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Change is coming. A new breed of man has emerged. They are the Children of the Atom, Homo Superior, individuals gifted with strange and fantastic abilities simply by virtue of their genetic makeup.

Stan Lee presents...

# UNCANNY X-MEN

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## PREVIOUSLY



**HAVOK**  
Alex Summers  
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Lorna Dane  
Magnetic Control



**ICEMAN**  
Bobby Drake  
Sub-Thermal Control



**JUGGERNAUT**  
Cain Marko  
Super Strength, Invulnerability



The wedding day of Lorna Drake and Alex Summers has arrived, and as two of Professor Xavier's most talented and powerful X-Men prepare to exchange vows, a celebratory mood has gripped the Xavier Mansion. Family and friends and students and ex-lovers have all gathered on the rolling green hills of the Xavier Institute to watch the team-mates, known as Polaris and Havok when in uniform, be united under the sacred vow of marriage.

But as the procession commences, Alex is suddenly awash in indecision. It's only been a few months since he awoke from an extended coma and found himself submerged in a different world than the one he left behind. His adjustment from coma patient to X-Man has been extremely difficult, and it was during this readjustment period that Lorna proposed to him. Swept up in the moment, he agreed.

But now, as he watches his bride approach, doubt cascades over him. He's suddenly come to the realization that he's not in love with Lorna, but has fallen for Annie Ghazikhanian, the human nurse who'd taken special care of him when he was comatose.

His emotions were unclear until the age-old rite of the bachelor party had begun the night before. As a prank, the male X-Men had an impersonator dress as a scantily-clad Annie. When Alex saw "Annie," he immediately flew into a fit of rage, berating his teammates and demanding that she cover herself up.

Watching this reaction, Scott Summers, Alex's brother and the X-Men team leader known as Cyclops, confronted Alex. It was clear to Scott that Alex was no longer in love with Lorna and had fallen for Annie—and Scott told his brother that he needed to acknowledge this.

And now, one day later, as Lorna walks down the aisle, Alex at last does. Finally at rest with his heart, he stands at the altar and yells out three simple words—"Stop the wedding!"

But the result isn't as expected. Lorna, who'd undergone a radical shift in attitude and demeanor as of late, isn't prepared to simply walk away from her fiancé.

As the maxim states, "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." But what happens when that scorned woman is also one of the most powerful mutants on the planet?



**ANNIE GHAZIKHANIAN**  
School Nurse



**CARTER GHAZIKHANIAN**  
Annie's Son  
Untapped Mental Ability



**HUSK**  
Paige Guthrie  
Skin Manipulation



**JUBILEE**  
Jubilation Lee  
Energy Manipulation

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HOME OF THE X-MEN

Stupid  
piece of--

--GET IN  
THERE, GET  
IN THERE!

AAAAHH!!

BZZT

TILT!

You  
stupid pile  
of god--

?





Oh man, that don't look good.

This is all your fault-- isn't it, Nursey?

What?!  
I had NOTHING to do with this, Lorna!



RUN, ANNIE! GET AWAY!

BOBBY! ICE HER UP!

But, Alex--  
--it's Lorna--



DO IT, BOBBY!

THERE'S NO METAL IN WATER!



No metal  
in water?



SH BAAASH!



There's trace  
metals in  
everything--  
--sweetheart.



And they  
run all  
through  
the body--  
--especially  
the blood.

You should  
know that by  
nooooo.



Lorna,  
don't.  
Please.

I...I  
still love  
you.

**ACK!**

You still love me, Bobby? After all these years?



My God, that's just so sweet.

But I can't love you back because I'm getting married today, Bobby Drake...

**...OVER ANNIE'S DEAD BODY!!**



Grab onto me, Annie!

You and Carter both!







Mu, my,  
Alex. *That*  
was new.

I guess  
I'll have to  
come a *lookin'*  
for you now,  
groomie.

Here--  
comes--the  
bride--

All--  
dressed--in  
white--

Dum dum 🎵  
dee **DUM** dum  
dee dum dum  
dee dum.

Great,  
now I got  
*that* stupid  
song stuck  
in my head.



Alex, that was so COOL!

Any other time, I'd agree with you, hon.

What do we do now? Lorna's going to come after us, isn't she?

Yes.



Is she going to kill us?



I don't know. Maybe.

I don't think so.

But she did kill some Church of Humanity idiots recently. You know...*bad* guys.

But no one else that I know of.



None that you know of?

You're afraid, Alex--aren't you?



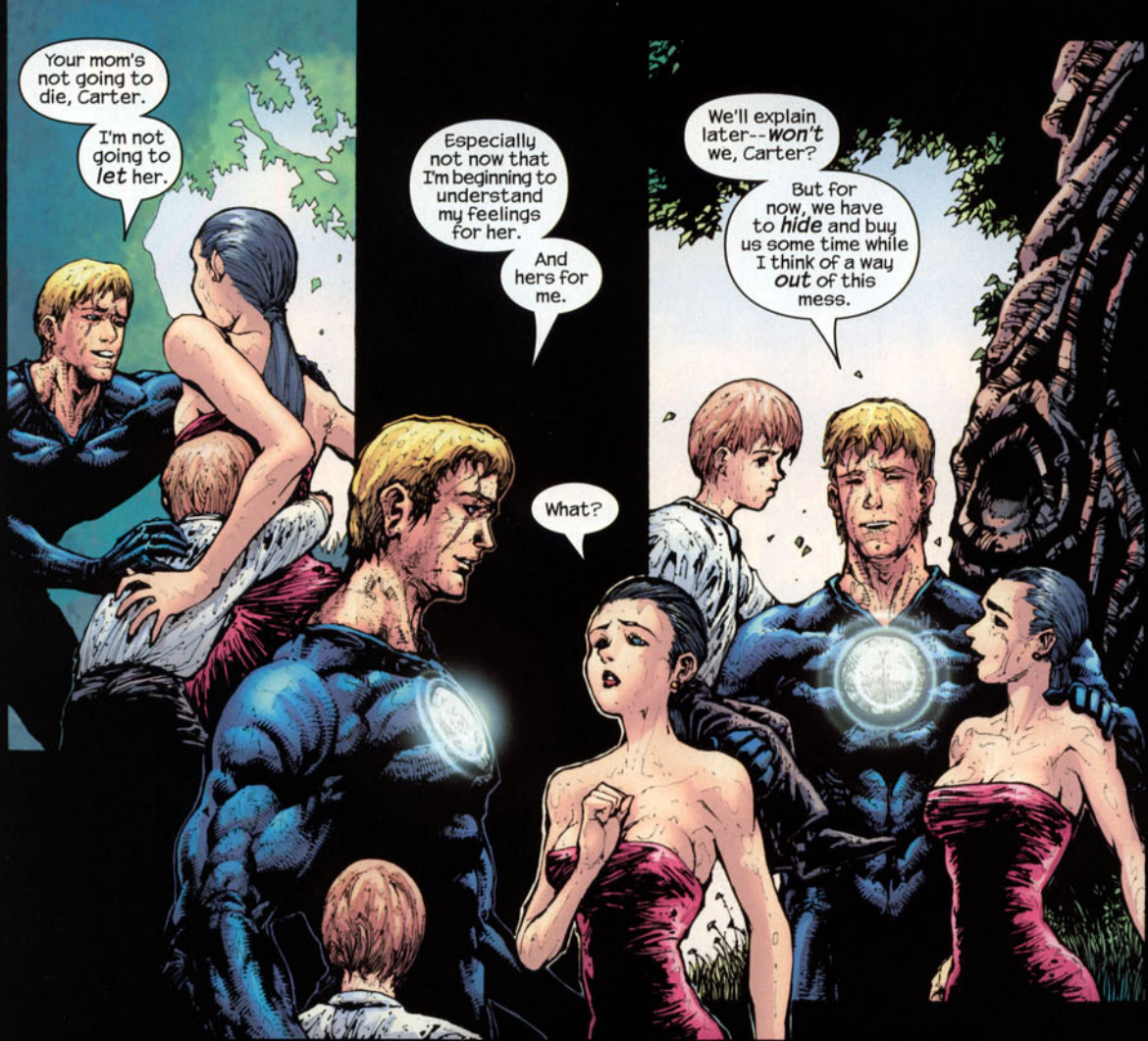
Yeah, I am.

Lorna's extremely powerful, and Scott tells me she studied with Magneto, so--



She can take me, as long as she leaves Carter alone.

**Neoo!**  
Mommy, I don't WANT you to die!



Yoooo  
Heooo!

Alex,  
Annie and  
Carter?

Ollly-  
olly-oxen-  
free!





Not buying it, huh?

Guess I can't blame you.



DUM DUM  
DEE DUM DUM

AH, DAMMIT!



Here's more, Alex.

Thanks, buddy.



You're not going to have to use that wood on her, are you?

God, I hope not.

But her powers are magnetic. If it comes to a choice between you and Carter, or her...

...well...



But you loved her, Alex.



I did... but a *long* time ago.

We were together and broke up, together and broke up so many times that I...

The last time we broke up was before my plane crash, and it was for the *stupidest* reason--

--and somewhere in there I stopped loving her, I guess.



Not that it's an excuse to dump someone at the altar, but the last few weeks have been so chaotic...

I had no business making wedding plans--

--and anyway, deep down--



--I wanted to be with *you*.



But--

--but you *can't*. It's...it's not possible.

You don't even *know* me.





But I do, Annie.

I've known you and dated you for almost a year now.

Haven't I, Carter?

I didn't do anything!



It's all right, Carter...you're one powerful mutant, my friend.

I thought maybe you'd done it accidentally, but then I realized last night--

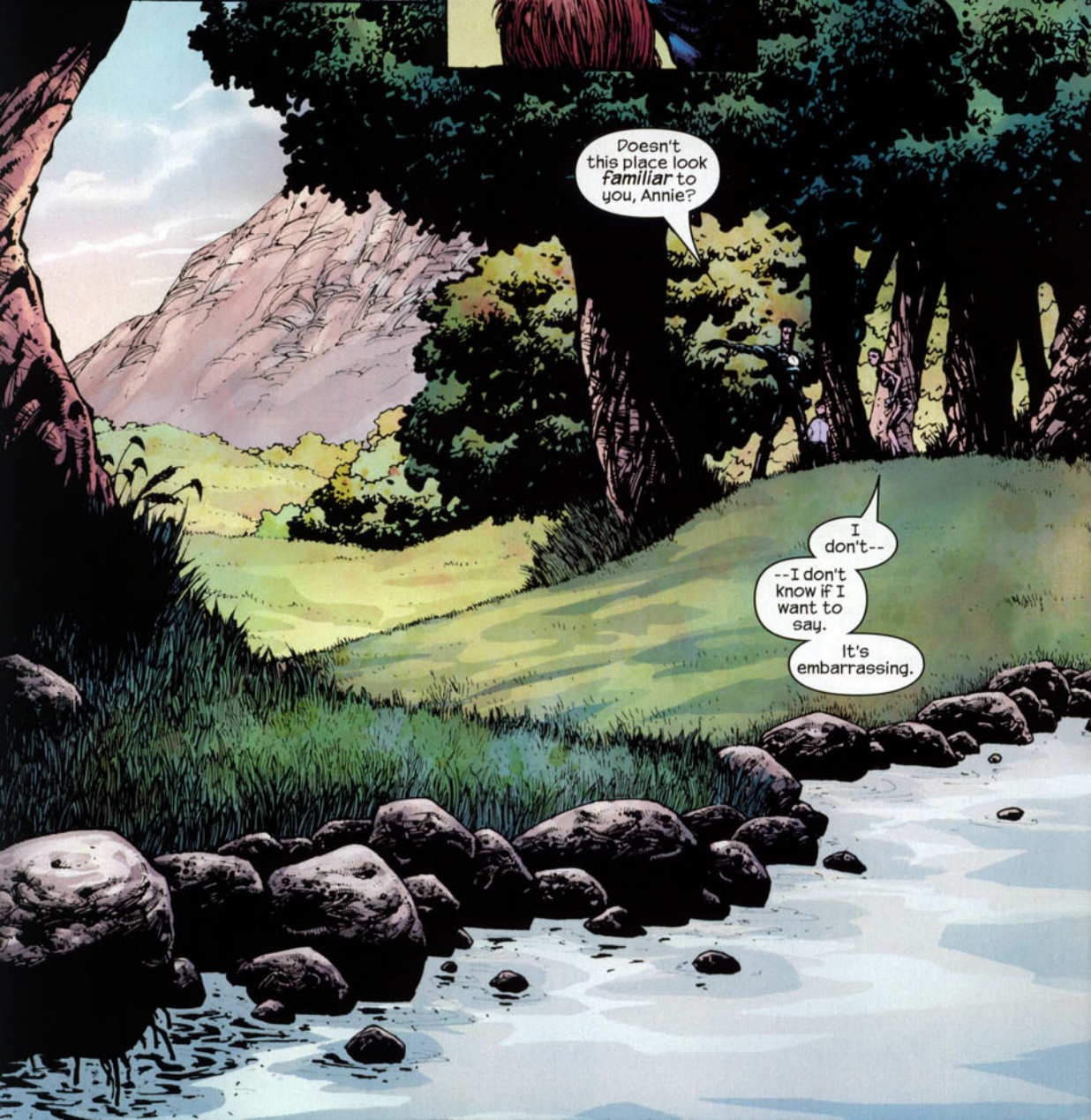
--so nicely timed and so potent on the eve of my wedding--

--that maybe you had--

--well, a more conscious hand.



What are you talking about?



Doesn't this place look familiar to you, Annie?

I don't--

--I don't know if I want to say.

It's embarrassing.



No, it isn't.

Not to me.

I was here, too. And I kissed you.



We've had dinner on Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco.

Walked hand-in-hand on a black sand beach in Hawaii.



Shared our first kiss on the Eiffel Tower.

You sleep in rolled down socks and keep one leg out from under the covers.



You hate seafood with a passion.

You love stories about two-headed monkey aliens from Mars more than you like hard news.

You want to write children's books and have one about a magic nurse who can heal sick children hidden in an envelope in your closet.

You're a terrific mother with such a loving heart and more courage than most super heroes I know.



You don't like mutants, but for your son's sake you're trying to face your fears--

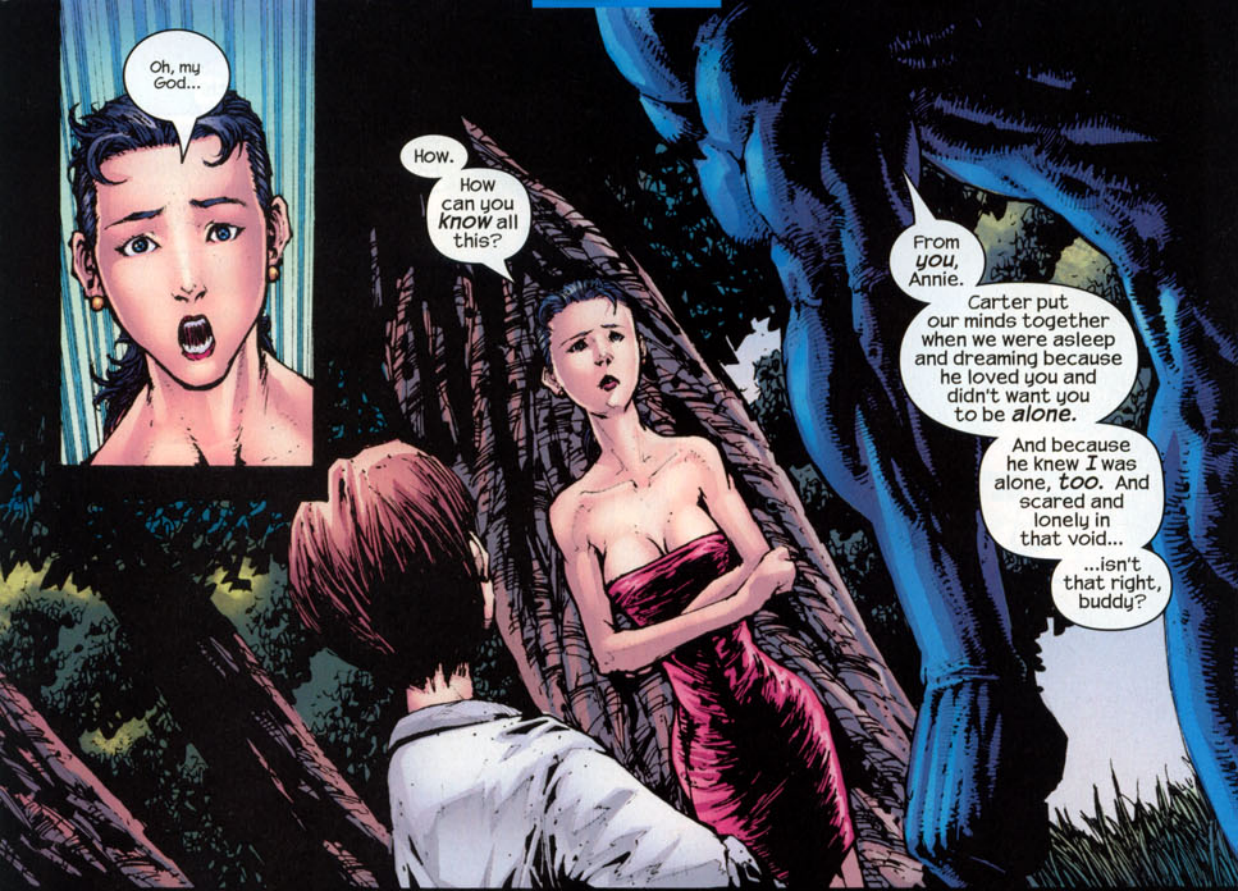
--fears you have in the first place--

--because an old boyfriend-- Carter's father-- was a mutant--

--with mutant friends who tried to kill you because you were pregnant with his child--

--and he didn't want children.





Oh, my God...

How...  
How can you know all this?

From you, Annie.

Carter put our minds together when we were asleep and dreaming because he loved you and didn't want you to be *alone*.

And because he knew I was alone, *too*. And scared and lonely in that void...

...isn't that right, buddy?



You were so *sad*, Mommy... you would cry sometimes.

I didn't want you to be sad.

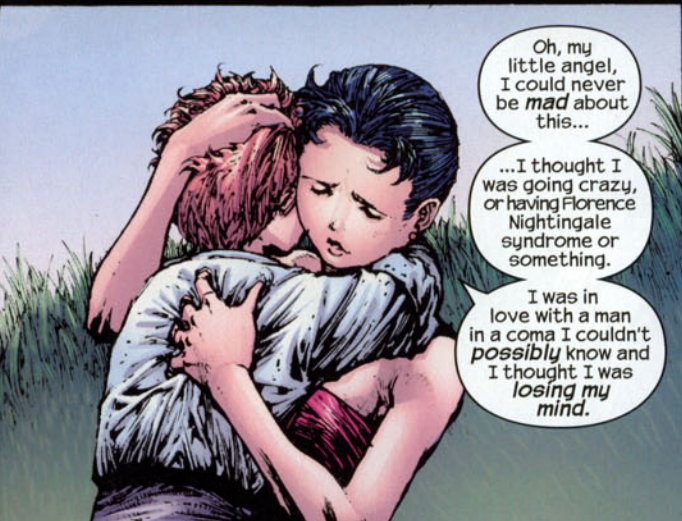
And Alex was sad, *too*, and I could tell he was nice and you'd like him--

--but you told me not to use my powers, and I didn't want to get in trouble--



Oh, sweetheart!

Oh sweetheart, you're not in any trouble!



Oh, my little angel, I could never be *mad* about this...

...I thought I was going crazy, or having Florence Nightingale syndrome or something.

I was in love with a man in a coma I couldn't *possibly* know and I thought I was *losing* my mind.







--we'd be down there getting married--

--right now?

RUN, ANNIE!

I'm not leaving you!

GO!

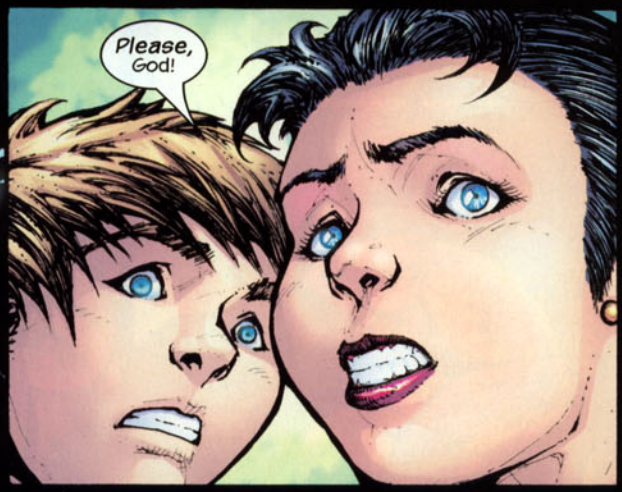


If she can't SEE you, she'll have a harder time affecting you with her POWERS!



YOU HAVE TO THINK OF CARTER!

GO, ANNIE!



Please, God!



Please, don't let me lose him now!



You think those pathetic little STICKS are going to HELP you?!

I don't know!

Lorna PLEASE don't do this!



"Please don't do this, please don't do this."



Why did you wait until TODAY Alex?

HUH?!



It's bad enough to do this to me EVER.

But why TODAY, as I'm walking down the AISLE for God's sake?

In front of all my FRIENDS?

In front of all my FAMILY?

WHY DID YOU HAVE TO BE SUCH A SUMMERS BROTHER ABOUT IT?!



Can you imagine how that feels, Alex?

To be cast aside on my beautiful--

--perfect--

WEDDING DAY?!



And it wouldn't have happened if not for HER!

That irritating little CANDY-STRIPER!



This has nothing to do with Annie, Lorna --



Magneto was right. My FATHER --

-- was right.

But he never went far enough.

Even their presence among us corrupts us. Lessens us.

Turns us against one another.



THEY NEED TO GO!

ALL OF THEM!

**AAAAH!**

AS DO THOSE WHO CONSORT WITH THEM!



Nmf!

After you're gone, dearest Alex, I think I'll drop Nursey Annie from the Eiffel Tower!



Seems fitting since it's where you two "fell in love."

Don't you think?



WHAAAM!



WHUMP



Cain...



You *did* say I was on your team, didn't you?



⊗ LATER...

Everyone seems to be fine now...

...Lorna had just reversed the blood flow in anyone with powers...



...knocking us all out in an instant.

She probably could have killed us all, but didn't.

It's scary that she's that strong, Paige.

Why not Bobby, though?

I mean, I understand Alex, but--

I don't know, Jubilee.

Maybe in spite of everything she said, she *does* still care for Bobby.

But I don't want to try and figure her out. That's Professor Xavier's job.

So what about Alex and Annie?

Where are they right now?

"I don't know..."

"...they asked me to watch Carter for a day and then took off in one of the X-Jets for God knows where.

"Something about turning a fantasy into a reality..."

"...whatever that means."

END