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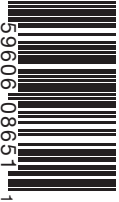
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GENETICALLY GIFTED WITH UNCANNY ABILITIES, MUTANTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE NEXT STAGE OF HUMAN EVOLUTION. WHILE THE WORLD HATES AND FEARS THEM, KITTY PRYDE HAS REFORMED THE TEAM OF MUTANT HEROES KNOWN AS THE X-MEN TO USE THEIR POWERS FOR GOOD AND SPREAD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

PREVIOUSLY IN **X-MEN GOLD...**

UNDER KITTY PRYDE'S LEADERSHIP THE X-MEN HAVE FACED MANY THREATS, MOST RECENTLY A MUTANT-HATING SERIAL KILLER SEEKING REVENGE FOR THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE AND CHILD AT THE HANDS OF MAGNETO. AS THE MURDERER IS TAKEN INTO POLICE CUSTODY, KITTY RECEIVES A SUMMONS TO TESTIFY IN FRONT OF A CONGRESSIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE MUTANT DEPORTATION ACT...

KITTY GOES TO WASHINGTON

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CHURCH OF ST. MITROPHAN.**



WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING...
HOW IS SUCH A THING
POSSIBLE?*

I'M
DISAPPOINTED IN
YOU, ANATOLY...

*TRANSLATED
FROM RUSSIAN.



...ESPECIALLY AFTER I PULLED
BACK THE CURTAIN ON THE
DARK ARTS AND SHOWED
YOU--ALL OF YOU--
WONPERS.



BUT TO
CONQUER
DEATH...

...IS TO
BE AS GOD
IS.

AND IS
THAT NOT
WHAT MAGIK
IS? NOW...

...LET
US GET TO
WORK.

AMERICA.

PEACE.

THEY EXALT IT WITH SPEECHES AND PROCLAMATIONS.

WHILE IMPOSING *SANCTIONS* THAT WRAP LIKE FINGERS AROUND THE THROAT OF MY COUNTRY.

THEY SELL THEIR VOTES TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER WHILE THEY STARVE WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

AND YET TO THEM, I'M THE CRIMINAL.



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CONGRESSMAN
ZELMAN

**THE XAVIER INSTITUTE
FOR MUTANT EDUCATION
AND OUTREACH.**

COME
IN...

THANKS.
FEELS WEIRD
KNOCKING. THIS
USED TO BE
MY ROOM.

AND IT'S
A LOVELY
ROOM.

AND IT'S
NOT THE LEAST
BIT STALKERISH
THAT YOU MOVED
INTO MY OLD
ROOM.

I WASN'T--I
MEAN I DIDN'T--
I MEAN--

IT'S OKAY,
PETER. I WAS
JOKING.

ALMOST
99%.

SO...
I'M HEADED
TO D.C.
AND...

PA. I HEARD.
TO TELL CONGRESS
WHERE THEY CAN SHOVE
THEIR MUTANT
DEPORTATION LAW.

I WAS
GONNA BE A TAD
MORE DIPLOMATIC,
BUT YEAH, PRETTY
MUCH.

AND I WAS
WONDERING IF
YOU'D LIKE TO
COME WITH
ME.

"...I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE BETTER TO SPEAK ON THE ISSUE OF MUTANT RIGHTS."

THIS ISN'T A QUESTION OF MUTANT RIGHTS.



THIS IS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, AMERICAN RIGHTS.

TO SINGLE A MINORITY OUT FOR DEPORTATION OR SPECIAL TREATMENT IS ABOUT THE MOST UN-AMERICAN THING I CAN IMAGINE.

LET ME STOP YOU RIGHT THERE, MS. PRYDE.



MUTANTS AREN'T HUMAN. I DON'T CARE IF THAT SOUNDS POLITICALLY INCORRECT, IT'S THE TRUTH.

HUMANS CAN'T LEVEL CITIES USING THEIR EYES OR THEIR BRAINS OR WHAT-HAVE-YOU.

THAT'S NOT JUST POLITICALLY INCORRECT, CONGRESSMAN, IT'S SCIENTIFICALLY INCORRECT.

MUTANTS ARE THE NEXT STAGE IN HUMAN EVOLUTION, BUT WE'RE STILL HUMAN.

AND BEFORE YOU GO PAINTING MUTANTS AS "OTHER," I'LL REMIND YOU THAT TWO MONTHS AGO, MANHATTAN WAS ATTACKED BY A MALEVOLENT A.I. THAT TARGETED THE CITY'S POPULATION FOR BEING "MUTANTS."

MS. PRYDE!

