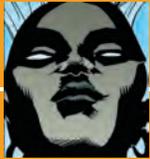


# X-MEN



**STORM**



**RACHEL GREY**



**PSYLOCKE**



**MONET**



**JUBILEE**



**BEAST**

## PREVIOUSLY...

ALERTED TO A SUSPICIOUS SUPERSTORM IN THE BLACK ROCK DESERT, THE X-MEN WENT TO INVESTIGATE. BUT WHEN TEAM LEADER STORM ATTEMPTED TO QUELL THE NATURAL DISASTER WITH HER MUTANT ABILITIES, SHE WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE PHENOMENON AND PULLED DOWN INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH. RACING TO HER AID, THE OTHER X-MEN QUICKLY DISCOVERED THAT THERE WAS MORE TO THIS STORM THAN INITIALLY SUSPECTED... WHEN THEY WERE ATTACKED BY A HORDE OF FERAL CAVE CREATURES, BARELY ESCAPING WITH THEIR LIVES, THE WOUNDED X-MEN MADE A DISCOVERY DEEP UNDERGROUND: THE CORPSE OF A KREE SOLDIER--THE ALIEN RACE RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING THE INHUMANS.

MEANWHILE, BEAST AND JUBILEE MADE A DISCOVERY OF THEIR OWN BACK AT THE JEAN GREY SCHOOL IN WESTCHESTER: KRAKOA, THE MUTANT PLANT ORGANISM THAT COMPRISES THE SCHOOL GROUNDS, HAS MYSTERIOUSLY FALLEN ILL.

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CAVE  
BUGS.

HNNGH!

SO MANY  
CAVE BUGS.



SO I'M  
STARTING TO  
GET PRETTY  
PISSED OFF.



IT SEEMS  
LIKE EVEN THE  
SIMPLE MISSIONS--  
THE ONES THAT ARE  
SUPPOSED TO BE  
ONE-AND-DONE, A  
DAY'S WORK, BACK  
TO THE MANSION  
FOR A NICE GLASS  
OF VIOGNIER--  
TURN INTO  
NIGHTMARES.



IT'S IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS THAT I MAYBE GET JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE WORKED UP THAN IS STRICTLY NECESSARY.



BUT SOMEONE HAS TO GET IT DONE.



AND IF THAT SOMEONE HAS TO BE ME...

COME ON, COME ON...



SO BE IT.

H-LO?

JUBILEE? I CAN BARELY HEAR YOU--



--LISTEN, WE'VE FOUND SOMETHING. SOMETHING IMPORTANT. THERE'S A SKELETON DOWN HERE, AND IT LOOKS--

KREE. AM I RIGHT?



WHAT? HOW? HOW DID YOU KNOW?

WE'RE IN TOTAL MINDMELD.

TOTAL MINDMELD.

AND I'M, LIKE, THE ONLY NON-TELEPATH.

THE IRONY IS NOTED.





NO, BUT SERIOUSLY, MONET. HANK GOT DONE ANALYZING THE STUFF THAT KRAKOA PUKED UP RIGHT AT THE SAME MOMENT THE SUPERCCELL FORMED IN UTAH. HANK FIGURED OUT WHAT'S MAKING HIM SICK. IT'S INTERSTELLAR HYDROGEN.

AND IT GOT ME THINKING.

SORRY, I'M TRYING TO TALK AND FLY THAT NEW LITTLE HATCHLING HANK BUILT AT THE SAME TIME.

THAT SOUNDS DANGEROUS.



YEAH, WELL. YOU KNOW ME.

I'M ON MY WAY TO YOU GUYS RIGHT NOW. IF MY THEORY IS CORRECT, THE STUFF THAT CRATER IS OUTGASSING WILL MATCH--

NO.



TURN AROUND. I'VE HEARD ALL I NEED TO HEAR.

FLY TO MANHATTAN, PARK YOURSELF IN FRONT OF NEW ATTILAN, AND DON'T MOVE UNTIL MEDUSA COMES OUT WITH AN EXPLANATION.



BUT-- THE KREE CREATED INHUMANS, TOO--AND THEY KNOW A LOT MORE ABOUT THOSE ANCIENT KREE EXPERIMENTS ON EARTH THAN WE DO.

FOR MONTHS NOW, MEDUSA AND HER CRONIES HAVE BEEN SITTING THERE IN THEIR FORTRESS, USING OUR RESOURCES--IT'S TIME FOR THEM TO RETURN THE FAVOR AND TELL US WHAT THEY KNOW.