

YOU COULD ALMOST SAY BAILEY HOSKINS WAS SPECIAL. ALMOST. IS IT CONSIDERED SPECIAL TO BE THE MOST UNREMARKABLE AT SOMETHING?
YOU COULD PROBABLY CALL BAILEY THE MOST UNREMARKABLE X-MAN EVER...WHICH WOULD CERTAINLY TRANSLATE TO "WORST" IN SOME PEOPLE'S MINDS.

BAILEY'S MUTANT POWER—TO EXPLODE...AND THEN BE DEAD FROM EXPLODING—MADE HIM NEARLY USELESS AS A SUPER HERO. CERTAINLY MORE USELESS THAN DETERIORATION-CAUSING RAGS AND HER GOLDEN-TOUCHED BROTHER RICHES...AND FAR LESS THAN THE SLIGHTLY DISINTERESTED OMICHRON-LEVEL REALITY-CONTROLLER, MIRANDA.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF MUTANTS SAW A USE FOR BAILEY. MYSTIQUE CONTACTED HIM, EVENTUALLY BRINGING HIM BEFORE MAGNETO WHO CHARGED HIM WITH KILLING PROFESSOR X. BUT BAILEY COULDN'T EVEN DO THAT—RICHES BEAT HIM TO IT, MAKING XAVIER CHOKE ON HIS OWN TURNED-TO-GOLD TONGUE.

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