

RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE AFTERLIFE, NIGHTCRAWLER HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR HIS PLACE IN A WORLD FAR DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE HE LEFT BEHIND.

PREVIOUSLY IN...

# NIGHTCRAWLER

**DURING A DANGER ROOM TRAINING SESSION AT THE JEAN GREY SCHOOL, NIGHTCRAWLER RECEIVED A TELEPATHIC DISTRESS CALL FROM BLOODY BESS OF THE CRIMSON PIRATES. TELEPORTED TO A DESERT IN CHINA, KURT AIDED BESS IN EVADING HER MIND-CONTROLLED TEAMMATES. BUT THINGS WENT FROM BAD TO WORSE WHEN THE X-MEN ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND THEY TOO FELL UNDER THE PSYCHIC SWAY OF THE SHADOW KING!**



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**BACK IN THE DAY...**

WHEN THIS WAS STILL OFFICIALLY PROFESSOR XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS...

...LIFE FOR THE X-MEN SEEMED SO MUCH... SIMPLER.

HUMANITY THOUGHT OF US AS OUTLAWS...

...BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP US FIGHTING AS HEROES, DOING OUR BEST TO SAVE THE WORLD, AND OCCASIONALLY THE MULTIVERSE.

DANGER ROOM'S ALL SET, GUYS.

I'VE NEVER KNOWN A TIME WHEN I WAS MORE HAPPY, BECAUSE WE WEREN'T JUST TEAMMATES, WE WERE FAMILY.

YOUNGEST AMONG US WAS KITTY PRYDE, AS BRAVE AS SHE WAS BRILLIANT.

TRAINING SEQUENCE IS READY TO START, LOGAN.

PRESS THE BUTTON, KID.

LET'S GET TO WORK!

LOGAN WAS MY BEST FRIEND.

IN MANY WAYS HE WAS THE BEDROCK THAT SUPPORTED US ALL.

THAT DAY, WITH ME, HE TOOK ON THE ROLE OF TEACHER.

YOU GO,  
NIGHTCRAWLER!

I HAVE  
FAITH--YOU  
CAN BEAT  
THESE  
GUYS!

YOU  
CAN TRY,  
ANYWAY.

I  
APPRECIATE THE  
CONFIDENCE,  
WOLVERINE!

THERE  
WASN'T MUCH  
CONFIDENCE  
IN MY VOICE.

I KNEW WHAT  
THIS TEAM  
COULD DO.

I FIGURED  
I DIDN'T HAVE  
A PRAYER.



BUT STILL, I HAD TO TRY.

BEAST HAD THE EDGE IN RAW STRENGTH--I HAD THE EDGE IN AGILITY.

I'VE KNOCKED HIM OFF-BALANCE!

UNFORTUNATELY, BEFORE I COULD PRESS MY ADVANTAGE...



...ICEMAN CAME TO HIS RESCUE.

RIDE MY MUTANT BOBSLED RUN, HANK.

I'LL PUT YOU RIGHT BACK IN THE GAME.

MUCH OBLIGED, BOBBY.



WHATTA MOVE--

YOU'RE GONNA HAVETA UP YOUR GAME BIG-TIME, ELF!



TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW, KATZCHEN!

TRYING TO TAKE ME BY SURPRISE, KURT?

ORORO LED THE TEAM, THEN AND NOW.



SHE IS CALLED STORM...

...BECAUSE SHE CONTROLS THE WEATHER.

GUESS AGAIN.

