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LONDON.

THIS IS WHAT I WANT.

SETTTTT...

...ME...

...FREEEEEEEE...

ALMOST

THERE.

WHAT I NEED.

AFTER SO LONG... AT LAST...

...IT'S TIME TO BRING THINGS TO A CLOSE.

NO... NO.

WE'VE LOST.



YES...
YES!
I
WIN!

**THE ASTRAL
PLANE.**



YOU PLAYED
WELL, CHARLES,
BUT WAS THERE EVER
REALLY ANY
DOUBT?

PROBABLY
NOT, AMAHL.
NOT REALLY.



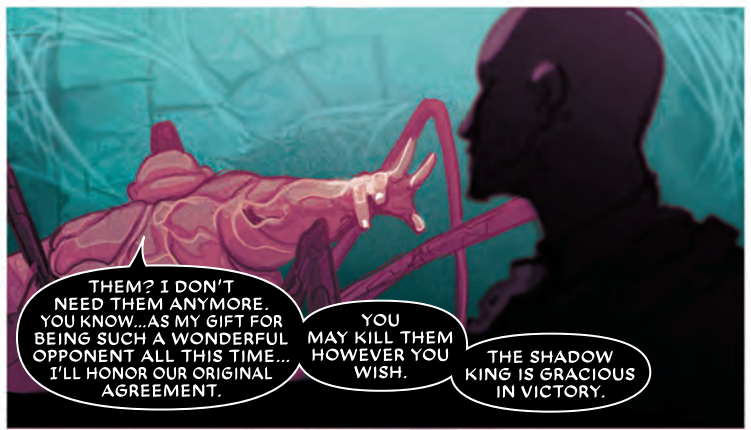
I'LL BE
LEAVING SHORTLY.
I HAVE NEW GAMES
TO PLAY, OUT IN
THE WORLD.

YOU'LL
STAY HERE, OF
COURSE--BUT I'LL
BUILD YOU A PLEASANT
REALITY TO INHABIT
BEFORE I GO. YOU'VE
EARNED IT, MY
FRIEND.

I
APPRECIATE THAT,
BUT THERE IS A MATTER
TO ADDRESS, BEFORE
WE GO.



THESE THREE. ROGUE, MYSTIQUE AND FANTOMEX. THEIR ROLES IN OUR GAME AREN'T COMPLETE.



THEM? I DON'T NEED THEM ANYMORE. YOU KNOW, AS MY GIFT FOR BEING SUCH A WONDERFUL OPPONENT ALL THIS TIME... I'LL HONOR OUR ORIGINAL AGREEMENT.

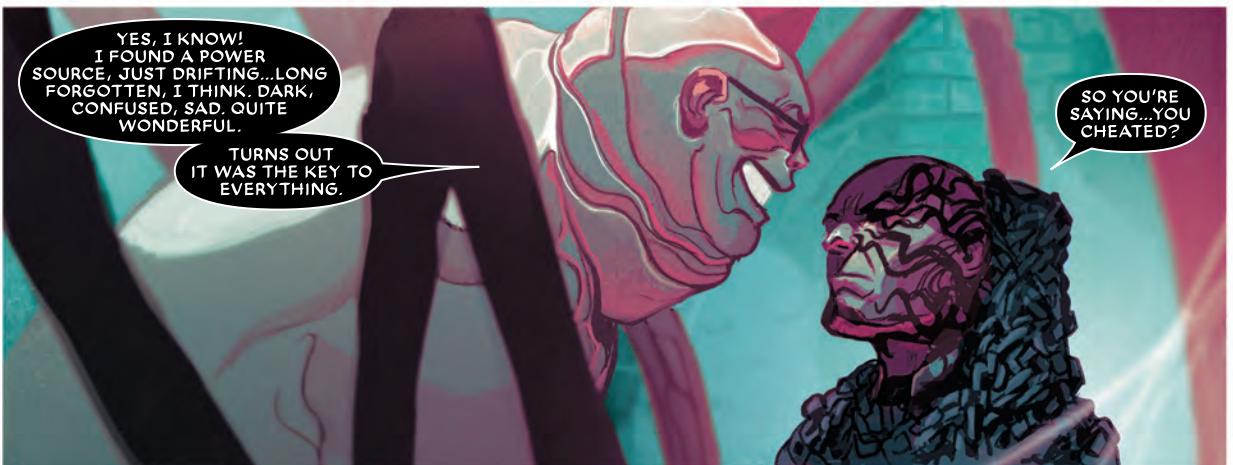
YOU MAY KILL THEM HOWEVER YOU WISH.

THE SHADOW KING IS GRACIOUS IN VICTORY.



YOU NEVER REALLY HAD A CHANCE, CHARLES. I HAD A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA THIS TIME. PERHAPS YOU NOTICED?

I DID. YOU SEEMED... STRONGER THAN USUAL.



YES, I KNOW! I FOUND A POWER SOURCE, JUST DRIFTING, LONG FORGOTTEN, I THINK. DARK, CONFUSED, SAD. QUITE WONDERFUL.

TURNS OUT IT WAS THE KEY TO EVERYTHING.

SO YOU'RE SAYING... YOU CHEATED?



WHY... YES. I SUPPOSE I DID.

I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, OLD FRIEND, BUT YOU KNOW. ALL'S FAIR.



I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED NOTHING LESS. BUT PLEASE, DON'T CONCERN YOURSELF.



THEIR HISTORY TOGETHER--
ALL THOSE VICTORIES,
DEFEATS, SECRETS, LIES,
BETRAYALS, LOVE AND
HATE--IT MAKES THEM
SOMETHING ONLY
THEY CAN BE.





SO DID I.

THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY THE X-MEN FIGHT.



THEY FIGHT FOR THEMSELVES, AND FOR US, BUT ALSO FOR WHAT THEY ARE.

EVERY BATTLE IS A STATEMENT.



WE ARE MUTANTKIND.

LOOK HOW BEAUTIFUL WE ARE.

ACT I



IT IS THE ENDGAME.

THE EVIL SHADOW KING HAS REACHED OUT FROM THE ASTRAL PLANE AND TAKEN CONTROL OF BOTH GAMBIT AND LOGAN, USING THEM TO SPREAD A TERRIFYING PSYCHIC INFECTION THROUGH LONDON THAT WILL, SOON ENOUGH, OPEN A PORTAL FROM HIS WORLD TO OURS AND SET HIM FREE. AS THE HUMAN AUTHORITIES AUTHORIZED DRASTIC MEASURES TO SAVE THE CITY, BISHOP SUCCUMBED TO THE INFECTION. ONLY PSYLOCKE AND AN EXTREMELY UNSTABLE ARCHANGEL REMAIN TO PROTECT BOTH THE PEOPLE OF LONDON AND THE X-MEN WHO HAVE TRAVELED INTO THE ASTRAL PLANE TO DEFEAT THE SHADOW KING: FANTOMEX, MYSTIQUE AND ROGUE.

HOPE IS IN SHORT SUPPLY, BUT THE GAME IS NOT YET DONE...

...AND CHARLES XAVIER HAS A PLAN.

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