

# *X-Treme* X-MEN



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## DEATH'S ONLY THE BEGINNING

Death is a thing of the past on Krakoa, the island nation of mutants. Only mutants that are confirmed dead are added to the resurrection queue.

Xavier's Security Enforcers (X.S.E.) is the Krakoa-sanctioned team tasked with confirming mutant deaths.

They are lovingly referred to as the X-TREME X-MEN.



Adam X



Maggott



Professor X



Vulcan



Mr. Sinister



Pixie



Martinique



I WAS TOLD I WAS CREATED FOR GREATNESS. TO BE SOME KIND OF "SPACE KING."

ONLY FOR SOME **NOBODY** TO SWOOP IN AND TAKE IT ALL AWAY FROM ME...



...AS I LAID OUT IN A BED AT OUR MOTHER OF MERCY HOSPITAL.. SUFFERING FROM PULMONARY FIBROSIS. A DISEASE USUALLY DEVELOPED DURING OTHERWORLDLY TRAVEL. OR IN MY CASE, A SIDE EFFECT FROM LIVING ON AN ALIEN SPACECRAFT.

SO MUCH FOR THE "SPACE KING.."



IT'S HIM.

A FEW YEARS LATER, AND I SOMEHOW MANAGE TO FIND MYSELF IN AN EVEN WORSE DISPOSITION. WRIST-DEEP IN A BLOODY PULP OF WHAT ONCE WAS A MUTANT KNOWN AS **MASTERMIND**.

IF YOU HAVEN'T GUESSED, YET: I'M ALSO A MUTANT. BLESSED WITH THE ABILITY TO IGNITE OXYGENATED BLOOD. FOR THIS REASON, I CAN SMELL BLOOD IN THE AIR. ALMOST LIKE A SHARK IN THE WATER. I CAN ALSO RECOGNIZE IT.

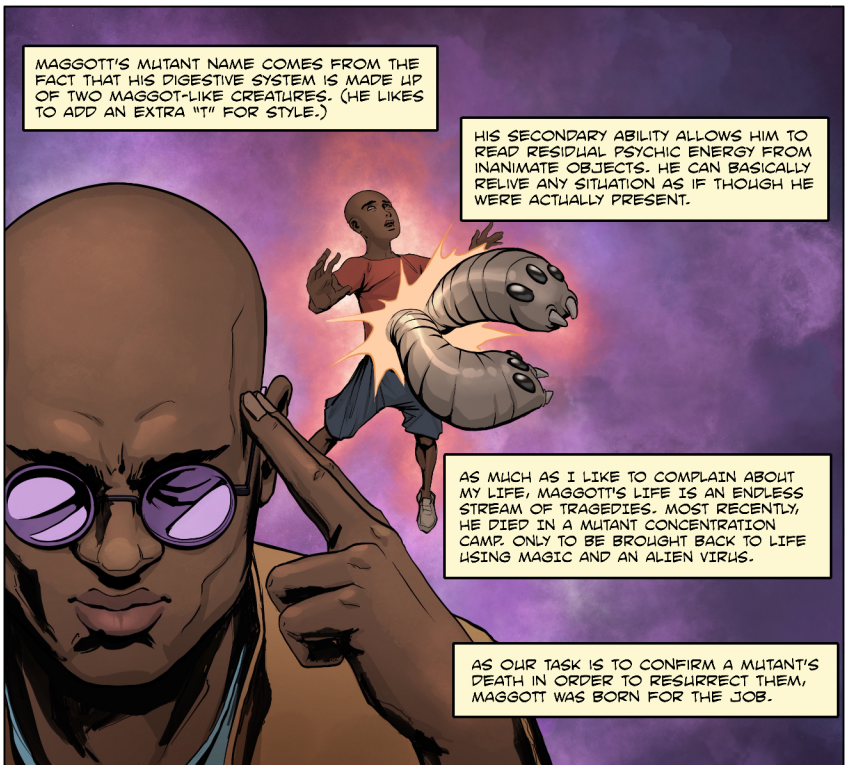
\* SEE THE NOW CLASSIC  
**CAPTAIN MARVEL (1995) #3**

\*\* ALSO SEE  
**X-MEN: DEADLY GENESIS**



GIVE ME A MINUTE AND I'LL BE ABLE TO TELL YOU EXACTLY WHAT WENT ON HERE.

THAT GUY FEELING UP THE WALL -- THAT'S *MAGGOTT*. MY PARTNER. IF YOU GUESSED THAT HE'S A MUTANT, TOO: THEN YOU WOULD BE RIGHT.




MAGGOTT'S MUTANT NAME COMES FROM THE FACT THAT HIS DIGESTIVE SYSTEM IS MADE UP OF TWO MAGGOT-LIKE CREATURES. (HE LIKES TO ADD AN EXTRA "T" FOR STYLE.)


HIS SECONDARY ABILITY ALLOWS HIM TO READ RESIDUAL PSYCHIC ENERGY FROM INANIMATE OBJECTS. HE CAN BASICALLY RELIVE ANY SITUATION AS IF THOUGH HE WERE ACTUALLY PRESENT.

AS MUCH AS I LIKE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MY LIFE, MAGGOTT'S LIFE IS AN ENDLESS STREAM OF TRAGEDIES. MOST RECENTLY, HE DIED IN A MUTANT CONCENTRATION CAMP. ONLY TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE USING MAGIC AND AN ALIEN VIRUS.


AS OUR TASK IS TO CONFIRM A MUTANT'S DEATH IN ORDER TO RESURRECT THEM, MAGGOTT WAS BORN FOR THE JOB.



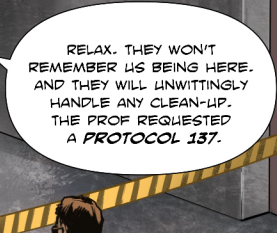
PROFESSOR, I'M SEEING A STRUGGLE BETWEEN TWO MUTANTS. THE AGGRESSOR IS MASKING THEIR IDENTITY WITH A PSIONIC FIELD. THIS ISN'T A HATE CRIME AS WE ASSUMED. THIS IS A MUTANT-ON-MUTANT CRIME.




THERE WAS ONLY ONE MUTANT THAT WAS WITHIN THE VICINITY AT THE TIME OF THE MURDER THAT IS CAPABLE OF SUCH A FEAT. WE NEED TO KEEP THIS AS AN IN-HOUSE INVESTIGATION.



I KNOW THE PROFESSOR HAS THESE GUYS PSYCHICALLY FROZEN IN PLACE. BUT THEIR GLARES ARE CREEPING ME OUT.



RELAX. THEY WON'T REMEMBER US BEING HERE. AND THEY WILL UNWITTINGLY HANDLE ANY CLEAN-UP. THE PROF REQUESTED A **PROTOCOL 137**.



RIGHT. THEN LET'S HEAD OUT. IT'S TIME TO--



--BURN!




A wide shot of a city street. A blue car is parked on the right. A man in a brown jacket and a black cap is walking away from the viewer on the left. Another man in a brown jacket and a black cap is standing on the right, looking towards the car. The background shows city buildings.

SO DO YOU ALWAYS  
HAVE TO SAY "BURN"  
TO IGNITE BLOOD?

PSYCHIC ENERGY  
REVERBERATES OFF WALLS  
LIKE SOUND WAVES. YOU  
GET A CLEARER IMAGE  
OF THE ENTIRE SITE. LIKE  
"PSYCHIC ECHOLOCATION."

IT'S FOR  
STYLE POINTS.


WHILE WE'RE  
GRILLING EACH OTHER  
ABOUT OUR POWERS:  
WHY TOUCH THE WALLS  
INSTEAD OF THE GROUND AROUND  
THE BODY?

A close-up of a man with a black cap and a brown jacket. He is looking down at a black object he is holding in his hand. The background is a plain wall.

AND HOW DO  
YOUR SLUGS FACTOR  
INTO THIS ABILITY?

A close-up of the same man from the previous panel. He is now holding a large, tan-colored slug with black eyes. He has a surprised or concerned expression on his face.

THEY DON'T. I LEFT  
**MEENY** AND **MINY**  
HERE. THERE  
ARE MY GIRLS!

A close-up of a man with glasses and a brown jacket. He is holding a large, tan-colored slug with black eyes. He has a serious expression on his face.

SPEAKING OF LADIES,  
THE PROF IS SENDING  
SOMEONE TO HELP US  
SECURE THE PERP.







HE WAS A LIVING MUTANT.  
THE COUNCIL WILL DECIDE  
YOUR FATE.




"YOU'VE BEEN QUIET THIS WHOLE RIDE.  
YOU ALRIGHT, MATE?"

I'VE JUST BEEN THINKING ABOUT  
WHAT THAT WYNGARDE GIRL SAID ABOUT  
CLONES. AND WHAT MAKES THE MUTANTS  
BEING REBORN THROUGH KRAKOA ANY  
DIFFERENT? AREN'T THEY JUST CLONES,  
TOO?











ALRIGHT, SINISTER.  
I APPRECIATE THE  
SPONSORSHIP TO HEAD UP  
THE X.S.E. TEAM. BUT  
IF YOU THINK THIS IS  
GOING TO MAKE US BEST  
BUDS, YOU'RE OUT OF  
YOUR MIND.



WELL, I WANTED TO PREPARE YOU  
FOR YOUR NEW ROLE. YOU'LL  
GET A SLIGHT SENSORY BOOST. ALONG  
WITH AN INTERNAL BLOOD CATALOG OF  
ALL KNOWN MUTANTS. YOU'LL BE ABLE  
TO TRACK ANY MUTANT THAT BLEEDS  
WITH A HOUND-LIKE PRECISION.



AND WE'RE MORE THAN "BEST BUDS,"  
ADAM. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, YOU AND I GO  
WAY BACK. I FIGURED NOW WOULD BE AN  
OPPORTUNE TIME TO GIVE YOU  
A LITTLE HISTORY LESSON ON  
YOUR OWN ORIGINS.

LONG AGO, "IMMORTALITY" USED TO HAVE A DIFFERENT MEANING. YOUR PROGENY WAS EXPECTED TO TAKE OVER FOR YOU WHEN YOU PASSED. WHEN MY FIRST SON, **ADAM ESSEX**, DIED BEFORE HE COULD SPEAK, I REALIZED HE'D NEVER HAVE A REAL CHANCE TO DISAPPOINT ME. AFTER ALL, MY AMBITIONS...



...WERE FAR GREATER THAN A SINGLE LIFETIME COULD HOPE TO ACHIEVE. ADAM'S DEATH INSPIRED MY QUEST FOR "IMMORTALITY" IN THE ACTUAL SENSE. MY WORK ATTRACTED **APOCALYPSE**, WHO OFFERED HIS ADVANCED ALIEN TECHNOLOGY AND DATABASE.

EVEN WITH ALL THIS, I WAS DECADES AWAY FROM A VIABLE METHOD OF RESURRECTION. UNTIL I STUMBLED UPON A **MYSTICAL** ALTERNATIVE.



IN ORDER TO GET TO THE PHOENIX FORCE, I NEEDED TO GET TO THE **MIKRAAN CRYSTAL** -- WHICH WAS GUARDED BY THE **SHI'AR EMPIRE**.

ADAM STANISLAW  
**ESSEX**

Beloved son of  
Nathan  
and Rebecca

I FOUND AN ALLY, IN **ERIK THE RED**. SOMEONE WHO WAS MORE THAN WILLING TO OVERTHROW THE CURRENT **SHI'AR DYNASTY**, THE **NERAMANI** FAMILY.



THAT'S WHEN I OFFERED A TRADE. I WOULD USE MY EXPERTISE IN GENETICS TO CREATE A MUTANT WITH **NERAMANI** BLOOD TO RIGHTFULLY CLAIM THE THRONE. (UNBEKNOWNST TO ERIK, I USED MY OWN GENES IN THE MIX, SHOULD I WANT TO EVER OVERTHROW THE EMPIRE MYSELF.)

IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR CREATION, ERIK WOULD TAKE THE **SUMMERS** PARENTS AWAY AND LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN TO ME. (AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THEY WERE UNDER XAVIER'S WATCHFUL EYE AND I NEEDED TO KEEP MY ANONYMITY.)




YOU WERE CREATED USING THE LAST REMNANTS OF ADAM ESSEX MATERIAL IN MY POSSESSION. HENCE YOUR BIRTH NAME, **ADAM X**. AND IF YOUR EXPLOSIVE ENERGY POWERS SEEM FAMILIAR, BY THIS POINT, ALL MY GREATEST PROJECTS HAD SOME FORM OF **SUMMERS** GENES SPLICED IN FOR GOOD MEASURE.



AND IF IT WEREN'T OBVIOUS ENOUGH, I BEGAN SPLICING MY OWN GENETIC MATERIAL INTO THE **SUMMERS** BLOODLINE, WHICH EXPLAINS THE STARTLING SIMILARITY **GABRIEL SUMMERS** POSES TO YOURS TRULY. IT ALSO EXPLAINS WHY HE HAD A SUDDEN URGE TO FLY INTO SPACE AND OVERTHROW THE **SHI'AR EMPIRE**. WHAT CAN I SAY? THIS AMBITION: IT'S GENETIC.






THEN GABRIEL SUMMERS DIED.  
WE CLONED-- I MEAN, RESURRECTED  
HIM. THROUGH KRAKOA. WITH NO MEMORY  
OF EVER BECOMING THE SHI'AR EMPEROR.

SO GABRIEL-- VULCAN.  
IS MY BROTHER?

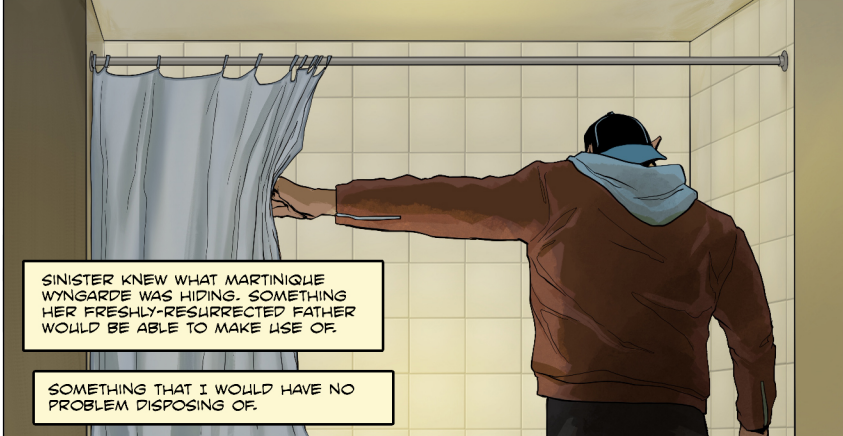
WELL, I GUESS THAT  
DOES SORT OF MAKE  
YOU "BROTHERS." AND  
I, YOUR FATHER.

TELL ME ABOUT  
THE **ORIGINAL** ADAM.

YOUR LIFE IS YOUR OWN, ADAM X.  
ALTHOUGH BY DEFINITION, YOU ARE A CLONE,  
THE DEFINITION OF "CLONES" HAS CHANGED DRASTICALLY.  
IF YOU WERE TO DIE, KRAKOAN RESURRECTION OF A CLONE  
SUCH AS YOURSELF, MAY DILUTE WHAT MAKES YOU SPECIAL.  
YOU MAY HAVE NEVER BECOME SHI'AR EMPEROR, BUT IN OUR  
LINE OF WORK, DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS IS  
THE END OF YOUR STORY?



SOMETHING SINISTER SAID.  
I THINK WE NEED TO GO BACK.  
I HAVE A FEELING WE MAY HAVE  
MISSED SOMETHING AT  
MARTINIQUE'S PLACE.



SINISTER KNEW WHAT MARTINIQUE WYNGARDE WAS HIDING. SOMETHING HER FRESHLY-RESURRECTED FATHER WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE USE OF.

SOMETHING THAT I WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM DISPOSING OF.



A GIFT?

A TEST?

WHAT IS IT,  
ADAM?



THE ORIGINAL  
VULCAN.

IN A  
PHOENIX FORCE  
COCOON.

**TO BE  
CONTINUED...**

"YOU KNEW WHAT YOU WERE  
DOING WHEN YOU SENT US TO  
MARTINIQUE'S PLACE."

"YOU KNEW WHAT WE'D FIND--"



I HAD SUSPICIONS. WE  
NEVER FOUND THE  
ORIGINAL VULCAN'S BODY.

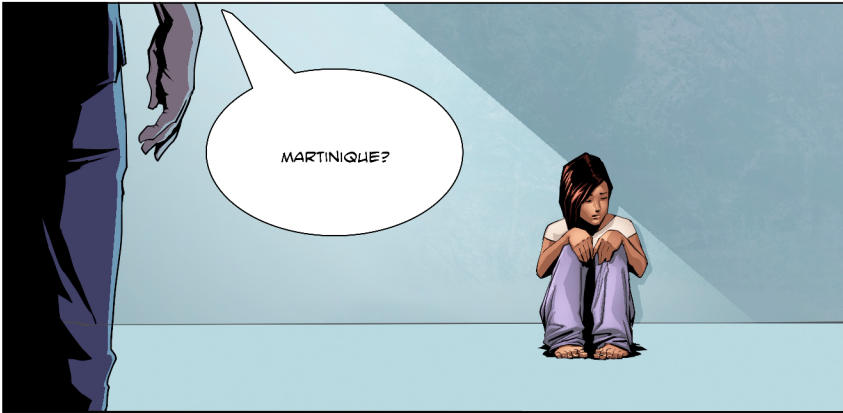
THEN THE PHOENIX FORCE  
APPEARED AS A BLIP ON THE  
RADAR AND QUICKLY  
DISAPPEARED.

WE NEVER FIGURED  
OUT HOW OR WHY.

MARTINIQUE  
REFUSES TO TALK.

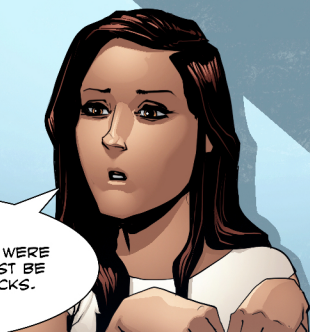
NO WORRIES. WE  
GOT THE ONE  
PERSON WHO SHE  
WOULD OPEN  
UP TO.







WHAT'S WRONG,  
DARLIN'?

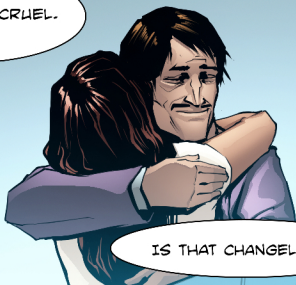


AS MUCH AS I WISH IT WERE  
YOU, I KNOW THIS MUST BE  
ONE OF XAVIER'S TRICKS.



GO ON AND  
CHECK DADDY'S  
NOGGIN.

THIS SEEMS CRUEL.



IS THAT CHANGELING?

HE GOES BY "MORPH" NOW.

HE TRADED CODENAMES WITH BENJAMIN DEEDS  
FOR SOME HIGH-VALUE COLLECTIBLE HE SEALED  
AWAY BEFORE HIS DEATH AT THE HANDS OF  
**GROTESK** SO MANY YEARS AGO.



AND HOW DOES **MORPH**  
EXPECT TO GET AWAY WITH  
GETTING HIS MIND READ BY  
SUCH A POWERFUL TELEPATH  
LIKE MARTINIQUE?

YOU'RE FORGETTING THAT  
XAVIER HAS BEEN RECORDING  
ALL MUTANTS' MEMORIES  
USING CEREBRO. IT'S HOW  
WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO  
RESURRECT EVERYONE.

BEFORE WE GIVE INTO ACTUALLY  
RESURRECTING JASON  
WYNGARDE, WE NEED TO FIND  
OUT WHAT IS MARTINIQUE'S  
SCHEME. SO FOR THE TIME  
BEING, MORPH IS JASON  
WYNGARDE.







YOU KNOW, YOU SORT OF  
ALREADY RESEMBLED JASON  
WYNGARDE.



NOT A  
COINCIDENCE.  
I'VE KNOWN  
JASE FOR  
YEARS.

WE'LL GET  
BACK TO THAT  
SOME OTHER  
TIME!



WHAT MARTINIQUE  
REVEALED IS ALREADY  
COMPLICATED AS IT IS.

WHERE DO  
I BEGIN?

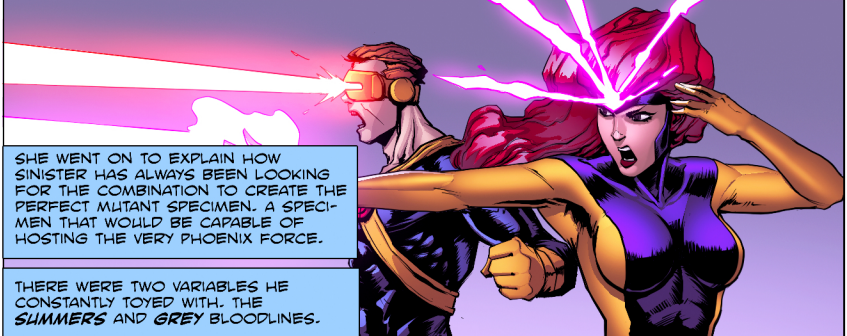


TELL ME HOW  
DID YOU DO IT?



I DIDN'T.

I DIDN'T  
KILL YOUR  
CLONE.


A comic book panel showing Jean Grey with her red hair and purple and yellow costume, emitting bright pink psychic energy from her forehead. Cyclops, wearing his orange visor and blue and yellow uniform, is positioned behind her, looking towards the left. The background is a simple purple and blue gradient.

SHE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN HOW SINISTER HAS ALWAYS BEEN LOOKING FOR THE COMBINATION TO CREATE THE PERFECT MUTANT SPECIMEN. A SPECIMEN THAT WOULD BE CAPABLE OF HOSTING THE VERY PHOENIX FORCE.

THERE WERE TWO VARIABLES HE CONSTANTLY TOYED WITH. THE **SUMMERS** AND **GREY** BLOODLINES.

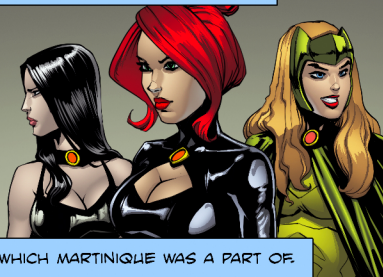


THINGS EVENTUALLY WENT SOUTH AND MADELYNE DIED.

A background illustration in the top right corner of the panel showing Jean Grey lying on her back on a wooden floor, appearing unconscious or dead. Another woman with red hair, wearing a yellow and black outfit, is standing over her, looking down.

ONE ATTEMPT TO GET THESE TWO BLOODLINES TO CROSS-OVER WAS THROUGH THE USE OF **MADELYNE PRYOR** (A CLONE OF JEAN GREY) WITH A HEART-BROKEN SCOTT SUMMERS (A.K.A. CYCLOPS).

MADELYNE'S PSYCHIC GHOST RETURNED FROM THE DEAD AND CREATED THE SISTERHOOD.



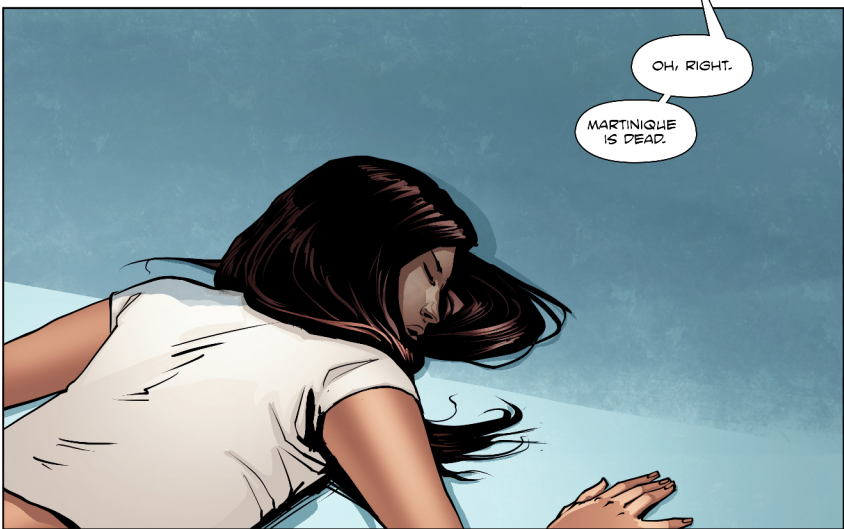
WHICH MARTINIQUE WAS A PART OF.

MADELYNE ATTEMPTED TO TAKE OVER WHAT SHE THOUGHT WAS THE "REAL JEAN GREY'S" CADAVER. ONLY IT TURNED OUT TO BE SOMEBODY ELSE'S.



THIS DIDN'T END WELL FOR MADELYNE.





SINISTER'S "ABANDONED" LAB  
NEW YORK SEWERS



YOU CAN  
COME OUT.



I KNOW  
YOU'RE HERE.

I NEVER  
LEFT, ADAM.



THIS PLACE IS ALL  
I KNOW. IT IS HOME.

THIS IS WHERE  
**WE** WERE CREATED.









I HAVE DIED SIX TIMES  
THIS PAST MONTH TRYING  
TO STOP... HER.

THE VERY MENTION  
OF HER NAME.

LIKE SOME KIND  
OF PSYCHIC VIRUS.

HER MUTANT  
POWER TO BECOME  
FORGOTTEN HAS  
INFECTED THEIR  
MINDS.



A CONTAGIOUS PSYCHIC  
ALZHEIMER'S THAT UNRAVELS  
THEIR THOUGHTS--

MEMORY BY MEMORY.



UNTIL THERE'S  
NOTHING LEFT.



BUT SHE WAS  
CREATED FOR THE  
PHOENIX FORCE.

AND FOR YOU.



A KING NEEDED  
HIS QUEEN.

YOU WERE ENGINEERED  
TO BE IMMUNE TO  
EACH OTHER.

EVE X.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE  
THAT CAN STOP HER!

NNN-AAAAAHH!

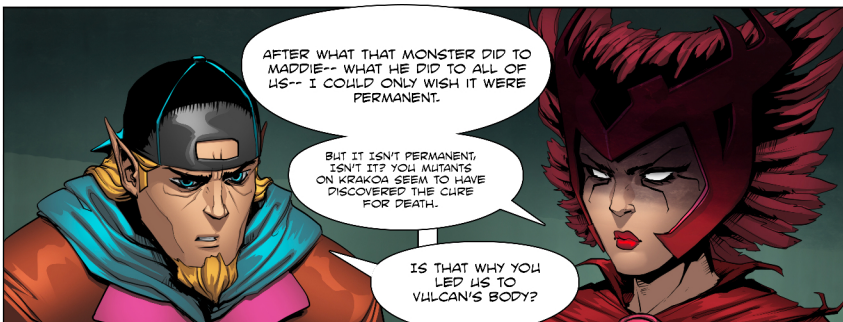
"YOU ALSO KILLED SINISTER."



AFTER WHAT THAT MONSTER DID TO  
MADDIE-- WHAT HE DID TO ALL OF  
US-- I COULD ONLY WISH IT WERE  
PERMANENT.

BUT IT ISN'T PERMANENT,  
ISN'T IT? YOU MUTANTS  
ON KRAKOA SEEM TO HAVE  
DISCOVERED THE CURE  
FOR DEATH.

IS THAT WHY YOU  
LED US TO  
VULCAN'S BODY?

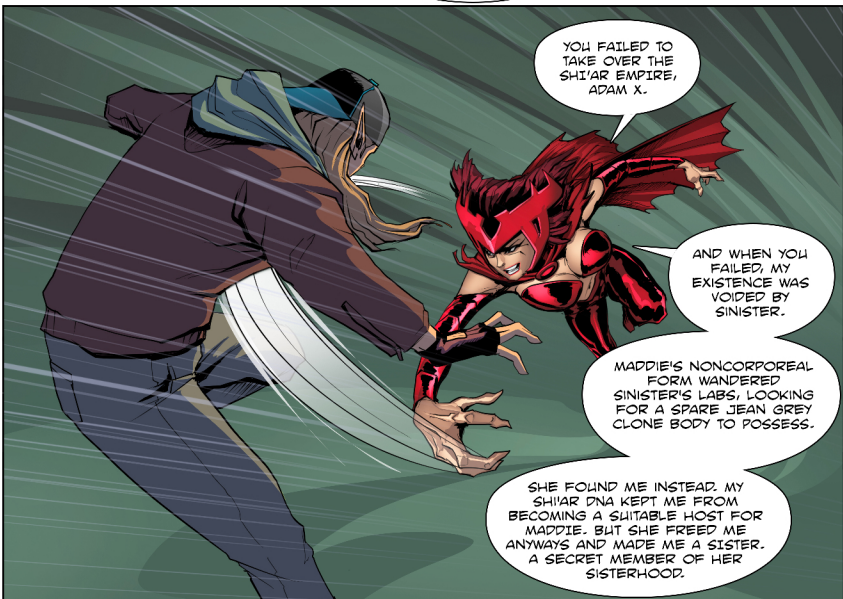


YOU FAILED TO  
TAKE OVER THE  
SHI'AR EMPIRE,  
ADAM X.

AND WHEN YOU  
FAILED, MY  
EXISTENCE WAS  
VOIDED BY  
SINISTER.

MADDIE'S NONCORPOREAL  
FORM WANDERED  
SINISTER'S LABS, LOOKING  
FOR A SPARE JEAN GREY  
CLONE BODY TO POSSESS.

SHE FOUND ME INSTEAD. MY  
SHI'AR DNA KEPT ME FROM  
BECOMING A SUITABLE HOST FOR  
MADDIE. BUT SHE FREED ME  
ANYWAYS AND MADE ME A SISTER.  
A SECRET MEMBER OF HER  
SISTERHOOD.







JUST GO BACK TO KRAKOA  
AND RESURRECT  
*EMPEROR VULCAN.*



I MEAN,  
HE DID  
DIE.

VULCAN AND I WOULD  
HAVE MADE A BETTER  
PAIRING.

SOUNDS LIKE  
HE FAILED TO  
ME.

I WILL END  
THIS EXPERIMENT  
THAT BOUNDS US.  
ONCE AND FOR ALL!



YOU'RE DELUSIONAL, EVE.

NUMBER ONE, YOU CAN'T HURT ME.  
WE WERE CREATED TO PERFECTLY  
COUNTER ONE ANOTHER.

AND TWO, VULCAN WAS MARRIED. AND  
ALTHOUGH YOU DO BEAR A PASSING  
RESEMBLANCE TO HIS WIFE-- I DOUBT  
HE WOULD WANT YOU.

AND GUESS WHAT?









# WHAT IS CANON



ASTRA CREATED A MASTERMIND CLONE BACK IN *MAGNETO: NOT A HERO* MINI-SERIES



THE BACKSTORY OF ADAM ESSEX IS FIRST SEEN IN *FURTHER ADVENTURES OF CYCLOPS AND PHOENIX* MINI-SERIES



SINISTER REVEALED HIS FASCINATION WITH THE PHOENIX DURING THE ORIGINAL INFERNO SAGA, THEN LATER, IN *UNCANNY X-MEN (2ND SERIES) #14*



SINISTER KEEPS TABS ON ERIC THE RED AS SEEN IN *X-MEN (2ND SERIES) #39*



OF ALL HUMANS TO REMOVE FROM EARTH, ERIC THE RED CHOSE TO TAKE THE TWO THAT WERE BLOCKING SINISTER'S PLANS.



THIS COULD EXPLAIN THE SIMILARITY IN CLONING TECHNOLOGY BETWEEN SINISTER AND THE SHI'AR. A DEAL -- A TRADE EVEN?



ADAM X'S LINK TO THE SHI'AR WAS HINTED WAY BACK IN *CAPTAIN MARVEL (3RD SERIES) #2-3*



THE SAGA OF VULCAN BEGINS IN *X-MEN: DEADLY GENESIS* AND *X-MEN: RISE AND FALL OF THE SHI'AR EMPIRE*



BESIDES HAVING AN UNCANNY RESEMBLANCE TO EACH OTHER, CHANGELING AND MASTERMIND WERE BOTH A PART OF *FACTOR THREE*. SEE *UNCANNY X-MEN (1ST SERIES) #35*



CHANGELING AND MASTERMIND ALSO SEEM TO SHARE A HISTORY IN THE *AGE OF APOCALYPSE* TIMELINE -- WHICH ISN'T TOO DIFFERENT FROM OUR UNIVERSE. SEE *X-MAN ANNUAL #1*



SIMILARLY, EVE X'S EXISTENCE WAS HINTED IN *X-MEN: AGE OF APOCALYPSE: WARZONES!*