



"WE SEEK TO FIND THE DIVINITY WITHIN AND TO EXPRESS THIS REVELATION IN AN EXCHANGE WITH OTHERS."

NO JOKE, GUYS...



"WE COULD REALLY USE SOME DIVINITY RIGHT NOW."



EYE-BOY IS HURT BADLY, DAZZLER.

I'M...I'M FINE, UNVEIL. THE LIGHT RIDERS HAVE A MISSION.

GIVEN TO US BY EN SABAH NUR HIMSELF.

YEAH. A MISSION.



"TO RESCUE AN IMPRISONED, ISOLATED MUTANT COMMUNIST, AND DO IT BEFORE THE X-MEN CAPTURE HIM AND USE HIM FOR THEIR OWN ENDS."



THE X-MEN SENT ONE OF THEIR BLACK-BOOT X-TREMIST SQUADS AFTER THIS MONSTER...



"...AND NOW THEY'RE ALL DEADDER THAN HOPE."



"EVAN WILL  
STAY WITH TREVOR.  
LUNVEIL AND I WILL  
GO CONTINUE THE  
MISSION TO FIND  
OMEGA RED."

"BUT IT'S  
NO LONGER  
A RESCUE  
MISSION."



**TIMES SQUARE.**  
MANHATTAN.

HOLY HOPE--IT'S THEM!

THE MARVELOUS X-MEN!

YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, PETEY?

WHY DO YOU ASK, X-23?

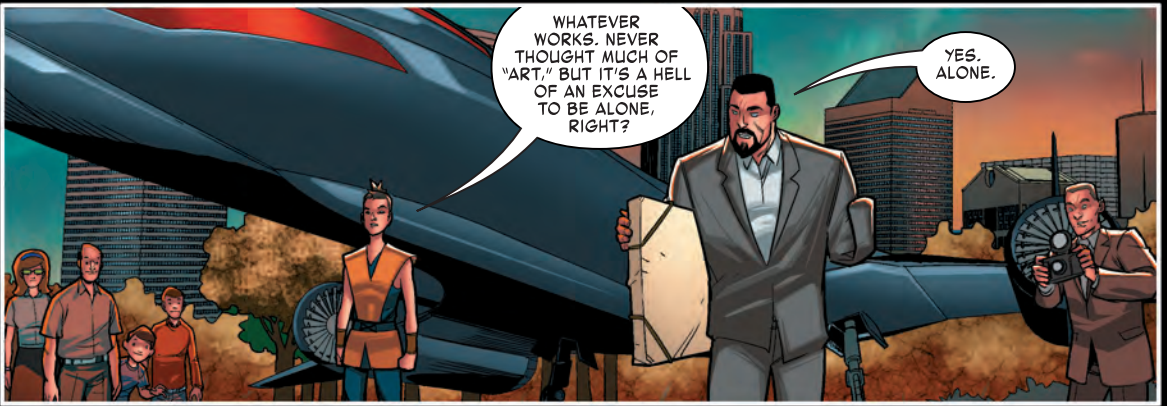
I PUNNO. YOU'VE JUST BEEN ACTING KINDA WEIRD SINCE THAT EN SABAH NUR RALLY. KINDA... SPACEY.

I'M AN ARTIST, LAURA. YOU KNOW HOW PEOPLE SUCH AS WE CAN BE WHEN WE ARE *INSPIRED*.

AND I'VE BEEN INSPIRED ENOUGH TO PRODUCE MUCH NEW WORK FOR MY GALLERY.

INSPIRED? BY THAT TOUCHY-FEELY NUTCASE?

NO, NO, OF COURSE NOT. BY MY...*REVULSION* AT SUCH THINGS AS HE SPOKE OF.



WHATEVER WORKS. NEVER THOUGHT MUCH OF "ART," BUT IT'S A HELL OF AN EXCUSE TO BE ALONE, RIGHT?

YES. ALONE.



"EVERYTHING GOOD COMES FROM BEING ALONE WITH YOURSELF."

ALWAYS I'VE BEEN ALONE AND CONTENT.



THIS...ALL OF THIS INSPIRATION...IS SIMPLY THE EFFECT OF AN IDEOLOGY THAT HAS SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE AND MUST BE CONTAINED...



...TO THIS ROOM.



THAT'S ME, ISN'T IT?