

Storm. Wolverine. Psylocke. Bishop. Jubilee. Rogue. Gambit. Mutants all, Children of the Atom that have banded together to defend their kind from prejudice and persecution. United, they form the world's most famous super-team, dedicated to protecting all of humanity. Marvel presents...



PREVIOUSLY IN X-MEN '92...

The Upstarts — a group of power-mad, evil young mutants — are entangled in a deadly game to see who among them can hurt the X-Men most. First blood goes to the Von Strucker twins, when they release the evil vampire Alpha Red, whose first act of aggression is to attack and seemingly kill the youngest X-Man, Jubilee.

Recognizing the bite of a vampire, Storm takes Bishop, Psylocke, and the young X-student U-Go Girl to Transylvania to get help from the Lord of the Vampires, Dracula. Dracula reveals that Alpha Red is his son, and agrees to help the X-Men cure their young charge of his own dark disease.

While away, Jubilee awakens as Alpha Red's vampiric disciple, and turns most of the Xavier School's student body into blood-suckers like herself. Beast, Professor X, and a handful of uninfected students do their best to survive a mansion under siege, but when Alpha Red arrives with a small vampire army, including a newly afflicted Wolverine, Rogue, and Gambit, all hope seems lost.

As Storm's team returns to find a decimated mansion, and Alpha Red, greeting them, unaffected by the sun's light. A stolen copy of the arcane Darkhold has infected the X-Men's mutant detecting supercomputer, Cerebro, and Alpha Red uses it to cast a spell that changes the very nature of vampires. Alpha Red is truly free of any master for the first time in his life, and prepares to take his father's place as lord of the vampires, and oversee vampires replacing mutants as the heir apparent to mankind!

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WESTCHESTER. MORNING.

BISHOP

U-GO GIRL

STORM

ALPHA RED!



INSIDE THE X-MANSION.

...AND THAT'S IT. EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT VIRTUAL REALITY IN UNDER A MINUTE.

QUESTIONS?

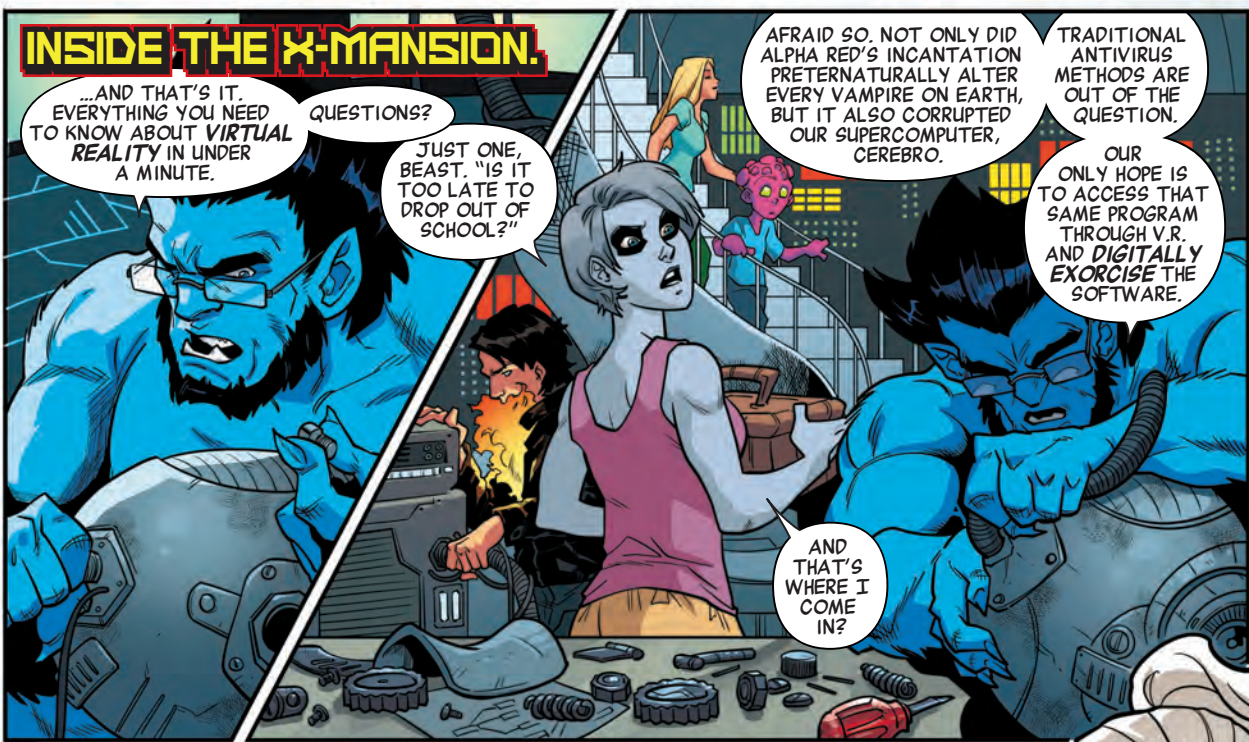
JUST ONE, BEAST. "IS IT TOO LATE TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL?"

AFRAID SO. NOT ONLY DID ALPHA RED'S INCANTATION PERMANENTLY ALTER EVERY VAMPIRE ON EARTH, BUT IT ALSO CORRUPTED OUR SUPERCOMPUTER, CEREBRO.

TRADITIONAL ANTIVIRUS METHODS ARE OUT OF THE QUESTION.

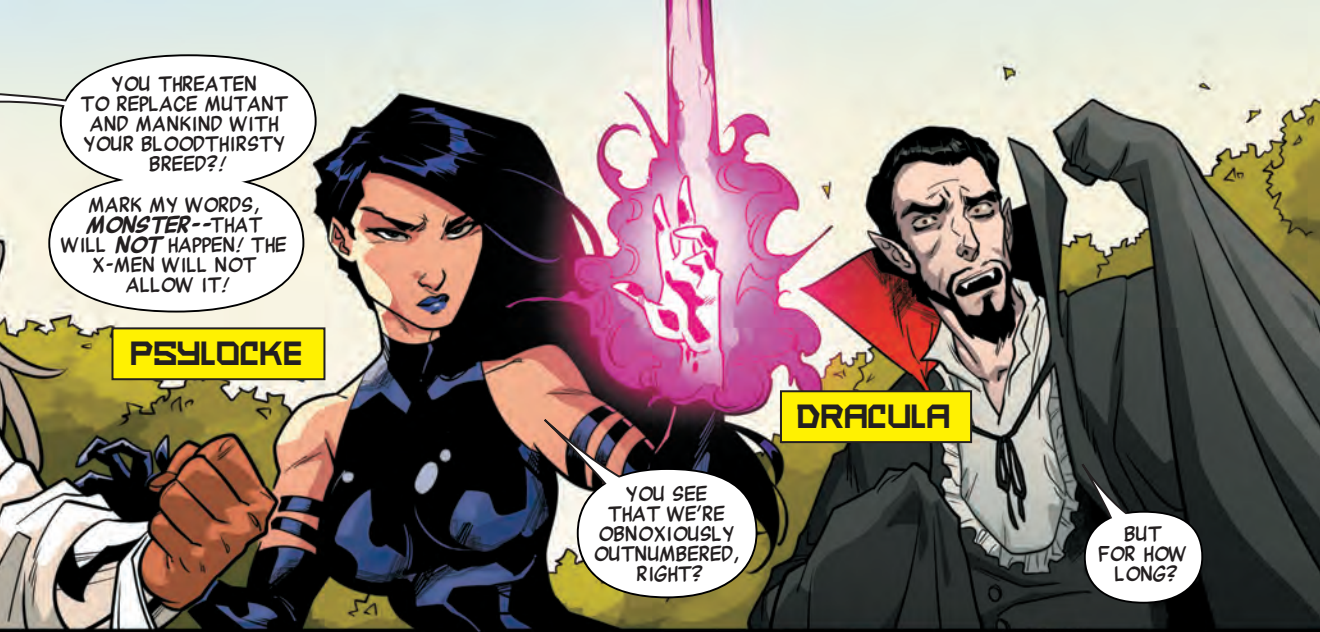
OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO ACCESS THAT SAME PROGRAM THROUGH V.R. AND DIGITALLY EXORCISE THE SOFTWARE.

AND THAT'S WHERE I COME IN?



HAHAHAHA! TOUGH TALK... STORM, IS IT?

BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW GRANDLY YOU SPEAK, OR HOW RESOLVED YOU ARE TO STOP ME. I'VE ALREADY WON.



YOU THREATEN TO REPLACE MUTANT AND MANKIND WITH YOUR BLOODTHIRSTY BREED?!

MARK MY WORDS, **MONSTER**--THAT WILL **NOT** HAPPEN! THE X-MEN WILL NOT ALLOW IT!

PSYLOCKE

DRACULA

YOU SEE THAT WE'RE OBNOXIOUSLY OUTNUMBERED, RIGHT?

BUT FOR HOW LONG?



DEAD GIRL, YOUR...**UNIQUE** MUTANT ABILITIES MAKE YOU IMMUNE TO THE SUPERNATURAL. YOU'RE THE **BEST** CHANCE WE'VE GOT.

I'M NOT SURE, I--

I'LL PASS YOU FOR THE SEMESTER.

HONOR ROLL, HERE I COME!



THE AGE OF THE MUTANT IS OVER. ALL AROUND THE WORLD **VAMPIRES** ARE RISING TO A NEW DAY--ONE WHERE OUR WEAKNESSES TO RELIGION AND SUPERSTITION ARE A THING OF THE PAST.

CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT NO MORE! WE ARE **UNSTOPPABLE**.

TRUST ME, YOU'RE GOING TO LIKE BEING ONE OF **US**.



WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!

BISHOP! PSYLOCKE! DO YOUR WORST!

X-FORCE STYLE!

AND THE CHILDREN?

LEAVE THEM TO ME. FOCUS ON ALPHA RED!

NO!

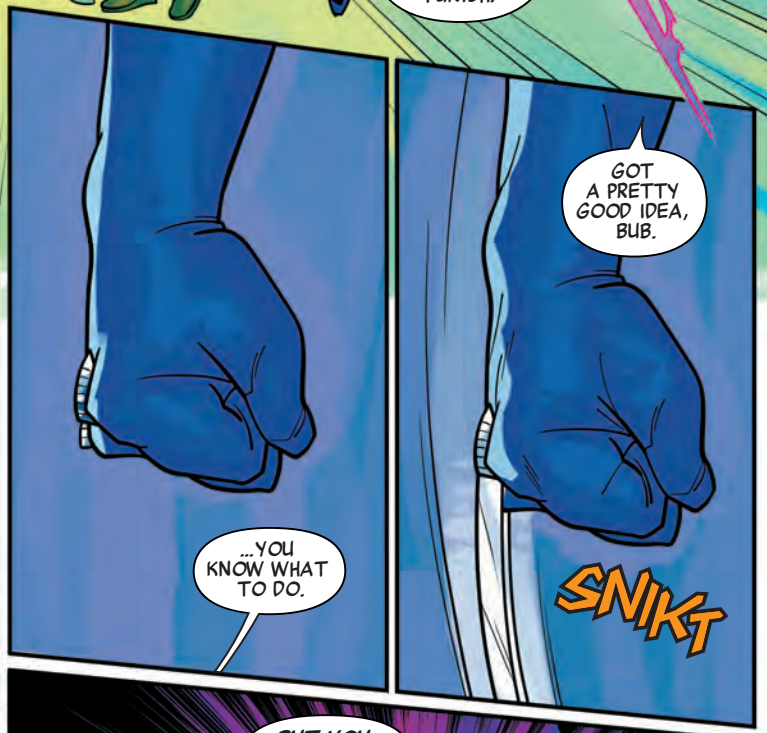
HE'S MY SON-- THAT MAKES HIM MINE TO PUNISH!



YOU THREATEN ME WITH REBUKE? YOU, WHO WERE MY FATHER IN BLOOD ALONE?! NO, I THINK NOT, OLD MAN.

YOU WILL FIND YOU HAVE NO POWER OVER ME--OR ANY VAMPIRE, FOR THAT MATTER. I HAVE FINALLY TAKEN YOUR PLACE. I NEEDN'T EVEN SULLY MY HANDS WITH YOUR DEMISE.

WOLVERINE...



GOT A PRETTY GOOD IDEA, BUB.

...YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO.

SNIKT



BUT YOU AIN'T GONNA LIKE IT!

ARRRRGH!