

# X-MEN

# BATTLEWORLD

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED.

THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 WERE  
POWERLESS TO SAVE IT!

NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS  
**BATTLEWORLD!**

A MASSIVE PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE  
FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST,  
MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER,  
VICTOR VON DOOM!

EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

FIVE YEARS AGO, THE INFERNO CONSUMED NEW YORK CITY. ILLYANA RASPUTIN, INFECTED BY ITS DARK ENERGIES, WAS TRANSFORMED INTO THE DARKCHILD, BECOMING RULER OF THE INFERNO'S DEMON HORDES. TO CONTAIN THE INFERNO, MANHATTAN WAS QUARANTINED AND SEALED OFF.

BUT ONCE EVERY YEAR, PIOTR RASPUTIN, THE MUTANT COLOSSUS, VENTURES INTO THE HELLISH LANDSCAPE TO TRY TO RESCUE HIS SISTER, ILLYANA. EVERY YEAR HE HAS FAILED. BUT WITH FEW LEFT WILLING TO FIGHT BY HIS SIDE, THE X-MEN WERE QUICKLY OVERRUN BY THE DARKCHILD'S FORCES. WITH NIGHTCRAWLER CAPTURED AND BOOM BOOM POTENTIALLY DEAD, COLOSSUS WAS FORCED TO ALLY WITH THE GOBLIN QUEEN HERSELF, MADELYNE PRYOR. GIFTING HIM WITH HIS SISTER'S SOULSWORD, COLOSSUS DECIMATED ILLYANA'S DEMONS AND JOINED PRYOR IN HER PLANS TO DETHRONE THE DARKCHILD.

BUT COLOSSUS' SISTER HAS PLANS OF HER OWN. USING HER MAGIC, SHE PLUNGED HER FIST INTO THE CAPTURED NIGHTCRAWLER'S CHEST, CORRUPTING HIS SOUL AND TRANSFORMING HIM INTO A MASSIVE, IMMENSELY POWERFUL DEMON. A DEMON ONLY SHE CAN CONTROL. A DEMON THAT CAN TURN THE TIDE IN HER WAR WITH THE X-MEN!

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**LIMBO.  
ILLYANA'S LAIR...**

I'VE BEEN HERE  
ONCE BEFORE.

ONE YEAR AGO, I  
SCRATCHED AND  
CLAWED MY WAY  
UP THIS TOWER.



I STOOD IN THIS VERY  
SPOT AND STARED AT  
THAT BLACK ONYX DOOR.

BUT THIS IS  
NOTHING LIKE  
LAST YEAR.

THERE ARE NO DEMONS  
LEFT TO SLAY. THIS BATTLE  
HAS ALREADY BEEN WON.



MY SISTER ILLYANA  
IS THROUGH THOSE  
DOORS.

ALL I HAVE  
LEFT TO DO--



--IS GO AND  
GET HER.

**SNASH**





WHAT IS THIS?!

WHERE IS SHE?!

WHERE IS ILLYANA?

WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING AT, MADELYNE?



HA. OH, COLOSSUS...I WAS PLAYING AT WAR...

...BUT YOUR SISTER SEEMS TO BE PLAYING A DIFFERENT GAME.



WE JUST NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THAT IS EXACTLY.

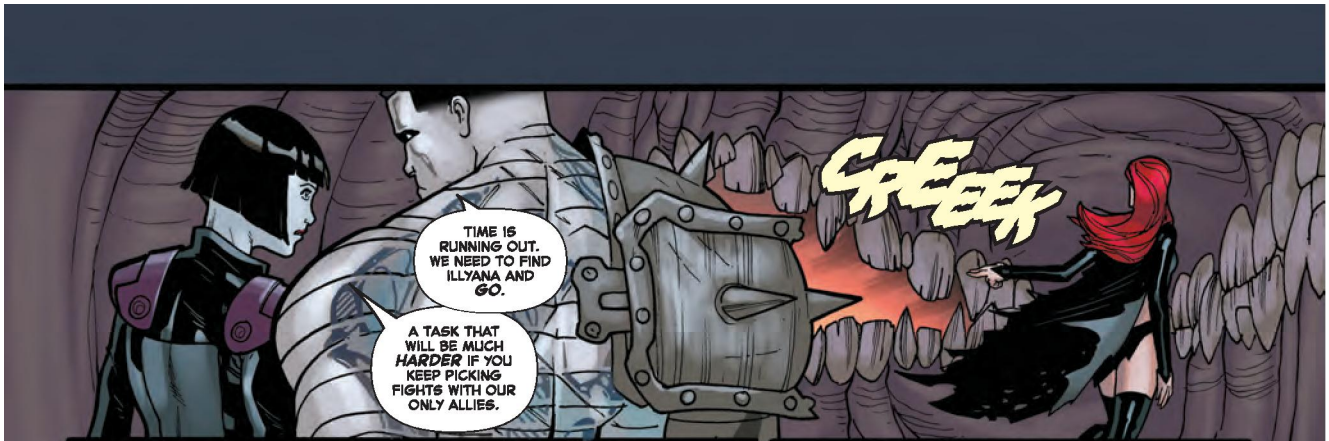
I'LL KILL YOU! WE HAD A DEAL!

YOU GOTTA RELAX, BABE.

SMART AND SEXY, COLOSSUS. DOMINO SEEMS LIKE A KEEPER.

THIS ISN'T HER TRICK.

PRYOR WOULDN'T HAVE GONE TO ALL THE TROUBLE OF GIVING YOU THAT SOULSWORD IF SHE'D KNOWN ILLYANA WASN'T UP HERE.



TIME IS RUNNING OUT. WE NEED TO FIND ILLYANA AND GO.

A TASK THAT WILL BE MUCH HARDER IF YOU KEEP PICKING FIGHTS WITH OUR ONLY ALLIES.

GRRR



I DON'T TRUST HER, NEENA.

WELL, OF COURSE YOU DON'T, PETE. SHE'S CLEARLY QUITE EVIL.

BUT WE'RE KIND OF IN HELL... WHERE OUR TEAM-UP OPTIONS ARE SEVERELY LIMITED.



I SUPPOSE.

WE ONLY HAVE TO TRUST HER A TINY BIT.

THINK OF HER AS A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT. SHE'S A PLAYER IN HERE. SHE KNOWS THE LAY OF THE LAND BETTER THAN WE EVER WILL AND--

ACTUALLY...



...I DON'T THINK THAT PARTICULAR EXPERTISE WILL BE OF MUCH HELP.

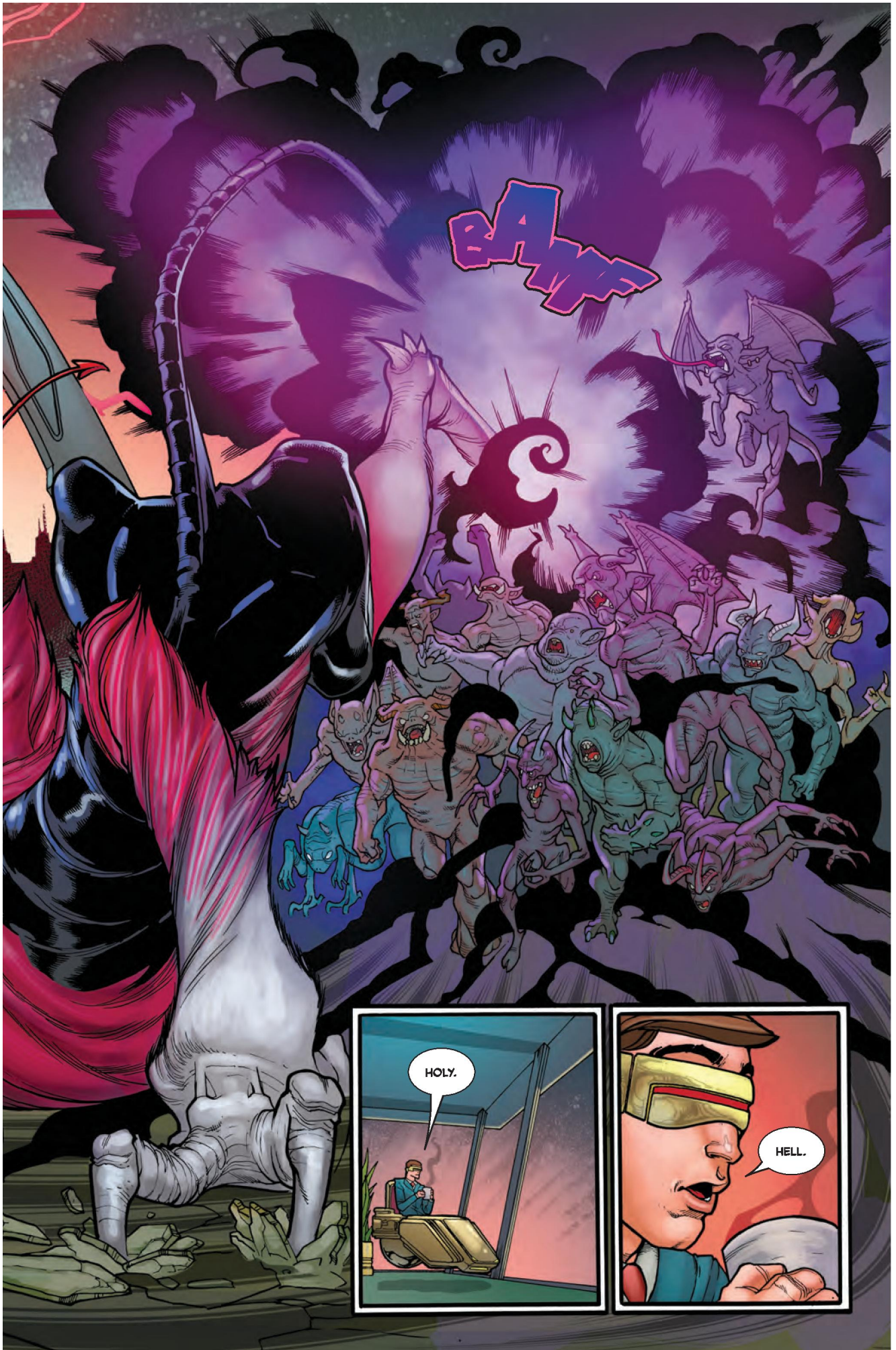


UNLESS MY EYES DECEIVE ME, YOUR DARLING SISTER...

**X-HEADQUARTERS...**

"...HAS FOUND HER WAY  
OVER TO YOUR NECK  
OF THE WOODS."





**BAAM!**



HOLY.



HELL.