

X-MEN

BATTLEWORLD

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED.

THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 WERE
POWERLESS TO SAVE IT!

NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS
BATTLEWORLD!

A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE
FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAIN-
TAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER,
VICTOR VON DOOM!

EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

FOUR YEARS AGO, A BAND OF DEMONS ROSE UP OUT OF THE FIERY
DEPTHS OF LIMBO AND TURNED THE BATTLEWORLD DOMAIN OF
MANHATTAN INTO HELL ON EARTH. THE X-MEN FOUGHT TO VANQUISH
THE DEMON HORDE, AND TO SAVE COLOSSUS' SISTER ILLYANA RASPUTIN,
AKA THE X-MAN MAGIK, FROM COMPLETE AND TOTAL CORRUPTION. BUT
FAILURE HAS CRUSHED THEM AT EVERY TURN,
AND HELL REIGNS SUPREME ONCE AGAIN...

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FOUR YEARS
AGO TODAY, THE
DEMONS WON.

LIMBO HAS
BROKEN LOOSE
IN MANHATTAN,
TWISTING THE
GREAT CITY
INTO A DARK,
EVIL THING.

THE X-MEN
FOUGHT THE
DEMON HORDE
WITH
EVERYTHING WE HAD.

BUT THE X-MEN
FAILED.


MY YOUNGER SISTER ILLYANA
HAS BEEN INFERNO'S
PRISONER EVER SINCE.



TAKEN BY THE HELLSPAWN
N'ASTIRH AND LOCKED
AWAY ATOP WHAT WAS
ONCE THE EMPIRE
STATE BUILDING.

LEFT FOR DEAD
WHEN WE RETREATED
ACROSS THE RIVER.

LOCKED BEHIND THE WALL
THEY BUILT TO KEEP THE
INFERNO CONTAINED.



NO ONE GOES
IN AND NOTHING
COMES OUT.

BUT SCOTT SUMMERS
AND I STRUCK A DEAL.

I WOULD BOTTLE MY RAGE
DEEP DOWN. I WOULD POLICE
THE OUTER BOROUGHS AS
HIS OBEDIENT X-MAN EVERY
DAY OF THE YEAR SAVE ONE.
AND ON THAT DAY--

X INFERNO: YEAR FOUR, EMPIRE STATE BUILDING.



--THIS DAY, THE
ANNIVERSARY OF
OUR RETREAT--

--I WOULD LEAD
A TEAM INTO THE
INFERNO--

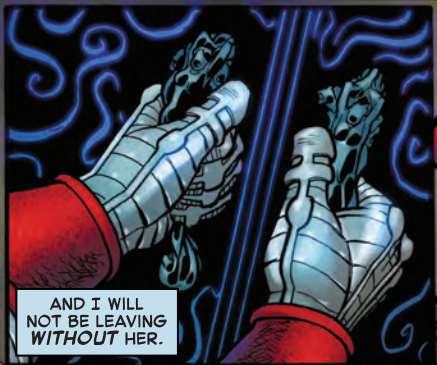
--TO BRING
MY SISTER
HOME.



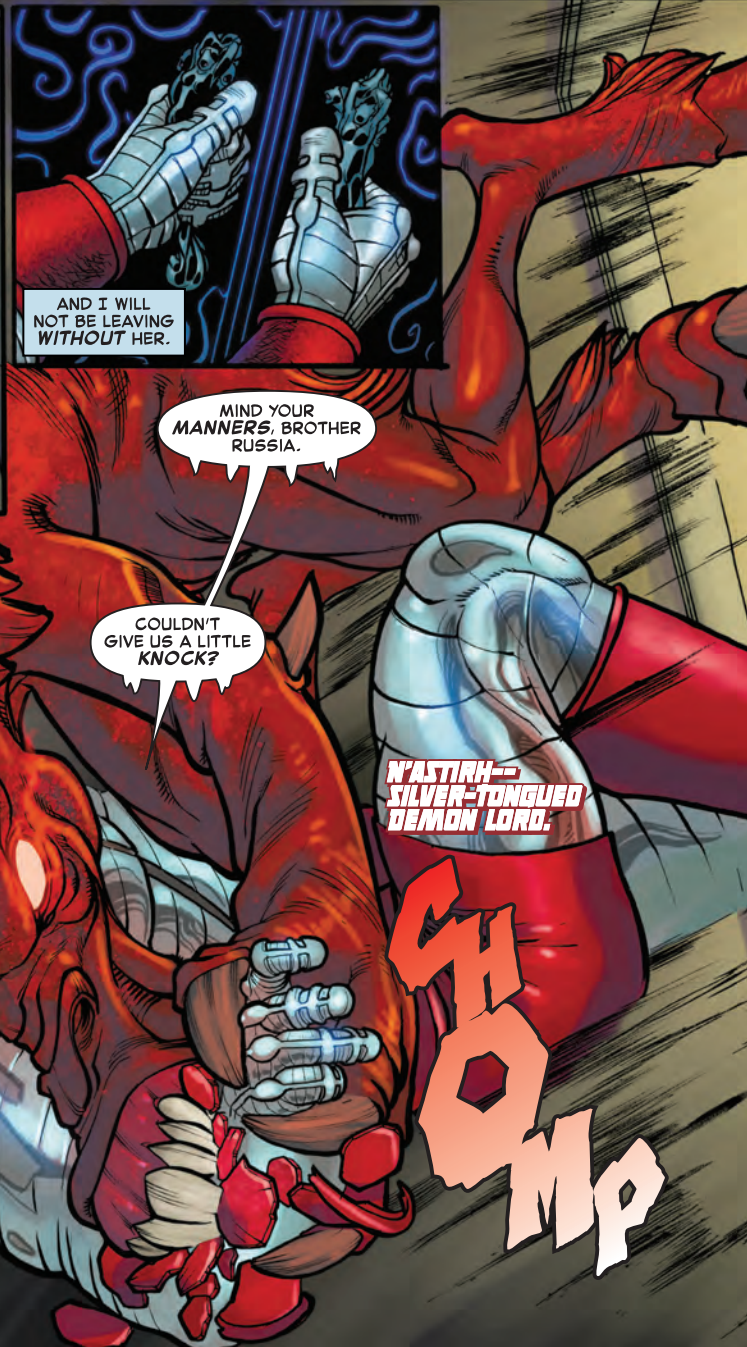
THREE ATTEMPTS.
THREE FAILURES.



ILLYANA IS JUST THROUGH THOSE DOORS.



AND I WILL NOT BE LEAVING WITHOUT HER.



MIND YOUR MANNERS, BROTHER RUSSIA.

COULDN'T GIVE US A LITTLE KNOCK?

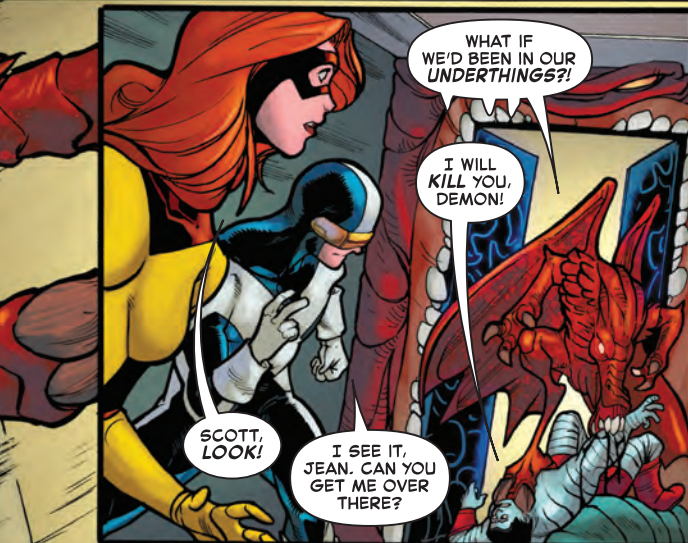
AGGHH!

N'ASTIRH - SILVER-TONGUED DEMON LORD.

SHOMP



BUT THIS IS THE CLOSEST WE HAVE EVER COME TO RESCUING HER.



WHAT IF WE'D BEEN IN OUR UNDERTHINGS?!

I WILL KILL YOU, DEMON!

SCOTT, LOOK!

I SEE IT, JEAN. CAN YOU GET ME OVER THERE?



YOU KNOW IT.

KAZAT



HEY, NOW!



YOU ALL RIGHT, COLOSSUS?

I WILL LIVE.

WHEN ARE YOU GONNA GET IT THROUGH YOUR IRON SKULL?



HOW MANY OF YOUR FRIENDS--

SCOTT!



--DO I HAVE TO BREAK?!

NO!

BEFORE YOU LET IT GO?!

ARGGHH!



SCOTT!

FOOM!

SCOTT'S SACRIFICE BROUGHT JEAN'S FLAME.

I FEAR FOR MY FRIENDS...