



X-MEN



RACHEL GREY STORM PSYLOCKE MONET JUBILEE DR. CECILIA REYES AGENT BRAND

RACHEL GREY AND THE X-MEN WERE SUMMONED TO SPACE BY AGENT ABIGAIL BRAND, DIRECTOR OF S.W.O.R.D.-THE SENTIENT WORLD OBSERVATION AND RESPONSE DEPARTMENT-AND HER ASSOCIATE MANIFOLD TYGER, WHEN THE X-MEN'S LONGTIME FOE DEATHBIRD APPEARED ON S.W.O.R.D.'S DOORSTEP. BUT NO SOONER HAD THE X-MEN DISCOVERED THAT THE UNCONSCIOUS DEATHBIRD WAS PREGNANT, THAN THE PEAK WAS BESIEGED BY DEADLY SIDRIAN HUNTERS.

REPELLING THE ATTACKERS, RACHEL, PSYLOCKE AND MONET PURSUED THE SIDRIAN HUNTERS INTO DEEP SPACE. WITH THE AID OF D'KETH, A HIGH-RANKING ADVISOR OF THE SHI'AR EMPIRE, THE X-MEN FOUND THE HUNTERS' POINT OF ORIGIN: A SECRET LABORATORY FACILITY WHERE DEATHBIRD WAS HELD CAPTIVE, PRESIDED OVER BY THE MYSTERIOUS SHARADA DARTHRI OF THE PROVIDIAN ORDER AND MANIFOLD TYGER. AS THE X-MEN CONTINUED TO INVESTIGATE THE MOTIVES OF THE PROVIDIAN ORDER AND MANIFOLD TYGER'S TRUE ALLEGIANCE, STORM AND CECILIA REYES DISCOVERED THE ANSWER ON THE PEAK WHEN THEY WERE AMBUSHED BY MANIFOLD TYGER HIMSELF. THOUGH THE TIMELY INTERVENTION OF THE RETURNED X-MEN PREVENTED AN ENRAGED DEATHBIRD FROM KILLING MANIFOLD TYGER, THEY REALIZED THEY WERENT OUT OF THE WOODS YET WHEN A HORDE OF SHARADA DARTHRI'S BROODSKRULLS DESCENDED ON THE PEAK!

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"HANK...OR ANYBODY..."

"IT'S RACHEL. COMMS ARE DOWN, SO I'M TRYING TO REACH OUT TELEPATHICALLY."

"BUT I'M KINDA OUT IN SPACE AT THE MOMENT, SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN 'HEAR' ME."



BUT WE'VE GOT A BIT OF A SITUATION HERE...

"MINIONS," MANIFOLD TYGER SAID. THAT IS NOT A GOOD WORD, "MINIONS."

I CAN'T MAKE PSI-CONTACT WITH STORM OR JUBILEE...



SHORT VERSION: THE PEAK IS UNDER ATTACK BY AN ORGANIZATION CALLED "THE PROVIDIAN ORDER."

THEY'RE THE ONES WHO DEATHBIRD-- WHO'S PREGNANT, BTW--ESCAPED FROM.



WHAT'S A "MINION" ANYWAY? I SERIOUSLY DOUBT WE'RE GETTING ATTACKED BY THOSE YELLOW DUDES FROM DESPICABLE ME...

APPARENTLY, THEY LIKE TO EXPERIMENT ON ALIEN SPECIES--GENETIC ENGINEERING AND SPLICING AND WHATNOT.

GUYS...





...THINK I FIGURED OUT WHAT HE MEANT BY "MINIONS."

"BOTTOM LINE, WE'RE UNDER ATTACK BY SOME VERY NASTY ALIENS MADE UP OF A COMBINATION OF NASTY ALIENS."



DID I MENTION WE ARE NOT HAVING FUN?

STRANGE. THESE CREEPS LOOK LIKE...



BROOD.



SKRULLS.

I THINK YOU'RE BOTH RIGHT.



AM I CRAZY, BUT DO THESE GUYS RESEMBLE OUR MAD SCIENTIST'S "COOKING"?

YOU'RE NOT CRAZY.



JUBILEE?



WHAT THE HELL IS SHE DOING?

HEADING TOWARD THE DOVE. BUT WHY?



MONET?



ON IT.