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JUNE #2



ALL NEW  
X-MEN  
SPECIAL  
EVENT

THE EVOLUTION OF THE X-UNIVERSE BEGINS **HERE!**

# MAGNETO

# VS

# WOLFGANG VANCE

HAS THE  
PRODIGAL SON  
RETURNED...

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...TO FACE HIS **DEATH?**

THE PRISONER'S NAME IS PIETRO MAXIMOFF, THE MUTANT SPEEDSTER KNOWN AS QUICKSILVER.

HERO. VILLAIN. HUSBAND. FATHER.

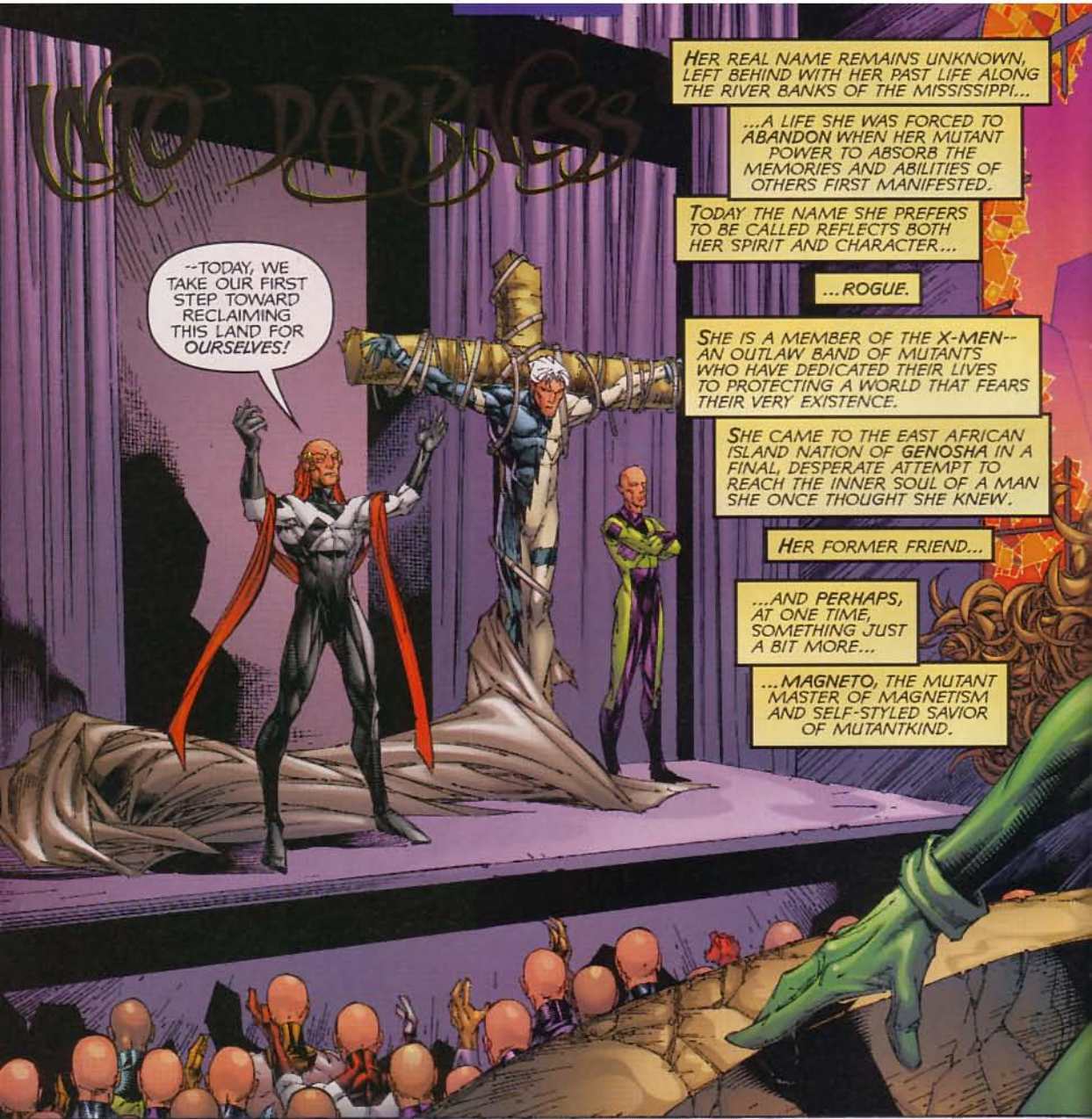
HE HAS BEEN CALLED A GREAT MANY THINGS IN HIS RELATIVELY SHORT LIFETIME, BUT PERHAPS THE ONE TITLE HE HAS RESENTED MOST OF ALL--

--THE ONE MONIKER HE DEPLORES ABOVE ALL OTHERS--

--IS THAT OF SON.

QUICKSILVER, THE MAGNUSSON, IS OURS!

WITH HIS DEATH, WE SHALL CLAIM THE FIRST VICTORY IN OUR RIGHTEOUS WAR AGAINST THE FALSE MESSIAH, MAGNETO--



--TODAY, WE TAKE OUR FIRST STEP TOWARD RECLAIMING THIS LAND FOR OURSELVES!

HER REAL NAME REMAINS UNKNOWN, LEFT BEHIND WITH HER PAST LIFE ALONG THE RIVER BANKS OF THE MISSISSIPPI...

...A LIFE SHE WAS FORCED TO ABANDON WHEN HER MUTANT POWER TO ABSORB THE MEMORIES AND ABILITIES OF OTHERS FIRST MANIFESTED.

TODAY THE NAME SHE PREFERS TO BE CALLED REFLECTS BOTH HER SPIRIT AND CHARACTER...

...ROGUE.

SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE X-MEN-- AN OUTLAW BAND OF MUTANTS WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO PROTECTING A WORLD THAT FEARS THEIR VERY EXISTENCE.

SHE CAME TO THE EAST AFRICAN ISLAND NATION OF GENOSHA IN A FINAL, DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO REACH THE INNER SOUL OF A MAN SHE ONCE THOUGHT SHE KNEW.

HER FORMER FRIEND...

...AND PERHAPS, AT ONE TIME, SOMETHING JUST A BIT MORE...

...MAGNETO, THE MUTANT MASTER OF MAGNETISM AND SELF-STYLED SAVIOR OF MUTANTKIND.

IF YOU ATTACK NOW YOU'RE ONLY THROWIN' AWAY YOUR LIFE AND WHATEVER CHANCE WE HAVE TO RESCUE PIETRO.

WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR A TIME AND PLACE OF OUR CHOOSING--

--NOT NOW, WHEN THE ODDS ARE SO STACKED AGAINST US.

WHY SHOULD AH TRUST YOU? LAST AH CHECKED, YOU AND THE ACOLYTES WERE TRYIN' TO KILL THE X-MEN.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT THE IDEOLOGY OF WHOEVER IT IS THAT WE FOLLOW. THIS IS ABOUT THE LIFE OF A SINGLE MAN-- ONE WHO HAS ALWAYS REJECTED MAGNETO'S PATH.



PLEASE, ROGUE, FOR THE FEELINGS YOU ONCE OR MAY STILL HAVE TOWARD MAGNETO, HELP ME. HELP ME SAVE HIS SON.

TOUCH MY FACE.

WHAT SHE FOUND INSTEAD WAS ENOUGH TO CHILL EVEN THE MOST HARDENED WARRIOR TO THE BONE.

ONCE A COUNTRY OF RICHES BUILT UPON THE BACKS OF GENETICALLY-ENGINEERED SLAVES, IN RECENT MONTHS GENOSHA HAS BEEN TORN ASUNDER BY A CIVIL WAR FOUGHT ALONG RACIAL LINES...

...A WAR MANY SEE AS MERELY THE FIRST STEP IN WHAT COULD EVENTUALLY BECOME A CONFLICT OF GLOBAL PROPORTIONS.

AH DON'T LIKE THE WAY THIS CHARACTER'S RAVIN' AROUND LIKE SOME KINDA LUNATIC.

AH 'SPECIALLY DON'T LIKE THE WAY HE'S GOT PIETRO ALL TUSSELED UP LIKE A PIG 'BOUT TO BE LED TO SLAUGHTER.

THE REST O' THE X-MEN AIN'T HERE TO BACK ME UP...\*

...BUT AH CAN'T JUST SIT HERE AND DO NOTHIN' WHILE A FRIEND O' MINE IS ABOUT TO BECOME A MARTYR FOR THIS DARTH VADER WANNABE.

\*THEY DISAPPEARED IN UNCANNY X-MEN #368.

ROGUE-- STOP!

WHO THE--? AMELIA VOGHT!

SUGAH, YOU *BEST* REMOVE YOUR HAND FROM MY PERSON RIGHT NOW IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU.

I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT WITH YOU.

I'M HERE TO STOP YOU FROM MAKING A TERRIBLE MISTAKE.

THAT SOUNDS ALMOST COMICAL COMIN' FROM SOMEONE WHO'S TURNED HER BACK ON THE REST OF THE WORLD WHILE BLINDLY FOLLOWIN' THE ORDERS OF MAGNETO.

I DON'T THINK AH'M THE ONE MAKING THE *WRONG* CHOICES, AMELIA.

USE YOUR MUTANT POWERS TO ABSORB MY THOUGHTS...

...IF IT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU'LL BELIEVE ME.

NO!

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?!

YOU KNOW WHAT MY POWERS ARE CAPABLE OF-- YOU COULD BE LEFT CATATONIC!

THEN TRUST ME. IF JUST THIS ONCE-- TRUST ME.

TRUST... OKAY, SUGAH, WE'LL PLAY IT YOUR WAY FOR NOW.

WHAT NEXT?

TO SAVE THE SON, WE MUST FIRST SEEK OUT THE FATHER.

HIGH ABOVE  
THE EARTH...

...SEEMINGLY  
WITHOUT CAUSE...

...WITHOUT  
WARNING...

...THE SKY  
BEGINS  
TO FALL.



THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY.

"WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THIS  
THIRD FACTION IN GENOSHA..."

"HE'S A MUTATE, ONE OF THE  
LEADERS OF THEIR REBELLION..."

"...KNOWN FOR  
HIS RUTHLESSNESS  
AND CHARISMA,  
INSPIRES A FERVOR  
THAT BORDERS ON  
RELIGIOUS IN HIS  
FOLLOWERS.

"...AND WHAT DOES IT  
MEAN TO OUR SITUATION?"

"WHAT INTELLIGENCE WE HAVE CONCERNING  
THIS...ZEALOT IS COMPRISED MORE  
OF RUMOR THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

"HE MAY HAVE THE POWER  
AND INFLUENCE TO BECOME  
AN OBSTACLE IN MAGNETO'S  
PATH TO ASSUMING CONTROL  
OF THE COUNTRY."



MAYBE WE SHOULD CONSIDER BACKING THIS ZEALOT. PERHAPS HE'LL BE EASIER TO KEEP IN CHECK THAN MAGNETO?

ARE YOU *INSANE*? IF MAGNETO FAILS TO GAIN CONTROL OF GENOSHA, WHO DO YOU THINK HE'LL BLAME?

WE'VE JUST BARELY AVOIDED GLOBAL CATAclySM AT THIS MANIAC'S HANDS-- I DOUBT WE'D BE ABLE TO DO SO AGAIN.

AT LEAST WITH MAGNETO WE KNOW WHO AND WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH.

THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE AT KEEPING HIM IN CHECK.

THIS ZEALOT IS A WILDCARD AND THERE'S EVERY INDICATION OF HIS BEING MENTALLY UNSOUND.

"BESIDES, EVEN IF MAGNETO MANAGES TO CLAIM CONTROL OF THE ISLAND, HE'LL STILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE LEGACY VIRUS EPIDEMIC AND A DEMOLISHED COUNTRY IN FINANCIAL RUIN.

"HE WON'T BE A THREAT TO ANY OF US FOR A LONG, LONG TIME TO COME.

"AND BY THE TIME HE IS, WE SHOULD HAVE OUR DEFENSES AT THE READY. WE WON'T BE CAUGHT OFF GUARD AGAIN."

UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS--

MAGNETO!

WHEN WILL YOU LEARN THAT I AM NO FOOL TO BE TRIFLED WITH? HAVE YOU SO SOON FORGOTTEN THE TERMS OF OUR MUTUAL TREATY?

"YOUR AIRCRAFT INVADE OUR SOVEREIGN AIRSPACE AND YOUR SHIPS PATROL WITHIN THE LIMITS OF INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

"YOU ALSO DARE TO PRESUME THAT IT IS YOUR GIVEN RIGHT TO TURN YOUR SPY SATELLITES UPON OUR LAND."

I WILL TOLERATE NONE OF THESE IMPROMPTU MEASURES UPON MY PERSON OR MY NEW HOMELAND.

"THEREFORE, I HAVE TAKEN APPROPRIATE ACTIONS SO THAT YOU MAY LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES AND INSURE THAT YOU HONOR THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GENOSHA FROM THIS TIME FORTH."

"I SINCERELY HOPE THAT IN LIGHT OF TODAY'S DEMONSTRATION YOU WILL PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO INCITE MY WRATH AGAIN."



WE'VE JUST LOST CONTACT WITH THE RECONNAISSANCE PLANE OVER GENOSHA--

--AND THE SATELLITE HAS FALLEN OFF RADAR! WE ASSUME IT'S NOW RESTING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE INDIAN OCEAN.



I WILL ALLOW RESCUE SHIPS INSIDE A TWENTY-MILE RADIUS TO SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS FOR THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS--

I STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT FROM THIS POINT FORWARD YOU HONOR THE TERMS OF OUR TREATY.

--BUT KNOW THAT ANY DEATHS SUFFERED ARE ENTIRELY THE FAULT OF YOUR OWN IRRESPONSIBLE ACTS.

FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN EVEN MORE EXTREME ACTIONS ON MY PART, WHICH I ASSURE YOU WILL REQUIRE MORE RESCUE SHIPS THAN YOU HAVE AT YOUR DISPOSAL.



MY GOD...

...WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

THE MUTATE REBELLION CONTROL CENTER.

HIS NAME IS MAGNETO.

TODAY, HE IS THE MOST FEARED MAN ON THE FACE OF THE PLANET...

...THE X-MEN'S MOST DANGEROUS ADVERSARY AND MANKIND'S GREATEST NIGHTMARE.

BORN WITH THE INNATE ABILITY TO WIELD THE POWER OF MAGNETISM, HE IS DETERMINED TO CREATE A FUTURE IN WHICH HOMO SAPIENS SUPERIOR REIGN SUPREME...

...WITH HIMSELF ABOVE ALL.

WHAT'S HE TRYIN' TO PULL ANYWAY? IS HE PURPOSELY TRYING TO START A WORLD WAR?

I'D ADVISE YOU TO MEASURE YOUR WORDS CAREFULLY, PHILIP MOREAU. MAGNETO FROWNS ON DISSIDENT IN THE RANKS...

...ESPECIALLY FROM A FLATSCAN WHOSE FATHER CREATED THE MUTATE BONDING PROCESS.

YEAH? WELL, I STILL HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT WHY MAGNETO FELT IT NECESSARY TO INCLUDE A TURNCOAT LIKE YOU IN ALL THIS, ANYWAY.



I ASSUME THAT HE HASN'T FORGOTTEN THAT YOU ONCE TRIED TO DESTROY GENOSHA--

--NOT TO MENTION THE LITTLE FACT THAT YOU ALMOST SUCCEEDED IN KILLING MAGNETO HIMSELF.

CHOOSE YOUR BATTLES WISELY, HUMAN. I SUGGEST YOU START WITH THE ONES YOU HAVE A PRAYER OF WINNING.



MY LORD? YOU LOOK ILL, PERHAPS...

SPARE ME YOUR HYPOCRITICAL FALLACIES, CORTEZ, AS IT DOES NOT BECOME YOU IN THE SLIGHTEST.

I NEVER CONFUSE LOYALTY WITH COWARDICE.

IF YOU THOUGHT IT WAS IN YOUR BEST INTEREST, YOU WOULD TURN ON ME IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.

ALL OF YOU WOULD.



MY LORD, YOU APPEAR TO HAVE VISITORS.





SO IT WOULD APPEAR.



MY DEAR ROGUE, I WISH I COULD SAY THIS WAS A WELCOME SURPRISE, BUT I WOULD BE LYING.



ARE YOU AND YOUR COMPANIONS REALLY SO EAGER TO CONTINUE OUR LITTLE DANCE--

--EVEN AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE UNITED NATIONS?

AH DIDN'T COME WITH THE X-MEN, MAGNUS. AH CAME ALONE... TO TALK WITH YOU, PERSONAL LIKE.



ALONE?

HOW VERY COURAGEOUS OF YOU.

I AM INTRIGUED. YOU MOMENTARILY HAVE MY UNDIVIDED ATTENTION.



SHE'S RIGHT. THIS ZEALOT CHARACTER'S PARADIN' HIM AROUND LIKE A PRIME-CHOICE TURKEY ON THE DAY BEFORE THANKSGIVIN'.

MAGNETO, REGARDLESS OF WHY ROGUE IS HERE, THERE IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW.

PIETRO HAS BEEN TAKEN HOSTAGE BY REBEL FORCES.

AH PROPOSE WE POSTPONE OUR LI'L TALK TILL A LATER TIME--

--AND FOCUS ON FINDIN' AND FREEIN' QUICKSILVER BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

I DON'T THINK SO. WHATEVER FATE BEFALLS PIETRO IS OF HIS OWN DOING.



HOW CAN YOU BE SO COLD? HE'S YOUR ONLY SON!



MY SON?  
HASN'T HE  
OPPOSED ME  
AT EVERY TURN,  
SPURNED EVERY  
INVITATION TO  
JOIN ME, TO  
RULE AT MY  
SIDE?

A TRUE SON  
IS MORE ABOUT  
LOYALTY THAN BLOOD.  
IN MY EYES, I NO  
LONGER HAVE A SON OF  
THE FLESH.

THIS LOYAL,  
EMOTIONLESS  
MACHINE, WITH NO  
BIOLOGICAL DNA  
LINKING US AS BLOOD  
RELATIONS, IS A  
BETTER SON TO ME  
THAN PIETRO HAS  
EVER BEEN.

HE FELL VICTIM TO  
DECEIT WHILE HEROICALLY  
ATTEMPTING TO SAVE A  
YOUNG MUTATE GIRL FROM  
WHAT APPEARED TO BE  
CERTAIN DEATH.

YOU  
CAN'T JUST  
LEAVE HIM  
TO DIE.

DO NOT  
PRESUME TO  
APPRISE ME WHAT  
COURSE OF  
ACTION I NEED TO  
TAKE, AMELIA.

YOU WOULD DO  
BETTER TO KEEP SILENT  
AND CONTEMPLATE YOUR  
FATE FOR HAVING FAILED ME.

THEN DO IT  
FER ME. DO IT FER  
THE FEELINGS WE  
ONCE SHARED FOR  
EACH OTHER.

AH'M BEGGIN'  
YOU TO REMEMBER  
WHAT IT WAS LIKE  
TO CARE FOR  
ANOTHER HUMAN  
BEING.

IF YOU'RE  
REFERRING TO  
OUR TIME  
TOGETHER IN THE  
SAVAGE  
LAND, THEN  
YOUR  
MEMORY  
DECEIVES  
YOU.

SAVE  
HIM.

I AM  
TRULY SORRY,  
BUT WHAT YOU  
REMEMBER CAN  
NEVER BE.

TOO  
MUCH HAS  
HAPPENED.

TOO  
MANY HAVE  
SUFFERED.



AH MAY NOT HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE WITH MATTERS OF THE HEART, MAGNETO, BUT YOU AIN'T KIDDIN' NOBODY, LEAST OF ALL ME.

I WAS THERE, REMEMBER?

AH RECKON THE ONLY WAY TO GET THROUGH TO YOU IS BY GETTIN' UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL.

WITH MAH MUTANT POWER AH CAN ABSORB YOUR THOUGHTS, YOUR FEELINGS...

YOU CAN DENY YOUR MEMORIES, BUT YOU CAN'T DENY THIS!

NO.



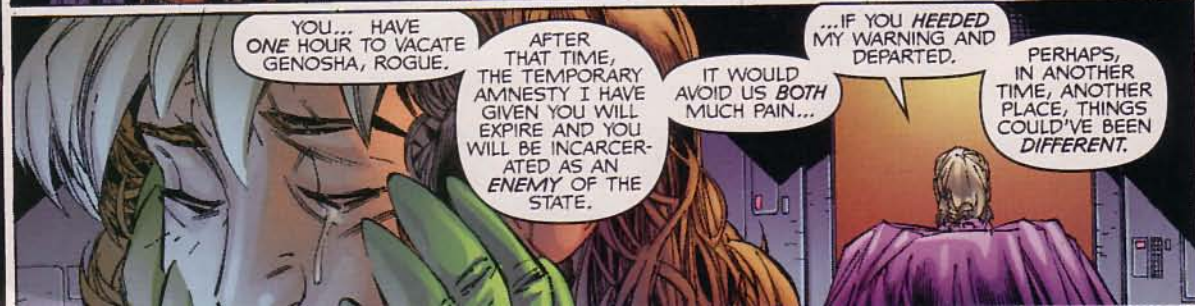
NOW YOU KNOW MY PAIN, MY SUFFERING.

DO YOU AT LAST UNDERSTAND MY QUEST?

AH NEVER IMAGINED... YOUR MEMORIES... THE HURT...

...BUT THERE'S SOMETHIN' ELSE --SOMETHIN' SINISTER.

SOMETHIN' EVEN YOU'VE BLOCKED FROM YOUR MIND...



YOU... HAVE ONE HOUR TO VACATE GENOSHA, ROGUE.

AFTER THAT TIME, THE TEMPORARY AMNESTY I HAVE GIVEN YOU WILL EXPIRE AND YOU WILL BE INCARCERATED AS AN ENEMY OF THE STATE.

IT WOULD AVOID US BOTH MUCH PAIN...

...IF YOU HEEDED MY WARNING AND DEPARTED.

PERHAPS, IN ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER PLACE, THINGS COULD'VE BEEN DIFFERENT.



HE'S GONE.

AH'VE TRIED TO DENY IT... BUT... THE MAN AH ONCE KNEW--

--THE MAN AH COULD'VE LOVED--

--IS LOST.

AN' WITH HIM, MAYBE THE WORLD'S LOST ITS LAST CHANCE AT AVOIDIN' THE WORST.

--PIETRO NEEDS YOU. I CAN'T DO IT ALONE.

YOU'VE GOT TO FORGET ABOUT HIM FOR NOW. REMEMBER WHAT'S IMPORTANT HERE--

THE ZEALOT WILL WANT TO WAIT FOR AN OPPORTUNE TIME BEFORE MAKING HIS NEXT MOVE.

YOU STILL MAY HAVE A CHANCE TO GET PIETRO OUT ALIVE.



YOU KNOW WHAT MAGNETO IS AND WHAT HE'S CAPABLE OF IF LEFT TO HIS OWN DEVICES.

AFTER ALL THE TWO OF YOU HAVE SEEN AND LIVED THROUGH, HOW CAN YOU JUSTIFY SIDIN' WITH HIM?



THIS ISN'T YOUR HOME, ROGUE. YOU DON'T KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO HAVE ALL YOUR CHILDHOOD MEMORIES GROUND TO DUST IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES!

I WOULD MAKE A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL HIMSELF IF IT MEANT FREING MY HOMETLAND OF THE HELL IT'S BEEN THROUGH.



CONGRATS, YOU MAY HAVE DONE JUST THAT.

LET'S HOPE YOUR INFO IS ON THE MONEY, YOU'VE ALREADY LOST MY RESPECT. YOU DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY TRUST IN YOU AS WELL.



SPY ANYTHING INTERESTING, CORTEZ?



I WONDER WHAT MAGNETO WOULD THINK IF HE KNEW YOU WERE SLINKING AROUND IN THE SHADOWS?

I'M NOT--

DON'T BOTHER DEPENDING YOUR ACTIONS, BECAUSE I REALLY DON'T CARE TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.

I DON'T THINK WE NEED BE ENEMIES, MY FRIEND, REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU ONCE DID TO MY COUNTRY.

WE'RE OF KINDRED SPIRIT. WE BOTH KNOW WHAT WE WANT AND AREN'T AFRAID TO REACH OUT AND TAKE IT.

NOW TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SON AND WHAT HE MEANS TO MAGNETO...

NAMED AND MODELED AFTER THE INFAMOUS FRENCH PRISON AND FORTRESS OF THE SAME NAME, GENOSHA'S BASTILLE HAS BEEN HOME TO GENOSHA'S MOST HARDENED CRIMINALS AND POLITICAL ACTIVISTS.

THOUGH EQUIPPED TO CONTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH ABILITIES BEYOND THOSE OF ORDINARY MEN, TODAY IT HOUSES A PRISONER THE LIKE OF WHICH HAS NEVER ENTERED ITS DOORS...

PIETRO MAXIMOFF SILENTLY BROODS IN HIS DILAPIDATED CELL AS HE RECALLS THE EVENTS THAT LED HIM TO HIS CURRENT SITUATION.

HE CAME TO GENOSHA WITH THE AID OF THE TELEPORTER AMELIA VOIGHT TO FINALLY PUT AN END TO HIS FATHER'S FRANTIC PERSONAL WAR WITH HUMANKIND.

INSTEAD HE FOUND HIMSELF BETRAYED BY THOSE HE HAD THOUGHT TO PROTECT.

HIS LIFE HAS OFTENTIMES SEEMED WITHOUT PURPOSE... WITHOUT DIRECTION.

NOW, WHEN HE SLOWLY HAS BEGUN TO EMERGE FROM THE COCOON THAT IS MAGNETO'S SHADOW, HE ONCE AGAIN FINDS HIMSELF CAUGHT IN A WEB OF HIS FATHER'S DECEIT.

ALONE.

THAT, HOWEVER, IS ABOUT TO CHANGE...

WE MUST BE QUICK. OUR ARRIVAL WON'T GO UNNOTICED FOR LONG.

GOOD GOIN', AMELIA, YOU FOUND HIM ON THE FIRST TRY.

ROGUE?!

COAST IS CLEAR, BUT THINGS COULD CHANGE AT ANY MINUTE. HOW'S PIETRO?

THE TWO OF YOU ARE AS UNLIKELY A PAIR OF SAVIORS AS I COULD EVER HOPE TO ENCOUNTER. BE THAT AS IT MAY, I AM GRATEFUL.

ARE THE REST OF THE X-MEN NEARBY, ROGUE?

'FRAID NOT. AH'M ALL BY MY LONESOME. HOPE THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU.

AS LONG AS YOU ARE HERE TO STOP MY FATHER, AND NOT TO JOIN HIM... THAT'S JUST FINE.

ALL I ASK IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK OUT MY CAPTOR AND GAIN A MEASURE OF RETRIBUTION.

I DID NOT COME HERE TO BECOME A PAWN IN A MADMAN'S QUEST FOR POWER.



AMELIA!



ARRGH!

AH THINK WE'RE 'BOUT TO HAVE SOME COMPANY, SUGAH-- LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE 'BOUT TO GET A BIT MORE COMPLICATED!



MUTATE WAR PARTY AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

HOW'S MS. VOUGHT?

NOT WELL. SHE'S GOING TO NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



AH HOPE YOUR MOMMAS DON'T KNOW THAT YOU GUYS ARE PLAYIN' WITH GUNS AND SHOOTIN' AT LADIES.

IF YOU WERE MY YOUNG UN'S, AH'D HAVE TO TAKE YOU OUT BEHIND THE BARN AND GIVE YOU THE WHUPPIN' OF YOUR LIVES.



AH, C'MON FELLAS, YOU WANTED TO PLAY ROUGH, DIDN'T YOU, SO WHY'D YOU RUN AWAY?



ROGUE!!



ARE THESE THE COWARDLY TACTICS YOU LEARNED DURING THE COURSE OF THIS IDIOTIC WAR--

--SHOOTING AN UNARMED WOMAN IN THE BACK?



IS THERE NO HONOR AMONGST ANY OF YOU? AGAIN YOU SEEK TO ATTACK FROM BEHIND.

FACE ME LIKE A MAN, OR FACE ME NOT AT ALL!



...AAAKK...



IS THIS WHAT YOU MEAN, MAGNUSSON? I LOOK YOU IN THE FACE AS I CHOKE THE LIFE FROM YOU.

SLOWLY.

PAINFULLY.



THAT'S A FRIEND OF MINE, I SUGGEST YOU LET HIM DOWN NICE AND GENTLE, UNLESS YOU WANT TO SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE SUCKIN' FOOD THROUGH A STRAW.

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COUGH... THE OTHERS... WATCH FOR ANOTHER ASSAULT.

DON'T WORRY YOUR PRETTY LITTLE SELF ABOUT NO OTHERS, SUGAH.

THE POOR BABIES ARE ALL TUCKERED OUT AND TAKIN' SOME MUCH-NEEDED NAPS.



AMELIA, ARE YOU...?

IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS. NO VITAL ORGANS WERE PUNCTURED OR HIT.

BUT... I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN...UH... CONCENTRATE ENOUGH TO GET US OUT OF HERE.

THE LEAST I CAN DO IS RETURN THE FAVOR.

YOU KNOW IT, SUGAH.

ROGUE, IF YOU ARE READY?

THEN THE HONOR IS ALL YOURS.

ANY ATTEMPT ON YOUR PART IS TOTALLY UNNECESSARY. LEAVE THAT TO ME. YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO SAVE MINE.



**KRAK**

TO THINK THAT ONE SUCH AS SHE WAS ONCE A MEMBER OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS...

...AS WAS I.

IF NOT FOR CHARLES XAVIER AND HIS CRUSADE TO CREATE PEACE BETWEEN MAN AND MUTANT...

...AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO SHOW COMPASSION EVEN FOR HIS ENEMIES...

...I WONDER WHERE ROGUE AND I WOULD NOW STAND? WOULD WE HAVE REMAINED ON THE SIDE OPPOSED TO TOLERANCE?



OOPS, AH KNEW AH SHOULD HAVE MADE THAT LEFT TURN AT ALBUQUERQUE.

HOPE YOU TWO ARE UP FOR A LI'L TUSSLE, 'CAUSE AH GOT A FEELIN' THINGS ARE GOIN' TO GET HAIRY FROM HERE ON OUT.





Oh, OF THAT I HAVE NO DOUBT.

WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?

CONSIDER IT A CLEANSING OF YOUR SPIRIT... OF YOUR SOUL.

THEN... WHY...?

IF YOU WERE INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO BE TRUSTED WITH ONE IOTA OF PERTINENT KNOWLEDGE, I SINCERELY DOUBT YOU WOULD NOW FIND YOURSELF IN SUCH A COMPROMISING POSITION.

YOUR MOTIVES, YOUR ACTIONS, HAVE BETRAYED YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE. BY STANDING WITH THE FALSE PROPHET MAGNETO, YOU HAVE SHOWN YOURSELF INCAPABLE OF RATIONAL THOUGHT.

I AM SIMPLY SEEING TO IT THAT YOUR IMPERFECTIONS-- WHICH IN THIS CASE LAY WITHIN YOUR MIND-- ARE REMOVED.


AS YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED, THERE WILL BE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF AGONY ON YOUR PART, BUT THAT IS NO MORE THAN YOU DESERVE.

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R!


SOON THE ECHOES OF REPENTANCE WILL REACH THE EARS OF HE WHO FALSELY BELIEVES HIMSELF LORD OF US ALL...

...AND IT WILL BE YOU, MAGNETO, WHOSE RESONANT SHRIEKS SHALL BE HEARD ABOVE ALL OTHERS SO THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW THAT...

...GENOSHA IS AT LAST MINE!



TELL ME ALL YOU KNOW, HUXLEY, ABOUT THIS MAN... ABOUT THIS ZEALOT.



NOT MUCH. **MUTATE #665** WAS AMONG THE FIRST GENERATION OF POSITIVE **GENOSHANS** TO UNDERGO THE BONDING PROCESS BY THE FIRST GENENGINEER, DR. DAVID MOREAU...

...WHO, IRONICALLY ENOUGH, WAS THE BOY'S FATHER.

WE DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT HIS ABILITIES ARE, AS MUCH OF THE **OLDER MUTATE RECORDS** HAVE BEEN DESTROYED DURING THE CIVIL WAR.

HE SEEMS TO BE A **CHARISMATIC** ADVERSARY, WHICH IS EVIDENT BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF DISCIPLES PRESENTLY FOLLOWING HIM...




I'M AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND HIS REASONS FOR **DARING** TO CHALLENGE MY RULE.

I HAVE COME TO THIS COUNTRY NOT AS AN ENEMY OF THE **MUTATE RACE**, BUT AS ITS **LIBERATOR**.

IN MY LIFE I HAVE KNOWN THEIR PAIN, DOCTOR, AND FAR WORSE.


UNDER MY GUIDANCE, THEY WILL GAIN NOT ONLY FREEDOM FROM THEIR BONDS, BUT **VENGEANCE** AGAINST THE HUMANS THAT TREATED THEM AS LITTLE MORE THAN BEASTS OF BURDEN.

I'D EXPECTED THEM TO **EMBRACE** MY LEADERSHIP.



DID YOU **REALLY** THINK IT WOULD BE THAT EASY? YOU WALK IN AND EVERYONE FALLS IN LINE AND PROCLAIMS YOU "SAVIOR"?

GENOSHA IS A PROBLEMATIC AND MULTIFACETED SITUATION. THERE'S AN **INTENSE** AND CONDITIONED HATRED HERE THAT IS NOT GOING TO JUST DISAPPEAR BECAUSE THE POLITICAL CLIMATE HAS CHANGED.



...INCLUDING A SMALL NUMBER OF DESERTERS FROM OUR OWN COALITION.

THE U.N. THOUGHT TO **ENSNARE** YOU IN THE COMPLICATIONS OF THIS COUNTRY...

...KEEPING YOUR ATTENTION AND FOCUS **WITHIN** GENOSHA'S BORDERS AND AWAY FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD.

IF THEY TRULY BELIEVED THAT I THOUGHT OTHERWISE, THEY WERE DELUDING THEMSELVES. I SIMPLY DID NOT EXPECT THIS LEVEL OF OPPOSITION FROM MY OWN PEOPLE.

YOU, HOWEVER, ARE ANOTHER STORY ENTIRELY, ALDA HUXLEY. YOU ARE A **REALIST**...

...AND THOUGH YOU ARE **HUMAN**, YOU KNOW THAT IT IS MERELY A QUESTION OF TIME BEFORE MUTANTKIND ASCENDS.

SO TELL ME, DOCTOR... WHAT IS IT THAT YOU ARE AFTER?

ON THE 13th BIRTHDAY OF NATIVE BORN GENOSHANS, A MANDATORY TEST FOR USEFUL MUTAGENIC PROPERTIES IS ADMINISTERED.

POSITIVE RESULTS REQUIRE THE SUBJECT TO UNDERGO THE MUTATE BONDING PROCESS...

...WHICH PROCESS SUPPRESSES INDIVIDUAL PERSONALITIES AND IDENTITIES, BUT FAILS TO STOP THEM FROM EXPERIENCING HUMAN WEAKNESSES AND FEARS.

THE LEGACY VIRUS, A FATAL DISEASE WHICH TARGETS THOSE BORN WITH THE X-FACTOR GENE, HAS SWEEPED THROUGH GENOSHA.

NO ONE KNOWS HOW THE DISEASE IS TRANSMITTED.

AND WHEN FACED WITH THE UNKNOWN...

...HATE AND FEAR SOON FOLLOW.

PLEASE... SPARE ME...

...I DON'T WANT TO DIE...

YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, HUH?? GUESS WHAT-- NEITHER DO WE!

BUT YOUR KIND IS KILLING US! EVEN AFTER WE GET THE CHANCE TO LIVE AGAIN, WE'RE STILL DYING IN DROVES!

AND WHY?! 'CAUSE THE GERM-INFECTED ONES LIKE YOU ARE WALKING AROUND!

PLEASE... I DID NOT ASK FOR THIS DISEASE... I DON'T WISH FOR ANYONE ELSE TO CATCH IT...

THIS MARK SHOULD WARN THE PURE FROM CONTAMINATING THEMSELVES WITH YOUR PRESENCE.

IF YOU COME NEAR THE UNINFECTED AGAIN, WE'LL KILL YOU.

THE MAGNUSSON!

IF YOU KNOW WHO I AM, YOU KNOW WHAT I CAN DO...

...SO I SUGGEST YOU LEAVE HERE AND CONTEMPLATE YOUR ACTIONS AGAINST YOUR STRICKEN KINSMEN.

HE SHOULD RECEIVE YOUR AID-- NOT YOUR CONTEMPT FOR THE TRAGIC POSITION IN WHICH HE FINDS HIMSELF.

THAT WILL BE ENOUGH!



HAVEN'T ALL OF YOU ENDURED PUNISHMENT AND INDIGNATION BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU ARE?

HOW THEN CAN YOU TURN ON THOSE WHO HAVE SHARED YOUR SUFFERING?

YOU DISGUST ME!

REMOVE YOURSELF FROM MY SIGHT!



AMELIA... YOU ARE WEAK. DO NOT OVEREXERT YOURSELF.

WE WILL GET YOU THE NEEDED MEDICAL ATTENTION.

SOON... I PROMISE.

DON'T... WORRY ABOUT ME. WE HAVE TO KEEP MOVING...

...OR THEY'LL CATCH BACK... UP TO US.



ARE YOU TRULY THE SON OF OUR SAVIOR?

MY FATHER IS NO "SAVIOR" OF ANYONE OR ANYTHING!

HIS GOALS ARE LITTLE MORE THAN SELF-SATISFYING ATTEMPTS AT PERSONAL POWER...

...REGARDLESS OF THE HARM THAT BEFALLS THOSE AROUND HIM, INNOCENT OR NOT!

WHEN WILL YOU FOOLS CEASE WORSHIPING HIM LIKE SOME MESSIAH AND SEE HIM FOR WHAT HE TRULY IS?!



WELL SAID, MAGNUSSON. YOUR WORDS ECHO MANY OF MY OWN THOUGHTS AND TEACHINGS.



I COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR VALIANT EFFORTS TO ESCAPE, QUICKSILVER, BUT, AS YOU MUST HAVE REALIZED AT THIS MOMENT, IT WAS ALL IN VAIN.

I AM THE TRUE POWER ON THIS ISLAND-- THE NATIVE SON, IF YOU WILL--

--AND NEITHER YOU NOR YOUR FATHER WILL INTERFERE WITH MY ASCENSION TO MY BIRTHRIGHT.



KILL THE DISEASE-CARRIER.

AS YOU COMMAND, MY LORD.



NO!



WHAT IS IT THEY SAY, "ONE LESS INFECTED MOUTH TO FEED"...?

I HAVE DECIDED THAT YOU ARE NO LONGER OF INTEREST OR VALUE TO ME.

I THOUGHT TO LURE MAGNETO INTO CONFLICT USING YOU. INSTEAD, I GET ONLY HIS LACKEYS.

MY FOLLOWERS HAVE SEEN THAT NOT ONLY DO I NOT FEAR YOUR FATHER, BUT AM MORE THAN CAPABLE OF PREVENTING HIM FROM TAKING CONTROL OF OUR LAND.



DON'T START YOUR CORONATION SPEECH JUST YET, MOREAU.

WE MAY HAVE A WORD OR TWO TO SAY IN THE MATTER.



ROGUE! I'M GOING TO NEED YOU TO GUARD MY BACK WHILE I DRESS VOGHT'S WOUNDS.

I'M TRUSTING YOU WITH OUR LIVES HERE. DON'T LET ME DOWN.

GET TO IT, SUGAH. CONSIDER YOUR BACKSIDE COVERED.



CORTEZ!

FOR THE TIME BEING, YOUR FIGHT IS NOT WITH ME, QUICKSILVER.

ALTHOUGH I NEVER WOULD HAVE ANTICIPATED THE CIRCUMSTANCES, TODAY WE FIGHT AS ALLIES.

TOMORROW... WELL, TOMORROW WILL BE ANOTHER DAY.



I SEE THAT ALL THE PLAYERS IN OUR LITTLE DRAMA HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR, EXCEPT ONE.

WHERE IS THE MURDERER WHOM YOU NAIVELY HOLD IN SUCH HIGH REGARD?

WHERE IS YOUR GOD...



HAS THE MIGHTY MASTER OF MAGNETISM SENT HIS UNDERLINGS TO DIE IN BATTLE FOR HIM, AS HE REMAINS BEHIND CRINGING IN FEAR?

...WHERE IS MAGNETO?



SILENCE!



YOU  
FOOLISHLY  
BELIEVE  
YOURSELF MY  
EQUAL?

PREPARE  
NOW TO BE A WITNESS  
TO THE *TRUE* MEANING  
OF POWER.

I SWEAR THAT  
BEFORE YOU DRAW  
YOUR *LAST* BREATH  
THIS DAY YOU WILL  
ACKNOWLEDGE  
ME--

--LORD OF  
GENOSHA!

NEXT:  
**THE KING  
IS DEAD...!**