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EXCALIBUR



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...for with Arthur was none other life
but war and strife,
and with Sir Mordred was great joy
and bliss.

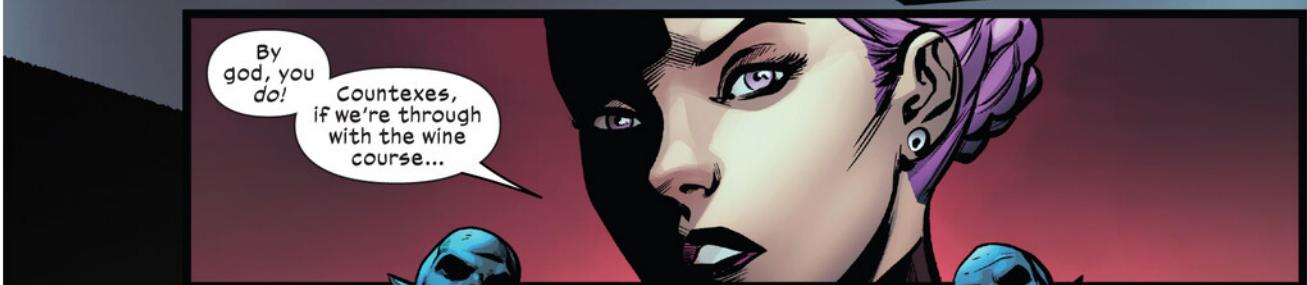
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THE TRIAL OF THE CAPTAINS BRITAIN

Thanks to new ambassador Reuben Brousseau, the UK broke off their agreement with Krakoa, and Reuben's allies -- the antimutant Coven Akkaba, Morgan Le Fay and Merlyn -- are attempting to expel mutants from Otherworld as well. Merlyn has Otherworld's former ruler, King Arthur, under his thrall, and Otherworld residents like the Furies have begun openly attacking mutants, calling them "friends of Mordred," Arthur's famously doomed son...whom Betsy just learned is a mutant himself. But no one knows where Mordred is, and Merlyn's influence continues to grow...



Captain
Britain



Gambit



Jubilee



Rictor



Meggan
Braddock



Saturnyne

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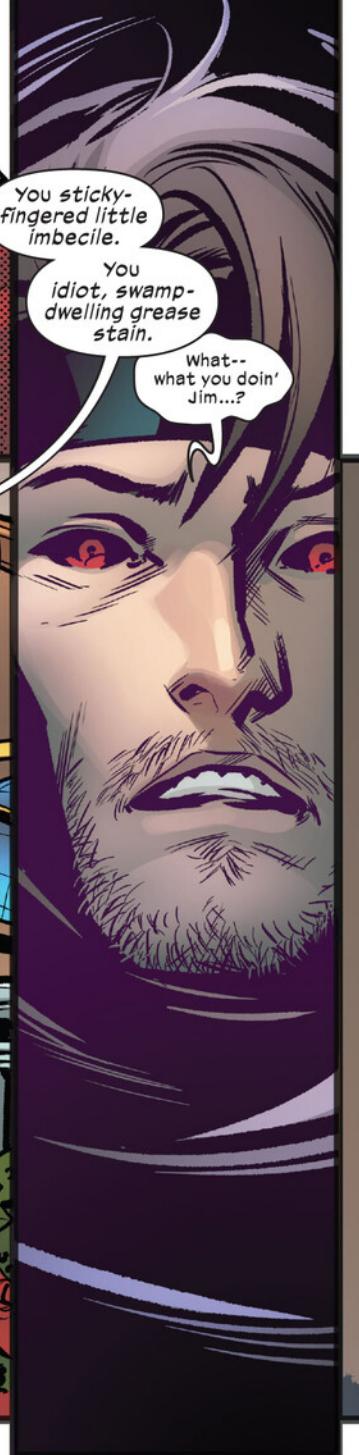
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The Floating Kingdom
of Romapolis Regina.

This is incredible.

Thank you so much for having us. He's not gone this long without throwing a fit in months. He's happy. He's...

Very powerful.

He's my baby, not a weapon. Everyone senses that Otherworld's about to go to war, and I can tell they think he's useful.

You promise me you aren't just after dragonfire? I want him to learn what he can do here.

You were once young and gifted yourself.

Eventually, you were able to join a community and learn from others with gifts like your own. We can offer him the same.

Yeah, Roma. And that place became my new home. My everything.

Even as a kid... I would have died for those people from the moment they accepted me.

Jubilation. What a beautiful name.

All children have the potential to dream themselves into magic in Otherworld, but Shogo is as bright and creative as any I've ever seen. I imagine being raised among you and your brilliant kind made him that way.

But every day he spends in the real world, with its staleness...



The former province of Dryador.

What a blighted hell. What are we looking for, Julio?

I wanted to know if anyone had taken up residence here since Dryador was razed.

Looks like no.

See anything you recognize from your march through here, Bei?

(We boiled their seas with the flames of war.)

But it seems even the things that thrive after fire haven't taken root here.)

(The sealed door to Amenth is far, far away from where it can do any harm to anyone else.)

(But perhaps even the land is afraid now.)

It doesn't need to be afraid.

I'm not going to open that door, Bei.

I mean it. ••• wouldn't want that, I'm not dumb.

He wants to stay there with his wife.

And I want to stay here too.

••• has always been immortal. He's always had enough time to learn.

Now I've got time for things too.

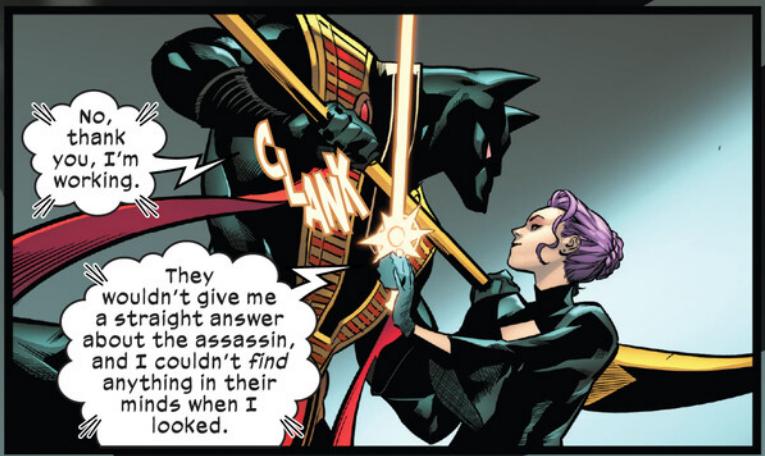
Apocalypse's wife?

What a formidable woman she must be!

Hah. Dude.

We'll fill you in.

(I have tales of gore and glory, friend Shatterstar...)







Rest well tonight, Excalibur.

I don't know what tomorrow at the Citadel will bring, but I know this: We are now fighting for our right to be here in Otherworld, as mutants.

This might be the last night of peace we ever have in the shadow of the Starlight Citadel.

HERE BEGINS
the Trial of
The False Captains Britain:

Omniversal Majestrix Opal Luna Saturnyne,
presiding Lord Constable Mandragon,
master of Court Security.

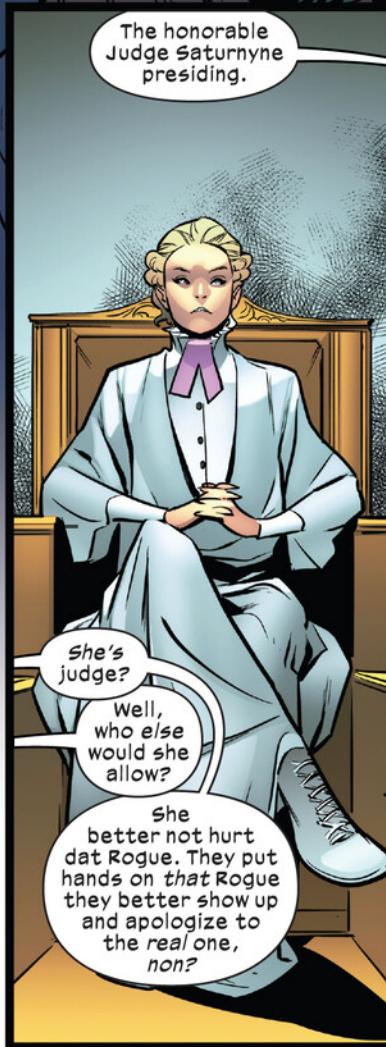
MULTIVERSAL ANOMALY “Captain Britain, *RICTOR*”

MULTIVERSAL ANOMALY “Captain Britain, *GAMBIT*”

MULTIVERSAL ANOMALY “Captain Britain, *ROGUE*”

The accused came to these titles under their own action and volition, taking the amulet during a moment of Captain Britain’s weakness. The anomalies have been held in the Tenebrous Cells awaiting *execution*.

Precedent for such actions is *death*, but Captain Britain PRIME, Betsy Braddock of seat 616, demands an appeal.



Your honor,
these three
Captains Britain
have been unjustly
on trial since the
moment of their
creation.*

They ought to be
hailed as heroes from
now-destroyed realities who
wish to continue serving
the greater reality of
Otherworld.

As of now, they can
claim seniority over many
of the Captains in this room.
If anything, we must protect
them as refugees, not view
them as enemies.

I would
like to ask
that you spare
them.

My own
brother Brian
was Captain Britain
before I. For him, a
keen sense of choice
was the defining
matter of his
life.

These
Captains made
the right choice
in a time of
crisis.

It is for
this reason,
I ask you
to--

Bar the
doors--

*In Excalibur #10!

Forgive us, my
lady, we have an
unwelcome
intruder.

Captains?
Court is in
session...



Unhand
me!
No.
You lost
the right to move
freely in this Citadel
when you threatened
the Majestrix.

Unhand
me!



Oh.
I am not the witness I bring, my lady.

I bring Arthur...
...forgotten king of Avalon...

...who sees mutants on his throne and a mutant Captain Britain, and mutants filling the Starlight Citadel and the Majestrix's head with evil!

And he comes for answers.

RAAAH



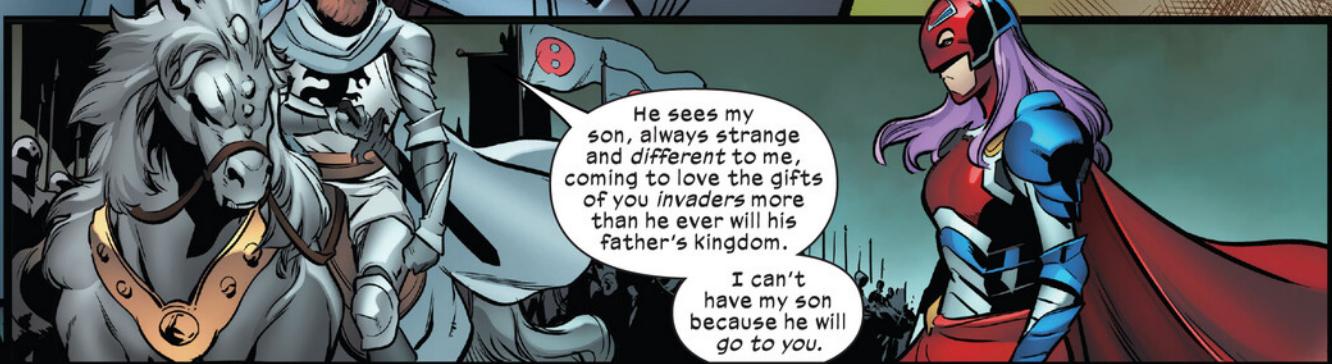


"They want Excalibur."

You're King Arthur?
My brother's met you,
but I haven't had the
displeasure.

I am the new
Captain Britain. Merlyn
is trying to declare war
against the Starlight
Citadel on your
behalf?

Because
your son
Mordred
is...
...a
mutant.









WITCHBLADE



COMING SOON:



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