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DID IT."

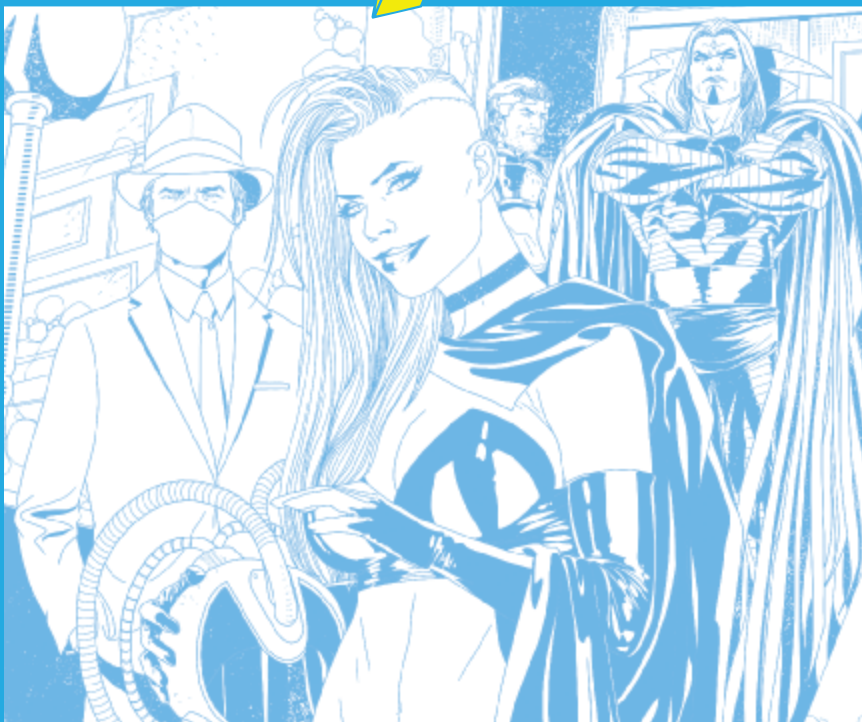
"GET OUT OF
MY HEAD,
EMMA."

"BUT IT'S OVER,
SCOTT. THIS IS WHAT
WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN
WORKING FOR. THIS
IS OUR FUTURE. THIS
IS...FOREVER."

"YOU REALLY
THINK WE WON,
DON'T YOU?"

They were born mutants... possessing powers of a genetic origin that made them outcasts of society. But one man—Professor Charles Xavier—brought them together to learn to use their unique gifts in the service of a world that hates and fears them... They are Children of the Atom...

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WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PART 6

After a cataclysmic battle in which most of the X-Men were wiped off the face of the Earth, Cyclops assembled a ragtag group of mutants as the last X-Men. Together, they went after mutant-related threats. Meanwhile, leader of the Hellfire Club and former X-Man Emma Frost used her telepathic abilities to influence the X-Men into targeting marks for the U.S.'s Office of National Emergency. Finally, after banding together with the X-Men for one last strike against the O.N.E., Emma Frost erased the concept of mutantkind from every mind on the planet!

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**CENTRAL PARK,
MANHATTAN.**

MIND IF
I JOIN
YOU?

DID YOU KNOW THE
SQUIRRELS IN THE CITY ARE
PHYSICALLY DIFFERENT FROM
OTHER SQUIRRELS? THEY HAVE
SHORTER TEETH AND LESS
BODY FAT.

IT'S BECAUSE
THEY DON'T RELY
ON FINDING FOOD IN
THE WILD. THEY EAT WHAT
HUMANS THROW AWAY. THEY
SURVIVE ON OUR GARBAGE,
SO THEIR BODIES HAVE
ADAPTED TO HELP THEM DO
THAT. IT SOUNDS AWFUL, BUT
ADAPTATION LIKE THAT IS
ONE OF THE TENETS
OF EVOLUTION.

SCOTT,
WE NEED TO
TALK.

ON A MICRO
LEVEL, EVOLUTION
SEEMS RANDOM.
TRAITS CHANGING AND
EVOLVING. BUT ON THE
MACRO LEVEL, THERE IS
NOTHING RANDOM ABOUT IT
AT ALL. IT'S A WAR FOUGHT
OVER GENERATIONS.
SPECIES FIGHTING
AND STRUGGLING
TO SURVIVE.

I USED
TO WONDER WHY
WE ALL HAD DIFFERENT
POWERS. WHY WEREN'T WE
ALL ICY LIKE BOBBY OR AGILE
LIKE HANK? SURELY IT WOULD
BE BETTER IF WE COULD ALL
FLY LIKE WARREN OR READ
MINDS LIKE JEAN... ANYTHING
IS BETTER THAN SHOOTING
BEAMS OUT OF YOUR
EYES, RIGHT?

SURE.
I JUST CAME
OUT HERE TO
CLEAR MY
HEAD A BIT.

IS IT
CLEAR?

NOT
EXACTLY,
NO.



MY POWERS... ARE DESTRUCTIVE BY NATURE. THE OTHERS WERE GIVEN GIFTS. I WAS GIVEN A WEAPON. IT TOOK ME A LONG TIME TO REALIZE THAT IT WASN'T ABOUT BEING COOL OR GRACEFUL. WE WERE, ON A GENETIC LEVEL, FIGHTING TO SURVIVE. I'M THE ONE WHO DID.

I BEAT THE ODDS.



WHAT ODDS?

SEVEN BILLION TO ONE. HUMANITY. EVERY SINGLE MUTANT IS GIVEN A SINGLE TOOL TO HELP THEM SURVIVE HUMANITY.



OR WE WERE. MAYBE IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW? WHATEVER THE HELL EMMA DID... THEY CAN'T TELL WE'RE MUTANTS.

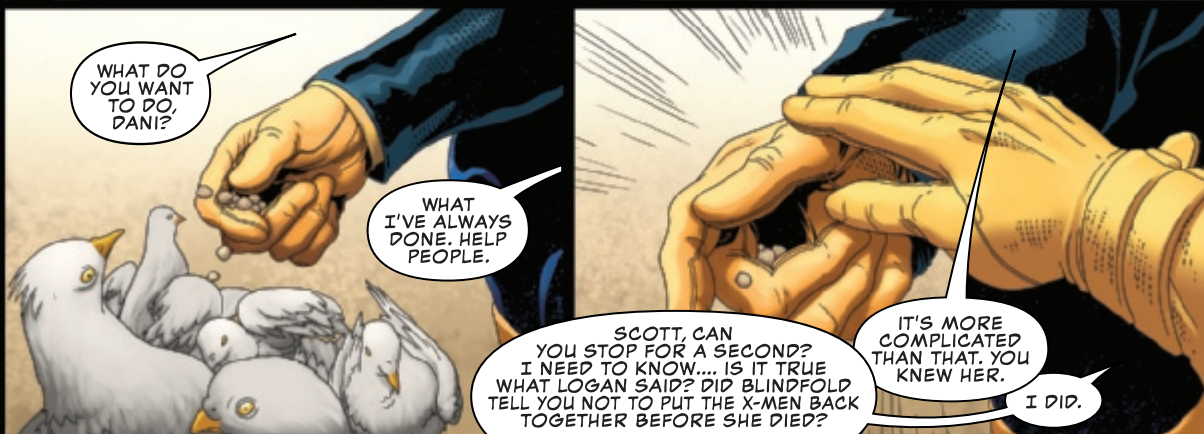
THEY CAN'T SEE OUR GIFTS. APPARENTLY, THEY DON'T EVEN REMEMBER MUTANTS EXISTED ANYMORE.

THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?



I DON'T KNOW, DANI. AND I DIDN'T HAVE A PLAN FOR THIS. I SPENT MY WHOLE LIFE LEARNING HOW TO FIGHT. I NEVER LEARNED WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO WHEN THE WAR ENDS.

THAT'S IT? THAT'S YOUR ANSWER?



WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO, DANI?

WHAT I'VE ALWAYS DONE. HELP PEOPLE.

SCOTT, CAN YOU STOP FOR A SECOND? I NEED TO KNOW.... IS IT TRUE WHAT LOGAN SAID? DID BLINDFOLD TELL YOU NOT TO PUT THE X-MEN BACK TOGETHER BEFORE SHE DIED?

IT'S MORE COMPLICATED THAN THAT. YOU KNEW HER.

I DID.



I WAS A VALKYRIE ONCE, YOU KNOW. I CARRIED THE SOULS OF THE DEAD.

DO YOU FEEL THEIR WEIGHT ON YOU, SCOTT? BLINDFOLD? RAHNE? ILLYANA?

EVERY DAY.



BUT HERE YOU STILL ARE, RIGHT? AND NOW YOU GET TO MOVE ON. YOU CAN STILL MAKE YOUR HAPPY LIFE WITH EMMA.

THAT'S NOT FAIR, DANI.

ISN'T IT? LOOK AT US. LOOK WHO'S LEFT. EVERYONE WHO DIDN'T QUITE FIT IN, EVERYONE WHO STOOD OUT, THEY'RE ALL GONE. AND HERE WE ARE.



THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK THIS IS ABOUT? WHO COULD PASS FOR HUMAN? YOU THINK I **PLANNED** THIS? YOU THINK I WOULDN'T TRADE MY LIFE TO BRING ANY ONE OF THEM BACK RIGHT NOW?

NO. I KNOW YOU WOULD.

BUT THAT'S NOT AN OPTION. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THE SCOTT SUMMERS STORY. OR THE SCOTT AND JEAN STORY. OR SCOTT AND LOGAN.

WE ALL THOUGHT YOU WERE LEADING US TO SAFETY, FIGHTING TO HELP US ALL SURVIVE. BUT REALLY WE WERE JUST THE SUPPORTING CAST TO GET YOU HERE, WEREN'T WE?

HOW DARE YOU? THEY WERE SOLDIERS FIGHTING FOR A CAUSE. I WISH WE HADN'T LOST ANY OF THEM, BUT THEY KNEW WHAT THIS WAS.

I GUESS I NEVER UNDERSTOOD THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US, SCOTT.

YOU LOST SOLDIERS. I LOST SISTERS. AND BROTHERS.

I KNOW YOU'RE WATCHING. YOU CAN COME OUT.

YOU COME TO YELL AT ME TOO, ALEX?



NO, I THINK DANI PRETTY MUCH COVERED THE BASES ON THAT. I JUST WANTED TO WATCH YOU FEED THE RATS OR WHATEVER. IT'S NOT DEPRESSING AT ALL.



SHE'S RIGHT, YOU KNOW? PEOPLE ARE DEAD BECAUSE OF ME. AND NOTHING I DO OR SAY WILL FIX THAT.

THAT'S WHAT BEING A LEADER IS THOUGH, ISN'T IT?



LOOK, WE DON'T NEED TO COMPARE RESUMES HERE. YES, I WAS AN AVENGER.

AND A VILLAIN.

AND AN AVENGER. BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS, EVERYTHING I LEARNED ABOUT BEING A LEADER, BEING A TEAMMATE, HELL, BEING A GOOD PERSON... I LEARNED FROM YOU.



I GET THAT THE WHOLE "SELF-DOUBT, SELF-PITY" THING IS SORT OF YOUR TRADEMARK, BUT IT SUCKS.

THIS IS YOU HELPING?



THE EXPECTATIONS ON US, THE HATRED, THE PEOPLE WE'VE LOST, WE CAN'T EVER FORGET ANY OF THAT. WE CAN'T EVER TURN OUR BACKS ON IT.

BUT YOU CAN'T LET IT DRAG YOU DOWN EITHER. WE PRESS ON. FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T.