

# 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. OPERATING ON THEIR OWN, THEY ARE REFERRED TO COLLECTIVELY AS...

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## ALEX WENTWORTH - PARAGON CITY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FORMERLY THE LIBERTARIAN AVENGER, THIS ONE-TIME "CELEBUTANT" 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.

# "BAPTISM BY GOLDEN FIRE"

## - A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY DAVID 2

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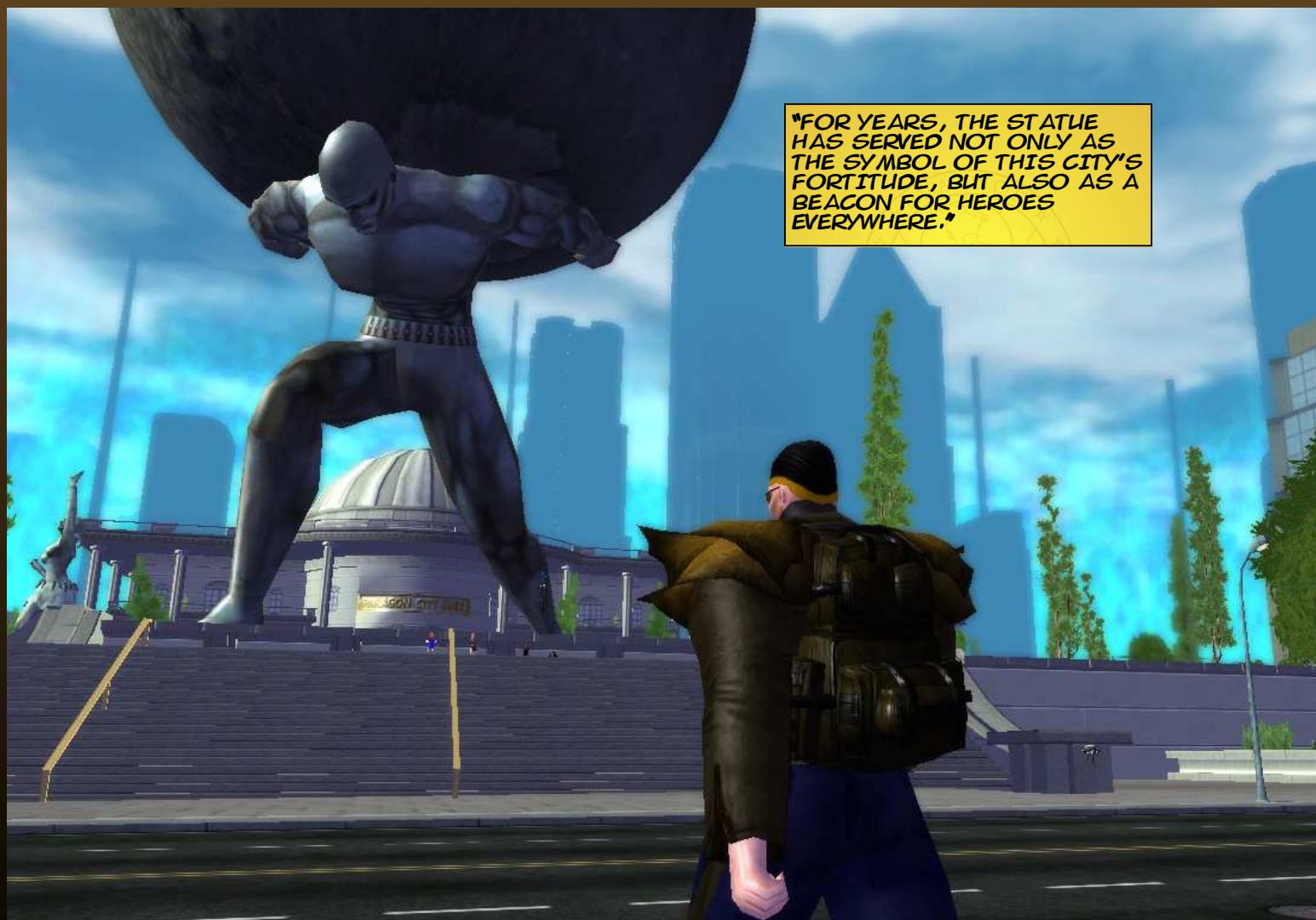


"WELCOME TO ATLAS PLAZA, THE HEART OF PARAGON CITY!"

"YOU'LL NOTICE BEHIND ME THE HUGE STATUE OF ATLAS.

SOME PEOPLE MAKE THE MISTAKE OF THINKING THAT THIS REPRESENTS THE GREEK TITAN ATLAS, HOLDING THE WORLD UP ON HIS BACK AND SHOULDERS."

"BUT IN TRUTH, WHAT YOU SEE HERE IS PARAGON CITY'S OWN LEGENDARY HERO FROM THE 1930'S, WHO SELFLESSLY GAVE HIS LIFE TO DEFEND THIS CITY FROM THE NAZIS WHEN THEY INVADED RHODE ISLAND ON DECEMBER 7, 1941."



"FOR YEARS, THE STATUE HAS SERVED NOT ONLY AS THE SYMBOL OF THIS CITY'S FORTITUDE, BUT ALSO AS A BEACON FOR HEROES EVERYWHERE."

"YOU WILL SEE HEROES FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD COME HERE."

"IN FACT MORE HEROES VISIT ATLAS PLAZA EVERY YEAR THAN DO CIVILIANS VISITING THE STATUE OF LIBERTY."

"THE PLAZA SERVES AS THE PERFECT RALLYING POINT FOR HEROES, WHICH IS WHY THEY GATHER AROUND IT."

"YOU'LL ALSO NOTICE SEVERAL FREEDOM CORPS AGENTS STANDING GUARD AND ON PATROL AROUND THE PLAZA."

THAT GOES BACK TO WHEN ATLAS PLAZA WAS REBUILT FOLLOWING THE RIKTI INVASION ALMOST TEN YEARS AGO. THEY KEPT THE AREA SAFE SO POLICE COULD FOCUS ON RESTORING ORDER IN THE CITY.

NOW, BEFORE YOUR TOUR GUIDE TAKES YOU INTO CITY HALL, ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS I CAN ANSWER FOR YOU?

HARD TO BELIEVE, HUH?

THE NEW PLAZA, TOURS... YOU SHOULD SEE THE SOUVENIR SHOP THEY'RE PUTTING IN!

NO, I CANNOT BELIEVE ANY OF THIS.

THIS IS NOT THE ATLAS PLAZA THAT I REMEMBER.

YEAH, A LOT OF HEROES HAVE BEEN SAYING THAT LATELY.

I KNOW I USED TO HAVE A POST TWENTY- FEET OVER THERE, AND NOW...

BY THE WAY, I'M GREEN GAMMA. I USED TO BE A HERO BACK IN THE DAY.



GREEN GAMMA  
MERIT AGENT

I AM... LOOKING FOR SOMEONE.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND... GALATEA POWERS?



I KNOW THE GUARDIANS ARE DISBANDED AND THE BASE IS SUSPENDED, AND I'M NOT ASKIN' THAT YOU REACTIVATE TH' GROUP.

ALL I'M ASKING IS THAT YOU LET ME GO IN THE BASE JUST THIS ONE TIME AN' GET SOME OF ME PERSONAL BELONGINGS I ACCIDENTALLY LEFT THERE.

I HAVE A TERM PAPER DUE SOON AN' I LEFT SOME OF ME NOTES AND RESEARCH IN THE BASE... SO IT WOULD REALLY JUST TAKE ME A SECOND TO GET IT.

 LYON POWERS  
WELSH SUPERHERO

NO. SORRY.

BUT IT'LL JUST TAKE A SEC!

YOU CAN EVEN COME WITH T' MAKE SURE I'M THERE AN' OUT. C'MON... PLEASE?

OOOHH... OKAY... IT'S NOT ABOUT A TERM PAPER.

IT'S MY CLOTHES. I LEFT SOME OF ME... ME KNICKERS IN THE BASE.

TH' REST OF ME STUFF WUZ IN THE FREEDOM CORPS BARRACKS IN GALAXY CITY WHEN IT WAS NUKED BY THE SHIVANS.\*

I'VE BEEN STAYIN' WITH ME SISTER AT HER FLAT, BUT SHE'S LIKE A BLOODY AMAZON, AND I'M... WELL... NOT.

DO YOU KNOW HOW 'ARD IT'IZ T' GET TH' KIND OF KNICKERS WE 'AVE T' WEAR UNDER THESE OUTFITS? THEY'RE NOT CHEAP.

(\* "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN AFTERMATH")



DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

HAVE EVERYTHING  
SET UP IN YOUR  
OFFICE?

YEAH, THANKS.  
BUT THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
THAT'S BEEN  
BOthering ME...

NO, I FIGURED  
YOU'D HAVE SOME  
QUESTIONS  
ABOUT THIS JOB,  
FAITH. GO  
AHEAD AND ASK  
ME WHAT YOU  
WANT TO KNOW.

IS THIS A  
REAL JOB?

I MEAN, ME AS  
A LIAISON  
FOR CITY HALL.

WHAT? I THOUGHT KENT EXPLAINED IT  
ALL TO YOU THE OTHER DAY.\*

FAITH, THIS JOB IS FOR REAL.  
YOU'LL BE WORKING WITH MY OFFICE  
TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CASES  
INVOLVING HEROES ARE SOLID  
BEFORE GOING TO COURT AND THAT  
THE HEROES ARE MAKING THEIR  
APPEARANCES WHEN REQUIRED TO.

ALEX WENTWORTH  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

(\* SEE "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN AFTERMATH")

I GUESS I JUST  
NEEDED TO HEAR IT  
FROM YOU BEFORE I  
COULD BELIEVE IT.

SO HOW DOES THIS  
WORK? I MEAN,  
WHEN A CRISIS  
HAPPENS?

FAITH KARL  
AKA GALATEA POWERS

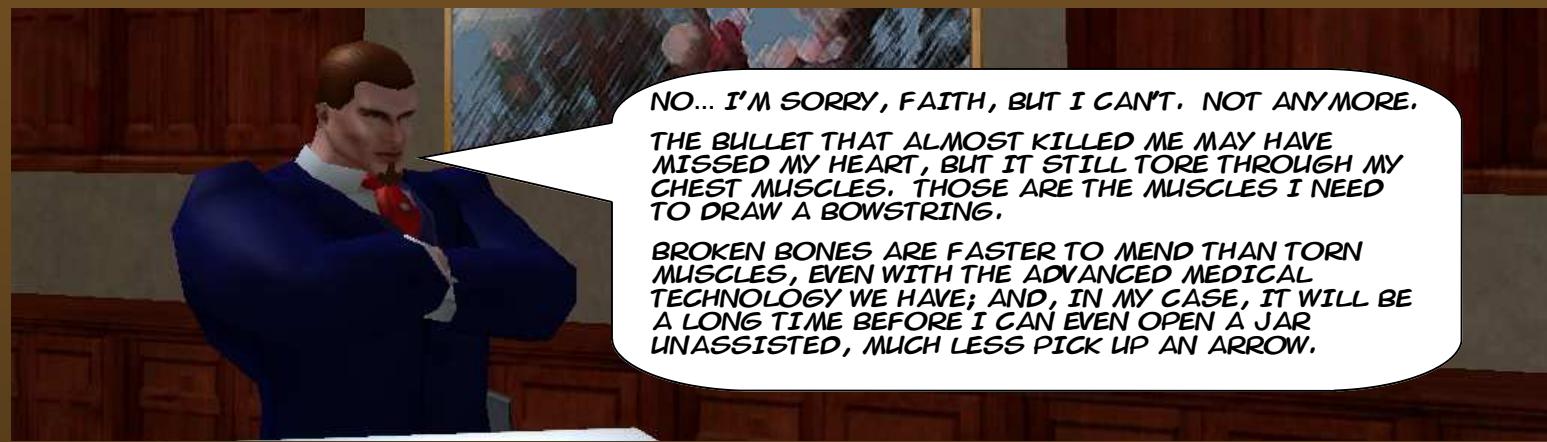
WELL HOPEFULLY  
THAT WON'T BE  
HAPPENING  
ANYTIME SOON.

BUT GIVEN THE LIVES WE LIVE... OR, IN MY CASE,  
PAST TENSE... IT'S INEVITABLE THAT "DUTY"  
WOULD CALL WHILE YOU'RE HERE. AND WHEN  
THAT HAPPENS, I'VE GOT YOU COVERED.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, THE CANDIDATES WERE  
ALLOWED TO VISIT THE BUILDING AS OFTEN AS WE  
WANTED TO GET USED TO THE POSITION.

WHILE I WAS HERE, I SPOTTED SEVERAL PLACES THAT  
SEEMED TO BE PERFECTLY DESIGNED FOR A HERO TO  
CHANGE CLOTHES AND LEAVE THE BUILDING WITHOUT  
BEING NOTICED BY OTHERS.

I SUPPOSE IN A CITY FULL OF SUPERHEROES, IT'S  
INEVITABLE THAT WE'D HAVE SOME PROSECUTORS  
THAT HAD CAPES WITH THEIR BRIEFS.



SKYWAY CITY

... AND THAT'S  
THE LATEST  
FROM SKYWAY  
CITY.  
I'M APRIL  
HERNANDEZ, PNN  
AFTERNOON  
NEWS.  
BACK TO YOU,  
ROBIN.

APRIL HERNANDEZ  
PNN REPORTER

OKAY, WE'RE  
OFF. THANKS  
LADIES.

CAPTAIN PARAGONNA  
PARAGON CITY POLICE

LISTEN, I REALLY  
APPRECIATE YOU TAKING  
THE TIME AWAY FROM  
YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO  
DO THIS INTERVIEW.

I'M SURE THE BRASS IS  
KEEPING YOU BUSY  
BETWEEN KINGS ROW AND  
ALL OF THE OTHER  
PROJECTS... BUT IT  
REALLY IS GREAT TO SEE  
YOU BACK ON DUTY.

THANKS, APRIL.

BUT I WAS THE ONE  
THAT ASKED YOU BE  
SENT FOR THIS  
INTERVIEW.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE  
SINCE YOU AND I  
TALKED AND I  
WANTED TO SEE WHY  
YOU'VE CUT YOURSELF  
OFF FROM THE REST  
OF US.

THAT'S...

THAT'S NICE TO BE SO  
CONCERNED.

BUT THERE'S NOTHING  
FOR YOU TO WORRY  
ABOUT WITH ME.

I MEAN, YEAH, I WAS  
KIDNAPPED ONCE, BUT  
THAT WAS YEARS AGO!\*

YOU MEAN YOU DON'T REMEMBER  
SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS YOU  
DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT REPORTING  
THE NEWS? MAYBE... LIVING  
ANOTHER KIND OF LIFE?

NO! I MEAN, SURE, I DREAM ABOUT  
DOING THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT  
YOU DO. WHO DOESN'T LIVE HERE IN  
THIS CITY AND NOT THINK OF IT?

BUT LIVING ANOTHER LIFE? I'M  
PRETTY HAPPY WITH WHAT I HAVE NOW.

(\* AS EXPLAINED IN "GUARDIANS  
OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT" #16)

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A  
SUPERHERO NAMED OMEGA SHIFT?  
SHE WAS A VERY IMPORTANT  
MEMBER OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE  
DAWN.

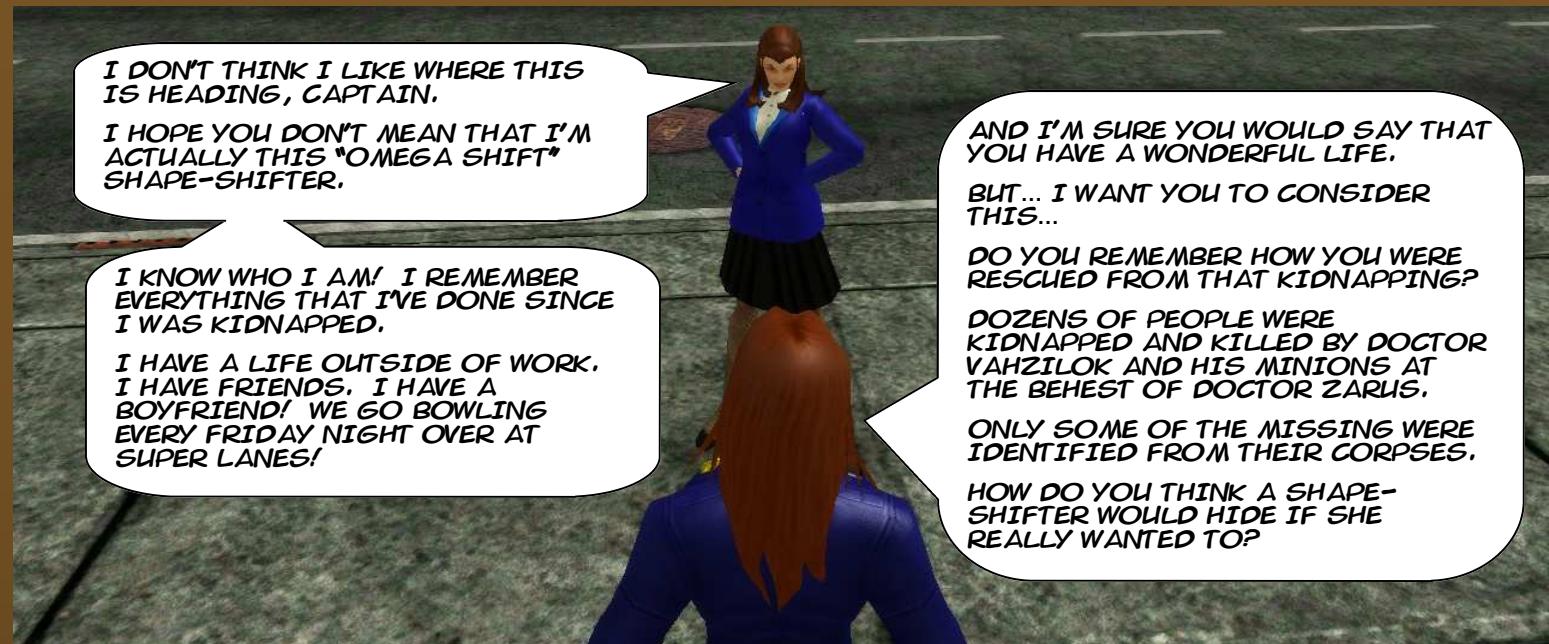
SURE, I REMEMBER HER.

I REMEMBER SEEING  
VIDEO FOOTAGE OF HER.  
SHE WAS AN ELEMENTAL-  
BASED BLASTER, I THINK.

SHE'S ALSO A SHAPE-  
SHIFTER.

SHE HAS IT IN HERSELF  
THE DNA TEMPLATES OF  
DOZENS OF PEOPLE  
THAT SHE CAN DRAW  
UPON FOR KNOWLEDGE  
AND EXPERIENCE.

SHE CAN ALSO DIVE  
INTO THOSE LIVES AND  
BE THOSE PEOPLE.



STEEL CANYON



GALATEA POWERS  
OTHERWORLD SUPERHERO

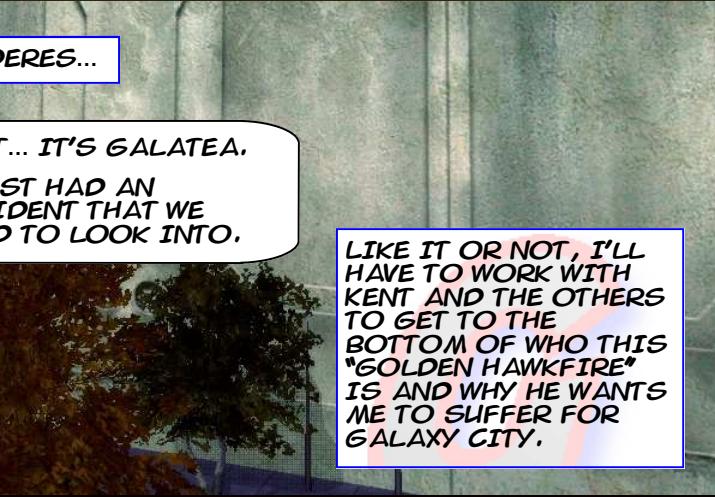
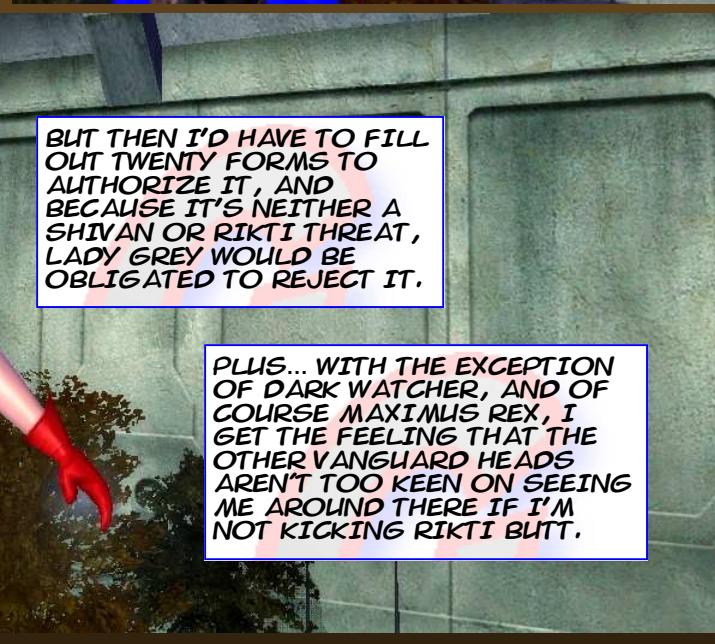


OKAY, WHERE IS  
THE GUY WHO'S  
SUPPOSEDLY  
CALLING ME OUT  
IN THE STREET?









MEANWHILE...



YOU KNOW THAT BEFORE I BECAME A MOTHER, I WAS A FEDERAL PROSECUTOR.

I WAS A PART OF THE U.S. TASKFORCE ON CHILD PROTECTION IN NEW YORK, WHERE I HAD MY EYES OPENED TO THE GROSS ABUSES BEING IMPOSED ON THE YOUNG CHILDREN THAT CALLED THEMSELVES "JUNIOR SUPERHEROES".

THREE PRESTIGIOUS HERO GROUPS IN NEW YORK HAD TO BE SHUT DOWN BECAUSE OF THE RAMPANT ABUSES CONCERNING THE CHILDREN ASSOCIATED WITH THEM.

ABUSES THAT, I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE, ARE BEING DUPLICATED HERE IN PARAGON CITY.

MY GROUP HAS IDENTIFIED SIX SUCH INCIDENTS, AND WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN...

AND I'M GOING TO HAVE TO STOP YOU RIGHT THERE, ALICE.

I KNOW PRECISELY WHAT YOU DID IN NEW YORK CITY IN THE 90'S.

YOU CREATED A WITCH-HUNT THAT MADE THE MCCARTHY HEARINGS LOOK LIKE A REALLY BAD COMEDY ROUTINE.

AND IF THE RIKTI DIDN'T INVADE IN 2002 AND YOU DIDN'T HAVE A COMPLICATED PREGNANCY, THEN YOU WOULD HAVE BROUGHT THAT SAME WITCH HUNT TO THIS CITY.

THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY ARE TIRED OF PUBLICITY CRUSADES, ALICE. THAT'S WHY THEY VOTED FOR ME INSTEAD OF EDWARD VANCE.\*

(\* "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN AFTERMATH")

AND, BY EXTENSION, YOU IMPLY THEY ALSO VOTED AGAINST ME SINCE YOU THINK I'M ALSO DOING THIS FOR PUBLICITY.

I WAS FIGHTING FOR CHILDREN BACK WHEN YOU WERE ACTING LIKE ONE IN THE MEDIA. I'VE SEEN THE ABUSE DONE ON FORMER CHILD SIDEKICKS.

YOU LIKE TO TALK ABOUT RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, MISTER WENTWORTH.

WHAT ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN TO BE FREE FROM ABUSE AND TORTURE?

IF YOU HAVE VERIFIABLE CASES OF ABUSE OR TORTURE, BRING THEM TO ME AND I PROMISE THEY WILL BE PROSECUTED.

IN THE MEANTIME, MISSUS BANKS, THERE ARE ACTUAL CRIMINALS THAT MUST FACE JUSTICE IN OUR COURT SYSTEM.

I TRUST YOU KNOW YOUR WAY OUT, SINCE YOU ARE A FORMER FEDERAL PROSECUTOR.

STEEL CANYON - SEVERAL HOURS LATER

WHEN ALEX AND I STARTED UP THIS COVERT TEAM, WE KNEW THAT WE WOULD NEED A BASE OF OPERATIONS. SOMEPLACE WHERE WE COULD USE THE ADVANCED COMPUTER RESOURCES WE WERE USED TO HAVING.

S.E.R.A.P.H.  
Scientific Experimentation  
Research and Application  
to Paranormal Humans

TRYING TO SNEAK  
INTO THE GUARDIAN  
BASE UNDERNEATH THE  
TALOS STATUE WAS  
NOT AN OPTION.

THAT'S WHERE MY  
ROLE AS A TECH  
CONSULTANT  
COMES IN.

THANKS TO THE  
VANGUARD AND CITY  
HALL, I HAVE TOTAL  
ACCESS TO THE  
BEST FACILITIES IN  
THE WHOLE CITY.

SO I THOUGHT...  
"WHY DON'T WE USE  
THE S.E.R.A.P.H.  
OFFICES?"

**S.E.R.A.P.H.**  
Scientific Experimentation  
Research and Application  
to Paranormal Humans

THE ONLY CONDITION I  
WAS GIVEN WAS THAT IF  
WE WERE GOING TO USE  
IT TO MEET, IT HAD TO  
BE AS CIVILIANS.

NO CAPES. NO MASKS.

IF ANYONE WERE TO  
STOP IN, THEY  
WOULDN'T SEE FOUR  
SUPERHEROES...

... THEY'D SEE  
FOUR CIVILIANS.

OBVIOUSLY ALEX CAN'T BE  
HERE IN PERSON, BUT HE IS  
LISTENING IN, AND HE'LL  
CONTRIBLUTE WHEN HE CAN.

I'M ALSO GLAD TO SAY THAT WE  
GOT A LITTLE GIFT FROM  
DAYBRIGHT IN THE FORM OF A  
NEW MINI-CPU INTERFACE,  
WHICH YOU CAN NOW ACCESS  
THROUGH YOUR COMMUNICATORS.

 KENT PODERES/ICON POWERS  
TECHNICAL CONSULTANT

SHE CAN'T JOIN  
YOU EITHER,  
BUT SHE STILL  
SAYS "HELLO".

I WISH THE SAME COULD BE SAID OF OMEGA SHIFT.

SHE DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO ADMIT SHE WAS ANYTHING OTHER THAN APRIL HERNANDEZ.

I SHARE IN YOUR CONCERN FOR HER, STEVIE, BUT WE HAVE A LITTLE MORE PRESSING MATTER TO DEAL WITH.

NAMELY, GALATEA'S NEW "FRIEND".

I RAN THE NAME "GOLDEN HAWKFIRE" THROUGH THE CPCU AND THIS IS WHAT IT CAME UP WITH...

IT TURNS OUT HE'S A REGISTERED HERO.

## PARAGON CITY HERO REGISTRATION

### Golden Hawkfire

Origin: Magic

Archetype: Scrapper

Real Name: Kemper Hollander

Status: Inactive



#### History:

Hollander claimed his powers came from mystic artifacts which gave him the "fury of the ancient gods".

Left Paragon City in 2005 to return the artifacts to their "rightful owners".

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WELL THE NAME AND THE FACE LOOK RIGHT, BUT THOSE WERE MORE THAN TIGHTS HE HAD ON WHEN HE TRIED TO BARBECUE ME BY HIS OWN HANDS.

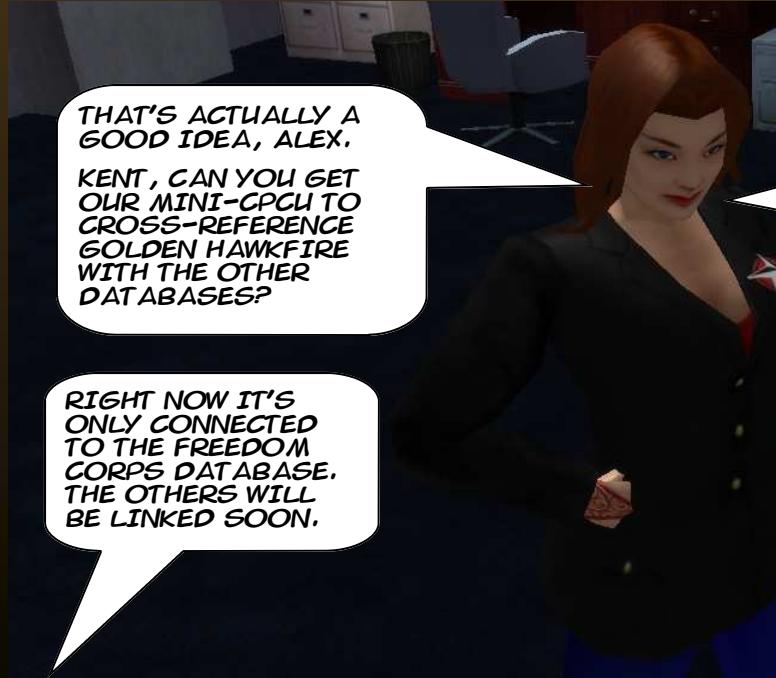
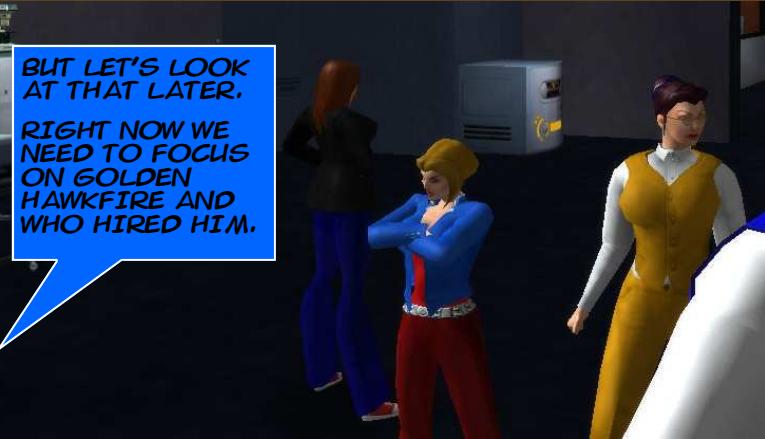
APPARENTLY IN THOSE MISSING SIX YEARS HE WENT FROM TRYING TO RETURN THE ARTIFACTS TO GOING EXTREME ON WEARING THEM.

KEW HE SOUNDED FAMILIAR...

YOU SAID THAT HE KNEW YOU WERE VULNERABLE TO MAGIC, THAT IT WAS WHY HE WAS SELECTED TO GO AFTER YOU. I KNOW THAT I NEVER PUT THAT FACT IN OUR ORIGINAL GUARDIAN DATABASE.

WHICH MEANS THAT SHADOWBORN OR THE BILDERBURGS WOULDN'T KNOW THAT FROM WHEN SIMON BARRISTER HACKED OUR DATABASE.\*  
SO... WHO ELSE WOULD KNOW THAT?

(\* SEE "GUARDIANS OF THE DAWN SPOTLIGHT" #14)





CITY HALL, THE NEXT DAY

GOLDEN HAWKIRE?  
YES, I REMEMBER  
HIM FROM THE  
EARLY YEARS OF  
M.A.G.I.\*

A TROUBLED  
SOUL HE WAS...  
TORN BY THE  
CURSE HE WAS  
BOUND BY.

A CURSE  
HOLDING THE  
SOUL OF A  
DEMIGOD.

C<sup>o</sup> M.A.G.I.: MYSTICAL  
ARCAN GUILD OF  
INVESTIGATION

AZURIA  
M.A.G.I. DIRECTOR

SEE, THIS IS WHY I  
WISH I HAD COEUR  
DU FEU WITH ME.  
SHE KNOWS 'BOUT  
THESE SORTS OF  
THINGS MORE THAN  
I EVER COULD.

EXCUSE ME... DID YOU SAY  
YOU WERE ASKING ABOUT  
GOLDEN HAWKIRE?

YEAH... WOT KIN  
Y' TELL ME  
'BOUT HIM?  
WHY HAS HE  
GONE ALL-  
TERMINATOR?

WELL... I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT YOU MEAN BY  
GOING "ALL-  
TERMINATOR", BUT I  
WAS THE ONE THAT  
RESEARCHED THE  
ARTIFACTS FOR HIM,  
ESPECIALLY AFTER  
WHAT HAPPENED WHEN  
HE FIRST ENCOUNTERED  
THE MU MYSTICS.

GREGOR RICHARDSON  
M.A.G.I. DEPUTY DIRECTOR

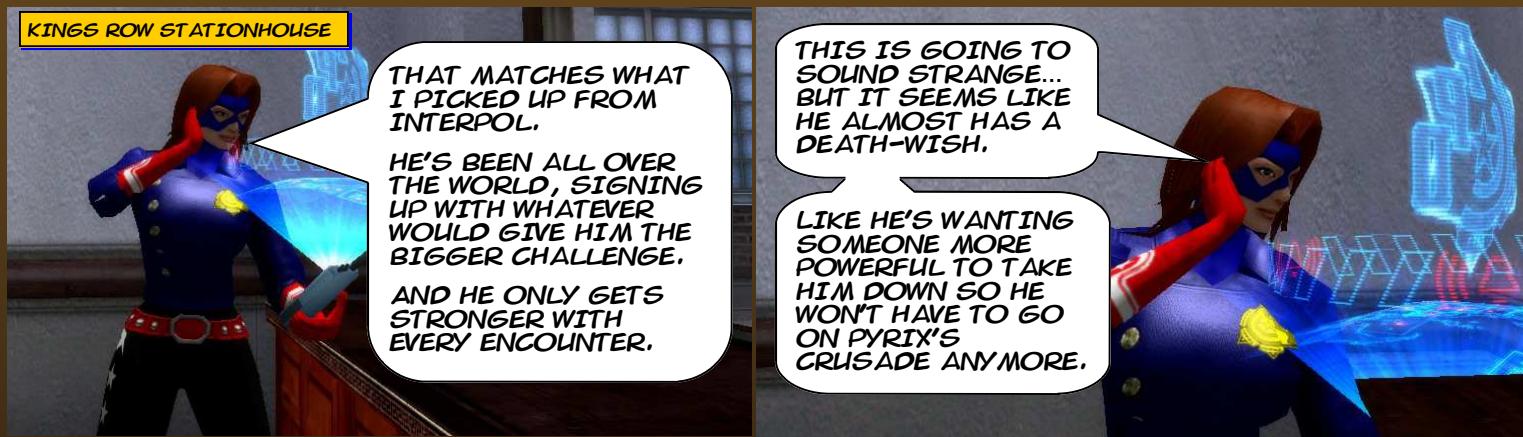
WAIT, YOU MEAN  
THOSE HOVERING  
RED-CLOAKED  
ARACHNOS BLOKES  
WITH TH' LIGHTNING  
AN' ALL?

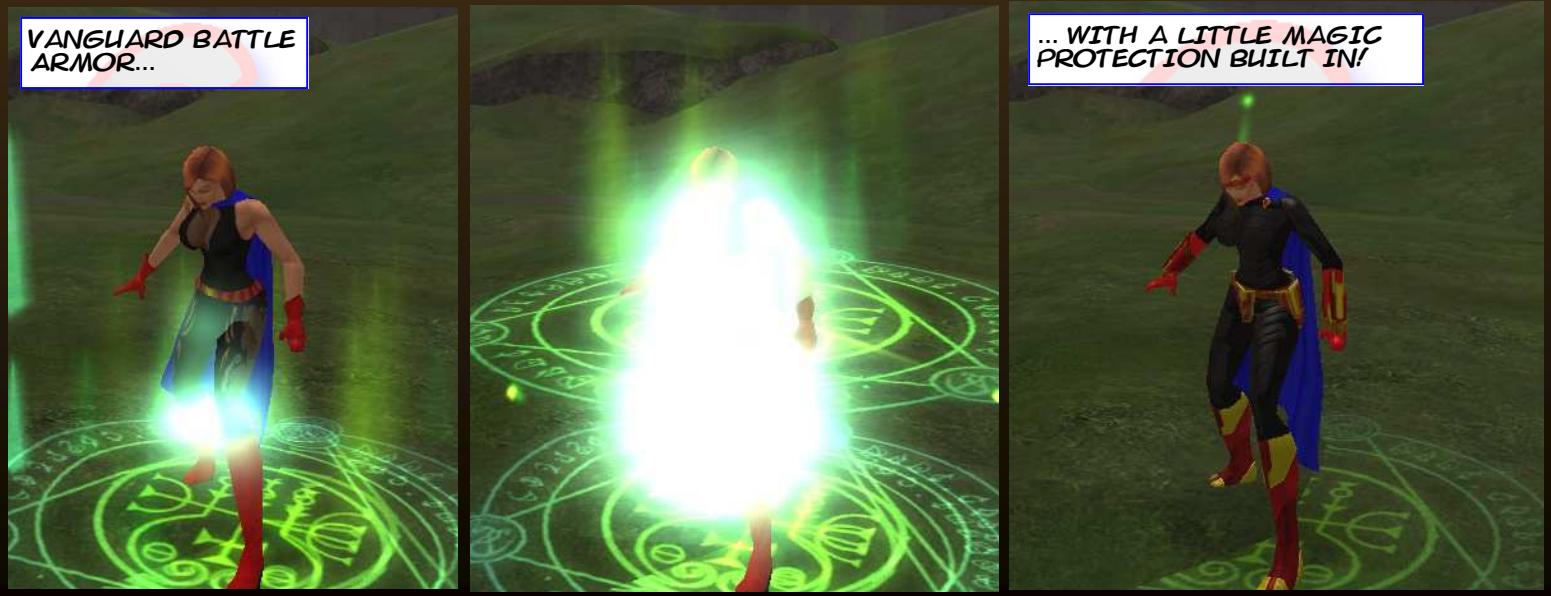
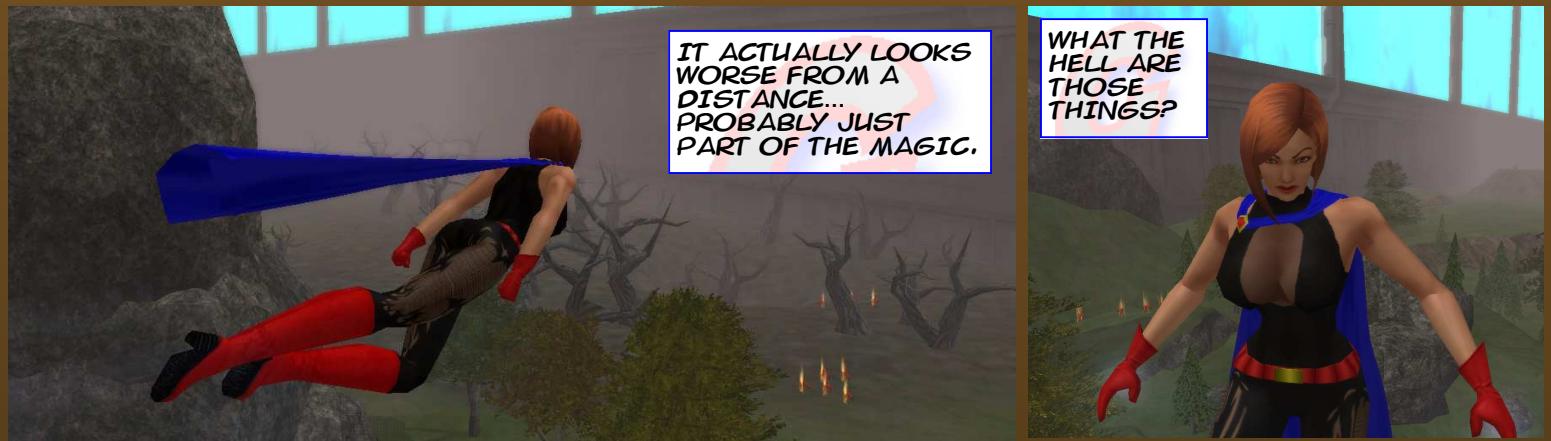
THOSE WERE THE ONES, YES.

WHEN HE FIRST ENCOUNTERED THE  
MU MYSTICS, HE SAID THE BEING  
THAT GAVE HIM HIS POWER HAD  
"AWAKENED", AND THAT HE WAS NO  
LONGER IN CONTROL OF HIMSELF.

AFTER DISCOVERING WHAT SORT  
OF DEMIGOD THE BEING WAS, I  
CONVINCED HIM THAT HE NEEDED  
TO FIND WHERE THE CURSED ITEMS  
NEEDED TO GO SO HE WOULD BE  
FREE OF THE DEMIGOD.

BUT... IF YOU SAY HE IS STILL  
USING IT... AND HE'S EVEN MORE  
ARMORED... THEN THE DEMIGOD  
MAY HAVE FULLY CONSUMED HIM.



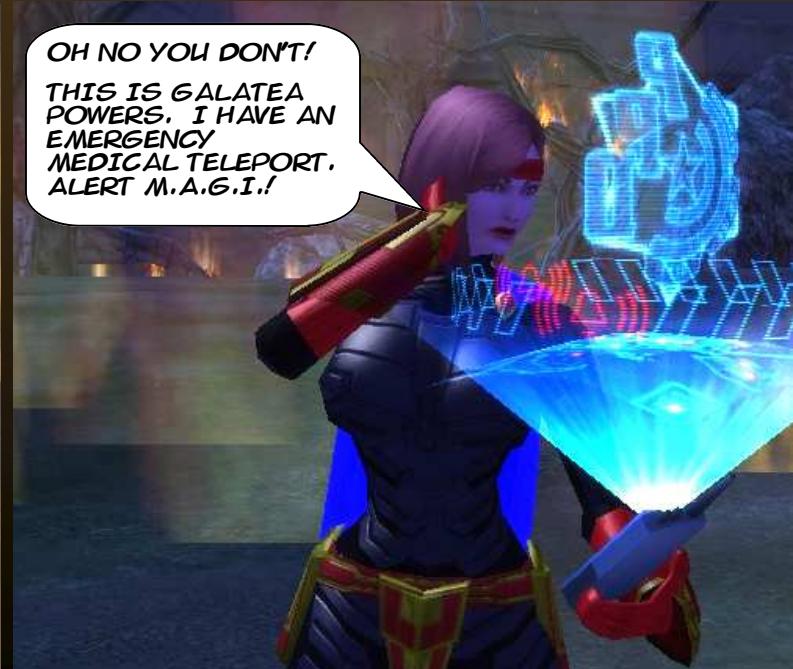




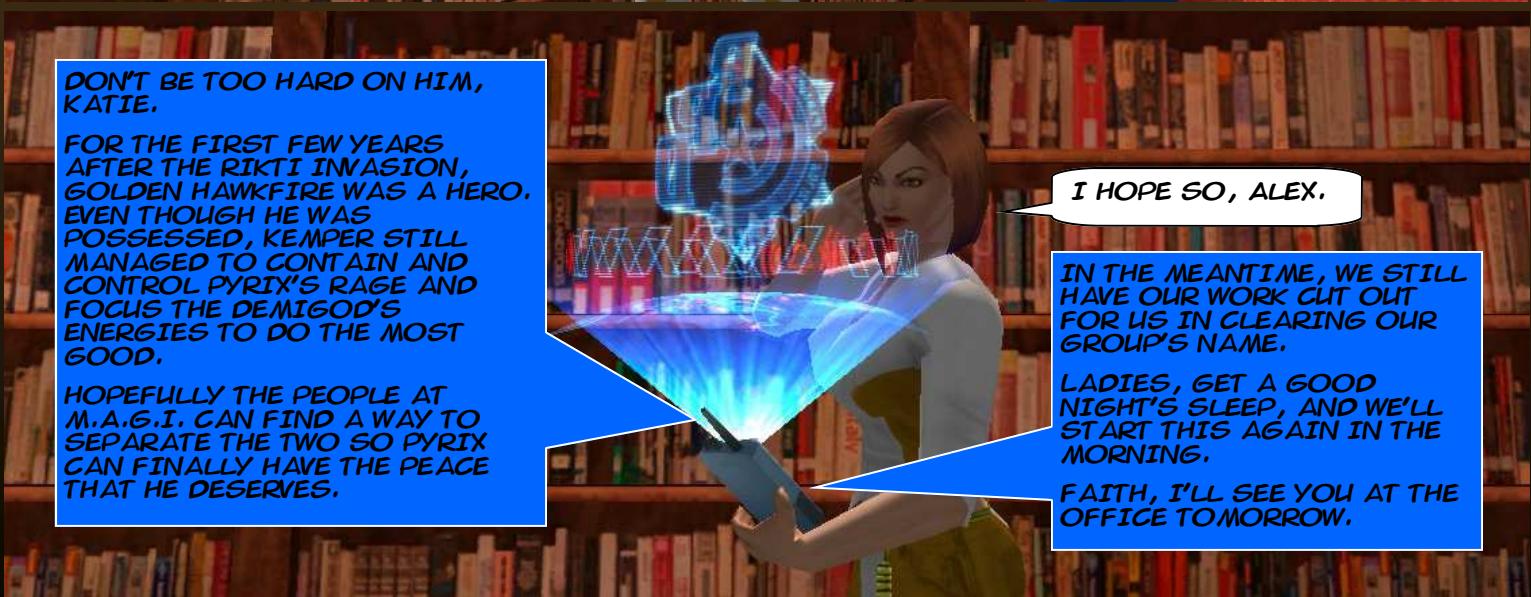
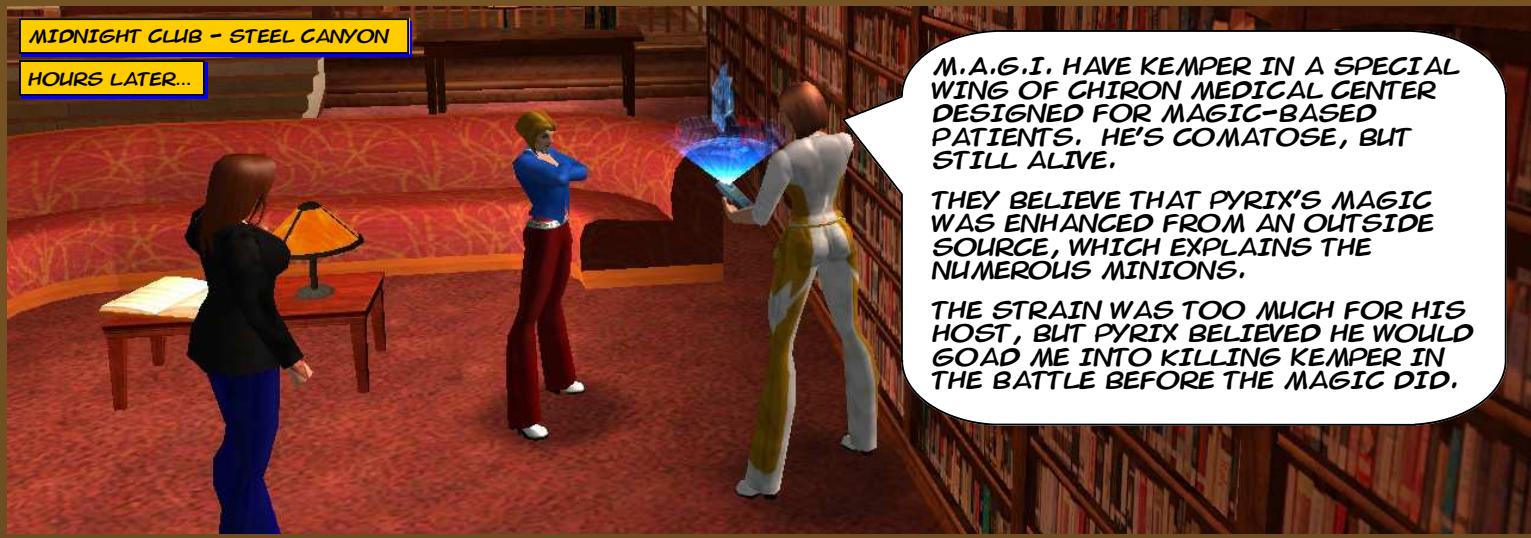


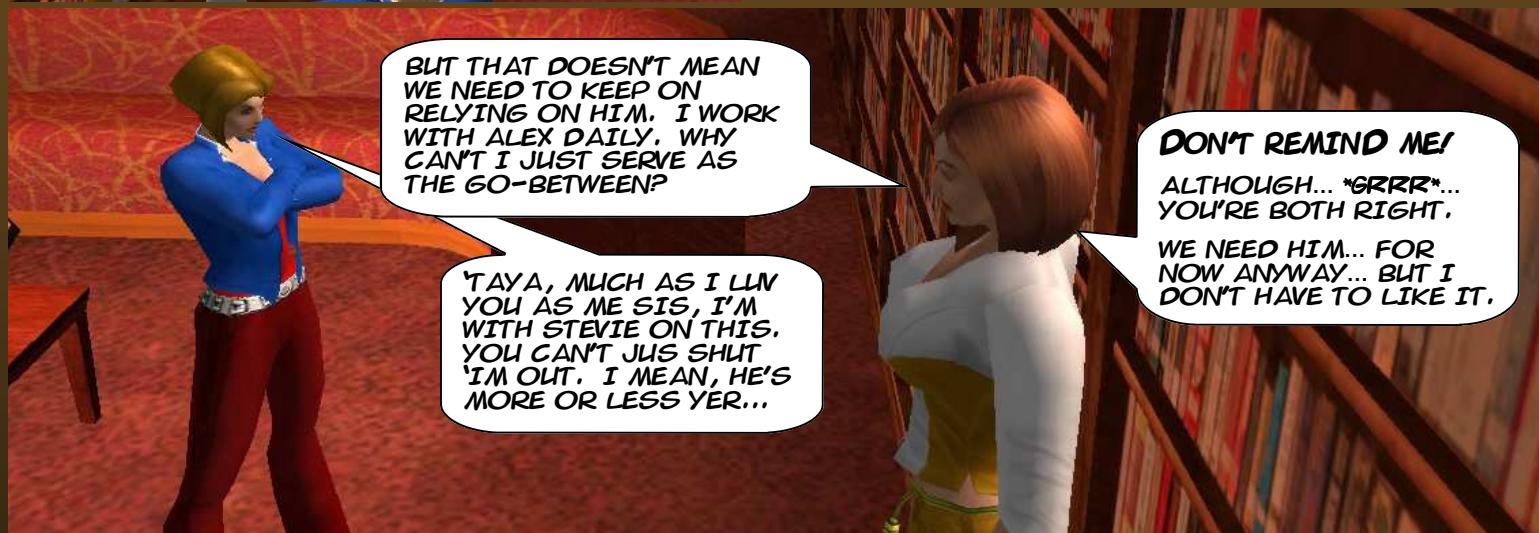
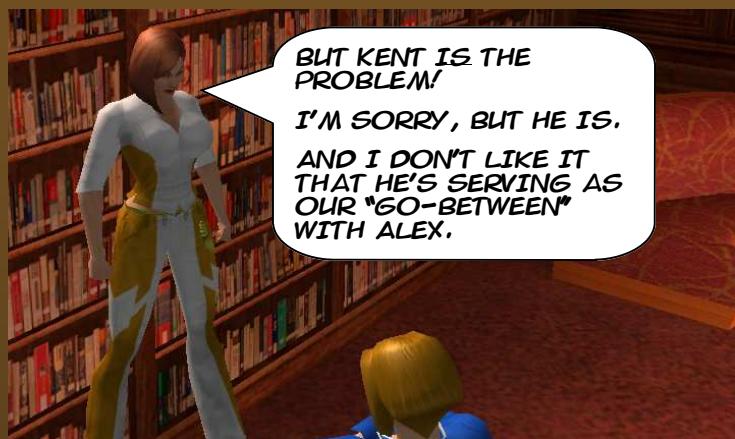
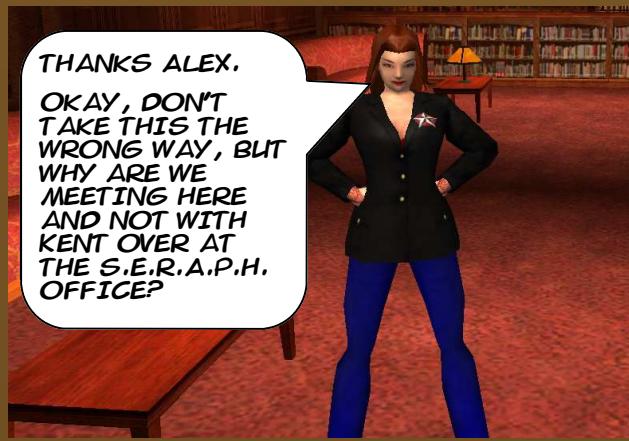






HOURS LATER...





ROCINANTE GROUP, PEREZ PARK

LIBRA ORDER HEADQUARTERS

I HAVE TO ADMIT I WAS  
SOMEWHOW DISAPPOINTED  
BY YOUR CHOICE OF  
OPERATIVES, MY DEAR.  
I EXPECTED SOMEONE A  
LITTLE MORE... STABLE.

MS. MAPLE  
INTERIM SHADOWBORN LEADER

I SUPPOSE I WOULD BE  
IN AGREEMENT WITH  
YOU, MS. MAPLE...

ONLY GOLDEN  
HAWKFIRE WASN'T ONE  
OF OURS.

GIVEN HIS HISTORY, I  
THOUGHT THAT MAYBE  
HE WAS ONE OF YOURS.

TAINED EVE  
LIBRA ORDER LEADER

MISS EVE, IF WE  
STILL HAD SUCH  
RESOURCES, I  
WOULD NOT HAVE  
CONTACTED YOU IN  
THE FIRST PLACE.\*

(\* EXPLAINED IN "AFTERMATH")

YOU HAVE A POINT.

BUT REST ASSURED, MY  
OPERATIVE SHOULD BE  
ARRIVING SHORTLY.

AND YOU WILL SEE FOR  
YOURSELF HOW EFFECTIVE  
MY RESOURCES ARE  
AGAINST MS. POWERS.

I EXPECT NOTHING  
LESS FROM YOUR  
ORGANIZATION.  
GOOD-BYE.

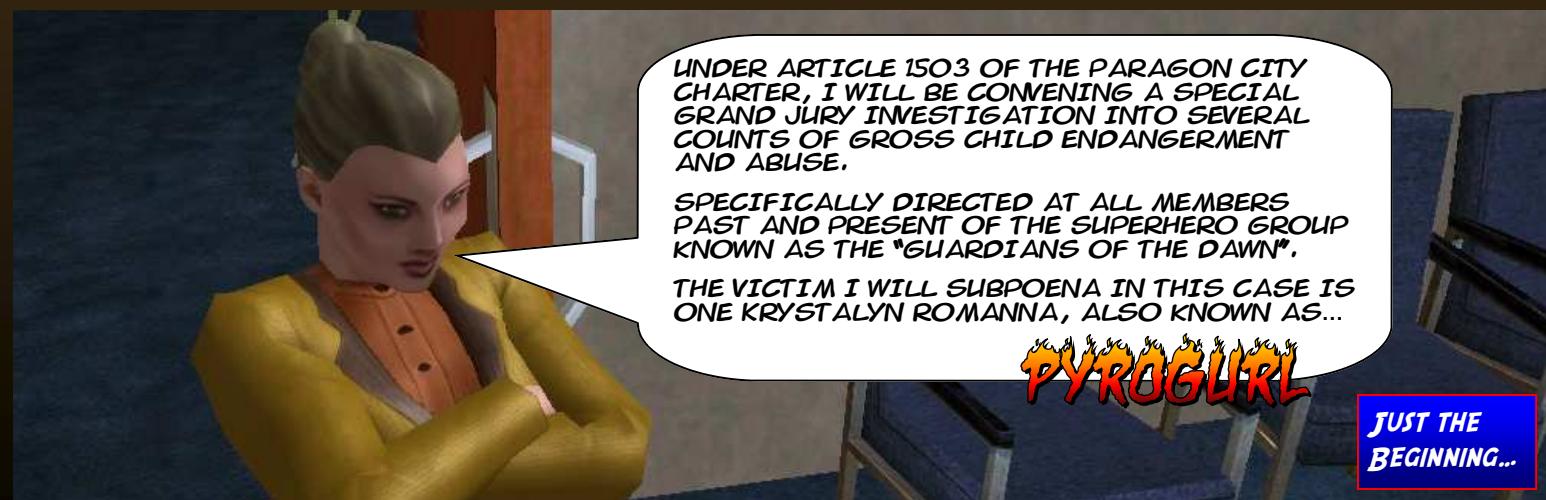
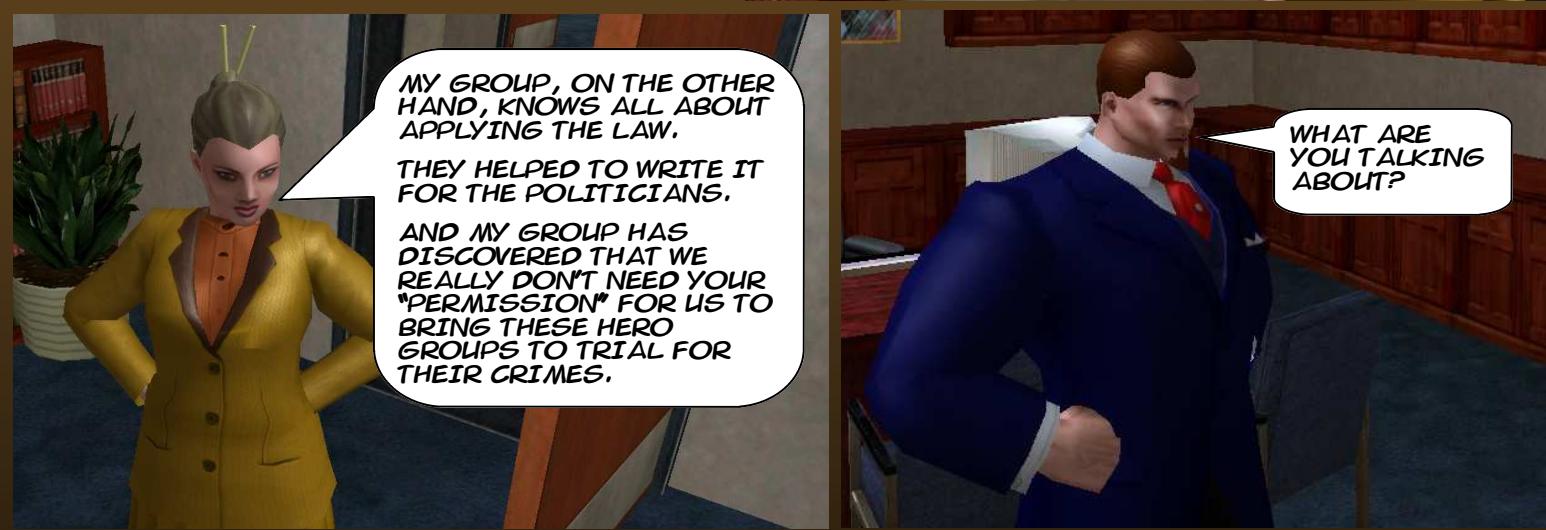
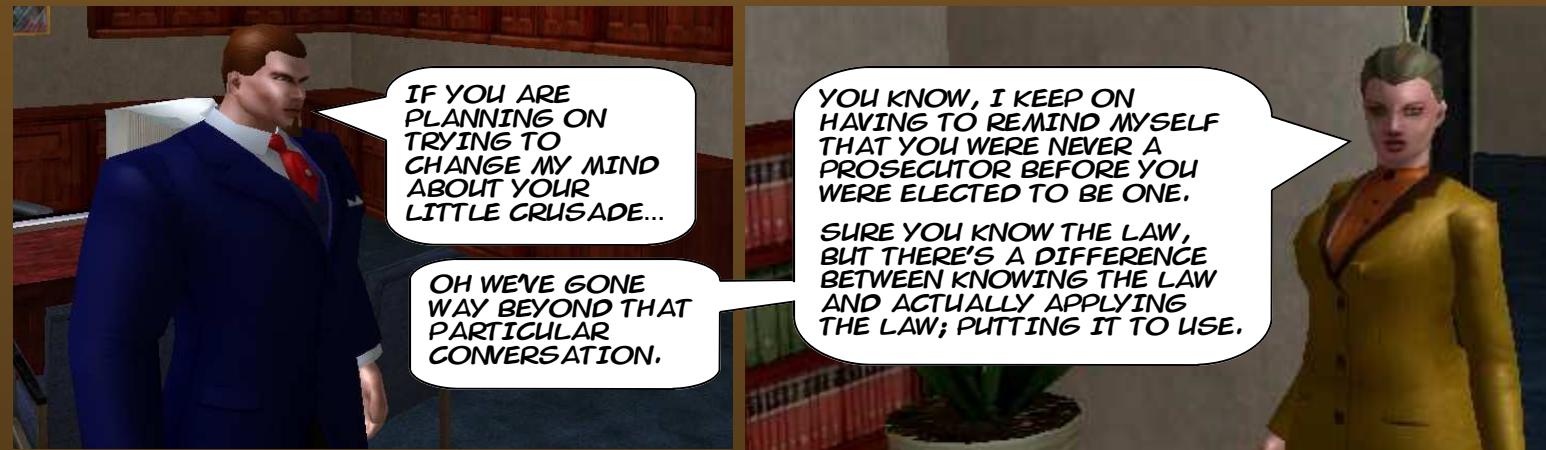
SO IF SHE DIDN'T  
RECRUIT GOLDEN  
HAWKFIRE, THEN  
WHO DID?

CURIOSER AND  
CURIOSER...

LIBRA... ONLY  
YOU COULD GIVE  
SUCH POWER TO  
A DEMIGOD.  
WAS IT YOU?

WERE YOU THE  
ONE BEHIND  
GOLDEN  
HAWKFIRE'S  
RETURN?

ARE YOU  
THERE?  
PLEASE  
TELL ME...



# POWER TRIP



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

## A NEW DAWN FOR THE GUARDIANS

And welcome to the dawning of the new comic series.

“The Guardian Powers” is a follow-up to the “**Guardians of the Dawn Spotlight**” series which ran from October of 2009 until October 2011. Thirty issues in all, from the text-only **Issue #0** to the crossover special “**Guardians of the Dawn AFTERMATH**”. Two years full of stories of heroes and heroines, villains, and even deities (*or at least powerful entities that believed themselves to be deities*).

To those who are new to this series, the “**Guardians of the Dawn**” were a superhero group in Paragon City, otherwise known without much exaggeration as the “**City of Heroes**”. This is a city where superheroes are not only accepted and respected, but also have become an essential part of the city’s culture. It is not uncommon to have stores and restaurants not only paying homage to heroes and superheroes with hero-themed products, but also catering to them as customers.

The Guardians were not THE PREMIERE superhero group in the city. That distinction still goes to the Freedom Phalanx; the first and still the best hero group around. Nor were the Guardians ranked as the number two or number three or even anywhere near the top ten hero groups for the city. But they did get plenty of media attention, partially because of the huge fan support for one of their key members: **Galatea Powers**.

As the survivor of an alternate Earth that no longer exists, Galatea was flung into the “Primal Universe” with no memory of who she was or how she got there. Eventually with help from her cousin, **Icon Powers**, she was able to fill in a lot of the missing pieces of her life, including parts that were supposed to be kept secret. During that time, she was “adopted” by the Powers family of this world, even though her first encounter with the young Welsh heroine **Lyon Powers** was far from friendly.

Rounding out our quintet of principal characters are **Captain Paragonna**, the original leader and founding member of the Guardians, and **Alex Wentworth**, formerly the **Libertarian Avenger** and now serving as the newly-elected District Attorney for Paragon City.

Much of what happened to the Guardians was covered in “**AFTERMATH**”, including how and why the group was disbanded. What you’ll see now is a small team of those five heroes struggling to restore their team’s status in the

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community after what happened to Galaxy City, a zone in Paragon City that was destroyed by an alien race called the Shivans. Unable to officially defend the group, these five must clear their group's reputation through concrete evidence and by locating some of their missing teammates, including those now being accused of playing a part in that disaster.

In future issues, you will see more of the Guardians, but the series won't be focusing too much time on those other members as "Spotlight" did. You probably will not see all five main characters in every issue. Some characters you'll see more often than others. Some issues could very well be about only one or two of the main characters.

And just like in "Spotlight", you'll see plenty of guest appearances; not only of the legendary heroes of Paragon City like Statesman, but also heroes and villains from other comic series. Some that have been mentioned in "Spotlight", and others that have been seen in other "City of Heroes" comics. You'll also see more than just Paragon City and the Rogue Isles. A whole new universe is out there ready to be seen, including a certain character that will make an impression both on the readers and on our quintet of heroes.

There's a lot to go over, and it all starts with this first issue. And if it seems too much for the readers, don't worry. You can always check with the official website for more information about this series, as well as to catch up on those other comics.

The address is...

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



*Tainted Eve's "operative" arrives in Paragon City; Captain Paragonna makes a startling discovery about a case from those renegade "Lady Templar" days; and what is Kent Poderes up to that is so secretive that he has to break out his Icon Powers outfit again, and how does this involve the other Guardians? Find out in Issue #2!*





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