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## **The Watcher's Chronicle**

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## INTRODUCTION

I am Uatu, known to denizens of Earth and the cosmos as a Watcher. My life has been dedicated to observing the events unfolding around me without interfering with the natural course of fate. One group of interest to me is the race of humanity called Homo Sapiens Superior, also known as mutants.

Mutants have run the gamut from being superheroes to being one of the world's greatest problems. Currently, humans are extremely distrustful of mutants, and even the heroes themselves are split as to how to handle the public's reaction to their powers and freedom.

In the following pages, you'll find my Chronicles on the time from the aptly-named Fall of the Mutants to the recent Mutant Genesis detailed for your edification. Learn well the lessons contained herein as not to repeat the mistakes of heroes past.

In this section, you'll find a brief history of the Marvel mutants leading up to the Fall of the Mutants where a more detailed history starts. For more information about this time in the mutants' lives, see The UNCANNY X-MEN Special! Campaign Set.

The X-Men were the first organized group of mutant heroes. They were brought together by Professor Charles Xavier under the auspices of Professor Xavier's Academy for Gifted Youngsters. Professor X, as he became known, was a mutant with telepathic abilities. He gathered together Cyclops, Marvel Girl, the Beast, Iceman, and the Angel in order to

teach them how to control and use their mutant powers. The X-Men were also formed to counter evil mutants and super-powered villains who began to menace humanity.

In the early years, the X-Men witnessed the emergence of many foes to their cause: Juggernaut, the Sentinels, Magneto, and the Brotherhood of Evil Mutants, to name but a few. As time went on, the team spent more time fighting against these super-powered foes and less time on their studies.

While investigating reports of a mutant on a South Sea island, the group was kidnapped by Krakoa, the living island. Krakoa, with its need to feed upon life energy and mutant powers, sent Cyclops back to bring mutants for the island to feed on.

In response to this threat, Prof. X and Cyclops gathered together a new team of mutants to rescue the old team. The new team consisted of Storm, Thunderbird, Nightcrawler, Colossus, Sunfire, Banshee, and Wolverine. They rescued the old X-Men, and later, all of the older members left the team save Cyclops. Sunfire also returned to his native land rather than join the new team.

With this band of mutants experienced in the use of their powers, the team's focus shifted to primarily a heroic one, dedicated to protecting humans and mutants from forces threatening them. Team members came and went through the years. As the X-Men changed, so too changed the world. As time went on, public opinion of mutants deteriorated. Eventually, just being a mutant was cause to be suspect in

the minds of many non-mutants.

During this time, the Morlocks, a community of mutants living in the sewers of New York, were discovered by Mister Sinister. A mysterious man whose nature and motives are currently unknown. Sinister sent his assassins, the Marauders, to murder the Morlocks. In an ensuing fight, Colossus, Shadowcat, and Nightcrawler were severely injured and replaced on the team by Longshot, Psylocke, Dazzler, and Havok. During this assault, the X-Men's base (Professor Xavier's Academy for Gifted Youngsters) was also destroyed. Because of this, the X-Men became a less structured band of heroes, moving around more often, unable to find a safe haven. Then the Fall of the Mutants came and the team would never be the same again.

After the collapse of the old X-Men, Professor X started a new team of mutants called the New Mutants. The team was designed to train the youths in the use of their newfound powers. This idyllic situation lasted for a while, but the reality of the world eventually intruded upon the young pupils. The first major blow to the team occurred when Prof. X left the school and appointed former villain Magneto as their new headmaster. Magneto tried to manage the children, but failed miserably in this role. Magma returned to her homeland and Karma went to Madripoor. During the months leading up to the Fall of the Mutants, the New Mutants were a very fractured team with the worse still to come.



The original X-Men, after working for other teams or alone, came together under the team name X-Factor. What prompted the creation of this team was the "resurrection" of Jean Grey. After the death of Phoenix, Jean continued to heal in the energy cocoon where Phoenix had placed her. When she was discovered and reunited with her teammates, they formed X-Factor.

The name and initial direction of X-Factor was formulated by a college friend of Angel, Cameron Hodge. Unbeknownst to the team, Hodge hated mutants. He suggested the team become a civilian group of mutant hunters. Hodge's stated goal was to capture and train young mutants whose powers were just emerging. Though X-Factor did help some mutants, the public's fears of dangerous mutants were fuelled by X-Factor's actions. Hodge manipulated X-Factor's publicity to reflect negatively on mutants and to whip up anti-mutant hysteria.

There was internal strife in the group as well. Though Cyclops and Jean Grey had long been emotionally involved, Cyclops didn't tell Marvel Girl he was married until several weeks after the team was formed. The Beast reverted to his human form and later, Angel's wings were amputated due to serious injuries. At the same time, Hodge leaked information that Warren Worthington (Angel) was the financial backer of X-Factor. The Angel committed suicide and his teammates mourned his death. The Fall of the Mutants had just begun.







## HISTORY

In the following pages, the recent histories of each major heroic mutant group are presented. This material was adapted from these Marvel comics:

UNCANNY X-MEN 225-227

X-FACTOR 24-26

NEW MUTANTS 59-61

### Fall of the Mutants

#### X-Men

The X-men struggled to keep Charles Xavier's dream of peace between Homo sapiens and Homo sapiens Superior alive. The event known as the Fall of the Mutants signaled a change in the mutants' views of the world. Just before the Fall of the Mutants, the X-Men were very fragmented. The team was scattered across the globe, busy following separate agendas. This Fall pulled mutants and humans together to honor the X-Men's sacrifice.

The Fall of the Mutants began at the Continental Divide in Yellowstone, Wyoming. Adversary (aka the Harbinger of Chaos or the Trickster) disguised himself as Forge's old mentor, Naze. He tricked Storm into stopping Forge from closing an unnatural hole in reality that the Adversary needed. After climbing a mountain to reach Forge, Storm stabbed him before realizing she'd been duped by the Adversary. Together they jumped off of Forge's mountain and disappeared into a dazzling display of light.

Expecting to die, Storm and Forge instead found themselves in a unique prison. They'd been sent into a perfect, uninhabited world by

Adversary. This world's use as a prison was ironic for Forge and Storm because it met the dream they wanted most; to be alone together.

The Adversary soon took over the dwelling place of Roma. Roma, the Omniversal Guardian, was a captive in her own Starlight Citadel. When Forge and Storm finally escaped from their prison, with Storm's powers rejuvenated, they joined Roma in her prison.

The X-Men consisted of Psylocke, Storm, Longshot, Rogue, Havok, Wolverine, and Madelyne Pryor. Flying to Dallas to rescue Storm, they encounter the mutant group known as Freedom Force.

Originally made up of former mutant criminals, Freedom Force made a deal with the United States government to be their hired guns. Destiny (a mutant with the power to see the future) had seen the X-Men's death in a cataclysm at Eagle Plaza in Dallas, Texas. Mystique (Rogue's adoptive mother and head of Freedom Force) warned Rogue to stay away from Dallas, but the X-Men choose to meet their fate.


At Eagle Plaza, Forge's seat of mystic power, the X-Men were stopped by the building's defenses. Freedom Force arrived and the two teams began to fight in the plaza. Magik, the New Mutant sorceress, was contacted by her brother Colossus after he received a strange visit from an unidentified apparition in Scotland. She teleported him to Eagle Plaza and Colossus' arrival helped the X-Men battle Freedom Force to a standstill.

As a result of Adversary's machinations, time went crazy in Dallas. Dinosaurs and future men walked the streets together. Chaos flourished as did Adversary's desire to bring about the victory of chaos over order.

In Dallas, Destiny encountered Colossus and was shocked to see him. She claimed that he wasn't supposed to be there, that he wasn't in any of the futures she'd seen. Using her mental powers, Psylocke revealed the identity of the apparition who had prompted Colossus to rejoin the team: Roma. Colossus was Roma's wild card to use against her enemy. After these revelations, the X-Men fought their way to the top of Eagle Plaza to confront their destiny.

Part of Eagle Plaza blew up, trapping the X-Men and a reporter in the building. The reporter had a camera that transmitted the following events for the whole world to see. Psylocke sensed Storm and Forge in Roma's Citadel high above the Earth. The X-Men managed to get aboard the Citadel with the aid of Longshot's luck. Using metal knives, Wolverine's claws and Colossus' metal body, the X-Men were able to injure the Adversary.

Rogue attacked Adversary next and attempted to absorb Adversary's power, but only obtained the powers of Naze, the man Adversary had taken over. Using Naze's knowledge and mystic spells, Rogue opened a dimensional portal to banish the Adversary from Earth. Adversary was almost sucked into the trans-dimensional gate but resisted its pull.



Because of Adversary's battling and the power needed to resist the force of the portal, his power over Storm and Forge waned and they were freed. Forge had the magical ability to shut the gate but he needed nine souls for the spell to work. The X-Men willingly gave up their lives so that Adversary would be imprisoned forever.

To the benefit of Earth's mutants, this drama was televised worldwide. In England, Kitty Pryde lay recovering from wounds sustained on Muir Island and she saw the entire X-Men incident. Believing their teammates dead, Kitty Pryde and Kurt Wagner were without a team. Captain Britain also believed he'd lost his sister, Psylocke, in Dallas. Thus the "death" of the X-Men helped shape the group which became known as Excalibur.

Back in Dallas, the reporter and Forge were transported back to Earth after Adversary was defeated. With his involvement in the death of the X-Men, Forge was reviled by many, and Mystique in particular considered him a murderer, despite the fact that the X-Men gave themselves willingly to save the rest of the world.

Roma, stating that Adversary could not be locked away forever, altered his imprisonment to hold for mere centuries. By this action, she restored the X-Men to life and returned them to Earth, proclaiming them to be legends. The X-Men kept their existence secret for a time, using their deaths to operate more effectively in secret.

### **X-Factor**

For X-Factor, the Fall of the Mutants began when Apocalypse teleported them to his ship. X-Factor discovered his plans to cause a war between mutants and humans; he wanted a final battle to determine which "species" would survive. X-Factor fought the Horsemen of the Apocalypse, holding their own until another Horseman, Death, entered the fray. Death was the Angel, allegedly dead but now remade by Apocalypse into a metallic winged machine of chaos, and he soon captured his former teammates.

With X-Factor out of the way, the Four Horsemen were loosed upon New York City. Caliban, betraying X-Factor, pledged himself to Apocalypse if he could gain great powers like those bestowed upon the Angel. During this exchange, the Beast and Iceman managed to free X-Factor. Beast and Iceman stayed on the ship to fight Apocalypse while Cyclops and Jean Grey went out to find and defeat the Horsemen.

With the help of Power Pack, Cyclops and Jean successfully stopped the Horsemen. On board Apocalypse's ship, the Beast managed to disable the ship, causing it to appear above New York and begin to fall toward the ground. The ship's descent was stopped by Jean and Power Pack's Molecule. They guided the ship to the harbor safely while the Horsemen returned to the ship and the battle continued.

During the fight, Death was duped into believing he had killed Iceman. Shocked, he broke Apocalypse's conditioning and turned on the

villain. Joining with X-Factor, they drove Apocalypse off. Apocalypse took Caliban with him and left the ship in trade for the almost powerless mutant.

### **New Mutants**

For the members of the New Mutants, the Fall of the Mutants ended in tragedy. The New Mutants were captured by Dr. Animus due to their friendship with one of his creations—Bird Boy. Commander Hodge and the Right financed Animus but grew suspicious of the doctor's motives. Hodge visited the island while the New Mutants were captives and a fight erupted. In the melee, Doug Ramsey (Cypher) was killed while protecting Rahne (Wolfsbane) from a hail of bullets.

Maddened by Doug's death, Magik further lost control upon hearing of the X-Men's fate. She blamed Forge for her brother's and the X-Men's deaths. Magik and the New Mutants went after Forge, but encountered Freedom Force before they reached him. Destiny had seen this event coming and was waiting for them.

Magik, after a battle with Freedom Force, managed to teleport her friends and Forge to Limbo, where she nearly killed him in revenge. She stayed her hand and allowed Forge to live—to live with what she believed was the guilt associated with his part in the death of the X-Men. This bloodthirsty side of Magik's personality was the first sign of the Inferno that would strike the mutant groups next.



## Between Events 1

### X-Men versus the Reavers

When the X-Men returned to Earth from Roma's home, they found themselves in Australia. There they encountered the Reavers, a group of cyborg mercenaries, and Gateway, an aborigine able to open a teleportation gate to anywhere in the universe. Inevitably, the X-Men and Reavers fought with the X-Men emerging victorious.

After the battle, Roma appeared to the X-Men and gave them the Siege Perilous. Siege Perilous was a magical item which gave anyone entering it a new start in life. Roma told them that only the naked eye could detect the X-Men now. No electrical device could see them except for the sensors in their new home, the Reavers' old base. The team decided to remain in Australia and set up their home in the Reavers' old base.

Upon further examination, they discovered that the base's computer was technically advanced, much more so than they believed the Reavers' capable of constructing. The X-Men theorized that the base may have been an old Sentinel Base, abandoned long ago. Longshot found a room where the Reavers stored all their loot and felt compelled to return it to its rightful owners. The X-Men, using Gateway's teleportation powers, gave all the bounty back to its rightful owners.

### The Return of the Brood

At the same time the X-Men were setting up camp in Australia,

half-a-world away, the alien Brood made landfall in the Rio Diablo mountains in New Mexico. They began to consolidate their powers by taking over the local population.


The X-Men discovered the existence of the Brood's nest on Earth and went to Denver to destroy them. During the ensuing battle, the X-Men learned that these Brood were mutants and possessed extraordinary abilities beyond the normal Brood powers. Finally, the team defeated the alien invaders. During the fight, Havok was forced to kill two people who were implanted by the Brood, which preyed on his conscience.

### Genosha

Genosha is an island nation, north of Madagascar, which uses manufactured mutants as slaves. The following two incidents started the chain of events leading to the exposure of the existence of Genosha and their terrible policies. A mutate in Genosha managed to smuggle a baby off the island before being killed by the mutant-hunting team known as the Magistrates.

The Press Gang, a group of mutant Magistrates, tried to recapture another escaped mutant—Jennifer Ransome. They attacked her plane, being flown by Madelyne Pryor, when it landed at a remote airstrip in Australia. Pryor radioed to Rogue to help them, but the X-Men arrived too late. Ransome and Pryor were abducted and sent to Genosha by Pipeline, a man able to reduce people into binary electronic





impulses and send them through phone lines where they would be reintegrated on the other end.

Using his tracking powers, Wolverine led the X-Men to a hospital where members of the Press Gang continued with the second part of their mission: to recapture the smuggled baby. After an initial encounter, Pipeline transmitted more Magistrates in to help combat the X-Men. The X-Men won, but not without casualties. Wolverine and Rogue were captured and transmitted back to Genosha.

In Genosha, Wolverine and Rogue had their powers stripped by the mutant Wipeout. They were then taken to the Citadel, the headquarters of Genoshan State Security, and imprisoned there.

Once in Genosha, the mutants were sent to the Genegineer whose job was to take mutants (and people with latent mutant abilities) and manipulate their powers into avenues benefiting the state of Genosha. These mutants lost all sense of identity, were assigned numbers instead of names, and were supposed to be totally subservient to their human masters. The Genegineer's son, Phillip Moreau, rebelled when he discovered that his fiancée, Jenny Ransome, possessed latent mutant abilities and his father had transformed her into a mutate.

Eventually, the X-Men teleported to the jail where the members of the Press Gang were based. Psylocke scanned a member of the group to find out where they were from and what their mission was. Though violently repulsed by what she

saw—the inhumanity being perpetrated upon the mutants in Genosha—she accomplished her goal.

Meanwhile in Genosha, Rogue began to emotionally experience all the personalities of the people whose powers she'd absorbed. This phenomena was caused by the loss of her powers which had protected her from the psychic fallout of her mutant ability. The most prominent personality in Rogue's crowded mind was that of Carol Danvers, formerly Ms. Marvel. Danvers took over Rogue's body with Rogue's consent. Using Danvers' extensive spy background, they broke out of the cell where they were being held. Once freed, she broke the ailing Wolverine out as well. Without his healing powers, the wounds he'd sustained during the fight with the Press Gang had left him weak and unsteady.

Wolverine and Rogue, disguised as Magistrates, escaped the Citadel and worked on a plan to escape from Genosha. While plotting in a bar, they saw the Genegineer's son get into a fight. As a result of the brawl, he was thrown onto the Mutie train, the transportation to the Mutant Settlement Zone where the mutants live. Wolverine and Rogue followed because they admired the boy's attitude. At the camp, Phillip witnessed what actually happened to the mutants when they went home each night. The camp was no better than a jail. It resembled a concentration camp along the lines of Auschwitz.

Wolverine and Rogue approached

Phillip in order to help him escape, but were recaptured when Phillip was observed on the security cameras. It appeared as though Phillip was talking to thin air. The cameras couldn't detect Wolverine and Rogue. Because the Genoshans had imprisoned Rogue and Wolverine before, they knew the two mutants were invisible to electronic devices and sent out a detachment of guards to capture them.


Meanwhile, the X-Men had launched an attack on Genosha to free their teammates. Back at the Citadel, Rogue and Wolverine made a bid to escape. About the same time, the rest of the X-Men infiltrated the compound as well. The Magistrates were defeated and Rogue and Wolverine regained their powers when Psylocke took over Wipeout and forced him to reverse the effects of his power. The X-Men took Phillip Moreau and Jenny Ransome with them so the former Genoshans could continue their battle against the Genoshan government in the international courts.

### **X-Factor**

In the aftermath of the Fall of the Mutants, X-Factor helped the New York City police save the lives of many citizens which helped to sooth anti-mutant feelings running rampant at the time. With the sacrifice of the X-Men and the humanitarian work of X-Factor, mutants enjoyed much public popularity. Unfortunately, it didn't last long.

X-Factor freed the mind of Ship from the lock Apocalypse put on it. It





was revealed that the Ship was a sentient being. Ship became a friend and basically another team member of X-Factor.

Infectia (a mutant who could impart temporary mutant strength and disfigurement on humans and then control them) wanted to get onto Ship. She tricked Iceman into saving her from one of her own creations and falsely befriended him. Using some of her slaves, she managed to capture Iceman and was about to use her power on him when the Beast got in the way and took the punishment intended for him. Infectia escaped and the Beast collapsed in Iceman's arms.

Because of Apocalypse, every time the Beast used his strength his physical strength increased and his intelligence decreased. Infectia's kiss triggered an unexpected reaction in the Beast's body prompting his teammates to ask Ship to strap him down in order to keep him from hurting himself and others.

While he was restrained, the Beast went through many transformations—from human to furry and back again to human—getting stronger each time. He became so strong Ship was forced to keep increasing the strength of the bonds which held him. While this was occurring, the Alliance of Evil returned and began destroying parts of New York City to protest the Mutant Registration Act.

The Mutant Registration Act was a government regulation forcing mutants to register with the government. The Alliance of Evil believed they could intimidate

humans into revoking the Act with a demonstration of what mutants could really do.

The Beast recovered in time to help his teammates battle the Alliance of Evil. He was back to his old furry self and stronger than ever with his full intelligence intact. X-Factor had the situation in hand when Freedom Force arrived to mop things up. The Beast registered as a mutant since his identity had become public knowledge. The rest of the team signed, but only under their code names. Rusty Collins, who helped the team subdue the Alliance, refused to sign what he called an "odious document." Instead he burned it in his hands in defiance.

Cameron Hodge, who still alive though believed dead in a plane crash, made a deal with the evil creature known as N'Astirh. Hodge's arrangement with the evil spirit was as follows: In exchange for living forever, Hodge would provide the location of mutant children for N'Astirh to use in opening a gateway between Earth and Limbo.

Archangel traced the disappearance of Candy Southern, a former girlfriend who had disappeared, to the Right, a group of mutant haters led by Cameron Hodge. Archangel fought his way into the inner chamber where Hodge had Candy strapped to a death machine. Hodge killed her during the battle to get revenge on Archangel.

Cyclops' son, Nathan Christopher, disappeared. Jean Grey and Cyclops suspected that Nanny and the Orphan-Maker had captured him and started their search for the missing

child at the orphanage where Nanny hid her Victims. A fight ensued between the two members of X-Factor and Nanny, and she was battled to a standstill. In the midst of the fight the servants of N'Astirh came and grabbed as many of the mutant children as possible—including Nathan Christopher Summers. Cyclops and Marvel Girl finally stopped Nanny, but not in time to rescue Christopher.

### **New Mutants and Gosamyr**

During the interlude between The Fall of the Mutants and Inferno, the New Mutants had an adventure of their own. Lila Cheney (interstellar thief, rock-star, and friend of the New Mutants) was kidnapped during a performance. During their search for Lila, the New Mutants encountered the alien woman called Gosamyr.

She caused conflict between the members of the team as they tried to rescue Lila from Gosamyr's former master, Spyder. Gosamyr's race caused men to be attracted to them and women to dislike them. Consequently, squabbling among the team members increased. Finally, the New Mutants freed Lila and escaped Spyder's clutches, only to find themselves embroiled in Inferno.





## Inferno

Inferno information is taken from the following issues:

UNCANNY X-MEN 239-243

X-FACTOR 37-39

NEW MUTANTS 71-73

X-TERMINATORS 1-4

EXCALIBUR 6, 7

## Madelyne's Story

The Inferno came about because of three factors: the scheming of N'Astirh to open a gateway between Limbo and Earth; the emergence of the Darkchilde as the dominant entity in control of Magik, aka Illyana Rasputin; and the plans Mister Sinister had for Madelyne Pryor.

The first portent of the events to come occurred at the X-Men's Australian base. During Madelyne Pryor's shift at the monitoring station, she saw Cyclops with Jean Grey on one of the video displays. In a fit of anger and jealousy, she punched the monitor. The screen exploded and Pryor was knocked unconscious. While unconscious, she had a nightmare in which she made a deal with the being known as N'Astirh. Pryor awoke and believed that this bargain was a dream, but which was in reality a real agreement.

## Prelude to Inferno

As time went on, it became apparent that Madelyne Pryor held more power than she'd let on. In her pact with N'Astirh, she obviously had the upper position. She made this deal to recover her son and to gain revenge on the Marauders for all the suffering they caused during the

Mutant Massacre. Havok and Madelyne became closer and it soon became apparent that some sort of influence was working on him. During their bargaining, N'Astirh insisted on calling Pryor the Goblin Queen.

Using the computer in the Australian base, Havok located the Marauders in the sewers of New York City and the X-Men teleported there. A fight ensued during which the X-Men took no quarter. New York City was in the throes of the Inferno in which the demons of Limbo, led by S'ym and N'Astirh, began to invade the Earth.

Pryor encountered Mister Sinister, the leader of the Marauders, who claimed to be her father. They battled and during the fight, Madelyne's only ally, N'Astirh, teleported away to take care of other business of his own, leaving her to the tender mercies of Mister Sinister.

The X-Men and Marauders continued to fight in the City of Nightmares. Colossus learned that his sister, Magik, had been overthrown as the leader of Limbo by S'ym and N'Astirh. He discovered that S'ym and N'Astirh were planning to remake Earth into the image of Limbo and the spell they were concocting would center on the Empire State Building.

The evil of Inferno began to take its affect on the X-Men, corrupting their nature into something more evil than good. They began to quarrel among themselves and became selfish, to the point of ignoring other people's suffering.

Meanwhile, Mister Sinister

revealed that Madelyne was a clone of Jean Grey he had created.

Madelyne escaped the clutches of Mister Sinister when he foolishly underestimated her power.

N'Astirh appeared with Nathan Christopher Summers and gave the child to Madelyne who was turning into the Goblin Queen. X-Factor fought Pryor and N'Astirh's servants, but they were unable to wrest the child from the Goblin Queen.

Under the influence of the Inferno, X-Factor and the X-Men continued to squabble and skirmish among themselves. In one of these fights, Cyclops chose to save Jean Grey over Madelyne Pryor thereby confirming to Madelyne her transformation into evil and transforming her completely the Goblin Queen. Havok joined Madelyne and N'Astirh and was renamed the Goblin Prince to bring the next step of the transformation spell to completion.

Jean Grey sensed that Madelyne was going to sacrifice her son to complete the spell, so the X-Men and X-Factor launched an all-out assault against the Empire State Building. The combined teams destroyed N'Astirh, but at that point, the Goblin Queen appeared and sent her demons against the mutants.

The combined teams battled the demons and Madelyne Pryor to rescue Christopher Summers and close the gateway to Limbo.

In the end, the piece of Jean Grey's memory that the Phoenix stole and gave to Madelyne was returned to its rightful owner and Jean gained both Madelyne's and

the Phoenix's memories, making her whole. All the destruction wrecked upon New York City disappeared. Madelyne was dead. Jean and Nathan Christopher were alive.

Just as New York City was returned to normal and Madelyne was killed, Mister Sinister launched an attack upon the mind of Jean Grey. He began destroying her newly-integrated memories from inside. Psylocke took the X-Men into Jean Grey's mind and fought Sinister on his own ground. After he was beaten back the X-Men, in their real bodies, rushed to his headquarters which turned out to be Professor Xavier's old mansion. They fought, capturing Malice, then Sinister blew up the mansion to keep the X-Men from learning anything from their captive.

The teams came together and put up a combined front against Mister Sinister and Malice. Psylocke coordinated the fight, but all these machinations were only diversionary tactics. The real fight was being fought between the captive Cyclops and his brother, Havok. Cyclops had been chained by Mister Sinister because he feared the power of Cyclops' eyebeams. Havok kept blasting his brother, which could only annoy him because the brothers were immune to each other's powers. Sinister kept taunting Cyclops to fight back until Cyclops saw Jean in danger. Enraged and fearful of Jean's life, Cyclops' eye blasts destroyed Sinister with a single blast.

### New Mutants

When Magik tried to use her teleportation disks to get the team back home from Gosamyr's former master's ship, they ended up stranded in Limbo. Limbo, once Magik's domain, was now controlled by her former servants S'ym and N'Astirh.

Magik was able to get the team back to New York, but was unable to shut the gate behind her thereby allowing the Inferno onto Earth.

Magik fought N'Astirh while the New Mutants teamed up with the X-Terminators to shut the gate and rescue the people of New York City against the invading demons. In the end, Illyana, who had been transformed into the Darkchilde, renounced her Darkchilde persona in a choice of good over evil. She restored New York City to normal as she relinquished her Darkchilde powers, appearing to perish in the process. However, instead of dying, she was reverted to the age she was before Belasco had imprisoned her in Limbo in the first place.

At the end of Inferno, the X-Men returned to Australia. X-Factor, now knew their friends the X-Men were alive and with a psychically reintegrated Jean Grey returned to Ship. The New Mutants survived the ordeal and brought the child Illyana home. Gosamyr returned to space in order to save the team from bickering over her all the time.







## Between Events 2

### The Siege Perilous

Rogue, with Carol Danvers having taken control of her mind, went back to New York City to get her (Carol Danvers'), life in order. As she arrived, there was a disturbance in a nearby shipyard. Being a good crime fighter, she responded to the distress call. At the shipyard she fought a reincarnation of Master Mold. Now integrated with the future mutant hunter Nimrod.

Meanwhile, in another part of New York City, Senator Robert Kelly and Sebastian Shaw discussed the possibility of a mutant hunter program at the Hellfire Club. Driving home, the car carrying Kelly and his fiancée Sharon was struck by Master Mold. Sharon was gravely injured.

The X-Men arrived and easily defeated Master Mold because his computer sensors were unable to detect them. However, Master Mold reintegrated himself again and this time its sensors could detect his mutant foes. In an attempt to get rid of the robot, Dazzler threw the Siege Perilous behind the robot's head, attempting to blast it into the portal.

In a last ditch effort, Master Mold grabbed Rogue, using her as a shield. Rogue talked Dazzler into blasting the robot into the portal anyway, hoping the robot would lose its grip on her. Unfortunately, Rogue was blown through the Siege as well.

Sharon died as a result of Master Mold's attack and Senator Kelly told Shaw to continue with the Mutant Hunter Project Nimrod. Kelly promised he would see that the

project received the necessary federal support for its successful completion.

Rogue was the first member of the X-Men to go through the Siege. Later, others followed.

Longshot left the X-Men to find himself. He believed himself a lost soul. Longshot has recently returned to Earth and has been reunited with Alison Blaire. He has not yet been reunited with the X-Men nor have his activities been revealed.

Then, Nanny attacked the X-Men in an attempt to save them from themselves. Everyone but Storm fell under her control. Storm attempted to take the Nanny's ship down, but was caught by the ship's defenses. Havok, disorientated from just coming out of Nanny's control, fired a blast at the fleeing ship which caught Storm as well. Her body was recovered at the crash site and she was believed to be dead. Actually, Nanny had faked Storm's death for her own purposes which the X-Men would discover later.

Lorna Dane contacted the X-Men and left a message with their computer that she needed their help. Her personality was more and more under the control of Malice and she needed the X-Men's help to get rid of the malevolent villain who had taken over her body.

When they found the note, the X-Men used Gateway's teleportation power to locate Lorna. Meanwhile, Lorna had been attacked by men riding small dinosaurs, servants of Zaladane from the Savage Land.


The mutates from the Savage Land—Whiteout, Barbarus,

Amphibius, and Gaza—joined the dinosaur-riding men when they and the X-Men clashed. The X-Men won in the end, but not soon enough to prevent Lorna from being captured by the Savage Land forces. Havok managed to get one of the Savage Land soldier's uniforms and went undercover to try and save Lorna from her captors.

When Zaladane put Lorna into a Transmuter designed by the High Evolutionary, Havok tried to make his move. Unfortunately, Zaladane had been aware of his presence the whole time and he was easily subdued by the mutate known as Lupo. The transference continued uninterrupted and the machine gave Lorna Dane's power to her supposed sister, Zaladane. The ruler of the Savage Land then threw Havok and Lorna into a cell for the mutates to play with until she had further use for them.

Meanwhile, the rest of the X-Men were captured and put under the control of Zaladane by the power of Worm. Worm is able to generate a slimy substance which forces the victim to follow the orders of Worm.

In the dungeon, Lorna suddenly exhibited new powers such as super-strength and invulnerability. She broke Havok and herself out of the prison and the two of them stormed Zaladane's throne room. Havok's blast knocked Worm out and this freed the X-Men from his control. The X-Men, Ka-Zar, and Shanna, who had also been captured, escaped the palace in a flyer. Havok tried to level Zaladane's citadel with a blast, but a force field had already



been raised. Gateway teleported the X-Men back to Australia from the flyer leaving Lorna, Ka-Zar, and Shanna alone in the vehicle.

Back in Australia, Psylocke convinced the X-Men to go through the Siege Perilous to gain the new life Roma promised they would have. The X-Men entered the Siege just as the Reavers were about to launch an attack on them. Psylocke knew the Reavers were coming and knew the X-Men were in no condition after their encounter with Zaladane to fight the cyborgs. Pierce, the Reavers' leader, destroyed the Siege crushing it in his hand in frustration.

### **The Reavers**

A young mutant, Jubilee, snuck onto the X-Men's base through one of Gateway's portals from Hollywood. She lived at the base for weeks without any of the X-Men noticing her.

Meanwhile, an event that would impact both Jubilee and the X-Men, occurred across the globe. Alexander Pierce, a former member of the Hellfire Club who hated mutants, escaped his prison and took over the leadership of the group known as the Reavers. The Reavers were a group composed of cyborg beings. They set out to kill as many mutants as possible, starting this campaign by heading toward their former base in Australia—currently occupied by the X-Men.

Wolverine, who had taken a leave of absence before the X-Men went to the Savage Land, returned to the Australian base only to be overwhelmed and captured by the

Reavers. They staked him to a wooden "X" in the desert then tortured and tormented him. Jubilee watched this from her hiding places in the base and during a fierce rainstorm, when Wolverine pulled himself off of the stakes, helped him find a place to hide within the tunnels of the base. They successfully escaped the cyborgs and made their way toward Madripoor where Wolverine planned to recover from his injuries.

### **The Return of the X-Men**

In Mississippi, Storm, who had escaped the explosion of Nanny's ship only to be reverted back to her youth, was discovered by the authorities and placed in the hospital. A policeman, Inspector Reisz, took an interest in Storm and made an attempt to see her. Reisz was actually the Shadow King. An almost immortal, powerful, evil being.

His goal was to gain revenge upon Prof. Xavier and all his students. Professor X had once defeated the Shadow King in a psychic battle while the Shadow King was using the body of Amahl Farouk. Storm sensed that Reisz was the "evil one" and escaped from the hospital before the villain reached her room.

While in his spirit form, Forge encountered the Shadow King in his Amahl Farouk persona and witnessed Storm being turned into a youth. He and Farouk psychically arm wrestled, but the contest was cut short when Forge's bionic hand disrupted the contact. Forge now believed Storm was alive and began

searching for her.


On Muir Island, where Moira MacTaggart maintained a mutant research facility, Banshee and Moira received a distress call from Lorna Dane. Lorna had taken a boat to get to the island, but during the trip, the crew members began fighting among themselves. Lorna didn't know this behavior was caused by her mysterious new powers and pleaded for help. Banshee arrived just as the boat was sinking and saved Lorna by taking her back to Muir Island.

Meanwhile, the Reavers concluded that Muir Island would be the first place a wounded Wolverine would go to and the island became their next target. At the same time, Banshee and MacTaggart received a call from Amanda Sefton that she was coming for a visit. When Banshee arrived at the mainland dock, Sefton had included Brigadier Alysande Stuart in the trip to the island.

As Banshee, Sefton, and Stuart returned to Muir Island the Reavers discovered them and tried to kill them. During the conflict, Banshee was shot. Using her magical powers, Amanda teleported the three to the relative safety of the island.

The Reavers continued their attack on the mutants, striking next at the civilian section of the compound. Prof. Xavier's son, Legion, put up a shield to protect the children, but let it down causing Sunder to be hit. Legion's multiple-personality disorder compelled him to play both sides throughout the fight. This was to amuse some of the personalities who wanted the fight to continue.





In America, Freedom Force and Forge formed an uneasy alliance to help the people trapped on Muir Island due to the Reavers' onslaught. They flew to the island and joined the fight.

Destiny, the team's precog, forced Mystique to get out of the jet and help her hated foe, Forge, fight the Reavers. Destiny had foreseen the moment Legion would destroy the plane and wanted to get her beloved friend out before Legion killed them both. Legion did destroy the plane and killed Destiny, an act which was ultimately attributed to the Reavers.

The Reavers teleported away after Forge killed one of their number, Skullbuster. The heroes had their own casualties as well—Destiny, Sunder, and Stonewall.

Psylocke was washed onto the beach of a south China Sea island and taken captive by the Hand. The Hand was a group of assassins-for-hire working in the region. A member of the Hand offered his services to the Mandarin, long-time foe of Iron Man, promising to make the former X-Man into the Mandarin's chief assassin.

The Hand brainwashed her and trained her in martial arts. She exhibited a new version of her psychic powers, psi-daggers. When she gets close enough to thrust them into her enemy's brain, the psi-daggers render her opponents unconscious. With her training and conversion complete, she was allowed to use the Mandarin's rings in battle and was renamed Lady Mandarin.

Meanwhile, after escaping the

Reavers in Australia, Wolverine and Jubilee sailed into Hong Kong Harbor. Due to the stress of his injuries, Wolverine hallucinated and saw images of Nick Fury and Carol Danvers who spoke to him and gave him advice. He experienced problems with his healing factor—it was not as quick to act as it had in the past.

Wolverine and Jubilee were captured by the Hand. Wolverine was placed in a sensory deprivation tank while Psylocke did her best to psychically convert her former teammate to the cause of the Hand, but Wolverine resisted the brainwashing. In a desperation attempt, the telepath tried to use her psychic knives to subdue Logan, but it had an unintended affect; Wolverine's psychoses became Psylocke's own. She saw Wolverine's hallucinations of Nick Fury and Carol Danvers and made their actions real by unconsciously using her powers to imitate the effects of bullets. Wolverine escaped from the tank and together Psylocke and Wolverine defeated the guards.

They formulated a plan and Psylocke presented a supposedly dead Wolverine to the Mandarin. In her anguish, Jubilee, who wasn't in on the deception, used her power in the most devastating explosion she had ever released. In the following confusion, Psylocke took advantage of the situation and attacked the Mandarin, dropping all pretense of alliance. The two foes were fighting for control of the rings when Wolverine snuck behind the Mandarin and threatened to kill the

villain. A truce was made and the heroes left the island.


In Soho, another X-Men returned from the *Siege Perilous: Colossus*. Now living as the artist Peter Nicholas, Colossus had no memory of his life with the X-Men. Still, his heroic nature continued to surface, such as when he helped some expatriate Genoshans fight back against Magistrates who came to take them forcibly back to that island nation.

Alison Blaire was the next X-Man to surface. She was discovered washed up on a beach in California by Guido, an employee of Lila Cheney. Dazzler had also lost her memory, but the high-tech house where Guido brought Dazzler informed her of most of Dazzler's history.

On Muir Island, Legion donned Cerebro in an attempt to locate the once presumed dead, now suspected still-living, X-Men. During this attempt, Legion's unique psychic make-up caused a massive feedback within Cerebro resulting in a psychic blast which knocked everyone on the island unconscious. Forge and Banshee left the island after recovering from the psychic blast, suspecting some evil influence behind the scenes on Muir Island.

Legion took control of Muir Island and was in turn taken over by the Shadow King. Eventually, everyone on the island came under the sway of the Shadow King.

Banshee and Forge were on their way to Cairo to investigate Amahl Farouk when they saw a picture of Dazzler in a magazine. They



changed their plans and decided to go to Hollywood and talk to Dazzler, to find out what really happened to the X-Men. The plane they were supposed to take to Cairo was blasted out of the sky by the Strucker twins. Thinking quickly, the mutants got out of the area and headed to the United States, allowing the people who tried to kill them to believe they had succeeded.

Forge and Banshee ended up in the lower levels of Xavier's ruined mansion when they saw Jean Grey on the property. She was attacked by monsters wearing costumes similar to the X-Men's and lost the fight. They rescued her and, when they were safely in the mansion, she told them that the X-Men were alive.

Jean Grey and Banshee were teleported away from the mansion by an unknown assailant. Forge armed himself and went into the tunnels to find his friends. He succeeded in finding them, but their captor, the Morlock Masque, had changed them. Instead of arms, Jean Grey had tentacles while Banshee had no mouth.

Meanwhile, Masque also captured Peter Nicholas and the beautiful woman he had been chasing after, who turned out to be Callisto transformed by Masque. Peter was transformed into a flesh Colossus when Masque recognized who he was and he and Callisto were given an hour to find their way back to the streets before the Morlocks went after them.

Just as Masque and the Morlocks were attacking the fleeing duo, Forge, Banshee, and Jean Grey

appeared to help them. In the fight, Peter was stabbed, but no blood came out of his wound. He had unconsciously transformed to his Colossus state. They overcame Masque when another Morlock, Bouncer, teleported them out of harm's way. Using previously collected tissue samples, Forge restored his teammates. Peter still had no recollection of the X-Men.

Once again, the Magistrates made an attempt to recapture Jenny Ransome. This time, she was on X-Factor's Ship. Wipeout used his powers to temporarily negate Ship's defenses and Pipeline sent some of the Press Gang onto the ship. For a while, the Genoshans held the upper hand, but when Forge and Officer Jones eliminated Wipeout's influence after eluding their Genoshan pursuers. Ship reasserted it's personality and recaptured the intruders. They were repatriated to Genosha.

### **Gambit**

In Cairo, Illinois, Storm managed to escape the Shadow King and was making her living stealing from the rich. She had regained partial control of her powers.

The Shadow King, in the disguise of Reisz, took over Val Cooper and sent her to kill Mystique. Mystique was waiting for Val Cooper, thanks to a note written by Destiny before she had been killed, and was able to take the government agent's place using her shape-shifting powers. To the rest of the world, however, Mystique was reported dead. Even the powerful Shadow King fell for the ruse.

The Shadow King now focused his attentions on capturing the young Storm. He set his Hounds, men and women that he had taken control of, after her. Storm fought them briefly and managed to escape with the help of the mysterious man known only as Gambit. Gambit was able to imbue energy into items that would then explode when he threw them. They eventually lost the Hounds and became a pair of modern day Robin Hoods in New Orleans—stealing from the rich and giving to the poor.

Nanny went after Storm but the duo managed to defeat her and in the process, Storm regained her full memories and better control of her powers.

Finally, Rogue returned from her passage through the Siege Perilous. She ended up at the Australian base and learned that the woman she considered to be her mother, Mystique, had been shot and apparently killed. In an attempt to fly to Gateway, she jumped out the window and plummeted to the ground right at the feet of the Reavers. Pierce, seeing no use for Rogue, ordered them to kill her. Just then, Ms. Marvel showed up and saved Rogue, who fled the scene heading for Gateway. The Siege had split the two women apart, which is a possible explanation for the length of time it took for Rogue to reappear.

Rogue absorbed Gateway's power in an attempt to teleport away but Ms. Marvel caught up to her just as she jumped through the portal. Rogue was sent to the Savage Land and Ms. Marvel ended up on Muir Island. Ms. Marvel was taken over by





the Shadow King who had established this island as his new base of operations.

Rogue spent some time in the Savage Land before Ms. Marvel found her. Sent by the Shadow King to gain revenge upon Rogue, the two fought. In close proximity, they were leeching away each other's power and life energy. Each one started to decompose, as only one of them could live with the energy they shared. Magneto stepped into the conflict and saved Rogue. She was restored by a machine of Magneto's making without the memories of Carol Danvers but with the powers of Ms. Marvel.

### **X-Factor**

X-Factor had taken responsibility for the children, both mutant and human, that were found at an old abandoned orphanage during Inferno. Nanny and the Orphan-Maker tried to take the children away from X-Factor as they were transporting them to Washington to be returned to their parents. They battled and Archangel stopped Nanny by slicing what he thought was a robot. It screamed and Warren realized that within the egg-shaped armor was a person.

It turned out that Nanny had worked for the Right, pioneering cyborg technology, until she discovered that the Right was using her technology to destroy mutants. She tried to stop them, but they captured her and locked her in her

armor. Being so confined drove her crazy prompting her bizarre behavior.

Nanny and the Orphan-Maker escaped in a cloud of smoke after Jean found her sister's children hidden in the ship. X-Factor continued on to Washington and turned the children over to Freedom Force who had begun looking for their parents.

Meanwhile in England, a troll witnessed a teenager, Thomas Jones, turning a pen into gold. The troll abducted the young man at its first opportunity. Ship informed Cyclops of the young man's disappearance and X-Factor went immediately to England. They followed a trail of gold which led beneath the streets right into the lair of five trolls. The trolls captured X-Factor using their strength.

The Trolls wanted to ruin England's economy and force the people to return the control of the British Isles to the magical creatures of the past. Some of the trolls left, taking Tom with them, to make their opening salvo.

X-Factor escaped, and ultimately Tom saved himself by turning his captors into gold. This powerful young mutant decided to stay in England and go to the University to learn more about biochemistry in order to control his powers.

### **Judgement War**

A few weeks later, Ship was compelled to leave Earth on an unknown course, dragging X-Factor,

who were on-board at the time, along for the ride. Ship entered hyperspace and ended up orbiting an uncharted planet. Recognizing the language of the planet, Ship gave each member of X-Factor a translator.

The planet's social structure was broken up into three major classes; the Chosen, the Rejects, and the Beginagains. The Chosen were physically perfect mutants, but frowned upon public displays of power. The Rejects were strong mutants but physically different and reveled in the use of their powers. The Beginagains were a cult of mystics who encompass disgruntled members of the other two groups. They were pacifists and tried to work as mediators between the other opposing groups. The Celestials had arrived at the planet, and were judging the people of this world.

The team encountered a Celestial, who scrutinized Ship and then teleported the team to the surface into the middle of a war. In the melee, the team got split up and they were pushed further apart when the Celestial began to land on the planet.

Archangel was captured by the Chosen Lord Rask and was forced to fight in the arenas. Iceman lost his memory and believed himself to be a Chosen Dueler. The Beast ended up with the Reject Rjade clan. Cyclops was rescued by the Beginagains who thought he was their prophesied world savior.

At this time, Marvel Girl began



having problems integrating the personalities of Phoenix and Madelyne Pryor, which she now held as a result of Inferno. Each personality was trying to gain control of Jean Grey's body. She was injured when a psychic Jammer onslaught occurred during the fight.

The Celestials drained Ship of all the information it had gathered then left Ship to its own course, which was to the side of its friends.

In the end, all the people banded together when the Celestials landed to judge the planet. All the strength and will of the people was exhibited in a power blast from Cyclops, which was increased by the power of the Phoenix left in Jean Grey. It destroyed the Hand of the Celestial which was about to pass sentence on the planet. The Celestials left the people to their own course.

After saying farewells, X-Factor returned to Earth in Ship. Upon its return, Ship landed in New York City situating itself so it looked like a building.

Meanwhile, Sabretooth returned to New York to finish off the rest of the Morlocks. He killed one Morlock, but the second Morlock he encountered, Mole, escaped and was taken in by Opal. Sabretooth soon found a different foe, Archangel, and they had a bloody battle in which both mutants were poisoned and seriously injured.

Caliban (altered by Apocalypse to have strength, invulnerability, and other powers) teleported himself to

New York against Apocalypse's wishes to gain revenge on Sabretooth for killing his fellow Morlocks. First, he encountered a weakened Archangel and decided to kill him since he was his master's first creation and Caliban was jealous. He didn't succeed and left a critically injured Archangel at the feet of the police.

Bobby Drake met Opal and asked her out on a date. She accepted but the Morlock, Mole, didn't trust Iceman. They had a short fight, then Iceman and Opal helped Mole return to the Morlock tunnels.

Archangel broke free from his restraints because he was hallucinating that everyone around him was a pawn of Apocalypse. Forge and Banshee arrived to help recapture the insane hero, but just as their plan was about to work, Crimson and the group of psychic vampires known as the Ravens plucked Archangel from the heroes' grasp. Using her powers, Jean Grey followed Warren's trail and X-Factor eventually rescued him from the vampires. This encounter also helped to return sanity to Archangel.

### **New Mutants--Enter Cable**

After Inferno, at Xavier's mansion, the New Mutants and the Hellfire Club met. Magneto was challenged by Sebastian Shaw because he no longer controlled the New Mutants nor was he involved with the X-Men. Shaw claimed Magneto could no longer remain as the White King

because he wasn't worthy. Magneto won the duel but the New Mutants refused to follow him, seeing his ruthlessness returning. He released them and told them that they were free to go and forge their own destinies. Another result of this combat was the ousting of Sebastian Shaw as a member of the Inner Circle of the Hellfire Club.

From Asgard, Hela took over Danielle Moonstar because the young mutant was a Valkyrie as well as a member of the New Mutants. The mistress of Hel sent Danielle on a rampage that was eventually stopped by the New Mutants with the aid of Dr. Strange.

Freedom Force came after Rusty Collins a young mutant who the New Mutants tried to help. During the fight, Dr. Strange felt that Danielle was too dangerous to remain on Earth. He transported the New Mutants to the source of her possession—Asgard. There they helped the Asgardians repel an attack against Asgard intended to kill Odin and allow Hela to rule the legendary city. Danielle elected to stay in Asgard as the New Mutants returned home.

Back on Earth, Rusty Collins and Skids were rescued from Freedom Force by the Mutant Liberation Front. A new player on the scene, Cable, was captured by government agents after tangling with the MLF and was interrogated by Freedom Force. He escaped the facility and stayed one step ahead of his pursuers until he



ran into some members of the New Mutants on the streets. They helped him fight and defeat the Blob, Pyro, Crimson Commando, and Super Sabre.

Cable assumed the leadership position vacated by Magneto and began assembling the teenagers into an efficient fighting force. The first menace they faced with Cable as their leader was Sabretooth in the Morlock's tunnels. In the end, they had a ringside seat for a vicious battle between the enhanced Caliban and Sabretooth, one in which Caliban bested the savage Sabretooth quickly.

The next test of the New Mutants came when Cable and Sunfire shared the common goal of tracking down the MLF in Madripoor. Sunfire's intent was for a lethal new drug to be destroyed before reaching Japan and Cable's interest was revenge. Though their motives weren't the same, they led to the same group—the MLF. Part of the team faced Kamikaze, Sumo, and Dragoness, the part of the MLF that operated in this part of the world. Stryfe, the worldwide leader of the MLF, and Zero, the team's teleporter, showed up and tipped the advantage to the villains' side long enough that the heroes were defeated.

Meanwhile, Cable's group encountered Wolverine. Though Cable and Wolverine knew each other, they still managed to get into a fight. After a minor tussle, Rictor got between them and broke it up. The

Canadian mutant joined Cable's group to save the captured New Mutants from the MLF. Cable and Stryfe met in one-on-one battle which was unresolved when the building where they were fighting blew up. The New Mutants were saved only to be plunged directly into the X-Tinction Agenda.



## X-tinction Agenda

X-tinction Agenda information comes from the following issues:

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NEW MUTANTS 95-97

The X-Men and New Mutants were both living at Professor Xavier's mansion and tensions were becoming strained between the two groups. The Magistrates from Genosha unexpectedly attacked the mansion and were able to capture Boom Boom, Rictor, Storm, Wolfsbane, and Warlock before the rest of the teams could help them.

Cameron Hodge, with a reconstructed powerful cyborg body, was now a Commander in the Genoshan government. He attempted to meld Warlock's shape-shifting ability to his new mechanical body so he could at least mimic humanity, but Wolfsbane interrupted the procedure and Hodge was denied the power. Warlock was apparently killed in the process.

A group of mutant heroes, made up of the remaining members of the X-Men and X-Factor, headed to Genosha to rescue their captive teammates. When they arrived in Genosha, they were immediately attacked by Havok and a group of Magistrates. Havok had returned from the Siege Perilous without his memory and became a citizen of Genosha. Cyclops went one-on-one with his amnesiac brother. Havok had Pipeline transport the Magistrates out of the area when they started to loose the fight.

More mutants were captured by Commander Hodge (Wolverine and Psylocke, to name two) and the free mutants, led by Cyclops and Cable, proceeded to launch an assault on the Citadel to rescue their comrades.

The Genegineer transformed Storm into a mutate, subservient to the will of Genosha. But he realized that Commander Hodge was becoming increasingly more insane with the passage of time, so he altered Storm. When she came in contact with another mutant, she would restore that mutant's power and she would regain her memory, her adult body, and her powers.

Though more out of control, Hodge captured most of the remaining mutants. Havok regained his memory because of Cyclops' badgering and decided to maintain the illusion of a faithful Magistrate to help his friends at the right moment.

The mutants, some with their powers restored by Storm, attacked Hodge who used his phasing power to run away. Storm, with her power to restore stolen powers, released Rahne from the control of the Genegineer. But when Rahne transformed into her wolf-form, it was larger and stronger than before. The Genegineer had brought her innate strength to the fore and Rahne pledged to use all of it against Hodge for his crimes against her kind.

Rictor and Wolfsbane faced off against Hodge and soon were joined by the other freed mutants. Finally, Cyclops and Havok, the Summers brothers, teamed up and blasted the now inhuman Hodge with all the power they could muster. They kept

hammering away until all that was left of the villain was his head which was tossed off the side of the Citadel and landed at the feet of Wolfsbane. She ripped it apart and threw it toward the recently demolished building. Rictor used his power to destroy the Citadel even more, burying Hodge's head under the structure's debris.

Havok and Wolfsbane decided to stay in Genosha to protect the mutates and insure that some good came of this catastrophic battle.

Back in the United States, the New Mutants poured Warlock's remains over Doug Ramsey's grave. Unknown to his departing comrades, what remained of Warlock began to sparkle. Given his level of power and resilience, this might suggest that the alien may not be dead after all.







### Between Events 3

After the X-tinction Agenda, the various mutant groups gathered together at Professor Xavier's mansion in Salem Center. The various group leaders—Storm, Cyclops, and Cable—disagreed about how the teams should progress from this point. Cable announced that he would run his team his own way, i.e., militarily, and promptly left with his group. Then Scott Summers and Jean Grey left the mansion, just before Lila Cheney appeared and asked for the X-Men's help rescuing Professor X.

The remaining mutants teleported into space with Lila, directly into a trap set by Deathbird. The coordinates had been implanted in Lila's brain and she had no control over the destination. The mutants were all captured and informed that they were going to help Deathbird kill Xavier.

Wolverine broke free with the help of Jubilee and went after Deathbird. Jubilee freed the rest of the X-Men as Lilandra and the Starjammers arrived on the scene. Together, they defeated the Imperial Guard. Wolverine brought back an unconscious Deathbird and the X-Men were reunited with Charles Xavier.

Gambit and Jubilee, while sneaking around the spaceship, discovered evidence that Xavier had turned to the cause of evil and was plotting to take over the Empire. When Gladiator was about to kill the helpless Deathbird, Gambit could watch no longer. The Cajun X-Man

broke in and threw his energy-charged knives at Gladiator. Deathbird took advantage of the opportunity and sliced open Xavier. Gambit freed Lila Cheney and the teleporter released Deathbird but left behind the two X-Men. Gambit and Jubilee combined their powers, causing a large explosion which drew the attention of the rest of the team.

While investigating the explosion, Wolverine sensed something amiss and abruptly, without any explanation, killed Xavier. Before he had a chance to explain, Psylocke used her psi-daggers on him, rendering him unconscious. To further complicate matters, Lila and Deathbird returned and teleported Storm, Forge, and Banshee away. They ended up on a devastated world, one which Deathbird blamed Xavier for killing.

Meanwhile, Lila gathered weapons together and armed the team members she'd brought with her. Then they launched into space, heading toward Deathbird's ship. They ran into the Starjammers who had tracked Deathbird through a hidden bio-tag and a battle ensued. Deathbird had Lila teleport her elsewhere, once again leaving the X-Men to face the threat.

On the ship, Wolverine and Jubilee discovered that they were captured by Skrulls. They were placed in the Cadre's matrix to be copied. Xavier was also a prisoner and he was being copied by the real threat—Prime, a War-Skrull.

Hidden aboard the Starjammers' ship, Gambit interfered just as the

Starjammers fired upon the X-Men thus saving their lives. The X-Men got aboard the ship and carried the fight to the Starjammers, where it was revealed that they were not the Starjammers but really war-skrulls.

Lila and some of the X-Men teleported to the Maul, a group of asteroids containing atmosphere, where they confronted the group of war-skrulls impersonating Xavier, Jubilee, Wolverine, and Psylocke. During the fight, the real Xavier managed to communicate with Lila and she teleported away to bring the rest of the X-Men to the scene. The whole team triumphed and the captive members were freed. Lilandra regained the crown to the Shi'ar Empire as Deathbird had grown tired of it.

Xavier, after a reunion with his students, learned of the dire threat of the Shadow King from the mind of Storm. The team, including Xavier, were teleported to Earth, to rescue their friends.

Meanwhile, while most of the team was in space, SHIELD launched an attack on Zaladane's stronghold in the Savage Land, but the initial group was defeated. Magneto, Rogue, and Ka-Zar faced Zaladane and her troops, while the next group of SHIELD agents made their way into the Savage Land, this time led by Fury and including some Soviet soldiers as well. They beat Zaladane's troops and formed an uncomfortable union against the strength of Zaladane.

The combined forces were launching an attack on Zaladane's troops when one of the Russian

soldiers shot Magneto as he was flying to join the battle. The Russian blasted him to gain revenge for the death of his son by Magneto years ago. Magneto and Shanna were captured by Zaladane and much of Magneto's power was transferred to Zaladane. Only his force of will kept him alive through the process.

As he was being led back to a cell, Fury, Rogue, and Ka-Zar broke Magneto free and he struggled to get on the machine and reverse the effects of his loss of power. He succeeded and quickly had Zaladane at his mercy. During their time in the jungle, Rogue and Magneto had gotten close, but her pleading did not convince him to spare Zaladane's life. Magneto still killed her in cold blood. He had taken another step on the path to evil.

### X-Factor

The members of X-Factor struggled to develop some semblance of a normal life. Bobby Drake, aka Iceman, was endeavoring to start a relationship with Opal. Bobby and Opal were attacked later in a restaurant by a group of Japanese cyborgs. They defeated Iceman and kidnapped Opal, who was actually a granddaughter of the master of the Tatsu clan.

When Bobby awoke, he learned of Opal's past from her adopted parents and headed to Japan with Jean Grey to rescue Opal. In order to rescue Opal, Bobby found himself battling without his powers against Hiro, the cyborg servant of the Tatsu clan. Hiro lost the fight on purpose when he realized his built-in powers automatically took over and he couldn't fight without them. He faced defeat instead of dishonor.

### Apocalypse Returns

X-Factor was further plagued by conflict when a group of beings were sent by Apocalypse to destroy Ship. They broke into Ship and disrupted its functions, while other members of the super group went after Nathan Christopher, a child Apocalypse believed would grow up to be a powerful force for good. Askani, a woman from the future, came to this time and tried to protect the child. She referred to him as one of the Chosen, but X-Factor believed that she was part of the invading force and attacked her. This allowed the real villains to escape with the child.

Despite the damage caused by the invaders, the Beast found a way to communicate with Ship and learned it was going into orbit and planned to destroy itself so that no further human lives were threatened. Ship did explode, but its personality and X-Factor were kept alive and transported to the moon by the Inhumans. Apocalypse had recently attacked the Inhumans, and the two groups teamed up and attacked the villain at his base. In the battle, Askani saved the Beast's life. Together they defeated Apocalypse, but not before he infected Nathan Christopher with the same virus which had attacked Ship.

Askani told them the only way to save the child was to allow her to bring him to the future, where he would be cherished and needed. To save his son's life, Cyclops agreed. (Note: The virus had already affected the right eye of the child. It is possible that this child could be Cable or Stryfe.)







## Muir Island Saga

The Muir Island Saga took place in the following issues:

UNCANNY X-MEN 278-280

X-FACTOR 69,70

After dealing with the anti-mutant menaces in Genosha and the United States, Prof. X and Colossus met X-Factor in Washington in order to rescue their friends from the Shadow King who had taken over Muir Island. Though Rogue, Wolverine, Forge, and Banshee remained free on the island, most of the other inhabitants had been taken over by the Shadow King. Prof. X and the team (including Val Cooper and Inspector Reisz, who was really the Shadow King in disguise) made their way towards the island.

X-Factor squared off against the X-Men who were under the Shadow King's control. It was then that Reisz made his move trying to strangle Prof. X in the plane. Val Cooper, whom Reisz thought he had under control, shot him before the Professor was killed. Cooper turned out to be Mystique who had taken Val's place.

Part of the strike team found the nexus to the astral plane being held open by Lorna Dane. In order to trap the Shadow King, the gateway needed to be closed. Before they came to a conclusion on how to resolve this problem, The Shadow King found himself a new host in Legion and destroyed much of the island in a single blast. It was only through the powers of Jean Grey that the X-Men were saved.

What ensued next was a battle on the astral plane between Prof. X and the Shadow King. The evil creature was able to cripple the Professor's body during this fight. While the Shadow King was busy fighting Xavier, a small band of X-Men made their way to the pan-dimensional gate and Psylocke severed Lorna Dane from the link by using one of her psi-daggers. The Shadow King was dissipated and the mind of Legion winked out of existence.

## Current Events

Mutant Genesis is the saga most recently played out in Marvel Comics' mutant titles. The following information is culled from these issues:

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## X-Factor

X-Factor (Havok, Polaris, Guido, Wolfsbane, and Jamie Madrox) was formed to take the place of Freedom Force as a U.S. government strike force. Val Cooper, who survived her encounter with Mystique, was the government liaison. The team was formed to work on the public's image of mutants and to repair the damage done to it by evil mutants, including the previously-mentioned Freedom Force.

## X-Men-Gold Team

The team split into two field groups in order to better manage the amount of mutants who had joined

the X-Men. The first team, code named Gold, was led by Storm and was made up of Colossus, Iceman, Angel, Marvel Girl, and Forge. The second group, code named Blue, was led by Cyclops and contained the members Wolverine, Gambit, Psylocke, Rogue, and the Beast.

Sentinels attacked the Reavers' base in Australia and destroyed many of the Reavers. Only Pierce, their main target, and Lady Deathstrike survived the initial assault.

These Sentinels, more powerful than any other in the past and able to repair themselves in the middle of a fight, were sent by Trevor Fitzroy in an attempt to gain control of the "Kingship" of the Hellfire Club's Upstarts. Shaw's kingship had been had been wrested from by his son, Shinobi.

Using Gateway, Pierce momentarily escaped the Sentinels by ordering Gateway to teleport him to whoever was responsible for the attack. Coincidentally, Fitzroy was attacking the White Queen, the Hellions, and the X-Men at the Hellfire Club.

Pierce brought three Sentinels through the teleportation gate with him and they began attacking any mutant in sight. Before they were driven off, Jetstream and Tarot were dead and Jean Grey was assumed dead also. Emma Frost was taken by Fitzroy as proof that he had won the right to be called King of the Upstarts.

The X-Men returned to the mansion with a Sentinel's head and the body of Jean Grey. Forge was






able to get some information out of the head of the Sentinel, enough to guess the location of the Sentinel's base—a floating iceberg. Professor X also said that he would have sensed Jean's death, so she must have sent her consciousness into another person's body, probably the White Queen's. Prof. X accompanied his team to the location of the base to pinpoint Jean Grey's psychic emanations.

fray, cutting through all the opposition.

about them. They fought to a standstill and were separated at the end of the fight.

Magneto had resurrected the sunken submarine. Leningrad, one that he had destroyed in self-defense years ago after it had launched missiles at him. His intent was to salvage the nuclear missiles for self-defense. The X-Men confronted him and a battle began when talks between the two parties broke down. It was a stalemate when Magneto left





with the missiles, ordering the X-Men to leave him alone. Rogue flew after Magneto and talked him into reconsidering his decision when a Russian jet launched an attack on Magneto but hit Rogue instead. The Master of Magnetism flew Rogue to safety and then detonated one of the nuclear devices in the upper atmosphere, annihilating the planes which had attacked him. Once again, fate had intervened and caused Magneto to continue along the path of mutants against humans.

Rogue ended up in a Genoshan hospital and was attacked by a group of mutants pledged as Acolytes of Magneto. The X-Men, having located their teammate after a call from the Genoshan government, came to her rescue in the nick of time. Then, Magneto appeared and declared Asteroid M a sovereign world with the only requirement for citizenship being that one is a mutant. Magneto then told the X-Men that the Acolytes were under his protection and any attempt to stop him or harm them would be dealt with accordingly.

After transporting his captives to Asteroid M, Magneto discovered that his genetic structure had been tampered with. His suspicion proved correct when he kidnapped Moira and Prof. X and forced the truth from them. In the past, Magneto had been reverted to infancy by the Mutate Alpha, in order to give him a second chance at life untainted by evil. Moira, wanting to give Magneto a chance to grow up with a better viewpoint of the world, had manipulated his genetic makeup during that time in order for his body

to better handle his mutant power and not seemingly drive him insane. Incensed that he had been manipulated so, he encased Moira in a thin sheet of metal. He then prepared himself for another assault by getting one of his Acolytes to brainwash his X-Men captives into believing that they were followers of Magneto.

The Gold team was called in to rescue the captured Blue team. In the ensuing battle, Cortez, one of Magneto's acolytes, fled Asteroid M and activated the plasma cannon as he simultaneously detonated all of the nuclear weapons on the base. Cortez wanted to use Magneto as a martyr for mutants to inflame and inspire their rebellion. Magneto prevented the nuclear explosions, but the plasma cannon destroyed the asteroid. The X-Men managed to escape, but, from all signs, Magneto perished within the asteroid as it exploded.

#### **New Mutants/X-Force**

A mysterious man called Gideon had Sunspot's father killed and made it look like a heart attack. At the mansion where the New Mutants were staying, an assassin named Deadpool attacked Cable, calling him Nathan and saying that Mr. Tolliver hired him to kill him. With the timely arrival of Domino, an old friend of Cable's, Deadpool was captured and sent back to Mr. Tolliver.

Sunspot, after learning of his father's death, decided to leave the team and received a cold farewell from Cable. Cable's belief that

people should choose their own destiny wouldn't let him stop the young mutant. Sunspot gravitated to Gideon and became his student both in combat and in the business world.

James Proudstar joined the team after his village was apparently wiped out by the Hellfire Club. He proposed that if Cable's team would help him with his revenge, he would help them with their battles.

A being known as Shatterstar appeared in the Danger Room and identified himself as a blood-warrior of the Cadre Alliance. He was sent by the Cadre Alliance to seek the X-Men to help them battle Mojo V and his executioner. Spiral.

At the same time, Boom Boom discovered a cat-being known as Feral in the mansion. Feral was running from Masque and his Morlocks and thought the New Mutants could help her. Robots teleported into the mansion to bring Shatterstar back and Masque arrived to capture Feral. The New Mutants fought them all off and decided to move their base so all their foes wouldn't know where they were. Shatterstar and Feral decided to stay with the team as well. They also changed their name to X-Force, officially ending the existence of the New Mutants. The team has since been confronting and fouling all MLF plots they meet. The young team has also encountered and defeated the new Brotherhood of Evil Mutants and assorted other foes.



## DIFFERENT GROUPS

### Excalibur

The British superteam, three of its members former X-Men, spent much of its time travelling through the dimensions, trying to find its way back to their own world. They were on a locomotive powered by a large, wingless dragon that was able to cross the dimensions, with help by the creature known as Widget.

They returned to their own dimension with the aid of Saturnyne,

the Omniversal Majestrix, who reset Widget with the correct coordinates.

Recently, the team had split temporarily, with Meggan and Phoenix searching for Meggan's past. Nightcrawler forming a team, the N-Men, from the members of the Technet to investigate a series of mysterious thefts in England and Captain Britain facing the rest of the Captain Britain Corps and coming to grips with his power and his place in the team. They have only recently

reunited to fight Necrom and the Anti-Phoenix with their new allies Kylun and Cerise.

### Freedom Force

Freedom Force, a government controlled mutant group, has been disbanded. Mystique, the former leader of the group, has been working with heroes such as Wolverine, while other former members have returned to crime like Blob and Pyro.







### **Hellions**

Emma Frost, the White Queen of the Inner Circle of the Hellfire Club, manages a group of super-powered youths known as the Hellions. The membership of the team has remained fairly stable: Jetstream, Tarot, Roulette, Catseye, and Empath make up the core members. New members include Beef and Bevatron.

Firestar was a member of the Academy Frost runs, but was never an official member of the group. In fact, Ms. Frost renounced any claim that she believed she had on the fiery mutant when the Hellions lost a fight to Firestar's current team, the New Warriors.

The future of the Hellions is in doubt at the current time. During a combined attack on the Hellfire Club by a group of Sentinels and Fitzroy, Tarot and Jetstream were killed and Emma Frost and Beef were gravely injured. Whether the Hellions ever reunite as a team is unknown at this time.

### **Morlocks**

After the Mutant Massacre, the Morlocks were led by the mutant known as Masque. They now have very antagonistic dealings with other mutants since Masque took over, focussing much of their time toward revenge upon the ones that ravaged their numbers—the Marauders. With the help of Caliban, they have meted out this revenge upon Sabretooth.

### **New Brotherhood of Evil Mutants**

Under the organization and leadership of the Toad, Blob and Pyro (formerly of Freedom Force) set out to reconstruct the Brotherhood of Evil Mutants. The Toad was a member of the original Brotherhood, which was led by Magneto. The other member of the group is Phantazia, a mysterious woman, who apparently has the power to scramble electrical fields.

The first act of this new group was the forced transformation of Dr. Lykos into the being known as Sauron which rounded out the new membership.

The team sought other mutants to ally themselves with and decided on talking to the remaining Morlocks led by Masque. In the agreement between the two groups, the Brotherhood promised to destroy X-Force, the mutant group of heroes that had repeatedly foiled Masque's plans.

### **Upstarts**

This isn't really a cohesive band of mutants, more like a society where a member is added once a task is accomplished. In this case, the task one has to perform to enter this group is the termination of a member of the Hellfire Club's Inner Circle. So far, this group has five official members. Gideon killed Emmanuel Da Costa to join the group. Shinobi killed his own father, Sebastian Shaw to gain entry. Trevor Fitzroy killed a

former member, Donald Pierce and has claimed that he has finished the White Queen, Emma Frost. Whether she is actually dead or not hasn't been revealed yet. The Strucker Twins, known collectively as Fenris, are considered members, yet it hasn't been revealed how they managed to gain entrance to this twisted club.

It seems that the Black Queen, Selene, is behind the machinations of the Upstarts, but the labyrinth of evil about this club has not yet been penetrated.

### **X-Terminators**

The junior members of X-Force took on the name X-Terminators and fought against the demons during the Inferno. The members of this group were Boom Boom, Rictor, Artie Maddicks, Leech, Rusty Collins, Skids, and Whiz Kid.

At the end of the Inferno, the older members of the team joined the New Mutants and eventually found their own places in other mutant groups in the ensuing months. Boom Boom stayed with X-Force. Rictor left the New Mutants for Genosha and hasn't been seen since. Rusty Collins and Skids were rescued from jail by the Mutant Liberation Front and they remained with that group out of a sense of gratitude. The younger members of X-Terminators, Leech, Artie, and Whiz Kid went back to school.






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## FORGE'S JOURNAL

### Excerpts from Forge's Verbal Journal

The following are excerpts from Forge's Verbal Journal in chronological order.

#### Mutant research-log 10210

The US government has commissioned me to engineer and build a weapon used to strip the powers from a mutant. I can't refuse my government, but I also can't bring myself to betray my own brethren. So, I've come up with a compromise which I will not allow the officials to know. Instead of a device to strip the powers from an individual, I've produced a gun that blocks the use of a power. The results are the same, yet no one will know the difference in the government. Their scientists won't be able to grasp the fundamentals of the design anyway. This way, both obligations are fulfilled and my conscience can be salvaged.

#### Adversary's World-log 10339

I've finally constructed this crude recording device in order to keep my log going on this world. And what a wondrous world it is!

Pristine, unaffected by the blemish of man's technology. And now I'm introducing my technology to this land while I wait for the other occupant of this created world—Storm. Beloved Storm, off to find peace within herself. She had been fooled completely by the

Trickster and she has to come to terms with that.

#### To Break Free-log 10405

Finally finished the device to break the blocking of Storm's powers. Had to scavenge parts from my bionic leg and since the power source has to be solar, there'll only be one shot for it to work. Now, I've got to wait for Ororo to return from her self-exile. I wish we had the option of staying here and raising a family uncluttered with society and civilization, but that is what the Trickster is counting on. We can't let him have our home world as a personal playground for chaos. Ororo, please return soon.

#### Death-log 10425

As I walked down that street in Dallas, hearing the accusing shouts of "murderer," I had no choice but to force myself to ignore everything—even my own feelings. I did send the X-Men, including my beloved Ororo, to their deaths, albeit they did so willingly to save the world from the Adversary. That doesn't heal the open wound of my shame and loss. If I hadn't let my grief and anger rule my actions when I opened that vile gate in Vietnam, all my friends would still be alive. The worst part of this is that Mystique is correct. I am a murderer, of the Vietnamese soldiers in the past, and of the X-Men now.

#### Desert Sickness-log 10432

Sick to my stomach, I headed out to the desert to ponder my future and to regain my sense of spiritual balance. That's where I am now and

I'm not getting anywhere with this.

The emotions rage inside, second guessing my every move during the time in Dallas. I can't get the words out of my ears ... murderer, murderer. I know what I did was right, but was there anything I could have done differently that would have saved their lives, including the life of my beloved Ororo?

#### X-Men Past One-log 10459

It seems that all the information I had recorded about the X-Men has somehow been wiped clean from my systems. I was doing a regular systems check when I noticed much of the information I'd recorded was gone. I've salvaged what I could from hard copy records, but much of it was completely gone. I assume it has something to do with the events at Eagle Plaza, but have no confirmation of this hypothesis. Consequently, I'm going to re-enter as much lost information as possible from memory, and what better place to start with than Ororo, known to the world at large as Storm.

#### X-Men Past Two-log 10460

My first vision of Storm, as I remember, was of her in flight, her white hair flowing with the wind. By my ancestors, she was beautiful. Then the prototype gun had to be fired by that self-serving man, Henry Gyrich. No matter that it was aimed at a supposed criminal, Rogue; it struck Storm and stole her powers away. It has been a long road back to friendship and more, but it looks as if it is slowly working out.

### **X-Men Past Three-log 104061**

The X-Men, as far as the government records I saw indicated, have become a close knit group of members in the years since their rescue of the original team from the hands of a living island. Members came and went from the active team, but a core group formed. Some of the members included Wolverine, Storm, Nightcrawler, Colossus, and Shadowcat.

### **X-Men Past Ten-log 10469**

At the time of their deaths, the membership of the X-Men consisted of Storm, Wolverine, Longshot, Psylocke, Rogue, Colossus, Dazzler, Havok, and Madelyne Pryor.

From all indications, this particular combination of mutants came about in the aftermath of what has become known as the Mutant Massacre. A mysterious villain, known as Mister Sinister, brought together a large group of super-powered beings, named the Marauders, and set them loose against the relatively defenseless Morlocks in their home in the sewers of New York City. What resulted was a slaughter of life, stopped only by the intervention of the X-Men, who suffered some casualties of their own. Colossus, Shadowcat and Nightcrawler were seriously wounded and were transported to Muir Island for more intensive care.

Havok, Longshot, and Psylocke joined the team at this time as well.

### **Magik Attack-log 10527**

The death of the X-Men continues to haunt my dreams and today, it came back to haunt me physically. The sister of Colossus, now known as Magik, came to kill me for the death of her brother. Initially, I fought the sorceress with my own magical might, using the spirit form of Cheyenne sorceries as my armor and shield. Her anger was too much for me to bear, so I gave her the choice to kill me or not. One thrust of her sword almost killed me, but she decided not to finish the deed. Guess she let me live with the guilt.

May her soul find the peace that it obviously doesn't have now and that her friends survive the upcoming weeks as her power seems almost out of control.

### **Freedom Force-log 10554**

Val Cooper has asked me to aid the "government" agents, Freedom Force, to help the people of Muir Island fight off an attack from a group of cyborgs. I do not relish the thought of facing Mystique again, as she still blames me for the death of her adopted daughter Rogue in Dallas. Still, there are friends on that island and once I made the decision to enter the public world of mutants, it seems my fate has been sealed alongside that of the X-Men.

My other reservation is the allies I'd have at my side, the so-called reformed citizens of Fred J, Dukes and St. John Allerdyce, the Blob and Pyro, respectively. How can the government sanction the activities of these criminals? I'll work with them

not because I want to, but because I have to, in order to save my friends.

### **Death Again-log 10562**

Another death, this one totally without merit, without justification. Destiny has been killed by Donald Pierce and his cyborg servants, the Reavers. Again, Mystique has suffered a loss and blames it on me totally. I'd say the shapechanger and I will never be on cordial terms except for the strange conversation I had with Destiny before she was killed. She told me to keep my heart open for Mystique, even after I told her my heart was spoken for. What did she see about Mystique and me with her future sense before her death?


### **Places-log 10579**

My attempt to gain the balance between my mutant half and my heritage as shaman and medicine man for my tribe has been progressing, slowly but steadily. I'm coming to terms with myself and my place in this world of humans and mutants, learning that I can't run away from the problems facing my kind in the world today. The racism I've faced growing up in America as an Indian has better prepared me to combat the ignorance of mutant haters, better than most of my companions at this point.

### **Oro is Alive-log 10782**

Just came out of a spirit walk and have to get this recorded before anything fades from memory. I saw Oro in a cage. She was old then quickly faded down to her youth. A





fat middle-eastern man challenged me to arm wrestling, during which his hand transformed into an amorphous shape. Only my bionic hand saved me, but what is most important is that she's alive. Storm survives and I have to find her! I feel alive again!

#### **Choices Lost-log 10805**

It seems that my destiny has been intertwined with the fate of the X-Men and other mutants worldwide. The choice of running away and living on my mountain isn't available to me anymore. I've decided to stay with Moira and Sean on Muir Island to help them locate the other X-Men.

#### **Banshee-log 10811**

About Sean Cassidy, a new-found close friend, we've developed a bond forged from similar pasts and similar present goals. We're about to embark on a trip to find as many of the missing X-Men as possible. Our first stop will be Egypt, since we have seen the image of Amahl Farouk and that suggests Cairo.

#### **Close-log 10823**

This is being recorded on a hasty flight to the United States. Sean and I made one of the best decisions in our lives today when we made the choice to ditch the idea of continuing on to Cairo. Luckily, we spotted a picture of Alison Blaire, the Dazzler, in a magazine and decided that it was a stronger lead than the tenuous one we had been following.

The plane we had been scheduled to take to Cairo was destroyed in a fiery blast, obviously designed to kill

us. Thinking quickly, Banshee flew us away from the airstrip and we are now on the way to the US. Our first stop is going to be Xavier's Mansion.

#### **Thinking-log 10835**

I managed to save Jean Grey and Scan from a horrible fate just by thinking ahead and getting lucky. I'm grateful there was time to prepare and that I had an inkling of who we were going to face. Masque, of the Morlocks, gets perverse pleasure from manipulating other people's physical form into anything that the monster desires. By taking a small sample of my friend's cells, I was able to restore them from the shapes Masque left them in, a multi-tentacled woman and a mouthless man, into their original forms. If only all battles and encounters could be so forecast.

#### **Genosha-log 10876**

Something has to be done about the island nation of Genosha. Their mutant hunting tactics endanger not only mutants, but civilians anywhere near their "repatriation" efforts. After observing particular Genoshans during their attempt to capture Jenny Ransome, I found one named Pipeline an extremely dangerous individual within a group context. His "teleportation" power allows for instant reinforcements and instant escape routes for Genoshans and their prisoners. A priority target early in any conflict.

#### **Charles-log 10909**

Charles Xavier has returned to Earth to spearhead the leadership of

all the X-Men. We managed to defeat the menace of the Shadow King with Charles' help at the expense of Muir Island and Charles' son, Legion. It is comforting that he has returned at this juncture in our lives. With Cable's larger following and the activities of the Mutant Liberation Front gaining more prominence, a level headed leader is needed.

#### **Roles-log 10939**


I find myself in the position of advisor to Charles and a non-combatant in most situations. We have enough front-line soldiers at this point, (hmmm, maybe Cable has had some affect on my thinking), so my talents are best used behind the scenes, designing weapons, defenses, and other devices.

#### **Chess-log 10945**

Charles' chess playing skills are exceptional. He beat me even with the psychic dampener in place during the game. I'm not used to being beaten so easily. Note to myself: practice more and read Kasparov's chess manual again.

#### **Consequences-log 10981**

With the Genoshan government enacting reforms, Magneto out of commission, and the Shadow King destroyed, I wonder what threat is going to rear its head next? Will we be up to the challenge this time? In times like these, we can't afford to lose even one time. The consequences are too great.



## CABLE'S NOTES

These opinions and reviews were found under the heading of "Potential New Recruits" in Cable's files.

### **Iceman**

Very undisciplined, the proverbial hot-head with the power of ice.

With his enhanced power and experience, and a dash of direction, he could prove to be a welcome addition to my strike force.

He could be too willful though, so it may be best for X-Force to continue on without an attempt to gain him for a member. Such an action would also alienate his friends in the X-Men, and, although we're not on the best of terms, I wouldn't want them actively working against me.

### **Angel**

His violent attitude and razor-sharp wings could prove beneficial for the war, but his ferocious temper seems to be getting dulled recently. He seems more relaxed and comfortable with his altered state. Would this hamper his effectiveness in the long run? Also, the same concerns with the X-Men that I have with Iceman apply here as well.

### **Hellions**

Now that Emma Frost is out of the way, it may be possible to recruit some of the students of the Massachusetts Academy. I wouldn't want to inherit the whole group, but some of the member's powers have interesting possibilities.

The fact that they are used to a strong leading force, such as presented by Ms. Frost's command,

would make the assimilation to X-Force that much easier.

The following are the individual student reviews for the surviving Hellion members:

**Roulette:** Her good luck/bad luck disks brings into question her effectiveness as a soldier. A good fighter should be able to control his actions and know the consequences of an action.

This mutant's powers go in exactly the opposite direction, where randomness is the end result of her abilities. So far, according to reports, her disks have worked effectively for her, but there is no way to predict how her good or bad luck will affect the other members of any attack force.

This leads me to believe that, although her powers show some slight merit, I believe it advisable not to approach her.

**Beef:** More muscle, and not exactly what I need, now that Proudstar is growing in size and strength and confidence as each day goes by. After the beating Beef took at the hands of Fitzroy, it's still a question whether he will ever fully recover.

**Empath:** He has an excellent power, to control emotions, but he is an uncontrollable individual. His frequent disobedient episodes with Emma Frost are well known and if a telepath of Frost's strength had trouble controlling Empath, I'd probably end up having to shoot him. Ultimately, not worth all the trouble he'd cause.

**Bevatron:** A recent member of the Hellions, so I don't have as much information on him as I'd like. From all reports, he's cocky, but still a novice in the fighting department. His range power could make him a potentially valuable addition to X-Force, but do I have the time to train him for the field? That reminds me—we need some sort of offensive weapon usable from a distance. Talk to Domino and get recommendations for new members that would fit into this category with more combat experience than Bevatron.

**Catseye:** Already have one feline in the group, and I don't see the need for another one. Feral is enough trouble to control without adding another furred mutant to the mix.


### **X-Terminators**

I've already got one of this defunct team's members involved in the battle, Boom-Boom. If these other members prove to have the same spunk and attitude as Tabitha, then they may make useful additions to my team.

**Artie Maddicks:** This child may have powers that could serve the team extraordinarily well. Being able to mindlink with another person would give us a great advantage in finding out the plans and locations of our recurring foes, especially the MLF. Maddicks' powers would go a long way towards putting a stop to their terrorist activities.

He is still a child, which is a plus. We could mold him into an effective team member if he makes the





decision to join X-Force. The key to getting Artie Maddicks may rest in convincing his friend and partner in mutant affairs, the power dampener, Leech. (See the Leech entry for more information)

These two young mutants, if of the right mindset, would be exceptional assets to my team. Look into an angle for getting them involved in X-Force's upcoming missions.

**Leech:** What a power—a power dampener—not only of mutant abilities, but of other super powers as well! If I could work up enough protection for the kid, we could transport him into the middle of our enemies and hit them while their powers were not functioning,

Does the youngster have the guts and determination to become a member of the team? Would he be willing to take the chances necessary to win every battle? It would be worth the almost certain trouble to find out whether this kid has what it takes to be an effective soldier in the battle.

The records that I perused indicated that control over his power has grown considerably with age. This makes him even more desirable as a team member, as other abilities may surface as he grows.

Take note of his documented friendship with Artie Maddicks. These two kids, taken separately and together, could represent a major force in the years to come. Best keep a close watch on any new developments in their lives.

### **Fallen Angels**

**Ariel:** This alien's powers of instant transport and psychic coercion could come in handy, but her somewhat questionable past makes her a dangerous security risk. With the short-lived mutant-filled group known as the Fallen Angels, she arranged for members of her own team to be captured for study by her home planet's scientists.

Sure, she changed her mind and used her powers to help them escape, but it could have easily gone the other way. I can't risk essential members of my team with an irrational, emotional child. Another negative is the fact that her space warping power needs some sort of doorway as a focus. Not that this minor inconvenience would eliminate her completely, but taken in conjunction with her history, it paints a sorry picture. If we're not able to come up with another mode of transportation, Ariel may look more enticing, but at this point, I think it prudent to go with my initial assessment and pass on any further action in this case.

**Chance:** Another mutant member of the Fallen Angels and another power that affects the effectiveness of other's powers. This girl's ability has an interesting twist to it, though. She can increase the limits of another's powers as well as decrease them. Just imagine, Proudstar with even more strength, or Sam with more speed and maneuverability. There is potential here.

Her background, growing up in streets and surviving, bodes well for

her inclusion in the war. Definitely a mutant to look up and put a proposal on the table. Talk to Domino to make the meeting take place.

### **Morlocks**

We need a mode of quick transport, similar to that served by Zero for the MLF or Pipeline for the Genoshans. The Morlock who helped Masque escape Forge and his little group of mutants could be useful for this purpose.

I must ask Feral about "Bouncer" and the mutant's view on the world. If I could convert him to our cause, it might make my job easier and the team a more effective strike group.

Maybe there are other mutants down there that could help us that don't quite agree with the way Masque is running things in the tunnels. A quick excursion down there may prove very beneficial.

### **Alchemy**

Just recently heard of the British mutant known as Alchemy. His ability to alter substances could be useful to us in the war, but even more so for our opposition. Alchemy should be watched, if not for recruitment, then to prevent our enemies from capturing him for their own plans. Note: Find address and set up a monitoring detail for him.