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# EXILES<sup>TM</sup> AND THE UNCANNY X-MEN<sup>®</sup>

**UNNATURAL INSTINCTS**  
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They have become unbinged from time. They are heroes from different realities who must travel together from one alternate reality to another, completing missions to repair broken links in the chain of time. They are the EXILES and this is their fate.

Stan Lee presents...

# EXILES

Unnatural Instincts Conclusion



THE EXILES

THE X-MEN

## PREVIOUSLY

They are the EXILES, reality-hopping nomads forced to repair the broken chain of time. In each new universe, they must complete a mission before progressing. Their only help is a mysterious bracelet talisman known as the Tallus, which provides information, though sometimes oblique, on what they must rectify. If they fail to repair their own fractured timelines, they may never return home.

In this reality—known as the “real” Marvel Universe—the Exiles have been given the task of saving two young boys from death, NICHOLAS GLEASON and CARTER GHAZIKHANIAN, both under the care of the UNCANNY X-MEN, are important to the future of this reality and their deaths would have terrible consequences for the future of their world. Surprisingly, the Exiles must save these young boys from HAVOK, a longtime member of the UNCANNY X-MEN. Recently, an evil version of Havok from an alternate reality has possessed him, and now he is intent on killing young Carter, who is apparently responsible for abandoning his soul to Limbo.

Meanwhile, an adversary of the X-Men named MAXIMUS LOBD enters the fray, and exacerbates the situation. Will the combined might of the two most powerful X-teams to ever roam the omniverse be enough to save the day?



MIMIC

Calvin Rankin  
Mimics the Powers  
of Five Mutants



NOCTURNE

TJ Wagner  
Hex Bolts, Possession



MORPH

Shape-Shifting



SUNFIRE

Mariko Yashida  
Flame Control/Flight



SASQUATCH

Dr. Heather Hudson  
Super-strength  
and Senses



MAGIK

Ilyana Rasputin  
Teleportation and  
Magic Sword



NICHOLAS GLEASON

Wolf Cub  
Wolf-like Senses  
and Abilities



Carter Ghazikhanian

Annie's son  
Untapped Mental Powers



HAVOK

Alex Summers  
Solar Generated  
Plasma Blasts



Annie Ghazikhanian

School Nurse



WOLVERINE

Logan  
Healing,  
Adamantium Claws



JUGGERNAUT

Cain Marko  
Super-strength,  
Invulnerability



HUSK

Paige Guthrie  
Skin Manipulation



ARCHANGEL

Warren Worthington III  
Winged Flight,  
Healing Blood



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HOME OF THE X-MEN**

You sure you're all right, Calvin?

I'm fine, Heather.

Don't forget, I absorbed some of Wolverine's healing power along with his claws.

You're confident this is the right way to Morph and the others, Nicholas?

Positive, Nocturne.

I can smell the rest of Morph's body parts just ahead.

You EXILES should trust us X-Men a little more.

**KWOOOOOM**

Whoa...

What?

How bad is he?

What the hell was that?

And you wonder why we have trust issues...?

Here! Morph's just through here!

Come on!

Oh, Morph...





Oh,  
YOU'VE  
got it!

Do you  
know how LONG  
I've been looking  
for that ARM,  
young man?



ELSEWHERE...

Where are we, Kurt?

I don't know, Annie...probably in the woods somewhere near the X-Mansion.

I teleported away from those Wolves in a panic and I'm not sure to where, exactly.

This whole escapade with the Wolves, and these reality-hopping *Exiles*... It's got me all confused, Kurt.

I see some people up there, and...

...are those buildings?

Hooooooly cow.

Annie?

We're not in Kansas anymore.



NORTH OF XAVIER'S

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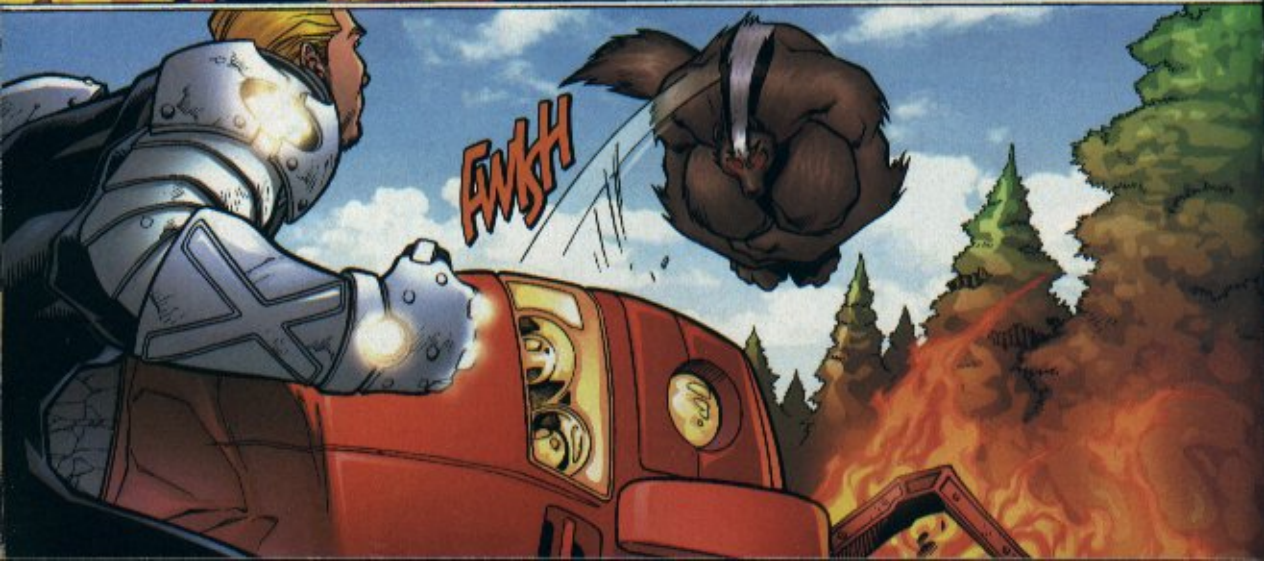




**SSSSHH**















AAAAHH!

MY  
POWER'S  
DRAINED!

Oh,  
reeeeeeally?

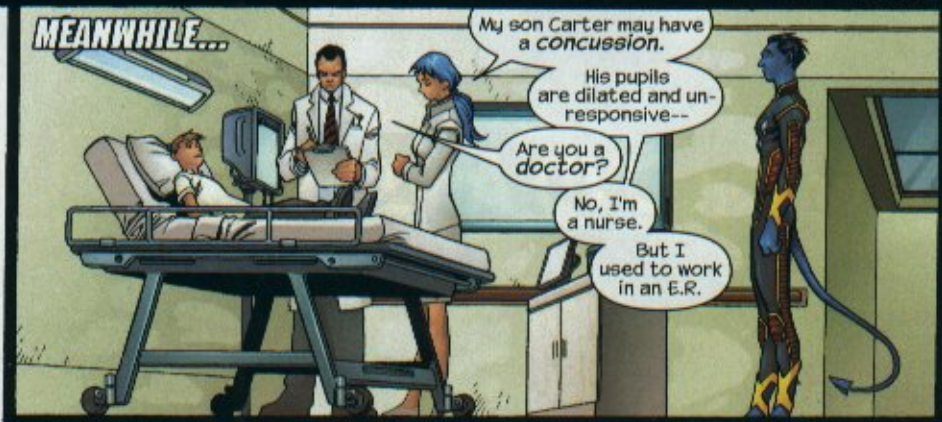


NNNGGH!

How  
unfortunate...



...FOR  
YOU!



MEANWHILE...

My son Carter may have  
a *concussion*.

His pupils  
are dilated and un-  
responsive--

Are you a  
*doctor*?

No, I'm  
a nurse.

But I  
used to work  
in an E.R.





## NORTH OF XAVIER'S







You didn't know you could do that?

Well...I know people dismember themselves for fun sometimes...

...you know, just to see if they can wake up and put their bodies back together again...

...but personally, I just never got around to trying it.

Oh, look. There's the X-Men.



And there's "bad" Alex. Looks like the Wolves are going to kill him.

Heeeeey, saves us the trouble.



Now, what can We do to kill time?

MORPH!

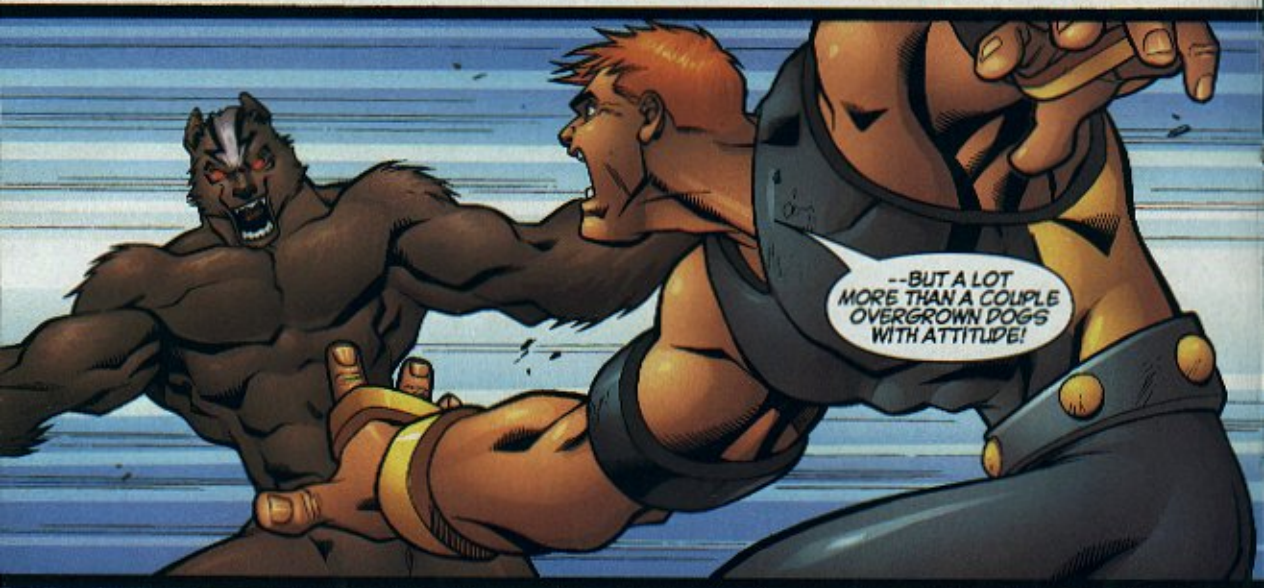
HEY, LOOK!



Juggernaut?

What does it take to kill you people?

I don't honestly know, scruffy--



--BUT A LOT MORE THAN A COUPLE OVERGROWN DOGS WITH ATTITUDE!









Juggernaut is eliminated. The Wolves are down and out. And what have we here...? A potential romantic interlude?



Mmmm.



Must be my lucky day.





BACK OFF!

SPANG



Paige?

Paige, it's me, Warren. I'm here, sweetheart.



Son of a -- --you stupid son of a--



I-- --will-- --kill you for that!



Then it's true. You're not our Alex.



Not hardly.









Now step aside!

What?!

Hey, whoa, whoa, whoa there, buddy...



He has to be **taken out**. Otherwise he'll keep trying to kill Nicholas and Carter.



Look, Alex isn't my favorite person, especially **these** days...but you can't just "take him out."

Oh, God...  
...what's happening?

I understand some of Bobby's point of view...



...but we've been shown part of the future of this dimension, Bobby.

Nicholas and Carter are supposed to *live*, and for some reason--

**BAMF**

Dad?  
Stop calling me that!





--Alex here won't stop until one or both of them are dead!

Wait a minute, Sunfire.

You told us that this body still belongs to *our* Alex, and only his *mind* has been replaced.

Hey, Warren...



Just give me a second, honey, I'm trying to understand--

**WARREN!**



**KWHOOOSH**

Get down!



And now--

--EVERYONE DIES!





Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name...

Although why my Father would be named "Hallow Ed," I'll never know.

TAKE HIM POW!

Nocturne, no! There HAS to be another way!



**FWOOSH**  
**KWOOOM**



If it's down to him or the kids, elf--



--it's gotta be him!

















Soooooo...

...if I'm your father in your dimension, then who's my lucky wife?

Her name's Wanda Maximoff.

She calls herself the Scarlet Witch.



Reeeeaally?

She's quite attractive...



So, uh...

...are we okay, Mariko?

Seeing myself dead was a shock--

--and I know you didn't mean to hurt me, Morph, but sometimes--



I know.

Now and then, I even annoy myself.

I love you, Mariko. I would never want to hurt you.

And I love you, you silly-putty man.



The Tallus gives us *four days* before we have to move on.

And boy, do we need it.



The danger's passed, Paige.

You can change back to your normal form now.

Not in front of you, I won't!









Warren, of course, refused--

--as much from *spite* as a genuine connection with the sword.

The other X-Men backed him up on that.



It's not like Illyana couldn't get another one.



One she asserted--

--quite loudly and publicly--

--was a far superior sword to the previous one.



We left about the same time Alex had completely recovered.

And as we departed--



--we wondered if this was truly the end for him.

If he and the boy were really--

--finally--

--safe.

We felt for him.



But we should have been more concerned about *ourselves*.

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