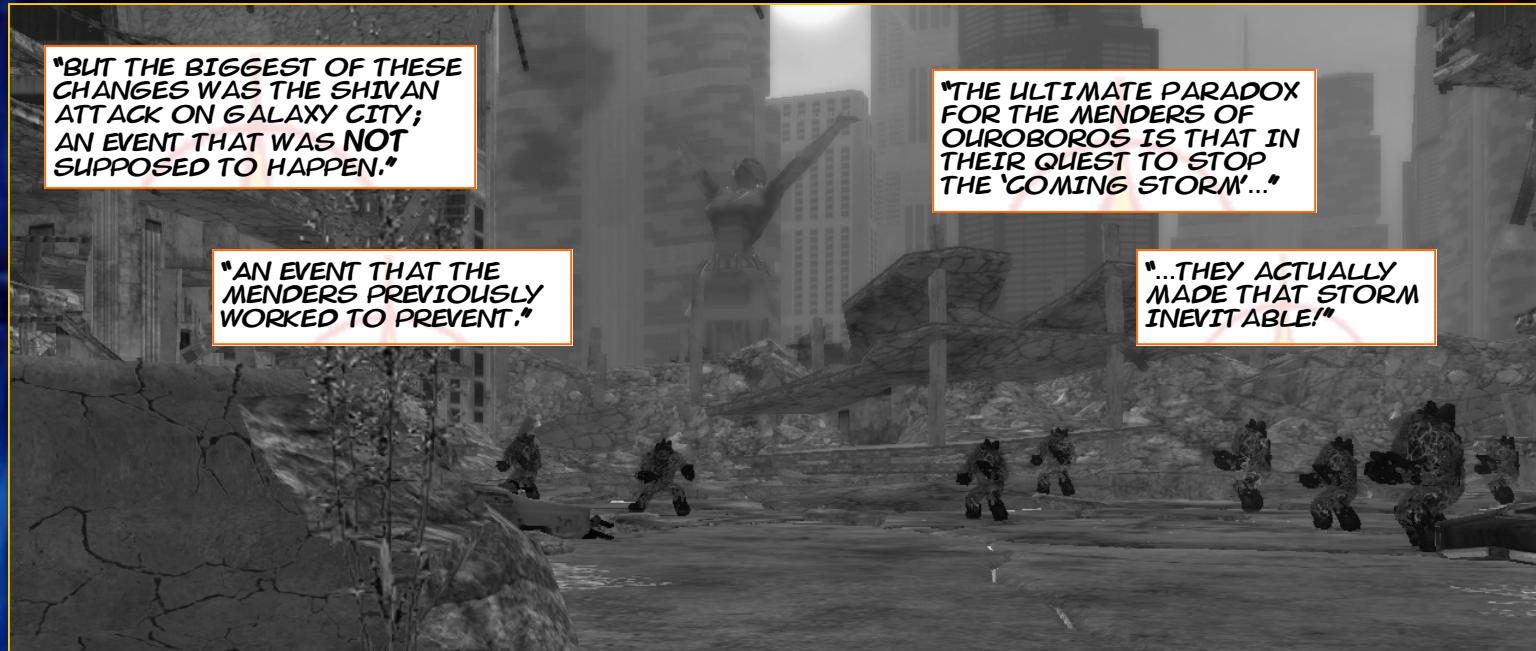
STATESMAN
LEGENDARY SUPERHERO

"BUT THE BIGGEST OF THESE CHANGES WAS THE SHIVAN ATTACK ON GALAXY CITY; AN EVENT THAT WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN."

"AN EVENT THAT THE MENDERS PREVIOUSLY WORKED TO PREVENT."

"THE ULTIMATE PARADOX FOR THE MENDERS OF OUROBOROS IS THAT IN THEIR QUEST TO STOP THE 'COMING STORM'..."

"...THEY ACTUALLY MADE THAT STORM INEVITABLE!"





WE'RE NOT THAT FAR FROM THE CONTROL AREA, SO I'LL EXPLAIN THE REST ON THE WAY THERE.



WHOA!
WHAT IS THAT?



OH, JUST A RIKTI PORTAL STABILIZER.
I HAD TO BORROW A FEW FROM THE FREEDOM CORPS VAULT.



THEY HELP KEEP THIS LITTLE TIME ECHO STABLE.



"JUST" A PORTAL STABILIZER?

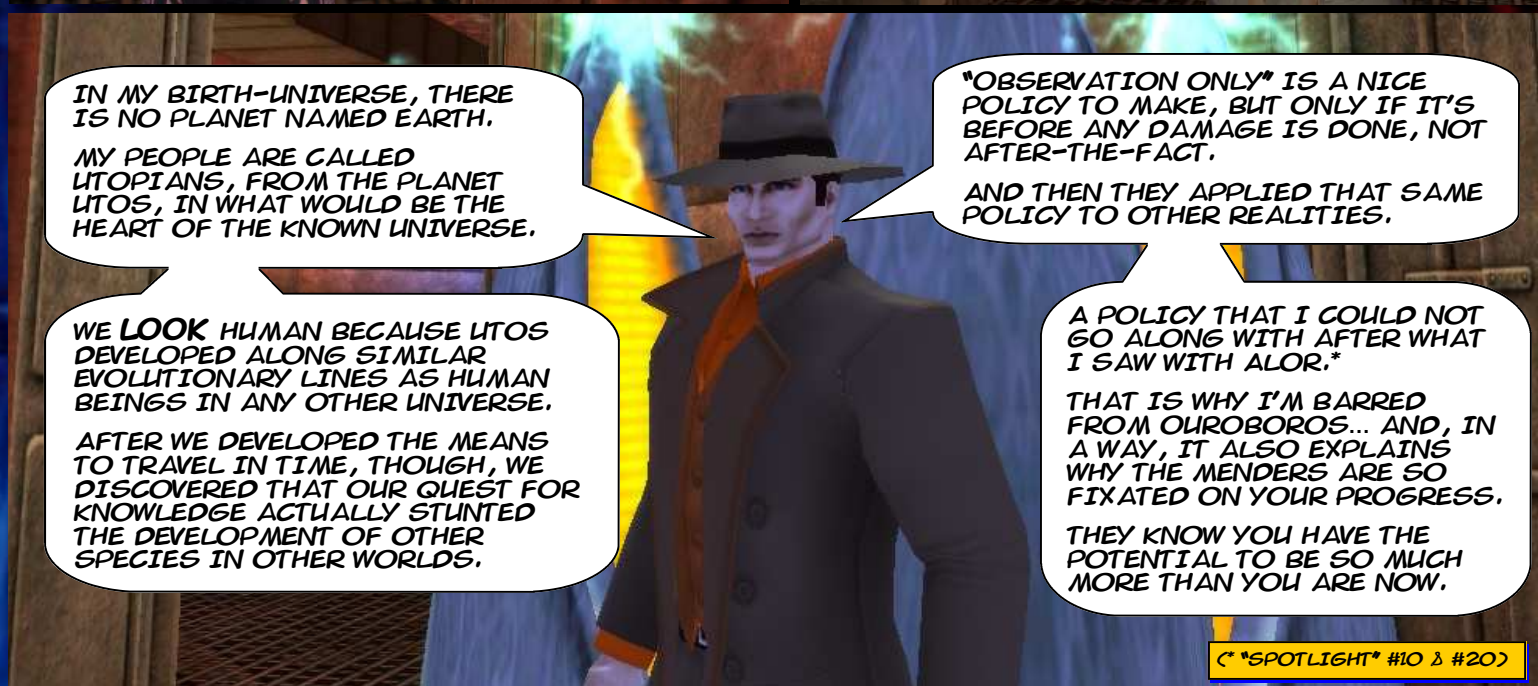
IT AMazes ME HOW CASUAL YOU CAN BE ABOUT THESE THINGS SOMETIMES, GALEN.

THAT'S LIKE REFERRING TO A NUCLEAR BOMB AS "JUST AN OPTION."



WELL THAT'S BECAUSE IN MY HOME UNIVERSE THESE THINGS ARE COMMONPLACE.

SORT OF LIKE THOSE OUTLET STRIPS THAT YOU SEE IN THE HARDWARE STORE.



IN MY BIRTH-UNIVERSE, THERE IS NO PLANET NAMED EARTH.

MY PEOPLE ARE CALLED UTOPIANS, FROM THE PLANET UOTOS, IN WHAT WOULD BE THE HEART OF THE KNOWN UNIVERSE.

WE LOOK HUMAN BECAUSE UOTOS DEVELOPED ALONG SIMILAR EVOLUTIONARY LINES AS HUMAN BEINGS IN ANY OTHER UNIVERSE.

AFTER WE DEVELOPED THE MEANS TO TRAVEL IN TIME, THOUGH, WE DISCOVERED THAT OUR QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE ACTUALLY STUNTED THE DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER SPECIES IN OTHER WORLDS.

"OBSERVATION ONLY" IS A NICE POLICY TO MAKE, BUT ONLY IF IT'S BEFORE ANY DAMAGE IS DONE, NOT AFTER-THE-FACT.

AND THEN THEY APPLIED THAT SAME POLICY TO OTHER REALITIES.

A POLICY THAT I COULD NOT GO ALONG WITH AFTER WHAT I SAW WITH ALOR.*

THAT IS WHY I'M BARRED FROM OUROBOROS... AND, IN A WAY, IT ALSO EXPLAINS WHY THE MENDERS ARE SO FIXATED ON YOUR PROGRESS.

THEY KNOW YOU HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BE SO MUCH MORE THAN YOU ARE NOW.

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 OUROBOROS, AND THUS 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!"

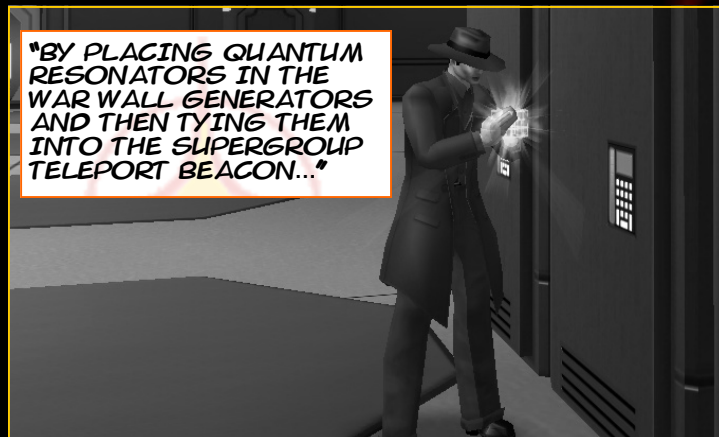
"THAT'S SPLITTING HAIRS A BIT, ISN'T IT?"

 **PROMETHEUS**
GREEK TITAN



"WHAT I DID WAS SIMILAR TO WHAT WE TRIED TO DO TO SAVE DAYBRIGHT... ONLY ON A MUCH LARGER SCALE."

(*SPOTLIGHT* #18)



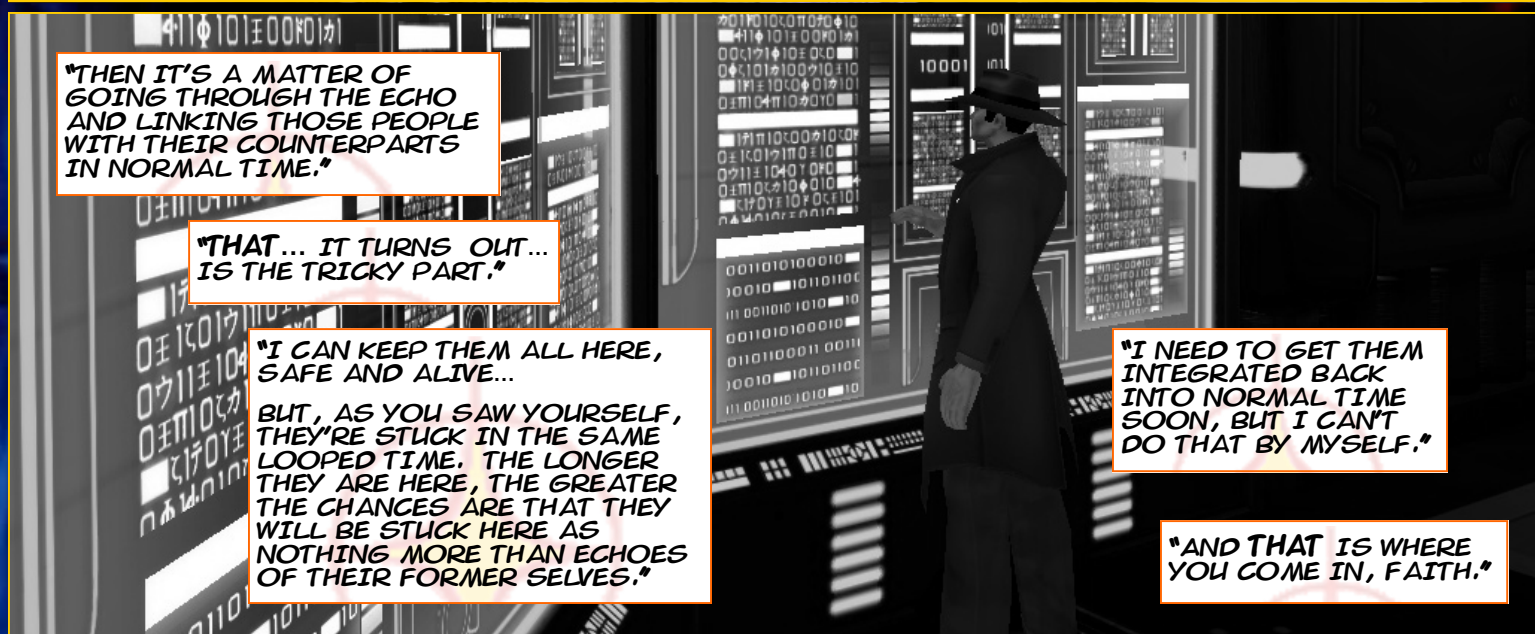
"BY PLACING QUANTUM RESONATORS IN THE WAR WALL GENERATORS AND THEN TYING THEM INTO THE SUPERGROUP TELEPORT BEACON..."



"... I ESSENTIALLY TURNED GALAXY CITY INTO A HUGE TIME ECHO, CONNECTED BY PROMETHEUS TO THE PILLAR OF ICE AND FLAME."

"THE MENDERS THEMSELVES AREN'T EVEN AWARE THAT THE ECHO EXISTS THANKS TO PROMETHEUS, EVEN THOUGH IT'S LITERALLY RIGHT UNDER MENDER SILOS."

"THE PEOPLE THAT WERE HERE AT THE TIME OF THE METEOR ATTACK ARE SAFE AND ALIVE HERE, ALBEIT STUCK IN A LOOP OF THEIR EXISTENCE."



"THEN IT'S A MATTER OF GOING THROUGH THE ECHO AND LINKING THOSE PEOPLE WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN NORMAL TIME."

"THAT... IT TURNS OUT... IS THE TRICKY PART."

"I CAN KEEP THEM ALL HERE, SAFE AND ALIVE..."

BUT, AS YOU SAW YOURSELF, THEY'RE STUCK IN THE SAME LOOPED TIME. THE LONGER THEY ARE HERE, THE GREATER THE CHANCES ARE THAT THEY WILL BE STUCK HERE AS NOTHING MORE THAN ECHOES OF THEIR FORMER SELVES."

"I NEED TO GET THEM INTEGRATED BACK INTO NORMAL TIME SOON, BUT I CAN'T DO THAT BY MYSELF."

"AND THAT IS WHERE YOU COME IN, FAITH."

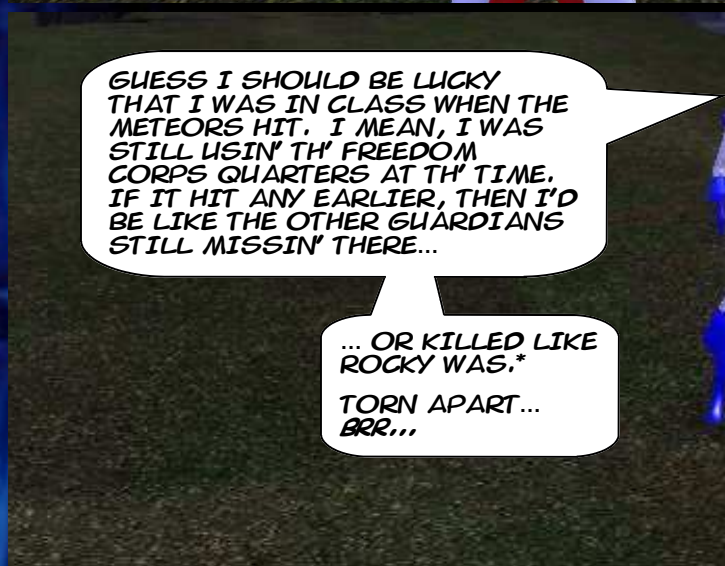


LYON POWERS
WELSH SUPERHERO

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SUPERHERO POLICEWOMAN



THAT? OH, NO... IT JUST GOT ME THINKING ABOUT THIS WHOLE THING WITH ROCKY ROCKROCKER AND GALAXY CITY.
YOU EVER WORK WITH ROCKY?





IT HASN'T BEEN ANY EASIER FOR ME EITHER.

DON'T FORGET I WAS OFFICIALLY ON "ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE" BEFORE THAT DAY. I WAS OPERATING AS "LADY TEMPLAR" BEHIND-THE-BACKS OF THE BRASS JUST SO I COULD FEEL LIKE I WAS USEFUL AGAIN.*

AND THEN I'M TOLD THAT THE HERO SHIELD PROGRAM WAS REINSTATED MORE FOR A PUBLIC RELATIONS TRICK TO GET PEOPLE FROM TURNING AGAINST THE HEROES.**


(* "SPOTLIGHT" #26 ** "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN AFTERMATH"*)



WHAT?!? WHO THE 'ELL TOLD YOU THAT LINE O' BOLLOCKS?


PRETTY MUCH MOST OF THE BRASS IN THE PD TOLD ME THAT WHEN I WAS REINSTATED.

DIDN'T MATTER, THOUGH. I TOLD MYSELF THAT I STILL HAD A JOB TO DO, AND THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING EVERY DAY SINCE.



ANYWAY... HEY, I WAS ASKED TO CRACK DOWN ON THE TSOO AROUND HERE AND I WONDERED IF YOU WANTED TO HELP ME CLEAN UP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

OH 'ELL YEAH! I'VE GOT A FEW HOURS BEFORE MY NEXT CLASS ANYWAY, SO LET'S DO THIS!



'OI, WHAT'S UP WITH THAT WHOLE "WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO SIN" THING ANYHOW?

HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE. I WAS AT HIS FUNERAL, THOUGH.*

(* SEE "JUSTICE-KNIGHTS" #9. AND FOR MORE ABOUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO SIN STALKER, CHECK OUT JKCOMICS.COM)



HERE WE GO...

OH, I WAS MEANING TO ASK YOU... DID YOU HAPPEN TO SEE SOME BILLBOARDS THE PAST YEAR SAYING "NEVER FORGET GALAXY CITY"?



OF COURSE. THEY WERE APPEARING ALL OVER PARAGON CITY! NOBODY KNOWS WHO SPONSORED THEM THOUGH...

... WAAAAAAIT A MINUTE! YOU?



I NEEDED A WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT I COULD CONNECT TO THE NORMAL TIMELINE THROUGH THESE DEVICES.

I WAS ABLE TO SAVE BACK ALLEY BRAWLER AND A FEW OTHER PEOPLE RELATIVELY QUICKLY WITH AN EARLIER DEVICE, BUT SOME OF THE OTHERS I COULDN'T INTEGRATE SAFELY... LIKE ROCKY ROCKROCKER.

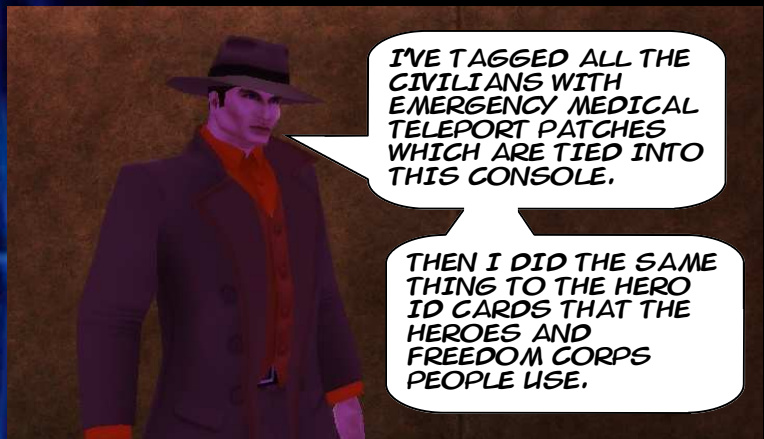
BEFORE I COULD TRY THIS METHOD WITH PEOPLE, I NEEDED TO TRY IT ON SOMETHING SIMPLE, LIKE SENDING A MESSAGE.



SIMPLE? THERE WERE EMAIL CONVERSATIONS INVOLVED, AND ELECTRONIC MONEY TRANSFERS, AND... AND...

OH... WAIT... I FORGOT WHO I'M TALKING TO.

"SIMPLE". RIGHT.

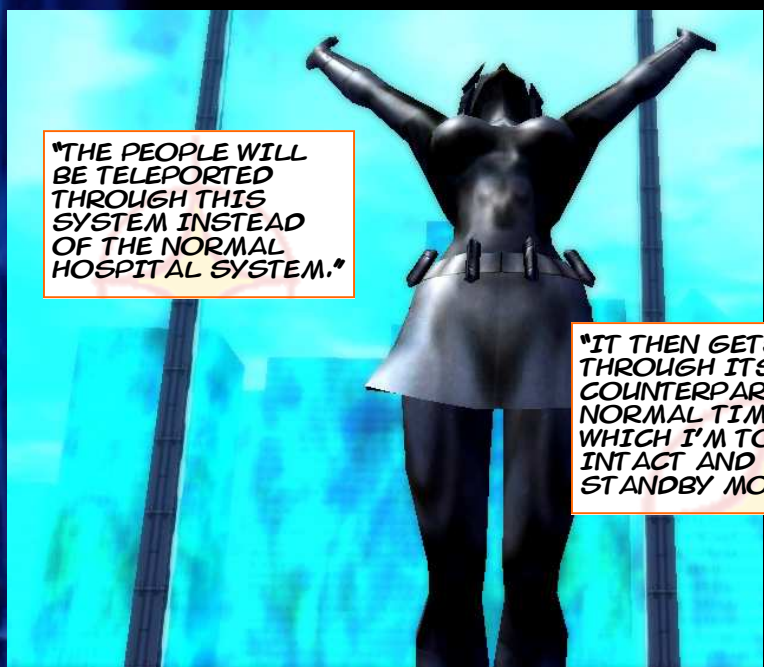


I'VE TAGGED ALL THE CIVILIANS WITH EMERGENCY MEDICAL TELEPORT PATCHES WHICH ARE TIED INTO THIS CONSOLE.

THEN I DID THE SAME THING TO THE HERO ID CARDS THAT THE HEROES AND FREEDOM CORPS PEOPLE USE.



"WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS TO TRIP EACH TELEPORT PATCH TO SIMULATE AN EMERGENCY."



"THE PEOPLE WILL BE TELEPORTED THROUGH THIS SYSTEM INSTEAD OF THE NORMAL HOSPITAL SYSTEM."

"IT THEN GETS REDIRECTED THROUGH ITS COUNTERPART IN THE NORMAL TIMESTREAM, WHICH I'M TOLD IS STILL INTACT AND IS STILL IN STANDBY MODE."



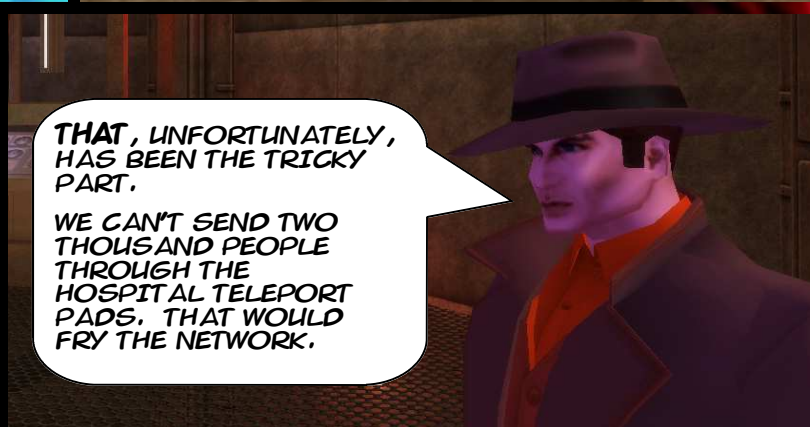
"THE TELEPORT SYSTEM THERE WILL SEND THEM THROUGH THE SUPERGROUP TELEPORT BEACONS."



THAT SOUNDS A LITTLE VAGUE.

WHERE SPECIFICALLY IN WOULD THEY END UP IN?

NOT BACK IN GALAXY CITY, I HOPE!



THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, HAS BEEN THE TRICKY PART.

WE CAN'T SEND TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE THROUGH THE HOSPITAL TELEPORT PADS. THAT WOULD FRY THE NETWORK.



"ONLY THE SUPERGROUP TELEPORT BEACONS CAN HANDLE THAT KIND OF VOLUME."

"NOW... WHEN WE TRIED TO RESCUE DAYBRIGHT, WE TURNED THE GUARDIAN BASE INTO A TEMPORARY HOSPITAL LOCATION FOR THE MEDICAL TELEPORTER."

"WHAT I NEED YOU TO DO IS THE OPPOSITE... TURN A HOSPITAL TELEPORT INTO A SUPERGROUP TELEPORTER AND THEN LINK IT TO A SPECIFIC SUPERGROUP BEACON FOR THEM TO BE SENT TO EN MASSE."

EX-CUSE ME?

GALEN, I MAY BE SMART, BUT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WITH SKILLS THAT I DON'T HAVE!

I MEAN, KENT WOULD, BUT I'M...

I-I CAN DESIGN OUTFITS.

I CAN... SORT THROUGH THE FINE PRINT OF A LEGAL DOCUMENT.

I CAN PUNCH SOMETHING REALLY HARD AND FAST!

BUT COMPUTER WORK... WELL THAT'S SOMETHING THAT--

--IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF YOUR ABILITIES, FAITH.

YOU MAY HAVE STRENGTH AND SPEED AND ALL OF THOSE OTHER WONDERFUL POWERS... BUT YOUR GREATEST GIFT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE ONE GIVEN TO YOU FROM YOUR BIRTH-FATHER.

THE GIFT YOU SHARE WITH YOUR "TWIN" LEONA: HYPER-INTELLIGENCE.

THIS IS WHAT THE MENDERS HAVE ALWAYS SEEN IN YOU, FAITH.

THIS IS WHAT I HAVE ALWAYS SEEN IN YOU.

LIONEL POWERS USED HIS HYPER-INTELLIGENCE TO FIGURE OUT HOW THINGS WORKED. THAT IS WHAT MADE HIM THE GENIUS HE WAS IN YOUR WORLD.

YOU CAN DO THE SAME WITH THE EQUIPMENT HERE.

I DON'T JUST THINK YOU CAN DO THIS, FAITH.

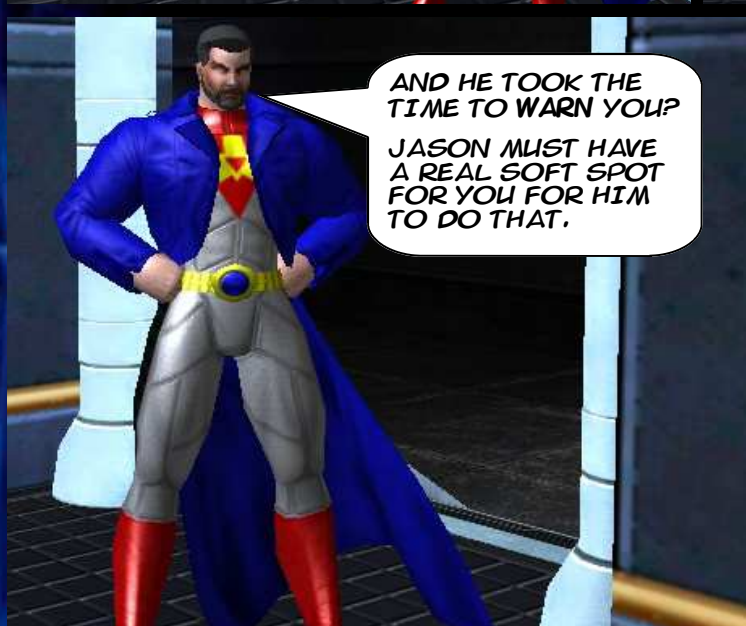
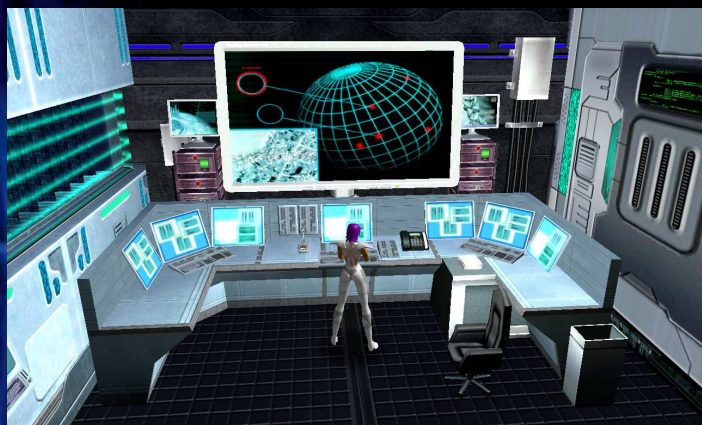
I KNOW YOU CAN!

OKAY...

ALL RIGHT.

FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FOR THE PEOPLE HERE, I'LL--I'LL DO WHAT I CAN.

JUST TELL ME WHAT I HAVE TO DO.





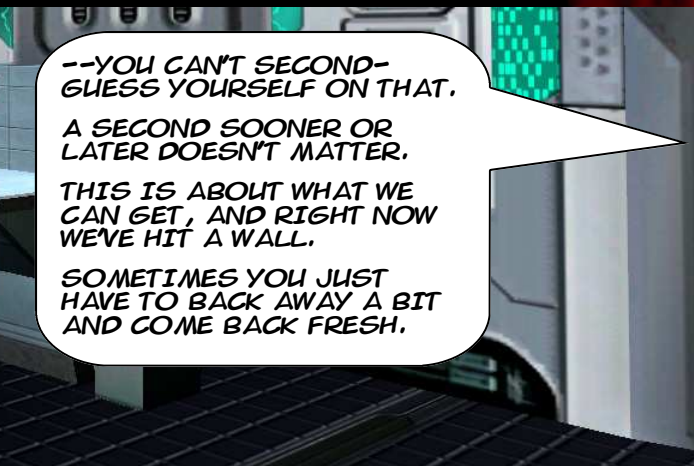
SO... I GUESS THAT MEANS MY ASSIGNMENT THERE IS DONE.



IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?
DO YOU WANT IT TO BE OVER?

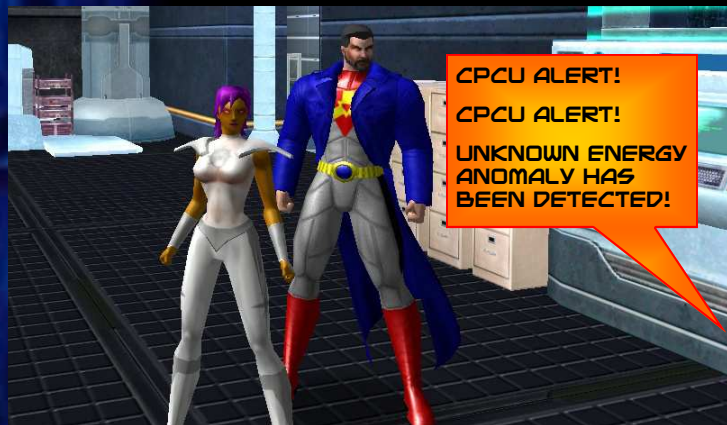


AFTER ALL I WENT THROUGH THERE? OF COURSE NOT!
KENT, WE ALMOST LOST ALEX BECAUSE OF LORD GEDDY!*
IF I WAS JUST A SECOND SLOWER--



--YOU CAN'T SECOND-GUESS YOURSELF ON THAT.
A SECOND SOONER OR LATER DOESN'T MATTER.
THIS IS ABOUT WHAT WE CAN GET, AND RIGHT NOW WE'VE HIT A WALL.
SOMETIMES YOU JUST HAVE TO BACK AWAY A BIT AND COME BACK FRESH.

(* *AFTERMATH*)



CPCU ALERT!
CPCU ALERT!
UNKNOWN ENERGY ANOMALY HAS BEEN DETECTED!



WHERE?

THE HOLLOWES...
STRANGE...



IT'S THE SAME PLACE WHERE GALATEA FOUGHT GOLDEN HAWKFIRE LAST YEAR.*

THE PARK THAT WAS BURNED BY MYSTICAL FIRE?
I'LL GO CHECK IT OUT.

(* ISSUE #1)



KEEP IN CONTACT.



OKAY, I'M AT
THE CONSOLE...
BUT I DON'T
KNOW WHAT I'M
SUPPOSED--



LOOK AT THE CODE
BEING DISPLAYED
AND THINK ABOUT
HOW IT ALL WORKS.
JUST WATCH AND
SEE IF YOU CAN
FOLLOW THE
PATTERN.



YOUR HYPER-
INTELLIGENCE
SHOULD PICK UP
THE LOGICAL
SEQUENCES.



I SEE IT...

HEH

I CAN'T BELIEVE
THAT IT REALLY
WORKS!



I CAN SEE WHERE
YOU WERE ABLE
TO CONNECT THE
NETWORK HERE
TO THE ONE IN
THE NORMAL
TIMELINE.



I CAN SEE THE
CONNECTING
SUBROUTINE IN THE
MEDICAL NETWORK
FROM YOUR FIRST
ATTEMPT IN 2010.

EXCELLENT!

YOU NEED TO REPLICATE
THAT SAME CODE IN THE
BACKUP MEDICAL TELEPORT
NETWORK IN THE NORMAL
GALAXY CITY AND LINK IT
TO THE SUPERGROUP
BEACON TELEPORT SYSTEM.
LOOK FOR A BEACON
NAMED *KALLISTI*.



KALLISTI? I NEVER HEARD OF A ZONE BY THAT NAME.

IT'S A LONG STORY...



SHORT VERSION IS IT'S A ZONE THAT WOULDN'T BE USING THE BEACON, SO PROMETHEUS ASKED AN OLD HERO TO "BORROW" IT AND MOVE IT TO A CLEARING.

THE HOLLOWES (FORMERLY EASTGATE)



ICON, I'M OVER BY THE SKYWAY CITY GATE LOOKING OVER THE CLEARING.



MY KHELDIAN SENSES ARE PICKING UP A FAINT ENERGY SURGE NEAR THE AREA THAT GOLDEN HAWKFIRE BURNED LAST YEAR BEFORE FIGHTING WITH GALATEA.

CAN YOU DETERMINE WHAT KIND OF ENERGY IS INVOLVED?



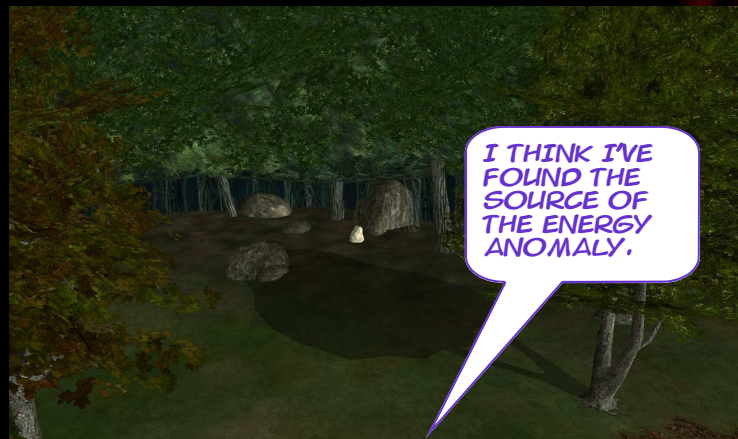
NOT YET. I NEED TO GET CLOSER TO BE CERTAIN.



BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL, DAYBRIGHT.



I'M INITIATING
THE OVERRIDE
CODE FOR THE
TELEPORT
PATCHES... NOW.



I THINK I'VE
FOUND THE
SOURCE OF
THE ENERGY
ANOMALY.



I HAVE YOU
ON HANDS-
FREE...

IT'S SOME
SORT OF
DEVICE
IMBEDDED
IN A ROCK.



WHAT SORT OF
ENERGY ARE YOU
DETECTING
COMING FROM
THE DEVICE?

QUANTUM
ENERGY.



"EMERGENCY MEDICAL
TELEPORTATION
COMMENCING..."



"THE SYSTEM IS
PROCESSING OVER
TWO THOUSAND
SIGNALS.

I JUST HOPE IT
CAN HANDLE ALL
OF THEM."

"IT SHOULD."

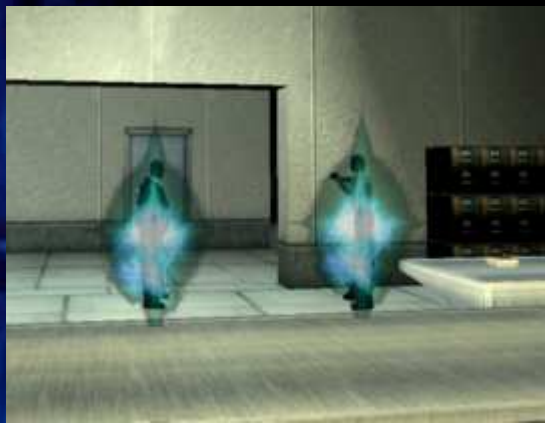


FORT TRIDENT

DAYBRIGHT, THIS
IS POSITRON.
ICON POWERS
CONNECTED ME
TO YOUR SIGNAL.

 **POSITRON**
FREEDOM PHALANX





THIS IS APRIL HERNANDEZ REPORTING IN EASTGATE PARK, WHERE POLICE AND FREEDOM CORPS FORCES HAVE CORDONED OFF AN AREA NOT FAR FROM THIS LOCATION AFTER REPORTS OF A STRANGE ENERGY ANOMALY.

HEROES ARE BEGINNING TO GATHER BY THE SKYWAY CITY GATE FOR WHAT SOME FEAR IS A NEW CROSS-DIMENSIONAL INVASION EITHER FROM THE RIKTI OR FROM THE PRAETORIANS.

APRIL HERNANDEZ
PNN REPORTER

NEWS ALERT · STRANGE ENERGY IN EASTGATE



POSITRON, I'VE TRACED THE ENERGY SURGE. IT'S NOT AN EXTERNAL SOURCE. IT'S INTERNAL.

IT'S COMING THROUGH THE CITY'S SUPERGROUP TELEPORT BEACON NETWORK TO A BEACON MARKED "KALLISTI".

WHAT? HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?

NEVER MIND GO THROUGH A BEACON THAT HAS BEEN MISSING FOR A YEAR NOW!

I DON'T KNOW, BUT I REALLY DON'T THINK THIS IS EITHER A RIKTI OR PRAETORIAN INVASION.

THEY WOULDN'T GO TO GREAT LENGTHS TO USE OUR OWN SYSTEM WHEN THEY HAVE THEIR OWN MEANS.





IN FACT I...
I KNOW THIS
PATTERN!
AND YOU DO
TOO!



OFFICIALS HAVE
NOW RULED OUT A
POSSIBLE
INVASION, BUT
THEY ARE STILL
BAFFLED BY THE
ENERGY COMING
FROM THAT AREA.

MYSTERIOUS ENERGY NOT INVASION! **PNN**
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ALL TAGS
HAVE BEEN
ACTIVATED
AND
TELEPORTED.



THE PATTERN HAS
CROSSED OVER AND
IS REACHING THE
BEACON NOW.



HOLD ON...
ROBIN,
SOMETHING
IS HAPPENING
DOWN THERE.

STRANGE ENERGY IN EASTGATE · PNN BREAKING **PNN**
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GALEN, SOMETHING IS WRONG.

THE SIGNALS ARE REACHING THE BEACON, BUT THEY'RE STILL RESIDING IN THE NETWORK BUFFER.



I WAS AFRAID OF THAT.


FAITH, I NEED YOU TO HEAD BACK TO OUROBOROS.



WHAT?!! NO, GALEN, WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TOGETHER.

ALL OF US, REMEMBER? THAT'S WHAT YOU PROMISED.

THE MEDICAL NETWORK REFUSES TO LET THEM GO BECAUSE THE FAILSAFE PREVENTS AN "INJURED" PERSON FROM BEING RETURNED WITHOUT FIRST TRYING TO HEAL THEM.



THE ONLY WAY I CAN FIX THAT IS TO CAUSE A CASCADE FAILURE OF THE SYSTEM, WHICH WILL FORCE A SECOND FAILSAFE TO OVERRIDE THE FIRST ONE AND COMPLETE THE TELEPORT.



FINE, THEN I'LL TRIGGER IT. I'M INVULNERABLE, REMEMBER?



I'VE TURNED ON THE INTERCOM SYSTEM SO YOU CAN CONTINUE TO HEAR ME.



YOU DESERVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH, FAITH.

AND THE TRUTH IS THIS... I DID PROMISE TO RESCUE EVERY HUMAN BEING HERE IN THIS TIME ECHO.

AND BY DOING THIS, I WILL FULFILL MY PROMISE TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE HERE.

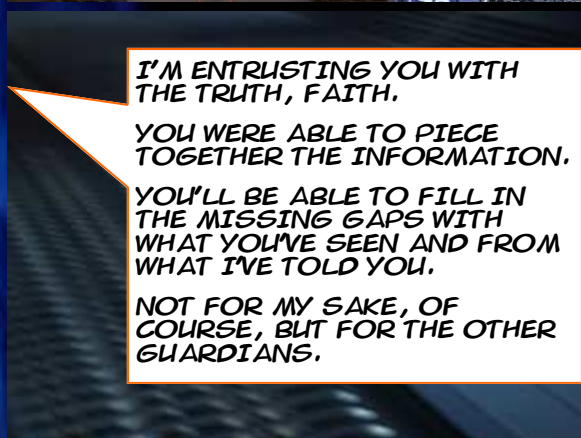
WE'RE ALL GOING HOME, GALEN! THAT'S WHAT YOU PROMISED!



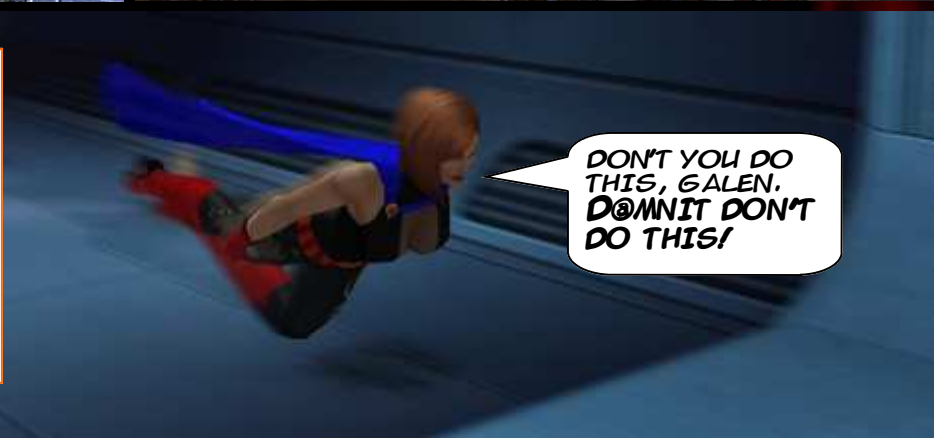
EVERY HUMAN
BEING...
ONLY I'M NOT
HUMAN. I'M A
UTOPIAN.



ONCE THIS
CONSOLE FAILS,
THE SECOND
FAILSAFE WILL
KICK IN, WHICH
WILL INCLUDE
YOUR OWN HERO
ID.
YOU'LL APPEAR
WITH THE OTHERS.



I'M ENTRUSTING YOU WITH
THE TRUTH, FAITH.
YOU WERE ABLE TO PIECE
TOGETHER THE INFORMATION.
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FILL IN
THE MISSING GAPS WITH
WHAT YOU'VE SEEN AND FROM
WHAT I'VE TOLD YOU.
NOT FOR MY SAKE, OF
COURSE, BUT FOR THE OTHER
GUARDIANS.



DON'T YOU DO
THIS, GALEN.
D@MNIT DON'T
DO THIS!



GOODBYE,
GALATEA POWERS.
NEVER GIVE UP
DOING ALL THAT
YOU CAN TO BE
THE HERO THAT I
KNOW YOU TO BE.





APRIL? APRIL,
IT'S ROBIN IN
THE STUDIO.
ARE YOU STILL
WITH US?

STRANGE ENERGY IN EASTGATE **PNN**
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BZZT... NRGY
SURGE... FLA...
BZZT... LIGHT...
CLEARING NOW...
OH *BZZT* GOD...

BREAKING NEWS · ENERGY **PNN**
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DAYBRIGHT?
DAYBRIGHT,
WHAT'S GOING
ON THERE?



BY THE FIRST LIGHT...
ICON, IT'S
PEOPLE...
THE AREA
IS FULL OF
PEOPLE!



THERE ARE
HUNDREDS...
THOUSANDS
OF PEOPLE
DOWN THERE!



DOZENS OF
MISSING
HERO IDS
HAVE JUST
REACTIVATED.



ARKTIC CHILL,
COEUR DU FELI,
TASHATIGER,
WHYSPERA, STREET
JUSTICE...
IT'S GALAXY CITY!
THEY'RE ALL FROM
GALAXY CITY!



I REMEMBER
STARTING THE
DAY WATCH AT THE
POLICE STATION...

GALAXY CITY SURVIVORS!



... WAS JUST
GETTING BACK
FROM A RAVE IN
SKYWAY CITY,
HEARD SOMETHING
ABOUT METEORS,
BUT I WASN'T SURE.

GALAXY CITY SURVIVORS!



DOC TOR!
CAN YOU
HEAR ME?



I JUST HEARD THIS
RUMBLING NOISE AND
EVERYTHING TURNED
BRIGHT. NEXT THING
I KNOW, I'M HERE IN
THE WOODS.

GALAXY CITY SURVIVORS RESCUED!



"CIVILIANS, HEROES, FREEDOM
CORPS SOLDIERS, POLICE
OFFICERS, GANG MEMBERS,
EVEN A FEW VAHZILOK MEMBERS
HAVE BEEN RESCUED."



GALATEA?



I JUST WANNA
GET HOME, 'KAY?

ITS SURVIVORS TO BE EXAMINED



GALAXY CITY SURVIVORS!



DOC TOR VOWED THAT HE
WOULD FIND A WAY TO SAVE
EVERY HUMAN BEING IN GALAXY
CITY, AND THAT'S WHAT HE DID.

HE GAVE HIS LIFE... HE GAVE
HIS LIFE TO MAKE SURE THAT
THE PEOPLE OF GALAXY CITY
WOULD SURVIVE EVEN IF THE
AREA DIDN'T.

ARKTIC CHILL
ESKIMO HERO

WHYSPERA
SINGING SENSATION

FORMER GUARDIANS SAVE GALAXY CITY RESIDENTS!



WENTWORTH ESTATE

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.

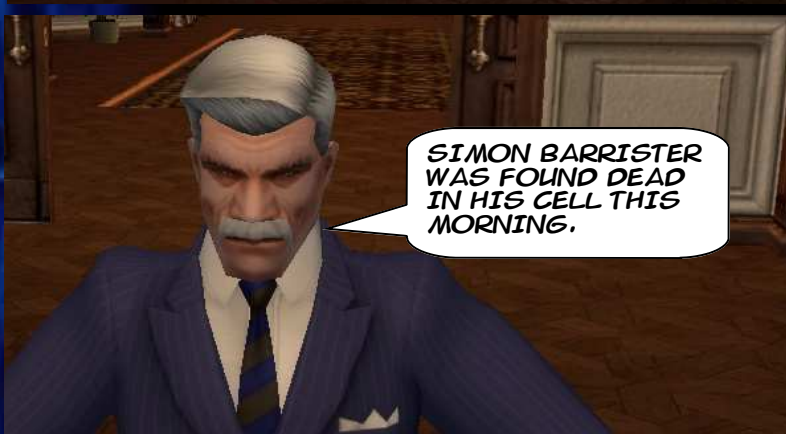
I HAVE SOME BAD NEWS AND I WANTED YOU TO HEAR IT FROM ME FIRST.

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.



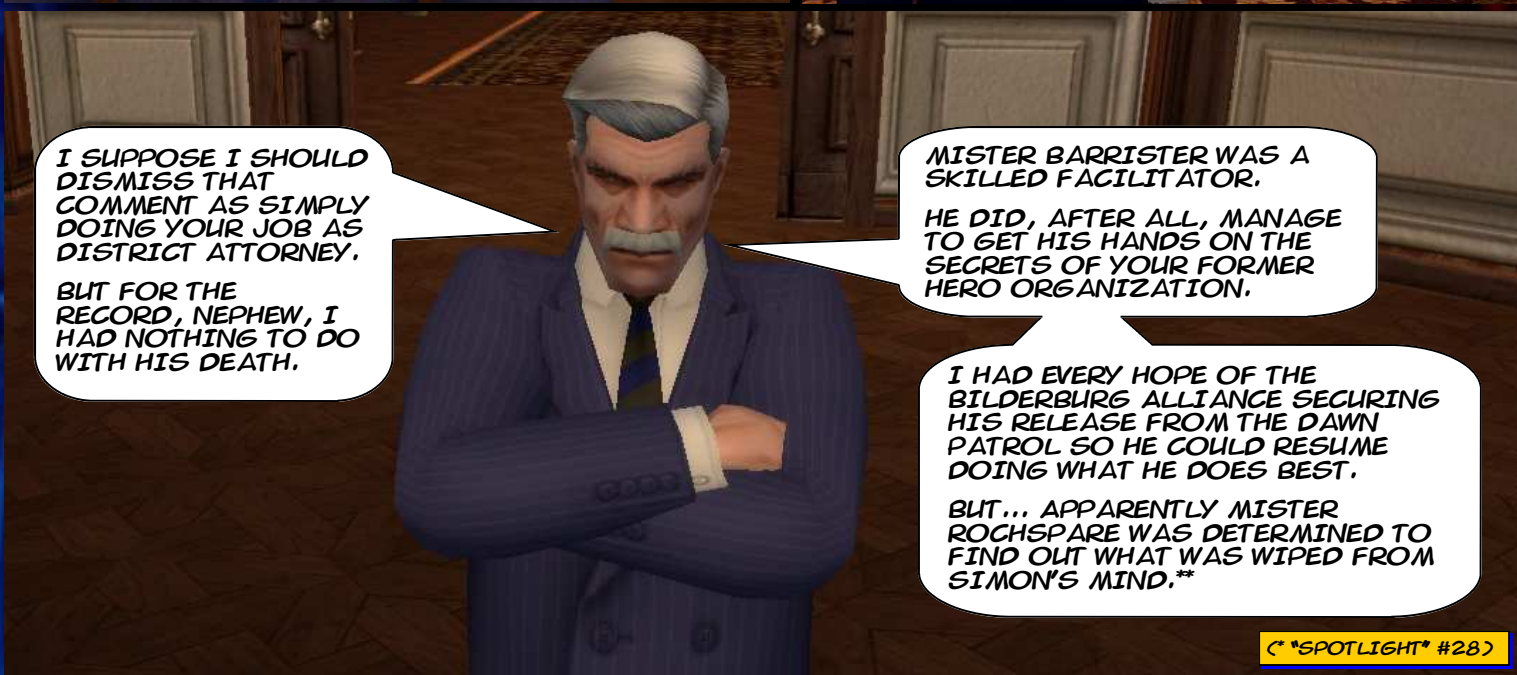
I SUPPOSE I SHOULD DISMISS THAT COMMENT AS SIMPLY DOING YOUR JOB AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY. BUT FOR THE RECORD, NEPHEW, I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS DEATH.

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 WIPED FROM SIMON'S MIND.**



C *SPOTLIGHT* #28)




I SEEM TO RECALL THAT WE HAD A CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT PREVIOUSLY.*

YES... WE DID. AND AS MUCH AS IT PAINS ME TO ADMIT TO IT, YOU WERE RIGHT.


I APPARENTLY OVER-VALUED MY INFLUENCE IN THE ALLIANCE, AND THAT REALIZATION CHANGES THINGS CONSIDERABLY.

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WITH SIMON DEAD, WE DON'T KNOW IF ROCHSPARE'S PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO RETRIEVE ANYTHING FROM HIS MIND.

PRESUMABLY, THAT LEAVES ME BEING THE ONLY OTHER PERSON THAT KNOWS THE SECRETS OF THE GUARDIANS.



IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR PROTECTION, UNCLE, THEN YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GIVE US--

ALEX, YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT IF I SIMPLY NEEDED PROTECTION THAT I COULD AFFORD TO HIRE THE BEST.


WHAT I **NEED**, NEPHEW, IS LEVERAGE. A FORM OF POLITICAL DETERRENCE.



IF MEMORY SERVES, YOU WERE MORE THAN JUST A MEMBER OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN.

YOU WERE ALSO THEIR FINANCIAL SPONSOR, ESPECIALLY IN THOSE FIRST FEW YEARS.

A POSITION THAT I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE UP IN YOUR PLACE, SHOULD YOU AGREE TO RESURRECT THE ORGANIZATION.



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 THUS 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 NAÏVE 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)

IF YOU WANT TO SPONSOR A NEW INCARNATION OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN, THEN YOU NEED TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT AT SOME POINT **WE WILL** HAVE TO TAKE ON THE ALLIANCE ITSELF.

YOU CAN'T JUST SUPPORT THE GUARDIANS ONLY WHEN THEY SUIT YOUR BUSINESS DEALINGS.

IS THAT SOMETHING YOU'RE READY FOR, UNCLE?

I WOULDN'T HAVE CALLED YOU HERE AND MADE YOU THIS OFFER IF I WASN'T PREPARED TO MAKE THAT KIND OF SACRIFICE, ALEX.

DO WHAT IT TAKES ON YOUR END, ALEX, AND THEN LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU NEED FROM ME TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

I WILL...
THANK YOU, UNCLE.

MEANWHILE...

AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MISSED OUT ON BIG STORY OF THE DAY... WE HAVE THIS STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CYCORP.



GARRY BECKER
MEDIA PERSONALITY

WHILE I STAND BY THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO ME, IT APPEARS MY CONCLUSIONS MAY HAVE BEEN OFF. AS SUCH, I APOLOGIZE TO THOSE HEROES THAT MAY HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS ERROR.



RICHARD CYRIL
CYRIL CORPORATION

THERE YOU HAVE IT FOLKS... A PUBLIC APOLOGY FROM THE MAN WHO STANDS BY HIS WORK AND HIS WORD.
A **TRUE** PARAGON CITIZEN!

AND WHAT A WAY TO START OFF THE ALL-NEW "**GARRY BECKER RADIO EXPERIENCE**", LIVE HERE ON P-N-N RADIO, IN THE EVER-SPACIOUS BASEMENT OF THE PNN BROADCASTING BUILDING!
IT IS GOOD TO BE BACK!

NOW... BACK TO BUSINESS... HAS ANYONE EVER HEARD OF A HERO GROUP CALLING THEMSELVES THE "**GUYS AND GALLS** READY TO ROCK AND ROLL"?

LATER THAT DAY...

YOU THINK WE CAN TRUST HIM?

Phase 1 -
Phase 2 -
Phase 3 -
Phase 4 -
The Current Status For

NOT REALLY.
NOT RIGHT NOW ANYWAY.
BUT HE WANTS TO USE US FOR LEVERAGE, AND RIGHT NOW WE CAN DO THE SAME WITH HIM.

THE GUARDIANS HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY VINDICATED.
SUPPORT FOR OUR TEAM HAS NEVER BEEN HIGHER.
SPEAKING OF, HOW ARE OUR RECOVERED TEAMMATES DOING?

MOST ARE STILL GETTING CAUGHT UP TO THE MISSING YEAR.
WE SHOULD HAVE ARKTIC CHILL BACK IN A FEW DAYS.

THAT'S GOOD.
BUT RIGHT NOW WE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PUBLICITY.

IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME GETTING USED TO.

SUDDENLY COMING OUT AND SAYING THE GUARDIANS ARE BACK AFTER SPENDING ALL THIS TIME IN THE SHADOWS AS A "GHOST GROUP".

WE ALWAYS PLANNED ON DOING THIS, KENT.
WE JUST NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE THIS SOON.
DOC'S SACRIFICE MADE THAT POSSIBLE, BUT YOU AND DAYBRIGHT AND OUR "SECRET ASSOCIATE" SET THE STAGE FOR IT.
I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE.

JUST DOING WHAT WE CAN, ALEX. COMES WITH THE JOB.



CPCU: EXECUTE PROGRAM "PHOENIX POINT-FOUR".



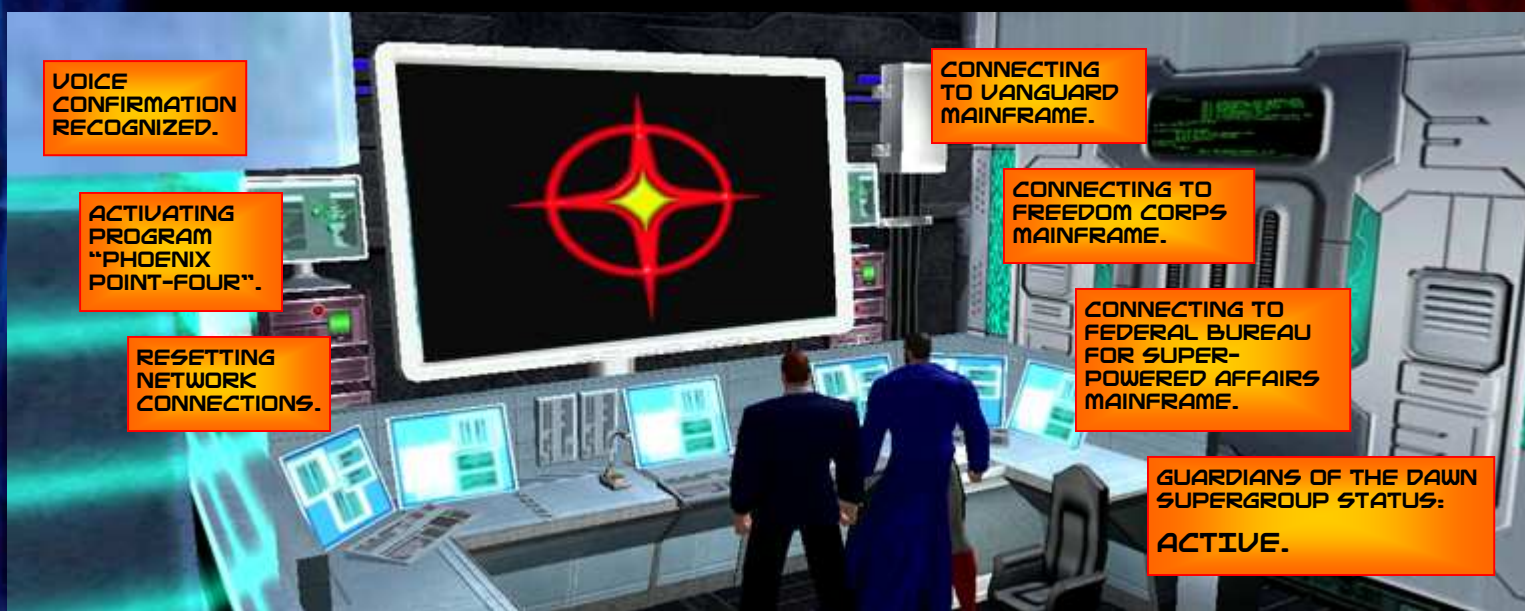
WORKING.
CONFIRM WITH VOICE IDENTITY.



VOICE IDENTIFICATION:
ICON POWERS.
CONFIRM.



VOICE IDENTIFICATION:
LIBERTARIAN AVENGER.
CONFIRM.



VOICE CONFIRMATION RECOGNIZED.

ACTIVATING PROGRAM "PHOENIX POINT-FOUR".

RESETTING NETWORK CONNECTIONS.

CONNECTING TO VANGUARD MAINFRAME.

CONNECTING TO FREEDOM CORPS MAINFRAME.

CONNECTING TO FEDERAL BUREAU FOR SUPER-POWERED AFFAIRS MAINFRAME.

GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SUPERGROUP STATUS: ACTIVE.



YOU TURN ON THE LIGHTS, AND I'LL CALL THEM HOME.

ON IT.



REACTOR AT
FULL POWER.



MEETING
ROOM ONLINE.



GUARDIAN
LOUNGE ONLINE.



MAIN TELEPORT
ENTRANCE ONLINE.



INFIRMARY
ONLINE.



TELEPORT
CENTER ONLINE.



TALOS ISLAND
BASE FULLY
ACTIVATED.



THE LIGHTS ARE
ON AND THE BEDS
ARE MADE.
WELCOME HOME,
GUARDIANS.

ICON POWERS
"RETIRED" SUPERHERO



FURIA POWERS
PRAETORIAN HERO



PYROGURL
THE FIRE NINJA



PHARON
EGYPTIAN CHAMPION



ELITE ICE QUEEN
ELEMENTAL MYSTIC



JOHN COLE
SON OF STATESMAN



MIDKNIGHT X
STREET VIGILANTE



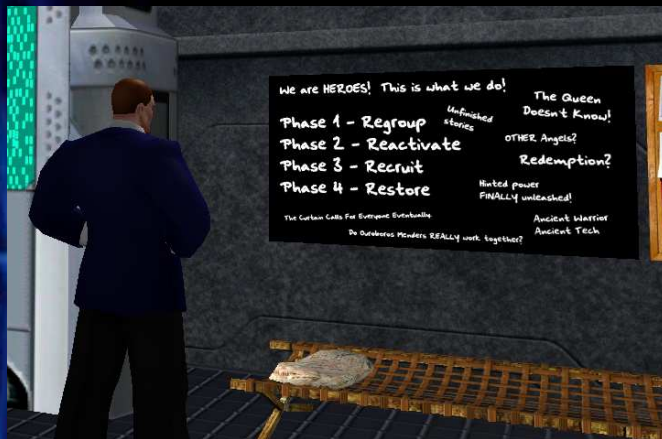
CAPTAIN PARAGONNA
SUPERHERO POLICEWOMAN



LYON POWERS
WELSH SUPERHERO



GALATEA POWERS
OTHERWORLD HERO





SOME OF YOU
KNOW WHO I AM.
FOR THOSE WHO
DON'T...



I AM DISTRICT
ATTORNEY ALEX
WENTWORTH.

I ONCE WAS THE HERO
KNOWN AS THE
LIBERTARIAN AVENGER.



ALEX WENTWORTH
DISTRICT ATTORNEY



OUR GROUP WAS STARTED
ON THE BELIEF THAT THERE
IS A BRIGHT FUTURE
AHEAD, NOT JUST FOR
PARAGON CITY, BUT FOR
ALL OF HUMANITY IN
GENERAL.

OUR MISSION IS TO SEE
TO IT THAT THIS FUTURE'S
DAWN COMES TO BE.

THIS FUTURE HAS
ALREADY COST US MUCH.
WE'VE LOST FRIENDS AND
ALLIES TO THIS FUTURE.

WE'VE ALSO GAINED NEW
FRIENDS AND ALLIES,
AND SOME OUR LOST
HEROES WILL BE
REJOINING US SOON.



BUT IT'S TIME FOR US AS A
GROUP TO GET OUT OF THE
SHADOWS AND INTO THE LIGHT.

IT IS TIME TO RESUME OUR
RIGHTFUL PLACE AS SHEPHERDS
OF THAT BRIGHT FUTURE.

WE ARE THE

GUARDIANS 
OF THE DAWN

AND NOW LET'S LET
THE WORLD KNOW
THAT WE'RE BACK
IN ACTION.

THE STORY ENDS...
BUT THE BATTLE
RAGES ON.

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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Lastly, thank you to the readers of this series. I hope you have enjoyed my creativity in telling the story of these heroes and heroines. And I hope you will see what happens next in those "other stories" told in those "other realities". Even though this series is done, the battles go on.

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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