



OH YES. MY OLD FRIEND. YOU FOUGHT. HARDER THAN ANY OF US. EVEN HARDER THAN CHARLES.

AND NOW, HERE WE ARE, AT THE END.

I WONDER...



...WAS IT WORTH IT?



I'M STILL NOT SURE I'VE MADE THE RIGHT DECISION HERE. SOME OF THE OTHERS CAN BE A BIT...**REACTIONARY.**

I COULD SEE THEM DECIDING TO GO OUT IN A BLAZE OF GLORY. TAKE SOME INHUMANS DOWN WITH US.

I DON'T WANT THAT. WE DIDN'T ALWAYS SEE EYE TO EYE, SCOTT, BUT I'M SURE YOU'D AGREE, ENOUGH PEOPLE HAVE DIED. I THINK--


JAMIE MADROX  
THE MULTIPLE  
MAN



WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU **DOING**, HANK?

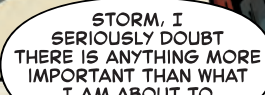


HE'S **DEAD**, YOU IDIOT.

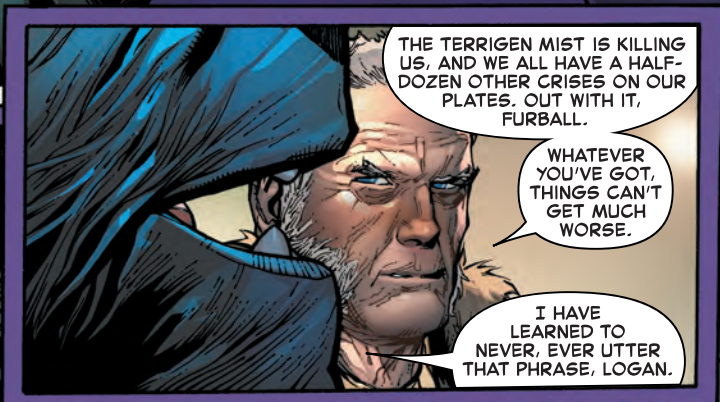


WELL... IT WOULD SEEM I'M LATE. I APOLOGIZE. I THOUGHT I'D TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT CYCLOPS' GRAVE.

IT'S ALL RIGHT, HANK. AT LEAST ONE BEAST WAS ON TIME.



STORM, I SERIOUSLY DOUBT THERE IS ANYTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT I AM ABOUT TO TELL YOU.



THE TERRIGEN MIST IS KILLING US, AND WE ALL HAVE A HALF-DOZEN OTHER CRISES ON OUR PLATES. OUT WITH IT, FURBALL.

WHATEVER YOU'VE GOT, THINGS CAN'T GET MUCH WORSE.

I HAVE LEARNED TO NEVER, EVER UTTER THAT PHRASE, LOGAN.



YOU ALL KNOW I'VE SPENT THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS WORKING TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE TERRIGEN MIST'S TOXICITY TO MUTANTS.

I'VE WORKED CLOSELY WITH MEDUSA AND THE INHUMANS ON NEW ATTILAN, COMBINING THEIR SCIENCE WITH OUR OWN.

I HAVE TRIED EVERYTHING I CAN THINK OF.





OH YES,  
LET'S **BANTER**.  
I SIMPLY **LOVE** SITTING IN  
FRIGID METAL CONFERENCE  
ROOMS. IT'S MY **VERY**  
FAVORITE THING.

CONSIDERING  
HOW ABSENT YOU'VE  
BEEN IN EVERYTHING ELSE  
WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH LATELY,  
I'D JUST BE GLAD TO EVEN BE  
AT THIS TABLE IF I WERE  
YOU, EMMA.

WE ALL HAVE  
IMPORTANT THINGS  
WE NEED TO BE DOING.  
I SUGGEST WE GET  
ON WITH IT.

AGREED.



I HAVE  
FAILED.  
WE'RE...

...WE'RE  
OUT OF  
TIME.

NEW YORK CITY.

THE  
QUIET  
ROOM



"PACKED  
HOUSE TONIGHT,  
BLACK BOLT."



SORT OF A RELIEF, ACTUALLY. I WAS A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT THE ACT.



OH...BECAUSE SHE'S NEW. "LADY SHINE," SHE CALLS HERSELF. CAME OUT OF NOWHERE A COUPLE MONTHS BACK, STARTED PLAYING ALL THE HOT DOWNTOWN CLUBS.

I NORMALLY DON'T LIKE TO BOOK ANYONE THIS GREEN, BUT SHE'S DOING JUST FINE.

IN FACT, IF YOU AGREE, I WAS THINKING I MIGHT OFFER HER A REGULAR--

I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT, FLAGMAN...



...BUT WE HAVE A V.I.P. IN ONE OF THE PRIVATE ROOMS WHO'S REQUESTED A WORD WITH BLACK BOLT.

HOW V.I.P. WE TALKING?

VERY. SHE TIPPED ME A HUNDRED BUCKS JUST FOR REFILLING HER WINE.

RIGHT. WELL, I'M SURE I CAN HANDLE THIS, BLACK BOLT. YOU STAY AND ENJOY THE--



HUH...

...GUESS HE'S NOT A FAN.

THANK YOU SO MUCH! SEE YOU NEXT TIME!