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THE UNCANNY X-MEN!

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FOR HIGHER LEARNING

A UNIQUE PRIVATE SCHOOL LOCATED
IN THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY TOWN OF
SALEM CENTER, ROUGHLY AN HOUR'S
DRIVE NORTH OF NEW YORK CITY...

...WHICH HOUSES A
UNIQUE GROUP OF
INDIVIDUALS--THE
X-MEN--MUTANTS
BORN WITH
EXTRAORDINARY
ABILITIES.

IT'S BEEN A LONG
TIME SINCE THE
X-MEN HAVE
INDULGED IN A GAME
OF BASEBALL...

SWING
BATTA! SWING
BATTA!

ONE
MORE WORD,
KURT--

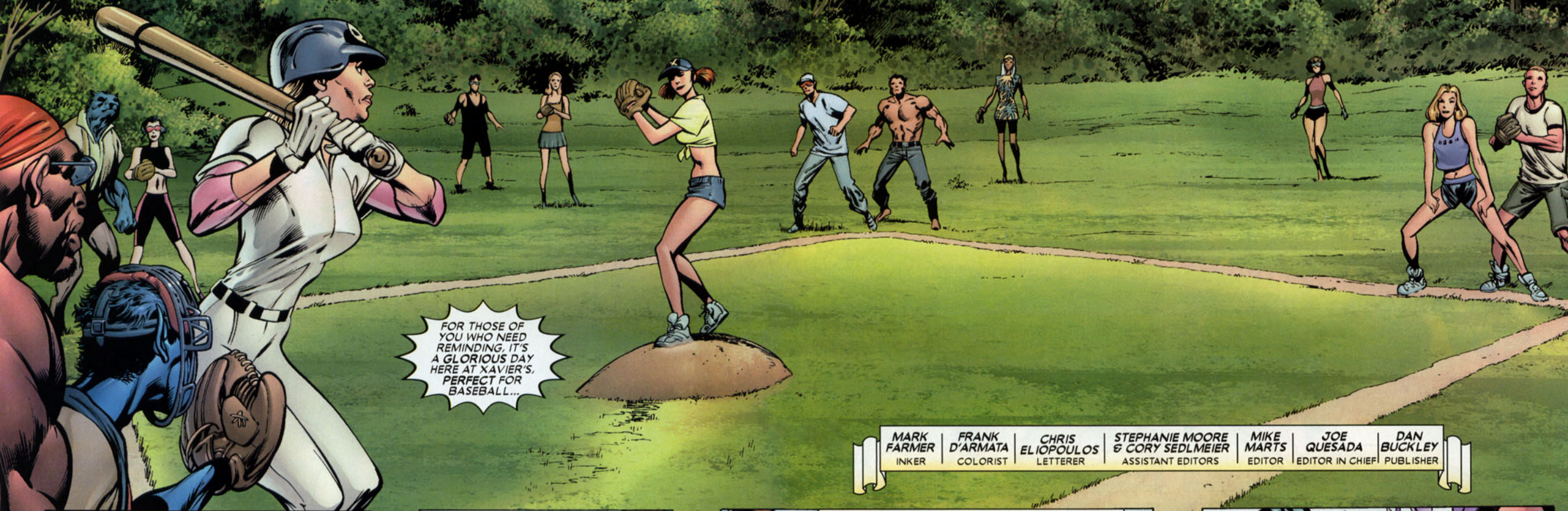
--AND I'LL
BANISH YOU TO
YOUR FATHER'S
DIMENSION
MYSELF!

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THE END OF HISTORY!

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...AND THEY INTEND TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT.



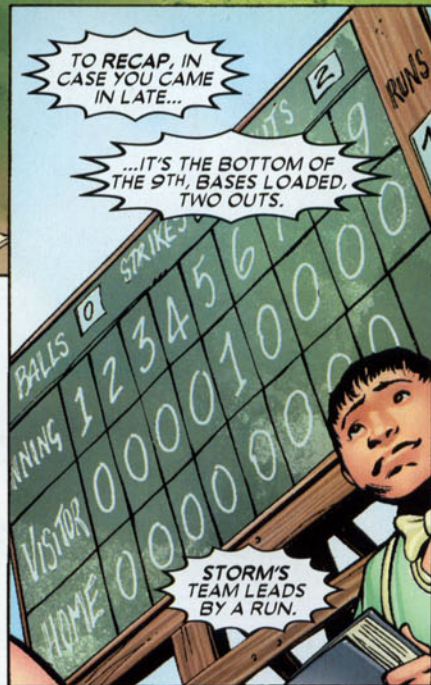
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO NEED REMINDING, IT'S A GLORIOUS DAY HERE AT XAVIER'S. PERFECT FOR BASEBALL...

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...AND JUST ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE THAT COMES TO MIND ON A SUNNY SUMMER AFTERNOON!

STOP THAT, YOU RUDE GIRL.
THIS IS AN ALL-AGES GAME.
I'M DANI MOONSTAR.
...AND I'M SHAN COY MANH.



TO RECAP, IN CASE YOU CAME IN LATE...
...IT'S THE BOTTOM OF THE 9TH, BASES LOADED, TWO OUTS.
STORM'S TEAM LEADS BY A RUN.



FOR THE VISITORS, CANNONBALL COVERS FIRST, WOLVERINE SECOND, MAGMA SHORTSTOP AND SAGE THIRD.
OUTFIELD IS ROGUE IN RIGHT, STORM CENTER AND GAMBIT LEFT.
FOR THE HOME TEAM, BEAST IS AT THIRD, CYCLOPS AT SECOND, HUSK AT FIRST.
STARTING PITCHER KITTY PRYDE MADE A SPECTACULAR EFFORT...
...BUT WITH THE HOME TEAM RALLYING, AND EMMA FROST AT BAT...



...THE GAME RESTS ON THE SHOULDERS OF RELIEVER RACHEL GREY--THE NEWLY-MINTED MARVEL GIRL.



HERE'S THE WIND-UP, AND THE PITCH!



HIGH AND INSIDE--

--A REAL ROCKET ROGER "BRUSHBACK"!



MADE YOU FLINCH, EMMA DAHLING.



BALL TWO!



WHY ARE YOU ON STORM'S TEAM, WOLVERINE?

ISN'T YOUR PLACE HERE, WITH THE INSTITUTE?

I MAKE MY OWN PLACE, BUB.



JUST LIKE I CHOOSE MY OWN FRIENDS.

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

STAY FOCUSED, SCOTTY. WE'RE PLAYIN' A GAME HERE.

ZWNNIP!

BALL THREE.

FAIR WARNING, RACHEL!

ONE MORE PITCH LIKE THAT, THE GAME'S OVER!

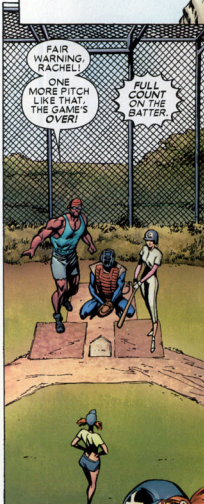
FULL COUNT ON THE BATTER.

A HIT, OR BALL FOUR, WINS THE GAME FOR THE HOME TEAM!

FOR MARVEL GIRL, THIS IS THE PITCH OF THE DAY!

AND THANKS TO MY JUDICIOUS APPLICATION OF TELEPATHY...

...I KNOW WHAT IT IS.



STRIKE THREE!

WHIFF!

SHE'S OUT!
EMMA FROST IS OUT!

STORM'S TEAM

WINS!



THAT
ONE WAS
FOR MY MOM,
EMMA!



I HEARD
THAT, YOU
SODDING
INCREDIBLE
COW!



MOO!



BACK IN THE DAY, THIS SCHOOL HOUSED PERHAPS A DOZEN STUDENTS, TOPS.

IT WAS TOTALLY CLANDESTINE THEN...

...BECAUSE THE STUDENTS WERE ALL MUTANTS.

THAT MEANT THEY WERE BORN WITH A WILD GENOME...

...WHICH GAVE THEM POWERS THAT SEPARATED THEM FROM THE MAJORITY OF HUMANITY.

THAT, IN TURN, MADE THEM OBJECTS OF FEAR AND HATRED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THIS SCHOOL, AND THE TEAM OF X-MEN ASSOCIATED WITH IT, ARE FOUNDER CHARLES XAVIER'S BID TO FORESTALL WHAT SOME SEE AS AN INEVITABLE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THESE BRANCHES OF THE HUMAN SPECIES.

BUT CHARLES XAVIER NO LONGER LEADS THE X-MEN; NOR DOES HE LIVE AT THIS SCHOOL.

THE SCHOOL IS NO LONGER A SECRET. NEITHER ARE THE IDENTITIES OF THE X-MEN.

AND THERE ARE ALSO A WHOLE LOT MORE MUTANTS IN THE WORLD THAN ANYBODY EVER DREAMED OF.

WHICH MEANS A WHOLE LOT MORE POTENTIAL FLASHPOINTS.

SOMEONE HAS TO KEEP TABS ON THEM.

WELCOME, SAGE.

EXTERNAL DATABASE ACCESS?

OPTIONS, PLEASE.

THE AVENGERS

THE WHITE HOUSE

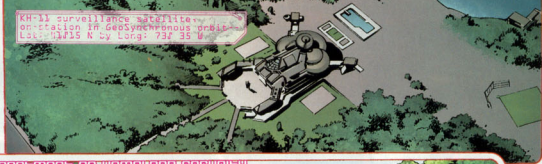
The Hellfire Club

THE FANTASTIC FOUR

purity

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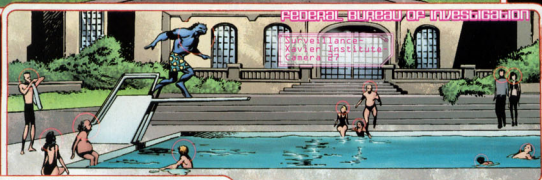
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Subject: Roberto DaCosta,
code-named Sunspot.

Subject: Evangeline
Whedon, head of
Mutant Rights
Coalition



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Shanna Cho, reporting

WORLD GOVERNMENTS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEAM OF X-MEN--CODE-NAMED THE X-TREME SANCTIONS EXECUTIVE--

--WITH GLOBAL LAW-ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE APPREHENSION OF MUTANT CRIMINALS--!

HEY, SHANNA, CHECK IT OUT!

WE GOT US SOME LIVE ONES!

OH MY! THIS IS PURE GOLD! MUTANTS!

GINO, GET US IN, CLOSE AS YOU CAN!

CAN YOU TELL ME YOUR NAMES?

WILL YOU ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS?

NO, MS. CHO, THEY WON'T.

THIS IS RESTRICTED AIRSPACE, THAT INCLUDES THE MEDIA.

C'MON, SAM, DON'T BE SO LAME!

I'M ON TV!

MELODY, YOU ARE SO TOTALLY GROUNDED!

AND YOU, JAY, SHOULD KNOW BETTER!

YOU'RE ONLY MY BROTHER, SAM.

YOU'RE NOT THE BOSS OF ME, NOT NOW, NOT EVER!

MANSION COMPLEX:
H-PLANE HANGER BAY



STUPID
FREAKING
PIECE O'
JUNK!

CAN
I HELP,
RACHEL?

SURE
HOPE SO,
SAGE.

OTHERWISE,
I'M GONNA HAVE
TO REBUILD THE
WHOLE ENGINE
FROM SCRATCH!

MANSION COMPLEX:
THE MEDICAL BAY



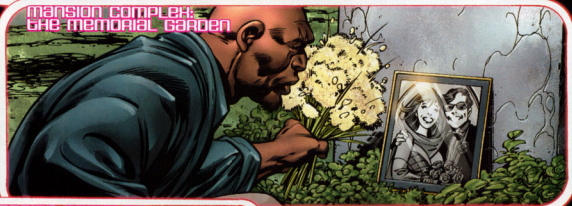
I CHECK
OUT PERFECT,
N'EST-CE PAS?

I'M SORRY,
GAMBIT.

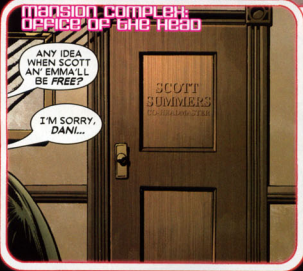
BUT BOTH
STORM AND I
FEEL YOU NEED
MORE TIME IN
REHAB.

JUST TO BE
SURE YOUR RESTORED
POWERS ARE AS
"PERFECT" AS YOU
CLAIM.

MANSION COMPLEX:
THE MEMORIAL GARDEN



MANSION COMPLEX:
OFFICE OF THE HEAD



ANY IDEA
WHEN SCOTT
AND EMMA'LL
BE FREE?

I'M SORRY,
DAN!



... BUT THEY'RE
IN CONFERENCE.

MANSION COMPLEX:
OFFICE OF THE HEAD
(INFERIOR)

MANSION COMPLEX: THE DANGER ROOM

NOW, AH'M SURE Y'ALL HAVE HEARD STORIES 'BOUT THIS PARTICULAR PART O' THE COMPLEX.

ROGUE, THE DOOR'S LOCKED!

WE THOUGHT THIS SESSION WAS BOOKED FOR US!

TRUE, BUT I GUESS SOME FOLK'S B' LIEVE RULES WERE MEANT T' BE BROKEN.

THESE THREE, ESPECIALLY-- WOLVERINE, STORM AND NIGHTCRAWLER.

PAY ATTENTION, STUDENTS.

EV'RYTHING Y'ALL WANT T' KNOW 'BOUT THE DANGER ROOM, AN' BEIN' AN X-MAN...

...IS RIGHT HERE B'FORE YOUR EYES.







WE USUALLY USE THE DANGER ROOM FOR TRAINING...



...BUT A SESSION LIKE THIS, MOSTLY IT'S JUST FOR FUN.



NOT SO BAD.

PERHAPS WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER MORE OFTEN, JA?

TELL ME MORE ABOUT THIS X.S.E., ORORO.

SOMEONE HAS TO KEEP THE PEACE, LOGAN.



THE FIRST GENERATION OF MUTANTS NEEDS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR HEIRS.

FORGIVE THE INTERRUPTION, MY FRIENDS.



YOU HAVE MISSIONS.

⊗ THE CENTRAL SAHARAN REPUBLIC

THE FORT WAS BUILT BY THE FRENCH, AN OUTPOST OF THEIR FOREIGN LEGION.

SINCE THEN IT HAS PROTECTED THIS REMOTE OASIS. UNTIL TODAY.

THE RAIDERS ATTACKED WITHOUT WARNING, WITHOUT MERCY. THEY CALL THEMSELVES WEAPONERS AND THEIR TECHNOLOGY PUTS THE DEFENDERS' SKILLS AND COURAGE TO SHAME.

WE CLAIM THIS LAND, AND THE LIVES OF ALL WHO LIVE HERE, IN THE NAME OF OUR MASTER, ACHMED AL-KHALADI!

I GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT, DUDE.

I'M MARVEL GIRL. I REPRESENT THE X.S.E.!

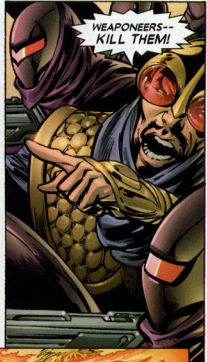
FOR VIOLATING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THIS LAND, AND FOR PIRACY, YOU'RE ALL UNDER ARREST!

OH, REALLY?

BY YOU AND WHAT ARMY?



THAT WOULD BE ME.



WEAPONEERS-- KILL THEM!



RACHEL GREY IS A TELEPATH AND TELEKINETIC.

IT'S THE LATTER ASPECT OF HER POWER SHE NEEDS NOW, AND ALL HER COURAGE AND ALL HER STRENGTH--

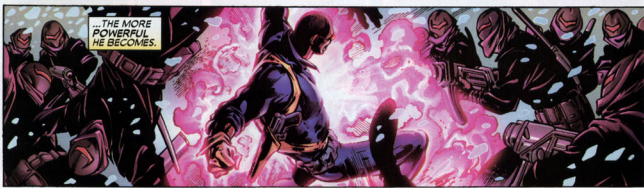
--BECAUSE IT'S HER JOB TO KEEP THE CIVILIANS SAFE.





LUCAS BISHOP
ABSORBS ENERGY.

THE MORE THE
WEAPONEERS
SHOOT HIM...



...THE MORE
POWERFUL
HE BECOMES.



AND THAT'S
JUST THE
BEGINNING.



BECAUSE THESE
TWO X-MEN HAVEN'T
COME ALONE.

WHAT THE
DEVIL--?!



CAPTAIN,
WE'VE BEEN
RAMMED!

SAM GUTHRIE IS BOTH
INVULNERABLE AND
CAPABLE OF FLIGHT...

...MUCH LIKE HIS
NAMESAKE,
CANNONBALL.

THEY'RE
CRIPPLED,
STORM!



SHIELDS OFF-LINE!
DEFENSIVE ARRAY
CAN'T LOCK ON
TARGET!

SOME KIND
OF ELECTRICAL
INTERFERENCE IS
DEGRADING ALL OUR
ELECTRONICS!

NOT
TO MENTION
THIS STRANGE
WEATHER ALL OF
A SUDDEN.



ONE MORE
HIT SHOULD
BRING 'EM
DOWN!

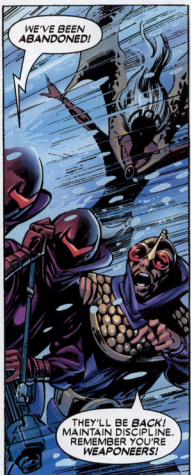


STORM--
THE SHIP'S
GONE!



YOU
DID YOUR PART,
CANNONBALL.

NOW LET'S
DEAL WITH THE
SOLDIERS THEY
LEFT BEHIND.



WE'VE BEEN
ABANDONED!

THEY'LL BE BACK!
MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE.
REMEMBER YOU'RE
WEAPONEERS!

SERGEANT,
THIS STORM IS
MURDER ON MY
SYSTEMS.

SENSORS ARE
USELESS!

ZAKOW!!

ZAKOW!

ZAKOW!

ZAKOW!

ZAKOW!

IS THIS
ALL OF THEM,
BOSS?

LET'S
TAKE A
LOOK.



NIFTY TRICK, THE WAY THEIR SHIP VANISHED.

THAT'S PROBABLY HOW THEY ACHIEVE SUCH COMPLETE SURPRISE, LUCAS.

THEY CAN TELEPORT.



THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THEY'VE BEEN BEATEN.

WE NOW HAVE A NAME FOR THEM, AND FOR THEIR LEADER.

WE'LL LEARN MORE FROM THE PRISONERS.



SURE, BUT NOW THAT THE FIGHT'S OVER...

...WANT TO TURN OFF THE WEATHER...



...AND RETURN THE TOWN TO ITS PEOPLE?

XAVIER'S...

I HAVE NOTHING IN ANY DATABASE CONCERNING EITHER THE WEAPONERS' UNIFORMS OR THEIR TECHNOLOGY, MARVEL GIRL.

WE'RE DEALING WITH SOMETHING COMPLETELY NEW.

GOT PRETTY GOOD PSI-BLOCKS, TOO, SAGE.

IF I USE TELEPATHY, I'LL LIKELY FRY THEIR BRAINS.

LEAVE THEIR INTERROGATION TO ME, RACHEL.

I HAVE WAYS OF MAKING PEOPLE... TALK.

SO WOLVERINE SAYS.

AND YOU MENTIONED SOMETHING ELSE?

SOMETHING ABOUT BRIAN BRADOCK?

AS WE SPEAK, I'M MAKING THE CALL.

BRING BRING KLIK!

BRADOCK MANOR, BRIAN BRADOCK SPEAKING.

SURE, THE X-MEN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE, SAGE.

WE'LL BE WAITING FOR THEM WITH OPEN ARMS.

FORGIVE ME, BRIAN, I HAVE ANOTHER CALL.

WE GOT A PROBLEM, SAGE.

THE MUTANT YOU SENT US TO CONTAIN HAS HOSTAGES.

THE LOCAL LAW WON'T ACCEPT OUR X.S.E. BADGES.

KURT'S TRYING TO FINESSE THE SITUATION...

...BUT THEY'RE ACTIN' LIKE WE'RE THE BAD GUYS.

WADE RIVER, WASHINGTON

I AM KURT WAGNER. MY PARTNER'S NAME IS LOGAN.

WE REPRESENT THE X.S.E.

YEAH, WE GOT THE FLASH FROM THE FEDS, TELLING US YOU WERE COMING.

WE DON'T NEED YOUR HELP.



BUT YOU'RE DEALING WITH AN ALPHA-LEVEL MUTANT--

LEMME PUT IT ANOTHER WAY, FREAK.

WE DON'T WANT YOUR HELP.

TOLDJA, ELF.



COMIN' IN OPENLY WAS A MISTAKE. WE SHOULD'A PLAYED THIS SNEAKY.

SHERIFF, PLEASE--WE HAVE THE TRAINING, WE HAVE THE EXPERIENCE.

WE CAN WORK TOGETHER.

BULL!
• FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU GOT NO JURISDICTION--



WE'RE DONE
TALKIN'! ELF,
WE GOTTA GET
INSIDE--

--NOW!

BAMF

GH
BOOM!

NEXT:
DEATH AND THE MAIDEN

X-MAIL



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ENGLAND... BUT
WHAT DANGERS LAY
IN WAIT THERE?!**

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