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FOR SOME REASON, **CHARLES XAVIER** AND HIS STUDENTS AT THE **SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS** HAVEN'T BEEN ON CAMPUS FOR WEEKS. A **ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY** IS SEIZED UPON.



ROGER THAT, **BLACK KING**...



... ALL OF THE COMMON AREAS ARE TAPPED...



CHECK. THE DATA-LOGGER IS INSTALLED ON **CEREBRO**.



YES, SIR. DEPLOYING **DANGER ROOM MONITORS** NOW.

THEN, AFTER 27 MONTHS OF DARKNESS, THE MOTION DETECTORS WITHIN THE SPY EQUIPMENT ARE TRIGGERED INTO A LUMINESCENT NARROWCAST BEING RECORDED A FEW DOZEN MILES AWAY.



YOUR "EXPERTISE" **FAILED!** THESE ARE NOT THE **X-MEN!**



EMMA FROST, **WHITE QUEEN**

I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND. I SPENT SOME TIME IN THAT HOUSE BEFORE.



MASTERMIND, **PROBATIONARY ALLY**

DON'T YOU DOLTS RECOGNIZE THE **BALD CHAP** AND THE **BLOKE WITH THE SUNGLASSES?**



HARRY LELAND, **BLACK BISHOP**

"HE THAT CAN HAVE **PATIENCE** CAN HAVE WHAT HE WILL."



DONALD PIERCE, **WHITE BISHOP**

**BEN FRANKLIN**



SEBASTIAN SHAW, **BLACK KING**

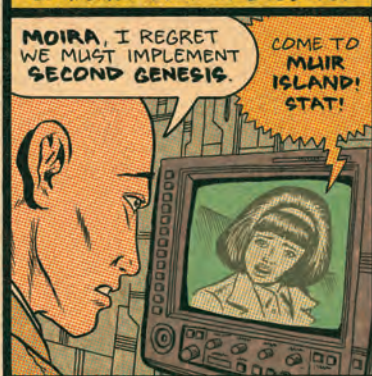
THOSE MANY MONTHS AGO, THE X-MEN LANDED ON KRAKOA ISLAND EXPECTING TO DISCOVER A WIDE-SPREAD MUTANT CIVILIZATION, ACCORDING TO DATA IN THE CEREBRO COMPUTER.



CYCLOPS WAKES UP BACK HOME IN THE HANGAR BAY OF THE XAVIER MANSION.



AFTER XAVIER EXITS THE CONFUSED MIND OF CYCLOPS.



BANSHEE IS THE FIRST RECRUIT FOR THE RESCUE MISSION.



AFRICA. SHE BROUGHT CROP-BEARING RAINS TO HER NEIGHBORS. THEY WORSHIP HER LIKE A GOD.



ORORO MUNROE, STORM

GERMANY. THE CIRCUS ACROBAT WAS HARD TO PIN DOWN. TELEPORTATION IS HIS SAFETY MECHANISM.



KURT WAGNER, NIGHTCRAWLER

RUSSIA. THE IMMENSE STRENGTH OF HIS METALLIC FORM IS A BIG HELP ON THE FAMILY FARM.



PETER RASPUTIN, COLOSSUS

CANADA. HE'S THE CROWN JEWEL OF THEIR MILITARY BUDGET. A CANTANKEROUS, NEARLY INDESTRUCTIBLE LITTLE MAN.



WEAPON X, WOLVERINE

JAPAN. HE AGREES TO HELP OUT THIS ONCE BECAUSE HE'D LIKE TO MEET MARVEL GIRL.



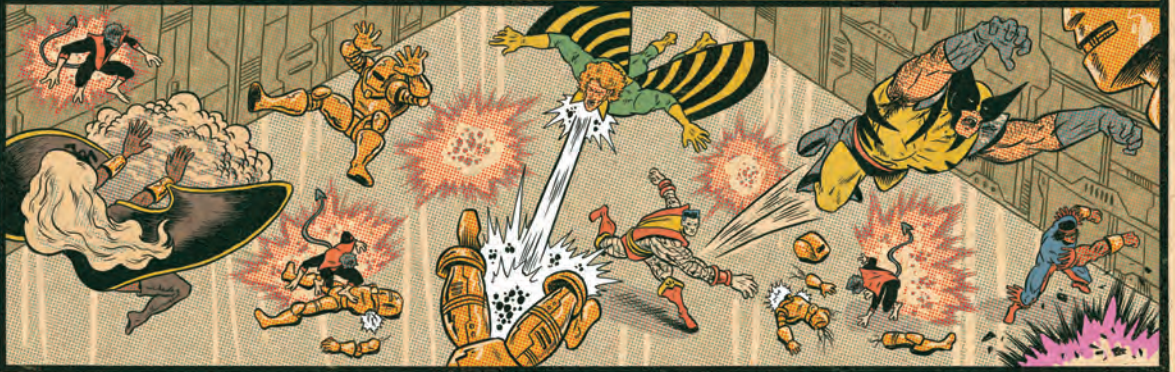
SHIRO YOSHIDA, SUNFIRE

USA. STRONG AS AN OX. FAST AS A HORSE. STUBBORN AS A MULE.



JOHN PROUDSTAR, THUNDERBIRD

SOMETHING IS CLOAKING **KRAKOA'S** LOCATION BUT **CHARLES** KNOWS IT'S A GIMMICK. ISLANDS DON'T JUST UP AND VANISH, AFTER ALL. HIS NEW MUTANTS ATTEMPT TO COHERE AS A TEAM DURING THIS LULL.



PUSHING **CEREBRO** TO ITS LIMITS, **XAVIER** CAN FAINTLY FEEL **JEAN GREY** RESIST THE OUTSIDE FORCES MANIPULATING HER INTO HIDING THE ISLAND'S COORDINATES. THIS MOMENTARY CHANCE IS ALL **CYCLOPS** AND HIS GREENHORNS NEEDED THEY ARRIVE, FIGHTING THROUGH KILLER VENUS FLYTRAPS AND MURDEROUS THICKETS TO DISCOVER...



THERE BEGAN A DEBATE ABOUT THE BIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF CUTTING THE **X-MEN** DOWN. **WOLVERINE** DOESN'T MAKE DECISIONS BY COMMITTEE.



YOU... FOOLS...

DON'T YOU SEE?



YOU WERE USED AS BAIT, SCOTT...



THIS ISLAND ISN'T CRAWLING WITH MUTANTS... THIS ISLAND IS THE MUTANT!

**KRAKOA** IS CURSED WITH REQUIRING THE CONSUMPTION OF MUTANT ENERGY TO SUSTAIN ITSELF, AND **CYCLOPS** JUST BROUGHT THE ISLAND A VERY NUTRITIOUS BREAKFAST.

THE BULK OF THE TEAM HACKS AND SLASHES THE MONSTER AT ITS ROOTS. **POLARIS** STRAINS TO REVERSE **KRAKOA'S** GRAVIMETRIC FORCE ON EARTH AND THE SPIN OF THE GLOBE DOES THE REST.

IT WAS AS IF THE SQUAD OLD AND NEW, HAD A BUILT-IN, INSTINCTIVE RHYTHM TOGETHER.



...WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO WITH THIRTEEN X-MEN?



THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS PHYSICALLY RECOVER QUICKLY, BUT THE POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS OF BEING LEECHED FOR SO LONG PREVENTS MUCH OF THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN BATTLE.



THIS IS... GOODBYE, PROFESSOR...

AWAY FROM PRYING EYES...



**SCOTT**, I KNOW IT WOULD BE SELFISH TO ASK YOU TO COME WITH ME...

...PLEASE JUST PROMISE NOT TO BE A STRANGER.



**CHARLES XAVIER** WAS FOOLISH IN THINKING HE'D REST EASY AFTER SUCCESSFULLY RESCUING HIS STUDENTS...

