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the X-MEN



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**GANGWAY!! HERE COMES
A STARTLING STAMPEDE OF
YESTERYEAR'S MOST SENSATIONAL
SUPER-VILLAINS!**



"DIVIDED WE FALL!"

X-MEN! THE MOST UNUSUAL FIGHTING TEAM OF ALL TIME!

"DIVIDED-- WE FALL!"

The Scene: THE FANTASTIC DANGER ROOM IN X-MEN HQ-- WHERE THE WORLD'S MOST UNIQUE SUPER-HERO TEAM HAVE SPENT COUNTLESS GRUELING HOURS, DEVELOPING TO THE PEAK THEIR FIGHTING PROWESS! BUT NOW, AS THEY ENTER THE FAMILIAR CHAMBER, THE MIRACULOUS MUTANTS FIND THEMSELVES CONFRONTING A NEW AND AWESOME SIGHT--!

THAT APPARITION-- IT'S HUGE! WE'RE ALL DWARFED BY ITS MERE SHADOW!

IT'S A ROBOT--BUT MORE ENORMOUS, MORE POWERFUL-LOOKING, THAN ANY WE'VE EVER FACED!

THAT IS CORRECT, ANGEL! SINCE TWO OF YOUR MOST CRUCIAL MISSIONS OF LATE HAVE INVOLVED ROBOT MENACES, I HAVE DEVISED THIS ULTIMATE TEST TO SEE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED! THEREFORE, MEET... COLOSSO!

YIPES! COULDN'T YOU JUST GIVE US A WRITTEN QUIZ FOR A CHANGE, PROFESSOR? HE LOOKS AS MEAN AS THE SENTINELS AND LICIFER'S ULTRA-ANDROIDS ROLLED INTO ONE!

GET WITH IT, BOBBY! WE'VE LICKED ROBOTS BEFORE--AND WE'LL GIVE THIS ONE THE SAME TREATMENT!

COLOSSO-- A MOST APPROPRIATE APPELLATION, INDEED! HE MAKES KING KONG LOOK LIKE AN ORGAN-GRINDER'S MONKEY!

SINCE STAN IS ON VACATION NOW, LET'S SEE HOW A SWINGIN' STAFF HANDLES A YARN ALL BY THEIR LONESOME--

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THE NEXT MOMENT, THE DRAMATIC TABLEAU IS SHATTERED, AS THE MASSIVE METAL FIGURE STRIDES OMINOUSLY FORWARD...

OKAY, CYKE--THE PROFESSOR'S LEAVING US ON OUR OWN--SO YOU'D BETTER MAKE WITH THE DEPUTY LEADER BIT--AND FAST!

YOU CAN'T FIGHT AN ENEMY UNTIL YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT HIM! SO, THE FIRST THING WE'VE GOT TO DO IS FIND OUT THE ROBOT'S POWERS!

GREAT THINKING, PAL--BUT WHAT'LL COLOSSO BE DOIN' IN THE MEANTIME?

ALL RIGHT, X-MEN-- YOU HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO DEFEAT COLOSSO! THE TIMED PERIOD BEGINS-- NOW!

YOU'RE ENTIRELY TOO BENEFICENT, SIR!

THOSE STRANGE MULTI-COLORED LIGHTS--THEY HAVE AN ALMOST HYPNOTIC EFFECT--!

WELL, SOMEBODY HAS TO GET THE OLD BALL ROLLING--AND IT MIGHT AS WELL BE ME!

WAIT! YOU'RE FLYING DIRECTLY AT THE ANDROID!

FLY AN EVASION COURSE, ANGEL--AND BE CAREFUL NOT TO BE DAZED BY THOSE FLASHING LIGHTS!

RELAX, WORRY-WARTS! WITH MY SPEED, I CAN FLY CIRCLES AROUND THIS--

UHHHHN!-

BZZZZT!

IT GOT ANGEL! HE'S FALLING--!

I'M PARALYZED--
CAN'T FLY--!

SO THAT'S HIS MAIN
POWER--
JUST ANOTHER
CRUMMY
BLAST RAY!

DON'T WORRY,
WARREN! I'LL
STOP YOUR FALL
TELEKINETICALLY!

A SHEET OF SOLID ICE
ON THE FLOOR AROUND
HIM WILL PUT THE SKIDS
TO THAT OVERGROWN
TRASH-CAN!

IF IT WORKED ON
THE SENTINELS,
IT OUGHTTA
WORK ON
COLOSSO!

GOOD WORK, ICEMAN!
BUT, HE ISN'T MOVING
NOW--AND I HAVEN'T
ENOUGH MENTAL ENERGY
TO PUSH HIM OVER!

WELL, AT LEAST BOBBY'S
STOPPED HIM--LONG
ENOUGH FOR ME TO
RECOVER! HE CAN'T ADVANCE
WITHOUT FALLING!

HOWEVER, TO THE X-MEN'S SURPRISE...

UH OH! HEAT
JETS FROM HIS
LEGS--MELTING
THE ICE! A
PUSH-OVER THIS
CHARACTER
ISN'T!

A MOST ASTUTE
DEDUCTION, MY
FROST-BITTEN
FRIEND!

THEN, THE MOST
POWERFUL--AND
MOST TRAGIC--
OF THE MUTANT
BAND STEPS
TO THE FORE...

OUT OF THE
WAY, ALL OF
YOU! I'M
UNLEASHING MY
POWER
BEAM!

IF I CAN DAMAGE A
VITAL SPOT, THEN THE
REST OF YOU WILL BE
ABLE TO FINISH HIM OFF!

THE ONLY TIME I'M
NOT A MENACE TO
SOCIETY--IS WHEN
I'M COMBATING ONE!

CAREFUL WITH THOSE
BEADY LITTLE EYES
OF YOURS, CYKE! YOU
ALMOST PULVERIZED
THE NOBLE BEAST!

THE ROBOT'S MADE
OF A MATERIAL
THAT REPELS MY
BEAM--I SHOULD
HAVE GUESSED!

ZAP!

FFFT!

THINGS AREN'T EXACTLY LOOKING UP! IF CYKE'S EYE BEAMS CAN'T STOP COLOSSO, WHAT CAN?

KLUMP!

DON'T DESPAIR, LADS! RELIEF IS JUST A SECOND AWAY!

BUT FIRST, IT BEHOVES ME TO GET BEHIND MY POTENT PREY!

THUNK!

YET THE PROFESSOR'S TESTS ARE ALWAYS CAPABLE OF SOLUTION! THERE MUST BE A WAY!

CAREFUL, HANK! IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN **RAY STRENGTH** TO DEFEAT THE ROBOT!

THUMP!

FEAR NOT, FEMALE!

THWAP!

HAVE I NOT ALWAYS HELD THAT VIOLENCE IS THE LAST REFUGE OF THE **INCOMPETENT?**

I MERELY WISH TO THROW IT OFF-BALANCE, SO THAT **SCOTT** CAN HAVE ANOTHER GO AT IT!

IT DUCKED! HOW FRUSTRATING!

BUT, IT COULDN'T HAVE "SEEN" ME-- UNLESS THE PROFESSOR IS GUIDING IT FROM BELOW!

NO, HANK-- I AM ONLY SUPPLYING IT WITH **POWER!** THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION LIES ELSEWHERE!

THEN, THE MOMENTARILY STYMIED X-MEN RE-GROUP ON THE FLOOR, AS...

WE STRUCK OUT ACTING SEPARATELY! IT'S TIME TO SHOW WHAT **TEAMWORK** CAN DO!

SURE! THAT **MUST** BE IT-- THE SAME WAY WE MANAGED TO DEFEAT OUR PREVIOUS ROBOT OPPONENTS!

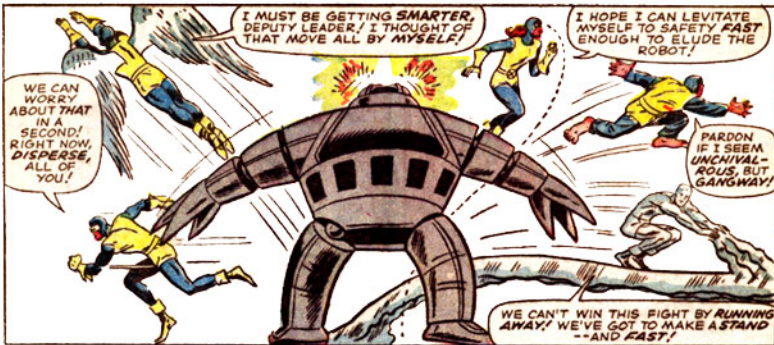
BUT FIRST, WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIS **WEAKNESS!**

I'M WITH YOU, CYKE-- BUT WE'D BETTER **HURRY!** OUR FIVE MINUTES ARE ALMOST OVER!

TEMPUS FUGIT, INDEED!

OH OH! DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT **COLOSSO** IS GETTING RESTLESS! HERE HE COMES!

AND HE LOOKS **MAD!** THE PROFESSOR MUST'VE EQUIPPED HIM WITH A **TEMBER**, IN ADDITION TO EVERYTHING ELSE!



DON'T BE SO MELODRAMATIC, SCOTTY, OLD BOY! THE ANGEL IS HERE TO GUIDE YOU DOWN GENTLY!

AS FOR JEAN, YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN HER TELEKINETIC POWERS WHICH FREED YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE!

THANKS WARREN!

HE'S RIGHT! I MUST WATCH MYSELF--FOR SHE MUST NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH I CARE FOR HER!

AND, EVEN AS CYCLOPS AND MARVEL GIRL REACH THE GROUND SAFELY...

THERE! THIS EXQUISITE KNIFE SHOULD KEEP OUR FERRIC FOE'S SENSES CONFUSED A BIT LONGER!

BUT, I'LL NEED HELP! WHEREFORE ART THOU, BOBBY-O?

RIGHT HERE, CHUM--

MY CONCENTRATED ICE BARAGE WILL SLOW DOWN HIS ATTEMPTS TO FREE HIMSELF!

KEEP IT UP, ICEMAN! AS LONG AS HIS HEAD IS COVERED, HE CAN'T OPERATE PROPERLY! THAT'S WHY HE DROPPED JEAN AND ME!

WELL DONE, MY QUICK-FROZEN COMPEER! NOW, THE AGILE BEAST CAN TAKE HIS LEAVE!

BUT, WHILE THE X-MEN PREPARE THEIR FINAL ATTACK, COLOSSUS UNVEILS STILL MORE STARTLING SURPRISES!

WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT! HE HAS MORE HEAT JETS IN HIS HEAD-- AND THEY'RE MELTING THE ICE!

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT WE HAVE ONLY SECONDS LEFT BEFORE OUR TIME IS OVER-- AND WE'LL HAVE LOST OUR FIGHT WITH THE ROBOT!

WELL THEN, IT'S TIME FOR THE SUPER-DELUXE X-MEN SPECIAL TREATMENT! I'LL KEEP POURING ON THE ICE AS LONG AS I CAN--

WHILE I ADD MY MENTAL POWERS TO THE PHYSICAL ONES OF ANGEL AND THE BEAST-- TO TRY TO TOPPLE COLOSSO!

WITH HIS PRESENT PERPLEXED PERCEPTIONS, WE MAY BE ABLE TO DO JUST THAT!

IT'S WORKING! HE'S STARTING TO WOBBLE! DON'T LET UP!

I CAN'T TURN MY BEAMS ON THE ROBOT FOR FEAR OF HITTING HANK OR WARREN, BUT I CAN BLAST A HOLE IN THE FLOOR BENEATH ITS FEET!

THEN, WITH A RESOUNDING CRASH...

HE'S DOWN! THAT MEANS WE WON!

AND, WE DID IT AS A TEAM! NO ONE OF US COULD HAVE DONE IT ALONE!

THAT IS TRUE, SCOTT--

THOOM!

AND THAT, OF COURSE, WAS THE POINT OF YOUR BOUT WITH THE ROBOT! ALONE, THE POWERS OF EACH OF YOU ARE FORMIDABLE ENOUGH... BUT, TOGETHER, YOU ARE ALMOST INVINCIBLE!

HOWEVER, DON'T PLAN TO REST ON YOUR LAURELS! I'LL IMPROVE COLOSSO--AND ONE DAY YOU MAY FACE HIM AGAIN!

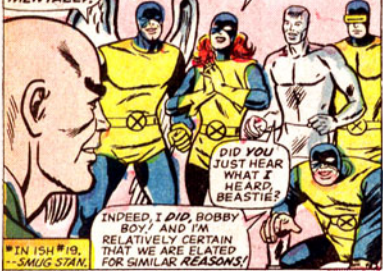
KLUK!

IN THE MEANTIME, SINCE YOUR LAST VACATION WAS INTERRUPTED BY THE BATTLE WITH THE MIMIC*, I'M DISMISSING YOU ALL FOR A TWO WEEKS' HOLIDAY!

IF ANY EMERGENCY ARISES, I'LL CONTACT YOU MENTALLY!

GREAT! I'M HALFWAY HOME NOW!

WHAT A CHANCE TO VISIT MY SISTER IN ALBANY!



*IN 15H #19, --SMUG STAN.

DID YOU JUST HEAR WHAT I HEARD, BEASTIE?

INDEED, I DID, BOBBY BOY! AND I'M RELATIVELY CERTAIN THAT WE ARE ELATED FOR SIMILAR REASONS!

SAY, JEAN, HOW ABOUT DINNER IN MANHATTAN, BEFORE YOUR TRAIN LEAVES?

I PROPOSE, LAD, THAT WE TWO EMBARK FOR GREENWICH VILLAGE POST HASTE!

WHY, I'D LOVE IT, WARREN! IF IT WOULDN'T BE A BOTHER--

I'M WITH YOU, PAL!



BOTHER? BITE YOUR TONGUE, GAL!

ONLY CYCLOPS REMAINS PENSIVE, GRIM! I'M BECOMING EXTREMELY WORRIED ABOUT HIM!

IN ALMOST LESS TIME THAT IT TAKES TO RECOUNT, THE FIVE FABULOUS TEEN-AGERS ARE LEAVING FOR VARYING DESTINATIONS...

JEAN AND WARREN MAKE A LOVELY COUPLE! I ENVY HIM MORE THAN I CAN EVER DARE REVEAL! I--

SCOTT--WHY DON'T YOU DINE WITH US? WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU, WOULDN'T WE, WARREN?

UH, YEAH--SURE! HOP ABOARD, OLD BUDDY.



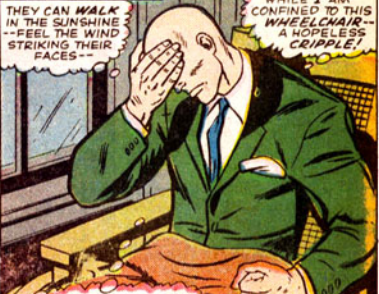
THANKS! I-- THINK I WILL!

I KNOW ANGEL DOESN'T REALLY WANT ME ALONG--BUT I CAN'T RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO SPEND EVEN A FEW MORE MINUTES NEAR THE ONE I LOVE!

AND THUS, THE X-MEN DEPART--LITTLE DREAMING THAT THEY LEAVE BEHIND THEM AN ANGUISHED MIND, A SOUL IN TORMENT...

THEY CAN WALK IN THE SUNSHINE --FEEL THE WIND STRIKING THEIR FACES--

WHILE I AM CONFINED TO THIS WHEELCHAIR-- A HOPELESS CRIPPLE!



IS THERE NO CHANCE FOR ME? WILL I NEVER WALK AGAIN? I CAN'T ACCEPT THAT FATE! I CAN'T--!

BUT, EVEN AS PROFESSOR XAVIER STRUGGLES DESPERATELY AGAINST DESPAIR, A QUITE DIFFERENT SCENE IS BEING ENACTED SOME DISTANCE AWAY-- IN A SECRET FORTIFICATION NOT FAR FROM THE NATION'S CAPITAL...

AT LAST! ALL IS IN READINESS!
I, COUNT NEFARIA, AM PREPARED TO STRIKE!



IT'S ABOUT TIME, TOO! HE'S BEEN OUT OF CIRCULATION SINCE SUSPENSE #68! --STAN.

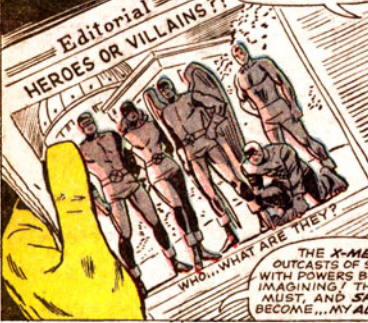
FOR, I HAVE GATHERED TOGETHER THE REMNANTS OF MY ONCE-POWERFUL MAGGIA GANG--AS WELL AS FIVE SUPER-VILLAINS AS MY LIEUTENANTS!

TOO LONG HAVE I FELT THE HUMILIATING STING OF MY DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF IRON MAN! NOW, IN THIS WEALTHIEST OF NATIONS, I SHALL MAKE COUNT NEFARIA A NAME TO BE FEARED!



AND, IN SO DOING, I SHALL ACHIEVE ENDS THE WORLD DOES NOT SUSPECT!

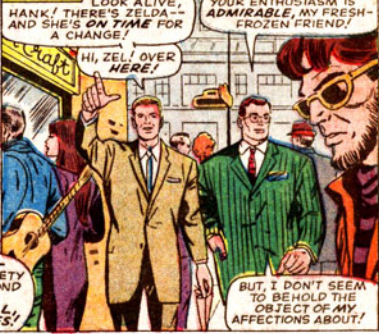
HOWEVER, THERE IS STILL ONE ELEMENT MISSING FROM MY PLANS--AND THIS RECENT NEWSPAPER HAS PROVIDED ME WITH THE MEANS OF SUPPLYING THAT ELEMENT!



Editorial
HEROES OR VILLAINS?

WHO...WHAT ARE THEY?
THE X-MEN--OUTCASTS OF SOCIETY WITH POWERS BEYOND IMAGINING! THEY MUST, AND SHALL, BECOME...MY ALLIES!

NOT LONG AFTERWARD, IN THE WEIRD AND WHACKY SECTION OF NEW YORK CITY KNOWN AS GREENWICH VILLAGE...



LOOK ALIVE, HANK! THERE'S ZELDA-- AND SHE'S ON TIME FOR A CHANGE!

YOUR ENTHUSIASM IS ADMIRABLE, MY FRESH-FROZEN FRIEND!

Hi, ZEL! OVER HERE!

BUT, I DON'T SEEM TO BEHOLD THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTIONS ABOUT!

CHEER UP, CHUM! REMEMBER, SHE WAS STILL WORKING AT THE LIBRARY WHEN WE CALLED! IT MAY TAKE HER A LITTLE WHILE TO GET THERE!

GREETINGS, GIRL OF MY LIFE! HOWABOUT A MOVIE TO WHILE AWAY THE HOURS?

DO I BUY THE TICKETS--OR WILL YOU SPLURGE AND TAKE ME DUTCH TREAT?



IF SHE ONLY KNEW!

STILL, YOU'RE SORT OF COOL, IN YOUR OWN NUTTY WAY!

HEY--I THINK I SEE VERA NOW!

SALUTATIONS, BEAUTEOUS ONE! YOUR PUNCTUALITY SHALL BE REWARDED BY AN EXCURSION TO THE LOCAL CINEMA--FOLLOWED BY A LUXURIOUS MALTED!



WHAT'S YOUR REACTION TO THAT GLORIOUS MESSAGE, VERA?

I SAY YOU'D BETTER GET YOUR GOGGLES FIXED, MAN, THE NAME IS WALDO, NOT VERA!

IT'S GETTIN' SO A ROCK'N'ROLL SINGER'S GOT NO PRIVACY ANY MORE!



WULP! SORRY, SON! I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOMEONE I KNEW!

THE LONG-SUFFERING BEAST HAS DONE IT AGAIN!

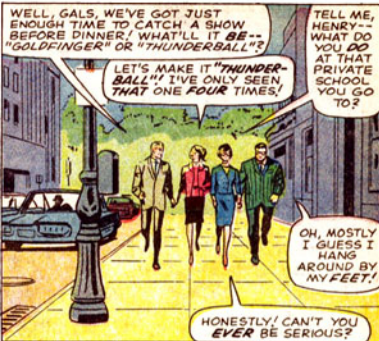
AS THE OFFENDED PASSERBY STRIDES ANGRILY AWAY...



WELL, MR. MCCOY, IF YOU'RE QUITE FINISHED MAKING A FOOL OF YOURSELF!

OH, HELLO, VERA! NOT QUITE-- I MEAN, UH--

NEVER MIND! IT WAS A PERFECTLY NATURAL MISTAKE!



WELL, GALS, WE'VE GOT JUST ENOUGH TIME TO CATCH A SHOW BEFORE DINNER! WHAT'LL IT BE-- "GOLDFINGER" OR "THUNDERBALL"?

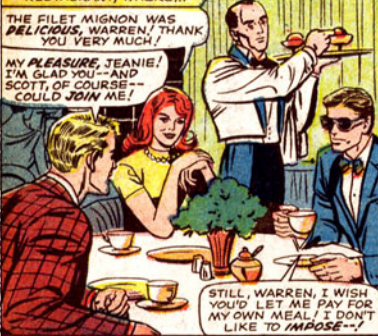
LET'S MAKE IT "THUNDERBALL"! I'VE ONLY SEEN THAT ONE FOUR TIMES!

TELL ME, HENRY-- WHAT DO YOU DO AT THAT PRIVATE SCHOOL YOU GO TO?

OH, MOSTLY I GUESS I HANG AROUND BY MY FEET!

HONESTLY! CAN'T YOU EVER BE SERIOUS?

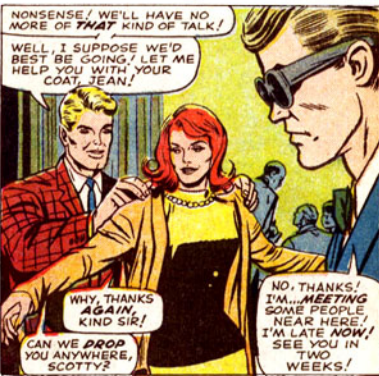
THEN, AS LATE AFTERNOON FADES INTO DARKNESS, OUR SCENE SWITCHES TO A FASHIONABLE UPTOWN RESTAURANT, WHERE...



THE FILET MIGNON WAS DELICIOUS, WARREN! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

MY PLEASURE, JEANIE! I'M GLAD YOU--AND SCOTT, OF COURSE-- COULD JOIN ME!

STILL, WARREN, I WISH YOU'D LET ME PAY FOR MY OWN MEAL! I DON'T LIKE TO IMPOSE--!



NONSENSE! WE'LL HAVE NO MORE OF THAT KIND OF TALK!

BEST, I SUPPOSE WE'D BEST BE GOING! LET ME HELP YOU WITH YOUR COAT, JEAN!

WHY, THANKS AGAIN, KIND SIR!

CAN WE DROP YOU ANYWHERE, SCOTTY?

NO, THANKS! I'M... MEETING SOME PEOPLE NEAR HERE, I'M LATE NOW! SEE YOU IN TWO WEEKS!

MINUTES AFTERWARD, AS A HAPPY WARREN WORTHINGTON III DRIVES TOWARD GRAND CENTRAL STATION...

JEAN'S SO QUIET... SO PENSIVE! MAYBE SHE'S FINALLY BEGINNING TO FEEL ABOUT ME THE WAY I DO ABOUT HER!

OH, SCOTT... SCOTT...



WARREN IS A WONDERFUL GUY-- BUT WHEN WILL YOU SEE THAT IT'S YOU WHOM I LOVE?

MEANWHILE, TO COMPLETE OUR CONFUSING LITTLE TRIANGLE, LET'S PICK UP ON SCOTT SUMMERS SOME BLOCKS AWAY...

WHY MUST I, OF ALL THE X-MEN, BE THE ONLY ONE WHOSE MUTANT POWER MAKES HIM A POTENTIAL THREAT TO ALL WHOM HE MEETS?



WELL, HERE'S CENTRAL PARK! MAYBE A WALK THRU IT'LL MAKE ME FEEL BETTER... SOMEHOW!

I'M NOT REALLY MEETING ANYONE! I'VE JUST CHECKED INTO A NEARBY HOTEL FOR TWO WEEKS! BUT, I KNEW WARREN WANTED TO BE ALONE WITH JEAN-- AND--



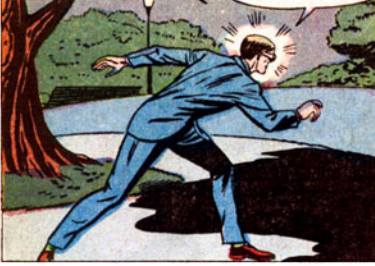
WAIT!

THAT FIGURE--LEVITATING OVER THE TREES! IT'S MARVEL GIRL! BUT, WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE--?

A HEARTBEAT LATER...

SHE... VANISHED!
OR, DID I ONLY
IMAGINE HER?

MY EYES HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN A
CURSE TO ME!
ARE THEY STARTING
TO PLAY TRICKS
ON ME, AS WELL?



MEANWHILE, IN THE MAMMOTH STRUCTURE WHICH
IS GRAND CENTRAL STATION...

...SPECIAL BULLETIN!
ONE OF THE MYSTERIOUS
X-MEN HAS BEEN SEEN
FLYING IN THE VICINITY
OF CENTRAL PARK! STAY
TUNED FOR...

THIS WOULD HAVE
TO HAPPEN WHEN THE
METS WERE ONLY
FIVE RUNS BEHIND!



A FLYING X-MAN? BUT, ONLY WARREN
AND I CAN FLY--AND HE JUST
LEFT ME IN HIS CAR!

HER FEMININE CURIOSITY FULLY
AROUSSED, JEAN GREY HAILS A
CAB, AND SOON...

LOOK, LADY, IT'S NONE'A
MY BUSINESS, BUT THIS
AIN'T NO PLACE FOR YOU
--ESPECIALLY WITH THEM
X-MEN AROUND!



TAXI

THANK YOU, BUT
REST ASSURED--
I CAN TAKE CARE
OF MYSELF!

AND, AS THE CAB SPEEDS AWAY...

IF THE ANGEL DID FLY
HERE AFTER DROPPING
ME OFF, I'LL SOON
LOCATE HIM AND
FIND OUT WHAT'S UP!



BUT, IF
IT'S AN
IMPOSTOR,
HE'S IN
FOR IT!

EVERYTHING IS
SO HUSHED--
SO TRANQUIL!



YET, WHY
DO I HAVE
THIS
NAMELESS
FEELING
OF DREAD?

SUDDENLY... TREE BRANCHES--
GRABBING ME!



THAT FIGURE-- IN
THE SHADOWS-- HIS
STRANGE WEAPON
MUST BE
ACTIVATING THE
TREES!
WHO--?

YOU DO NOT
KNOW ME,
MARVEL GIRL...



BUT SOON THE WORLD WILL
REMEMBER THE NAME OF
THE PLANTMAN *--AND
CRINGE AT ITS MEREST
MENTION!

AND NOW, MY
FAIR LADY, MY
CHLOROFORM
GAS WILL TAKE
CARE OF YOU!

UHHH--?

THAT GOT
'ER, BOSS!

*LAST SEEN IN STRANGE TALES #121, AS ALL
GOOD MARVELITES KNOW! --STAV.

AS A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY...

FIRST, I SEE MARVEL GIRL-- THEN I DON'T! AND NOW, I'M CERTAIN I HEARD HER CRY OUT!

IF THAT WAS JEAN, THEN WHAT HAPPENED TO WARREN?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT I THINK IT'S TIME CYCLOPS DID SOME INVESTIGATING!

THEN, GLANCING UPWARD, SCOTT SUMMERS SEES...

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL-- AND THERE'S THE ANGEL!

ANGEL! DOWN HERE! WAIT!

IT'S NO USE! EITHER HE DOESN'T HEAR ME --OR ELSE HE PRETENDS NOT TO! I'LL SEE IF I CAN KEEP UP WITH HIM!

AND NOW, IN CASE THERE IS A MIXED-UP MARVELITE LEFT WHO DOESN'T REALIZE THE X-MEN ARE BEING DECEIVED BY IMAGES, WE SWITCH OUR SWINGIN' SCENE AGAIN...

...LAST OBSERVED IN VICINITY OF CENTRAL PARK!...

CENTRAL PARK? BUT, WHAT WOULD ANY OF THE GANG BE DOING THERE? THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT ALL THIS!

I WONDER... COULD IT BE UNUS OR THE BLOB? THEY'RE STILL ON THE LOOSE --AND NURSING AN OLD GRUDGE AGAINST THE X-MEN!

THE PARKING LOT ATTENDANT IS TOO ENGROSSSED IN THE BALL GAME TO SEE ME CHANGE AND FLY AWAY!

24 HOUR PARKING

I'M LUCKY THAT THE METS ARE ONLY SIX RUNS BEHIND!

HIS POWERFUL WINGS PROPELLING HIM ACROSS TOWN, THE WINGED MUTANT SWIFTLY REACHES HIS DESTINATION, AND...

THAT FORM--! IT'S SOMEONE-- IMPERSONATING ME!

WHOEVER IT IS, HE MUST BE SUPER-POWERED HIMSELF! BUT, I'M CLOSING IN ON HIM!

HOWEVER, THE NEXT INSTANT...

HE'S GONE-- IF HE WAS EVER THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!

BUT I SEE ANOTHER FORM-- NEAR THOSE TREES!

GLEEP!

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF, ANGEL! MEN CALL ME... THE SCARECROW!

MISTER, I NEVER HEARD OF YOU! BUT IF YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT PHONE VERSION OF ME, I'LL--

*YOU HAVE, THOUGH-- IF YOU WERE AROUND WAY BACK IN SUSPENSE #51. --SUPERANNULATED STAN.

THEN, OUT OF NOWHERE...

WHAT THE--? CROWS
--PULLING A TIGHT-
MESHED NET OVER
ME!

ANGELS RUSH
IN WHERE
FOOLS FEAR
TO TREAD,
TO COIN
A CLICHE!

LAUGH WHILE
YOU CAN,
MISTER-- THIS
THING WON'T
HOLD ME FOR
LONG!

AH, THIS IS NO
ORDINARY NET, MY FINE
FEATHERED X-MAN! ITS
FIBRES ARE DESIGNED
TO ADHERE TO ANYTHING
CAUGHT INSIDE!

HE'S RIGHT!
I'M CAUGHT--
LIKE A FLY
IN
FLYPAPER!

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE
TO SEE THE HIGH-FLYING ANGEL LAID LOW BY
WINGED CREATURES SUCH AS HIMSELF!

AND NOW, I'D LIKE TO
INTRODUCE YOU TO
SOME OTHER FRIENDS
OF MINE--
MEMBERS OF THE
INFAMOUS
MAGGIA!

THE
PLEASURE'S
ALL OURS,
ANGEL!

THE MAGGIA?
I THOUGHT
THAT CRIME
CARTEL HAD
BEEN SMASHED!

AND, EVEN AS A SECOND ENSNARED MUTANT FALLS
VICTIM TO COUNT MEFARIA'S COSTUMED HIRELINGS,
TWO OTHER X-MEN ARE BLISSFULLY UNAWARE OF
THE MOUNTING MENACE...

HOW ABOUT AN
AFTER-MOVIE
SNACK, BOYS--
SODA AND
POTATO
CHIPS?

YOU TALKED
US INTO IT,
ZELDA!

MEANWHILE,
I'LL TUNE IN
SOME
MUSIC!

A LAUDABLE IDEA,
ROBERT, MY LAD!
THERE'S A
BEEHIVEN
CONCERT COMING
ON IN A FEW
MINUTES, I BELIEVE!

THAT'S WHAT I
LIKE ABOUT YOU,
HANK! YOU'RE
SO REFINED!

SUDDENLY, AS THE RADIO WARMS UP...

...AND, ACCORDING TO LATEST
REPORTS, THERE HAVE BEEN
SEVERAL ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS
OF X-MEN IN CENTRAL PARK!

WHAT? BUT-- THAT CAN'T
BE! ER, I MEAN...WHAT
WOULD THE X-MEN BE
DOING THERE?

MUST BE CAREFUL--
SO THE GIRLS DON'T
GUESS OUR SECRET!

I DON'T KNOW,
HANK! BUT, UH,
WHAT DO WE CARE?

WE DON'T, OF COURSE! STILL, THIS
NEWS IS MOST UNNERVING! I THINK
I'D BEST RETIRE TO OUR HOTEL--
AND TAKE SOME TRANQUILLIZERS!

WHERE'S
HANK
GOING,
VERA?

A POOR EXCUSE IS BETTER
THAN NONE, BOBBY BOY!
MAKE MY EXCUSES TO THE
LADIES--WHILE I DO SOME
INVESTIGATING AS...THE
BEAST!

TO THE
MOON,
FOR ALL
I CARE!

SURE,
BUDDY!

SOON AFTERWARD, A STRANGE FIGURE STALKS HIS PREY AMID THE CAGES OF CENTRAL PARK ZOO...



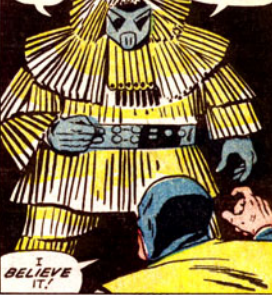
THAT LAST SIGHTING TOOK PLACE NEAR HERE! BUT, THE ZOO IS CLOSED FOR THE EVENING --AND WHY WOULD ONE OF MY SUPER-POWERED ASSOCIATES COME HERE IN FULL COSTUME?

THEY CAME FOR THE SAME REASON THAT YOU DID, FOOL--TO BE CAPTURED!



EH? WHO'S THAT?

I AM KNOWN AS... THE PORCUPINE!!



I BELIEVE IT!



ENOUGH REPORTE! THIS NERVE GAS WILL STILL YOUR PRATTLING TONGUE!

YOUR VOLUMINOUS VOCABULARY IS MOST HEARTENING, MY LOQUACIOUS CHUM!

BUT, YOUR HOSTILE PERSONALITY IS STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS, SO--



ONE BLOW FROM MY PRODIGIOUS FEET, AND-- YEEOW!

OH, I FORGOT TO WARN YOU--

THESE STUDS ON MY BELT GIVE ME COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THE QUILLS IN MY SPECIAL SUIT-- ENABLING ME TO FEND OFF YOUR PUNY ATTACK!

NOW, GROVEL BEFORE ME--AND PERHAPS I MAY SPARE YOU!

THEN, AS THE AGILE X-MAN LANDS ON HIS AMPLE HANDS...

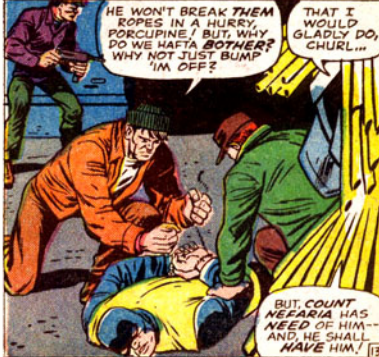


YOU UNDER-ESTIMATED ME, MY FRIEND!

IF THE NOBLE BEAST CANNOT FIGHT ON HIS FEET, HE TAKES TO HIS HANDS-- NOT HIS KNEES! BUT --WHAT--?

A SIMPLE HYPNOTIC DISC--TO DEFEAT A SIMPLE FOE!

AND, MOMENTARILY MESMERIZED BY THE SPINNING DISC, HANK MCCOY IS TAKEN PRISONER, AS SEVERAL SINISTER FORMS COME OUT OF HIDING...



HE WON'T BREAK THEM ROPES IN A HURRY, PORCUPINE! BUT, WHY DO WE HAFTA BOTHER? WHY NOT JUST BUMP 'IM OFF?

THAT I WOULD GLADLY DO, CHURL...

BUT, COUNT NEFARIA HAS NEED OF HIM-- AND, HE SHALL HAVE HIM!

MEANWHILE, WORRIED ABOUT WHAT MAY COME TO BEFALLEN HIS FRIEND, BOBBY BLAKE RETURNS TO THE HOTEL ROOM HE AND HANK ARE SHARING...

NO, I'M SORRY-- BUT MISTER MCCOY HAS NOT CALLED!

UH, THANK YOU!

I DON'T KNOW WHY I LET THE BEAST TALK ME INTO STAYING BEHIND. JUST TO SMOOTH THINGS OVER WITH THE GIRLS. NOW, I'M REALLY GETTING WORRIED ABOUT HIM!

I'LL SEE IF I CAN LEARN ANYTHING FROM THE NEWS!

BUT THE ANXIOUS TEEN-AGER NOT READY FOR THE NEWS HE HEARS...

...AND, ONLY MINUTES AGO, POLICE PROWL-CARS SIGHTED THE ICEMAN, MOVING TOWARD THE LAKE AREA OF THE PARK...

THAT SETTLES IT! I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET HANK HERE...

BUT, I'M NOT LETTING ANY IMPOSTOR MASQUERADE AS ME AND GET AWAY WITH IT! IT'S TIME FOR THE REAL ICEMAN TO GO INTO ACTION!

AND, EXACTLY ONE MINUTE LATER...

THIS VACATION WAS UNPLANNED, SO HANK AND I DECIDED JUST TO SPEND THE TWO WEEKS IN NEW YORK, SEEING PLAYS AND MOVIES--AND, OF COURSE, ZELDA AND VERA!

BUT NOW, IT LOOKS AS IF VACATION-TIME IS OVER!

THE HUMAN RACE IS ALREADY DISTRUSTFUL ENOUGH OF US MUTANTS. WE SURE DON'T NEED ANY BAD PUBLICITY FOR TERRORIZING CENTRAL PARK!

WAIT--THERE'S THE BOGUS ME NOW-- STRAIGHT AHEAD!

HE SEES ME! HE'S HEADING DOWN-- RIGHT BY THE EDGE OF THE LAKE!

WELL, AT LEAST I'M SURE OF ONE THING! IT ISN'T UNUS OR THE BLOB, AS I HAD SUSPECTED!

*LAST SEEN ATOP A SPEEDING SUBWAY IN X-MEN #20, REMEMBER?--STAN.

BUT, AS THE ICY X-MAN ALIGHTS AT LAKE'S EDGE...

GONE-- WITHOUT A TRACE! THIS HAS ALL THE BARMARKS OF A FIRST-RATE TRAP!

BUT, IF IT IS, YOU CAN BET YOUR BOOTIES THAT THE ICEMAN WILL END UP THE TRAPPER!

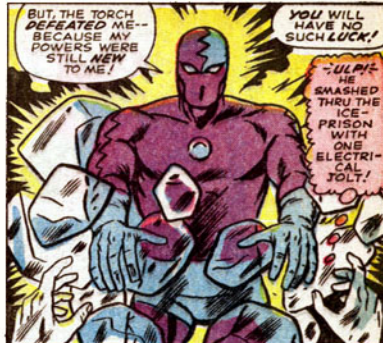
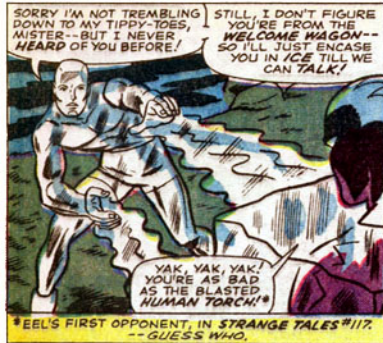
WISHFUL THINKING, YOU WALKING POPSICLE! FOR, YOU'RE ALREADY AS GOOD AS CAUGHT!

WHO THE HECK IS THAT? I CAN'T SEE ANY-BODY--!

OF COURSE NOT, YOU FROST-COVERED JUVENILE DELINQUENT-- BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO!

BUT, NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO MEET ...THE EEL!

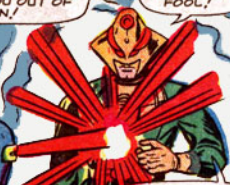
I COULDN'T SEE HIM BEFORE-- IN THE DARKNESS! NOW, HE'S GLOWING WITH ELECTRICITY!



ONE BLAST FROM MY EYES OUGHT TO PUT YOU OUT OF COMMISSION!

PRECISELY, FOOL!

WHAT THE--? THE RAYS ARE BEING BLOCKED-- BY SOME SORT OF ENERGY SHIELD!



IF EVEN MIGHTY IRON MAN COULD NOT DEFEAT THE UNICORN, WHAT CHANCE HAS A STRIPLING SUCH AS YOU?

*IN ISH #56--OF SUSPENSE, WHAT ELSE? --SLY OL' STAN.

BUT, I HAVE PLAYED THE DEFENDER LONG ENOUGH! NOW, TASTE THE IRRESISTIBLE MIGHT OF MY POWER HORN!



NO, THANKS! I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT!

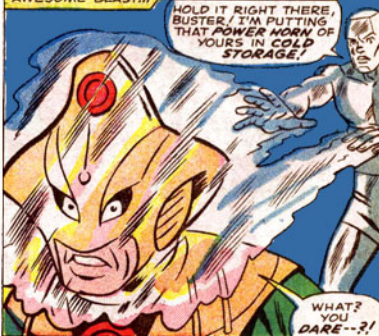
GOT TO DODGE FOR A MOMENT-- THEN MATCH MY BEAM AGAINST HIS!



SO--THE MOST DANGEROUS OF THE X-MEN FLEES MY POWER! BUT IT SHALL AVAIL HIM NAUGHT!

THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH!

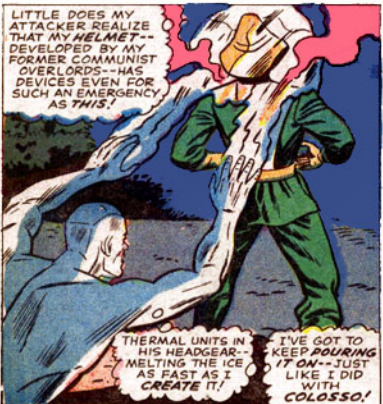
AND, AS THE MOST MENACING OF NEFARIA'S HIRELINGS PREPARES TO UNLEASH ANOTHER AWESOME BLAST...



HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, BUSTER! I'M PUTTING THAT POWER HORN OF YOURS IN COLD STORAGE!

WHAT? YOU DARE--?!

LITTLE DOES MY ATTACKER REALIZE THAT MY HELMET-- DEVELOPED BY MY FORMER COMMUNIST OVERLORDS--HAS DEVICES EVEN FOR SUCH AN EMERGENCY AS THIS!



THERMAL UNITS IN HIS HEADGEAR-- MELTING THE ICE AS FAST AS I CREATE IT!

I'VE GOT TO KEEP POURING IT ON-- JUST LIKE I DID WITH COLOSSO!

BUT, THAT VERY INSTANT...



I WAS CARELESS --FORGOT ALL ABOUT MY OWN OPPONENT!

YOU CAN RELAX NOW, UNICORN! THE EEL IS BACK IN BUSINESS!

BOBBY! HE'S BEEN STUNNED INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS! IT'S ALL UP TO ME NOW!

AND, EVEN AS THE YOUNGEST MUTANT FALLS LIMPLY...



IF YOU'VE HARMED ICEMAN--NO PLACE ON EARTH WILL HIDE YOU FROM MY WRATH!

ZAK!

SAVE THE FLOWERY SPEECHES FOR THE NEXT SUPER-HEROES CONVENTION, BRIGHT-EYES, IT'S TIME THE EEL TOOK TO HIS NATURAL ELEMENT--THE WATER!



LET THE CRAVEN EEL FLEE LIKE HIS SLIMEY NAME-SAKE!

THE UNICORN SHALL STAND HIS GROUND--AND CONQUER!

AAAARGH!/-

YOU MAY SAFELY EMERGE NOW, MY WATER-LOGGED WONDER! I HAVE FINISHED YOUR WORK FOR YOU!

I WARN YOU, UNICORN--DON'T PUSH ME TOO FAR! THAT POWER HORN OF YOURS MAY BE STRONGER THAN MY ELECTRIC BLASTS--AND IT MAY NOT!

AND, ONE OF THESE DAYS, WE MAY JUST FIND OUT!

ENOUGH OF THIS--TIME IS TOO PRECIOUS TO BE SPENT IN ARGUMENT! WE MUST DELIVER THESE HAPLESS CAPTIVES TO COUNT NEFARIA!

RIGHT--THOUGH I CAN'T SEE WHY HE'D WANT THEM!

A SHORT TIME LATER, SHROUDED BY THE BLACK CLOAK OF NIGHT, AN UN-MARKED PANEL TRUCK SCREECHES TO A HALT ON A DARKENED WHARF...

IT IS THE UNICORN--AND THE EEL! WE BRING TWO X-MEN--CYCLOPS AND THE ICEMAN--TO BE TAKEN ABOARD SHIP AT ONCE!

EXCELLENT! THE OTHER THREE ARE ALREADY SECURED--AND ALL IS IN READINESS FOR OUR DEPARTURE!

BUT, HURRY! FOR, EACH SECOND BRING US CLOSER TO CAPTURE!

BARE SECONDS AFTERWARD, AS SEVERAL HOOD-LUMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIME RING KNOWN AS THE MAGGIA CARRY OUT THEIR ORDERED TASKS...

THEY'RE NOT MOVING! YOU ARE AWARE THAT THE COUNT WANTED THE MUTANTS TAKEN ALIVE!

THEY ARE ALIVE! WE JUST STUNNED THEM!

ALSO, DO NOT TALK HAUGHTILY TO THE UNICORN, DOLT! I SERVE COUNT NEFARIA FOR NOW--BUT I AM NO MAN'S SLAVE!

THEN, UNOBSERVED FROM THE ENSHADOWED PORT, THE SINISTER FREIGHTER SAILS ALONG THE COASTLINE OF AN UNSUSPECTING AMERICA...



UNTIL, IN THE MISTY, MURKY HOURS OF DAWN, IT ...ARRIVES AT THE UNASSUMING BUILDING WHICH SERVES AS THE CAMOUFLAGED FORTRESS OF COUNT NEFARIA...



SO--MY FORCES HAVE RETURNED! AND WITH THEM, ACCORDING TO THEIR RADIO MESSAGES, ARE THE VAUNTED X-MEN!

THEN, THE TIME HAS COME... TO BEGIN!

EXACTLY ONE HALF HOUR LATER, FIVE UNIQUELY-GARBED CRIMINALS GATHER OMINOUSLY ABOUT THE BROODING FORM OF THEIR LEADER, THE INFAMOUS MASTER OF IMAGES...

THIS, THEN, IS THE BAND OF LIEUTENANTS I HAVE CHOSEN TO ASSIST ME SINCE I HAVE REGAINED LEADERSHIP OF THE MAGGIA! FIVE COSTUMED CUTTHROATS --EACH A SUPER-VILLAIN IN HIS OWN RIGHT, WHO HAD BEEN DEFEATED IN BATTLE AND LYING LOW UNTIL I LOCATED HIM!

AND YET, NONE OF THESE MASKED HIRELINGS MAY I TRUST! EACH CONSIDERS HIMSELF A POTENTIAL LEADER OF THE MAGGIA--MERELY WAITING FOR ME TO MAKE THE MISSTEP, THE FATAL ERROR, WHICH WILL GIVE HIM THE CHANCE TO SEIZE THE REINS OF POWER!

BUT, I SHALL NOT GIVE ANY OF THEM THE OPPORTUNITY! FOR, THERE IS TOO MUCH AT STAKE--MUCH MORE THAN ANY OF THEM CAN DREAM--FOR ME TO SHOW THE SLIGHTEST WEAKNESS, THE SLIGHTEST HESITATION!

WELL, I DO NOT PAY YOU MERELY TO STAND ABOUT, LOOKING OMINOUS! TELL ME THE NAME AND CONDITION OF YOUR PRISONERS!

MARVEL GIRL-- UNCONSCIOUS BUT SAFE!

THE ANGEL-- CAPTURED UNHARMED!

I CAPTURED THE ONE KNOWN AS THE BEAST--ALSO INTACT!

EXCELLENT--IF MY EXAMINATION BEARS YOU OUT!

CYCLOPS AND THE ICEMAN--SUBDUED BY THE EEL AND MYSELF--HAVE BEEN STUNNED INTO SUBMISSION!



WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I MADE IT THOROUGHLY CLEAR TO YOU-- THEY MUST BE COMPLETELY UNHARMED.

WE BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND THEM SO, COUNT NEFARIA. I SAID ONLY THAT WE HAD TO STUN THEM!



SUDDENLY... MASTER--THE PRISONERS HAVE BEEN RENDERED HARMLESS IN THE DUNGEON OF THE FORTRESS--AND ARE READY FOR YOUR INSPECTION.

GOOD, AND OF THEIR CONDITIONS?

AS FOR YOU, UNICORN-- YOU HAD BEST HOPE YOUR CAPTIVES ARE IN THE PEAK OF FIGHTING FORM--FOR YOUR OWN SAKE!

YOU PRESUME TOO FAR, NEFARIA. I BE WARNED--MY PATIENCE IS NOT ENDLESS!



THEN, AS THE VOICE ON THE LOUDSPEAKER CONTINUES...

SO FAR AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED, NO PERMANENT DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE TO ANY OF THE MUTANTS, MASTER!

HOW FORTUNATE--FOR YOU AS WELL, UNICORN, AND EEL!

THUS DO I MAINTAIN MY POSITION AS FIRST AMONG EQUALS! ALL THEM HATE ME--BUT THEY DO NOT TRUST EACH OTHER ENOUGH TO UNITE TO OVERTHROW ME!



YOU MAY RETURN TO YOUR QUARTERS, MY FAITHFUL LIEUTENANTS, WHILE I PERSONALLY INSPECT OUR UNWILLING GUESTS!

YOU SHALL BE SUMMONED AGAIN--WHEN YOU ARE NEEDED!

EACH OF MY COSTUMED COMPEERS FEELS AS I DO--BUT IT SHALL BE THE UNICORN WHO WILL ONE DAY SOON WREST THE SCEPTER OF POWER FROM NEFARIA!

BUT, ENOUGH OF THIS BITTER INTELLECTUAL BY-PLAY FOR THE MOMENT! MEANWHILE, LET'S OBSERVE HOW OUR MISTREATED MUTANTS ARE FARING...



UHHH-- I FEEL AS IF I'D BEEN BLASTED BY MY OWN EYE-BEAMS!

ICEMAN! ARE YOU HERE TOO?

WE'RE ALL HERE, SON--INDIVIDUALLY GIFT-WRAPPED FOR A MYSTERIOUS GENTLEMAN KNOWN AS COUNT NEFARIA!

YEAH--HE TRAPPED US SEPARATELY--AND WITH THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE ON HIS SIDE!

BUT--WHY HAS HE TRAPPED US? IS HE PLANNING SOME MONSTROUS CRIME, SO THAT HE WANTS US OUT OF THE WAY?

WE HEARD HIS NAME MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES ON OUR TRIP HERE--WHEREVER WE ARE, I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS--BUT HE CERTAINLY KNEW OUR WEAKNESS!

THEN... THE X-MEN'S GLOATING CAPTOR APPEARS!



SO--THESE ARE THE DREADED MUTANTS WHOM THE WORLD FEARS! PERHAPS YOU HAVE BEEN OVER-RATED!

EASY, ANGEL! LET'S LET HIM DO THE TALKING FIRST!

COULD BE, MISTER! WHY DON'T YOU RELEASE US--AND FIND OUT?

A WISE SUGGESTION, CYCLOPS! TRULY, THERE IS NO REASON FOR US TO REMAIN ENEMIES! I, COUNT NEFARIA, AM HERE RATHER TO PROPOSE AN ALLIANCE!



YOU EXPECT US TO WORK WITH YOU --IN THE MAGGIA?

OF COURSE! WHAT COULD BE MORE NATURAL? THE WORLD DESPISES YOU-- AS IT DESPISES THE UNDERWORLD GROUP WHOM I REPRESENT!

I OFFER YOU THE SUPREME OPPORTUNITY...FOR REVENGE!



I PAUSE FOR A REPLY! WILL YOU JOIN ME--IN RESTORING THE MIGHT OF THE MAGGIA TO ITS FORMER GLORY?

COUNT, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING--OR WHY YOU THOUGHT WE'D GO ALONG WITH YOU-- BUT I'VE GOT A BULLETIN FOR YOU!

YOU'RE NOT WELL!

THE BEAST SPEAKS FOR ALL OF US, NEFARIA!



SO--THAT IS YOUR ANSWER! I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT YOU JOIN ME WILLINGLY!

HOWEVER, YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE! FOR, REST ASSURED, MY COSTUMED CAPTIVES-- JOIN ME YOU SHALL!

NOW, I LEAVE YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION! BUT, PONDER THESE WORDS...



IN A MATTER OF MINUTES, I SHALL DO WHAT NO MAN BEFORE ME HAS EVER DONE! I SHALL STEAL AN ENTIRE CITY--THE CAPITAL OF THE UNITED STATES!

WHAT? YOU'RE MAD!

VERY WELL, THEN! THINK ME MAD-- FOR THE MOMENT! BUT KNOW THIS-- I SHALL RANSOM THE NATION'S CAPITAL--FOR ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS--

--AND YOU, MY FINE PRINCIPLED FRIENDS, WILL COLLECT IT FOR ME!

NEVER! NOTHING WILL EVER MAKE THE X-MEN TURN TRAITORS!

WE SHALL SEE, ANGEL--WE SHALL SEE!

THEN, SCANT SECONDS LATER...



AND NOW, LET THE DRAMA BEGIN! FOR IT IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT, FAR MORE CRUCIAL, THAN EVEN THE X-MEN CAN SUSPECT!

WHAT IS THE DARK, BROODING SECRET WHICH THE VILLAINOUS COUNT NEFARIA HIDES? AND, WHAT OF THE UNCANNY UNICORN AND HIS COSTUMED COHORTS? YOU'LL LEARN MORE ABOUT ALL THESE --AND A HOST OF THE USUAL MAGNIFICENT MARVEL SURPRISES--IN X-MEN # 23! BE HERE --IT'S YOUR KINDA YARN, PUSSYCAT!