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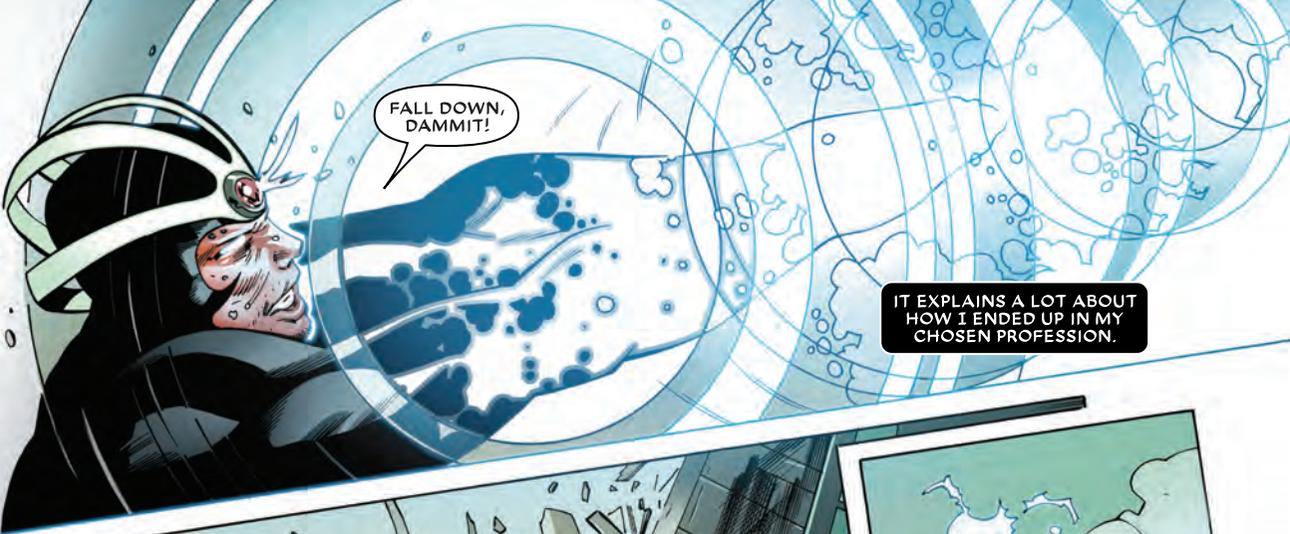
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EVEN WHEN I WAS
LITTLE, I WAS NEVER
AFRAID OF MONSTERS.





FALL DOWN,
DAMMIT!

IT EXPLAINS A LOT ABOUT
HOW I ENDED UP IN MY
CHOSEN PROFESSION.



FACING DOWN
OTHER PEOPLE'S
FEARS IS KINDA
WHAT WE DO.



OH, LITTLE X-MAN.
WHAT THE HELL DID
YOU JUST DO?!





LITTLE LATE, GUYS. I ALREADY STOPPED THE MONSTER FROM DESTROYING THE CITY.

OH, THANK GOODNESS HAVOK THE ONE-MAN ARMY IS HERE TO MAKE SURE NOTHING WAS DESTROYED...

...EXCEPT, YA KNOW, THAT BUILDING YOU DESTROYED!

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, STARK?

WHERE TO BEGIN?

HAD IT NOT OCCURRED TO YOU THAT THE REASON THE STREETS ARE CLEAR WAS THAT WE WERE TAKING CARE OF IT?

IT HAD... NOT, WERE YOU--

LIKE MAYBE THE AVENGERS MADE A DEAL WITH MOLE MAN TO PEACEFULLY RELOCATE ONE OF HIS MONSTERS THAT HAD GROWN TOO LARGE?

OH, DID THAT--

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE JUST BROKE OUR AGREEMENT WITH HIM. I'M SURE HE'LL HANDLE THAT WELL. HE USUALLY DOES, RIGHT, PANTHER?

MAYBE NOT.

WELL, IF THERE'S TROUBLE, MAYBE I CAN HELP.

HE DOES NOT.



WAITAMINUTE...

...AREN'T YOU STILL A WANTED CRIMINAL? DIDN'T YOU TRY TO KILL EVERYONE ON THE PLANET OR SOMETHING? AM I MISREMEMBERING?

EASY, IRON MAN. I GOT THIS.



LOOK, ALEX, I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT LATELY. YOUR MIND WAS TWISTED AND YOU DID SOME THINGS THAT YOU'RE PROBABLY ASHAMED OF. I GET THAT BETTER THAN MOST.

EXACTLY. THAT'S WHY I WANT TO GET BACK OUT HERE AND HELP PEOPLE.

YOUR HEART'S IN THE RIGHT PLACE. BUT MAYBE YOU SHOULD TAKE SOME TIME FOR YOURSELF FIRST.



THAT'S THE ADVICE I'M GETTING FROM CAPTAIN AMERICA? DON'T BE A SUPER HERO?!

TAKE THE TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU NEED TO DO.

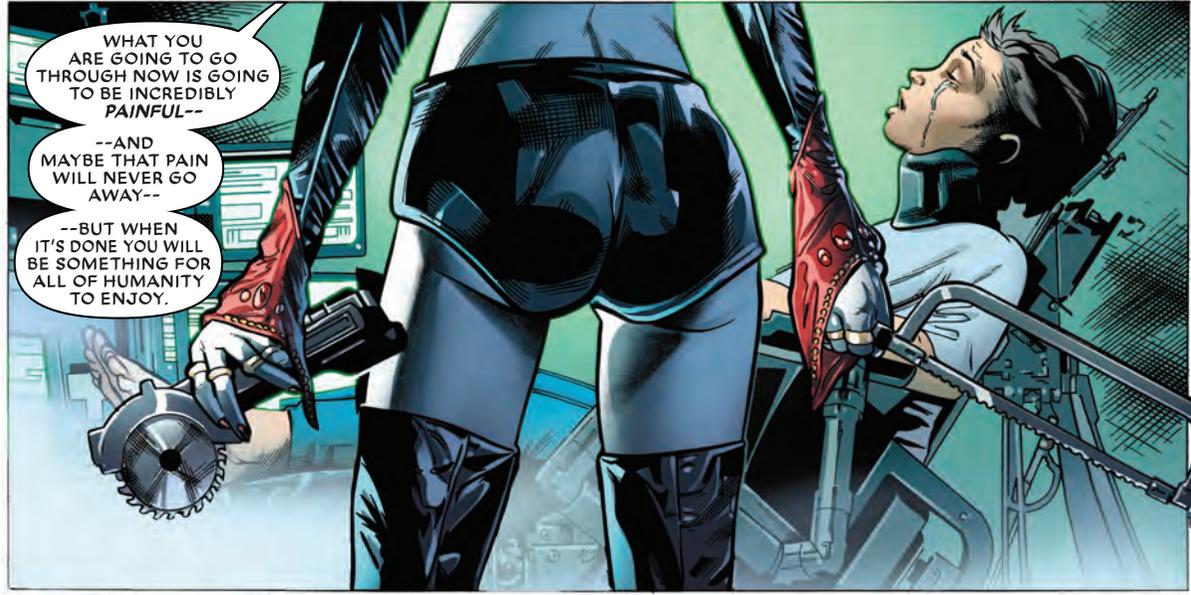
WHEN YOU KNOW THAT, THE REST OF THE WORLD WILL ACCEPT IT...

"...OR NOT."

MISS SINISTER'S LAB. DURHAM, NC.

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL TELL YOU THAT BEING SO DETERMINED TO IMPROVE YOUR BODY IS A SELFISH ACT.

I DON'T THINK THAT'S TRUE.



WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO GO THROUGH NOW IS GOING TO BE INCREDIBLY PAINFUL--

--AND MAYBE THAT PAIN WILL NEVER GO AWAY--

--BUT WHEN IT'S DONE YOU WILL BE SOMETHING FOR ALL OF HUMANITY TO ENJOY.



PLEASE...
N-NO...

YES. AND IN THE END, THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL BE REMEMBERED FOR. A TRUE TESTAMENT TO MY GENETIC ENGINEER--





SINISTER'S NOT DOWN! KEEP FIRING!



REAVERS!

I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU APART PIECE BY PIECE, INSOLENT TRASH.

ARRRRGH!!



WHAT MADE YOU THINK YOU COULD EVER ATTACK ME IN MY OWN HOME? ARE YOU INSANE?



SHHH. OF COURSE WE ARE.

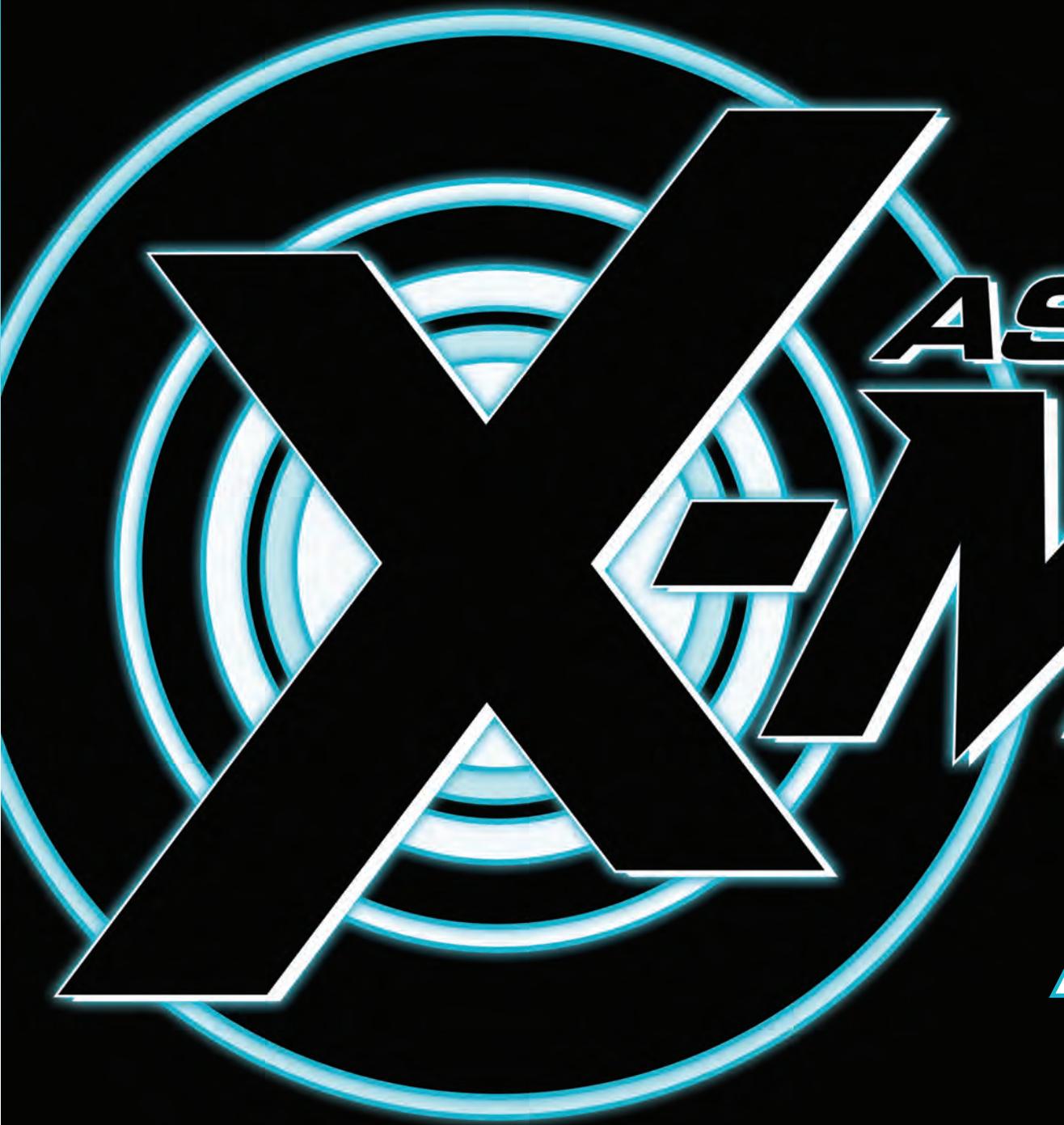
AND DON'T BOTHER WITH THE MIND CONTROL. I'M NOT AVAILABLE.

NICELY DONE, PIERCE.

THE JOB'S EASY IF YOU AREN'T A MORON. NOW GET HER LOADED UP AND MAKE SURE SHE'S SECURE THIS TIME. I DON'T WANT ANOTHER MISTER M SITUATION.

OH, AND TELL COLONEL CALLAHAN THAT WE'RE ALL CLEAR IN HERE.





ALEX SUMMERS--THE MAN CALLED HAVOK. A FITTING NAME FOR SOMEONE WITH THE ABILITY TO EMIT POWERFUL PLASMA BLASTS... AND WHOSE LIFE HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN THE PICTURE OF ABSOLUTE CONTROL--ESPECIALLY SINCE ALEX HAD HIS MORAL COMPASS FORCIBLY INVERTED, COMPELLING HIM TO DO EVIL RATHER THAN GOOD. BUT ALL OF THAT IS OVER NOW. HAVOK IS READY TO BE AN X-MAN AGAIN!

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