

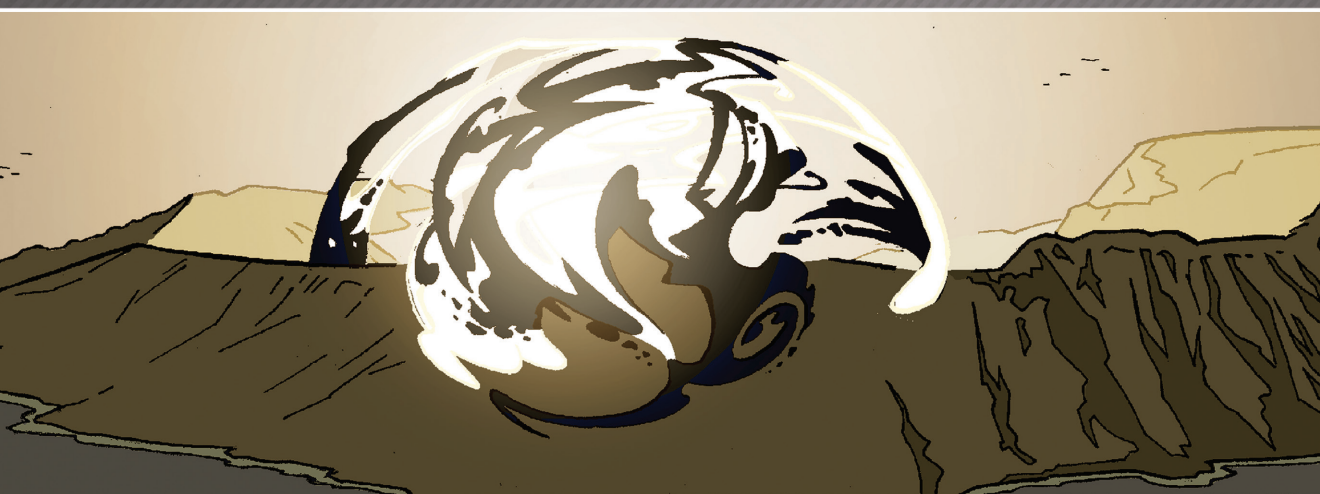
# REVOLUTIONS

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## PREVIOUSLY...

POSSESSING THE BRAIN OF DECEASED X-MEN FOUNDER PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER—AND THE IMMENSE PSYCHIC POWERS THAT COME WITH IT—THE VILLAINOUS RED SKULL SOUGHT TO RID THE EARTH OF MUTANTKIND. ASCENDING INTO THE TERRIFYING FORM OF RED ONSLAUGHT, HE INITIATED HIS WAR, BROADCASTING HATE ACROSS THE PLANET. DETERMINED TO STOP HIM, A SMALL ARMY OF AVENGERS AND X-MEN TOOK THE FIGHT TO RED ONSLAUGHT ON THE ABANDONED ISLAND OF GENOSHA...ALONGSIDE THE WORLD'S FIERCEST VILLAINS. OUTMATCHED, THE HEROES AND VILLAINS MADE A LAST DITCH EFFORT TO OVERCOME THEIR FOE: THEY CAST A MAGICAL SPELL IN THE HOPE OF SUBDUING THE SKULL AND BRINGING XAVIER'S CONSCIOUSNESS TO THE FORE. BUT THE SPELL HAD UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCES: THE PERSONALITY TRAITS OF EVERY HERO AND VILLAIN PRESENT WERE ALSO INVERTED.



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# SALEM CENTER, NEW YORK.

I WAS ONE  
OF THEM.

SMILING AND  
LAUGHING...

...THAT WAS  
MY LIFE.

A  
LIFETIME  
AGO.

THE WORLD  
HASN'T BURNED  
ITS DARKNESS  
INTO THEIR  
SOULS.  
NOT YET.

BUT I  
LEARNED.

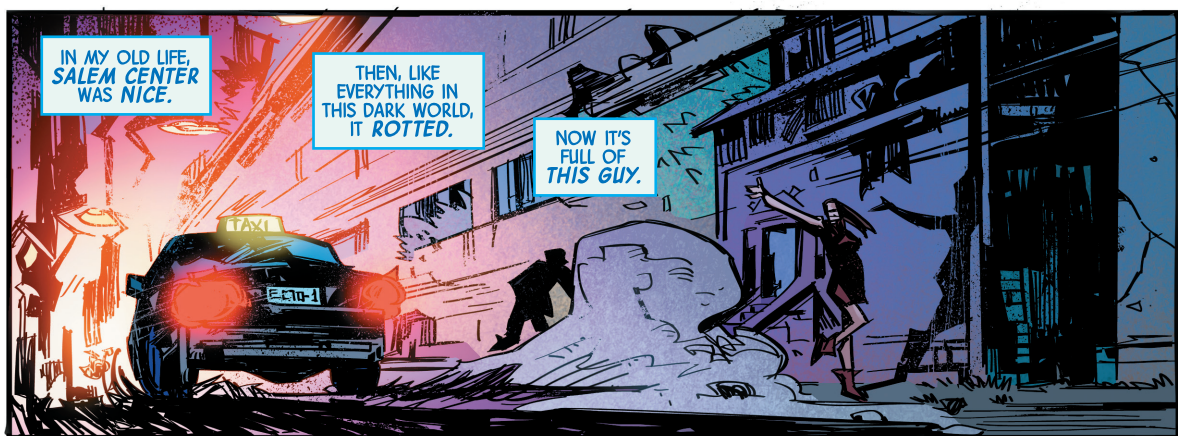
LIFE'S NOT FUNNY.  
IT'S NOT HAPPY.

NEITHER  
AM I.

I DON'T  
SMILE  
ANYMORE.

NOT WHEN  
THERE'S  
NOTHING  
TO SMILE  
ABOUT.





IN MY OLD LIFE,  
SALEM CENTER  
WAS NICE.

THEN, LIKE  
EVERYTHING IN  
THIS DARK WORLD,  
IT **ROTTED**.

NOW IT'S  
FULL OF  
**THIS GUY**.



WE BOTH WATCH THE  
WOMAN'S EVERY MOVE.

BUT MY WATCHING  
ISN'T **CREEPY**. IT'S  
**MELANCHOLY**.



I'M  
**BROODING**  
AND SHE JUST  
HAPPENS TO  
BE THERE.

NOTHING  
MORE.

IT DOESN'T  
**MATTER** THAT  
SHE'S PRETTY.  
UGLY **WOMEN**  
SHOULDN'T GET  
STALKED, EITHER.

**BEAUTY**  
JUST MAKES  
FEELINGS MORE  
**MEANINGFUL**  
AND DEEP.



IT DOESN'T **MATTER**.  
AS A HERO, MY  
**LOVE** MUST BE  
**UNREQUITED**.

AS A  
HERO...





...COLD  
IS THE ONLY  
EMOTION  
I FEEL.

OH.  
UH...

LADY  
DARKNESS...SHE  
IS AN ICY ONE  
TONIGHT.

HER CHILLY  
EMBRACE IS NO  
PLACE FOR INNOCENTS  
TO TREAD...IT IS A PLACE  
WHERE INNOCENCE  
IS TREAD UPON.

WHAT?

YES.  
CALL  
ME...

ICEHEART!

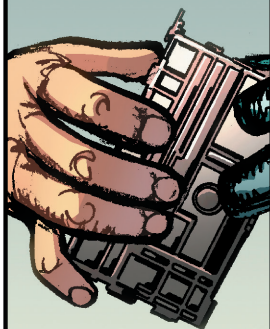
# MAN OF ICE

CHAPTER THE  
FIRST OF ONE

IN WHICH THE DARKEST HERO OF ALL IS VISITED UPON BY: THE EXQUISITE PAIN OF TRIUMPH; A REMEMBRANCE OF HISTORY UNTOLD; A LOVE CUT SHORT BY VIRTUE; THE SYNESTHETIC REFLEX; THE EXQUISITE TRIUMPH OF PAIN.



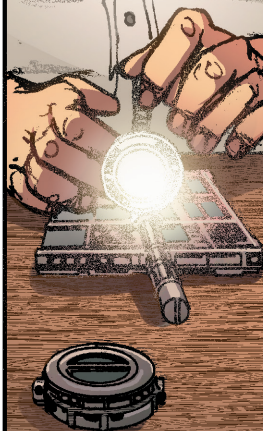
I REMEMBER  
WHAT **FREEDOM**  
FELT LIKE...



...OR AT LEAST,  
I **THINK** I DO.



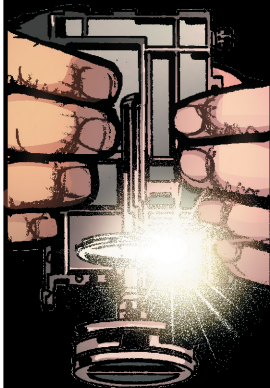
I REMEMBER A  
LATVERIA THAT  
BREATHED FREE...



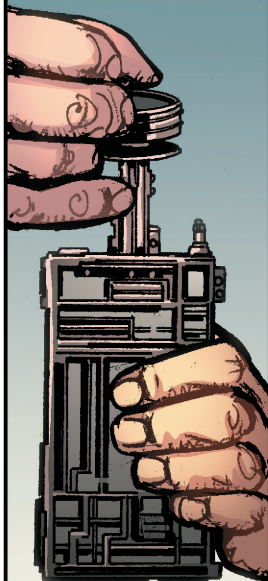
...A HOMETLAND  
THAT HAD NO  
NEED TO HIDE ITS  
**TERROR** BEHIND  
PHONY **SMILES**...



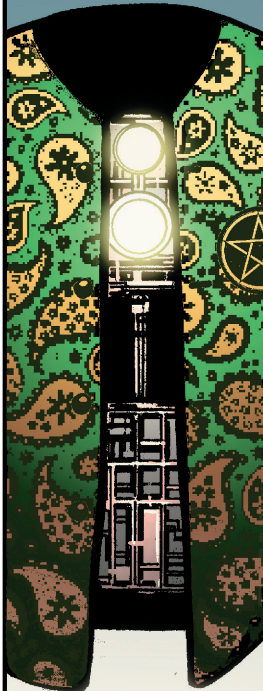
...A LAND OF  
HARDWORKING  
PEOPLE WHO  
LIVED IN GRACE  
AND **DIGNITY**.



...A NATION THAT LAUGHED,  
CRIED, AND SANG WITH  
**NO** FEAR OF THE  
**POWERS** THAT BE...



I **REMEMBER**  
WHAT **FREEDOM**  
FELT LIKE...



...OR MAYBE  
I'M JUST  
**FOOLING**  
MYSELF...

ARE  
YOU **SURE**  
IT WORKS,  
LASZLO?











WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?

IT WAS A JOKE--!

IS THAT RIGHT?

OF COURSE.

NO ONE QUESTIONS YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE...

...BUT WE ALL KNOW YOU'VE GOT A DEEPLY SENTIMENTAL STREAK...



...WHICH HAS GOTTEN IN THE WAY MORE THAN *ONCE* IN ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE *RESISTANCE*.

TO HELL WITH YOU, WHAT YOU CALL SENTIMENT, I CALL COMMON SENSE...



...AS OPPOSED TO *YOUR* RECKLESS RUSH TO GET US ALL KILLED.

SO MAYBE YOU'RE JUST A BIT OVERCAUTIOUS.

THAT'S IT.



YOU KNOW DAMNED WELL IF I HADN'T STOPPED YOU AT THE BRIDGE OF MURMURS LAST MONTH WE'D ALL BE DEAD.