

They fight with all they have to overcome the evils which loom upon the city. They are the guardians of the day, the defenders in the night, the vengeance of the innocents, upholders of law and justice against crime. They keep us safe. They are...





THE "EXILES"

IN APRIL OF 2007, JUST PRIOR TO THE SECOND RIKTI INVASION, SEVERAL PORTALS BRIEFLY OPENED AROUND PARAGON CITY. THREE PEOPLE CAME THROUGH THESE PORTALS, EACH WITH NO MEMORY OF WHO THEY WERE OR WHERE THEY CAME FROM.



"RYDER" - SPEEDSTER
WITNESSES SAY HE BURST INTO PARAGON CITY THROUGH ONE OF THE
MYSTERIOUS PORTALS IN STEEL CANYON, RUNNING SO FAST THAT IT WAS
LIKE HE WAS RIDING ON LIGHTNING. BUT THERE'S MORE TO HIM THAN JUST
SPEED. SOME THINK THAT HE'S THE LEADER OF THE TRIO.

"GALATEA" - SUPER-POWERED SENSATION

DON'T LET THIS BUXOM BLONDE FOOL YOU! EVEN THOUGH THIS SHAPELY WOMAN BURST INTO PARAGON CITY WITH ALMOST NO CLOTHES LEFT ON HER CENTERFOLD-LIKE BODY, SHE HAS TREMENDOUS ABILITIES THAT SHE IS ONLY NOW STARTING TO RE-DISCOVER.





"KNIGHT" - DARK DEFENDER

HIS FIRST ACT UPON ARRIVING THROUGH ONE OF THE MYSTERIOUS PORTALS IN KINGS ROW WAS TO TELL THE ADVANCING SKULL GANG-BANGERS "I AM THE KNIGHT... AND YOU'RE PRACTICE!" BUT HE HAS MORE THAN ENOUGH DARK ENERGY TO BACK UP HIS OMINOUS WORDS.

VANGUARD EPSILON TEAM - UNITED NATIONS SECURITY FORCE

FROM THE ASHES OF THE RIKTI WAR CAME THE VANGUARD, A GLOBAL DEFENSE FORCE DEDICATED TO PROTECTING THE EARTH FROM FUTURE THREATS. THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT MAKE UP THE VARIOUS TEAMS WITHIN VANGUARD HAVE LOST MUCH, BUT THEY HAVE SWORN TO NEVER LET HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF.





CAPTAIN CLARA WOLFE - VANGUARD EPSILON TEAM LEADER

LEADER OF A SPECIAL UNIT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS VANGUARD ORGANIZATION. HER PRIMALIST HATRED OF THOSE FROM OTHER REALITIES WAS BOLSTERED BY THE LOSSES SHE SHOULDERED DURING THE RIKTI WAR AND HER DRIVE TO MAKE SURE EARTH NEVER IS THREATENED AGAIN.

"THE GUARDIAN EXILES"

- A CITY OF HEROES STORY BY JOSEPH BROWNSTONE AND DAVID 2

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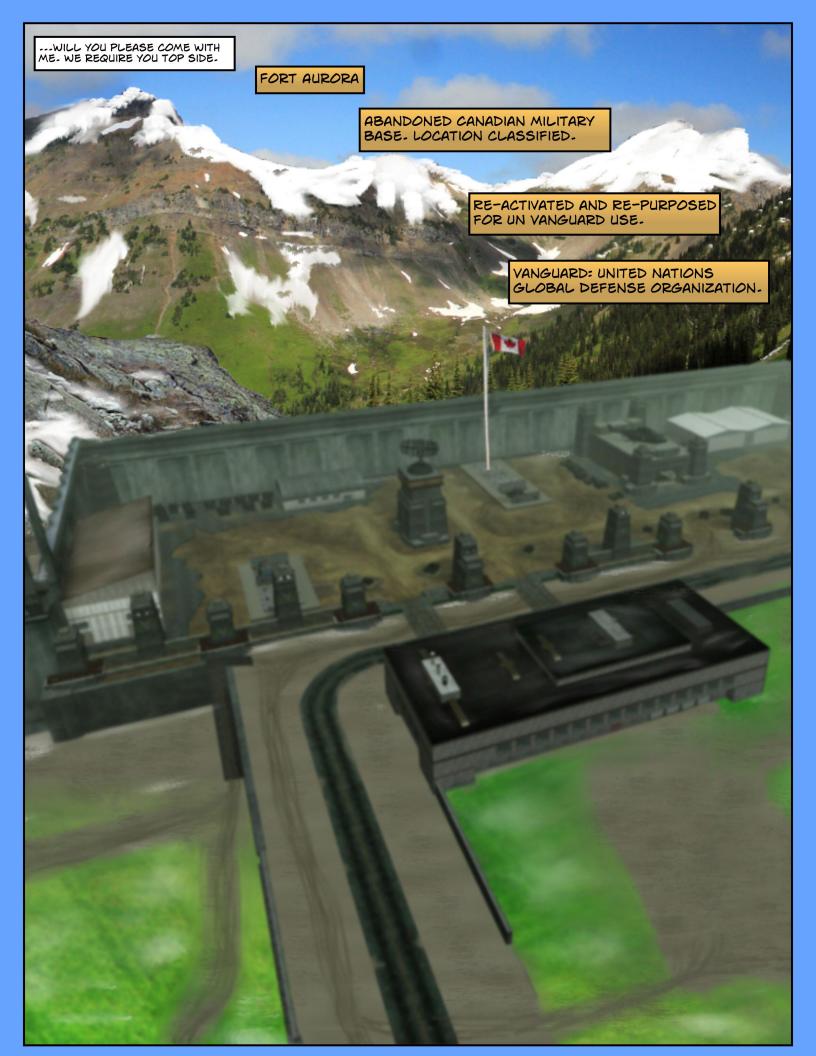
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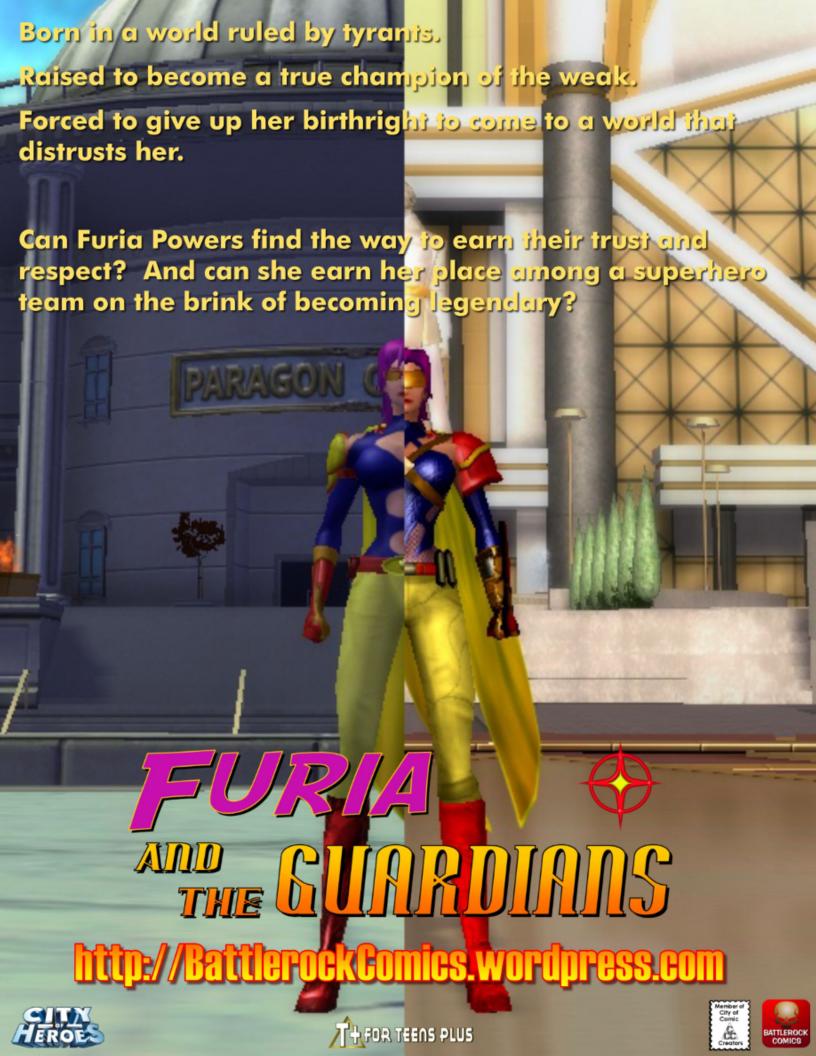




































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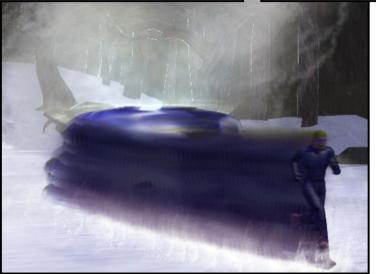
























"I'm not the naïve young hero that I once was. My eyes have been opened to my full potential."

"People have always said that I'm destined for greater things. Now I know that I don't have to just take their word for it anymore."

- Galatea Powers Paragon City's True Guardian





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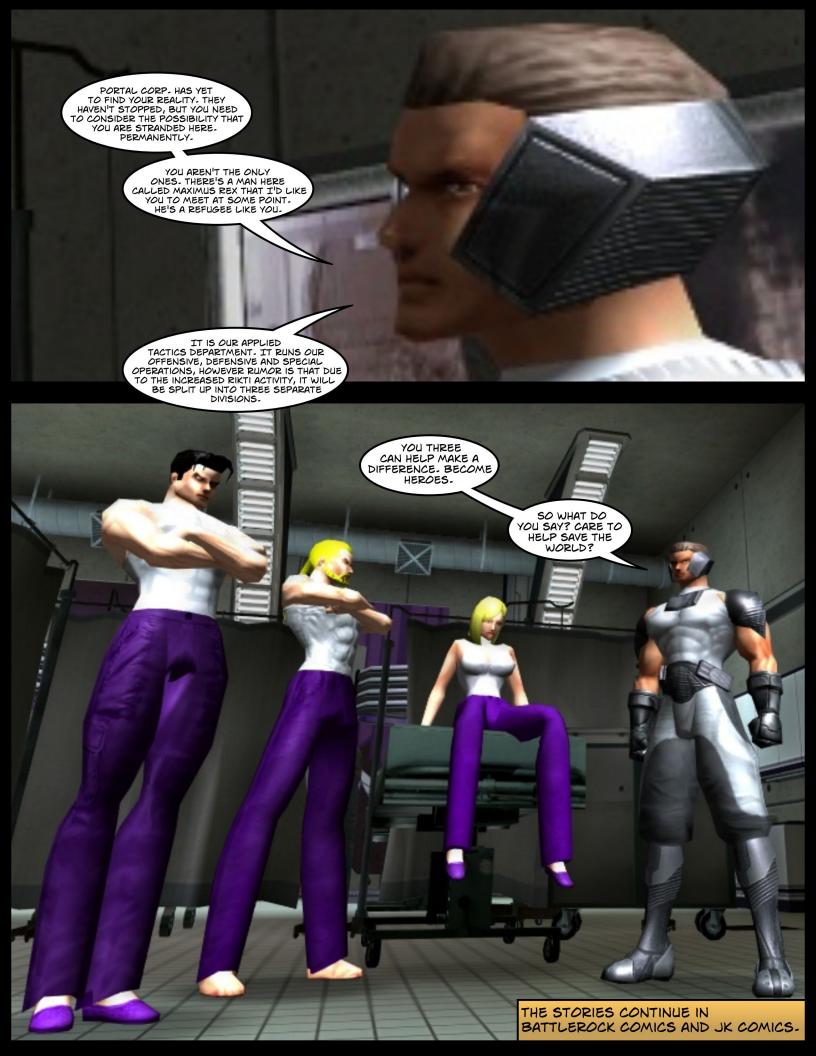














Hey everyone! I'm David 2, writer/creator/editor at Battlerock Comics. I just want to say that it's been a pleasure working with Joseph to get this issue of "The City's Finest" published. It hasn't been easy juggling our various schedules to get everything together, but it's been really exciting seeing this through from start-to-finish. I am not exaggerating when I say I got goosebumps every time Joseph would send a draft of the issue and I would see our various characters come to life in these pages.

HOW WE GOT HERE: "THE GUARDIAN EXILES"

The three heroes that will be known as "The Guardian Exiles" came to Paragon City in April of 2007 during a freak multiverse event in which several portals opened between two worlds. That story was covered in the first part of the text-only "Guardians of the Dawn Spotlight" Issue #0.

The three heroes (along with a certain former time manipulator) were thrown across just as their own universe was being destroyed by a multidimensional killer named Alor. The details of that event would later be told in "Guardians of the Dawn Spotlight" issues #18-22. But this is something they would not know about until their own memories would be restored two years after the events in this issue.

The "Guardian Exiles" actually got their collective name by the media when they would join the Guardians of the Dawn hero group and it was pointed out how many of their members were "exiles" from other universes.

Eventually "Galatea", "Ryder", and "Knight" would be known as Galatea Powers, Ryder Lightning, and MidKnight X (aka "Jason Knight") and would be some of the more popular heroes in the Guardians of the Dawn supergroup, as well as through some of the various comics you can check out through Battlerock Comics.

Each of these characters would change and evolve as they adapt to life in Paragon City. Galatea's gradual evolution, including a change in her hair color, was covered in detail in "Guardians of the Dawn Spotlight", and her personal non-hero life would be developed even more in "The Guardian Powers". Ryder's gradual change, including the development of his leadership skills, would be seen in the "Guardians of the Dawn GRADUATION" miniseries.

As for MidKnight X...

WHERE ARE WE GOING FROM HERE?

While the "Guardian Exiles" will be showing up on occasion over at JK Comics as Joseph shows some of their earlier years with Vanguard, I'll be focusing on their recent activities with my own ongoing series, "Furia and the Guardians".

Galatea is now the city's new favorite heroine, dubbed by some as "Paragon City's True Guardian". Along with her fan base, her powers have grown more and more over the years, and some people worry that she's becoming too powerful. Do they have anything to fear from her? Certain events at the end of "GRADUATION" suggest so.

Ryder is currently running the Guardians of the Dawn, even with his diminished abilities, so you'll see not only how he manages a hero group, but also how he handles being a college professor.

And as for Jason Knight, a.k.a. MidKnight, some of his serious changes have just started (including, in case you didn't notice it, the future disappearance of the "X" in his hero name). He's been in the shadows for far too long, both figuratively and literally in the comics, and now he gets to be seen in a different light. You'll find out what drives him even without his dark mists.

I hope everyone enjoyed this issue, and I hope you'll continue to follow our heroes both at JK Comics and at the Battlerock Comics website...

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AFTERWORDS -BY JOSEPH BROWNSTONE

I hope you've enjoyed this issue. I hope you've enjoyed it as close to a professional comic as you possibly could have.

Creating these comics is a labor of love. The writing is the easy part. It's been about a year since the script was done. Creating the art is what has taken the longest amount of time, especially since I can't draw. But that's why I do this. It's the only way I can create comics. The only way I can learn from my mistakes, adjust and improve at something I've fantasized about doing for a living. That's what makes this issue such a joy to work on. On my list of goals, of things to try, is to work with other writers and to work with already established comic book characters. Comic book characters that have developed lore that can't be rewritten or tweaked to fit the story structure better. Of course David 2 and I created this issue at a time that gave us the most freedom with his characters. Galatea, Ryder and Knight don't have all their powers or memories due to their violent expulsion from their home dimension. So we could play with the characters without hurting continuity. It allowed us to do "sort of" retcons with a few details, such as placing our three heroes, or "Exiles" at a Canadian Vanguard base.

Of course there were things I wanted to do that couldn't. Such as explore a romance between an amnesiatic Ryder Lightning and Galatea Powers or have Galatea's bust size smaller, minimized like the rest of her powers. But these sorts of things were cut due to story pace, amount of space we had to work with and due to specific readers who are expecting a certain endowment from their power maiden.

This team up between Battlerock Comics and JK Comics wasn't meant to be the first. Originally we had a massive crossover event planned with two other comic creators, KK Comics and GGRRR, titled "Because of a Nail". In a dystopian future, older versions of some of our characters would travel back in time in an attempt to avoid their living nightmare. This would cause ripples across all of our series. Unfortunately NCsoft decided it was a better strategy to shut down a wonderful game, rather than sell it off and risk the competition. The creators of KK Comics and GGRRR have been MIA/retired ever since.

I've enjoyed working with David 2 a lot on this project. The halfway through product, I began brainstorming ideas for future projects I could pitch once this one is complete. So yes, as long as I have my way, you will have more of these team up projects to check out.

If you've never read any JK Comics work before, please check it out. This is a learning experience for me, first and foremost. If you go back to my main work in the Justice-Knights series, you'll find massive improvements between issues 1 through 9 and 10 through 12. If you're reading for the first time, I recommend starting with issue 10. Keep an eye out for upcoming issues #0, #13 and #14 planned to be made over the next year.

So as I said before, I hope you've enjoyed this issue. I hope you've enjoyed it as close to a professional comic as you possibly could have.

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