

THE STRANGEST SUPER-HEROES OF ALL!

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the X-MEN

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IN THE
SENSATIONAL
FANTASTIC
FOUR
STYLE!

I'VE BEATEN THE X-MEN
BEFORE, AND I SHALL DO IT
AGAIN! BUT *THIS* TIME
IT WILL BE... **FOREVER!!**

**STAY
BACK,**
ALL OF YOU!
THOSE ARE
THE ORDERS
OF PROFESSOR
X!!

THE X-MEN HAD TO FIND
OUT... HOW DO YOU BEAT A
MUTANT WHO IS... **UNBEATABLE!!**
A BOOK-LENGTH MARVEL CLASSIC!
"NOTHING CAN STOP
THE VANISHER!"...

X-MEN

THE STRANGEST SUPER-HEROES OF ALL TIME!

"NO ONE CAN STOP THE VANISHER!"

FASTER! PROFESSOR X IS WAITING FOR US!

PROFESSOR X MUST HAVE A NEW MISSION FOR US!

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GANGWAY! KIDS! HERE COMES THE BEAST!

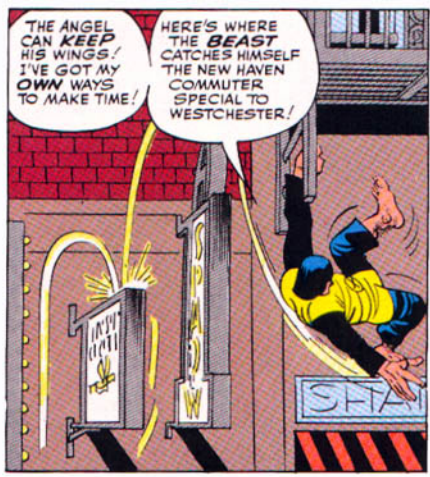
WE CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THOSE DRATTED WINGS OF YOURS, ANGEL!

WHEE! THIS HAS RUNNING BEAT ALL HOLLOW!

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN A BOOK-LENGTH TALE WHICH YOU'LL NEVER FORGET! AND NOW, LET US FOLLOW THE EXTRAORDINARY X-MEN AS THEY ANSWER AN URGENT MENTAL SUMMONS FROM THEIR MYSTERIOUS LEADER, PROFESSOR X...

THE ANGEL CAN KEEP HIS WINGS! I'VE GOT MY OWN WAY TO MAKE TIME!

HERE'S WHERE THE BEAST CATCHES HIMSELF THE NEW HAVEN COMMUTER SPECIAL TO WESTCHESTER!

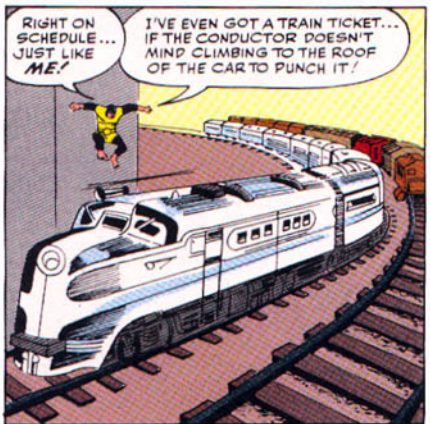


JUST GIVE ME A WALL WITH DEEP ENOUGH RIDGES TO SINK MY TOES INTO AND WATCH MY STEAM! BETTER HURRY... I HEAR THE TRAIN COMING NOW!



RIGHT ON SCHEDULE... JUST LIKE ME!

I'VE EVEN GOT A TRAIN TICKET... IF THE CONDUCTOR DOESN'T MIND CLIMBING TO THE ROOF OF THE CAR TO PUNCH IT!



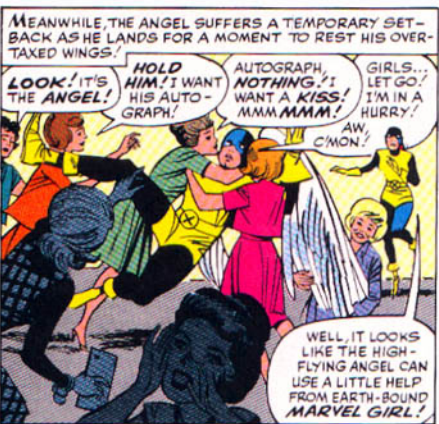
MEANWHILE, THE ANGEL SUFFERS A TEMPORARY SET-BACK AS HE LANDS FOR A MOMENT TO REST HIS OVERTAXED WINGS!

LOOK! IT'S THE ANGEL!

HOLD HIM! I WANT HIS AUTOGRAPH!

AUTOGRAPH, NOTHING! I WANT A KISS! MMM.MMMM!

GIRLS... LET GO! I'M IN A HURRY!



AW, C'MON!

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE THE HIGH-FLYING ANGEL CAN USE A LITTLE HELP FROM EARTH-BOUND MARVEL GIRL!

FUN TIME'S OVER, CHICKADEES! THIS ISN'T SADIE HAWKINS DAY!!

CAREFUL, JEANIE! REMEMBER, DR. X. TOLD YOU NOT TO STRAIN YOUR TELEPORTATION POWERS!

WE... WE'RE FLYING!!

WOW! HIS KISS IS MORE POWERFUL THAN I THOUGHT!



THERE!!
IF YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR
ROMANCE,
TRY A
MOVIE!

THANKS, BEAUTIFUL! BUT DID
YOU HAVE TO BE SUCH AN
EAGER-BEAYER?? I WAS
BEGINNING TO ENJOY IT!



WARREN WORTHINGTON
THE THIRD! WILL YOU
KINDLY REMEMBER
YOU'RE AN **X-MAN**
NOW, AND NOT A SCHOOL-
BOY ROMEO?? IF YOU...
OH... I... I FEEL **FAINT!**

NATURALLY, JEANIE! THE
PROF WARNED YOU
NOT TO MOVE ANY-
THING THAT WEIGHS
MORE THAN YOU CAN
PHYSICALLY CARRY!
BUT FEAR NOT, FAIR
DAMSEL, YOU
CAN RELAX
IN MY ARMS!



MEANWHILE, CYCLOPS
AND ICEMAN ARE
INTERRUPTED BY A
STARTLING SIGHT...

ICEMAN!!
LOOK AT THAT
WALL!

IT'S GONNA CRASH DOWN
ON THAT CONSTRUCTION
CREW BELOW!! AND WE'RE
TOO FAR AWAY TO HELP!



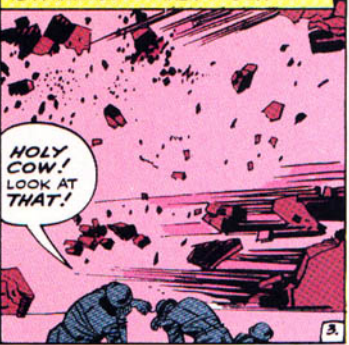
SPEAK FOR **YOURSELF**,
SONNY! JUST WAIT TILL
I LIFT MY **POWER**
VISOR!



SHIELD YOUR EYES,
BOBBY! I'M GIVING
IT **FULL**
INTENSITY!



INSTANTANEOUSLY, AS CYCLOPS'
POWER BLAST STRIKES THE FALLING
WALL, THE BRICKS AND MORTAR TURN
TO A HARMLESS FINE POWDER ...



SAY! YOU'RE CYCLOPS, AREN'T YOU? ONE OF THE X-MEN! I NEVER THOUGHT YOU JOKERS WERE FOR REAL! PUT IT THERE, PAL!

IF NOT FOR YOU, FELLA, WE'D BE PINNED UNDER THAT WALL BY NOW! HOW'D YOU DO IT?

SORRY, GENTS! HAVEN'T TIME TO EXPLAIN NOW! WE'RE ON A MISSION!

WHAT IS THIS, A GAG?? I SHAKE YOUR FROZEN HAND AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENS TO MY GLOVE!

THAT'S THE WAY THE COOKIE CRUMBLES, CHUM!

MY GLOVE, TOO! IT'S TURNING INTO ICE CUBES!



SECONDS LATER, AFTER THE DARING DUO BREAK AWAY...

WE'VE GOT TO STEP ON IT, BOBBY! THE PROFESSOR WILL HAVE OUR HIDES FOR BEING SO LATE!

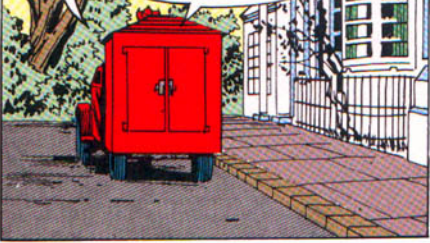
STOP THE PRESSES, PARTNER! THERE'S JUST THE KIND OF TRANSPORTATION I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!



A SHORT TIME LATER, A SMALL WHITE VEHICLE PULLS TO A STOP IN FRONT OF PROFESSOR XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS, NESTLED ON A SECLUDED FEW ACRES IN THE HEART OF NEW YORK'S WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

IS THIS THE PLACE YOU WANTED, SON?

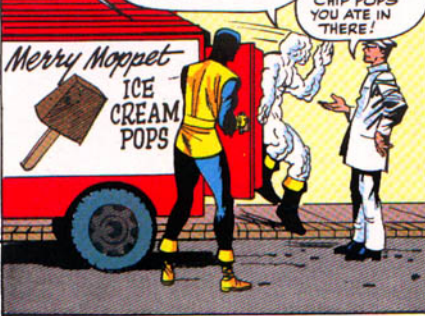
YES! NOW JUST WAIT TILL I LET YOUR OTHER PASSENGER OUT OF THE REAR COMPARTMENT!



OKAY, ICEMAN! LAST STOP... ALL OUT!

THANKS, PAL! IT WAS A REAL COOL RIDE! SAY, WHY THE OUTSTRETCHED PAW? WE PAID YOU FOR THE RIDE IN ADVANCE!

SURE! BUT I ALSO WANT TO COLLECT FOR THOSE THREE CHOCOLATE-CHIP POPS YOU ATE IN THERE!



AND, WITHIN THE SILENT HALLS OF THE SOMBER BUILDING, A STRANGE, BROODING MAN SITS MOTIONLESS! AND THEN, THE VERY AIR AROUND HIM SEEMS TO CRACKLE WITH THE URGENCY OF HIS POWERFUL MENTAL COMMAND!

X-MEN! ENTER!

ASSEMBLE BEFORE ME... AT ONCE!!





SORRY WE'RE LATE, SIR!

WE WERE DELAYED BY A...

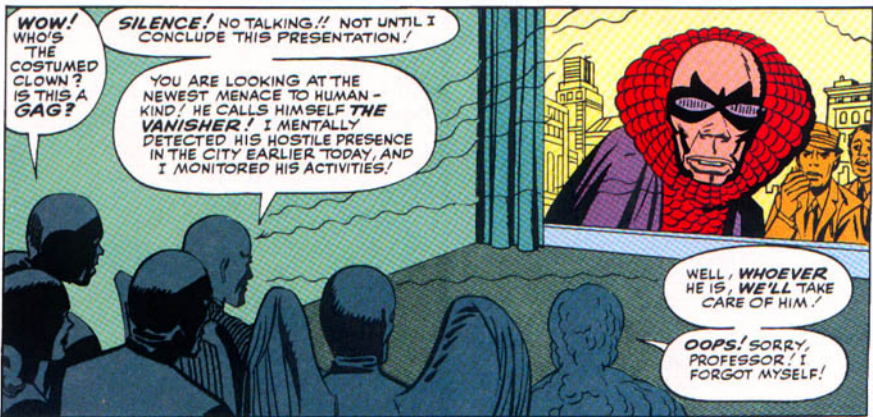
I KNOW! I FOLLOWED YOUR PROGRESS **MENTALLY!** YOUR THOUGHTS WERE CLEAR TO ME! NO FURTHER EXPLANATIONS ARE NECESSARY!

MAY WE KNOW THE **REASON** FOR YOUR SUMMONS, SIR?

WHEN WILL YOU **LEARN, ANGEL?** HE'LL TELL US WHEN HE'S **READY!**



I AM **READY NOW!** ALL OF YOU, FACE THAT WALL! I SHALL PROJECT A SERIES OF MENTAL IMAGES FOR YOU!



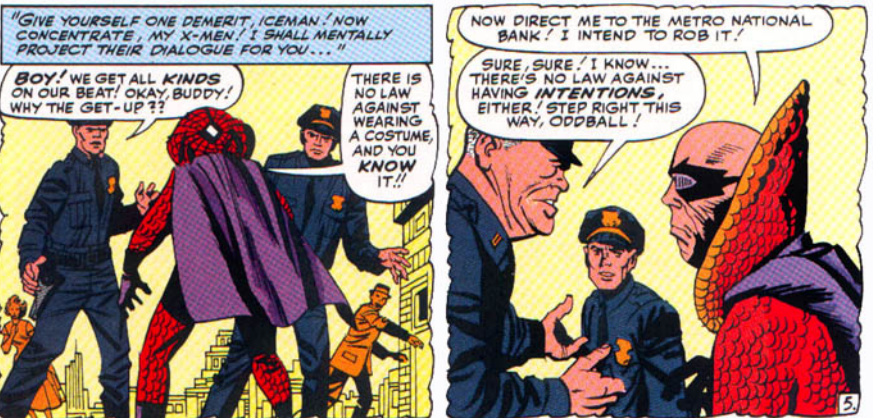
WOW! WHO'S THE COSTUMED CLOWN? IS THIS A GAG?

SILENCE! NO TALKING!! NOT UNTIL I CONCLUDE THIS PRESENTATION!

YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE NEWEST MENACE TO HUMAN-KIND! HE CALLS HIMSELF **THE VANISHER!** I MENTALLY DETECTED HIS HOSTILE PRESENCE IN THE CITY EARLIER TODAY, AND I MONITORED HIS ACTIVITIES!

WELL, **WHOEVER** HE IS, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM!

OOPS! SORRY, PROFESSOR! I FORGOT MYSELF!



"GIVE YOURSELF ONE DEMERIT, ICEMAN! NOW CONCENTRATE, MY X-MEN! I SHALL MENTALLY PROJECT THEIR DIALOGUE FOR YOU..."

BOY! WE GET ALL KINDS ON OUR BEAT! OKAY, BUDDY! WHY THE GET-UP??

THERE IS NO LAW AGAINST WEARING A COSTUME, AND YOU **KNOW** IT!!

NOW DIRECT ME TO THE METRO NATIONAL BANK! I INTEND TO ROB IT!

SURE, SURE! I KNOW... THERE'S NO LAW AGAINST HAVING **INTENTIONS**, EITHER! STEP RIGHT THIS WAY, **ODDBALL!**

AND SO...

IT'S ALL RIGHT, SMITHERS! GIVE HIM THE MONEY! I DON'T WANT ANY SHOOTING IN MY BANK!

SURE! WE'LL NAB HIM AS SOON AS HE GETS OUTSIDE! GOOD THING THE POLICE WARNED US ABOUT THAT NUT!

QUICKLY! HAND OVER THE MONEY! MY PATIENCE WEARS THIN!

MMM, A NICE TIDY SUM! I IMAGINE THIS WILL DO FOR A START!

HE'S REALLY NOT WITH IT! HE PUT AWAY HIS GUN TO COUNT THE CASH!

NO CHANCE OF ANYONE GETTING HURT NOW! LET'S TAKE HIM BEFORE HE STARTS CUTTING PAPER DOLLS!



AND NOW, LET US SEE IF YOU STILL THINK ME MAD... AFTER I HAVE VANISHED!

WHERE'D HE GO??

HE DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR!

MY MONEY! IT'S GONE! HELP! POLICE!



THIS ENDS YOUR BRIEFING, MY X-MEN! THAT IS THE FOE YOU WILL NEXT ENCOUNTER... THE VANISHER!

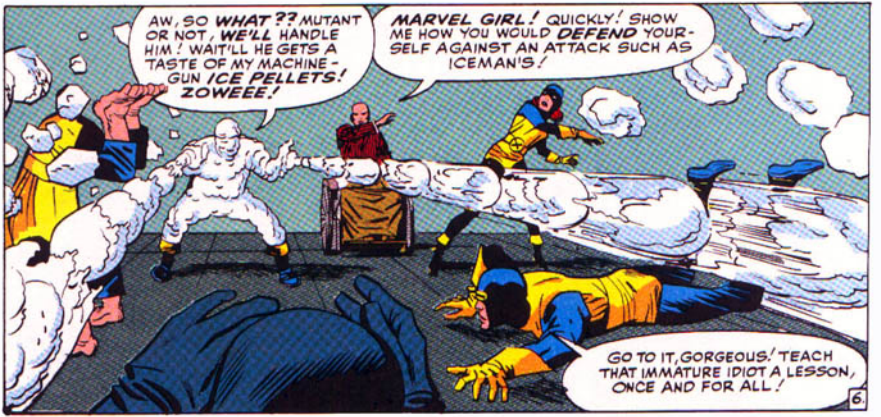
H-HOW DID HE DO IT?? IS HE A MUTANT... LIKE US, SIR?

THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN... BUT, I SUSPECT HE IS!



AW, SO WHAT?? MUTANT OR NOT, WE'LL HANDLE HIM! WAIT'LL HE GETS A TASTE OF MY MACHINE-GUN ICE PELLETS! ZOWEEE!

MARVEL GIRL! QUICKLY! SHOW ME HOW YOU WOULD DEFEND YOURSELF AGAINST AN ATTACK SUCH AS ICEMAN'S!



GO TO IT, GORGEOUS! TEACH THAT IMMATURE IDIOT A LESSON, ONCE AND FOR ALL!

IT'S SIMPLE, SIR! ALL I NEED DO IS USE MY MENTAL POWER OF TELEPORTATION TO GATHER UP THE ICE PELLETS ...

... AND THEN HURL THEM RIGHT BACK AT OUR IMPETUOUS FROZEN FRIEND... LIKE THIS!!

HEY! LOOK OUT! WHEW! GOOD THING I'M ABLE TO WHIP UP AN ICE SHIELD WHEN I NEED ONE!

THAT'S NOT FAIR! WE DIDN'T HAVE A SHIELD TO USE!

ENOUGH! GIVE ME YOUR ATTENTION NOW! SUCH BATTERING TACTICS WILL DO YOU NO GOOD AGAINST A FOE LIKE THE VANISHER!

WELL, THEN, WHAT...???

I SUSPECT THAT THE VANISHER IS A MUTANT... EVEN AS WE ARE! THAT MEANS HE WAS BORN WITH A SPECIAL POWER!

AND, IN ORDER TO COMBAT HIS UNCANNY POWER, YOU WILL NEED A SPECIALIZED FORM OF TRAINING! THEREFORE I WANT YOU ALL TO ENTER THE DANGER ROOM!

THE DANGER ROOM! A HUGE UNFURNISHED CHAMBER, WHICH HOUSES COUNTLESS HIDDEN PERILS!

ANGEL! YOUR TEST SHALL BE THE FIRST! YOU ARE TO FLY TO THE CENTER OF THE CHAMBER, AND CIRCLE THE ROOM AT TOP SPEED!

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR MISSILES WHICH SHALL HURTLE TOWARDS YOU UNEXPECTEDLY!

ROGER, SIR!

THERE GO THE FIRST FEW MISSILES! SO FAR, THIS TEST IS A SNAP!

AND NOW...
NOW THAT YOU
ARE RELAXED,
AND OFF -
GUARD...

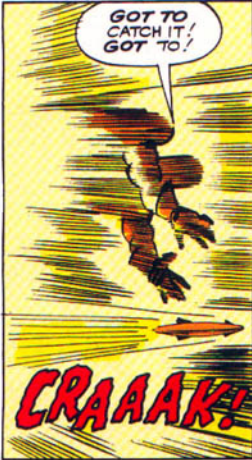
QUICKLY!
PRETEND THIS
MISSILE IS THE
VANISHER!
MATCH ITS SPEED
AND CATCH IT
BEFORE IT ELUDES
YOU!

SNNIK!



**GOT TO
CATCH IT!
GOT TO!**

CRAAAK!



**I FAILED!
IT...IT WAS TOO
FAST FOR ME!**



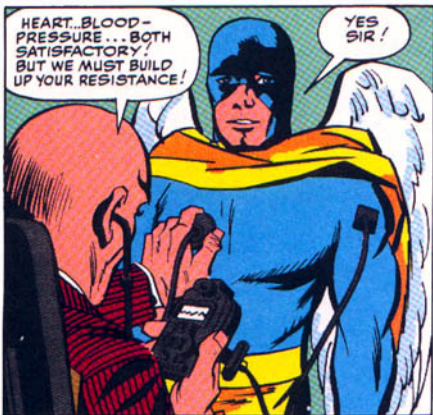
**EXHAUSTED !! TOO
GREAT A STRAIN...!
CAN'T STAY ALOFT!
... MUST REST...**

**RETRIEVE THE
ANGEL! BRING
HIM TO ME!
INSTANTLY!**



**HEART...BLOOD-
PRESSURE... BOTH
SATISFACTORY!
BUT WE MUST BUILD
UP YOUR RESISTANCE!**

**YES
SIR!**



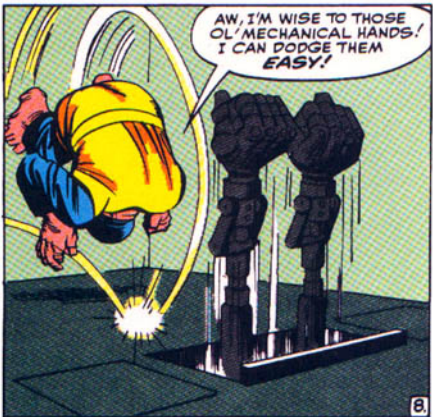
**THE ANGEL HAS HIGH POTENTIAL! WE MUST
SEE THAT HE *ATTAINS* IT!**

**I'M YOUR BOY FOR
HI-POTENTIAL, PROF!
SAY, THAT SOUNDS
LIKE A *BREAK-
FAST CEREAL!***

**VERY WELL,
BEAST! I SHALL
TEST YOU
NEXT!**



**AW, I'M WISE TO THOSE
OL' MECHANICAL HANDS!
I CAN DODGE THEM
*EASY!***





OF COURSE YOU CAN! YOU GET MORE DIFFICULT TO TRAP EVERY DAY!

THAT'S 'CAUSE I'M **SMARTER** THAN THE OTHERS, HUH?



NO! MERELY MORE OVER-CONFIDENT!

YIIII!
WHERE'D THIS **HOLE** IN THE FLOOR COME FROM ??



GOT TO FIND A WAY TO SAVE MYSELF!

MY ARMS!
IF I REACH OUT...
PRESS AGAINST
THE SIDES...THEY'LL
HOLD ME!

UGH! GOTTA STRAIGHTEN MYSELF OUT! TENSE MY MUSCLES!
IT... IT'S AGONY! MY ARMS ARE **KILLIN'** ME!

BUT I'VE GOT TO STAY WITH IT! CAN'T FLUNK THIS TEST! **CAN'T!**



I'M IN POSITION NOW!
ONE...TWO...THREE... GO!

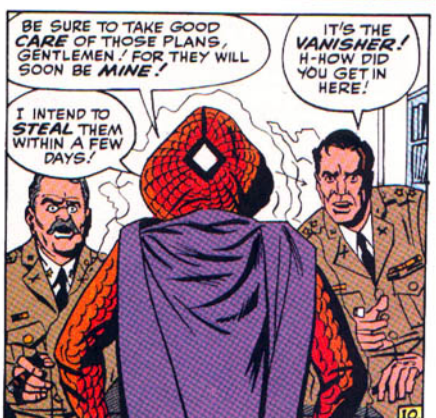
BEAST!
YOU DID IT!



MEANWHILE, A FEW HUNDRED MILES TO THE SOUTH, THE VANISHER NEXT APPEARS INSIDE THE MIGHTY PENTAGON BUILDING...



AND, NEARBY, IN A LOCKED, HEAVILY-GUARDED CONFERENCE ROOM...



HAVEN'T YOU **GUESSED** YET?? AS A TRUE MUTANT... AS A MEMBER OF **HOMO SUPERIOR**, I HAVE THE ABILITY TO **TELEPORT MYSELF** TO ANY PLACE I CAN THINK OF... AT UNIMAGINABLE SPEED!

SO **THAT'S** HOW YOU VANISH... BY MENTALLY TRAVELING TO ANOTHER PLACE?

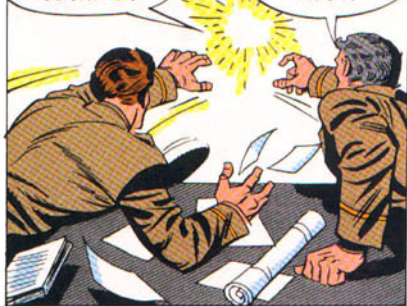
PREPOSTEROUS! PURE SCIENCE FICTION BALDERDASH! I DON'T BELIEVE A **WORD** OF IT!

THEN PERHAPS **THIS** WILL CHANGE YOUR MIND!

HE'S **GONE!**

AND HE'S SO SURE OF HIS POWERS THAT HE DIDN'T BOTHER TAKING THE PLANS **NOW!** HE PREFERS TO LET US **WORRY** ABOUT HIM FOR A FEW DAYS FIRST!

REMEMBER, IN A FEW DAYS THOSE DEFENSE PLANS SHALL BE **MINE!**



LATER, AFTER READING OF HIS INCREDIBLE EXPLOITS IN THE NEWSPAPERS, EVERY DENIZEN OF THE UNDERWORLD WHO ISN'T IN PRISON FLOCKS TO THE SIDE OF THE SEEMINGLY INVINCIBLE VANISHER!

NAME YOUR TERMS, VANISHER! WE'RE **WITH** YA!

SURE! WE'RE YOUR BOYS, PAL! YOU'RE THE BOSS!

HOORAY FOR THE VANISHER!

BACK, ALL OF YOU!

I HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE!

SHUDDUP, YOU GUYS!! THE VANISHER'S GONNA SAY SOMETHIN'!



IT IS ONLY **FITTING** THAT **HOMO SUPERIOR** SHOULD BE SERVED BY THE INFERIOR **HOMO SAPIENS!** THEREFORE, I SHALL ALLOW YOU TO BECOME MY **LACKEYS!**

THREE CHEERS FOR THE **VANISHER!**

YEAH! WITH **HIM** ON OUR SIDE, WE'LL **NEVER** GO TO JAIL!



I HAVE ALREADY ANNOUNCED TO THE PENTAGON THAT I INTEND TO STEAL THE ARMY'S CONTINENTAL DEFENSE PLANS! I'LL GIVE THEM A WHILE LONGER TO MARVEL AT MY POWER, AND THEN...

BEFORE THEY KNOW IT, THE PLANS SHALL BE **MINE!** AND **THEN** I MAKE MY **NEXT** MOVE... THE MOST **DARING** MOVE IN THE HISTORY OF CRIME!!



ARE YOU SURE IT'S SAFE TO LET MARVEL GIRL HANDLE SO HEAVY A WEIGHT, SIR?

NOTHING ABOUT OUR LITTLE "BUSINESS" IS SAFE, CYCLOPS!

NOW BE SILENT! I MUST CONCENTRATE!

GROWING TIRED... CAN'T HOLD THE WEIGHT MUCH LONGER... TOO LARGE TO HURL AWAY... IT WILL FALL ON ME! WH...WHAT CAN I DO??

SHE HAS REACHED THE POINT OF NO RETURN! CYCLOPS! TO HER AID!

YES, SIR!

HOLD ON, JEANIE! JUST LET ME LIFT MY POWER VISOR AND THEN ...

HURRY! PLEASE HURRY!

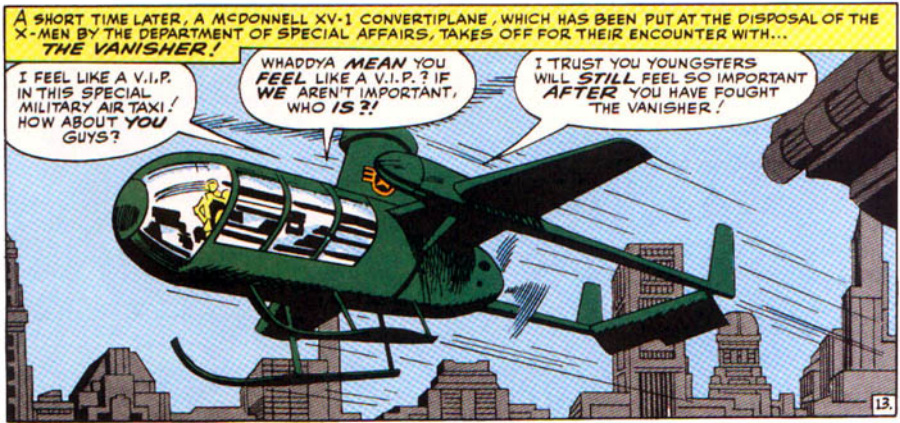
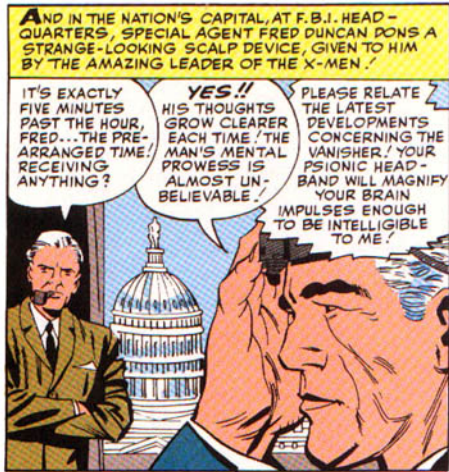
THERE, LITTLE LADY! IT'LL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE THAT TESTING DEVICE CAN BOTHER US AGAIN!

OH, CYCLOPS! WHAT WOULD I HAVE DONE WITHOUT YOU?

BOBBY! STOP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

"OH, CYCLOPS! WHAT WOULD I HAVE DONE WITHOUT YOU?" RATS! ANY ONE OF US COULD HAVE SAVED YOU!

HERE, CYCLOPS! IF YOU'RE SUCH A GALLANT PRINCE CHARMING, HERE'S A NICE ICY HORSE FOR YOU TO RIDE!



OUR SCENE NOW SHIFTS TO THE PENTAGON, WHERE FOUR HEAVILY-ARMED GUARDS MAINTAIN A TENSE VIGIL, WITH THE NATION'S ULTRA-IMPORTANT CONTINENTAL DEFENSE PLANS BETWEEN THEM...

SEE ANYTHING, MEN?

NOPE! NOTHING YET!

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN! HE COULD APPEAR ANYTIME!



YOU ARE SO RIGHT, HOMO SAPIENS!! - - - THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THOSE PLANS SAFE FOR ME!

IT'S HIM! GRAB HIM, BEFORE HE GETS AWAY!

RUSH HIM, ALL AT ONCE... NOW!



GOT HIM! HUH...?? WHERE'D HE GO??

HE VANISHED! B-BUT HOW??

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! BEFORE OUR VERY EYES!

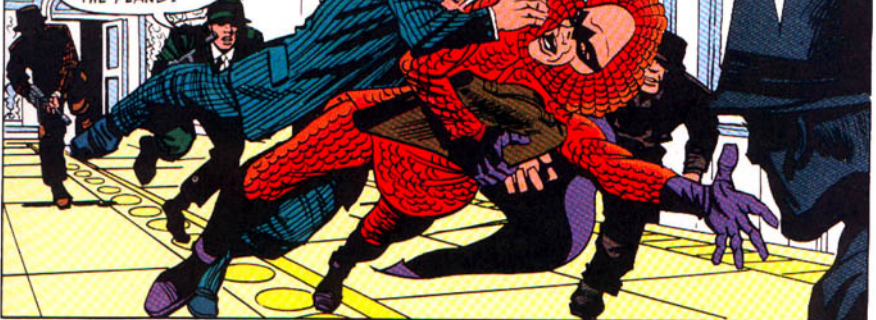


AND, IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE, THE VANISHER REAPPEARS, CONTINUING TO PLAY A CAT-AND-MOUSE GAME WITH HIS HARRASSED OPPONENTS!

GET HIM! HE GOT THE PLANS!

THAT'S IT! HOLD ME TIGHT! VERY GOOD! AND NOW, HUMAN... WATCH!

WHA...WHAT DOES HE EXPECT TO DO NOW?!



HE'S UNBEATABLE! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD HIM!

NO WONDER HE CALLS US HUMAN! HE SURE AIN'T!



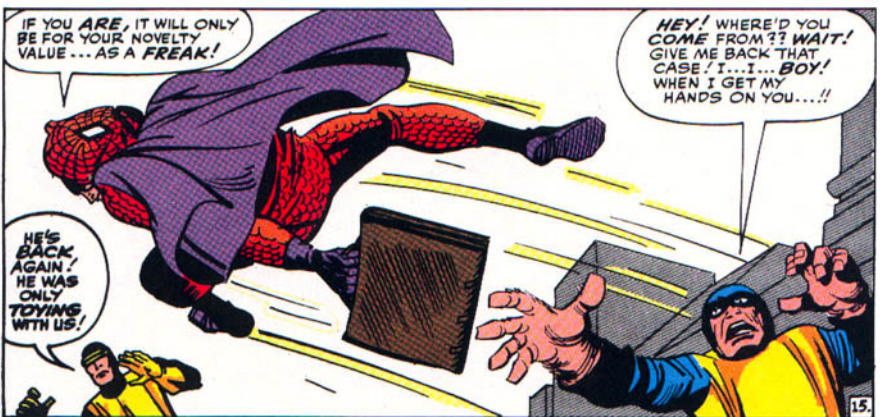
CONTINUING HIS INCREDIBLE PROGRESS, THE VANISHER NEXT APPEARS ON THE BUILDING'S STEPS, WHERE HE IS CONFRONTED BY...

THE X-MEN!

AT YOUR SERVICE, MISTER! NOW DROP THOSE PLANS!

HE IS A TRUE MUTANT! I CAN FEEL IT... I CAN SENSE IT!







STAY BACK, BEAST! I'LL GET THAT CASE AWAY FROM HIM WITH MY **POWER BEAM!** THERE... **GRAB IT, MARVEL GIRL!** YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

GOOD SHOT, CYCLOPS!! OKAY, GORGEOUS / USE MANEUVER EIGHTEEN! YOU'VE PRACTICED IT OFTEN ENOUGH!

DON'T WORRY, BOYS! I WON'T LET YOU DOWN!



YOU'RE KEEPING IT FROM ME BY **MENTAL POWER!** YOU... YOU'RE A MUTANT, TOO!

THAT'S RIGHT, VANISHER! THERE ARE GOOD ONES AS WELL AS BAD!

OUR PRIME MISSION IS TO PROTECT THE HUMAN RACE FROM THE LIKES OF YOU!



THANKS FOR WARNING ME WHAT I'M UP AGAINST! NOW I'LL JUST PUT YOU OUT OF THE WAY FOR THE TIME BEING!

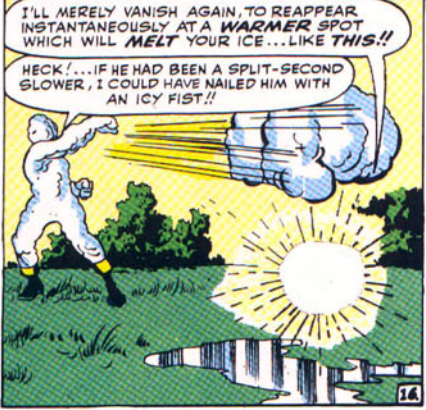
SLEEPING GAS! X-MEN... HELP!!

HE TRICKED MARVEL GIRL! I'LL GET HIM!



OUR FIRST JOB IS TO GET THOSE PLANS AWAY FROM HIM, ONCE AND FOR ALL! SO, I'LL JUST MAKE THE CASE TOO COLD TO HANDLE...

YOU'RE TOO LATE! THESE CHILDISH STUNTS WON'T STOP ME!



I'LL MERELY VANISH AGAIN, TO REAPPEAR INSTANTANEOUSLY AT A WARMER SPOT WHICH WILL MELT YOUR ICE... LIKE THIS!!

HECK!... IF HE HAD BEEN A SPLIT-SECOND SLOWER, I COULD HAVE NAILED HIM WITH AN ICY FIST!!



JEAN: ARE YOU OKAY, KID?

Y-YES! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE VANISHER?

HE GOT AWAY... PLANS AND ALL!

HE TOOK EVERYTHING WE COULD DISH OUT... AND HE BEAT US BUT GOOD!



MAYBE THIS'LL TEACH US NOT TO THINK WE'RE SO UNBEAT-ABLE!

PROFESSOR X WAS RIGHT... WE STILL NEED MORE TRAINING!

CHEER UP, GROUP! IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD...! NOBODY BATS A THOUSAND!

I NEVER EVEN LAID A HAND ON HIM...NOT EVEN ONCE!

NEXT DAY, THE NEWS OF THE X-MEN'S DEFEAT SPREADS LIKE WILDFIRE!



EXTRA! EXTRA!! VANISHER MAKES MONKEYS OUT OF X-MEN! **EXTRA!!**

I KNEW IT! THE X-MEN ARE NOTHING BUT OVER-RATED PHONIES! IF THEY WERE REALLY SO GREAT, THEY WOULDN'T KEEP THEIR IDENTITIES A SECRET!

AND, AS THE HOURS SPEED BY, TEMPER GET FRAZED... NERVES GET RAW... AS PANIC SEEMS TO MOUNT AMONG THE POPULACE...



IF THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP THAT VANISHER, I'M ALL FOR SKIPPIN' TOWN! NO TELLIN' WHAT HE'LL DO NEXT!

WHAT GOOD WILL RUNNING DO? HE CAN BE ANYWHERE! THERE'S NO PLACE THAT'S SAFE!

THEY SAY HE BEAT THE X-MEN WITHOUT EVEN HALF-TRYING! CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW POWERFUL HE MUST BE?!

WHILE, AT PROFESSOR XAVIER'S SCHOOL...



FLASH! THE VANISHER HAS JUST DEMANDED TEN MILLION DOLLARS, TAX-FREE, FROM THE GOVERNMENT, AS HIS PRICE FOR NOT TURNING OUR CONTINENTAL DEFENSE PLANS OVER TO THE COMMUNISTS!

IT'S PURE BLACKMAIL! ON THE LARGEST SCALE EVER ATTEMPTED!

I WAS RIGHT NEXT TO HIM... AND I COULDN'T LAY A HAND ON HIM!

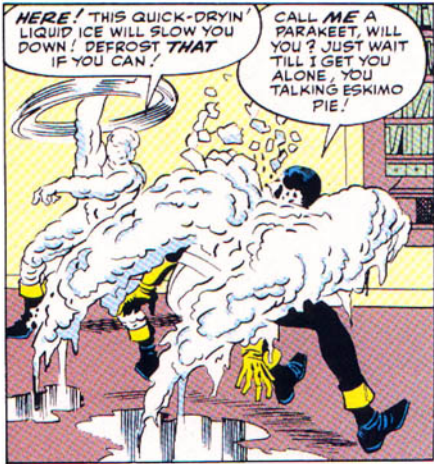
YOU AND THOSE THOSE FLAPPIN' WINGS OF YOURS SURE WEREN'T ANY HELP!

THEY DID AS MUCH GOOD AS THAT CORNY SNOWBALL FIST OF YOURS!



AND I'VE WARNED YOU ABOUT STANDING TOO CLOSE TO ME! I HATE CHILLS. HERE... THIS'LL THAW YOU OUT A LITTLE!

HEY! KNOCK IT OFF! WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO DO, YOU OVER-GROWN PARAKEET?!!



HERE! THIS QUICK-DRYIN' LIQUID ICE WILL SLOW YOU DOWN! DEFROST THAT IF YOU CAN!

CALL ME A PARAKEET, WILL YOU? JUST WAIT TILL I GET YOU ALONE, YOU TALKING ESKIMO PIE!



HOLD STILL, ANGEL! I'LL HAVE THAT MELTED IN NO TIME!

EASY, CYCLOPS! JUST MELT THE ICE! LEAVE THE WING, HUH?

TOO BAD YOU WEREN'T AS GOOD WITH THAT BLAMED ICE OF YOURS AGAINST THE VANISHER AS YOU ARE AGAINST US!

COME TO ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY, STUDENTS! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR CHILDISH ANTICS! TURN AND FACE ME... ALL OF YOU!



I HAVE LEFT YOU TO YOUR OWN DEVICES UNTIL NOW! ACTUALLY, YOU HAVE NOT DONE BADLY, CONSIDERING YOUR YOUTH, AND YOUR LACK OF EXPERIENCE! FOR YOU WERE UP AGAINST A MOST POWERFUL FOE!

BUT THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO ENTER THE PICTURE... TO SHOW YOU THAT SOMETIMES BRUTE STRENGTH IS NOT ENOUGH!



CYCLOPS, WHAT DO YOU FIGURE HE MEANS BY THAT?

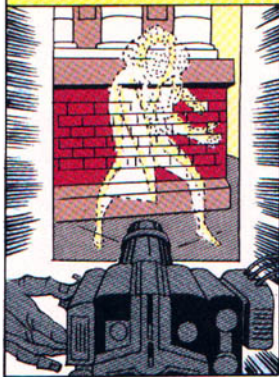
QUIET, BEAST! WE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH!

WHEN YOU NEXT GO TO WASHINGTON, I SHALL ACCOMPANY YOU MYSELF! BUT FIRST, I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU! OBSERVE THIS!

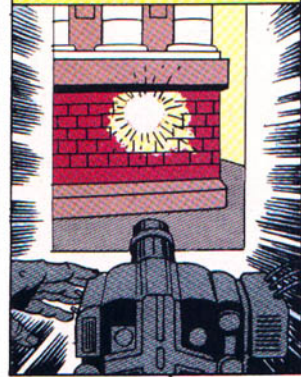
"THIS IS A STROBE PROJECTION SHOWING THE VANISHER DISAPPEARING! HIS DISAPPEARANCE WAS PHOTOGRAPHED AT A SPEED OF 20,000 FRAMES A SECOND!"



"NOTICE THAT EVEN WITH THIS SUPER-HIGH-SPEED CAMERA, IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO ANALYZE THE VANISHER'S ABILITY TO INSTANTLY TRANSPORT HIMSELF!"



"HIS SPEED IS SO UNBELIEVABLY FAST THAT IT DEFIES DESCRIPTION! THEREFORE, I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO BEAT HIM! AND THIS IS MY PLAN..."



THE NEXT DAY, IN WASHINGTON, WHERE SIMILAR STROBE PHOTOS ARE BEING INTENTLY STUDIED, PROFESSOR X MAKES A HIGH PRIORITY CALL TO THE WHITE HOUSE, GIVING THE DETAILS OF HIS PROPOSED PLAN OF ACTION AGAINST THE VANISHER...



VERY WELL, SIR! I SHALL INFORM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF YOUR CALL IMMEDIATELY! THANK YOU!

AND FINALLY, THE MOMENT OF DECISION ARRIVES! IN THE VERY CENTER OF THE NATION'S CAPITOL, THE X-MEN FIND WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN NERVOUSLY WAITING FOR...



LOOK! HE'S COMING NOW! IT'S THE VANISHER!

HE'S GOT A SMALL ARMY OF HOODS WITH HIM! YOU WOULDN'T THINK HE'D DARE!

THEY'LL BE NO PROBLEM FOR US TO HANDLE! IT'S THE VANISHER HIMSELF WE MUST BE WARY OF!

STAND FAST, X-MEN! REMEMBER OUR ORDERS!

I'LL GIVE YOU COSTUMED JUVENILES EXACTLY TEN SECONDS TO CLEAR OUT OF HERE, OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES! MY BUSINESS DOES NOT CONCERN YOU!

I HAVE COME FOR MY TEN MILLION DOLLARS! THEY WILL NOT DARE TO REFUSE ME!

I DON'T LIKE IT! HOW COME THERE AIN'T ANY TROOPS OR GUARDS AROUND?



AND THEN, SUDDENLY, SURPRISINGLY, UNEXPECTEDLY, THE X-MEN STAND ASIDE, REVEALING ANOTHER FIGURE... ONE WHICH IS COMPLETELY UNKNOWN TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE...

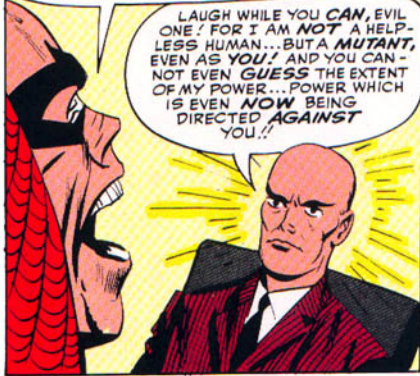
THE TIME IS NOW, MY X-MEN! ASSUME YOUR POSITIONS!

VANISHER, I GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE TO SURRENDER TO ME! OTHERWISE I SHALL HAVE TO COUNTER YOUR POWER WITH A FORCE WHICH IS FAR GREATER... FAR MORE TERRIBLE!



WHAT?? YOU?? A HELPLESS HUMAN... ALONE AND DEFENSELESS, DARES TO THREATEN ONE WHO HAS DEFEATED THE X-MEN?? LET ME LAUGH AT YOU... BEFORE YOU PAY FOR YOUR INSOLENCE!

LAUGH WHILE YOU CAN, EVIL ONE! FOR I AM NOT A HELPLESS HUMAN... BUT A MUTANT, EVEN AS YOU! AND YOU CAN NOT EVEN GUESS THE EXTENT OF MY POWER... POWER WHICH IS EVEN NOW BEING DIRECTED AGAINST YOU!!



HIS EYES! HIS VOICE! WHAT IS IT THAT FILLS MY SOUL WITH DREAD? I MUST ESCAPE HIS PRESENCE! I MUST VANISH... BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!!



WHA..WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ME? I CAN NOT CONTROL MY POWER!! I CANNOT VANISH!!



WAIT!! WHAT HAS BECOME OF ME?? WHAT AM I DOING HERE? WHO IS THIS MAN WHO FACES ME? TELL ME... PLEASE TELL ME... WHO AM I??



PLEASE... DO NOT HARM ME! I AM WEARY... SO WEARY! I MUST REST! I MUST THINK... HAVE TO LEARN WHO I AM... WHAT I AM??!

I DON'T GET IT! ONE MINUTE HE WAS THREATENING US ALL... AND NOW... HE'S LIKE A HELPLESS CHILD!

HE WILL TROUBLE US NO MORE!

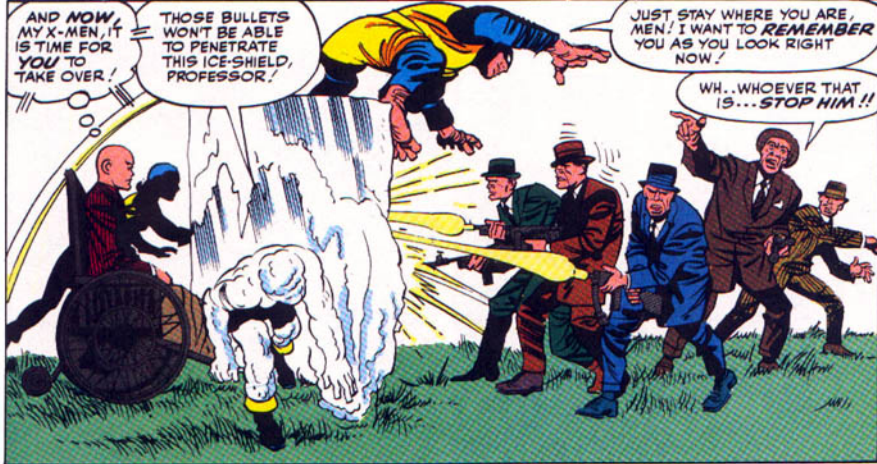


BUT THEN, SENSING THAT SOME TERRIBLE MISHAP HAS BEFALLEEN THEIR LEADER, HIS ARMED BAND OF CRIMINALS COME TOWARD THE X-MEN, THIRSTING FOR REVENGE!

IF THEY HARMED THE VANISHER, THEN WE LOST OUR MEAL TICKET!

GET 'EM!!



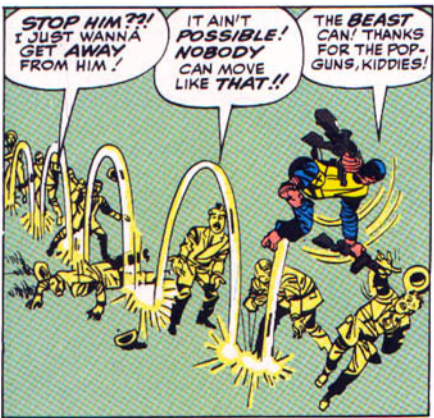


AND NOW, MY X-MEN, IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO TAKE OVER!

THOSE BULLETS WON'T BE ABLE TO PENETRATE THIS ICE-SHIELD, PROFESSOR!

JUST STAY WHERE YOU ARE, MEN! I WANT TO REMEMBER YOU AS YOU LOOK RIGHT NOW!

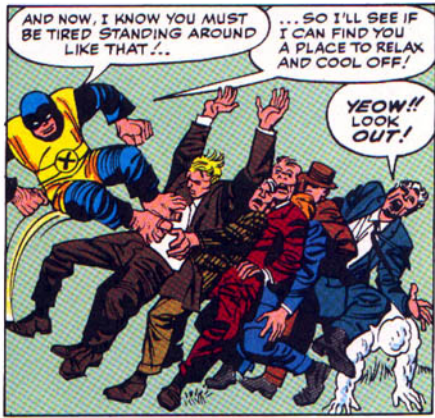
WH... WHOEVER THAT IS... STOP HIM!!



STOP HIM??! I JUST WANNA GET AWAY FROM HIM!

IT AIN'T POSSIBLE! NOBODY CAN MOVE LIKE THAT!!

THE BEAST CAN! THANKS FOR THE POP-GUNS, KIDDIES!



AND NOW, I KNOW YOU MUST BE TIRED STANDING AROUND LIKE THAT...

...SO I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIND YOU A PLACE TO RELAX AND COOL OFF!

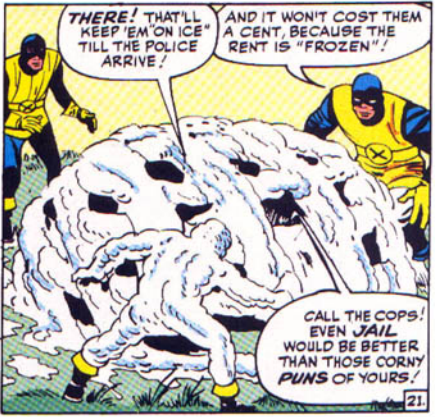
YEOW!! LOOK OUT!



ALLOW ME, MY BESTIAL BUDDY!

THANKS, CYCLOPS! THAT'S MIGHTY NEIGHBORLY OF YOU!

STEP ASIDE, BOYS, AND LET A COOLER HEAD PREVAIL!



THERE! THAT'LL KEEP 'EM ON ICE TILL THE POLICE ARRIVE!

AND IT WON'T COST THEM A CENT, BECAUSE THE RENT IS "FROZEN"!

CALL THE COPS! EVEN JAIL WOULD BE BETTER THAN THOSE CORNY PUNS OF YOURS!



IT'S **UNCANNY!** THE PROFESSOR DEFEATED THE VANISHER BY MENTAL POWER ALONE! HE MADE THE VANISHER **FORGET** WHO HE IS... FORGET THE POWER HE HAS!

WELL, WELL! I SEE SOME OF THE VANISHER'S PLAYMATES HAVEN'T BEEN SPANKED AND PUT TO BED YET!

GET THE **GIRL**, WEASEL! SHE LOOKS **HARMLESS!** SHE'LL BE OUR **TICKET OUT** OF HERE!



HARMLESS, AM I? HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE THREATENED BY YOUR OWN GUNS?!

SHE'S A **MAGICIAN!**

EVEN **WORSE!!** SHE'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE OTHERS! DON'T SHOOT! WE GIVE UP!

PLEASE... **DO** SOMETHING! I FEEL LIKE A **NUT** PLEADING WITH A FLOATING GUN!



COME ON, YOU THREE! DON'T BE PARTY POOPS! THE FUN'S NOT OVER YET!

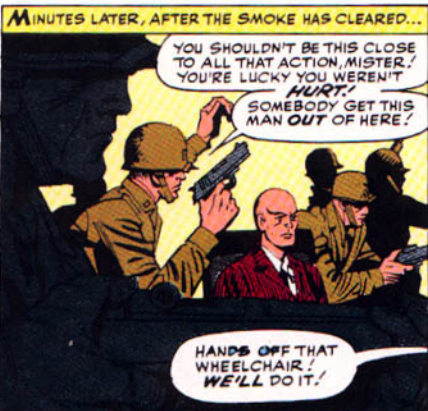
I'LL STOP THAT HIGH-FLYING CLOWN!

DON'T SHOOT AT HIM, YOU DUMMY! YOU'LL MAKE HIM **MADDER!**



HERE'S A LITTLE PHRASE I IMAGINE YOU DON'T HEAR TOO OFTEN... "PARDON MY WINGS, FELLAS!"

WHUMP!



MINUTES LATER, AFTER THE SMOKE HAS CLEARED...

YOU SHOULDN'T BE THIS CLOSE TO ALL THAT ACTION, MISTER! YOU'RE LUCKY YOU WEREN'T **HURT!** SOMEBODY GET THIS MAN OUT OF HERE!

HANDS OFF THAT WHEELCHAIR! WE'LL DO IT!



IMAGINE.. IF THEY KNEW YOU WERE THE **LEADER** OF THE X-MEN, SIR!!

AND IT WAS **YOU** WHO DEFEATED THE VANISHER IN THE ONLY WAY POSSIBLE... **MENTALLY!**

ALWAYS REMEMBER, MY X-MEN... THE GREATEST POWER ON EARTH IS THE MAGNIFICENT POWER WE ALL OF US POSSESS... THE POWER OF THE **HUMAN BRAIN!**

THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: THE X-MEN FACE THE GREATEST DANGER OF ALL, WHEN... BUT SEE FOR YOURSELF IN **X-MEN #3**... YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!