

AMAZING X-MEN

Recently, the Red Skull utilized the stolen psychic power of the deceased mutant Charles Xavier to round up and execute mutants. Trying to put an end to his evil, Doctor Strange, the Scarlet Witch and Doctor Doom cast an immensely powerful spell. Though the spell seemed to defeat the threat of the Skull, those who were present for its casting seem to have somehow been affected.

Among that number is the mutant Kurt Wagner, known as Nightcrawler. Gifted with a mutation he was unable to conceal, Nightcrawler was abandoned by his mother, the mutant Mystique, shortly following his birth. Though he was constantly the target of hatred and prejudice in his youth, Kurt was able to eventually come to peace with his appearance. Upon joining the X-Men, Nightcrawler found his true calling in life, protecting those who cannot protect themselves. In his time with the X-Men, he has come into conflict with his mother many times, but has always managed to rise above the hatred and vitriol he could and should hold for her. However, sometimes the purest souls are the ones most easily tainted.

“THE BEST WORST OF US”

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LIKE ANY OTHER WAR, IT STARTED WITH HATE.

THE RED SKULL HATED MUTANTS THIS TIME AND WOULD SEE THEM DESTROYED. BUT NO ONE BELIEVED HE WOULD STOP THERE.

HIS HATE WAS SO POWERFUL THAT IT UNITED THE WORLD'S HEROES AND VILLAINS AGAINST HIM.


IN THE END, TWO GYPSIES WEAVING A MAGIC SPELL SAVED US ALL.

DR. DOOM AND THE SCARLET WITCH PUT ASIDE THEIR OWN HATE TO BRING OUT THE GOOD IN THE RED SKULL'S EVIL.




THESE CONCEPTS...GOOD, EVIL...I ALWAYS BELIEVED THEY WERE MEANINGLESS. ALL THAT MATTERED WAS SURVIVAL. MY SURVIVAL.

MY SON, KURT WAGNER...THE X-MAN KNOWN AS NIGHTCRAWLER... HE DISAGREED.



HE SAID THAT SURVIVAL IN AND OF ITSELF WAS NOT ENOUGH.

WHAT MATTERED WERE THE CHOICES WE MADE.



TO BE A FORCE FOR GOOD...

...OR EVIL.

WINZELDORF, GERMANY.

<"IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.">

✦TRANSLATED FROM GERMAN.

<"BLESS ME FATHER, FOR I HAVE SINNED.">

<"IT HAS BEEN MANY MONTHS SINCE MY LAST CONFESSION.">

<"SO MUCH HAS CHANGED.">

<GO ON, MY SON.>

<I HAVE SINNED...>

<...BUT I CANNOT CONFESS.>

<WHAT?>

<I CANNOT CONFESS FOR WHAT GOD HAS DONE TO ME.>

<THESE SINS, THEY ARE NOT MINE.>

<THEY ARE YOUR SINS, FATHER.>



<"THE GOOD PEOPLE OF THIS TOWN, THESE... HUMANS...THEY SAW ME, A CHILD OF GOD.">

<"AND THEIR FIRST THOUGHT WAS TO RISE UP AND KILL ME.">



<"HOW COULD SUCH HATRED GROW IN THE HEARTS OF MEN?">

<"WHO WOULD PLANT SUCH SEEDS?">



<WHO... WHO ARE YOU?">

<I CAME TO HEAR YOUR CONFESSION, FATHER.>



<AND TO OFFER YOU PENANCE.>

BAMF

AAAAH!



<NO...>

<LORD... HEAR MY PRAYER...>

MY SON CHOSE TO SEE THE BEST IN EVERYBODY.

HE CHOSE TO PROTECT THOSE WHO WOULD SEE HIM BURN, THE HUMANS WHO HATE AND FEAR HIM.

HE CHOSE GOOD.

IF HE WERE
TO CHOOSE
DIFFERENTLY...
GOD HELP
US ALL.

THIS
SHOULD
BE FUN.

