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**X-MEN CREATED BY STAN
LEE AND JACK KIRBY**

HUMANITY MUST CRUELLY ACCEPT DEATH AS THE FINALE TO THEIR STORY. THE X-MEN ARE NO EXCEPTION... UNTIL THEY BECOME THE EXCEPTION. ONE OF THEM, AT LEAST.



THE RUINS OF XAVIER MANSION...

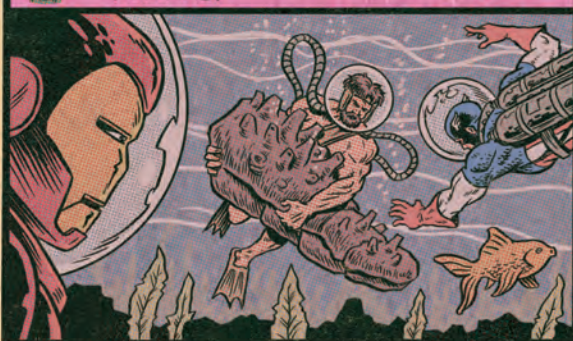
WHEN DID YOU DISCOVER RED WAS ALIVE? I'LL GUT YA IF YOU BEEN KEEPIN' THIS FROM US ALL ALONG, ONE-EYE.



ONE DAY I... SHE JUST GAVE ME A PHONE CALL... OUT OF THE BLUE...



"FROM WHAT I COULD PIECE TOGETHER, THE AVENGERS WERE DISPATCHED TO JAMAICA BAY BECAUSE OF A NAMOR SIGHTING."



"THE COCOON WAS IN THE VICINITY OF OUR SHUTTLE CRASH. THE AVENGERS HANDED IT OFF TO THE FANTASTIC FOUR FOR ANALYSIS."



"IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO EXPLAIN, BUT THE PERSON... THE THING ASSUMING THE ROLE OF OUR TEAM-MATE WAS NOT JEAN."



"IT WAS PHOENIX WEARING A JEAN GREY SHELL. THE REAL JEAN ALL BUT VAPORIZED WHEN ENTERING EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE."



"THE WOMAN WE KNEW... THE WOMAN I LOVED WAS BUSY UNDERWATER STITCHING HERSELF BACK TOGETHER ALL THESE YEARS, ONE CELL AT A TIME. PHOENIX IS TO THANK FOR THIS EVEN THOUGH SHE'S A DECEPTIVE BASTARD."



THE REST IS... PERSONAL, COMPLICATED. YOU GUYS, THOUGH... WHERE IS THE PROFESSOR?



CHUCK'S GONE. POSSIBLY F'EVER.



CHARLES XAVIER'S FATE WAS CEMENTED THE MOMENT HE PLEDGED TO DEFEND **MAGNETO** IN COURT FOR HIS MANY ACTS OF TERRORISM.

THE VOCAL COURT OF PUBLIC OPINION ARRIVED AT THEIR VERDICT FAR BEFORE ANY EVIDENCE HAD BEEN PRESENTED.



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE USE OF YOUR LEGS, **CHARLES**. IT SUITS YOU.

"PUT 'IM DOWN LIKE A RABID DOG."

"IF MY BABIES GREW UP IN A WORLD WITHOUT MUTIES I WOULDN'T MIND."



XAVIER BEGAN RECEIVING PILES OF DEATH THREATS AT **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**, WHERE HE'S BEEN KNOWN TO DO SOME ADJUNCT WORK.



YOU'VE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, PROFESSOR. WE'VE LOOKED INTO IT.

A LOT OF BLUSTER. NO CREDIBILITY.

SMART PEOPLE CONCOCTED SMART WAYS TO HANDLE THE MASTER OF MAGNETISM WHILE IN FEDERAL CUSTODY, BUT THE TRUTH IS HE COULD ALWAYS DETECT FERROUS METALS. HE COULD HAVE ESCAPED WHENEVER HE WISHED, BUT HE DIDN'T.

JUST BEFORE THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS...



I'M READY FOR MY DAY IN COURT.

PLASTIC RESTRAINTS



YOU'RE WHITE AS A SHEET, **CHARLES**.

YOU DIDN'T FORGET THAT I CAN READ EVERYBODY'S THOUGHTS, DID YOU?

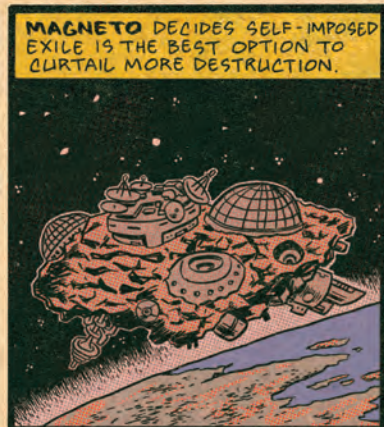
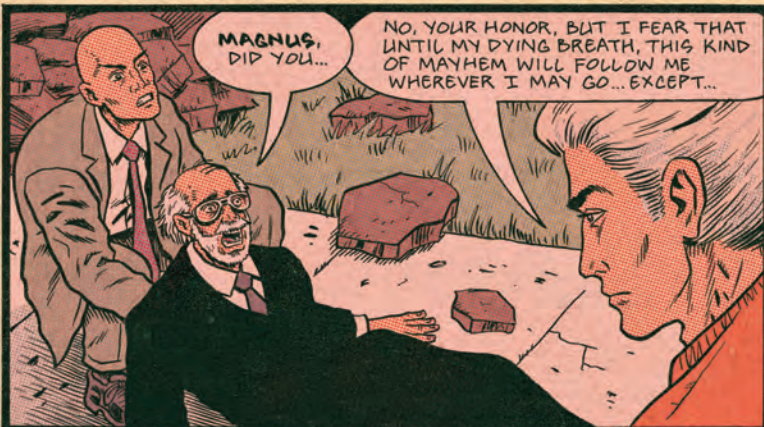
THE IRONY IS THAT IF **MAGNETO** WOULD HAVE HAD ABSCONDED INCARCERATION EARLIER, THERE MAY HAVE BEEN LESS BLOODSHED THAN THERE WAS ON THIS DAY.



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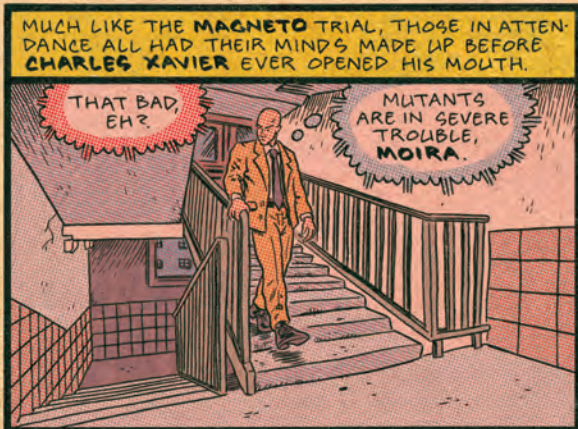
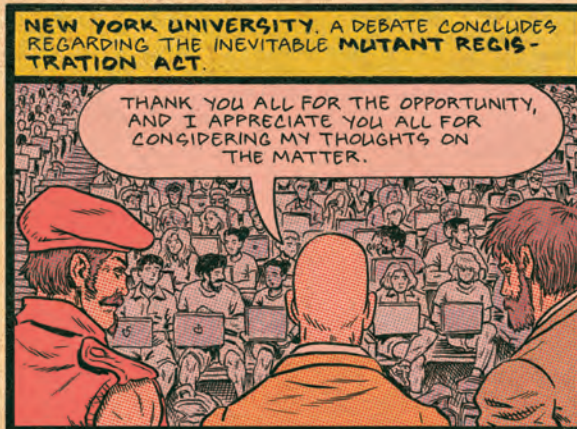
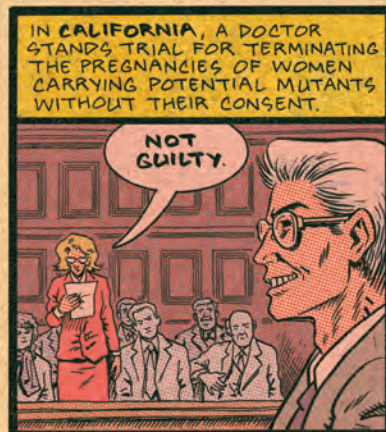
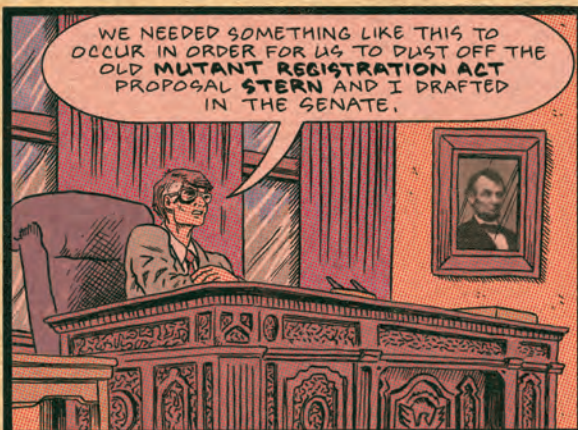
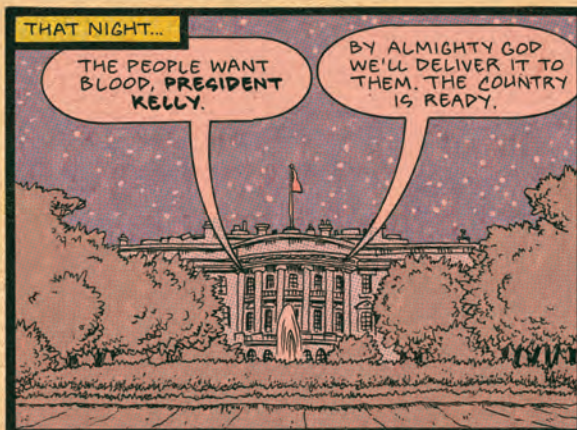
HEAVENS!

ORDER IN THE COURT!



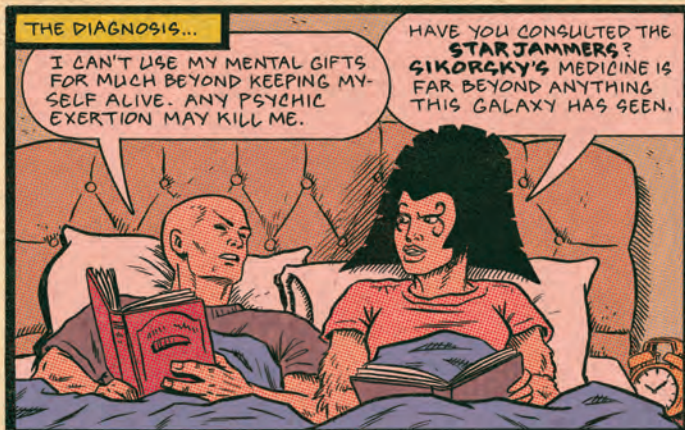
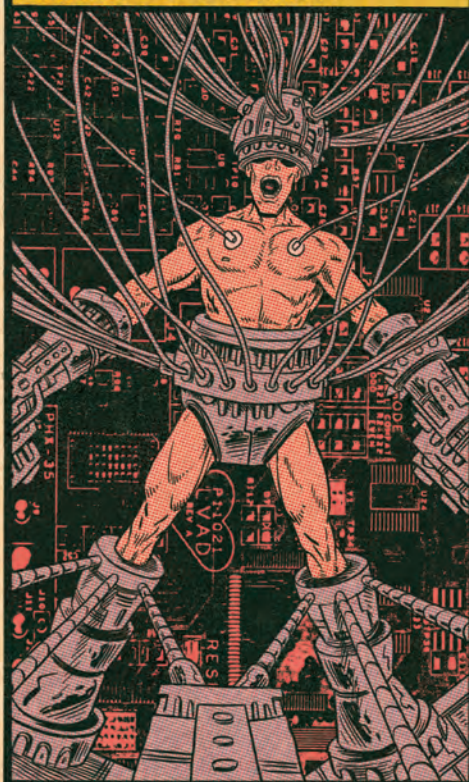
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DRAWS ITS OWN CONCLUSIONS SURROUNDING THE COURTHOUSE MASSACRE.







ONCE BACK AT THE MANSION, CHARLES XAVIER WOULDN'T STOP PUSHING HIS OWN LIMITS UNTIL HE KNEW THE EXACT MAGNITUDE OF HIS TRAUMA.



CHARLES WAS RECOVERING FROM GURGERY WHEN THE STARJAMMER NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH-BIRD'S MOTHERSHIP.



UNFORTUNATELY, THE LIGHT-YEARS' DISTANCE FROM EARTH, COUPLED WITH THE DAMAGE TO THE SPACECRAFT, MEANS THAT XAVIER MAY NEVER GET TO SEE THE X-MEN EVER AGAIN.

