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CASSARA
MARTIN





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Cable is a virus. They are of Essex,
and I trust them not.

-- MOIRA X



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The Rockies.
Now.

Bodyslide by
one. Belle, check
the chronometers. Did
we make it back
in time?



I don't have time for another
mutant massacre, so give me
some good news.

Clocks
are right--
our jump was
perfect.



The third
Hellfire Gala of
the Krakoaan Age will
occur in just over
24 hours, and--

Incorrect.
The events of
the third Hellfire
Gala will *never*
happen...



... 'cus I'm
gonna put my
foot up Orchis'
ass tonight.







FROM THE DESK OF THE TIME VARIANCE AUTHORITY

FAO: [REDACTED]

Temporal disruptions are increasing before and after the third Hellfire Gala. These intrusions are typical of tectonic shifts in mutant status. It's been theorized that they hone part of their defense mechanism in fluid time. No concrete evidence of this has been proven, but, of course -- if it were true, [REDACTED]: It would be difficult to prove.

The TVA recommends watching Cable Summers in every timeline. If you spot Nathan "Cable" Summers -- do not approach but instead alert your local TVA. It's possible this subject has nearly total situational awareness over fatal incidents to his body across his entire timeline.

This own agency was nearly liquidated for underestimating him.

PREPARED BY AGENT:
[REDACTED]

At the same moment that Moira was taking Kid Cable off the board, the precognitive mutant known as Destiny was meeting her daughter Rogue in the X-Men's Treehouse.

Trust me, Rogue. Mutantdom dies with Manifold.

Your story and his have bisected perfectly. They always have and always will.

Then we must tell the X-Men.

Will they understand what must be done for the greater good?

Ah'm not even sure Ah do, Irene.

You're the fortune teller, so just tell it-- what happens if Ah insist we take this to the team?

We dare not.

There is a turncoat on the X-Men. A great betrayal that will turn the tide.

It must happen so that we may make this weakness a strength.

The X-Men will buckle under the weight of the war to come.



X-MEN

THE WALLS ARE CLOSING IN

Tensions between mutant and humankind are reaching an all-time high as Orchia continues to spread anti-mutant propaganda — painting themselves as a well-meaning altruistic alternative to Krakoaan medicine and technology to the public, all while secretly funding the efforts of Doctor Stasis, Moira and many more unethical figures with their own bone to pick with the mutant community.

Perhaps as a united front, Krakoa could weather the storm that is brewing...but human/mutant tensions aren't the only ones that are fast reaching their boiling point. Divided by their separate approaches to the recent Brood infestation, the rift between Jean Grey and Cyclops has grown even wider as the weight of leading the X-Men bears down on them.



[KID CABLE]



[ORSOLA SENTINEL]



[DOCTOR STASIS]



[ROGUE]



[CYCLOPS]



[DIVER]



[TALON]



[ICEMAN]



[EMMA X]



[REMY]



[BASTION]



[JEAN GREY]



[FIRESTAR]



[REMY]



[FORGE]



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...you can also attract the attention of some undesirables like...

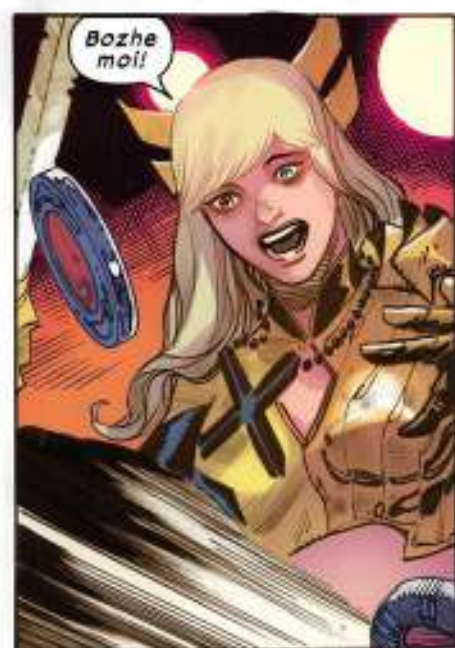
POGG UR-POGG
BE I, AND YOU'LL
DROP YOUR PURSES
IF YOU WISH NOT
TO DIE!

Gameworld sent out a distress call, and it just so happened that the X-Men were already walking over for a little R&R.

Who's the pre-luggage?

Oh man--
Pogg, what're
you doing, you
weird elf?









Touch my arm--and I have the right to harm!

Ah #@!%!



I'm okay, guys. I'm still in Colossus' armored form...but could somebody give me a lift back?



I've plugged up the hull breach, but I can't get into Pogg's brain, so we're going to need to do this the old-fashioned way--

--and can we please put a rush on it? Pogg's Jurassic Park exterior hides a little garden-gnome guy.



Well, that's not at all how I expected this was gonna go.



Time to do a gnomectomy.

YEAOW!













Look at how they treat their own kind. The ones who don't fit in. The ones who wear the "wrong" clothes or love the "wrong" mate. Those people's only crime is that they make their oppressors uncomfortable.

I want to be there. For *all* of them.

For mutants and for all mankind.



I do too.

But love is enough to win those hearts. Love *is* enough!

We just can't pretend we're the same as them. It got us nowhere our entire lives.

You are a great captain of Krakoa. It suits you. You're good at it, because you think like them.

Thank you.

It was *not* a compliment.



I have to see about our wounded friend.

But you should know I'm sticking to my guns about leaving the X-Men.

If you're not on the team after the Gala, and you want to, then...come find me.



Back at the
X-Men's home
in Manhattan.



Hiya,
Polaris.

Emma sent
Jumbo over with
a dress for you if
you change your
mind about
the Gala.

I'm sorry
I'm having a
tough time.

Don't be.
You're going
through
a lot.

I'm
sorry I'm like
this.



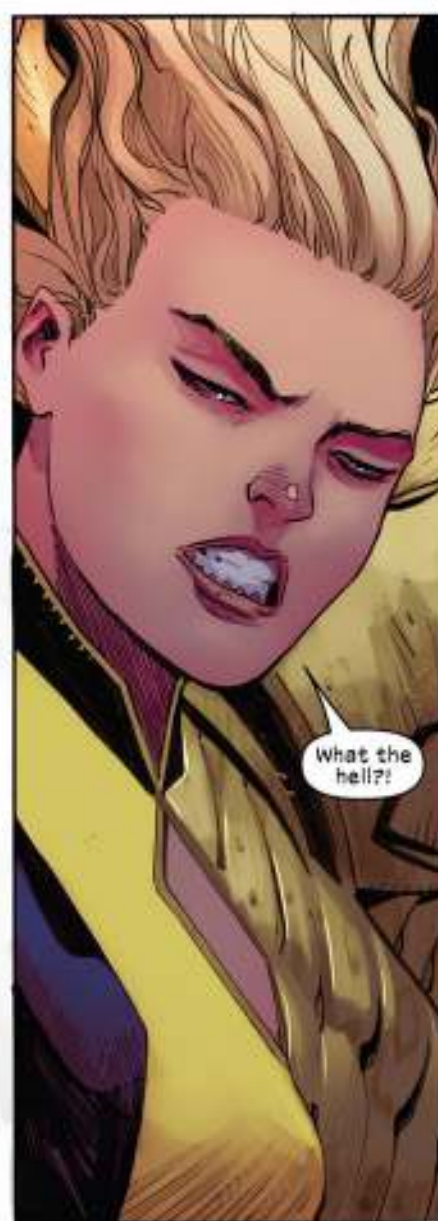
Stop apologizing.
You're carrying so much
grief, and Magneto is unable
to be resurrected. I lost
my birth family, and
I was in bed for a
while too.



I love the Treehouse,
but I know I'm not really
supposed to be here. I'm
not serving on--



Put that
thought from
your mind. Once
you're an
X-Man...





Magik--
are you
okay?!

What just
happened?

Sorry. My
stepping disk
must've encountered
some turbulence caused
by Otherworld's
magic.

I'll watch to see you leave safely, and if I've not found my own
way back in a week, then please meet me right back here.
I am sure I will have freed Redroot by then.



You got
it. See you in
a week.

And don't
worry about me--
my power is fine.
But be careful,
Shiro...



...this place
wasn't fun and was a real
hell during our tournament. And
time works differently. Sometimes.



I don't
know all the
rules-- maybe nobody
does. That's why
this place is so
dangerous.

Thank you,
Magik. I've
been preparing
for this for a
long time...

...I should
be in and
out.

X MONTHS LATER

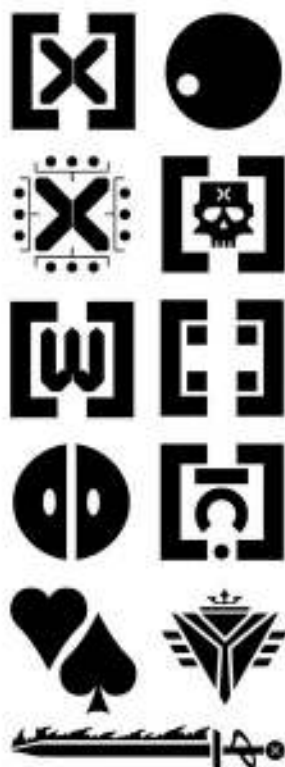


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