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THE UNCANNY

X-MEN



STAN LEE PRESENTS...

GHOSTS

EACH BREATH IS FOULED BY SMOKE, EACH THOUGHT BY SILENT SCREAMS OF AGONY AND GRIEF.

IN HER CHILDHOOD, THIS CITY WAS A MAGIC PLACE, FULL OF LIFE AND LIGHT AND WONDER.

NOW IT'S A CHARNEL PIT—HOME OF THE DEAD AND THOSE ABOUT TO DIE.

AND SHE HELPED MAKE IT SO.

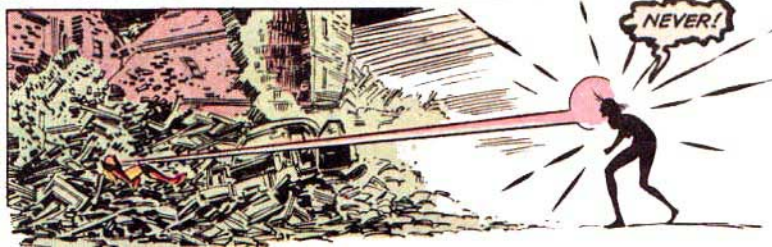
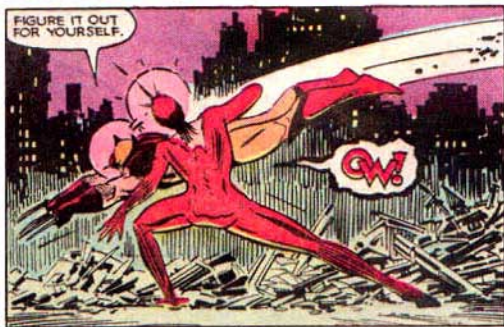
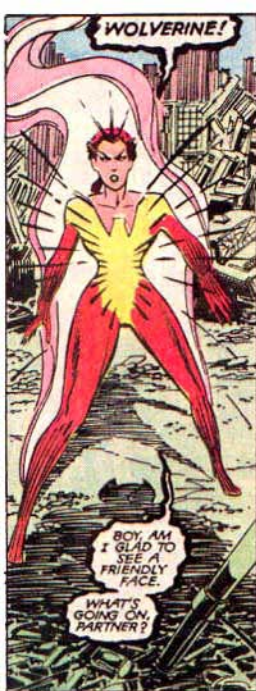
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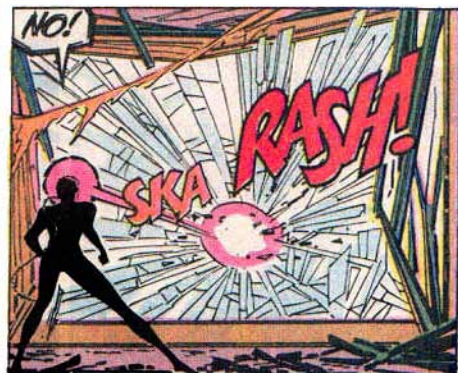
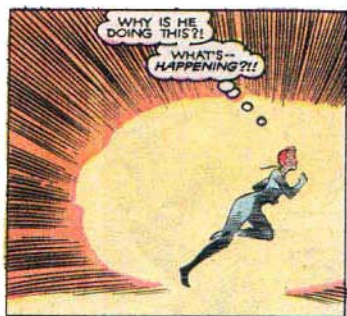
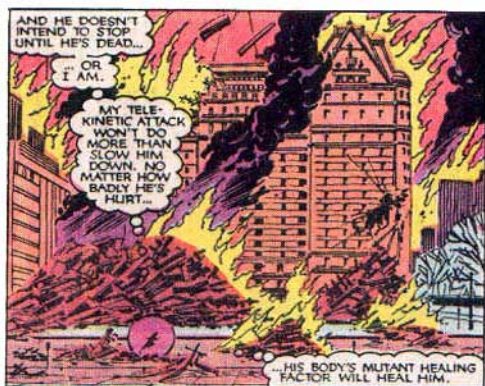
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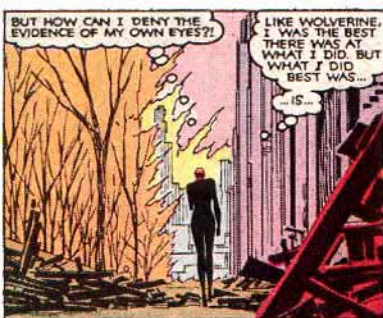
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STAN LEE PRESENTS...







BUT HOW CAN I DENY THE EVIDENCE OF MY OWN EYES?!

LIKE WOLVERINE, I WAS THE BEST THERE WAS AT WHAT I DID. BUT WHAT I DID BEST WAS...

...IS...



...OBSCENE.

I BETRAYED MY OWN KIND. I HELPED THE GOVERNMENT CAPTURE MUTANTS, IMPRISON THEM IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS...

...AND... KILL SO MANY OF THEM.



WHEN AT LAST I WAS OF NO MORE USE, THE GOVERNMENT SENT ME TO THE CAMP, FIGURING I'D BE SLAUGHTERED BY THE INMATES AS A TRAITOR. I DESERVED IT.

BUT THE SURVIVING X-MEN TOOK ME IN. THEY PROTECTED ME, STORM. BLESS HER, SAID SHE UNDERSTOOD. KITTY-- AND THE OTHERS--

--FORGAVE ME.

...KILLED

...FIRE

...ALL OF THEM...



...SAVE ONE.

OUR WORLD WAS DYING; OUR RACE DESTROYED.

ONE BY ONE, THOSE FEW REMAINING X-MEN WERE KILLED...

...UNTIL I ALONE WAS LEFT.



SOMEHOW, I USED MY POWER AS PHOENIX TO ESCAPE INTO THE PAST. I FLED TO THE TIME BEFORE I WAS BORN, HOPING-- PRAYING FOR A CHANCE TO PREVENT THIS APOCALYPSE.

I SOUGHT OUT THE X-MEN-- AND, AGAIN, THEY TOOK ME IN. THEY BECAME MY FAMILY. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY MEMORY, I FOUND MYSELF AT PEACE.

I WAS HAPPY.



HOW COULD I BE BACK WHERE I STARTED--

--UNLESS I NEVER LEFT?

WAS MY LIFE WITH THE X-MEN A DREAM-- A FANTASY I CREATED TO ESCAPE A REALITY THAT HAD BECOME TOO TERRIBLE TO BEAR?!



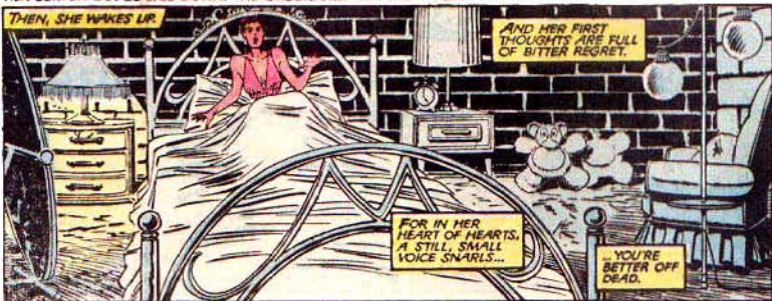
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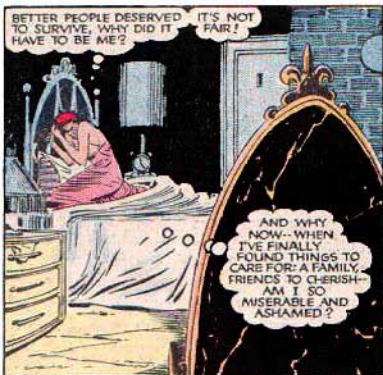
IT HAS TO BE TRUE, IT HAS TO!

WITHOUT THAT SECOND CHANCE, I CAN NEVER MAKE UP FOR THE AWFUL THINGS I'VE DONE!



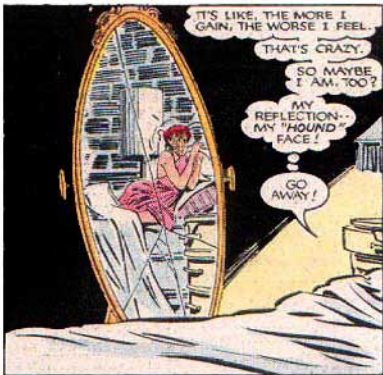
THERE IS PAIN AS THEY PIERCE HER HEART. BUT SHE BARELY NOTICES. HER TORMENT AT LAST IS OVER. HER BURDEN CAN BE LAID DOWN. THE GHOSTS WILL BE FOREVER SILENT. AS SHE FINALLY JOINS THEM.





BETTER PEOPLE DESERVED TO SURVIVE, WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE ME? IT'S NOT FAIR!

AND WHY NOW--WHEN I'VE FINALLY FOUND THINGS TO CARE FOR--A FAMILY, FRIENDS TO CHERISH--AM I SO MISERABLE AND ASHAMED?



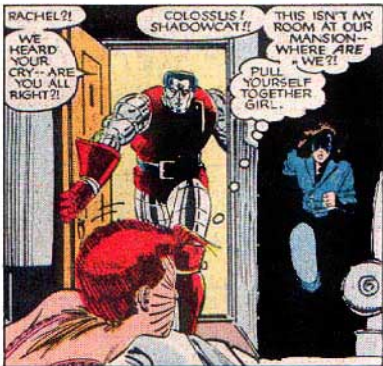
IT'S LIKE, THE MORE I GAIN, THE WORSE I FEEL-- THAT'S CRAZY. SO MAYBE I AM, TOO? MY REFLECTION-- MY "HOUND" FACE! GO AWAY!



YOU'RE THE CREATURE THAT'S DEAD-- NOT RACHEL SUMMERS, BUT THE MURDERING ANIMAL THE GOVERNMENT TURNED HER INTO-- YOU NO LONGER EXIST, I DENY YOU!

KARASH!

GO AWAY!



RACHEL?! WE HEARD YOUR CRY-- ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?! COLLOSSUS! SHADOWCAT!! THIS ISN'T MY ROOM AT OUR MANSION-- WHERE ARE WE?! PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, GIRL..



YOU MUSTN'T LET THEM SEE HOW RATTLED YOU ARE.

NO PROBLEM, GUYS-- REALLY. JUST A BAD DREAM.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN A BEAUT.



I GUESS I GOT SO SCARED I LOST CONTROL OF MY TK. Sigh! Y'KNOW, RAY, THE X-MEN ARE GUESTS HERE IN THE MORLOCK TUNNELS. THIS IS SOMEONE'S ROOM-- YOU'RE WEARING BORROWED CLOTHES-- AND THIS MIRROR IS PROBABLY A PRIZED POSSESSION.

GREAT WAY TO REPAY THE MORLOCKS' HOSPITALITY.

I'M SORRY, KITTY. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.



SOMETIMES... RACHEL, BEING "SORRY" ISN'T ENOUGH.

AND A PERSON WITH YOUR POWERS CAN'T AFFORD ACCIDENTS.

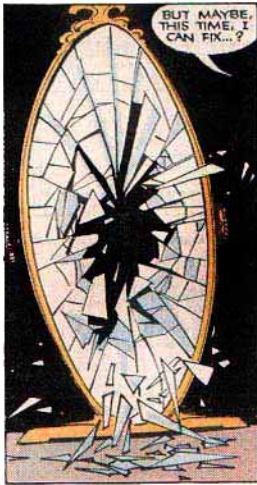
WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS...

... TALKING TO ME THAT WAY?!

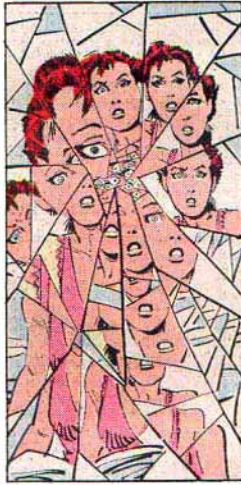


EXCEPT SHE'S RIGHT.

WHEN I LOSE CONTROL OF MYSELF, I CAN DO UNTOLD HARM. I DON'T MEAN TO, BUT I CAN'T HELP MYSELF.



BUT MAYBE, THIS TIME, I CAN FIX... ?



NEARBY...

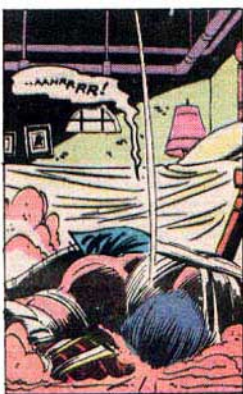


RACHEL?

WHAT'RE YOU DOIN', GIRL--

--TO ME--

--TO... YOUR... SELF!;



HOW'S WOLVERINE?
HE LIVES.

AND, WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD...



...STORM TURNS HER BACK ON RACHEL...

...AND CONTINUES HER DISCUSSION WITH CALLISTO.

WELL, EXCUSE ME, LADY!

SHE'S SHUTTING ME OUT OF HER MIND, AS WELL. ALL THE X-MEN HAVE CLOSED THEIR THOUGHTS TO ME!

ARE YOU REALLY SURPRISED, SUGAR...



...AFTER THE STUNT YOU PULLED IN SAN FRANCISCO WHEN YOU USED OUR LIFE-ESSENCES TO FIGHT THE BEYONDER?

I BELIEVED I WAS RIGHT, ROGUE.

AIN'T THE POINT. YOU ASKED FOR MY HELP, AN' I GAVE IT.

BUT YOU DIDN'T ASK COLOSSUS OR WOLVERINE. AN' STORM SAID NO.



YOU TOOK HER LIFE FORCE ANYWAY, AN' WHILE YOU ASKED SHADOWCAT, THE KID'S WONDERIN' NOW IF THAT DECISION WAS REALLY HER OWN.

DOES SHE-- DO YOU-- BELIEVE I'D FORCE SUCH A CHOICE?



BUT YOU'RE A TELEPATH, RAY-- AT THAT TIME, ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL IN CREATION-- YOU WERE DRIVEN, DESPERATE, ABSOLUTELY, FANATICALLY SURE OF WHAT YOU WERE DOIN'.

CAN YOU TRULY SAY YOUR SUB-CONSCIOUS WASN'T PROMPTING US TO MAKE THE CHOICE YOU WANTED?



THE AIR IS SWEET, SCENTED WITH JASMINE AND HIGH MOUNTAIN PINE. DELICIOUSLY CRISP AND COOL.

SHE HAS NEVER KNOWN SUCH BEAUTY, SUCH SERENITY OF BODY AND SOUL...

...SUCH PEACE.



TOO WONDERFUL--
SHE THINKS, TOO
GOOD TO LAST.

SHE'S
RIGHT.

WHAT--?!



THE MAIN
GATE--!

THE PALACE
IS UNDER
ATTACK!

ALERT!

PHOENIX!

YOU
SHOULD
KNOW
BETTER,
GIRL...

THAN
TO TRY
AND HIDE
FROM
ME.

THIS ISN'T REAL--
IT'S JUST ANOTHER
DREAM!

THAT
DOESN'T
MATTER!

HE--
KNOWS MY
THOUGHTS!



I'M PART OF THEM, RACHEL.

AS YOU MADE YOUR-
SELF PART OF MINE...

WHEN
YOU STOLE
MY LIFE
ESSENCE.

SHOULD
HAVE
ASKED,
BABE.

GO AWAY!
LEAVE ME
ALONE!!!

PLEASE!!!





CAN'T DO THAT.

THE INITIAL DREAM CAME MOSTLY FROM MY HEAD, MY OWN MEMORIES!



THIS SETTING IS JAPANESE-- I MUST BE DRAWING THE IMAGES FROM WOLVERINE'S.

IF I WAKE MYSELF UP-- IF I BREAK THE PSIONIC RAPPORT THAT BINDS US TOGETHER-- I CAN SAVE MYSELF!

NOTHING'S HAPPENING!



I CAN'T BREAK FREE!



WOLVERINE-- DON'T-- WE'RE FRIENDS!



FRIENDSHIP INVOLVES TRUST.



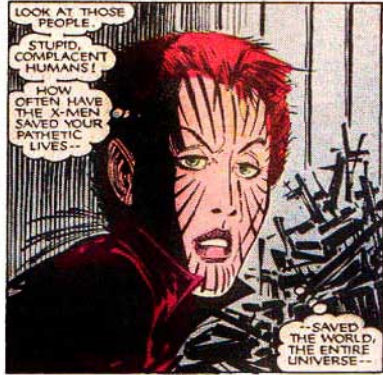
YOU BETRAYED MINE.





Gasp!
 WHERE--?! AN ALLEY-- THE SURFACE-- BUT HOW-- DON'T REMEMBER-- MUST HAVE WANDERED UP HERE-- FALLEN ASLEEP-- DOESN'T MATTER.

I'M STILL ALIVE. HOORAY FOR ME.

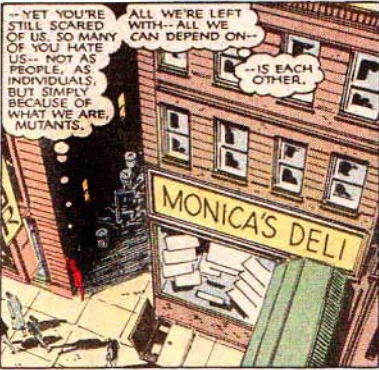


LOOK AT THOSE PEOPLE.

STUPID, COMPLACENT HUMANS!

HOW OFTEN HAVE THE X-MEN SAVED YOUR PATHETIC LIVES--

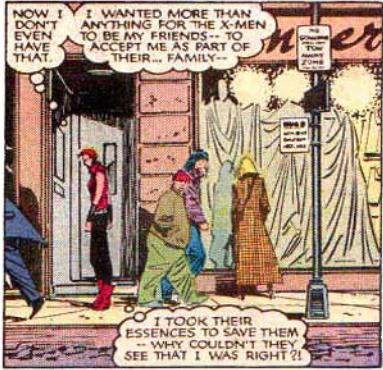
-- SAVED THE WORLD, THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE --



-- YET YOU'RE STILL SCARED OF US. SO MANY OF US-- NOT AS PEOPLE, AS INDIVIDUALS, BUT SIMPLY BECAUSE OF WHAT WE ARE, MUTANTS.

ALL WE'RE LEFT WITH-- ALL WE CAN DEPEND ON--

-- IS EACH OTHER.



NOW I DON'T EVEN HAVE THAT.

I WANTED MORE THAN ANYTHING FOR THE X-MEN TO BE MY FRIENDS-- TO ACCEPT ME AS PART OF THEIR... FAMILY--

I TOOK THEIR ESSENCES TO SAVE THEM -- WHY COULDN'T THEY SEE THAT I WAS RIGHT?!



WHY COULDN'T I HAVE DIED IN MY OWN TIME, WITH EVERYONE I LOVED?!

FOR ALL MY POWERS, THE BEST I COULD MANAGE HERE IS TO MAKE A ROYAL BOTCH OF EVERYTHING.

AND I FIGURED I WAS GOING TO SAVE THE FUTURE, SINGLE-HANDED-- HAH!



WAKE UP, BABY. FACE REALITY.

I TRIED TO SUPERCHARGE WOLVERINE'S HEALING POWERS-- AS I DID ONCE BEFORE-- BUT THIS TIME IT DIDN'T WORK. I ONLY MADE THINGS WORSE.

MAYBE THAT'S WHAT INTENSIFIED OUR DREAMLINK?

I'M USELESS. A TOTAL WASTE. A LOSER.

THE AIR IS PURE...

...BECAUSE THE WORLD IS YOUNG.

A PLACE OF INFINITE POSSIBILITIES.

BUT SHE HAS NO TIME FOR THE STARK, ELEMENTAL BEAUTY THAT SURROUNDS HER.

SHE'S TOO BUSY...

...RUNNING FOR HER LIFE.

THIS ISN'T FAIR!

WHY CAN'T I SLEEP IN PEACE, WHY DO I HAVE TO ENDURE THESE AWFUL DREAMS--?!

WOLVERINE-- WHEREVER YOU ARE--

I'M SORRY! **WEE!**

WIND AND RAIN HAVE YET TO SOFTEN THE LANDSCAPE'S SHARP EDGES

SHE FALLS, SHE THINKS, FOREVER.

BUT SURVIVES.

EVERYONE BUT HER DIES.

SHE'S LEFT TO BEAR THE PAIN.

MOUNTAINS REAR HIGH ABOVE THE PRAIRIES.

AND THEIR SLOPES ARE STEEP.

THAT'S HER KNACK, THE MOST HATED GIFT: SURVIVAL.

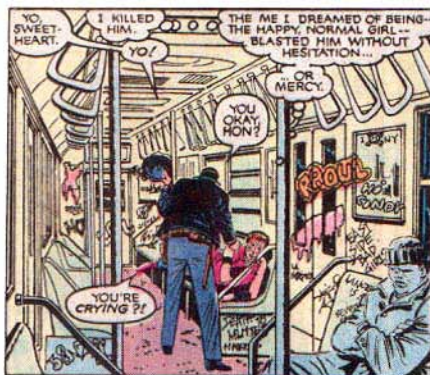
MY HOUND MASK--
--AND COSTUME!

NO! NO!
NO! NO!
NO!

SHE CLAWS AT HER FACE...

...YET NO BLOOD IS DRAWN.





YO, SWEET-HEART.

I KILLED HIM.

YO!

THE ME I DREAMED OF BEING-- THE HAPPY, NORMAL GIRL-- BLASTED HIM WITHOUT HESITATION...

...OR MERCY.

YOU OKAY, HON?

YOU'RE CRYING?!



A BAD DREAM.

I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.

SUBWAYS AIN'T FOR SLEEPIN', THAT'S ASKIN' FOR TROUBLE.

TOUGH LITTLE LADY, huh?



HERE, DRY YOUR EYES.

I'M JERRY, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

YOUR FOLKS KNOW YOU'RE OUT SO LATE?

MY PARENTS ARE DEAD.



I'M SORRY.

YOU ON THE RUN?

NO, AND I'M CLEAN, OFFICER. I DON'T DO DRUGS.

GOOD FOR YOU.



LOOK, HOW BOUT I SCRUNGE YOU A PLACE TO CRASH AN' A DECENT MEAL THEN, TO-MORROW-- HOLD IT! WAIT!!

COME BACK-- LET ME HE WHOLLY!

BTHUMP!
I TELE-KINETICALLY TRIPPED HIM. BY THE TIME HE UNTANGLES HIMSELF...

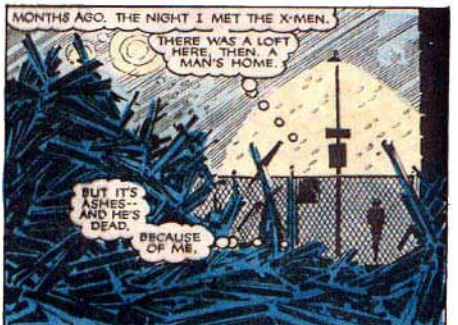


...I'LL BE LONG GONE.

I'M DOWN-TOWN-SOME-- THIS BLOCK-- LOOKS FAMILIAR...

HAVE I BEEN HERE BEFORE-- YES!

Spring St.



MONTHS AGO. THE NIGHT I MET THE X-MEN.

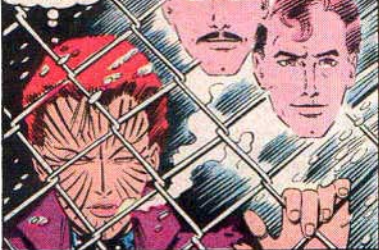
THERE WAS A LOFT HERE, THEN, A MAN'S HOME.

BUT IT'S ASHES-- AND HE'S DEAD. BECAUSE OF ME.

THE POLICEMAN WAS KIND-- LIKE HIM-- HE REMINDS ME A LOT OF... OF...

I CAN SEE HIS FACE, CLEAR AS CAN BE--

-- WHY CAN'T I REMEMBER HIS NAME?!!



"I RAN INTO HIS CLUB.

"HE TOOK ME HOME.

"HIS THOUGHTS WERE GENTLE. HE MEANT NO HARM, HE WAS REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT ME.



"WHILE HE MADE DINNER, I HAD A BATH.

"IT WAS WONDERFUL.

"BUT THEN-- SUDDENLY-- HIS PSIONIC PRESENCE VANISHED! I COULDN'T SENSE HIM ANYWHERE!



"HE WAS DEAD.

"MURDERED.

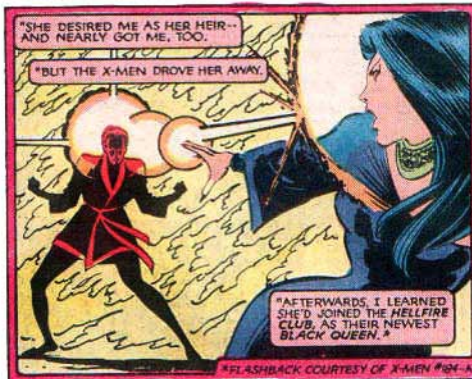
"BY AN EVIL MUTANT-- A SORT OF VAMPIRE-- SELENE.



"SHE DESIRED ME AS HER HEIR-- AND NEARLY GOT ME, TOO.

"BUT THE X-MEN DROVE HER AWAY.

"AFTERWARDS, I LEARNED SHE'D JOINED THE HELLFIRE CLUB, AS THEIR NEWEST BLACK QUEEN."



THAT MAN BEFRIENDED ME, AT THE COST OF HIS LIFE. AND I'VE FORGOTTEN HIS NAME.

A LITTLE FAILURE, TO STAND BESIDE THE BIG ONE.

IT'S PAST TIME I DID SOMETHING RIGHT.

...AND EVENED THE SCORE.



AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE MORLOCK TUNNELS...



STORM!
X-MEN!! COME
QUICKLY!!!

WOLVERINE
IS GONE!

THE
DOPE

SHOULD BE
HARD TO FIND,
THOUGH, IN HIS
CONDITION, HE'S
LUCKY HE CAN
STAND!



STORM,
I JUST
CHECKED
RAY'S
ROOM!

SHE'S SPLIT,
TOO! HER BED
HASN'T BEEN
SLEPT IN!

SHE MUST HAVE TAKEN OFF
YESTERDAY-- AND NONE OF
US EVEN NOTICED!

COUNTRY'S
FREE, BRAT,
PEOPLE COME
AN' GO...



...AS THEY
PLEASE.

BUT
CALLISTO--?!

LAST TIME AH SPOKE TO RAY,
SHE WAS PRETTY BUMMED OUT.

AN' TRUTH TO
TELL, NONE OF
US WERE MAKIN'
THINGS ANY
EASIER FOR
HER.



THIS DOUBLE DISAPPEARANCE MAY
OR MAY NOT BE COINCIDENCE ...

WANT THE MORLOCKS TO
JOIN IN, WIND-RUNNER?

... BUT WOLVERINE MUST
TAKE PRECEDENCE. WE CAN
ALLOW OURSELVES THE
LUXURY OF WORRYING ABOUT
RACHEL AFTER WE HAVE
FOUND HIM.



THANK YOU, CALLISTO, YOUR AID IS APPRECIATED.



LATER...

bding!

... AT THE
MONARCH
TOWERS...



FRIEDRICH
VON ROEHM?

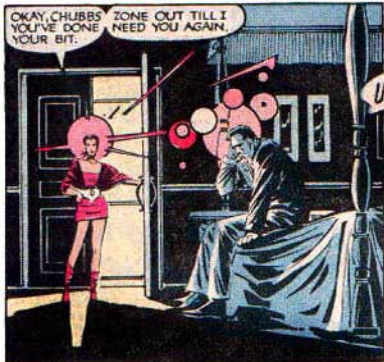
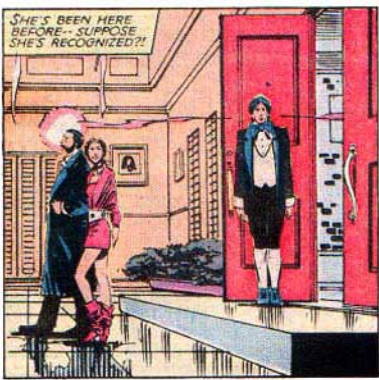
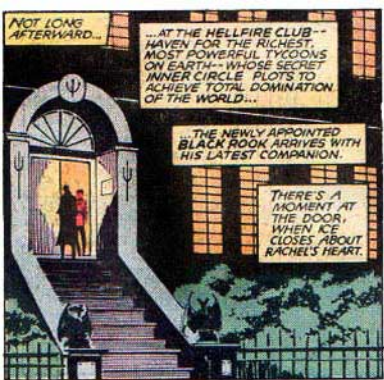
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A--
BUT
WHO--?!

I'M AN
ACQUAINTANCE
OF YOUR
"GODDESS,"
SELENE.



AND YOU'RE GOING
TO TAKE ME TO
HER.





I'VE CLOSED MY SHIELDS TIGHT AROUND MY MIND-- TO A CASUAL TELEPATHIC SCAN, I RADIATE THE SAME PSI-PATTERN AS THE MAID.

ALL IS QUIET. SELENE HAS NO IDEA I'M HERE.

SHE'S IN FOR A BIG SURPRISE.



LOOK AT THE WITCH-- SO VULNERABLE, SO INNOCENT.

SO DECEITFUL.

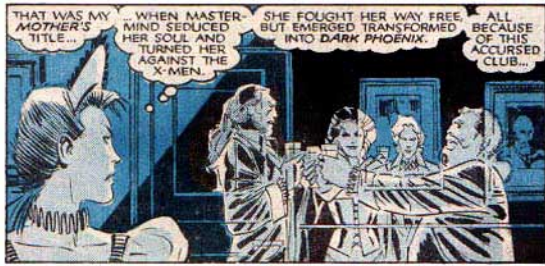
FOR EONS, SHE'S PREYED ON HUMANITY--

...SLAUGHTERING HER VICTIMS WITHOUT MERCY, TERRORIZING THOSE WHO SURVIVED.



THIS MOMENT'S LONG OVERDUE.

AND NOW, SHE ASPIRES TO BE THE BLACK QUEEN.



THAT WAS MY MOTHER'S TITLE...

...WHEN MASTER-MIND SEDUCED HER SOUL AND TURNED HER AGAINST THE X-MEN.

SHE FOUGHT HER WAY FREE, BUT EMERGED TRANSFORMED INTO DARK PHOENIX.

ALL BECAUSE OF THIS ACCURSED CLUB...



...AND PEOPLE LIKE YOU.



YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR UNTOLD MISERY. IF NOT STOPPED, YOU'LL CAUSE MORE.

BUT IS THIS RIGHT?

FOR A MOMENT, ONLY WEEKS AGO, I FOLLOWED IN MOM'S FOOTSTEPS. I BECAME PHOENIX, AND THROUGH THAT POWER, ONE WITH THE UNIVERSE.

I BEHELD LIFE, IN ALL ITS MYRIAD GLORY.



I COULDN'T KILL, THEN. CAN I DO SO NOW?

THAT WAS DIFFERENT. THOSE WERE INNOCENT LIVES.

THE HELLFIRE CLUB IS EVIL--

--ITS INNER CIRCLE, THESE LORDS CARDINAL, CHOSE TO BE WHAT THEY ARE--



-- THIS IS
NO LESS
THAN THEY
DESERVE!

AHKE --
WHAT--?!

LINDER ATTACK--
PSYCHIC AND
PHYSICAL--
BUT WHO?!!

YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME?
SELENE, I'M HURT.

OF COURSE,
SINCE THEN, I'VE
CHANGED A BIT.
UNFORTUNATELY
FOR YOU.

THE MUTANT GIRL--
THE X-MEN'S WARD--
RACHEL!

I KNEW SHE POSSESSED AWESOME
POTENTIAL, BUT NEVER DREAMED IT
WOULD BE SO QUICKLY REALIZED.

SHE RADIATES
SUCH POWER, IT'S
LIKE BATTLING A
LIVING STAR!

BUT I AM NOT
WITHOUT RESOURCES
OF MY OWN.

I CAN ANIMATE
EVERY OBJECT
IN THIS ROOM--!

BIG
DEAL.

I NEED TIME--
TO RECOVER
MY STRENGTH,
TO PLAN--

--THE FLOOR WILL
HOLD HER FAST.
UNTIL...

YOU CAUGHT ME
THIS WAY--
...WHEN
WE FIRST
MET.

THIS TIME,
I'M READY.



FOR IT-- FOR ALL
YOUR TRICKS.

DO YOU RECALL THAT
NIGHT, VAMPIRE?!

THE
MAN YOU
KILLED...

...FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN
THAT HE WAS KIND TO ME?!



NICHOLAS
DAMIANO.

A COURAGEOUS HEART,
A NOBLE SOUL --

-- HIS
ESSENCE
FED ME
WELL.

YOU
KNOW HIS
NAME!!

I HONOR HIM,
YES-- AS I DO
ALL WHOM I
SLAY--

--AS I
SHALL
YOU!

HE HAD MEANING
TO ME AS HE
OBVIOUSLY HAD
NONE FOR YOU--

-- ELSE YOU
WOULD HAVE
REMEMBERED.

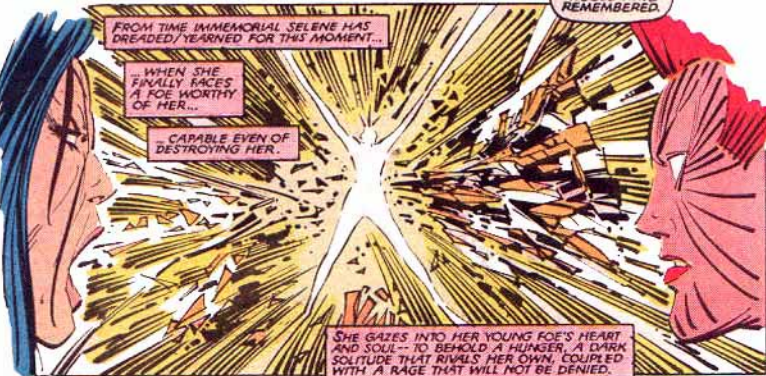


FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL SELENE HAS
DREADED/YEARINED FOR THIS MOMENT...

...WHEN SHE
FINALLY FACES
A FOE WORTHY
OF HER...

...CAPABLE EVEN OF
DESTROYING HER.

SHE GAZES INTO HER YOUNG FOE'S HEART
AND SOUL-- TO BEHOLD A HUNGER, A DARK
SOLITUDE THAT RIVALS HER OWN, COUPLED
WITH A RAGE THAT WILL NOT BE DENIED.





WITHIN SELENE'S ROOMS,
ALL IS PRIMORDIAL CHAOS.

WITHOUT, THERE
ISN'T A SIGN THAT
ANYTHING'S AMISS...

...UNTIL
THE LIGHTS
GO OUT...



...AND
THE FIRE
ALARM
SOUNDS.

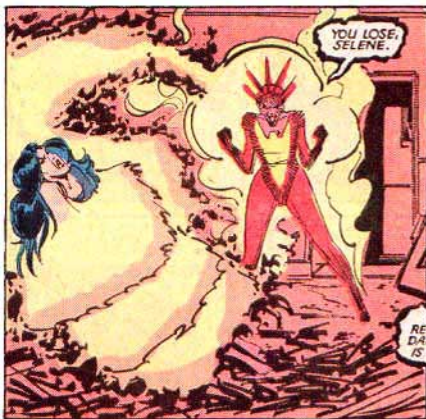
IMMEDIATELY,
STAFF AND
MEMBERS...

...RACE FOR
THE EXITS.



IN THE CONFU-
SION, NO ONE
NOTICES A
SHADOWED
FIGURE SLIP
WRATH-LIKE...

...IN THE OTHER
DIRECTION.



YOU LOSE,
SELENE.



YOUR
REIGN OF
DARKNESS
IS OVER.

YOUR COUNTLESS
VICTIMS ARE, AT
LAST, ABOUT TO
BE AVENGED!



RACHEL.

STOP,
DARLIN'.

BEFORE
IT'S TOO
LATE.

WOLVERINE!?!

I'VE COME TO TAKE YOU HOME.

NO!

YOU'RE NOT REAL, YOU'RE FROM MY DREAM--

-- STILL CHASING-- ALWAYS HUNTING--

-- HERE TO KILL ME!

WHY LOGAN?

WHAT HAVE I DONE, TO FILL YOU WITH SUCH HATE?

NOTHING.

A TRICK! SHE'S PLAYING WITH MY MIND-- OR WITH YOURS, TO MAKE YOU SAVE HER--

YET.

-- BUT... I'D KNOW IT IF SHE DID.

SHE'S HELPLESS.

THEN SHOW MERCY.

TO HER, NEVER!

WOLVERINE, NO COURT-- NO HUMAN LAW-- CAN TOUCH HER. IF I DON'T PUNISH HER-- STOP HER-- NO ONE WILL!

MAYBE SO-- BUT WHO APPOINTED YOU JUDGE, JURY AND EXECUTIONER?

BOLD TALK, LITTLE MAN, FROM A NATURAL KILLER.

THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S SOMETHING WE HAVE IN COMMON.

WE'VE BOTH KILLED! ODDS ARE, WE'LL KILL AGAIN.

BUT THIS RACHEL...

-- THIS IS MURDER.



JUSTIFY IT--
RATIONALIZE
IT-- HOWEVER
YOU LIKE,
IT'S STILL
WRONG.

IT ISN'T
WORTHY OF
YOU-- AS
RACHEL OR
PHOENIX--

--AND IT
SURE AS
BLAZES ISN'T
WORTHY OF
AN X-MAN.



I
DON'T
CARE!

YOU SHOULD
YOU BETTER.

WE CALL OURSELVES
HEROES, GIRL-- THAT
MEANS WE HAVE TO
STAND FOR SOMETHING,
NO MATTER HOW HARD
OR HOW MUCH IT
HURTS. WE REPRESENT
THE DREAM...

MY DREAMS
ARE NIGHT-
MARES.

... WE
HAVE
TO PLAY
BY THE
RULES.



PHOENIX
MAKES
HER OWN.

THIS IS YOUR
LAST WARNING.
I WON'T ASK
AGAIN.

COME
AWAY,
RACHEL--
PLEASE!

AND KNOW THAT PEOPLE WILL DIE BECAUSE
I DID? I KNOW ENOUGH GHOSTS-- THERE ARE
TOO MANY GHOSTS-- I WON'T ALLOW ANYMORE!



THE ONLY WAY TO
STOP ME, LOGAN...

... IS TO
KILL
ME.

SWIKT!

NEXT **RETRIBUTION!**