

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 WERE SHOCKED TO DISCOVER HIS DARKEST SECRET. MANY YEARS AGO, HE DISCOVERED A YOUNG MUTANT NAMED MATTHEW MALLOY, WHOSE ABILITIES WERE SO GREAT AND TERRIFYING THAT XAVIER WAS FORCED TO ERASE ALL MEMORIES OF HIS POWERS. THE X-MEN QUICKLY SOUGHT OUT MATTHEW TO RESTORE THE MENTAL BLOCKS THAT EVAPORATED WITH CHARLES' DEATH, BUT BEFORE THEY COULD REACH HIM, HE UNLEASHED HIS POWER UPON S.H.I.E.L.D.'S FORCES. WITH THE X-MEN UNABLE TO RESTORE THE BLOCKS, CYCLOPS REACHED OUT TO MATTHEW IN PERSON, OFFERING HIM ASYLUM WITH HIS MUTANT REVOLUTIONARIES. DESPITE CYCLOPS' ATTEMPTS TO CALM HIM, MATTHEW LOST CONTROL OF HIS POWERS. IN THE AFTERMATH, CYCLOPS ATTEMPTED ONCE AGAIN TO CONVINCE MATTHEW TO JOIN HIS CAUSE, BUT HE WAS INTERRUPTED BY THE SUDDEN ARRIVAL OF THE MASTER OF MAGNETISM, MAGNETO!



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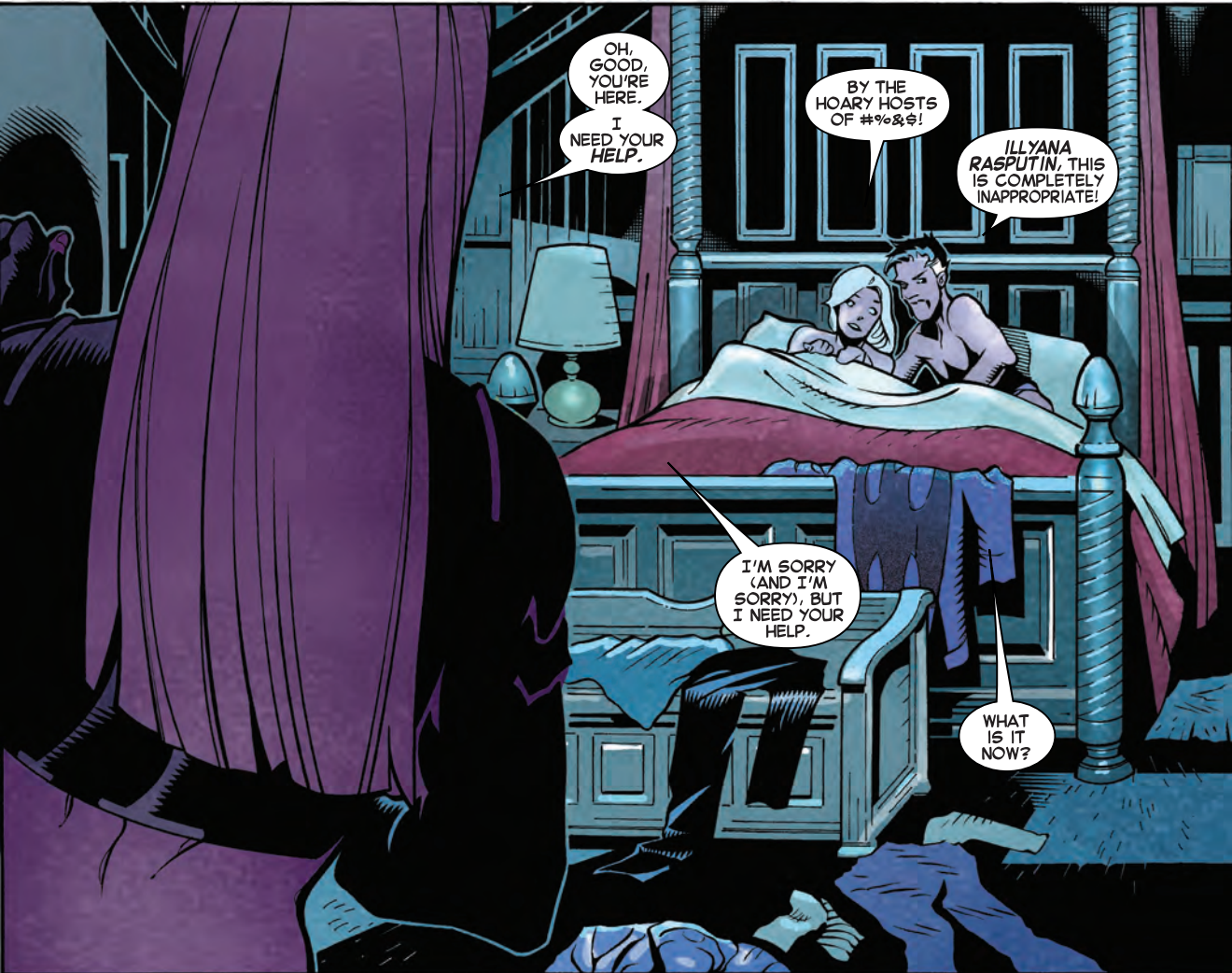
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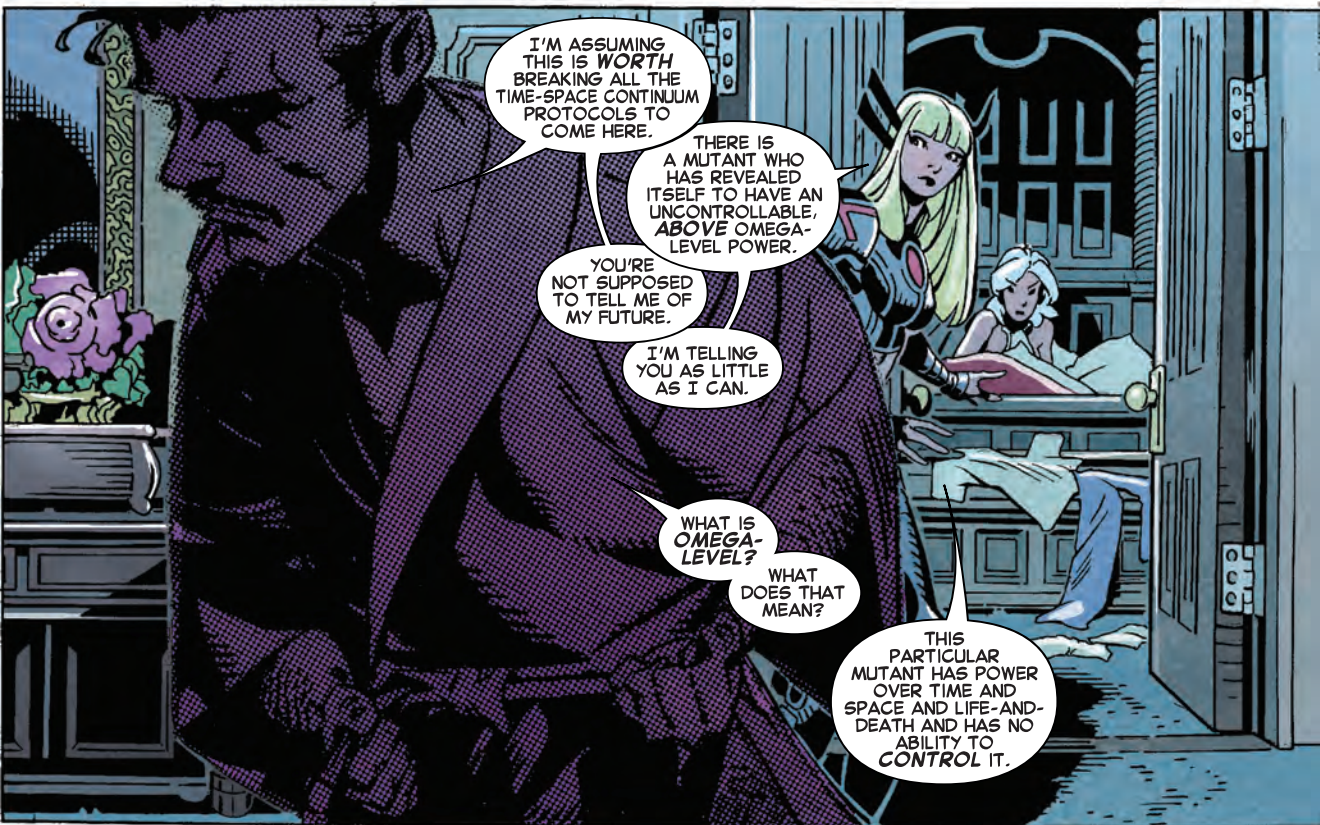
YEARS AGO...



DR. STRANGE, I--?

OH. YOU'RE NOT HERE.





I'M ASSUMING THIS IS WORTH BREAKING ALL THE TIME-SPACE CONTINUUM PROTOCOLS TO COME HERE.

THERE IS A MUTANT WHO HAS REVEALED ITSELF TO HAVE AN UNCONTROLLABLE, ABOVE OMEGA-LEVEL POWER.

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO TELL ME OF MY FUTURE.

I'M TELLING YOU AS LITTLE AS I CAN.

WHAT IS OMEGA-LEVEL?

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

THIS PARTICULAR MUTANT HAS POWER OVER TIME AND SPACE AND LIFE-AND-DEATH AND HAS NO ABILITY TO CONTROL IT.



OKAY.

THAT WAS WORTH COMING HERE.

DID YOU GO TO MY FUTURE SELF FIRST?

NO.

AND I SHOULDN'T ASK WHY?

NO.



AND YOU WANT TO DO WHAT?

YOU WANT TO FIX THIS MUTANT?

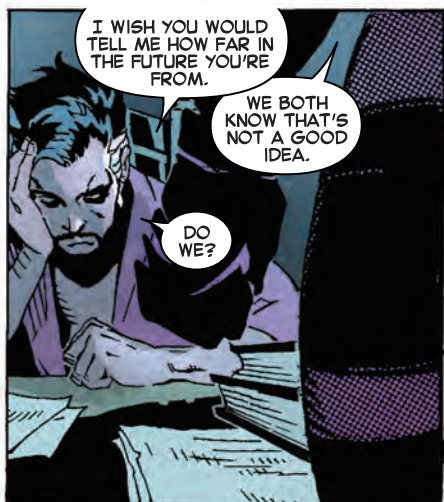
PUT THIS MUTANT DOWN?

SOMEONE I SOMETIMES ADMIRE WANTS TO TRY AND SAVE AND SALVAGE THIS MUTANT.

IS THERE, IN THE BOOK OF VISHANTI, OR ANY OF THESE SCROLLS...



...IS THERE A SPELL OR A SERIES OF SPELLS THAT I CAN APPLY TO THE SITUATION THAT ALLOWS THIS MUTANT TO LIVE A NORMAL AND PRODUCTIVE LIFE WITHOUT TAKING AWAY HIS BIRTHRIGHT BUT WITHOUT RISKING EVERYONE ELSE'S LIFE?



I WISH YOU WOULD TELL ME HOW FAR IN THE FUTURE YOU'RE FROM.

WE BOTH KNOW THAT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA.

DO WE?



YOU COME IN HERE IN A HARRIED HURRY... ABOUT AN UNCONTROLLABLE MUTANT WHO IS ABOUT TO WHAT?

RIP THE EARTH IN HALF?

IN THE FUTURE I MIGHT ONLY HAVE SO MUCH TIME LEFT ON THIS PLANET.

THAT IS LIFE.

I GUESS IT IS.