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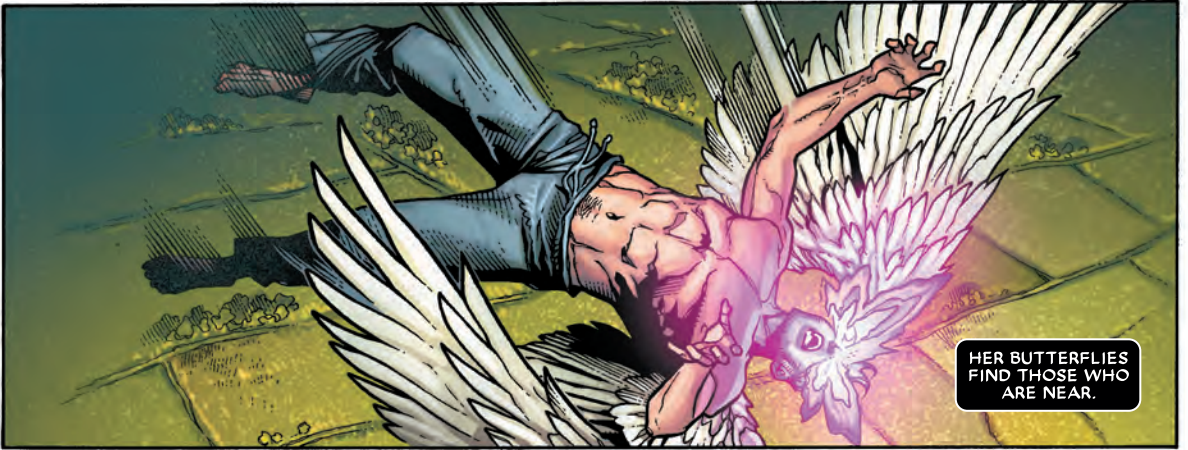


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IN HER DESPERATION, PSYLOCKE CALLS OUT TO ANYONE WHO CAN HELP HER.



HER BUTTERFLIES FIND THOSE WHO ARE NEAR.



PERHAPS NOT THE BEST X-MEN TO FACE THE HORRORS TO COME...



...BUT THE ONES WHO ARE CALLED.

POOR BETSY BRADDOCK.  
SO STRONG, SO ESSENTIALLY  
GOOD, SO *INDOMITABLE*.



HELLLLP  
ME.

AND HERE,  
*DOMINATED*,  
THE FOCUSED  
TOTALITY OF HER  
PSYCHIC POWERS  
TURNED TOWARD  
A PURPOSE NOT  
HER OWN.



SET  
MEEEEEE...

NO, NO, NOT AGAIN,  
THE PEOPLE CRY, AS  
THEIR CITY IS TORN APART  
AND POISON DRIPS  
INTO THEIR MINDS.

NOT EVERYONE IS  
AFFECTED. MANY  
COULD FLEE--MOST  
DO NOT. THEY  
STAY TO WATCH.



...FREEEEEEEE...

DISASTER IS  
BEAUTIFUL.



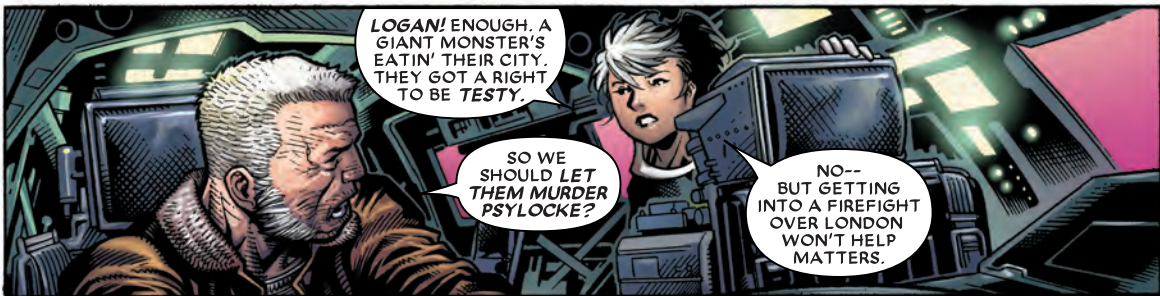


STOP SHOOTING, YOU BASTARDS! THERE'S A PERSON IN THAT THING.



UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT: THIS IS RESTRICTED AIRSPACE--IF YOU CONTINUE TO APPROACH, YOU WILL BE FIRED UPON.

I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY, YOU--



LOGAN! ENOUGH. A GIANT MONSTER'S EATIN' THEIR CITY. THEY GOT A RIGHT TO BE TESTY.

SO WE SHOULD LET THEM MURDER PSYLOCKE??

NO-- BUT GETTING INTO A FIREFIGHT OVER LONDON WON'T HELP MATTERS.



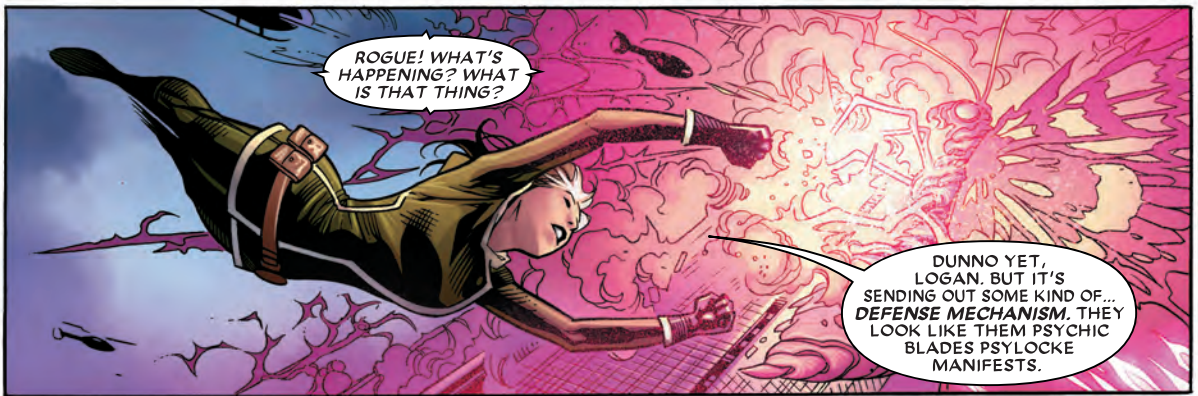
YOU GOT A BETTER IDEA?



ROGUE??



HNH.



ROGUE! WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHAT IS THAT THING?

DUNNO YET, LOGAN, BUT IT'S SENDING OUT SOME KIND OF... DEFENSE MECHANISM. THEY LOOK LIKE THEM PSYCHIC BLADES PSYLOCKE MANIFESTS.



GAH! THEY'RE SHARP, SHARP AS ANYTHING. THEY...THEY CUT ME!

WAIT. YOUR SKIN'S TOO TOUGH. THOUGHT THAT WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

SO DID I!



BETSY, IT'S ROGUE. I'M HERE TO HELP.

I'M GONNA TOUCH YOU. YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS--I'LL KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW, I'LL HAVE YOUR POWERS, AND YOU'LL TAKE A LITTLE REST.



JUST A NAP, SUGAH. NOTHING TO WORRY AB--

ROGUE! THOSE THINGS...THEY'RE COMIN' BACK AROUND!



AH, DAMN.