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LADY INFERUS

A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE-KNIGHTS. INFERUS WAS BORN WITH MUTANT FIRE ABILITIES SO POWERFUL IT CAN OVERTAKE HER WILLPOWER. BECAUSE OF THIS STRUGGLE TO REMAIN IN CONTROL, SHE IS LIMITED IN HER POWER'S USE TO SMALL FIRE OBJECTS SUCH AS BLADES AND SHIELDS. WITH HER BRILLIANT MIND SHE CONSTANTLY TRAINS TO INCREASE HER CONTROL OVER THE ENERGY INFERNO WITHIN. INFERUS IS A DEADLY ADVERSARY AND A VALUED MEMBER OF THE GROUP.



DARK SYNASPE

A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE-KNIGHTS. ELWIN CRAW WAS BORN WELL OFF INTO THE FAMILY WHO STARTED CRAW INC, A HOTEL AND RESORT COMPANY WITH LOCATIONS ALL AROUND THE GLOBE. WHEN AN AIRPLANE ACCIDENT TOOK HIS PARENT'S LIVES, HIS SISTER AND HE WERE SENT TO A BOARDING SCHOOL. IT WAS AT THIS SCHOOL WHERE HE DISCOVERED HIS MUTANT POWERS TO GENERATE AND CONTROL A MYSTERIOUS DARK ENERGY. YEARS LATER, BECOMING A HERO, HE HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEGAN TO SCRATCH AT THE SURFACE OF WHAT HIS POWERS CAN DO.



DR. FROSTBURG

TO AVOID CERTAIN DEATH FROM AN INVASION OF STRANGE CREATURES KNOWN AS THE DEVOURING EARTH, FROSTBURG SEALED HIMSELF AND HIS NURSE ASSISTANT INTO CRYOGENIC CHAMBERS. UNFORTUNATELY SEVERAL DEVOURING EARTH SPOURS ENTERED THE CHAMBERS AS WELL AND CAUSED DR. FROSTBURG AND HIS ASSISTANT TO MUTATE SUBZERO ABILITIES. NOW FROSTBURG SPENDS ALL HIS ENERGY ATTEMPTING TO FIND A CURE, NOT JUST FOR HIMSELF BUT FOR HIS FORMER ASSISTANT WHOM HE FEELS RESPONSIBLE FOR.



SPYKEFURY

SPYKEFURY IS AN ARTIFICIALLY CREATED ORGANIC WEAPON, DESIGNED BY AN INVADING ALIEN SPECIES KNOWN AS THE RIKTI. PART HUMAN, PART RIKTI AND PART SOMETHING MORE, HE HAS THE ABILITY TO GENERATE LARGE ORGANIC SPIKES WHICH EXTEND THROUGH THE SKIN, INCREASED STRENGTH AND EXTREME REGENERATION ABILITIES. INCARCERATED AS A WAR CRIMINAL AFTER THE RIKTI WAR, IT WAS THE JUSTICE-KNIGHTS WHO HELPED HIM GAIN HIS FREEDOM. MARRIED TO FELLOW MEMBER FHYRESTAR, THEY ARE NOW EXPECTING THEIR FIRST CHILD IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.



THE MAD MUMMY

AN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN MUMMY BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE TO SERVE A NECROMANCER, HE SOMEHOW BROKE FREE FROM CONTROL AND STOOD WITH THE JUSTICE-KNIGHTS AND AGAINST THE NECROMANCER. SINCE THEN HE'S BEEN STRUGGLING TO FIND HIS PLACE IN A WORLD WHICH LEFT HIM BEHIND THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO. IN HIS RESURRECTED FORM, MAD HAS GAINED INCREASED STRENGTH, STAMINA AND REGENERATIVE ABILITIES, AS WELL AS WIELDING TWO KHOPESH SWORDS.



SOUL HARVERST

FOR CENTURIES, THE SOUL HARVERST HAS STOOD AS A MAGICAL GUARDIAN BETWEEN REALMS. WHEN THE PREVIOUS SOUL HARVERST FOUND AN ABANDONED CHILD ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, HE BELIEVED IT FATE TO TRAIN THE CHILD TO ONE DAY REPLACE HIM. RETURNING FROM A WALK AND FINDING HIS HOME IN RUINS AND HIS MASTER NEAR DEATH, HE ACCEPTED THE MANTLE OF SOUL HARVERST AND ALL DUTIES INVOLVES. THE NEW SOUL HARVERST QUICKLY ATTEMPTED REVENGE BUT WAS OVERWHELMED AND LOCKED OUT OF HIS HOME DIMENSION. HE NOW STRUGGLES TO FIND THE POWER HE NEEDS TO UNLOCK HIS HOME AND GAIN REVENGE FOR HIS MENTOR.



ISRAFIL

PROFESSOR JUSTIN HOLIDAY, HEAD OF ARCHEOLOGY AT PARAGON UNIVERSITY'S EAST CAMPUS, WAS ON ASSIGNMENT AT A NEWLY DISCOVERED EGYPTIAN DIG SITE WHEN THE RIKTI FIRST INVADED. A RIKTI MOTHERSHIP TOOK NOTICE OF THE DESERT ACTIVITY AND ATTACKED. PROFESSOR HOLIDAY WAS TRAPPED IN THE TOMB ALONE WITH NO EXIT. EXPLORING, HE FOUND AN ANCIENT SUIT OF ARMOR ONCE WORN BY THE ANGELIC BEING ISRAFIL. A SIREN'S CALL EFFECT LEAD THIS ARCHAEOLOGIST TO WEARING THE SUIT OF ARMOR AND WAS BESTOWED FANTASTIC POWERS OF STRENGTH, LIGHT ENERGY AND FLIGHT. HE USED THESE POWERS TO ESCAPE THE TOMB AND BECAME THE HERO KNOWN AS ISRAFIL SOON AFTER.



BIOSPHERE

THE REMNANT OF A NOW DEFUNCT CORPORATE PROJECT; DR. NELLIS HAS BEEN THROUGH A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE WHEN THE EXPERIMENT HE WAS OVERSEEING CAME TO A CATASTROPHIC CONCLUSION. CAUGHT IN THE EXPLOSION OF A SUBSTANCE CREATED USING RIKTI TECHNOLOGY HE WAS THRUST INTO THE WORLD OF SUPER POWERS AGAINST HIS WILL. NOW INFUSED WITH SUPER HUMAN STRENGTH, REGENERATION, AND DURABILITY HE HAS TAKEN UP THE IDENTITY OF THE HERO BIOSPHERE.



DATABANK

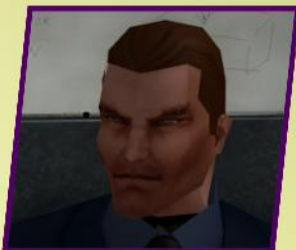
A PROTOTYPE CREATED BY DR. AXEL COOPER WAS ABANDONED LONG AGO BECAUSE ITS SYNTHETIC BRAIN COULD NOT FULLY HOUSE A HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS. HOWEVER, IN AN EMERGENCY, COOPER'S CONSCIOUSNESS ACCIDENTALLY ATTEMPTED TO DOWNLOAD INTO THE INFERIOR ANDROID, RESULTING IN A MASSIVE OVERLOAD. WHEN IT WAS PULLED FROM COOPER'S DESTROYED LAB, THEY FOUND MUCH OF DR. COOPER'S MEMORIES SURVIVED WITHIN THE MACHINE. LACKING EMOTIONS, THOUGHT PATTERNS AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT MADE AXEL TRULY HIMSELF, THE PROTOTYPE, NOW A "DATABANK OF MEMORIES", WAS PUT INTO STORAGE.

WITH



STALKING AKA THE NEW SIN STALKER

POSSESSED BY THE ANCIENT DEMON RAHU, STALKING WAS RESCUED BY THE JUSTICE-KNIGHTS AND THE DEMON WAS REMOVED. THE YOUNG MAN FOUND HE STILL HELD MANY OF THE DEMON'S DARK ENERGY POWERS WHICH HAVE STRANGE TIES TO AN ENERGY KNOWN AS THE "WELL". HE BECAME THE SIDEKICK OF THE KNIGHT'S LEADER, SIN STALKER. NOW WITH HIS MENTOR GONE, STALKING STRUGGLES TO FIND HIS PLACE IN THE WORLD.



MR. CYRIL

THE NEFARIOUS BUSINESS TYCOON OF PARAGON CITY AND FOUNDER OF CYCORP. RICHARD CYRIL HAS MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF IN COMPETITIVE INDUSTRY FOR RHODE ISLAND'S PREMIER CITY THROUGH UNDERHANDED TACTICS AND CLEVER STRATEGY. HIS UNWAVERING DESIRE TO CONSUME ALL PROFIT TO FUEL HIS ESTABLISHED COMPANY EMPIRE HAS OVERWHELMED THE CORPORATE WORLD, LEAVING THE REMAINS OF HIS COMPETITORS IN HIS WAKE. AN INSATIABLE EGO TO STRIVE FOR OWNING THE GREATEST COMPANY IN THE WORLD HAS SPURRED HIS INTEREST IN HEROES AND THEIR POTENTIAL INVESTMENT TO CYCORP.



ACCELERATOR 2.0

A BRILLIANT AND KIND SCIENTIST AVOIDED DEATH BY DOWNLOADING HIS MIND INTO A ROBOTIC ONE. HE BECAME A HERO AND WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE-KNIGHTS. WHEN A FELLOW TEAMMATE WAS TAKEN CONTROL OF BY THE VILLAIN DR. KILL, ACCELERATOR'S ORIGINAL ANDROID BODY WAS DESTROYED. TO AVOID DEATH YET AGAIN, ACCEL'S MIND WAS UPLOADED BACK TO HIS LAB, WHERE A BACK-UP BODY WAS BEING HELD. AN OVERLOAD DURING THE PROCESS CAUSED PART OF HIS MIND TO GO INTO HIS ORIGINAL PROTOTYPE AND ANOTHER PART TO GO INTO HIS EXPERIMENTAL 2.0 FORM. CONFUSED AND INCOMPLETE IN HIS 2.0 BODY, ACCELERATOR VANISHED AND HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE.





THEY'RE
FIRING!

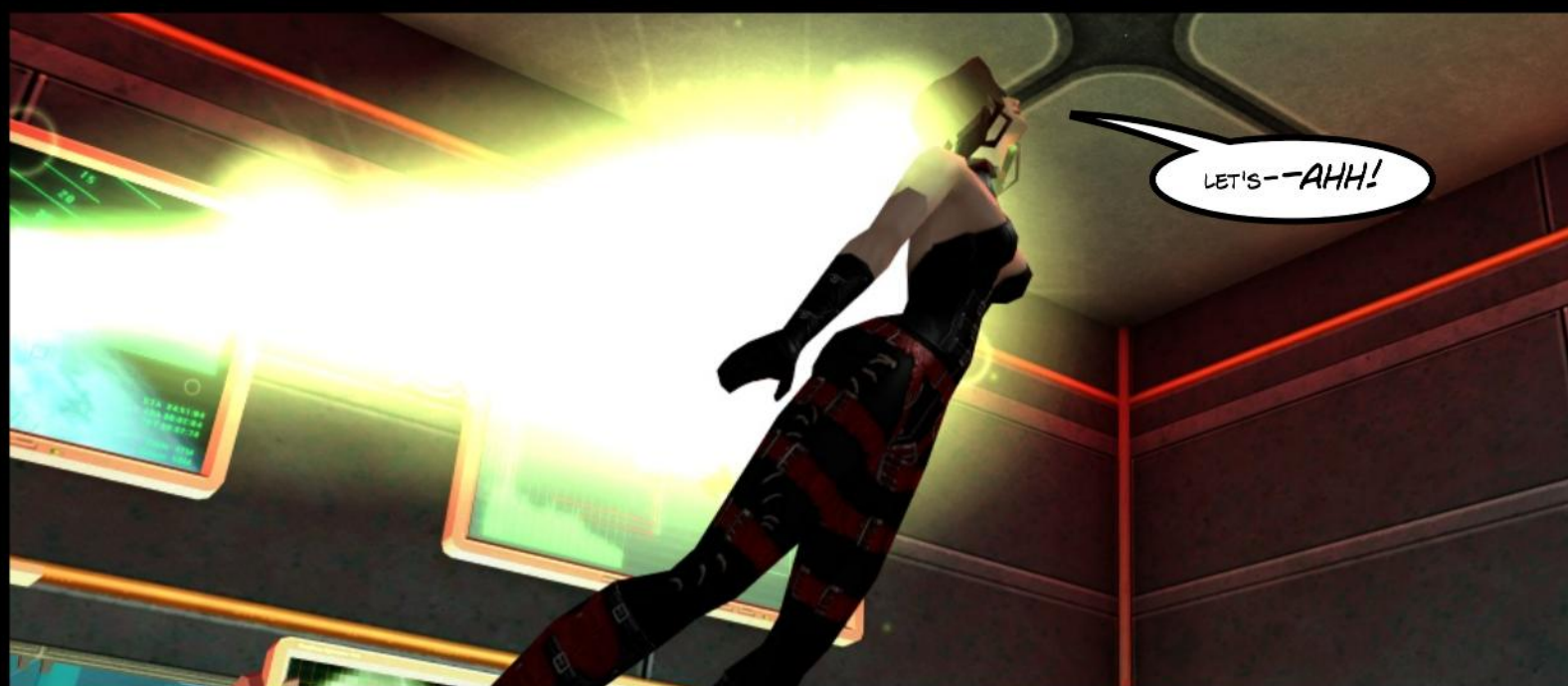
DATABANK,
THE SHIELDS?!



I AM CURRENTLY
OVER-CLOCKED BY
APPROXIMATELY
TWENTY-THREE PERCENT
OVER SPECIFIED
PARAMETERS.

I MAY BE
UNABLE TO
REROUTE
POWER IN
TIME.











ARE YOU DOING THIS?! PLEASE, YOU'RE SCARING ME SO MUCH... ♪SOB♪

YOU THINK I WOULDN'T FIND OUT? YOU THINK YOU COULD JUST STEAL FROM ME?! GET WITH SOMEONE BEHIND MY BACK?!!

I DIDN'T. OHGAWD, PLEASE, SWEETIE. YOU'RE NOT THINKING STRAIGHT. PLEASE STOP THIS. I'M... I'M SO SCARED!



THIS ALL YOU GOT? PATHETIC!

YOU THINK I WOULDN'T FIND OUT? YOU THINK YOU COULD JUST STEAL FROM ME?! GET WITH SOMEONE BEHIND MY BACK?!!

PRETTY MUCH. AFTER ALL, LOOK AT THIS. YOUR POWERS ARE STRONGER THAN YOUR INTELLECT AND YET YOU STILL COULDN'T RIP THE WINGS OFF A FLY, LET ALONE HURT ME!



OH YEAH?

YES! P-PLEASE... YOUR HURTING ME ♪SOB♪ STOP THIS...

I JUST MIGHT!

PLEASE! STOP IT... ♪SOB♪



OH YEAH?

YES, PLEASE TRY. I DARE YOU TO EVEN TRY. HEHE...

I JUST MIGHT!

PLEASE! DO IT! HAH!



AAAHH!

AAH! ♪UH♪ I... ♪GASP♪ I CAN'T... ♪GASP♪ BREATH...

♪UH♪ ♪KK♪ ♪GASP♪ RICH... PLEASE... I... ♪UH♪

NO! SHUT UP!



AAAHH!

HAHA! REALLY? I... I... ♪GASP♪ I'M SPEECHLESS. THIS IS ALL YOU'VE GOT? COME ON!

NO WONDER I'VE HAD TO FAKE IT FOR YEARS. THE ONLY THING KEEPING ME GOING WAS DOLLAR SIGNS. AND THEN RUNNING OFF..

NO! SHUT UP!



FROM THE CREATOR OF JUSTICE-KNIGHTS...

STALKTRESS

Vengeance or Justice?
Cruelty or Mercy?
Angel or Monster?



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WHAT WE NEED NOW IS A PLAN. WE NEED TO HIT CYRIL FAST, BEFORE HE CAN COVER UP HIS INVOLVEMENT.



PLAN, YES. MR. CYRIL, NO.

WE NEED TO BROADEN OUR SUSPECT LIST BEYOND MR. CYRIL.

IT'S A WASTE OF TIME. WE ALREADY KNOW HE'S BEHIND THIS!



DO WE? CAN YOU PROVE TO US HE'S BEHIND THIS?

BECAUSE IF YOU CAN'T PROVE IT TO US, HOW WILL YOU TO THE LEGAL SYSTEM?

MAYBE WE DON'T NEED TO. IF THE SYSTEM IS THAT BROKEN, MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE MATTERS INTO OUR OWN HANDS.



WE DON'T DO THAT. AT LEAST I DON'T.

NONE OF US DO. STALKING WE--

STALKER! SIN STALKER.

WHATEVER. WE AREN'T JUDGE, JURY AND EXECUTIONER.



I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT EXTREME. I'M TALKING ABOUT **REAL** JUSTICE. FOR ALL WE KNOW, INFERUS, FROST AND PAT ARE ALL DEAD.

FOR ALL WE KNOW, THEY ARE PERFECTLY FINE, BUT JUST OUT OF CONTACT.

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT REVENGE. NOT JUSTICE.



I DON'T NEED A LECTURE FROM YOU. YOU AREN'T SIN.

I QUIT REMEMBER? DO WHAT YOU WANT AND SO WILL I.

STALKER, YOU'RE LETTING--

-NOT AGAIN.



YOU'RE ACCELERATOR?!

THE ONE AND ONLY...
VERSION 2.0.
OF COURSE.
I'M SURE LADY
INFERUS
REMEMBERS
BY NOW.



THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



IMPROBABLE,
INFERUS. NEVER
IMPOSSIBLE. YOUR
ATTEMPT TO KILL ME
FAILED.

KILL
YOU?!



WHAT ARE YOU
DOING? FIGHT,
INFERUS! HE'S THE
BAD GUY HERE.

BUT...
HOW? IF YOU
REALLY ARE ACCEL,
THEN... I MEAN, CAN
IT REALLY BE
YOU??

NO, NOT
ACCELERATOR. HE'S
ONE OF US.



ONE OF YOU? AT
ONE POINT AND
TIME, BUT NOT
ANYMORE!

≡UH≡



I'LL HAVE MY
REVENGE!



WHAT REVENGE?
ARE YOU BEHIND
ALL THIS? DID YOU
SEND
ELECTROSECT?



ELECTROSECT
WAS A FAILURE
AND THEREFORE
A MISTAKE!



HE'S
RESPONSIBLE
FOR PATMAN'S
MURDER!

HE'S
THE BAD GUY
HERE!

NO! THIS HAS
TO BE A MISTAKE. I
DON'T WANT TO FIGHT
YOU, ACCEL.



THE MISTAKE WAS
JOINING THE
JUSTICE-KNIGHTS.

THE MISTAKE
WAS TRUSTING
YOU!



THE MISTAKE
WAS SENDING
ELECTROSECT
TO DO WHAT I
SHOULD HAVE
DONE YEARS
AGO-

-THE COMPLETE
DESTRUCTION OF THE
KNIGHTS!



MY FAULT...
BUT THEY
WOULDN'T
STOP...



IT'S OVER,
CYRIL. YOU'RE
RESPONSIBLE FOR
OBEDIENCE, SIN'S
DEATH AND SO
MUCH MORE.

YOU CAN
EITHER CONFESS
AND LET THE SYSTEM
HANDLE IT OR I'LL
HANDLE IT.



EITHER
WAY, THIS
ENDS NOW.

ARE YOU
LISTENING TO
ME?

HELLO?
COME IN, BAD
GUY. HELLO?



HUH?
BAD GUY...



I'M THE
BAD GUY, AREN'T
I?

YOU'RE
JUST REALIZING
THIS NOW?



I SAID
NO SUCH
THING. IN FACT,
I THINK YOU'LL
NEVER
CHANGE.

REALLY?
Y-YOU THINK SO?
AFTER ALL I'VE
DONE, YOU THINK I
CAN CHANGE?

VERY
TRUE. THEY
DO IT ALL THE
TIME. WHY
CAN'T I?

HELLO? ARE
YOU TAKING
CRAZY PILLS?
MR. CYRIL?

AHUM,
AHUM. YOU'RE
RIGHT. I WOULD
BE GOOD AT IT, TOO.
I WAS READY TO GIVE
UP, BUT YOU'VE
CONVINCED ME ITS
NOT OVER.



WHAT?

I'LL
BECOME THE
BEST HERO THIS
CITY HAS EVER
SEEN.

AND I'LL BE
FORGIVEN FOR
ALL MY SINS, JUST
LIKE ALL THOSE
OTHER HEROES
WITH A CRIMINAL
PAST.

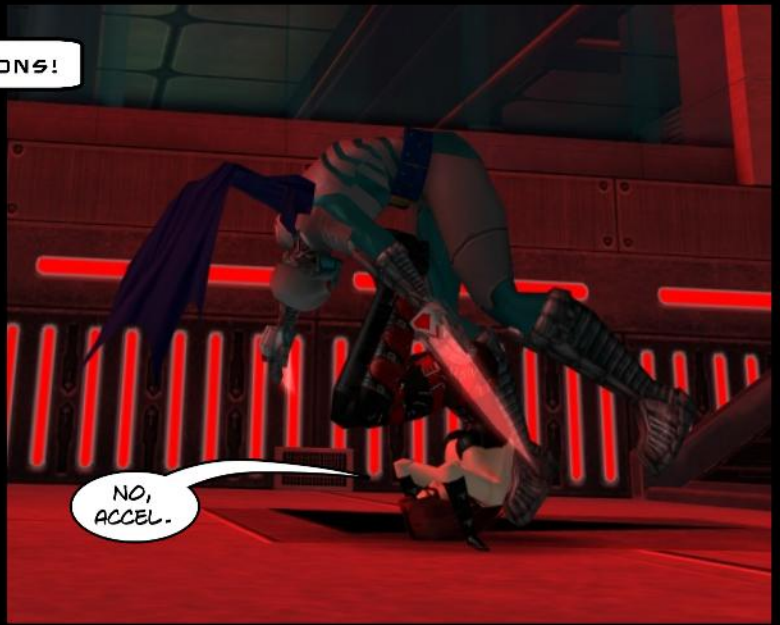
WHAT?!







FABRICATIONS!



NO,
ACCEL.



SOMETHING'S
WRONG WITH YOUR
MEMORY.

DR.
KILLION DID
ATTACK YOU, BUT HE
WAS POSSESSED BY
THE DEMON AT THE
TIME. WHY CAN'T
YOU...



THAT'S IT!
THE TRANSFER
INTO A NEW BODY,
YEARS AGO,
MESSED UP.

THE
OVERLOAD... IT
MUST HAVE
CORRUPTED YOUR
MEMORY FILES.

YOUR MIND
WENT INTO YOUR
2.0 BODY, BUT MOST
OF YOUR MEMORIES
WENT INTO THE
PROTOTYPE,
DATABANK.

KSH

KSH



PLEASE, AXEL.
I'M YOUR FRIEND.
LET ME HELP YOU. WE
CAN FIX THIS!

I... I'M UNSURE. I
AM MISSING MANY
MEMORY FILES.
YOU SAY MY
PROTOTYPE HAS
THESE FILES?



THAT'S
ABOUT ALL IT
DOES HAVE. IF YOU
JUST GIVE US A
CHANCE... GIVE ME
A CHANCE.

YOU HAVE YOUR
CHANCE. I'LL
EXAMINE YOUR
EVIDENCE.

THEN LET'S
GET TO YOUR
PROTOTYPE,
DATABANK
AND--

¡UHGGKK!

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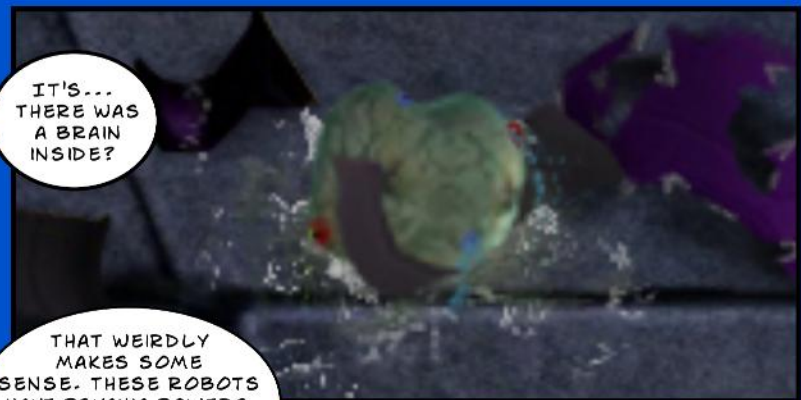
¡KK...!

GOODBYE...

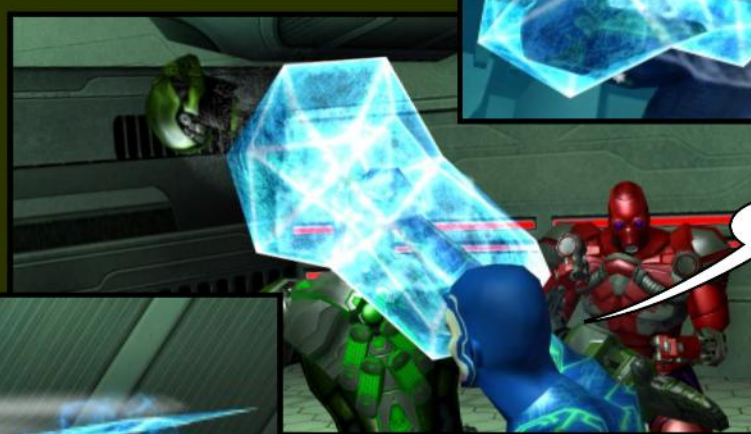
...MY
FRIEND.







* --SEEN IN 'PRELUDE TO OBEDIENCE' AKA 'EPILOGUE AND PROLOGUE'. AT THE END OF ISSUE #3



YEH!

AH!

CONTAINMENT
BREACH.
EVACU--





WARNING. THERE IS A BUILD UP OF UNIQUE ENERGY DETECTED. RADIATION IS REACHING EXTREMELY DANGEROUS LEVELS.



UH... NOW WHAT? IS THE REACTOR GOING CRITICAL?

THE ENERGY IS CONSISTANT WITH THE ENERGY WIELDED BY LADY INFERUS, NEAR HER LAST KNOWN LOCATION.

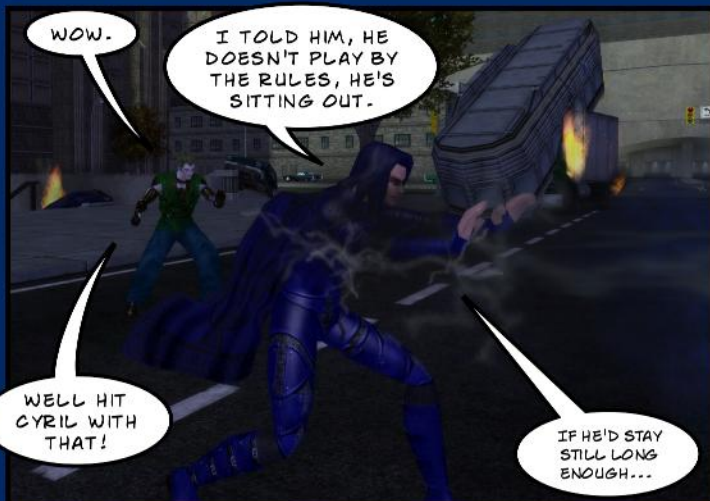


I'M ON IT!

WATCH YOUR BACK!

I LACK THE EQUIPMENT TO DO SO. SUGGESTED UPGRADE -- NOTED.







INFERUS!



SPEAK TO ME.
INFERUS?!

HEY...
OLD---UH
MAN... 3NN3

IT'LL BE ALRIGHT.
I'LL GET YOU TO THE
MEDICAL BAY AND
YOU'LL... YOU'LL BE
OKAY. OKAY?



HEH, YOU ARE A
HORRIBLE--GAH!

3NN3
...LIAR.

INFERUS,
I--

LISTEN... MY
POWERS COME FROM
WITHIN... UH... IT'S MORE
POWERFUL THAN YOU
REALIZE-- 3NN3

3GAH3!



SHH.
TRY NOT
TOO--

NO
YOU--AH!
LISTEN---

I CAN'T
CONTROL IT. IT'S 3NN3
TO POWERFUL TO WIELD.
ONLY HOLD IT WITHIN.
CONSTANTLY... 3NN3 WHEN I
DIE... THERE'S NOTHING...
NOTHING TO HOLD THE
POWER BACK.



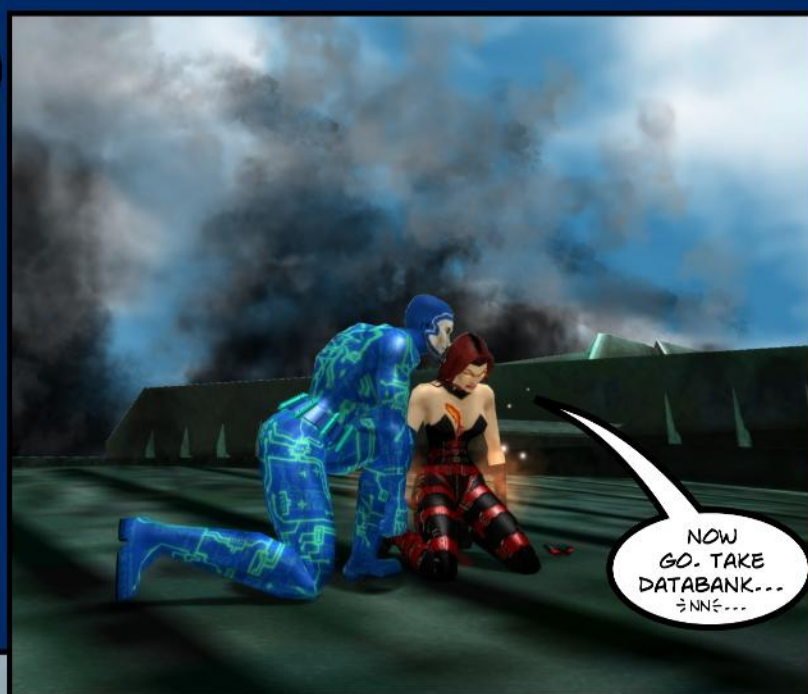
I'LL OVERLOAD. TAKE
--3GAH3 TAKE OUT PART OF
THE SHIP, AT... LEAST...

GET ME UP.
3HUF3 YOU NEED TO
GET ME 3NN3 OUT...
SIDE BEFORE IT'S
TOO--AH!



I CAN'T.
I'LL GET YOU
TO MEDICAL.

OUTSIDE,
NOW... OR WE
BOTH DIE, OLD
MAN...





YOU CLAIM TO STAND FOR JUSTICE, YET WHEN IT'S TIME FOR JUSTICE TO BE CAST DOWN UPON YOU, YOU FIGHT AND REJECT IT.



I CAN'T... HOLD ON ANY...

FROSTBURG! PLEASE!



WHAT?




I--

AAAAHHH!!!

KA-BOOM





"OUR GROUP WAS STARTED ON
THE BELIEF THAT THERE IS A
BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD..."

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

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THE GAME IS DONE, BUT THE STORIES LIVE ON!





THE SIDE
KICK FINALLY
COME TO
PLAY?



SINCE I AM
THE HERO NOW,
YOU SHOULD BE MY
SIDEKICK!



HAHA!



YOU PIECE
OF--



SMASH





I'M—
AAAAAAHH!!



WHAT
WAS THAT?

CYCORP'S
PSY-DISRUPTOR FROM
LAST MONTH. I'VE BEEN
STUDYING IT IN MY LAB AT
THE UNIVERSITY.



I'M THE
HERO... I'M...
NO. NO.

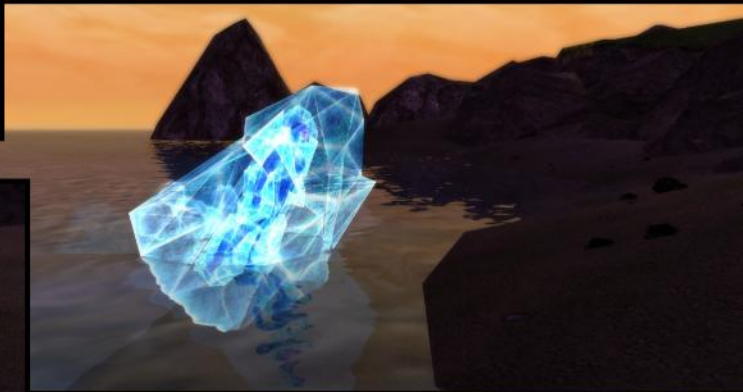
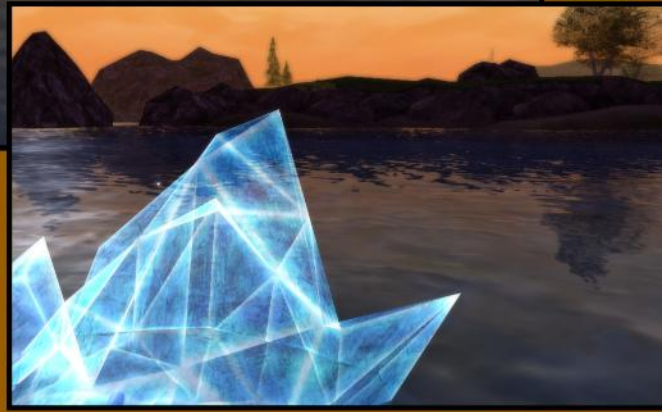


POLICE
ARE FINALLY
SHOWING UP.



THEN
IT'S TIME TO
FIND OUT WHERE
OUR TEAMMATES
ARE.

EPilogue



TILL NEXT TIME...

DJ PHEONYX



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