

# Where Do Alts Go

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## Background

Set in the world of the massively multiplayer online (MMO) game of City of Heroes (CoH) where players take on the role of heroes, flying around fighting the bad guys and saving the ordinary people.

For more detailed information have a look at the web site for the game: <http://uk.cityofheroes.com/>

## The Story

Not only in CoH, but in a lot of other MMO games, players have a tendency to create many different characters. Some characters are only played a few times while others are played for many months.

In this story I wanted to look at the world through the eyes of one of these alternative characters, or alts. I liked the idea that the superhero was trapped in a very strange situation where he wanted to still go out and fight crime, but the player controlling him wasn't there and therefore he was unable to take any action. The character has no idea why he can't do anything and is just left feeling that he's lost the will to take action.

## Other Notes

There is a passing reference in this story to 'Lost and Found'.