

TERRIGEN MISTS CIRCLE THE GLOBE, WHITTILING DOWN MUTANTKIND'S NUMBERS AND SUPPRESSING ANY NEW MUTANT MANIFESTATIONS. BELIEVING BIGGER THREATS REQUIRE MORE THREATENING X-MEN, MAGNETO IS JOINED BY A TEAM OF THE MOST RUTHLESS MUTANTS ALIVE TO STEM THE THREAT OF EXTINCTION...

UNCANNY X-MEN



MAGNETO



SABRETOOTH



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ARCHANGEL

WHILE INVESTIGATING A SERIES OF KILLINGS INVOLVING MUTANT HEALERS, THE X-MEN DISCOVER THAT THE DARK RIDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE—HUNTING DOWN ANY MUTANTS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO KEEP OTHERS FROM SUCCUMBING TO THE TERRIGEN MISTS. THOUGH THE X-MEN TRIED TO PROTECT POWERFUL MUTANT HEALER JOSHUA FOLEY, A.K.A. ELIXIR, FROM THIS SAVAGE CRUSADE, HE WAS BRUTALLY MURDERED.

PSYLOCKE RECENTLY LEFT THE TEAM AFTER VOICING DISSATISFACTION AT MAGNETO'S ABILITY TO LEAD.

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SO...IT'S
TRUE.

HE'S STILL
ALIVE.

OR ALIVE
AGAIN.

WHICHEVER...
BOTH...TAKE
YOUR PICK.

EITHER
WAY, HE'S
BACK.

HE
DRAGGED
HIMSELF
UP...

...TORE
OPEN THE
CASNET...DUG
THROUGH THE
DIRT.

AND HE'S
OUT THERE IN
THE WORLD...
ALONE.

BEFORE HIS
DEATH, HE DISPLAYED
GREATER POWER THAN
EVER BEFORE. HIS
GIFTS WERE
EVOLVING.

THEY HAVE
LIKELY CONTINUED
TO EVOLVE, PERHAPS
IN DANGEROUS
WAYS.

DANGEROUS,
MAGNETO?
OR USEFUL?

EQUAL
MEASURE OF
BOTH...EQUAL
ENOUGH THAT HE
NEEDS
GUIDANCE.

CAN YOU
TRACK HIM,
MONET?

SHOULDN'T
BE THAT
DIFFICULT.

THERE ARE
A LOT OF BAD
WAYS TO GO OUT.
THIS IS A HELLUVA
WAY TO COME
BACK.

I'LL
CALIBRATE
CEREBRO TO
HONE IN ON
HIS POWER
LEVELS.



"THERE AREN'T MANY **OMEGA MUTANTS** LEFT IN THE WORLD."

THE RUINS OF GENOSHA.



ALL RIGHT.

WE'RE NOT DONE JUST YET.



AGAIN.



RISE UP.



WHHHHRRRRGGG

YOU KNOW, I NEVER THOUGHT OF USING HEALING AS A WEAPON...AS AN IMPLEMENT OF TORTURE...

...NOT UNTIL YOU AND YOUR **DARK RIDERS** CAME ALONG, GAUNTLET.

NOW, THOUGH, I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK OF THE PAIN THAT COMES WITH HEALING.

ECUADOR.

350 MILES SOUTH OF THE COLOMBIAN BORDER.

PEOPLE USUALLY SUM UP MY MUTANT ABILITIES AS "LUCK."

IT'S A LI'L MORE COMPLEX THAN THAT. I'M BASICALLY TELEKINETIC...I CAN MOVE "SMALL" THINGS WITH MY MIND.

THE ONLY PROBLEM IS I CAN'T CONTROL IT. IT'S ALL SUBCONSCIOUS. I'M NOT EVEN AWARE OF WHEN I'M DOING IT. AND IT ONLY SEEMS TO WORK WHEN I'M IN NEAR-DEATH SITUATIONS.

SO I GUESS YOU'RE USING A.I.M. TO SPY ON THE GOOD GUYS NOW?

ROBERTO DA COSTA, A.K.A. SUNSPOT.

MUTANT. OWNER OF AVENGERS IDEAS MECHANICS. FORMER MEMBER OF X-FORCE.

NORMALLY NOT THE CASE, BUT I JUST RECEIVED INTEL IN REGARD TO THE LOCATION OF A CRIMINAL WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO CATCH FOR A WHILE.

I HAD A.I.M. SATELLITES SURVEYING THE AREA, AND TO MY SURPRISE... THE ONE PERSON I NEED FOR A SITUATION LIKE THIS JUST HAPPENED TO BE 80 MILES EAST OF THE THOSE EXACT COORDINATES.

I CAN'T BEGIN TO RECALL HOW MANY TIMES SOME IDIOT HAD A GUN POINTED AT MY HEAD AND IT SUDDENLY JAMMED WHEN THEY PULLED THE TRIGGER.

MY POWERS HAVE GOTTEN ME OUT OF SOME TOUGH SITUATIONS, BUT THE *GAME OF LIFE* HAS TAUGHT ME TO NEVER BET ON "LUCK" ALONE.

IN ANY GAME, IT'S ALWAYS BEST TO HAVE A GOOD STRATEGY.

NEENA THURMAN, A.K.A. DOMINO.

MUTANT. MERCENARY. FORMER MEMBER OF X-FORCE.

YAY, LUCKY ME.

HOPEFULLY VACATIONING AND NOT ROBBING ANYONE.

NO COMMENT.

ARE YOU KEEPING TABS ON ME 'CUZ OF THOSE WEAPONS YOU LENT ME? I PROMISED I'D PAY YOU BACK. DID YOU GET THOSE CHECKS I MAILED?

YEAH, BOTH OF THEM. THAT \$15.75 PUT A REAL DENT IN THE \$260,000 YOU STILL OWE.

HOWEVER, THAT'S NOT WHY I REQUESTED YOU. I REALLY NEED YOUR HELP ON THIS ONE.

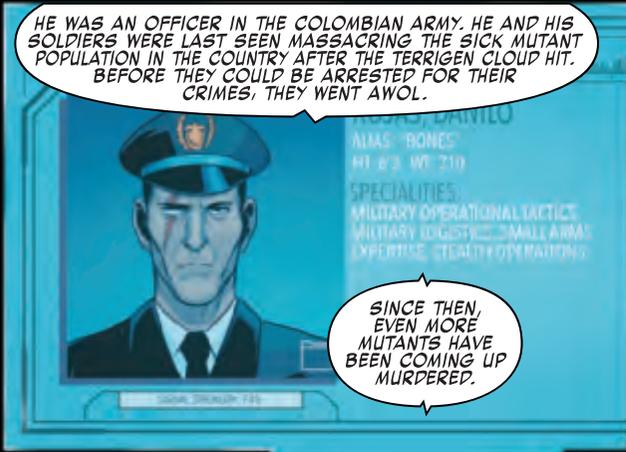
THIS INTEL REGARDS A GUY NAMED DANILO "BONES" ROJAS. BECAUSE OF HIS MILITARY TRAINING, HE'S A VERY DIFFICULT MAN TO TRACK.

HOWEVER, AN HOUR AGO AN ENCRYPTED COMM LOG WAS ANONYMOUSLY LEAKED INTO OUR INTERNAL NETWORK.

ONCE WE WERE ABLE TO DECODE IT, WE DISCOVERED ROJAS AND HIS MEN WERE STATIONED AT AN ABANDONED MILITARY FACILITY IN ECUADOR.

SO, WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THIS GUY?

HE WAS AN OFFICER IN THE COLOMBIAN ARMY. HE AND HIS SOLDIERS WERE LAST SEEN MASSACRING THE SICK MUTANT POPULATION IN THE COUNTRY AFTER THE TERRIGEN CLOUD HIT. BEFORE THEY COULD BE ARRESTED FOR THEIR CRIMES, THEY WENT AWOL.



SINCE THEN, EVEN MORE MUTANTS HAVE BEEN COMING UP MURDERED.



YOU THINK IT'S HIM?

HE SUPPOSEDLY BELIEVED THE TERRIGEN WAS A GIFT FROM GOD--A WAY TO HELP MAN PURGE THE MUTANT SPECIES FROM THE PLANET. SO, YEAH.

HE NEEDS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF.

ASSASSINATION? THAT'S A NEW ONE FOR YOU.

THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE MAKING HIM A PRIORITY, SO NOW HE'S MINE.

WHY NOT GET YOUR AVENGERS ON THIS ONE?

I WANT THIS ONE OFF THE RECORD. LAST THING I NEED IS S.H.I.E.L.D. UP MY ASS BECAUSE A.I.M. WAS CAUGHT INTERFERING IN FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS.

HENCE, THE PERFECT PERSON.



NATURALLY.

THIS IS RIGHT UP YOUR ALLEY.

TRUE. FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS, THOUGH, I USUALLY CHARGE.

DO THIS FOR ME, CONSIDER YOUR DEBT CANCELED.

FAIR. HOW MANY MEN ARE WE TALKING?



42. I ALSO HAVE A LIVE VIDEO FEED OF ACTIVITY WITHIN THE COMPOUND VIA SATELLITE. I CAN RELAY THE SOLDIER'S POSITIONS INSIDE.

UNLESS OF COURSE, YOU PLANNED ON GOING IN GUNS BLAZING...



TEMPTING, BUT 42 VERSUS 1 AREN'T ODDS I'M FOND OF.

ALL RIGHT, BUDDY, THIS IS MY STOP.