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In many realities, mutants and humans live alongside one another. Mutants are people whose X-Gene grants them special abilities. Over the course of history, this has often caused fear and suspicion in the rest of the population. Some mutants believe in peaceful coexistence with humans. Others believe mutants will only be safe once they have total rule. In one reality, a fierce battle between these opposing sides led to the creation of an evil so powerful, it now threatens the Multiverse, and there's only one team of mutants who stands a chance of stopping it...

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"PEOPLE I RESPECTED...
PEOPLE I **LOVED**...USED TO
SAY THE BETTER ANGELS
OF OUR NATURE WOULD WIN
OUT IN THE END.

"I'D SEEN TOO
MUCH THAT PROVED
OTHERWISE. WORLD
WARS. GREED. HATE.

"**APOCALYPSE** TAKIN'
OVER THE UNITED
STATES. DECLARIN'
WAR ON HUMANITY.

"HUMANITY WAGIN' WAR
RIGHT BACK. BOTH SIDES
NUKIN' EACH OTHER ON
THE REGULAR.

"SO, MUCH AS I
MIGHTA WANTED TO,
I COULD NEVER BRING
MYSELF TO BELIEVE
WE EVEN **HAD** BETTER
NATURES, NEVER MIND
THAT THEY'D **WIN**.

"THAT ATTITUDE
COST ME THE
WOMAN I LOVED.

"**TWICE.** "THEY BELIEVED
SOMETHIN' I NEVER
COULD, AND IT DROVE
US APART. I GUESS
THAT'S WHY I JOINED
UP WITH YOU..."

...**PHOENIX.**

I MEAN,
SURE, PART OF IT'S
'CAUSE YOU'RE **JEAN GREY**.
A **DIFFERENT** JEAN THAN
THE ONE I LOVED, BUT
STILL HER.

AND I WANTED
TO TRY TO MAKE THINGS
RIGHT, JUST A LITTLE. BUT
ALSO, I GUESS...SELFISH
AS THIS SOUNDS...

...I WANTED TO
GIVE THE UNIVERSE
ONE LAST CHANCE TO
PROVE ITSELF TO **ME**.
BUT I GOTTA
TELL YA...

WOLVERINE OF
EARTH-9997,
A.K.A. EARTH X.

WOLVERINE OF
EARTH-807128,
CONQUERED BY
EARTH'S SUPER
VILLAINS.

WOLVERINE OF
EARTH-2149, OVERRUN
BY AN UNDEAD CONTAGION.

JANE HOWLETT
OF EARTH-1281,
CIRCA 1909 CE.

...IT AIN'T
OFF TO A GREAT
START.





YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, BUB. SEEMS T' ME YER A FEW CLAWS SHORT 'A THE REST OF US.

YER ABOUT TA FIND OUT THE **SHARP** WAY, FATSO.



I **AIN'T** FAT. HEALIN' FACTOR WON'T ALLOW IT.

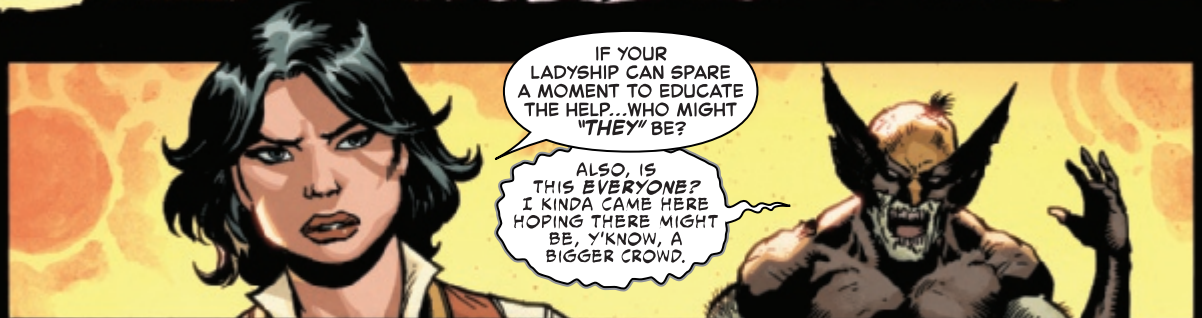
YOU SURE THAT **AIN'T** A **DENIAL** FACTOR?



GENTLEMEN, PLEASE. THE **PHOENIX FORCE** CHOSE THE FIVE OF YOU. IT HAD ITS REASONS, AS...MYSTERIOUS AS THEY MAY BE.

THERE'S NO TIME TO FIGHT AMONG OURSELVES. ONE EARTH'S ALREADY DIED. AND EVERY SECOND WE DELAY, THE MONSTER RESPONSIBLE GETS **STRONGER**.

WE HAVE TO **FIND** THEM BEFORE THEY BECOME **UNSTOPPABLE**.



IF YOUR LADYSHIP CAN SPARE A MOMENT TO EDUCATE THE HELP...WHO MIGHT **"THEY"** BE?

ALSO, IS THIS **EVERYONE**? I KINDA CAME HERE HOPING THERE MIGHT BE, Y'KNOW, A BIGGER CROWD.



THIS SHOULD CALM YOUR UNDEAD HUNGER.

I'LL BE DAMNED, IT WORKED. NOT GONNA GET A FIVE-STAR REVIEW, BUT...



YOU LOOK LIKE YER FROM OLDEN TIMES, KID. NOWADAYS, FOLKS WHO DON'T WANNA BE PINNED DOWN AS A GUY OR GAL USE **"THEY/THEM"** PRONOUNS.

KINDA DRAMATIC FOR MY TASTES, BUT I'M THE GUY WHO WEARS HIS HAIR LIKE **THIS**, SO WHO AM I TA JUDGE?


SUCH PERSONS HAVE EXISTED THROUGHOUT HISTORY, SIR, AND ARE HARDLY UNUSUAL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD **NINETEEN-UGHT-NINE**.

I MERELY SOUGHT CLARITY AS TO OUR FOE'S **ABILITIES**.



OUR ENEMY IS CALLED **ONSLAUGHT** AND ISN'T A PHYSICAL BEING AT ALL...

...BUT RATHER THE DARKEST, MOST RUTHLESS PARTS OF **TWO** BEINGS...ONE OF THEM **ME**.



I'M JEAN GREY.
ALL BUT JANE KNOW
A VERSION OF ME. AS A
CHILD, MY MENTAL POWERS
AWAKENED WHEN MY BEST
FRIEND WAS FATALLY
HIT BY A CAR.

I WAS IN
HER MIND WHEN
SHE DIED. THE
EXPERIENCE SHAPED
ME FOREVER...
FOR GOOD
AND ILL.

I WAS
RECRUITED TO
THE X-MEN BY
CHARLES XAVIER, WHO
DREAMED OF PEACEFUL
COEXISTENCE BETWEEN
US *MUTANTS* AND
HUMANITY.

"IN THIS HE WAS OPPOSED
BY *MAGNETO*, A HOLOCAUST
SURVIVOR WHO BELIEVED THERE
WOULD NEVER BE PEACE AND
SOUGHT MUTANT RULE.

"ON ONE OF MANY EARTHS
IN THE MULTIVERSE, THESE
TRAUMATIZED PEOPLE BATTLED.
XAVIER WAS KILLED...

"...AND THAT WORLD'S
JEAN GREY *SHUT DOWN*
MAGNETO'S MIND.

"BUT PART OF MAGNETO
SURVIVED...THE FEAR,
THE HATE, THE *DARKEST*
SIDE. IT COMBINED WITH
JEAN'S OWN, GATHERING
POWER WITHIN HER.

"BECOMING ITS OWN BEING...A CREATURE
OF LIMITLESS MENTAL ENERGY. SENSING
THE DANGER IT POSED TO THE ENTIRE
MULTIVERSE, I SUMMONED HELP...

"...THE *ORIGINAL X-MEN*, AS
TEENAGERS, WITH THEIR IDEALS
INTACT. THEY EXPOSED ONSLAUGHT
AND DESTROYED ITS PHYSICAL FORM...

"...BUT AT GREAT COST.
THAT *ENTIRE WORLD*
WAS CONSUMED IN THE
ENERGY BACKLASH.

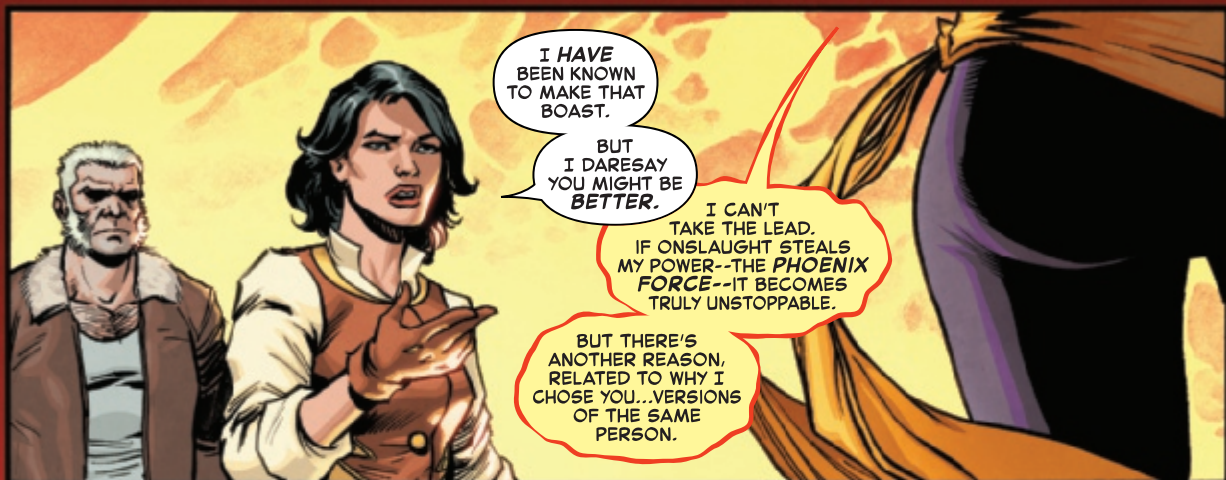
"YET ONSLAUGHT,
THOUGH WEAKENED,
SURVIVED."



ONSLAUGHT
ESCAPED INTO
THE MULTIVERSE. IT'S
HIDING ITS TRACKS,
NO DOUBT WORKING
ON REBUILDING
ITS POWER.

I NEED
YOU TO FIND IT,
WOLVERINES FROM
ACROSS THE
MULTIVERSE...

...BECAUSE
YOU'RE THE **BEST**
THERE IS AT WHAT
YOU DO.



I HAVE
BEEN KNOWN
TO MAKE THAT
BOAST.

BUT
I DARE SAY
YOU MIGHT BE
BETTER.

I CAN'T
TAKE THE LEAD.
IF ONSLAUGHT STEALS
MY POWER--THE **PHOENIX**
FORCE--IT BECOMES
TRULY UNSTOPPABLE.

BUT THERE'S
ANOTHER REASON.
RELATED TO WHY I
CHOSE YOU...VERSIONS
OF THE SAME
PERSON.



IF
ONSLAUGHT
CORRUPTS AN
EARTH...

...INFESTS THE
MINDS OF ALL ITS
PEOPLE, AS IT DID TO
ITS HOMEWORLD--
THAT PLACE IS
BEYOND HELP.

I NEED TO
SAVE MY POWER
TO **DESTROY**
IT.



I KNOW I
CAN TRUST YOU TO
FIGHT TO YOUR **LAST**
BREATHS TO SAVE
ANY EARTH FROM
THAT FATE.

I ALSO
KNOW I CAN TRUST
YOU TO MAKE THE HARD
CALL WHEN THERE'S NO
OTHER CHOICE.