

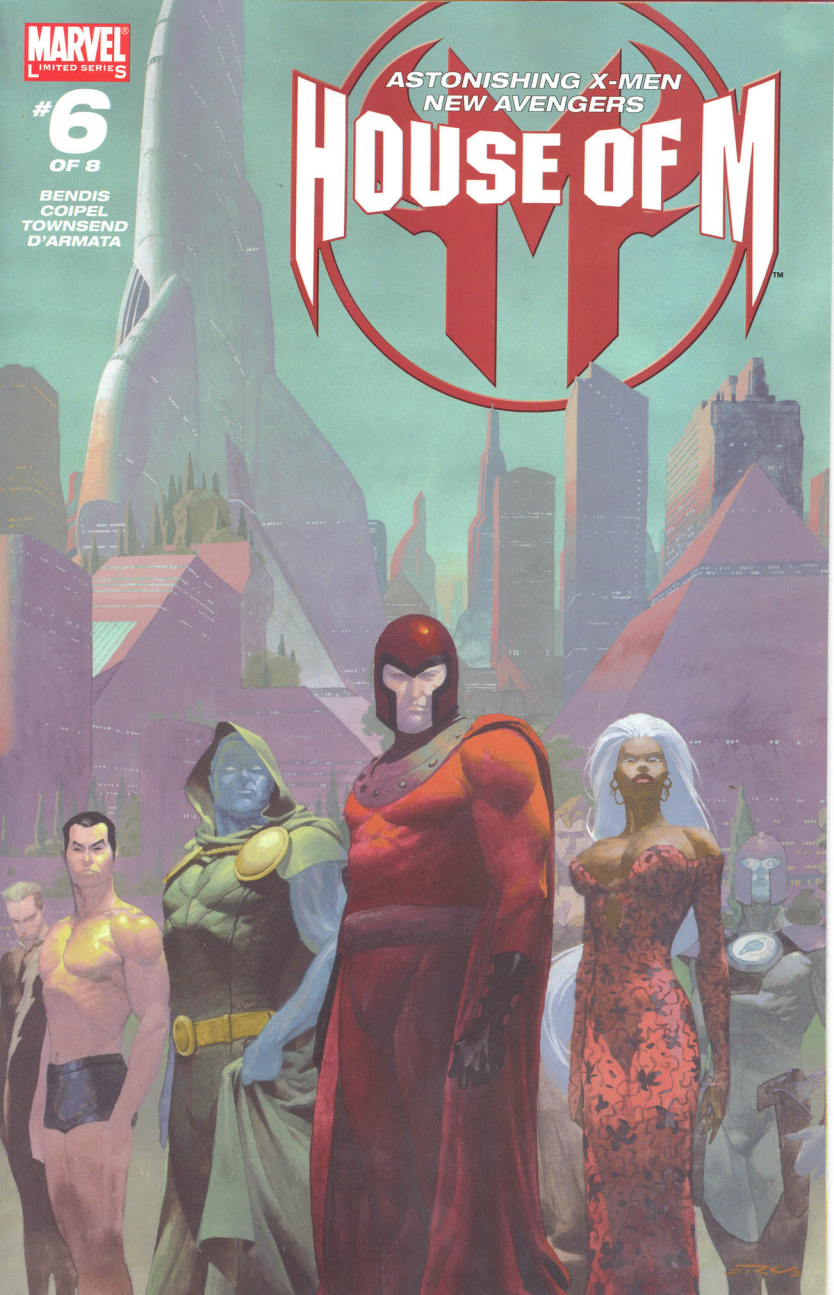
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ASTONISHING X-MEN
NEW AVENGERS

HOUSE OF M



Magneto has lost the war against ordinary humans for which he sacrificed the well-being of his children. Now he is forced to watch his daughter Wanda, the Scarlet Witch, suffer a loss of control over both her powers and her grip on reality. Quicksilver, Wanda's brother Pietro, pleads with their estranged father to help her.

Mutant leader Charles Xavier, who is unable to help the Scarlet Witch, gathers the Avengers and the X-Men to decide how to proceed. The heroes are not convinced that killing Wanda is the only solution, so they travel to the mutant nation of Genosha to confront her, in the hope of discovering what it is that she wants.

When they get to the island, Wanda is missing, as are Magneto and Pietro.

Then the world burns to white.

HOUSE OF M

Reality as we knew it is gone...

...replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

Psychic therapist Emma Frost and Scott Summers live happily in Connecticut. Peter Parker is married to Gwen Stacy, and they have a young son, Richie. New York City's Hell's Kitchen is widely known as Sapien Town, where the worst elements of normal humanity congregate, led by underworld overlord Luke Cage.

Wolverine is the premiere operative of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s elite Red Guard unit, and is romantically involved with his fellow agent, Mystique. When he escapes from the S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier, their flying mobile base, Logan is kidnapped by Cloak of Luke Cage's underground resistance... and finds himself held at arrow-point by the long-dead Avenger Hawkeye.

Through the mysterious powers of a young girl named Layla Miller, a group of heroes have been shown the truth about how life used to be. Rocked by the revelation of what has occurred, the heroes head to Genosha to face Magneto in a do-or-die mission, with the fate of the entire world hanging in the balance.

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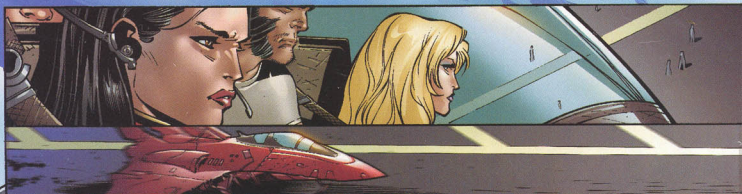
HELICARRIER,
THIS IS SPECIAL AGENT
DREW BROADCASTING
FROM QUINJET
RED-5...

...REQUESTING
SECURED APPROACH
AND LANDING.



PERMISSION
GRANTED.


WELCOME
BACK, AGENT
DREW.



OKAY,
THIS IS
CREEPY.

THEY CAN'T
SEE OR HEAR US,
SPIDER-MAN.

I'M USING MY
MUTANT POWERS TO
PROJECT 17 SEPARATE
MENTAL COMMANDS
TO COVER US.



THEY CAN'T SEE US
BECAUSE I WON'T LET
THEM *THINK* THEY
ARE SEEING US.



YEAH,
LIKE I SAID:
CREEPY.

WHAT'S
THE PLAN,
EMMA?

COMMAND
DECK.



FOLLOW
ME.



NATASHA ROMANOV IS ON LINE 56.

THERE'S A CORROSIVE WEATHER PATTERN OVER WAKANDA.

PATCHING FIELD COMMANDER GARRISON KANE THROUGH THE T9-LINK SATELLITE.

WHAT ARE YOU? NEW? DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

SHAW IS REPORTING IN FROM THE SAVAGE LAND OUTPOST.

SOME KIND OF FLUCTUATION.

ANY WORD ON WEAPON XXXC?

LATVERIA HAS NO AMBASSADOR. HE'S LYING.

AGENT SITWELL IS CALLING IN?

WHERE IS THAT COMING FROM?

I WAS NEVER THERE.

THE BROOD SIGNAL IS OFFLINE.

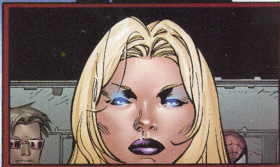
SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IT.

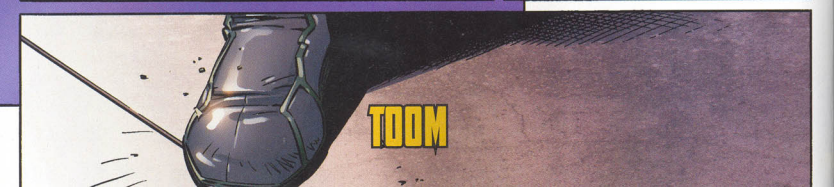
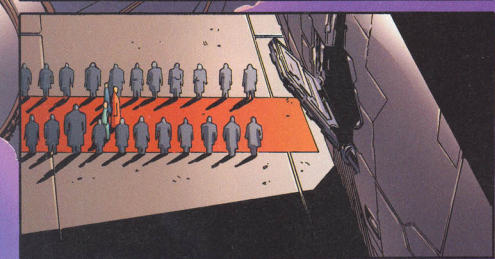
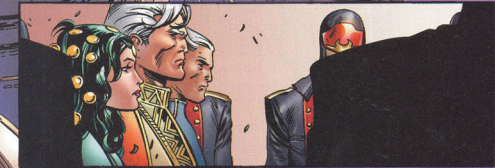
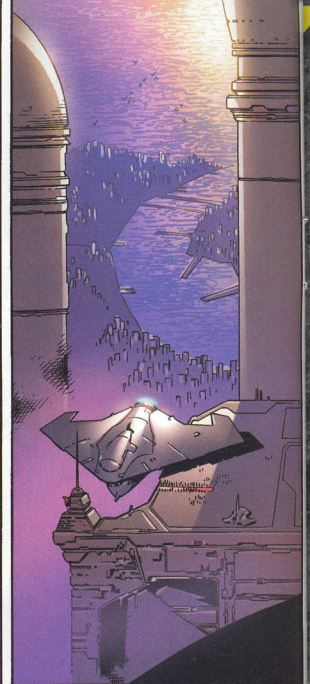
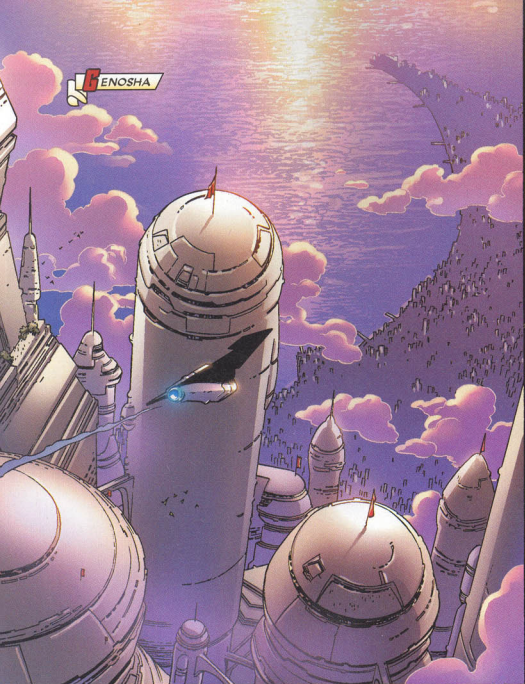
COURSE SET, CAPTAIN GREYCROW.

DESTINATION?

GENOSHA.

YES, SIR.









I KNOW IT'S COMMISSARY FOOD, BUT EVERYBODY EAT SOMETHING.

YOU'LL NEED YOUR STRENGTH.

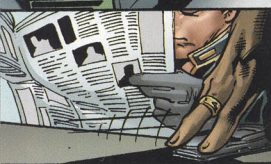
I AIN'T HUNGRY, SCOTT.

AH'M PISSED.

WE ALL ARE, ROGUE. HOLD IT TOGETHER.

"HOLD IT TOGETHER."

WE'LL BE THERE SOON ENOUGH.



LISTING?

JESSICA JONES.

WHAT CITY?

MANHATTAN... (I GUESS).

ONE MOMENT. I HAVE ONE IN QUEENS.

OKAY.

HERE'S THE NUMBER.



THIS IS JESSICA--

J--

--AND THIS IS SCOTT...

...LEAVE A MESSAGE.



BOOP



DID SHE PICK UP?

LUKE?

I DON'T KNOW WHY I JUST DID THAT.

SORRY.

DID YOU TRY TO GET AHOLD OF MARY JANE?

AND TELL HER WHAT?

IT DOESN'T MEAN SHE'D BE LESS SUCCESSFUL IF YOU WERE TOGETHER.



UH-HUH.

IT DOESN'T--

EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT WE AREN'T TOGETHER... AND SHE IS.



OKAY.

LISTEN UP...



I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ALL FOR A SECOND.

I'VE--UH--I'VE BEEN TEAM LEADER OF THE X-MEN SINCE I WAS A TEENAGER...

...AND IN THAT ENTIRE TIME I'VE ALWAYS PRIDED MYSELF ON MY TACTICAL RESTRAINT.

TAKING A MORAL HIGH GROUND WHERE VIOLENCE IS CONCERNED.

BUT TODAY...



THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO SAY IT...

IF WE FAIL HERE, IF WE LOSE...

...WE LOSE EVERYTHING.

EVERY THING WE HAVE EVER BELIEVED IN...

...EVERY FIGHT WE'VE EVER FOUGHT, EVERY BATTLE...

...IT'LL ALL BE--IT'LL ALL HAVE MEANT NOTHING.



SO I'M SAYING... THAT WHATEVER RESTRAINT OR PERSONAL BOUNDARIES YOU USUALLY PUT ON YOURSELF IN THE NAME OF GOOD OR RIGHT...

...WELL, I THINK THERE'S NO PLACE FOR ANY OF THAT HERE...IN THE FIGHT WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US.

WE CAN'T LOSE THIS.

WE HAVE TO WIN.

AND TO DO THAT... YOU, ALL OF YOU, ARE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT WITHOUT ANY RESTRAINT.

DOES ANYONE DISAGREE?



SO WHAT'S THE PLAN, SPARKY?



THREE TEAMS.

BUT--WAIT... WAIT...



I'M SORRY, I WANT TO KNOW...
ARE WE--ARE WE GOING TO TRY
TO PUT THE WORLD BACK?

CAN WE
PUT THE
WORLD
BACK?

OR--OR
IS TOO
LATE?



WE'LL KNOW
WHEN WE GET
THERE.



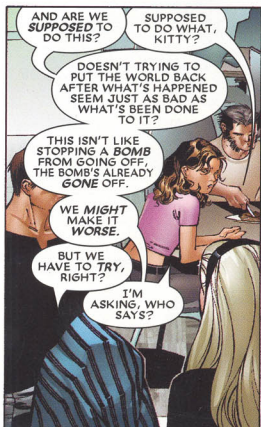
WHAT IF WE
TRY--AND WE
DON'T?

DO WE JUST
HAVE TO LIVE
HERE? IN THIS?
LIKE THIS?

BEING
THE ONLY ONES
THAT KNOW THE
TRUTH? OR DO
WE TELL PEOPLE?



WE'LL KNOW
WHEN WE GET
THERE.



AND ARE WE
SUPPOSED TO
DO THIS?

SUPPOSED
TO DO WHAT,
KITTY?

DOESN'T TRYING TO
PUT THE WORLD BACK
AFTER WHAT'S HAPPENED
SEEM JUST AS BAD AS
WHAT'S BEEN DONE
TO IT?

THIS ISN'T LIKE
STOPPING A BOMB
FROM GOING OFF.
THE BOMB'S ALREADY
GONE OFF.

WE MIGHT
MAKE IT
WORSE.

BUT WE
HAVE TO TRY,
RIGHT?

I'M
ASKING, WHO
SAYS?



AND
WHO'S BEING
HURT HERE,
EXACTLY?

WHAT?

MAGNETO
GOT WHAT HE
WANTED, BUT
SO DID WE.

ISN'T IT A
WASH?



WEREN'T WE HAPPIER HERE? I WAS. I-I THINK I WAS.

WASN'T EVERYBODY?

THEY GAVE US WHAT WE ALWAYS WANTED, AND--ISN'T THERE AN ARGUMENT THAT WE DESERVED TO GET THIS?

TO BE HAPPY FOR ONCE?

I DON'T KNOW...

MAYBE THIS WAS THE TIME FOR THIS TO HAPPEN.



ONE DAY, JESS...

...YOU'RE GOING TO BE REALLY EMBARRASSED YOU SAID THAT OUT LOUD.

STOP. JUST LISTEN.

MY POINT IS-- WHEN SOMETHING OF THIS MAGNITUDE HAPPENS... YOU HAVE TO STEP BACK FOR A SECOND AND SAY: MAYBE THIS WAS TIME FOR THIS TO HAPPEN.

WHO ARE WE TO DECIDE HOW THE WORLD'S SUPPOSED TO BE?

WHEN THE METEORS HIT THE EARTH AND DESTROY A SPECIES--IT'S NATURAL SELECTION, RIGHT?

LIKE KITTY SAID: A METEOR JUST HIT THE EARTH!

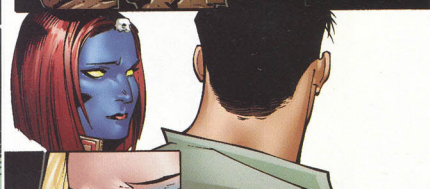
MAYBE THIS IS HOW MUTANTS BECOME THE NEXT DOMINANT SPECIES.



THAT'S TWO THINGS YOU'RE GOING TO BE EMBARRASSED YOU SAID OUT LOUD.

TRANSLATION: YOU DON'T KNOW IF I'M RIGHT OR WRONG AND IT SCARES THE CRAP OUT OF YOU.

AND IT SHOULD.



WE HAVE TO TRY.

WE HAVE TO. WE HAVE TO FIND XAVIER.

SPIDEY?

EXCUSE ME.



JEEZ, I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LIKE THIS...

GIVE HIM A MINUTE.

HE'LL GET IT TOGETHER.

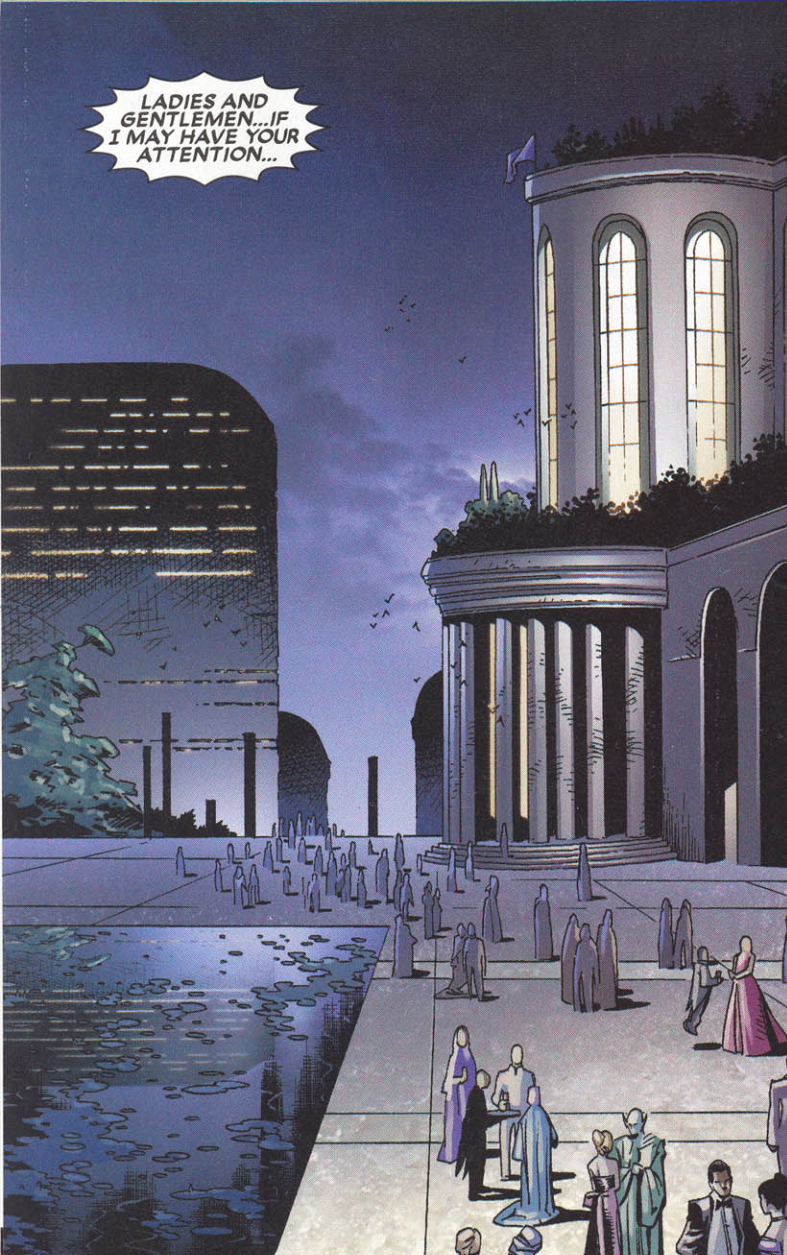


EVERYBODY DONE?

OKAY.

THREE TEAMS.

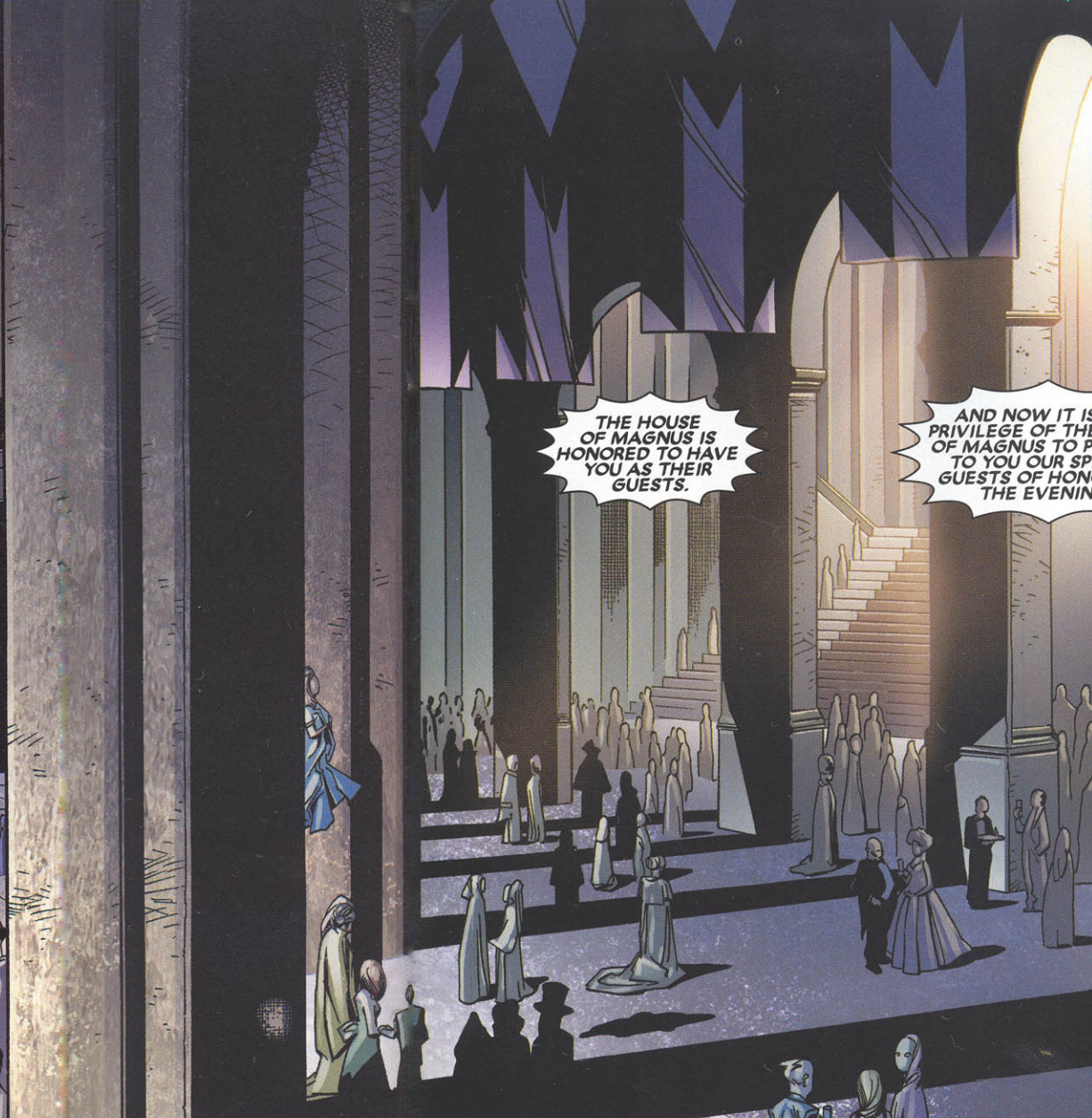
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...IF I MAY HAVE YOUR ATTENTION...



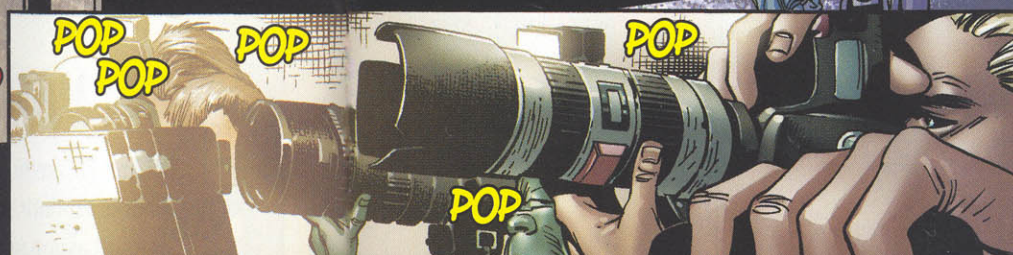
THE HOUSE OF MAGNUS IS HONORED TO HAVE YOU AS THEIR GUESTS.

AND NOW IT IS THE PRIVILEGE OF THE HOUSE OF MAGNUS TO PRESENT TO YOU OUR SPECIAL GUESTS OF HONOR FOR THE EVENING...

WHY THREE TEAMS, SCOTT?



CLAP CLAP CLAP



POP POP POP

POP

POP





GATHERED ROYALS AND HONORED GUESTS...



THE HOUSE OF MAGNUS!!!



UH-OH.





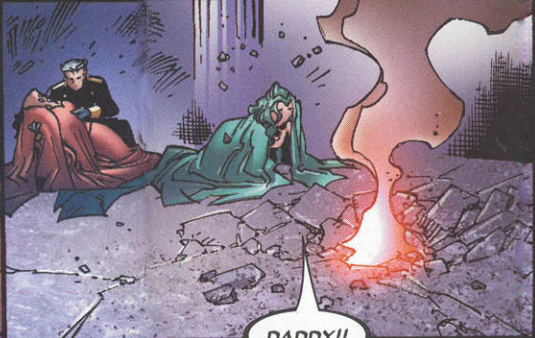
FATHER?

OH MY GOD...





BOOM



DADDY!!

OH MY GOD!
OH MY--



FOOOOM

MAGNETO!!!



OKAY, SCOTTY! Y' SAID NO HOLDIN' BACK!

HERE'S SOME NO HOLDIN' BACK!

C'MERE, SUGAHS!!



UNHAND ME, YOU DISGUSTING--!



AGH!



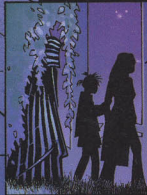
THERE'S NO ONE HERE.

WHEREVER HERE IS.

WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

IT'S THE FIGHT.

IS THAT SCREAMING?



FOCUS, LAYLA.

WE HAVE TO--



XAVIER
MEMORIAL GARDEN
He died so Genosha could live



OH MY GOD...

OH NO...

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



IS-- IS THAT IT?



WAIT.



UH...



OH MAN, HE'S NOT GOING TO DRAG UP SOME BONES, IS HE?



AH! THERE'S NOTHING HERE.

WHAT?

NO COFFIN, NO BODY, JUST DIRT. THERE'S NOTHING HERE.



XAVIER'S NOT HERE.

IT'S NOT OVER YET.

TO BE CONTINUED...