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STATE
YOUR NAMES,
PLEASE, FOR
VOICEPRINT
IDENTIFICATION.

RAVEN
DARKHOLME--
DEFENSE
ADVANCED
RESEARCH
PLANNING
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Dr. VALERIE
COOPER,
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THE PRESIDENT'S
NATIONAL SECURITY
ADVISOR.

IDENTITIES
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APPROVED.

YOUR MAN,
FORGE,
CERTAINLY
LIKES HIS
PRIVACY.

JUST BEING
CAREFUL. HE'S
BOTH UNIQUE
AND ESSENTIAL.
WE CAN'T
AFFORD TO
LOSE HIM.

HE DESIGNED
THIS ENTIRE
BUILDING, YOU
KNOW, AND
OWNS THE TOP
TEN FLOORS.

HE DIDN'T BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT
COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH A SECURE
PLACE TO WORK AND LIVE, SO HE...

... MADE
HIS OWN.

OH,
MY-- ?!

STAN LEE
PRESENTS...

THE PAST ...



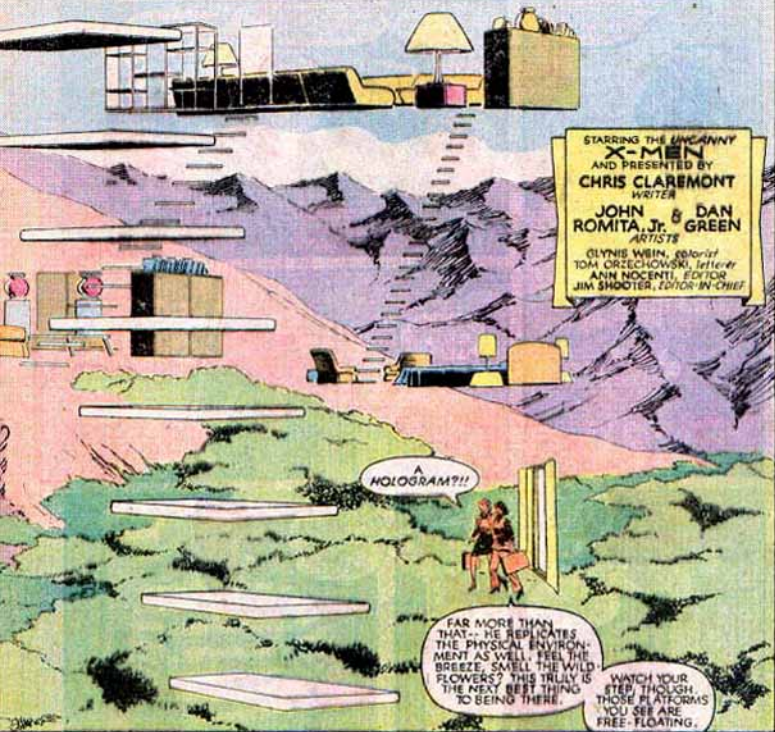
OF FUTURE DAYS

PEOPLE
HAVE BEEN
KNOWN TO GET
CONFUSED AND
FALL OFF.

IT CAN BE A NASTY
DROP-- THIS PENTHOUSE
IS FIVE STORIES TALL.

WHERE'S
FORGE? I
THOUGHT
HE WAS
GOING TO
M--
YYIIII!!

WHAT IS
IT, VAL?!
WHAT'S
WRONG?!!



STARRING THE **UNCANNY X-MEN**
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A HOLOGRAM?!

FAR MORE THAN THAT-- HE REPLICATES THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT AS WELL-- FEEL THE BREEZE, SMELL THE WILD FLOWERS? THIS TRULY IS THE NEXT BEST THING TO BEING THERE.

WATCH YOUR STEP! THOUGH, THOSE PLATFORMS YOU SEE ARE FREE-FLOATING.



I'M SORRY-- ANOTHER ILLUSION, RIGHT?

I FEEL SO FOOLISH-- CRYING OUT LIKE THAT-- BUT IT SEEMED SO REAL!

BELIEVE ME, I UNDERSTAND DURING MY FIRST VISIT, FORGE SCARED ME HALF TO DEATH.



FORTUNATELY YOU GET USED TO IT-- AND HIM.

LISTEN, I HEAR SOMETHING!

YOU DON'T NEED MY TELLING YOU, YOU CAN SEE THE SIGNS FOR YOURSELF!

THE ANCIENT PATTERNS ARE BEING BROKEN, THE PROPER ORDER OF THINGS OVERTURNED! THE FABRIC OF LIFE ITSELF IS UNRAVELLING!

SO?

YOU ALONE POSSESS THE POWER TO PUT MATTERS RIGHT, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, YOUR SACRED DUTY!

ONCE, PERHAPS, BUT NO LONGER.

FIND OTHERS TO TAKE MY PLACE, NAZE.

WE TRIED! THEY DID THEIR BEST!

NOTHING REMAINS OF THEM SAVE THEIR BLEACHED BONES!

YOU CANNOT HIDE FROM YOUR DESTINY!

I DON'T. I SIMPLY DENY IT.

FOOL! YOUR COWARDICE WILL DOOM ALL YOU HOLD DEAR!

BUT SUPPOSE, MY OLD FRIEND, A MAN HOLDS NOTHING DEAR-- AND DOES NOT CARE?

THE HOLOGRAM-- IT'S GONE!

KLIK

GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES, AND WELCOME TO MY HOUSE.

I'M FORGE.

MY APOLOGIES FOR NAZE. HE HAS A GOOD HEART, BUT HIS PASSIONS OCCASIONALLY GET THE BETTER OF HIM. I'VE KNOWN HIM MY ENTIRE LIFE. SOMETIMES, HE FORGETS I'M NO LONGER A CHILD-- OR HIS PUPIL.

YOU LOOK WELL, RAY.

YOU, TOO, FORGE. WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

TRIBAL BUSINESS -- A CHAPTER OF MY LIFE I CLOSED YEARS AGO. NOTHING REALLY TO CONCERN YOU OR THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.

NOW, IF YOU'LL FOLLOW ME TO MY LAB...

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU AT LAST, FORGE. YOUR REPUTATION DOESN'T DO YOU JUSTICE.



I HAVE A KNACK FOR INVENTING. WHEN TONY STARK STOPPED DESIGNING WEAPONRY, THE GOVERNMENT TURNED TO ME.

I LOVE THAT HOLO-PROJECTION SYSTEM UPSTAIRS.

MERELY A LITTLE SOMETHING I WHIPPED UP TO PASS THE TIME. I ALREADY MADE ONE FOR RAVEN. WOULD YOU LIKE ONE FOR YOUR OWN PLACE?

THAT'D BE WONDERFUL!

AS GOOD AS DONE. NOW, ACCORDING TO RAY, THE U.S. IS IN ARMED CONFLICT WITH AN EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL RACE OF DIRE WRAITHS.



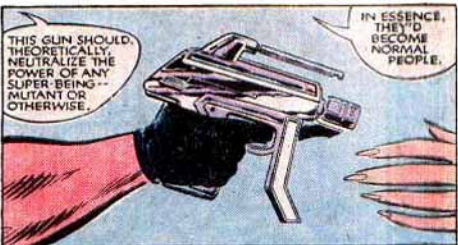
THEIR ARCHFOE, THE SPACEKNIGHT ROM, USES AN ANALYZER TO LOCATE THESE BEINGS, AND A NEUTRALIZER, WHICH BANISHES 'EM TO AN OTHER-DIMENSIONAL LIMBO.

HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF BUILT-IN FAIL-SAFE MECHANISMS, WE ARE UNABLE TO EXAMINE -- MUCH LESS COPY -- ROM'S WEAPONS.

MY BRIEF WAS TO DUPLICATE THEM BOTH.

AND HAVE YOU?

IN PART.



THIS GUN SHOULD, THEORETICALLY, NEUTRALIZE THE POWER OF ANY SUPER-BEING -- MILITANT OR OTHERWISE.

IN ESSENCE, THEY'D BECOME NORMAL PEOPLE.



EXCELLENT! HAS IT BEEN TESTED?



NO.

I'M STILL NOT SURE WHETHER THE EFFECT IS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT -- OR WHAT THE PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL REPERCUSSIONS MIGHT BE. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THIS REALLY ISN'T THE SORT OF THING THAT CAN BE TESTED ON LIVE SUBJECTS.

THERE'S A LOT MORE WORK TO BE DONE, I'M AFRAID, BEFORE THE PROTOTYPE CAN BE RELEASED.



ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SCANNER'S READY TO GO.

IT'LL TELL YOU WHO IS OR ISN'T BASELINE HUMAN, AND WHETHER THEY'RE MUTANT OR ALIEN. IT CAN EVEN DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN KREE, SKRULL AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, WRAITHS.



HMMH!

AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT REVEALS THAT ONE OF US IN THIS ROOM-- IS A MUTANT!

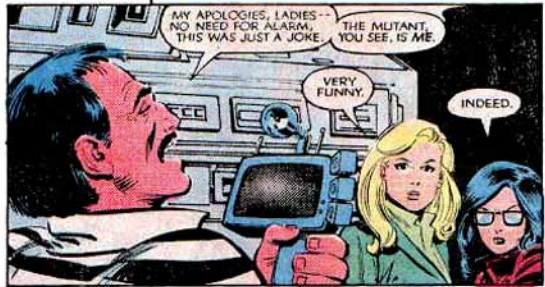
WHAT!?!



DOES HE MEAN ME?! WHO ELSE!!!

IF HE DENOUNCES ME, THAT'S SURE TO JEOPARDIZE MY TRUE IDENTITY-- AS MYSTIQUE, LEADER OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS!

THAT MUST NOT HAPPEN. I'VE NO CHOICE--
-- I'LL HAVE TO KILL HIM, AND VAL AS WELL!



MY APOLOGIES, LADIES-- NO NEED FOR ALARM. THIS WAS JUST A JOKE

THE MUTANT, YOU SEE, IS ME.

VERY FUNNY.

INDEED.



SO CLOSE-- TO TOTAL DISASTER!

BUT THIS IS ONLY A TEMPORARY REPRIEVE.

I HAVE TO MAKE CERTAIN FORGE'S SCANNER IS NEVER USED OR, FAILING THAT, TO DISGUISE MY REAL... NATURE FROM IT.



WHATEVER'S HAPPENED TO RAVEN'S SENSE OF HUMOR? IF LOOKS COULD KILL, MY TROUBLES'D BE OVER. I REALLY SPOOKED HER-- I WONDER WHY? SHE GOT SOMETHING TO HIDE?

AND FINALLY, MOST ASSUREDLY, TO REPAY OUR HOST IN FULL FOR HIS LITTLE "JEST."

ANYONE INTERESTED IN LUNCH? IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF, I'M A SUPERB COOK--

-- AND I GUARANTEE THE VIEW CANNOT BE BEAT!

NEW YORK CITY

*THE GIANT DRAGON...

*... APPEARED LITERALLY OUT OF NOWHERE TO RAVAGE TOKYO.

"FORTUNATELY, THE UNCANNY X-MEN--

--AIDED BY JAPAN'S OWN NATIVE SUPER HERO, **SUNFIRE**, WERE ABLE TO CONTAIN THE BEAST'S RAMPAGE...

... AND ULTIMATELY, DESTROY IT. *

*SEE X-MEN #181-- ANN.

BORELLI ELECTRO

MANY QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED CONCERNING MUTANTS SUCH AS THE X-MEN-- PEOPLE WONDER IF THEY ARE A THREAT TO THE UNITED STATES, OR HUMANITY ITSELF-- YET NONE CAN DENY THAT...

... WITHOUT THEIR TIMELY INTERVENTION, JAPAN'S CAPITAL MIGHT HAVE BEEN DEVASTATED AND COUNTLESS THOUSANDS KILLED.

I RECOGNIZE THE MEN-- **SUNFIRE**, **WOLVERINE**, **COLOSSUS** AND **NIGHTCRAWLER**-- BUT WHO'S THE WOMAN?

SHE CAN'T BE **STORM**! **ORORO** NEVER LOOKED LIKE THAT!

THE JUSTIFICATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY HAS BEEN USED TO EXPLAIN THE INTRODUCTION IN CONGRESS BY SENATOR **ROBERT KELLY** OF THE **MUTANT AFFAIRS CONTROL ACT**, AMONG WHOSE MORE DRAGONIAN PROVISIONS...

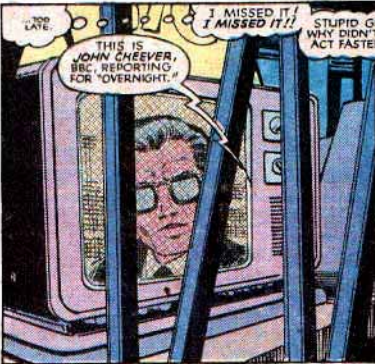
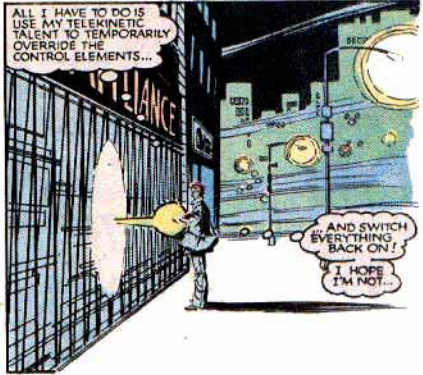
WHAT DID HE SAY?! WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THAT BILL ???

OH, NO! THE LIGHTS-- THE TV-- SOMEONE TURNED OFF THE ELECTRICITY!

THE STREET'S DESERTED. AND MY PSISCAN REVEALS THE STORE'S EMPTY, TOO-- AN AUTOMATIC CIRCUIT MUST HAVE CUT THE POWER.

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS USE MY TELEKINETIC TALENT TO TEMPORARILY OVERRIDE THE CONTROL ELEMENTS...

AND SWITCH EVERYTHING BACK ON!
I HOPE I'M NOT...



THIS IS JOHN CHEEVER, BBC, REPORTING FOR "OVERNIGHT."

I MISSED IT!
I MISSED IT!!

STUPID GIRL, WHY DIDN'T YOU ACT FASTER?!

I'M SO CONFUSED. I CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELINGS THAT SOMETHING AWFUL HAS HAPPENED.

I WENT TO THE MANSION YESTERDAY, LOOKING FOR PROFESSOR XAVIER. COLOSSUS' LITTLE SISTER, ILLYANA, ANSWERED THE DOOR. SHE WAS A 15-YEAR OLD GIRL!

*SEE NEW MUTANTS #18, STILL ON SALE.



BUT THE ILLYANA I REMEMBER WAS FIFTEEN WHEN SHE DIED-- AND THAT DAY IS STILL YEARS IN THE FUTURE!

THE MUTANT CONTROL ACT WAS PASSED IN RESPONSE TO THE ASSASSINATION-- BY MUTANTS-- OF SENATOR ROBERT KELLY. YET HERE, NOW-- HE'S THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR IT!

MY TIME-SHIFT WAS SUCCESSFUL. I'M IN THE PAST.



BUT IS IT THE RIGHT PAST...

... MY PAST?

SKUF
SKUF
SKUF



NOT SINCE THE DAWN OF MY EXISTENCE HAVE I SENSED SUCH POWER IN A LIVING BEING. IN MANY WAYS IT DWARFS EVEN MY OWN!

THIS METROPOLIS HAS PROVIDED ME WITH GREAT SPORT SINCE MY ARRIVAL.



SKUF
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MAGNIFICENT!

TONIGHT, HOWEVER, IT OFFERS SOMETHING FA' MORE PRECIOUS

NOT PREY FOR **SELENE**, THE DEMON-HUNTRESS-- BUT A DISCIPLE...

...AN **HEIR!**









"I MADE A MESS. I'M SORRY."

FORGET IT-- AND DON'T WORRY THERE'S PLENTY MORE

RIGHT NOW, HOWEVER, DOC DAMIANO'S PRESCRIPTION IS A LONG SOAK IN A HOT TUB, WHILE HE FIXES DINNER. I ASSUME YOU'RE HUNGRY.

STARVED!

FOLLOW ME, THEN-- I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE EVERYTHING IS. AFTER THAT, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.



LIGHT-- I'VE SEEN HEALTHIER LOOKING GIGGLES. NO WONDER THE BOUNCER DIDN'T TRUST ME. I WOULDN'T, EITHER.

ON HER WORST DAY, I BET MOM NEVER LOOKED SO AWFUL.

AND MY HAIR--!



IT'LL PROBABLY TAKE FOREVER TO GROW AGAIN--Gasp!

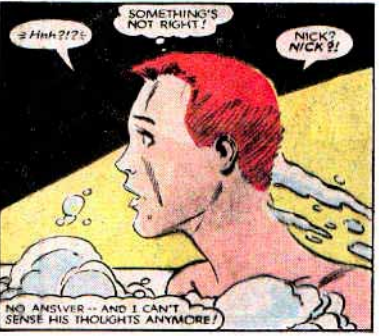
LOOK AT ALL THIS-- I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

OH, THAT WONDERFUL, DARLING, MAGNIFICENT MAN-- HE HAS BUBBLE BATH!



NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, RACHEL MY GIRL...

YOU HAVE DIED AND GONE TO HEAVEN!



Huh?!?!

SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT!

NICK? NICK?!

NO ANSWER -- AND I CAN'T SENSE HIS THOUGHTS ANYMORE!

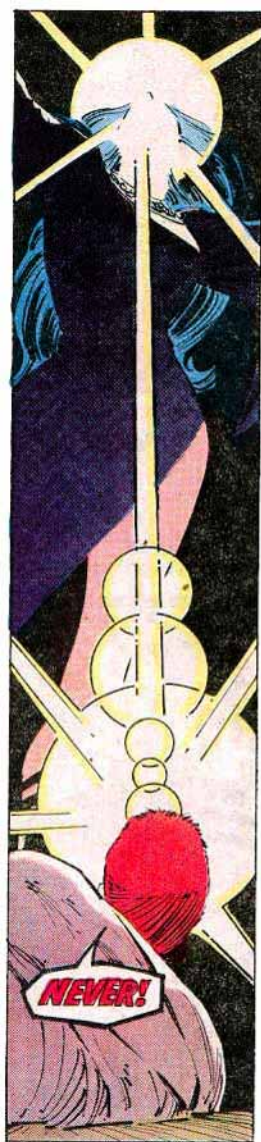


I DON'T LIKE THIS.

RELAX, DON'T GET PARANOID! I COULD HAVE DOZED OFF, HE MIGHT HAVE STEPPED OUT FOR SOME GROCERIES, THERE'S NO REASON TO PANIC.

BUT IF HE HAD LEFT, I'D HAVE FELT HIM GO, I'M SURE OF IT, I CAN'T HAVE GOTTEN THAT CARELESS.





HAH-- THAT FORCE-BOLT KNOCKED HER FOR A LOOP!

I'M RESTED, MORE IN COMMAND OF MY ABILITIES.



I'LL MAKE THAT WITCH REGRET THE MOMENT SHE LAID EYES ON ME! MY TELEKINETIC POWER'S GETTING RID OF THE RUG. I'M FREE!

MOST FORMIDABLE CHILD. YOUR RESISTANCE AND ABILITIES SURPASS MY EXPECTATIONS.



I AM IMPRESSED.



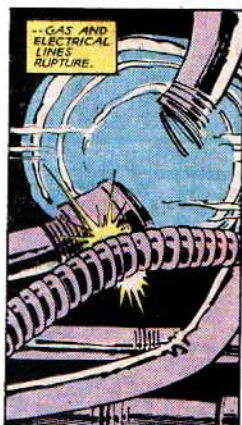
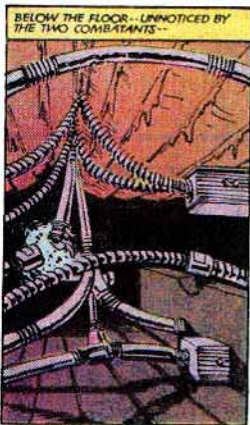
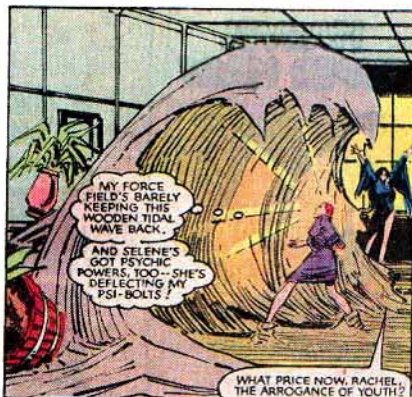
WAIT'LL YOU SEE WHAT I DO FOR AN ENCORE!




I AM NOT WITHOUT RESOURCES MYSELF.

MY CONTROL OVER INANIMATE OBJECTS IS ABSOLUTE. I CAN REDUCE THEM TO DUST...

NEVER!





RESISTANCE IS USELESS, YOUR RAW POWER NO MATCH FOR MY EONS OF EXPERIENCE.

EMBRACE MY DARKNESS, RACHEL. BE ONE WITH ME. SAVOR IN FULL MEASURE THE JOY OF THE ETERNAL HUNT...

...THE ECSTASY OF-- THE KILL!



SHE'S PAST MY SHIELDS-- INSIDE MY MIND--

--TOO DEEP-- I CAN'T DRIVE HER OUT!



MY THOUGHTS -- BECOMING HERS!

I WON'T GIVE UP-- I CAN'T-- BUT WHAT AM I TO DO, HOW CAN I FIGHT HER IT'S SO HARD!



CHILD, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

PROFESSOR XAVIER???

SELENE-- SHE'S STEALING MY LIFE, MY SOUL! HURRY, PROFESSOR, FOLLOW MY THOUGHTS!



HELP ME!!



AS CEREBRO INDICATED-- TWO MUTANTS, BOTH POSSESSING CONSIDERABLE POWER.

I AM CHARLES XAVIER. STAND AWAY FROM THE GIRL, SELENE, AND LEAVE HER BE-- OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES.

BY HEcate! IS IT A GHOST?!



BE CAREFUL, ROGUE! THE APARTMENT'S AN INFERNO!

BETTER TELEPORT OUTSIDE, NIGHTCRAWLER. AH'M INVULNERABLE...

AN COLOSSUS IS MADE O' STEEL, THE FIRE'S NO DANGER TO US!



WHA-!?

SEEMS LIKE WE'RE NOT WANTED, PETEY!

WHERE IS OUR FOE, ROGUE?? I CANNOT SEE THROUGH THE SMOKE!

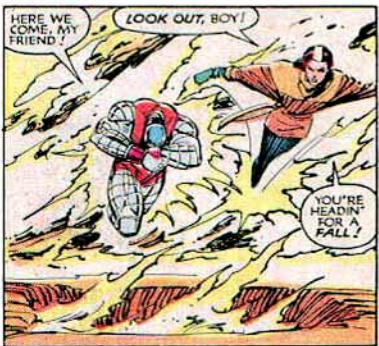
NIGHTCRAWLER, SELENE IS TRYING TO ESCAPE! INTERCEPT HER!



GOING MY WAY, FRAULEIN?

GUIDE THE OTHERS TO ME, PROFESSOR-- AND QUICKLY-- I CAN'T STAY HERE LONG!

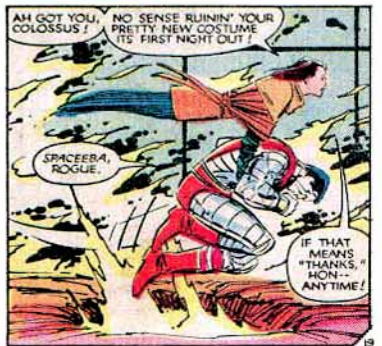
SELENE'S CLEARING A PATH THROUGH THE FLAMES FOR HERSELF AND HER PRISONER; THEY AREN'T AFFECTING HER!



HERE WE COME, MY FRIEND!

LOOK OUT, BOY!

YOU'RE HEADING FOR A FALL!



AH GOT YOU, COLOSSUS!

NO SENSE RUININ' YOUR PRETTY NEW COSTUME ITS FIRST NIGHT OUT!

SPACEBEA, ROGUE.

IF THAT MEANS "THANKS," NON-- ANYTIME!

FOOL-- YOU DARE CHALLENGE ONE WHO HAS RULED EMPIRES?!



AS THE SAYING GOES, IT'S A LIVING

BY THE WAY, LEIBCHEN, DO YOU KNOW YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY?

MY GOSTUME-- ZUM TUEFUL, IT'S CHOKING ME!



I AM DEADLY, TOO, CHANGELING.

RACHEL IS MINE! THOUGH YOUR NUMBERS ARE LEGION, YOU'LL NOT KEEP HER FROM ME!

WHY'N'T YOU LET THE GIRL DECIDE THAT FOR HERSELF, OF HER OWN FREE WILL?!

AH GOTTA MAKE THIS SHORT'N SWEET...



...B'FORE THE ELF AN' RACHEL BOTH GET BARB' CUED.

IMPOSSIBLE! WE'RE TOUCHIN' FLESH TO FLESH! AH SHOULD BE ABSORBIN' HER MEN'RIES AN' POWERS--



-- BUT, INSTEAD, THE REVERSE IS HAP'NIN'!

SHE'S DRAININ' MY LIFE!



STOP!



XAVIER'S MENTAL
ATTACK--

--MORE
THAN
I CAN
BEAR!

I MUST
FLEE!

COLOSSUS, TAKE CARE OF
NIGHTCRAWLER AND
THE YOUNG LADY.

ROGUE,
OPEN A
PATHWAY
TO THE
STREET!

I AM OUT,
PROFESSOR!

EXCELLENT, LAD. STORM, THE FIRE
IS OUT OF CONTROL--!

I SEE,
PROFESSOR. I AM AFRAID I MAY
BE TOO LATE TO
SAVE THE
BUILDING...

PROFESSOR--
SHE'S LEAPING
INTO THE HEART
OF THE FIRE!

SELENE'S LIKE A
CHAMELEON, BLENDING
HER PSYCHIC PERSONA WITH
THOSE OF THE PEOPLE AROUND
HER-- I'M LOSING HER IN THE
BACKGROUND "STATIC"!

DON'T TRY TO FOLLOW, X-MEN, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

GOOD AS
DONE, PROF!

WHEN SELENE
ZAPPED ME-- IS THAT
WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO
THOSE AN ATTACK?! IT
WAS AWFUL! NO
WONDER PEOPLE HATE ME!

BUT MY
ELEMENTAL
POWERS WILL AT
LEAST PREVENT
THE BLAZE FROM
SPREADING.

I MUST ADMIT,
THE PROFESSOR MAKES A
SUPERB LEADER. HE
FOUNDED THE X-MEN--
HE IS OUR TEACHER--
IS IT FAIR TO
BEGRIUDGE HIM
THAT ROLE?

BUT IS HIS DESIRE TO LEAD--
HIS AUTOMATIC ASSUMPTION
OF COMMAND-- A REFLECTION
ON MY PERFORMANCE?! AM
I NOT GOOD ENOUGH?!

MOMENTS LATER...

I SAW NO SIGN OF ELENE.

SHE'S A MUTANT! WHEN WE FOUGHT, I SENSED THE PSYCHIC KEYS YOU TALKED ME, PROFESSOR, IN HER MIND! SHE'S SOME KIND OF VAMPIRE, SUSTAINING HERSELF WITH THE LIFE-ENERGY OF OTHERS!

WHEN DID I TEACH YOU THAT, YOUNG LADY? WE'VE NEVER MET!



RIGHT. I KEEP FORGETTING. THAT HASN'T HAPPENED YET. HECK, IN REALITY, NEITHER HAVE I!

WHAT?!!

SOMETHING ABOUT THE GIRL'S FACE--SHE'S STRANGELY FAMILIAR.

I FEEL SO ROCKY-- IF I DIDN'T HAVE YOU TO HOLD ONTO...

PROFESSOR XAVIER, YOU'RE-- STANDING!

YOU CAN WALK??!

AND YOU'RE-- STORM?!!?

WHO ELSE?

BUT YOUR HAIR SHOULD BE LONG! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR COSTUME?!

I'VE SEEN PHOTOGRAPHS-- I'VE KNOWN YOU ALL MY LIFE-- YOU NEVER LOOKED LIKE THIS!

THEN, CHILD, YOUR PICTURES AND MEMORIES ARE WRONG.

NO!

I... CAN'T DENY IT ANY LONGER! I'VE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE, SOMEHOW, I'M STUCK IN THE WRONG PAST, AND BECAUSE OF MY STUPIDITY--



-- THE WORLD IS DOOMED!

ROGUE: PUBLIC ENEMY!