

# DEATH OF X

CONSIDERED TO BE THE NEXT STEP IN HUMAN EVOLUTION, MUTANTS DISCOVER THEIR HERITAGE AT PUBERTY, WHEN THEY MANIFEST SUPERHUMAN POWERS AND ABILITIES. BUT RATHER THAN BEING CELEBRATED FOR THEIR GIFTS, MUTANTS ARE HATED AND FEARED.

THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO ALIENS EXPERIMENTED ON CAVEMEN, SUPERCHARGING THEIR EVOLUTION, AND THEN MYSTERIOUSLY LEFT THEIR EXPERIMENTS BEHIND. THESE MEN AND WOMEN--CALLED "INHUMANS"--BUILT THE CITY OF ATILAN AND DISCOVERED A CHEMICAL CALLED TERRIGEN THAT UNLOCKS SECRET SUPER-POWERS IN THEIR MODIFIED DNA. BLACK BOLT UNLEASHED THE TERRIGEN MISTS ACROSS THE PLANET IN THE HOPE OF AWAKENING LATENT INHUMANS WORLDWIDE.

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# MUTANTS



CYCLOPS



EMMA FROST



MAGIK



ICEMAN



STEPFORD CUCKOOS



GOLDBALLS

# INHUMANS



CRYSTAL



GORGON



GRID



FLINT



NAJA



ISO

**SOMEWHERE OVER  
THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.**

**ONE YEAR AGO.**

KZZT--MADE A  
TERRIBLE MISTAKE.  
WE NEVER SHOULD  
HAVE STAYED. NOW I  
THINK IT MAY BE TOO  
LATE. WE NEED HELP!  
PLEASE! WE  
NEED--KZZT--

**BLACKBIRD--  
HI-TECH JET OF  
THE UNCANNY  
X-MEN.**

THAT'S  
IT, THAT'S  
THE ENTIRE  
MESSAGE?

THAT'S IT,  
EMMA. WE  
INTERCEPTED IT  
AN HOUR AGO  
AND SCANS CONFIRM  
THE DISTRESS CALL  
CAME FROM  
MUIR ISLAND.

SOUNDED  
LIKE MADROX'S  
VOICE TO ME.

IT WAS  
DEFINITELY JAMIE  
MADROX'S VOICE,  
MAGIK, BUT I'VE  
NEVER HEARD  
HIM SOUND  
SO...

SO WHAT,  
ICEMAN?

SO  
SCARED.

UM...ARE YOU  
GUYS SURE I  
SHOULD BE ON THIS  
MISSION? SOUNDS  
KIND OF OUT OF  
MY LEAGUE.

WE COULDN'T  
AGREE MORE,  
GOLDBALLS.

PLAY NICE,  
GIRLS. AND  
HEADS UP, WE ARE  
APPROACHING  
MUIR ISLAND...



**MATSUMOTO,  
JAPAN.**



AH...  
LOOK AT  
THAT.  
BEAUTIFUL.



AT LEAST  
I THINK  
THAT'S MUIR  
ISLAND.



THE RIV--  
AERIAL HQ. OF  
THE UNCANNY  
INHUMANS.



THE TERRIGEN CLOUD SHOULD HIT MATSUMOTO IN ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES.

SOME OF THE RESIDENTS TEMPORARILY EVACUATED TO OTHER PARTS OF THE PREFECTURE, BUT MOST DECIDED TO STAY. ABOUT TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND.



SO EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE ORIGINAL POPULATION. THAT'S GOOD NEWS, CRYSTAL. SIX MONTHS AGO, WE WERE GETTING NEAR-FULL EVACUATIONS.



IT'S BETTER THAN THAT, GORGON-- WHEN I CHANGED IN MUMBAI, PEOPLE PANICKED AS THAT CLOUD ROLLED THROUGH.

BUT ACCORDING TO THE RIV'S SENSORS, IT'S ALL VERY CALM DOWN THERE.

"A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY *EXCITED* FOR THE CLOUD TO HIT. THEY'RE *WAITING* FOR IT."

