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GENETICALLY GIFTED WITH UNCANNY ABILITIES, MUTANTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE NEXT STAGE OF HUMAN EVOLUTION. WHILE THE WORLD HATES AND FEARS THEM, KITTY PRYDE HAS REFORMED THE TEAM OF MUTANT HEROES KNOWN AS THE X-MEN TO USE THEIR POWERS FOR GOOD AND SPREAD A POSITIVE IMAGE OF MUTANTKIND.

PREVIOUSLY IN X-MEN GOLD...

THE MUTANT CRIMINAL MESMERO USED TELEPATHIC DECEPTION TO TRICK THE X-MEN INTO MISTAKENLY ATTACKING AN NYPD SWAT TEAM, AFTER WHICH THEY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED. THE X-MEN ARE CURRENTLY INCARCERATED WHILE THEIR CASE IS ARBITRATED, LEAVING THE XAVIER INSTITUTE WITHOUT SUPERVISION.

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**BETWEEN
JUPITER
AND
SATURN.**

SOMETHING RENDS
THE FABRIC BETWEEN
OUR UNIVERSE AND
THAT OF THE
EXTRADIMENSIONAL
REALM KNOWN AS
"THE NEGATIVE ZONE."

TO THE QUESTION,
"WHAT COULD DO
SUCH A THING?"
YOU MIGHT BE
TEMPTED TO REPLY...

"A GOD."





AND THAT MUCH
IS TRUE.

SCYTHIAN IS INDEED
AN OLD GOD OF THE
PLANET PARTAYUS.

BUT IT'S NOT THE POWER OF
A DEITY THAT RENDS ONE
DIMENSION FROM ANOTHER.

IT'S RAGE.

PURE.
ELEMENTAL.
PRIMAL.

AND IT WILL
NOT BE
DENIED.

**ROBERT KELLY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.
A.K.A. THE BOX.
HOMO SUPERIOR PRISON.**

WELCOME
TO THE BOX,
KITTY PRYDE.

HOPE YOU
SURVIVE THE
EXPERIENCE.

CUTE.

FREE
ADVICE? DON'T
EVEN THINK ABOUT
ESCAPING.

THIS
PRISON'S
DESIGNED TO HOLD
MUTANTS.

DID A
HELLUVA JOB
HOLDING MESMERO
AND HIS
FRIENDS.*

*MESMERO, PYRO AND AVALANCHE
ESCAPED IN X-MEN GOLD #21.
--CAPTIONING CHRISTINA

POINT BEING,
YOU DON'T CAUSE
TROUBLE, YOU
DON'T GET
TROUBLE.

SOUNDS
FAIR.



HERE YOU GO. HOME SWEET HOME.

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING...

CAN I GET A DIFFERENT CELL?

MORE SPECIFICALLY, A DIFFERENT CELLMATE?

PRYDE.


CALLISTO.

SERIOUSLY, THIS WOMAN'S TRIED TO KILL ME AT LEAST A MILLION TIMES.

YEAH...

SHINK

...HAVE FUN WITH THAT.



A DIFFERENT
CELLMATE? REALLY?
YOU'RE JUST BRUISING
MY FEELINGS HERE.


AND I ONLY
TRIED TO KILL YOU
ONCE--TWO TIMES
TOPS--AND THAT WAS
A LONG TIME
AGO.

I'VE GOT
A LONG MEMORY.
PARTICULARLY WHEN
IT COMES TO LEADERS
OF OUTLAW MUTANT
GANGS.

THE MORLOCKS
AREN'T A "GANG"--
THEY'RE A COMMUNITY.
TRY TO HAVE A LITTLE
MORE EMPATHY.



YOU
FIRST.



YOU MAY
NOT LIKE ME, PRYDE...
BUT OF ALL THE WOMEN
IN THIS PLACE, I'M THE
LEAST OF YOUR
WORRIES.



I'M
QUAKING IN
MY PRISON-ISSUE
SNEAKERS.

YOU
SHOULD BE,
SWEETHEART.



THERE
ARE A LOT
OF ANGRY
MUTANTS IN
HERE.

AND THEY
ALL WANT A
PIECE OF
YOU...