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CONCLUSION

ONCE, THEY WERE MUTANT ORPHANS WITH UNCANNY ABILITIES THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND: ANNA MARIE, WITH THE POWER TO SIPHON VITALITY, AND REMY LeBEAU, ABLE TO CHARGE OBJECTS WITH KINETIC ENERGY. AND DESPITE LAWLESS PASTS, THEY EVENTUALLY FOUND FAMILY AND PURPOSE AS MEMBERS OF THE MUTANT TASK FORCE KNOWN AS THE X-MEN.

AT TIMES THEY ARE FRIENDS, LOVERS, TEAMMATES... THEY ARE...

ROGUE & GAMBIT

WHEN MUTANTS BEGAN DISAPPEARING AT A "PRIVATE WELLNESS RETREAT" ON THE TROPICAL ISLAND OF PARAÍSO, ROGUE AND GAMBIT WERE DISPATCHED TO INVESTIGATE. POSING AS A DYSFUNCTIONAL COUPLE SEEKING THERAPY, THEY PARTICIPATED IN RELATIONSHIP COUNSELING BY DAY (REHASHING INTENSE MEMORIES OF THEIR SHARED HISTORY) AND SEARCHED THE FACILITIES BY NIGHT, WHERE THEY WERE ATTACKED BY MYSTERIOUS DOPPELGANGERS OF THEMSELVES. BARELY SURVIVING THE BRAWL WITH THEIR COPIES, ROGUE AND GAMBIT WERE AMBUSHED BY AN ENIGMATIC FIGURE CALLED LAVISH WHO CREATED THE FACSIMILES OUT OF THEIR MEMORIES. ROGUE AND GAMBIT QUICKLY FOUND THEY COULD RE-ABSORB THEIR MEMORIES AND POWERS BY DESTROYING THE COPIES, THEN PREPARED FOR BATTLE...

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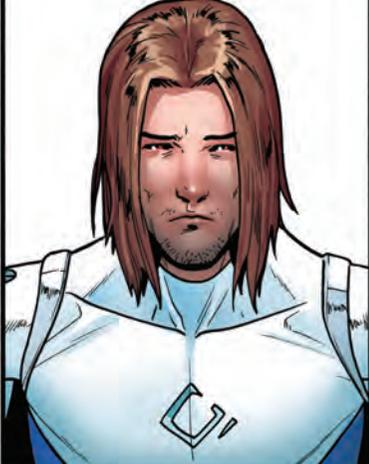
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TWICE



INTO



THE



SAME



RIVER.







"EVERYTHING CHANGES
AND NOTHING STANDS
STILL." --HERACLITUS

PARAISO
NOW.

HEADS
UP, CAJUN.
"FAKE YOU!"
INCOMING.

AGGGHHH!

AND NOW...
OUTGOING.

THANKS
TO THAT
SUPER STRENGTH
OF YOURS I
ABSORBED.

THAT EXPERIENCE IS
NOT GON' GET ANY
LESS UNPLEASANT,
IS IT?

I'M
AFRAID
NOT.



YOU SEE WHERE LAVISH GOT OFF TO IN THE CHAOS?



BAM

NON!

REMY... YOU ALL RIGHT?

I'M FINE. JUS' THAT MEMORY I REABSORBED... IT'S ONE I WOULD'VE RATHER LEFT BEHIND.



I HEAR YA. WISH THERE WAS A WAY TO GET EVERYTHING GOOD BACK, AN' LEAVE THE BAD BEHIND.



THAT WHY YOU'RE HOLDIN' BACK, ROGUE?

I...



I GET IT, CHÈRE. YOU T'INK MAYBE YOU CAN WIN THE DAY WITHOUT TAKING IT ALL BACK.

WITHOUT TAKIN' BACK YOUR FULL POWER, WITHOUT TAKIN' BACK ALL DE MEMORIES... I'VE THOUGHT DE SAME MYSELF.

BUT I DON' THINK IT'S AN OPTION.

...I KNOW.