

X-UNCANNY MEN

Born with genetic mutations that give them abilities beyond those of normal humans, mutants are the next stage in evolution.

As such, they are feared and hated by humanity. But a group of mutants known as the X-Men fight for peaceful coexistence between mutants and humankind.

But not all mutants see peaceful coexistence as a reality.

CYCLOPS IS THE PUBLIC FACE FOR WHAT HE CALLS "THE NEW MUTANT REVOLUTION." VOWING TO PROTECT THE MUTANT RACE, HE'S BEGUN TO GATHER AND TRAIN A NEW GENERATION OF YOUNG MUTANTS.

UPON THE READING OF CHARLES XAVIER'S LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, THE X-MEN UNCOVERED HIS DARKEST SECRET. YEARS AGO, XAVIER DISCOVERED A YOUNG MUTANT NAMED MATTHEW MALLOY, WHOSE ABILITIES WERE SO TERRIFYING THAT XAVIER WAS FORCED TO MENTALLY BLOCK ALL THE BOY'S MEMORIES OF HIS POWERS. WITH THE MENTAL BLOCKS FAILING AFTER CHARLES' DEATH, THE X-MEN SOUGHT MATTHEW OUT, BUT FAILED TO REACH HIM BEFORE HE UNLEASHED HIS POWERS UPON S.H.I.E.L.D.'S FORCES. CYCLOPS ATTEMPTED TO REASON WITH MATTHEW, OFFERING HIM ASYLUM WITH HIS MUTANT REVOLUTIONARIES, BUT MATTHEW LOST CONTROL OF HIS POWERS AGAIN. IN THE AFTERMATH, MAGNETO ARRIVED AND URGED MATTHEW NOT TO TRUST CYCLOPS, BUT FAILED AND WAS TRANSPORTED MILES AWAY. FACING THE OVERWHELMING THREAT OF MATTHEW'S POWER, S.H.I.E.L.D. FORCES UNLEASHED A MASSIVE BARRAGE OF MISSILES, SEEMINGLY INCINERATING MATTHEW, CYCLOPS, AND MAGIK.

MEANWHILE, EVA BELL, CHOOSING TO TAKE MATTERS INTO HER OWN HANDS, TRAVELLED BACK IN TIME, COMING FACE-TO-FACE WITH CHARLES XAVIER.



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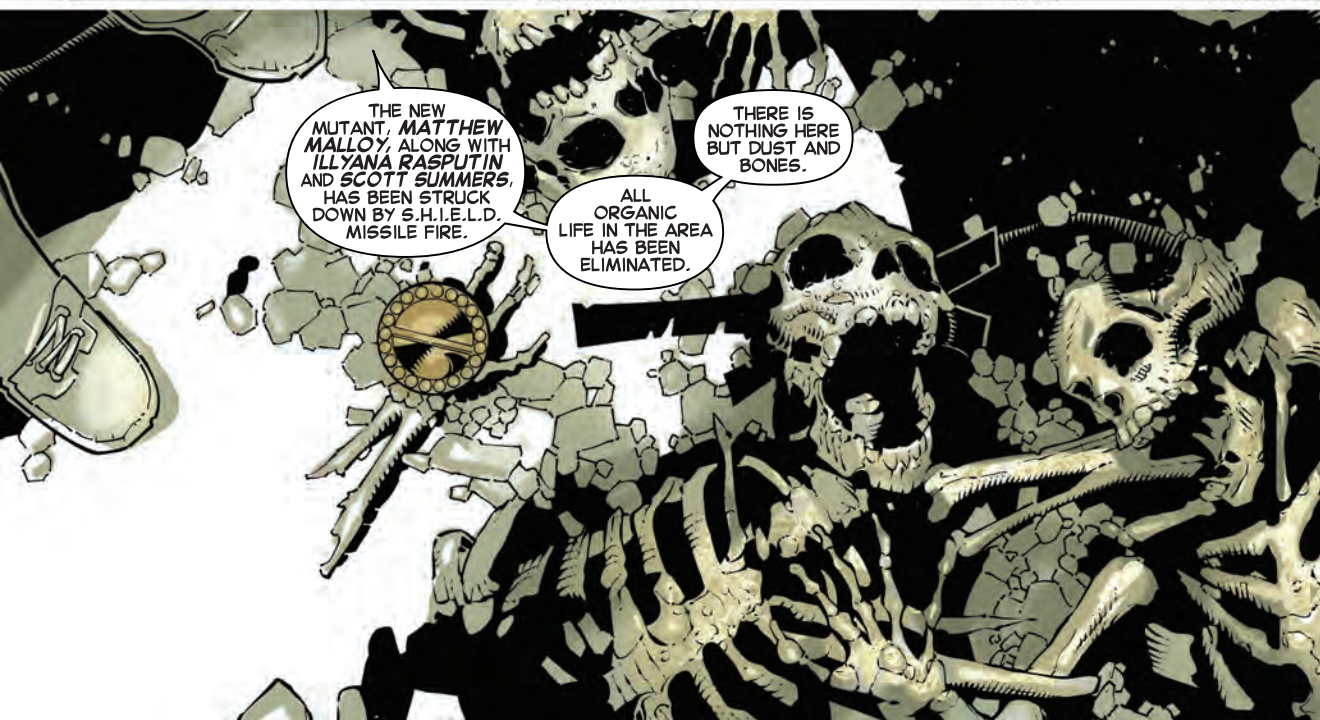
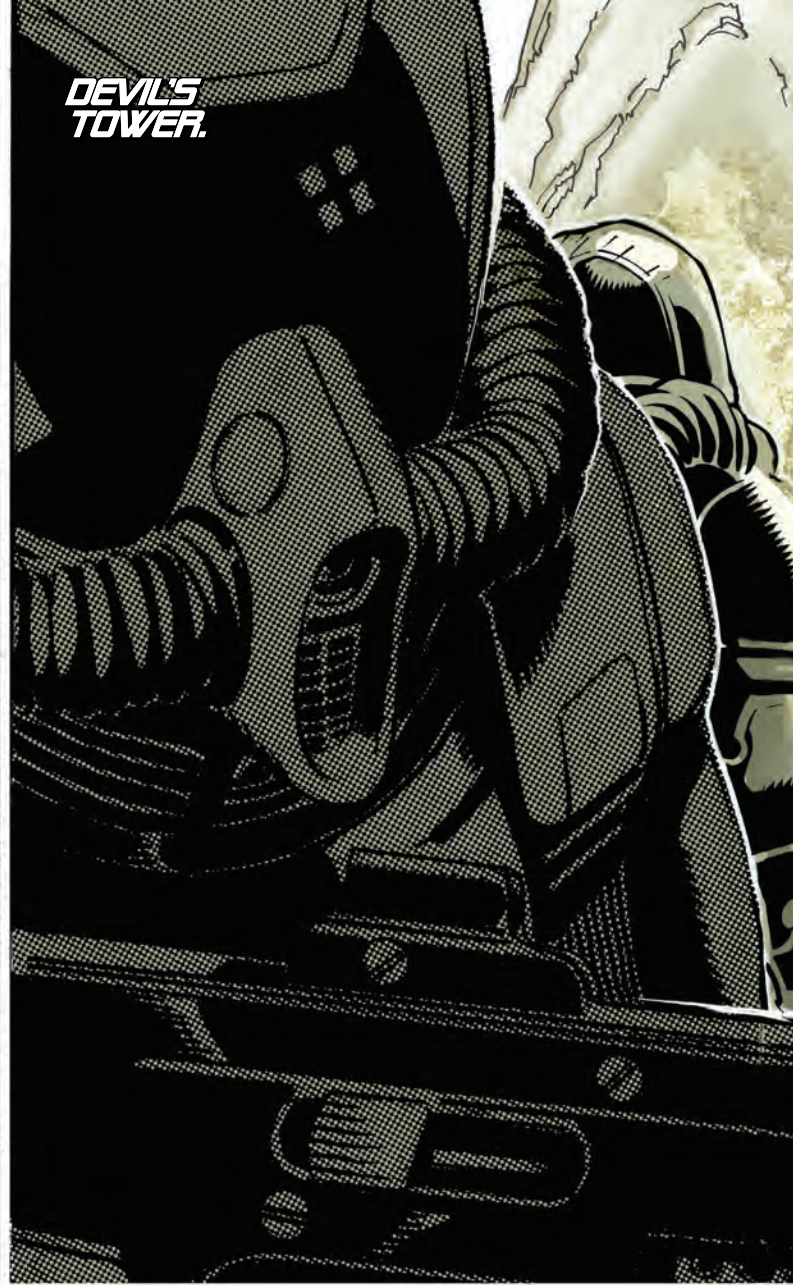
**NEWBERRY,
SOUTH CAROLINA.**



THIS
IS MARIA
HILL.

I WANT
YOU TO **REPEAT**
WHAT YOU JUST
SAID.

**DEVIL'S
TOWER.**



THE NEW
MUTANT, **MATTHEW
MALLOY**, ALONG WITH
ILLYANA RASPUTIN
AND **SCOTT SUMMERS**,
HAS BEEN STRUCK
DOWN BY S.H.I.E.L.D.
MISSILE FIRE.

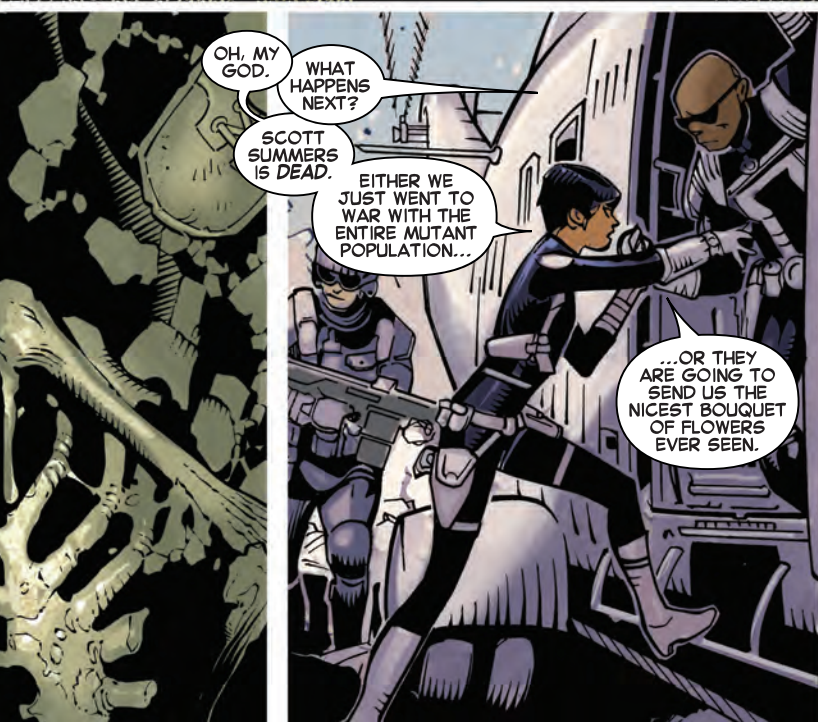
THERE IS
NOTHING HERE
BUT DUST AND
BONES.

ALL
ORGANIC
LIFE IN THE AREA
HAS BEEN
ELIMINATED.



SCOTT SUMMERS HAS BEEN ASSASSINATED.

I--I WANT FULL VISUAL CONFIRMATION AND IDENTIFICATION.



OH, MY GOD.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

SCOTT SUMMERS IS DEAD.

EITHER WE JUST WENT TO WAR WITH THE ENTIRE MUTANT POPULATION...

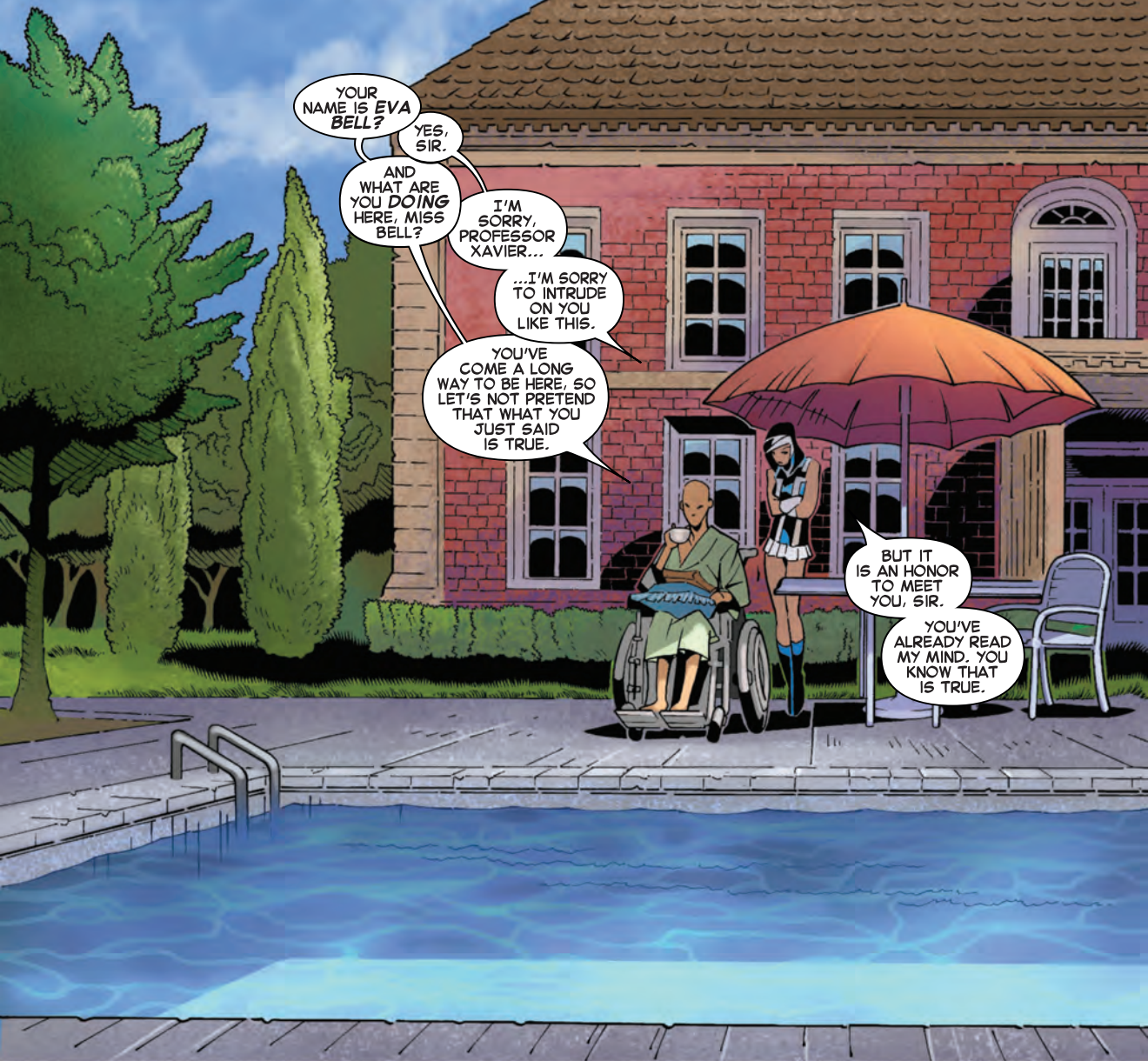
...OR THEY ARE GOING TO SEND US THE NICEST BOUQUET OF FLOWERS EVER SEEN.



I HONESTLY HAVE NO IDEA WHICH WAY THIS IS GOING TO GO.

XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS.

YEARS AGO.



YOUR NAME IS EVA BELL?

YES, SIR.

AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, MISS BELL?

I'M SORRY, PROFESSOR XAVIER...

...I'M SORRY TO INTRUDE ON YOU LIKE THIS.

YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY TO BE HERE, SO LET'S NOT PRETEND THAT WHAT YOU JUST SAID IS TRUE.

BUT IT IS AN HONOR TO MEET YOU, SIR.

YOU'VE ALREADY READ MY MIND. YOU KNOW THAT IS TRUE.



I'VE ONLY READ YOU UP UNTIL THE POINT WHERE I REALIZED WHO YOU ARE AND WHERE YOU ARE FROM.

I MUST SAY I'M RATHER UPSET WITH YOU.

YOU KNOW THINGS I SHOULD NOT KNOW.



I'M HERE BECAUSE THAT'S HOW BAD THE SITUATION IS IN--IN THE FUTURE...

...I'VE COME HERE TO HELP SAVE US.



YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE YOU'RE VERY ANGRY AT YOUR TEACHER, SCOTT SUMMERS.

WHO HAPPENS TO BE YOUR STUDENT.

WHERE I AM FROM, HE IS OUT OF CONTROL.



I WANT SO BADLY TO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A TRICK.

IT'S NOT.

I KNOW IT'S NOT.

IF IT IS, IT IS A FABULOUS, COMPLETELY PERFECT TRICK THAT DESERVES TO WORK.

I WANT TO BELIEVE IT IS A TRICK BECAUSE THE REALITY IS YOU HAVE BROKEN SOME VERY SERIOUS UNWRITTEN RULES OF THE UNIVERSE.



I KNOW.



I KNOW YOU KNOW.

BUT, YET, STILL, HERE YOU ARE.



I GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO READ MY MIND.

LOOK FOR YOURSELF.