

Thief. Goddess. Headmistress. Queen. The X-Man called STORM has always defied a single title. And her desire to better the world has never been limited to only her own kind.

STORM



PREVIOUSLY...

After being manipulated into securing the leadership of four warring clans in Las Vegas for her longtime friend Yukio, Storm boarded a flight to return home to New York City. But when the plane came under attack by operatives with ties to one of the clans' leaders, Storm not only had to fend off the assailants, but also keep the plane aloft. Though she succeeded in ferrying the plane to its destination, a senator who was on board accused Storm of orchestrating the attack. And before Storm could mount a defense, the strain of her exploits caught up to her and she fell unconscious!

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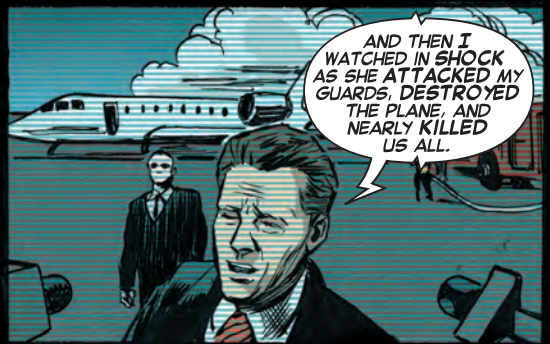
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I THINK WE'RE ALL EQUAL, HUMAN OR MUTANT.

SO I FOUGHT TO LET ORORO MUNROE BOARD THAT PLANE LIKE ANY OTHER CITIZEN.



AND THEN I WATCHED IN SHOCK AS SHE ATTACKED MY GUARDS, DESTROYED THE PLANE, AND NEARLY KILLED US ALL.

YOU KNOW, I'M GOING TO GO OUT ON A LIMB AND GUESS THAT'S NOT THE WHOLE STORY.

BEAST.
A.K.A. HENRY MCCOY.
SUPERBRAIN.



HEH.

WELL, LET'S FIND OUT WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON, THEN.

NIGHTCRAWLER.
A.K.A. KURT WAGNER. TELEPORTER.

RACHEL GREY.
TELEPATH.



ORORO... TIME TO WAKE UP, NOW.

WE NEED TO TALK.

WHAT... RACHEL?

I... I THOUGHT I'D BEEN ARRESTED.



OH, YOU HAVE BEEN...



...WE'RE JUST VISITING YOU TELEPATHICALLY FOR THE MOMENT.

RIGHT NOW YOUR BODY'S IN FBI CUSTODY IN A SPECIALLY REINFORCED FEDERAL CONTAINMENT FACILITY IN BROOKLYN.

YOU'VE GOT A BROKEN ANKLE.

I DON'T LOOK SO GREAT, DO I?

THE SENATOR'S GUARDS STOMPED ON IT.

AND YOU'VE BEEN TRANQUILIZED.

AND THOSE MANACLES APPEAR TO BE POWER DAMPENERS, DESIGNED TO ABSORB ANY ENERGY YOU GENERATE.



I KNOW WHO REALLY ATTACKED THE PLANE.

AN ARMS COMPANY CALLED EAGLESTAR. THE C.E.O. IS DAVIS HARMON. RACHEL, I'M THINKING OF HIS FACE...

GOT IT.



HE'S BASED IN AQIRIA, BUT I JUST SAW HIM WITH YUKIO IN VEGAS.

I NEED YOU TO FIND HIM FOR ME.

WHAT DOES HE WANT?

HE'S PART OF THE FOUR CLANS CRIME SYNDICATE. BUT I DIDN'T FIGHT HIM DIRECTLY. I DON'T KNOW WHY HE'D GO AFTER ME...

HE'S AN ARMS DEALER...

...MAYBE HE'S AFTER THE SENATOR?

JUST FIND HIM.



ALL RIGHT, BUT FIRST, WE'RE GETTING YOU OUT.

I'M GOING TO TRY TO NEUTRALIZE THE SEDATIVES IN YOUR BLOODSTREAM. AND THEN KURT'S GOING TO TELEPORT IN AND--

NO, WAIT...



LET'S JUST... THINK ABOUT THIS FOR A MINUTE.

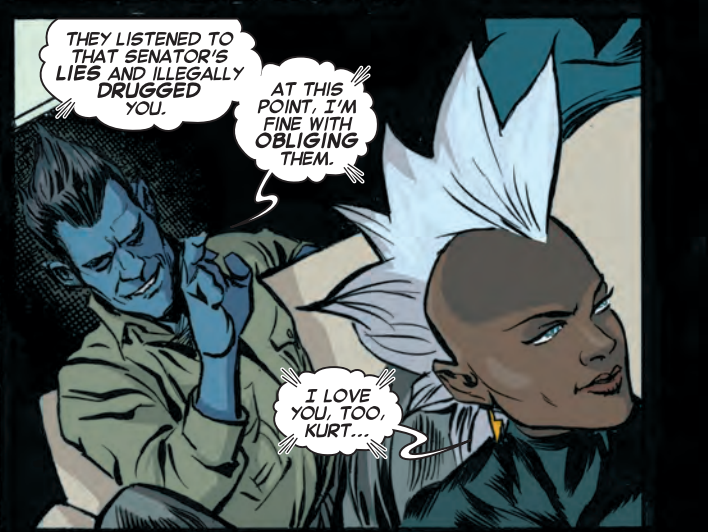
IF THEY HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO DAMPEN MY POWERS...

...THEY COULD HAVE SHIELDED THIS PLACE FROM TELEPATHS.



THIS WHOLE THING FEELS LIKE A SET-UP.

MAYBE THEY WANT US TO BE TALKING. MAYBE THEY WANT YOU TO ATTACK.



THEY LISTENED TO THAT SENATOR'S LIES AND ILLEGALLY DRUGGED YOU.

AT THIS POINT, I'M FINE WITH OBLIGING THEM.

I LOVE YOU, TOO, KURT...