

X-FORCE

>> MISSION BRIEF

A terrorist attack known as the Alexandria Incident used a weaponized mutant to claim 3,000 lives. In response, Cable re-formed the mutant black ops team X-Force to ensure that mutantkind not only has a continued place in the world, but also a stake in it.

Determined not to be undermined by his teammates any longer, Fantomex used a digitized version of Volga's bioweaponization procedure to upgrade his powers and lay waste to the rest of X-Force...who only narrowly escaped thanks to quick thinking by Hope. Returning to their base, Hope was approached by ForgetMeNot—a mutant with the power to slip out of memory—who brought Hope face-to-face with MeMe, the mutant whose consciousness Hope coopted. In MeMe's final moments, she played for Hope recordings she had captured of X-Force's misdeeds, seeking to show Hope the intrinsic evil in X-Force's mission statement—to explain that the ends do not, in fact, justify the means. In turn, Hope relinquished her hold over MeMe, returning to her comatose state, and allowing MeMe to peacefully expire.

CABLE	PSYLOCKE	MARROW	FANTOMEX	MeMe	DR.NEMESIS	DOMINO
						
NAME: Nathan Christopher Charles Summers SPECIES: Mutant SKILL SET: Limited precognition and weaponized upper limb. Highly trained in survival, tracking, combat and strategy.	NAME: Elizabeth "Betsy" Braddock SPECIES: Mutant SKILL SET: Telepathy and telekinesis. Skilled martial artist.	NAME: Sarah (Surname unknown) SPECIES: De-Powered mutant SKILL SET: Accelerated bone growth and enhanced bone durability. Healing factor. Expert in hand-to-hand combat.	ALIAS: Jean-Philippe SPECIES: Mutant SKILL SET: Externally manifested nervous system [E.V.A.]. Accelerated healing and enhanced physiology and senses. Skilled marksman and hand-to-hand combatant.	NAME: MeMe SPECIES: Mutant SKILL SET: Sentient data capable of infiltrating electronic networks and subverting them to her will.	NAME: James Bradley SPECIES: Mutant SKILL SET: Self-evolved intellect. Cybernetic eyes. Advanced longevity and enhanced immune system.	NAME: Neena Thurman SPECIES: Mutant SKILL SET: Mutant ability subconsciously adjusts probability in her favor. Extensive training in combat, weaponry, and covert operations.

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I HAD A **HERD** NAME ONCE.
"SARAH."

SHE'S GONE NOW. HER **BABY** DIED AND TOOK THE NAME WITH IT.

I'M **MARROW**. I AM FIGHTING THE **BAD MAN** AND BETTER BELIEVE HE'S WINNING.



I LOST MY **POWERS**. GOT THEM **BACK** IN AN UNSTABLE FORM MADE OF **MUSICAL VIRUSES** AND **ALIEN**
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I AM LOOKING FOR A **THROUGH-LINE**. A WAY TO MAKE **SENSE** OF THE UPS AND DOWNS.



MATTER OF FACT I'M THINKING SO HARD I FORGOT ABOUT THE **BAD MAN**.

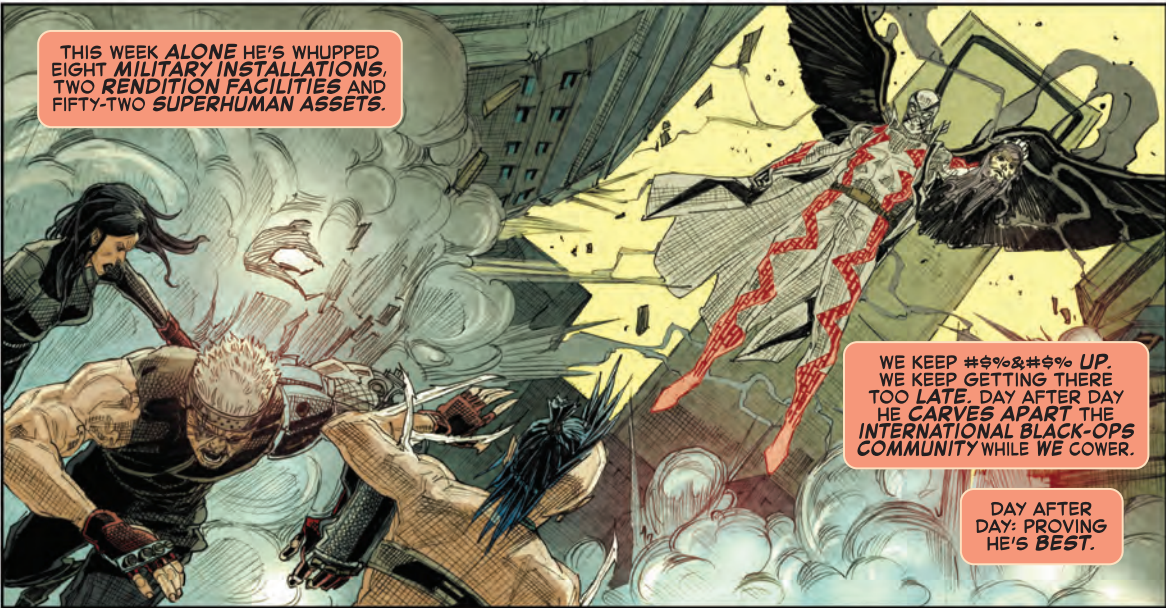
(HE KILLS **SIX** **BALINESE** SUPERMEN WHILE I DAYDREAM.)

THEY USED MY **CHILD** TO MAKE THESE NEW POWERS IN ME--**AND** IN OTHERS. WE'VE **SUFFERED** FOR THAT. **GOD**, WE'VE **SUFFERED**.

BUT NOT THE **BAD MAN**. HE IS THE LAST **UNPUNISHED** **PIECE** OF MY **BABY'S** **DEATH**. HE IS **CHEATING** AND I **HATE** HIM.

(HE KILLS **EIGHT** **NORWEGIAN** **FLOTT-SPIES** WHILE I'M **GLARING** IN **DISGUST**.)

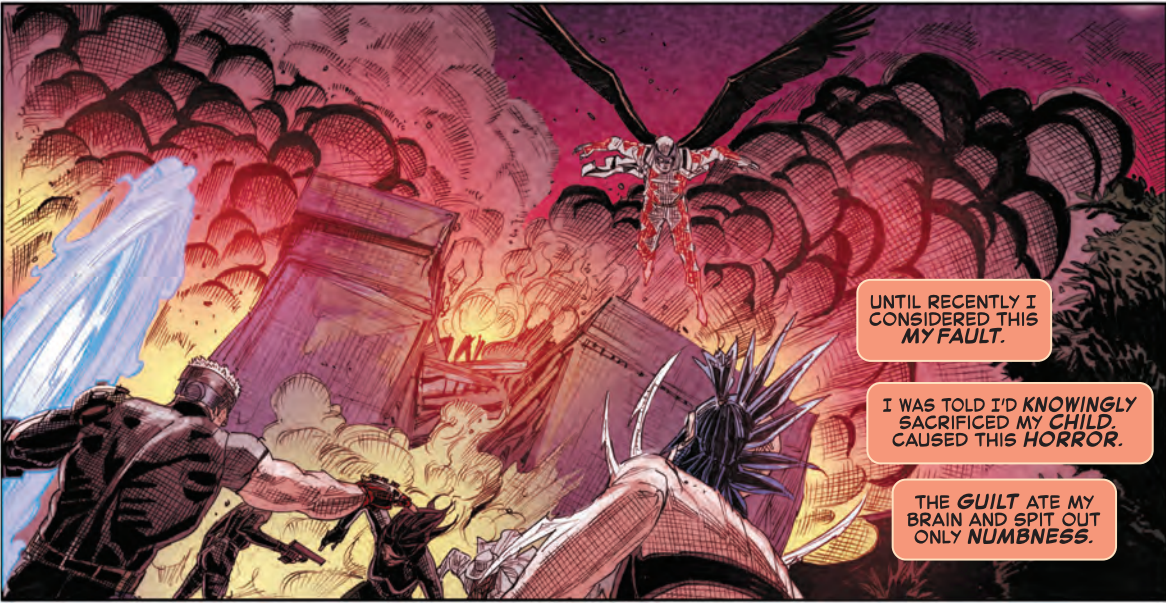




THIS WEEK ALONE HE'S WHUPPED EIGHT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, TWO RENDITION FACILITIES AND FIFTY-TWO SUPERHUMAN ASSETS.

WE KEEP \$\$\$%&##\$% UP. WE KEEP GETTING THERE TOO LATE. DAY AFTER DAY HE CARVES APART THE INTERNATIONAL BLACK-OPS COMMUNITY WHILE WE COWER.

DAY AFTER DAY: PROVING HE'S BEST.



UNTIL RECENTLY I CONSIDERED THIS MY FAULT.

I WAS TOLD I'D KNOWINGLY SACRIFICED MY CHILD. CAUSED THIS HORROR.

THE GUILT ATE MY BRAIN AND SPIT OUT ONLY NUMBNESS.



NOT ANY MORE. NOW I KNOW, NOW I KNOW.

NOT MY BAD.

SO THE GUILT'S GONE AND THAT SHOULD BE THE END OF IT, BUT IT'S NOT. OH GOD, NO.

BECAUSE WHAT'S LEFT IS A HOLE, AND FROM DEEP DOWN INSIDE IT THERE'S A SCREAM OF INDIGNATION AND IGNORANCE, AND Y'KNOW WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE?

IT SOUNDS LIKE THESE WORDS:

NO ONE EVER TOLD ME THAT GRIEF FELT SO LIKE FEAR

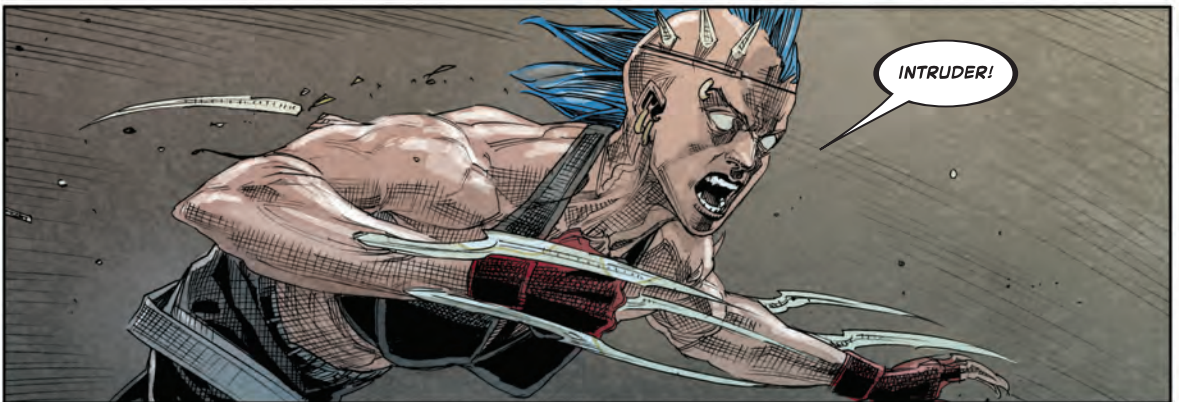
BUT IT
DOES.

IT DOES AND I AM AFRAID NOW.
I'M AFRAID ALL THE TIME AND
I'M OVERCOMPENSATING WITH
ADRENALINE AND RAGE, AND...

...AND IF YOU WANT A LIST OF
SIDE EFFECTS TO GO WITH
THE GODAWFUL DIAGNOSIS
OF PARALYZING TERROR,
THEN THE TOP SLOT IS THIS:

FEAR KILLS
YOUR TRUST.

UHM...
HI.



INTRUDER!