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# MAGNETO REX

THE SENSES-  
SHATTERING  
CONCLUSION!



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THE UNITED NATIONS BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY.

DR. HUXLEY, YOU SAID THAT ALLOWING MAGNETO TO CLAIM GENOSHA WOULD SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS.

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GENOSHA FOR HUI NOT MU

MAGNETO MUST GO!!

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HOW IS THIS SOLVING ANYTHING?!

PATIENCE, GENTLEMEN. IN TIME THINGS WILL DIE DOWN... OPINIONS WILL CHANGE.

THE MEDIA'S SHORT ATTENTION SPAN WILL MOVE ON AND THE WORLD WILL GROW ACCUSTOMED TO THE IDEA OF MAGNETO RULING GENOSHA.

WE CAN'T PANIC SIMPLY BECAUSE A FEW VOCAL DISSIDENTS ARE PROTESTING OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR.

IT BETTER. OUR RUSSIAN COLLEAGUE HAS ALREADY ANGRILY REMOVED HIMSELF FROM THIS CONFERENCE, REFUSING TO CONSPIRE WITH US IN OUR DEALINGS WITH THAT MADMAN!

A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING MY OWN ISRAEL, HAVE EITHER THREATENED OUTRIGHT WITHDRAWAL FROM THE U.N. OR A REFUSAL TO MEET FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TOWARD OUR CHARTER.

THE SITUATION IN GENOSHA NEEDS TO BE STABILIZED.

DR. HALLER IS RIGHT! THIS WAS YOUR IDEA, HUXLEY! IF IT FAILS... IF WE FAIL... WE'RE TAKING YOU DOWN WITH US!

YOUR FAITH IN ME IS INSPIRING, AMBASSADOR WYCHECK.

AGAIN, I ASK FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

TRUST ME.

EVENTS ARE TRANSPILING WITHIN OUR BORDERS THAT WILL NOT ONLY STABILIZE MAGNETO'S REGIME, BUT ALSO SECURE OUR ABILITY TO MANIPULATE EVENTS TO BETTER SERVE OUR OWN AGENDA FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

WE HAVE MAGNETO JUST WHERE WE WANT HIM.

THE ISLAND COUNTRY OF GENOSHA, SITUATED JUST OFF THE EASTERN COAST OF AFRICA.

NOT VERY LONG AGO, THIS NATION WAS THE AMONG THE RICHEST AND MOST TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED SOCIETIES ON THE FACE OF THE PLANET...

...BUT ITS ACHIEVEMENTS WERE BUILT UPON A SINISTER FOUNDATION.

BENEATH THE WEALTH, BENEATH THE PRIDE, WAS SLAVERY-- A CASTE GENETICALLY BRED TO WORK, SWEAT, AND DIE.

IN RECENT MONTHS, THOSE SLAVES-- CALLED MUTATES-- HAVE REBELLED, PLUNGING THE ISLAND INTO A BLOODY CIVIL WAR--

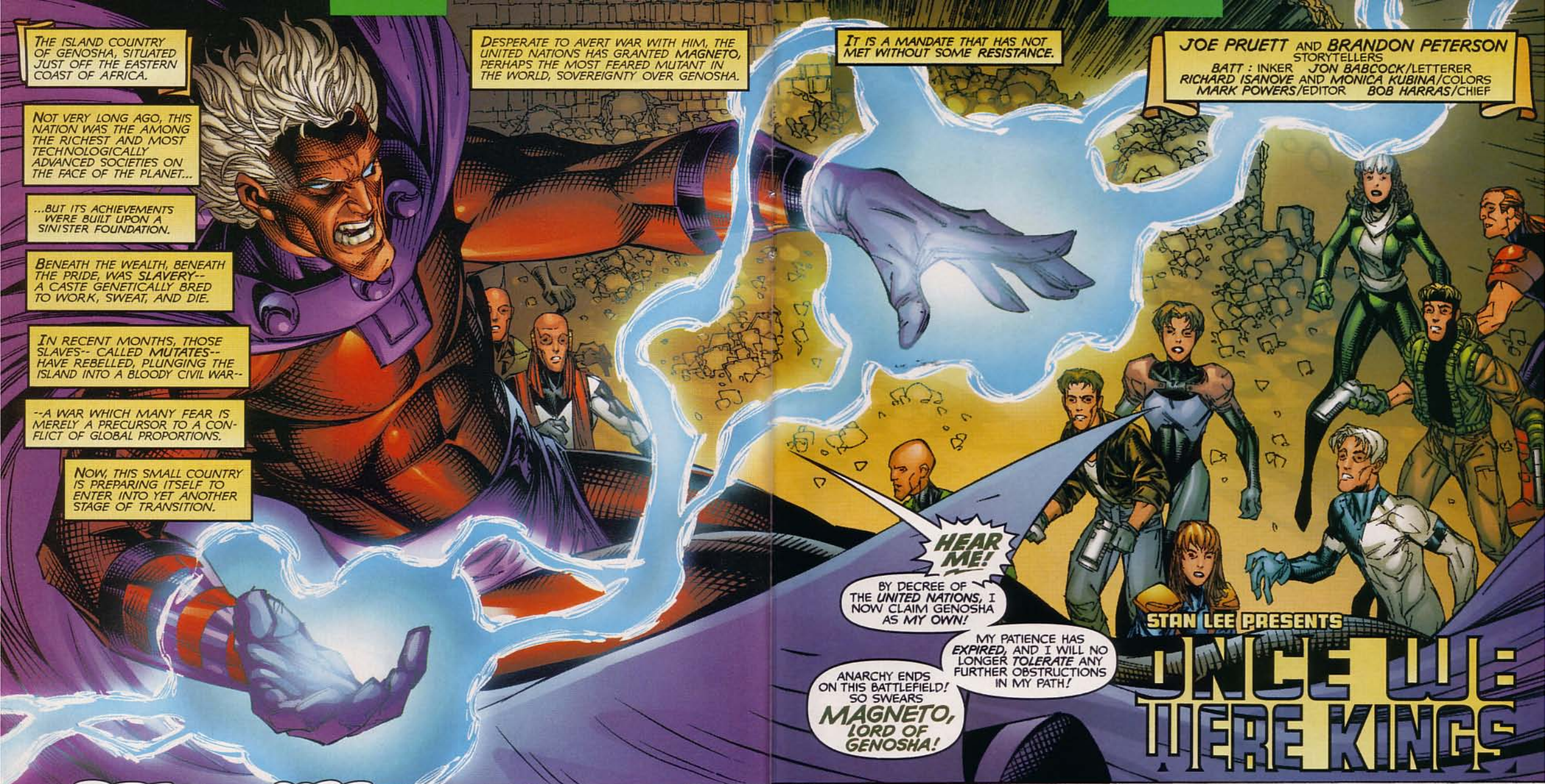
--A WAR WHICH MANY FEAR IS MERELY A PRECURSOR TO A CONFLICT OF GLOBAL PROPORTIONS.

NOW, THIS SMALL COUNTRY IS PREPARING ITSELF TO ENTER INTO YET ANOTHER STAGE OF TRANSITION.

DESPERATE TO AVERT WAR WITH HIM, THE UNITED NATIONS HAS GRANTED MAGNETO, PERHAPS THE MOST FEARED MUTANT IN THE WORLD, SOVEREIGNTY OVER GENOSHA.

IT IS A MANDATE THAT HAS NOT MET WITHOUT SOME RESISTANCE.

JOE PRUETT AND BRANDON PETERSON  
STORYTELLERS  
BATT : INKER JON BABCOCK/LETTERER  
RICHARD ISANOVE AND MONICA KUBINA/COLORS  
MARK POWERS/EDITOR BOB HARRAS/CHIEF



HEAR ME!

BY DECREE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, I NOW CLAIM GENOSHA AS MY OWN!

MY PATIENCE HAS EXPIRED, AND I WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE ANY FURTHER OBSTRUCTIONS IN MY PATH!

ANARCHY ENDS ON THIS BATTLEFIELD! SO SWEARS  
**MAGNETO,  
LORD OF  
GENOSHA!**

STAN LEE PRESENTS

# ONCE WE WERE KINGS

MY FATHER APPEARS TO BE WIELDING HIS MUTANT POWER IN A CHAOTIC, ALMOST VIOLENT MANNER--

--AS IF EVERY FACET OF HIS BEING BLEEDS ELECTROMAGNETIC LIFE.

I CONFRONTED AMELIA VOHT, WHOM I KNEW AS ONE OF MAGNETO'S ACOLYTES.

AFTER INTERROGATING HER, I DEMANDED THAT SHE USE HER MUTANT POWERS TO TELEPORT ME INTO MY FATHER'S PRESENCE-- IN GENOSHA.

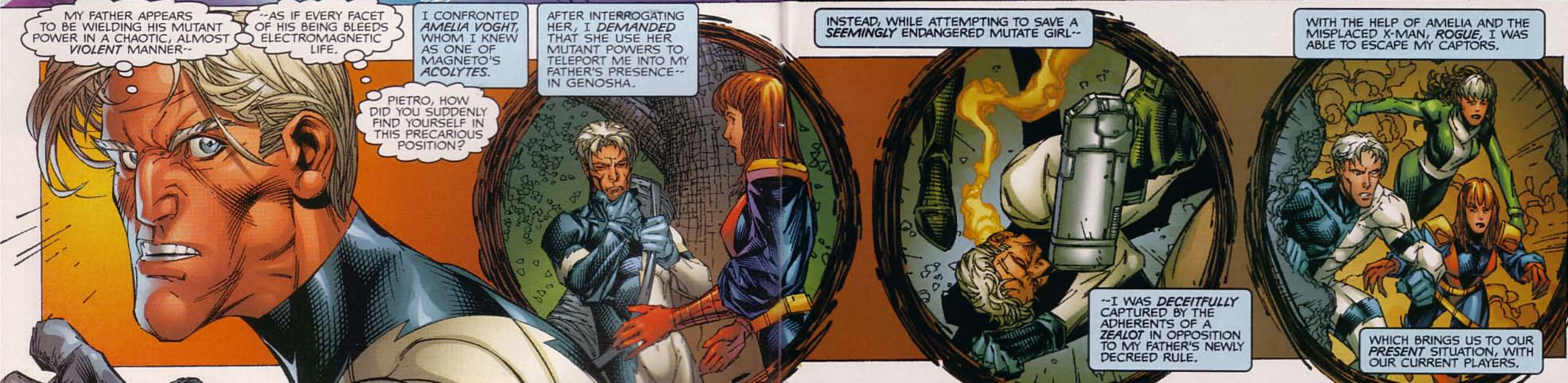
INSTEAD, WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SAVE A SEEMINGLY ENDANGERED MUTATE GIRL--


WITH THE HELP OF AMELIA AND THE MISPLACED X-MAN, ROGUE, I WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE MY CAPTORS.

PIETRO, HOW DID YOU SUDDENLY FIND YOURSELF IN THIS PRECARIOUS POSITION?

--I WAS DECEITFULLY CAPTURED BY THE ADHERENTS OF A ZEALOT IN OPPOSITION TO MY FATHER'S NEWLY DECREED RULE.

WHICH BRINGS US TO OUR PRESENT SITUATION, WITH OUR CURRENT PLAYERS.







ROGUE. A MEMBER OF THE X-MEN WHO HAS COME TO THIS DESOLATE ISLAND TO SWAY A MAN SHE NAIVELY BELIEVES TO STILL EXIST.

AMELIA VOGHT. I WONDER WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED IN HER LIFE TO CAUSE THIS OBVIOUSLY INTELLIGENT AND COURAGEOUS WOMAN--

--TO HOLD SUCH A MISGUIDED DEVOTION TO THE DREAM OF A MADMAN.




PHILLIP MOREAU AND JENNY RANSOME. THE HUMAN SON OF THE ORIGINAL GENENGINEER AND THE MUTATE WOMAN HE LOVES.



FABIAN CORTEZ AND PIPELINE. ONE MAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HORRIFIC ORDEAL THAT WAS THE KIDNAPPING AND NEAR DEATH OF MY DAUGHTER, LUNA.

IT IS THEIR RELATIONSHIP AND BRAVERY AGAINST IMPOSSIBLE ODDS AND CULTURAL BIAS THAT GIVES A SLIVER OF HOPE FOR THIS COUNTRY'S ABILITY TO REBUILD ITS SHATTERED SOCIETY.

THE OTHER, A FORMER MAGISTRATE WHO SPENT THE MAJORITY OF HIS ADULT LIFE KEEPING THE MUTATE POPULATION IN CHECK AS A MEMBER OF THE FORMER GOVERNMENT'S ELITE FORCES.



FINALLY, MAGNETO, THE MAN WHO CALLS HIMSELF MY FATHER.

ALTHOUGH HE FANCIES HIMSELF THE MOST POWERFUL MUTANT IN THE WORLD, I SUSPECT THAT HIS ABILITIES ARE NO LONGER AS... FUNCTIONAL AS HE'D HAVE US BELIEVE.

WHY ELSE WOULD HE STOMACH THE PRESENCE OF THE MURDERER CORTEZ... BUT TO MAKE USE OF HIS ABILITY TO AUGMENT THE POWERS OF OTHER MUTANTS?

I KNOW NOT WHAT I WISHED TO ACCOMPLISH BY COMING HERE TO GENOSHA, BUT NOW I FACE THE INEVITABLE RAGE OF A WAR WHICH WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF AN ENTIRE NATION.

I PRAY MY ACTIONS ARE THE CORRECT ONES.

THE MUTATE REBELLION COMMAND CENTER.

FERRIS, THIS COMPLEX IS PRACTICALLY DESERTED.

ALERT ME TO THE SITUATION AT ONCE.

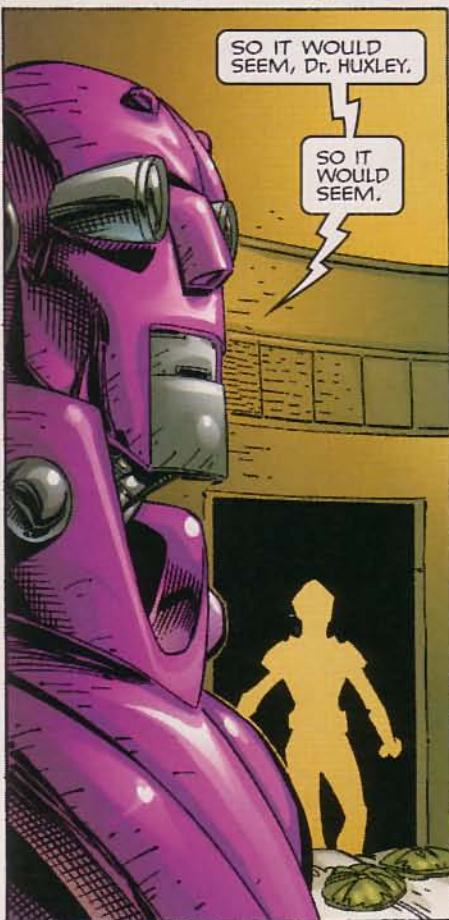
THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A DISTURBANCE A FEW MILES FROM OUR PRESENT LOCATION THAT DEMANDED HIS LORD'S ATTENTION.

I BELIEVE HIS SON AND THE X-MAN, ROGUE, ARE INVOLVED IN A CONFLICT WITH THE ZEALOT'S FORCES.

ALL AVAILABLE PERSONNEL WERE ALERTED AND DISPATCHED. I WAS ORDERED TO REMAIN BEHIND IN CASE BACKUP BECAME NECESSARY.

BLAST XAVIER AND ALL HIS CHILDREN!

THEIR INVOLVEMENT COULD JEOPARDIZE EVERYTHING WE'RE TRYING TO BUILD.



SO IT WOULD SEEM, Dr. HUXLEY.

SO IT WOULD SEEM.



PHILLIP, YOU MAY BE THE KEY TO STOPPING THIS BEFORE IT GOES TOO FAR!

THE ZEALOT'S YOUR BROTHER...

...IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO?

I WANT TO HELP HIM, ROGUE-- MORE THAN ANYTHING.

BUT OUR OWN FATHER TURNED HIM OVER TO THE MUTATE BONDING PROCESS WHEN WE WERE BOTH CHILDREN.

HE FEELS ABANDONED AND PERSECUTED NOT JUST AS A MUTATE, BUT AS A SON AND BROTHER...

...AND THAT RESENTMENT MAY GO TOO DEEP FOR HIM TO RESPOND TO ANY APPEAL I CAN MAKE.



YOUR MUTANT POWER, GENOSHAN, SEEMS TO FOCUS ON HEAT.

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I AUGMENT THAT POWER TO ITS FULLEST EXTENT!



WHEN THIS CONFLICT ENDS, CORTEZ, WE WILL HAVE A RECKONING BETWEEN US--

--I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THE HORROR YOU CAUSED MY DAUGHTER!  
POOR LUNA'S MISERY WILL BE INSIGNIFICANT COMPARED TO WHAT I HAVE IN MIND FOR YOU MAGNUSSON.



SUMMON ALL THE MIGHT OF THE EARTH ITSELF, ZEALOT, AND YOUR POWER WILL STILL BE AS NOTHING TO ME!

I AM NO SHEEP IN YOUR MINDLESS FLOCK TO BE HERDED TO SLAUGHTER!



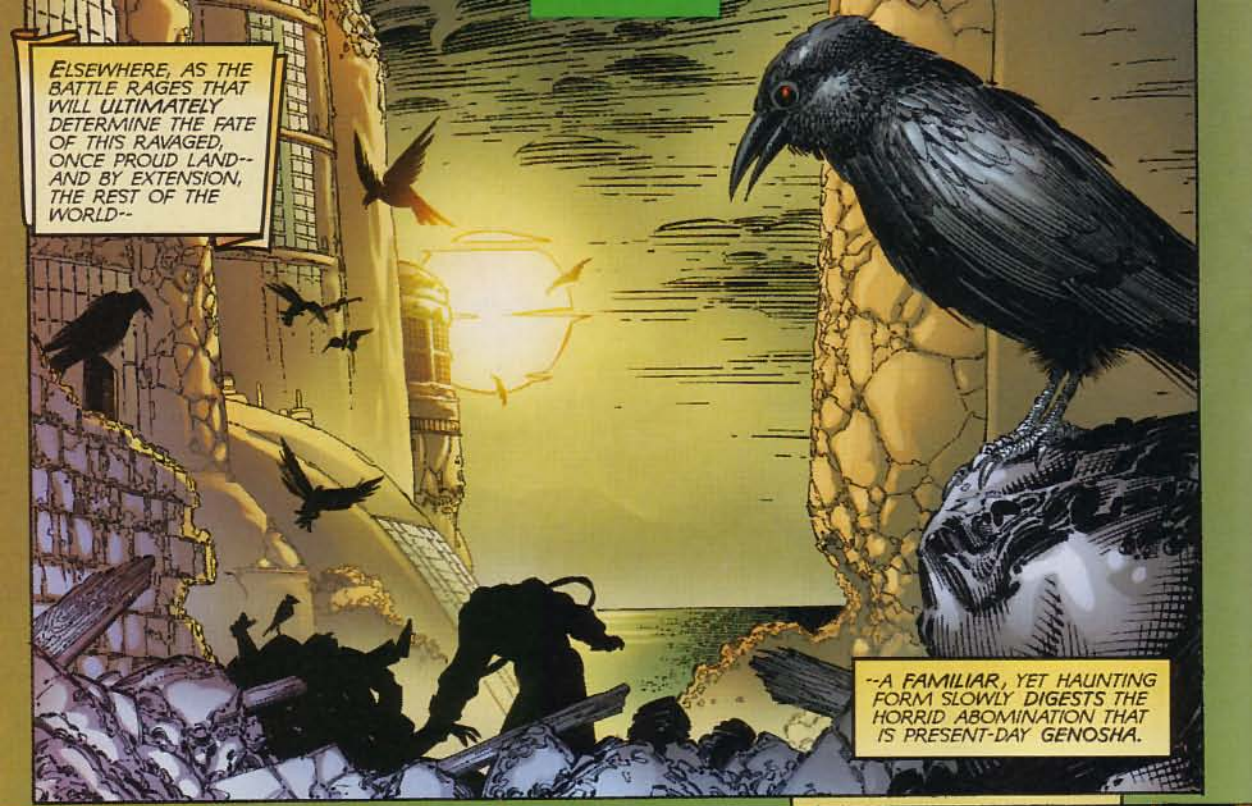
GLYPH!

I AM MAGNETO--  
--GENOSHA IS MINE BY RIGHT OF POWER AND IT WILL BE MINE!




MAGNETO...

THE ZEALOT'S CRUSHING HIM TO DEATH! IF HE FALLS, WHAT CHANCE DO THE REST OF US HAVE?!




ELSEWHERE, AS THE BATTLE RAGES THAT WILL ULTIMATELY DETERMINE THE FATE OF THIS RAVAGED, ONCE PROUD LAND-- AND BY EXTENSION, THE REST OF THE WORLD--

--A FAMILIAR, YET HAUNTING FORM SLOWLY DIGESTS THE HORRID ABOMINATION THAT IS PRESENT-DAY GENOSHA.



OBSERVING THE BRUTALITY, THE SHEER DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE, HE CONTEMPLATES THE MOUNTING EVIDENCE THAT THE NEXT AGE IS UPON US--




--THE AGE OF THE APOCALYPSE IS NEAR.


THIS IS GOOD. ALL IS AS IT SHOULD BE, AS I HAVE PLANNED FOR TWO MILLENNIA.

THE WEAK DESTROYED BY THE STRONG.

EVENTS ARE PROCEEDING AS NECESSARY.



SOON... VERY SOON, THE END-TIME WILL BE UPON US.



LISTEN TO ME, CORTEZ. I DESPISE YOU AND EVERYTHING YOU STAND FOR-- BUT FOR NOW, I NEED YOU.

USE YOUR MUTANT POWERS TO AUGMENT MINE. IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE.

WHY SHOULD I HELP YOU?

REGARDLESS OF MY OWN FEELINGS CONCERNING MY FATHER, WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE HIM--

--OR THIS BATTLE AND GENOSHA WILL BE LOST.

QUICKSILVER HAS FELT THIS WAY ONLY ONCE BEFORE-- WHEN HE WAS IN POSSESSION OF THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY'S ISOTOPE E--

--HIS POWERS INCREASED TO THE ZENITH LEVEL.

HE IS THE WIND, A SILVER BLUR AGAINST THE EYE.

HE MOVES IN SILENCE, A VIBRATION OF MOTION, WITH ONLY THE CRUMBLING EARTH TO MARK HIS PASSING.

NO WORDS ARE SPOKEN--

--AS NONE NEED BE SAID.

THOMAS! I'M BEGGING YOU TO STOP THIS INSANITY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

YOU'RE MY BROTHER, THOMAS. WE CAN CORRECT PAST MISTAKES AND MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER--

--IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS.

YOU CLAIM BLOOD WITH ME, BUT YOU ARE WRONG.

ANY MAN WHO CAN DO THAT TO HIS OWN CHILD HAS LOST THE RIGHT TO BE CALLED FATHER.

MY FOLLOWERS ARE MY CHILDREN. I WILL NEVER FORSAKE THEM AND ALLOW THEM TO SUFFER AT THE HANDS OF HUMANS, AS I HAVE!

NOW I AM NO LONGER THE SON, BUT THE PARENT!





ZEALOT, YOU HAVE NO IDEA OF THE **TRUE** DEFINITION OF SUFFERING UNTIL YOU HAVE LIVED A LIFE SUCH AS MINE.



BUT IF YOU SO DESIRE TO EMULATE ME, THEN I SHALL BE ONLY MORE THAN WILLING TO OBLIGE YOU!

**FZZZZT!**



NOW YOU SEEK TO **CONTAIN** ME WITHIN TRAPPINGS OF METAL?



YOU STILL HAVE NO **IDEA** WHAT OR WHO YOU HAVE ENGAGED IN COMBAT.



THIS ISLAND IS THE **SOURCE** OF MY POWER, MAGNETO. AS LONG AS I AM IN CONTACT WITH THIS LAND, THEN I WILL EVENTUALLY PREVAIL!

**REGARDLESS** OF WHATEVER INANE RESISTANCE YOU MAY OFFER.



HOW DARE YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF MY EQUAL! YOU ARE AS NOTHING TO ME--

--A FLEA TO BE REMOVED AND SQUASHED!

THIS FALLACY ENDS NOW!

KRZZZAAK!

PHILLIP! NOW YOU ARE TO WITNESS THE FATE TO WHICH YOU HAVE CONDEMNED GENOSHA!



WITH MY DEFEAT, YOU HAVE EFFECTIVELY DESTROYED OUR HOMELAND!

MAGNETO CARES NOTHING FOR OUR PEOPLE.

GENOSHA IS ONLY A TOOL WHICH HE'LL LEAVE A BATTERED, CRUMBLING RUIN ONCE HE HAS DEPLETED ITS USEFULNESS!



REMEMBER MY WORDS, FOR YOU WILL REPEAT THEM AT THE TIME OF YOUR OWN DEATHS!



ENOUGH!



YOU HAVE SPOKEN YOUR FINAL WORDS IN OPPOSITION TO MY RULE.

IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE-- THAT YOU DRAW YOUR STRENGTH FROM GENOSHA ITSELF--

LOOKS LIKE I GOT HERE JUST IN TIME.



--THEN TO GENOSHA YOU SHALL NO LONGER BELONG!



**MAGNUS-- NO!!**

WHAT IS HE...



GO AHEAD.  
DO IT.



YOU SHALL SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO ANY OTHERS WHO WOULD BE SO FOOLISH AS TO RAISE THE FLAG OF REBELLION AGAINST ME!



HEAR ME, PEOPLE OF GENOSHA! TODAY YOU HAVE ONLY TRADED ONE FORM OF OPPRESSION FOR ANOTHER!

MAGNETO WILL LEAD YOU TO RUIN!

THE AGONY AND HUMILIATION YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY EXPERIENCED WILL BE LITTLE COMPARED TO THE ANGUISH YOU SHALL SOON KNOW!



REVOLUTION IS THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE YOURSELVES--

--BEFORE YOUR SOULS ARE LOST FOR ALL ETERNITY!



GULMPHGH!



WHY CAN'T I MOVE?!

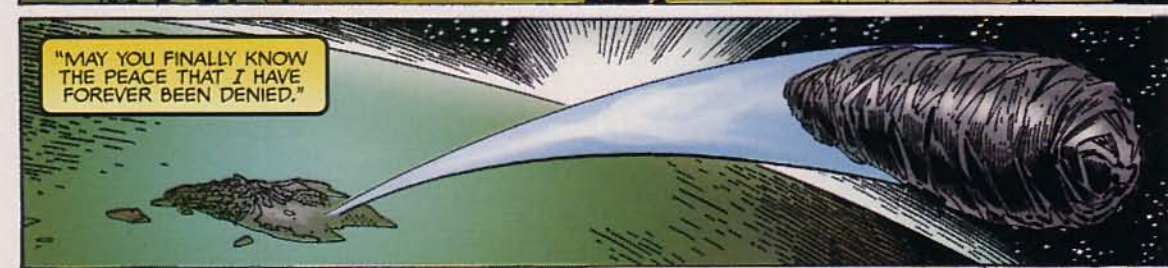
MAGNETO DOESN'T DESIRE ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN HIS PRIVATE MATTERS--



"--HE DESIRES AN AUDIENCE."



FAREWELL, ZEALOT.



"MAY YOU FINALLY KNOW THE PEACE THAT I HAVE FOREVER BEEN DENIED."



YOU *BUTCHERED* HIM, JUST LIKE YOU DID ZALADANE IN THE SAVAGE LAND--

--AN' ALL AH COULD DO WAS WATCH!

WELL, THAT'S THE *FINAL* TIME AH'M GOIN' FIND MYSELF A WITNESS TO YOUR CRIMES!

YER REIGN OF TERROR ENDS *RIGHT* HERE AND *RIGHT* NOW!

NO, ROGUE.

HE IS MY FATHER, AND THEREFORE *MY* RESPONSIBILITY. LEAVE HIM TO ME.

THAT'S *BULL*, PIETRO! AH AIN'T BUYIN' THAT HOGWASH 'BOUT IT BEIN' YOUR *RIGHT* AND ALL!

AH GOT JUST AS MUCH RIGHT AS YOU DO. JOSEPH DIED 'CAUSE OF HIM--

--MAH FRIEND AND TEAMMATE! A MAN WHO AH WAS CLOSER TO THAN ANY O' YOU!

BE THAT AS IT MAY. WHERE AN ARMY MAY HAVE FAILED, PERHAPS ONE MAN CAN SUCCEED.

IF ANYONE CAN GET THROUGH TO HIM, DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE ONE WHO SHARES THE SAME *BLOOD* AS HE?

PIETRO--

IF YOU'VE *MISTAKEN* MY ASSISTANCE IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE AS A *SIGN* THAT I'VE CHOSEN YOUR PATH AND ALL IS FORGIVEN--

--THEN YOU'RE *WRONG!*

I WILL *NEVER* EMBRACE YOUR PERVERTED IDEOLOGIES AND BECOME AS CORRUPTED IN SPIRIT AND SOUL AS YOU HAVE!

YOU HAVE BECOME SO TWISTED IN YOUR THINKING, SO FAR REMOVED FROM HUMANITY, THAT *FERRIS*--

--A THING OF METAL AND OF YOUR OWN CONSTRUCTION, IS THE *ONLY* THING IN WHICH YOU PLACE YOUR TRUST--

--WHILE AMELIA, WHO HAS STOOD BY YOU FOR WHAT SHE PERCEIVES TO BE THE RIGHT REASONS, HAS NOT EVEN GARNERED A *GLANCE* OF AFFECTION--

--EVEN AS SHE RISKED *HER* LIFE TO FURTHER YOUR CAUSE.

YOU CLAIM TO BE STRUGGLING TO END THE OPPRESSION OF MUTANTKIND-- TO PREVENT THE KIND OF HORRORS YOU ONCE ENDURED.

BUT YOU WOULD SEE HATRED FOUGHT WITH HATRED! ONE GROUP OPPRESSED INSTEAD OF ANOTHER!

PIETRO, BEFORE YOU MAKE ANY RASH DECISIONS... I NEED YOU TO COME WITH ME. I HAVE SOME THINGS TO SHOW YOU.

I... VERY WELL. I BELIEVE I'VE SAID ALL THAT COULD BE SAID.

FAREWELL, FATHER. WHEN NEXT WE MEET I DOUBT THERE WILL BE TIME FOR WORDS.

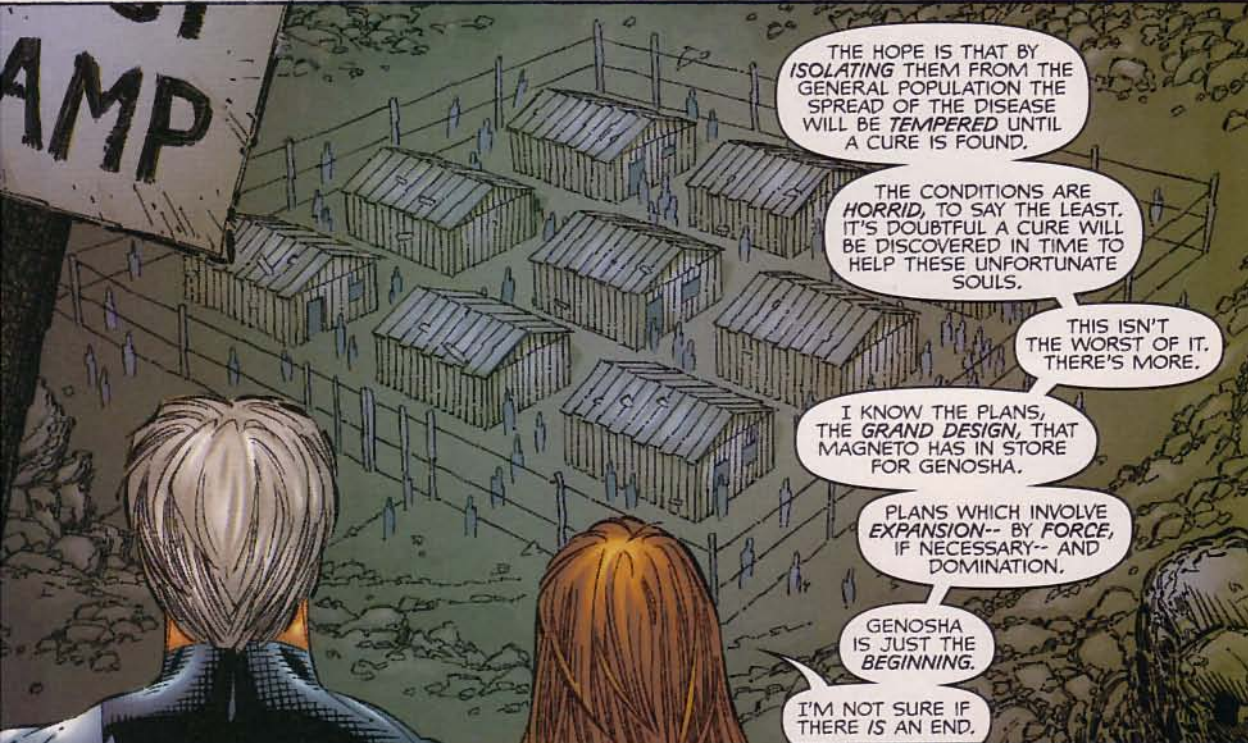
PERHAPS. PERHAPS NOT.



NOW DO YOU SEE WHY YOU ARE NEEDED HERE, PIETRO?

YES...  
...MY GOD, YES, I DO.

THIS IS A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED CAMP TO DETAIN MUTATES INFECTED WITH THE LEGACY VIRUS.



THE HOPE IS THAT BY ISOLATING THEM FROM THE GENERAL POPULATION THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE WILL BE TEMPERED UNTIL A CURE IS FOUND.

THE CONDITIONS ARE HORRID, TO SAY THE LEAST. IT'S DOUBTFUL A CURE WILL BE DISCOVERED IN TIME TO HELP THESE UNFORTUNATE SOULS.

THIS ISN'T THE WORST OF IT. THERE'S MORE.

I KNOW THE PLANS, THE GRAND DESIGN, THAT MAGNETO HAS IN STORE FOR GENOSHA.

PLANS WHICH INVOLVE EXPANSION-- BY FORCE, IF NECESSARY-- AND DOMINATION.

GENOSHA IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

I'M NOT SURE IF THERE IS AN END.

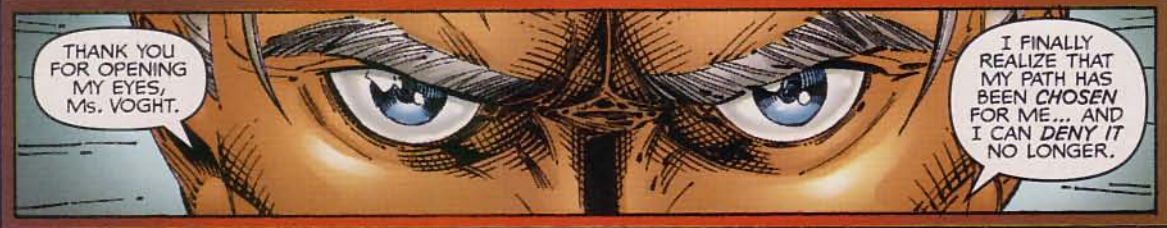
HE'S CHANGED SINCE I FIRST JOINED HIS ACOLYTES. THE EVENTS OF THE RECENT PAST-- FROM HIS ILL-FATED CONFRONTATION WITH CHARLES XAVIER TO OPERATION: ZERO TOLERANCE--

--HAVE LEFT HIM CONVINCED THAT ONLY PURE FORCE WILL EFFECT A CHANGE, AND MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, THAT ONLY HE HAS THE VISION TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

I SOMETIMES WONDER IF HE'S REALLY DOING ALL THIS FOR THE SAKE OF HOMO SUPERIOR, OF FOR HIMSELF.


I SEE.

I JUST DON'T KNOW IF I BELIEVE IN HIM ENOUGH ANYMORE TO CONTINUE THIS CHARADE.



THANK YOU FOR OPENING MY EYES, Ms. VOGHT.


I FINALLY REALIZE THAT MY PATH HAS BEEN CHOSEN FOR ME... AND I CAN DENY IT NO LONGER.



AFTER A LIFE-TIME OF SUFFERING UNDER THE BOOT OF MANKIND AS LABORERS AND SLAVES, GENOSHA AND VICTORY, ARE AT LAST OURS.

IT IS NOW TIME FOR A NEW ERA TO EMBRACE THIS BARREN LAND.

IT IS TIME FOR THE REIGN OF MAGNETO TO COMMENCE!




AMBASSADOR HUXLEY, ARE THESE THE GENOSHAN CITIZENS I DEMANDED AN AUDIENCE WITH?

MAGNETO!

D-DO YOU THINK HE PLANS ON KILLING US?

IT'S HIM-- IT'S REALLY HIM--

YES, MAGNETO. ALL PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR.



YOU HUMANS ONCE REPRESENTED THE ELITE OF A DECADENT GENOSHAN SOCIETY-- POLITICIANS, LAWYERS, SCIENTISTS, EDUCATORS.

NICE SPEECH, MAGNETO.

EXCEPT, OF COURSE, THE ONES WHO CAN HELP YOU STABILIZE THE CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP AND HELP BRING BACK THE FORMER TECHNOLOGY AND PRESTIGE THAT GENOSHA ONCE HELD.

BUT I SEE THE REAL REASON BEHIND YOUR EXPULSION. YOU WANT ANYONE WHO COULD POSE A THREAT TO YOUR RULE OFF THE ISLAND.

PEOPLE SUCH AS MYSELF.

DO NOT OVERESTIMATE YOUR IMPORTANCE TO MY CAUSE, AMBASSADOR.

SOME OF YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN AS CITIZENS OF THE NEW GENOSHA, TO FURTHER AND REBUILD YOUR RAVAGED COUNTRY.

THE REMAINDER OF YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO EMIGRATE TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND START YOUR LIFE ANEW AS YOU ARE NO LONGER NEEDED OR DESIRED WITHIN OUR SOCIETY.

YOU HAVE PROFITED FROM AND FED OFF THE BLOOD AND SWEAT OF YOUR MUTATE LABORERS FOR THE FINAL TIME.

IN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS, THE BORDERS TO GENOSHA WILL BE CLOSED.

I WOULD IMAGINE FINDING A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FOR YOUR POSITION IS NOT SO DIFFICULT A TASK.



REMOVE YOURSELVES FROM MY PRESENCE AND TAKE LEAVE OF GENOSHA WHILE THE OPTION IS STILL PRESENTED TO YOU.

LOOK TO YOUR SURVIVAL AND NOT TO YOUR LANDS.

MAGNETO, YOU CAN'T TREAT THE PEOPLE OF GENOSHA IN THIS MANNER. IT'S INHUMANE. WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT?

THIS IS THEIR COUNTRY AS WELL AS OURS.

YOU CAN'T EXPECT GENOSHA'S CITIZENS TO SIMPLY WALK AWAY AND ABANDON HER!



DO NOT BE SO BOLD AS TO THINK YOU MAY TELL ME WHAT MY OBJECTIVES SHOULD BE, JENNY RANSOME.



YOU HAVE SUFFERED AS ALL MUTATES HAVE... BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT I WILL ALLOW YOU TO DEFY ME.

AS FOR YOU, PHILLIP MOREAU, CONSIDER YOURSELF LUCKY THAT I DO NOT HOLD YOU PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIMES OF YOUR FATHER.

WHY DID AH EVER BOTHER COMIN' HERE? WHAT DID AH HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH?

SO FAR MY INVOLVEMENT IN THIS WHOLE MESS AIN'T DONE NO GOOD AT ALL.

FACE IT, GIRL, THIS TIME OUT YOU BLEW IT BIG TIME.



MAGNETO! TURN AND FACE ME!

Ek? WHO WOULD DARE?!





I DARE, FATHER. WHO ELSE WOULD HAVE THE AUDACITY TO CHALLENGE A KING IN HIS OWN FORTRESS--

--IF NOT HIS OWN SON?

I HAVE WANDERED THIS LAND AND SEARCHED DEEP INTO MY SOUL, AND HAVE AT LAST COME TO UNDERSTAND MY TRUE DESTINY IN THE LUNACY THAT IS OUR RELATIONSHIP.

WE BOTH ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I WILL NEVER FOLLOW YOUR PATH TOWARD DOMINANCE OVER THE HUMAN RACE--

--OUR VIEWS OF THE FUTURE OF MUTANTKIND ARE RADICALLY AT ODDS IN THAT REGARD AND ALWAYS SHALL BE.



WHAT I DO BELIEVE THOUGH-- AND I'M SURE IT'S ONE POINT WE CAN BOTH AGREE ON--

--IS THAT MUTANTS NEED NOT SUFFER JUST FOR WHO THEY ARE.



WE DIFFER IN THAT I FEEL THE SAME CONSIDERATION SHOULD HOLD TRUE FOR MANKIND, AS WELL.

THEREFORE, I BELIEVE THE PATH I'VE BEEN LED TO ACCEPT IS TO STAY HERE AND SERVE AS A CONSCIENCE, A VOICE OF REASON--

--TO MAKE SURE THAT GENOSHA BECOMES A LAND SAFE FOR BOTH MAN AND MUTANT-KIND.


MY DECISION TO REMAIN DOES NOT MEAN I'VE ACCEPTED MY ROLE AS YOUR HEIR.

MY SOLE REASON FOR STAYING IS TO GIVE GENOSHA A CHANCE AT PEACE, A CHANCE AT HOPE.

ONLY BY WORKING AS A COUNTERBALANCE TO YOU WILL THE GREATEST POTENTIAL OF THIS SITUATION BE REACHED.




AGREED.



PIETRO... YOU CAN'T BE **SERIOUS!** HAVE YOU **THOUGHT** 'BOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOIN'? 'BOUT **WHO** YOU'RE ALLYIN' YOURSELF WITH?


I HAVE, ROGUE. ACTUALLY, I SEE THINGS **CLEARER** THAN I HAVE IN AGES. THIS IS WHAT I WAS **MEANT** TO DO.

IT **FEELS** RIGHT.



DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE GIVIN' UP? YOU'LL BE EVEN MORE OF AN OUTCAST, A **PARIAH**, EVEN TO THOSE YOU ONCE THOUGHT OF AS **FRIENDS**.

YOU'LL BE SEPARATIN' YOURSELF FROM YOUR LOVED ONES... FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD.




I KNOW, ROGUE... BUT I REALLY HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO STAY.

YOU'VE SEEN WHAT'S BECOME OF THIS COUNTRY. DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE THINGS WILL BE **BETTER** UNDER MY FATHER'S RULE?

IF I DON'T REMAIN... WHO WILL CARE FOR THE COUNTLESS INNOCENTS?


AT LEAST HERE, I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



AH COULD HAVE LOVED YOU ONCE, YOU KNOW.

BUT THINGS DON'T ALWAYS WORK OUT THE WAY YOU WANT 'EM TO... NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY.

MAYBE THAT'S OUR PROBLEM. WE NEVER **TRIED**... AND NOW IT'S TOO LATE.



WE'RE NOT THE SAME TWO PEOPLE WHO SHARED A MOMENT IN THE SAVAGE LAND. TOO MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED SINCE THEN.

NOW WHEN AH LOOK AT YOU, ALL AH SEE IS **JOSEPH** AND HOW HE SACRIFICED HIS OWN LIFE TO SAVE US ALL.

MAYBE HE WAS ONLY YOUR **CLONE**, MAGNETO, BUT, IN MANY WAYS, IT'S YOU WHO'S THE PALE IMITATION OF HIM.

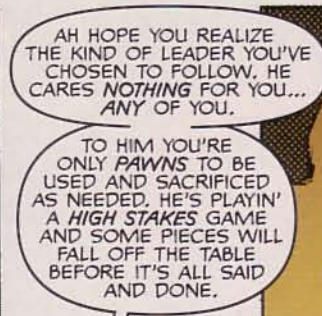
AH CAME HERE TO REACH THAT MAN AH KNEW BEFORE... THE ONE AH **CARED** FOR-- BUT HE'S NOT THERE.

THERE'S ONLY AN **EMPTINESS** INSIDE YOU WHERE HE ONCE LIVED.



HE'S ALL YOURS, PIETRO. AH HOPE YOU CAN SOMEHOW FIND THE MAN AH ONCE KNEW--

--EVEN THOUGH AH DON'T THINK HE EXISTS ANYMORE.



AH HOPE YOU REALIZE THE KIND OF LEADER YOU'VE CHOSEN TO FOLLOW. HE CARES NOTHING FOR YOU... ANY OF YOU.

TO HIM YOU'RE ONLY PAWNS TO BE USED AND SACRIFICED AS NEEDED. HE'S PLAYIN' A HIGH STAKES GAME AND SOME PIECES WILL FALL OFF THE TABLE BEFORE IT'S ALL SAID AND DONE.



BE CAREFUL YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THE DISCARDED PIECES.

WATCH YOUR BACKS...



...ESPECIALLY WHEN FABIAN CORTEZ IS IN THE SAME ROOM.

WE'LL BE WATCHIN' YOU, MAGNETO. ANY SLIP-UP AN' THE X-MEN'LL BE BACK IN FORCE.



AND AH GUARANTEE WE'LL TAKE YOU DOWN--

--HARD!





SOME MIGHT SAY THAT TODAY WILL BE A DAY THAT GOES DOWN IN INFAMY. REALIZING WHAT SOME CONSIDER TO BE MANKIND'S GREATEST FEAR--

--THE MUTANT TERRORIST, MAGNETO, HAS SEIZED CONTROL OF THE AFRICAN ISLAND COUNTRY OF GENOSHA...

DEMONSTRATIONS IN ALMOST EVERY MAJOR CAPITAL CITY CAN BE FOUND, WITH A NUMBER OF PROTESTERS BECOMING INCREASINGLY VIOLENT.

THREE HAVE DIED IN GERMANY AS A RESULT OF SETTING THEMSELVES AFLAME IN OPPOSITION TO THE GENOSHA SITUATION.

DON'T THOSE IDIOTS REALIZE THE CAN OF WORMS THEY'RE OPENING? MAGNETO IS LIKE PUBLIC MENACE NUMBER ONE.

PIETRO?!

...FULFILLING THE UNITED NATIONS MANDATE THAT HAS ALLOWED MAGNETO TO ANNEX THIS ONCE PROUD AND RICH NATION.



WORLDWIDE REACTIONS HAVE VARIED, BUT ONE CONSTANT IS THE UNCERTAINTY OF WHAT THIS MEANS TO THE FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MAN AND HIS GENETICALLY-DIFFERENT MINORITY.

THE SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME WHEN THE FORMER AVENGER, QUICKSILVER, A LONG-TIME KNOWN FOE OF MAGNETO, WAS INTRODUCED AS A MINISTER OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED CABINET.

GENOSHA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ALDA HUXLEY, TOLD THE WORLD THAT PIETRO'S ROLE ONLY FURTHER DEMONSTRATES THE PEACEFUL AND NEUTRAL POSITION OF GENOSHA'S GOVERNMENT--



--A GOVERNMENT THAT IS WORKING TOWARD GREATER ACCEPTANCE AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HOMO SAPIENS AND HOMO SAPIENS SUPERIOR.

WILL TODAY BE THE BEGINNING OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN OUR TWO RACES OR THE BEGINNING OF A CONFLICT THAT WILL DESTROY US ALL?



THE ONLY CERTAINTY IS THAT THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT HAS CHANGED DRASTICALLY... AND FOREVER.



YOU'VE DONE WELL.

THE MUTATE ISOLATION CAMP HAD TO HAVE BEEN THE FINAL NAIL IN THE COFFIN. I *KNEW* HIS SELF-RIGHTEOUS *ARROGANCE* WOULD FORCE HIS HAND.

NOW HE IS AT MY *SIDE* AS I HAVE LONG PLANNED.

BUT HE DOESN'T *BELIEVE* IN YOUR DREAM. HIS *SOLE* PURPOSE IN REMAINING IS TO COMBAT YOU.

WHY ARE YOU EVEN BOTHERING? DO YOU *TRULY* CARE THAT YOUR SON IS AT YOUR SIDE...



...OR IS IT MERELY ABOUT *DOMINATING* ONE YOU'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL?

FOR NOW THAT IS *ENOUGH*. I WILL *MOLD* HIM INTO THE SON HE SHOULD HAVE ALWAYS BEEN—*LOYAL, PROUD, WORTHY* OF HIS BIRTHRIGHT.

THAT IS WHAT IS *CRUCIAL* AT THIS STAGE.

AND IF HE *DOESN'T* SEE THE LIGHT OF YOUR VISION...?



I'VE BURIED ONE CHILD, AMELIA VOGHT--



--YOU COULD DO SO AGAIN. IS *THAT* WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY?



I'M SAYING I KNOW THE MEANING OF SACRIFICE FROM BITTER EXPERIENCE...

...AND I CAN ALLOW *NOTHING* TO STAND IN MY WAY.

NOT NOW, WHEN MY DREAM IS ON THE *VERGE* OF BECOMING REALITY.

WITH GENOSHA UNDER MY CONTROL, MANKIND WILL NO *LONGER* TREAT MUTANTS AS OBJECTS OF *SCORN*. FROM THIS DAY FORTH, WE CONTROL OUR OWN DESTINY.

DO YOU SEE, AMELIA? YOUR CHARLES XAVIER WAS WRONG ALL THOSE YEARS.

THE AGE OF *ASCENSION* IS UPON US. THE TIME HAS COME FOR MUTANKIND TO ASSUME ITS *RIGHTFUL* PLACE IN THE EVOLUTIONARY CYCLE.

IT IS MY BURDEN TO BEAR.



WITH *MAGNETO* AS RULER OF US ALL.

GOD HELP US.

**THE BEGINNING.**