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# X-MEN

**THE  
DRACO**  
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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

THE DRACO, Conclusion

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## PREVIOUSLY



**HAVOK**  
Alex Summers  
Solar-Generated  
Plasma Blasts



**ARCHANGEL**  
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Flight/Healing



**NIGHTCRAWLER**  
Kurt Wagner  
Teleportation



**WOLVERINE**  
Logan  
Healing/Adamantium  
Claws



**ICEMAN**  
Bobby Drake  
Sub-Thermal Control



The X-Men have tracked their missing teammate NIGHTCRAWLER to the site of an ancient mutant civilization on the Caribbean island, Islas des Demonas. There they witness Nightcrawler—and a group of teleporters strangely similar to him—perform a bizarre ritual that opens a portal to another dimension. The strange creatures of this dimension are led by the devilish AZAZEL, a mutant who claims both to have been alive since Biblical times and to be Nightcrawler's birth father. Azazel seeks to harness the collective abilities of the mutant teleporters to open a portal to return to Earth; however, the X-Men have inadvertently opened a portal into Azazel's world.

Meanwhile, in Vancouver, Canada, young mutant SAMMY PARE once again falls victim to the violent rampages of his abusive father. But Sammy's big pal JUGGERNAUT soon arrives with his X-Men teammate NORTHSTAR and intervenes on the young boy's behalf. Unfortunately, however, just the fact that Juggernaut is even meeting with Sammy means he's breaking a strict restraining order...and the Canadian superteam ALPHA FLIGHT soon arrives on the scene to break things up.



**HUSK**  
Paige Guthrie  
Skin Manipulation



**JUBILEE**  
Jubilation Lee  
Energy Manipulation



**POLARIS**  
Lorna Dane  
Magnetic Control



**JUGGERNAUT**  
Cain Marko  
Super Strength/  
Invulnerability



**NORTHSTAR**  
Jean-Paul Beaubier  
Superspeed/Flight





Uuhh...

Hey, Azazel.

What's going on with the kid's stomach?

How come I can see Xavier?







⊗ VANCOUVER,  
CANADA...

Mom?

Please  
don't be  
dead,  
Mom.  
Please?



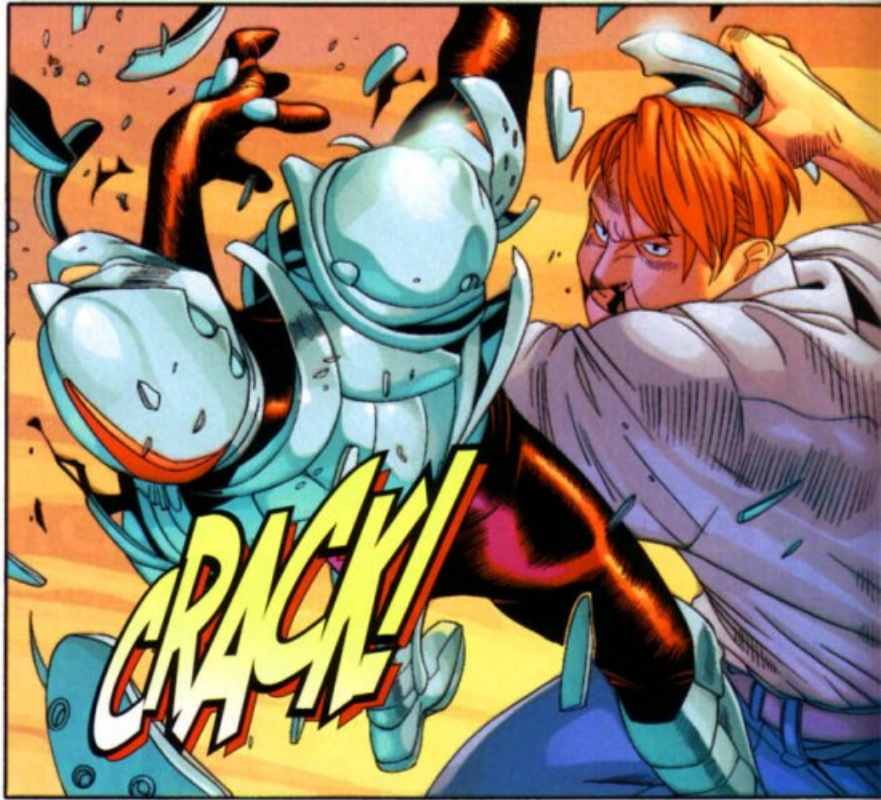
COME  
ON!

IS THAT  
ALL YOU  
GOT?!





















SAY SOMETHING, YOU STUPID--

Walter, that's enough! Get off of him!

That's enough!

What happened? I was only gone a minute!



Stop, Walter! Now!

All right, all right, all right!



I mean, just look at him, Walter...



...he isn't even fighting back anymore.



⊗ AZAZEL'S CASTLE, ANOTHER DIMENSION





⊗ ELSEWHERE IN THE CASTLE...



I won't scream for you.

I won't give you the satisfaction.

Oh, you'll give me more than you can imagine, "Angel."

You see, in the *thousands* of years we've been trapped here by you and your kind--

--we've all managed to develop *more* gifts than just the initial ones that manifest in *adolescence*.



rrrrrrrrrr...

For example, I have a small amount of *telepathy*, and I'm getting an *important image* from your mind.

A blonde woman who means something to you.

The one we have down in the *pits* right now.



If you lay a *finger* on her--

Oh, I'll lay more than a *finger* on her...

...and you will *both* scream for me.





MEANWHILE...

Bobby wants me to tell you that he's ready to take some of the water from our bodies to reform.

Any water.

I'm sorry for that comment, Bobby. *Really.*

But if you can get enough water from the rest of us to become *whole* again, I'm willing to let you.

Yeah, Bobby. I'm game.

Take whatever you need from me.

Yeah, Bobby. Take whatever you need from *Paige*.

















Thanks for the offer, guys, but I found my water elsewhere.



I think I'll put it to better use than *she* did--don't you?



So, like, I *knew* you were lying, Kurt, when you said you couldn't teleport, you know. I could just tell.

I think because you and I are really *brothers*, and we maybe have this, like, *connection*--right?

Mm Hm.



So that was why I lied, too. So Azazel wouldn't know I could still use *my* powers.

I mean, I just *liked* you, and I *didn't* like him. When you made jokes at dinner and stuff, you know?

Like, I know who Scarlet Witch is, so I *got it*, you know? That joke you made.

Mm Hm.



Listen.

Nils. We're trying to be *stealthy*, here--all right? So let's keep the noise level down a bit--





Mind if I interrupt?

Whoa.

Lorna!



So, what's going on, fuzzy-blue?

You wanna come back to *this* side of the dimensional rip, or what?

I do, but--



--Lorna, we're all separated, and I don't know how to find the other X-Men.

Warren's in one part of this castle, and Logan's in another, and Alex and the rest are in some *dungeon* area --

What castle? Where are you guys?



Oh, hello. The dimensional rip is in your *stomach*?

Man. What a *lame* power.



Yes, it is--um--it's *terrible*.

You should see it when the rip grows bigger and *everything* starts flying in.

Hmmmm.



Now, *there's* an idea.













Look everyone! It's Bobby Drake-- Iceman!

**BANF!**

I knew there was a portal open.

There's too much moisture in the air!



Oh, Carter, my baby!

Mom, it was so cool! You shoulda seen it!



Thank you, Bobby.

Thank you SO much.

Don't, uh--  
--don't mention it.

The whole castle's coming through the portal...



...it's all collapsing around us!



⊗ NEARBY...



**BAMF!**

I always liked you BEST, Kurt.

Of all my children, all over my world, there was always something SPECIAL about you.



**BAMF!**

**BAMF!**



I know the currents of this dimensional rift like I know my OWN TAIL, Kurt.

You CAN'T ESCAPE me through there--

--and why would you WANT to?



Rule beside me, Kurt!

**CHHHH**



Bring the Steiger boy back, and the Earth could be OURS!

Thanks. Not interested.





I will find the boy with or without you!



And I will bury your body beneath my throne for BETRAYING me.

For turning on your own father.



**CHANK!**

You're NOT my father.



You're just a Lothario with regrets.



**AAAH!**



It saddens me to know I share genetics with a man whose heart is so BLACK that he sees NO OTHER OPTIONS.

Sees no possibility for either LOVE or COMPASSION.

How could I have birthed a son who LOOKS like me--



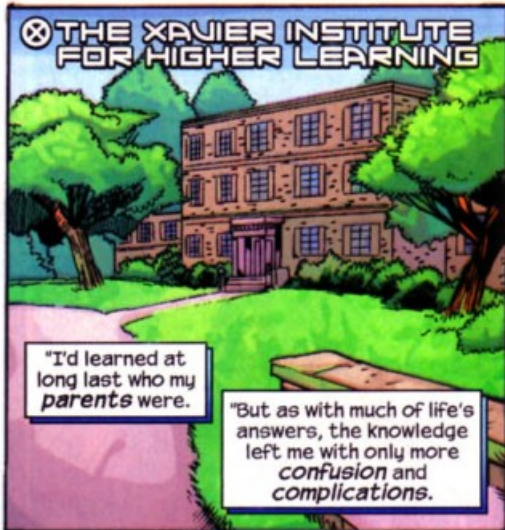






"I'll never remember how this all began..."

"...but I'll never forget how it ended."



"I'd learned at long last who my **parents** were."

"But as with much of life's answers, the knowledge left me with only more **confusion** and **complications**."



"I now had two brothers who were more **strangers** than relatives--"



"--and more **friends** than I'd ever hoped they could be."



"But now you've **lost** that father, Kurt..."

"...something I know you've always wondered about and secretly **hoped** for."



Azazel may have provided the genetic material that made me what I am, **physically**...

"...but my **'father'** has always been here whenever I needed him, Professor Xavier..."

"...with food, money, support, family...and most importantly...with love, understanding, and kindness."



"The foolish notions of the angels."



"Thank you Professor, for being a **true** father to me all these years."

⊗ END