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The Uncanny Threat of

UNUS,

The Untouchable!

Although they have recently graduated after completing their prescribed course of training, the extraordinary X-Men still do post-graduate exercises under the watchful eye of Cyclops, their new interim leader.

Not me, Scotty! I was too preoccupied watching Jean threading those laces telekinetically!

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AW, C'MON, SCOTTY! THAT'S NO FAIR! YOU'VE GOT ALL OF PROFESSOR X'S GADGETS TO USE AGAINST US, AND ALL WE'VE GOT ARE OUR OWN POWERS!

THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THIS TRAINING, WARREN! YOU CAN'T CRY FOUL IF AN UNEXPECTED WEAPON IS USED AGAINST YOU BY MAGNETO, OR ANY OTHER FOE, CAN YOU?

HAH! THAT'S 'TELLIN' HIM, CYKE, OL' BOY!

WHAT ARE YOU FLOATING ABOUT, ICEMAN? YOU'RE PART OF THIS TRAINING PROGRAM TOO, YOUNG FELLA! NOW QUICKLY... DEFEND YOURSELF!

HUH?? WHAT...?? WHERE...?? HEY! LOOK OUT! DON'T!

IS THAT WHAT YOU WOULD SAY TO A SUDDEN ATTACK BY THE Blob, Bobby?? HASN'T THE PROFESSOR TOLD YOU ALWAYS TO BE ON GUARD??

NOW, STAND WHERE YOU ARE AND PRACTICE REFINING YOUR ICE CRYSTALS, AS I'VE SUGGESTED!

EXCELLENT! BY INCREASING YOUR DEGREE OF COLD, YOUR BODY BECOMES EVEN MORE ICY, MAKING YOU ALMOST TRANSPARENT!

YOU'RE BECOMING A REGULAR SHE-STORM, KIDDO!

AW, SHUFFUP, ANGEL!
JEAN, PROFESSOR X WOULD BE PROUD OF YOUR PROGRESS IN CONTROLLING YOUR TELEKINETIC POWER!

CAREFUL NOW! LET'S SEE HOW QUICKLY YOU CAN RUN THE THREAD THROUGH THE PAPER BOARD IN A REGULAR PATTERN!

EXACTLY SIX SECONDS! THAT BEATS YOUR PREVIOUS TIME! NOW GET IT DOWN...

LETS EXAMINE IT!

EXCEPT FOR ONE STITCH WHICH YOU DROPPED IT'S FLAWLESS! YOU CAN REST NOW!

IF ONLY I COULD HEAR HER THE WORDS I REALLY WANT TO SAY... HOW GORGEOUS HER LIPS ARE... HOW SILKEN HER HAIR IS... HOW I LOVE HER! BUT, I DARE NOT...

I HAVEN'T THE RIGHT! NOT NOW, WHEN I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THEIR LEADER. I CAN'T LISTEN TO MY OWN HEART! I MUST BE DETACHED... UNEMOTIONAL! I'D BETTER GET BACK TO MY JOB!

YOU WERE DAY-DREAMING, HANK! SEE HOW I TOOK YOU BY SURPRISE! I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT OF YOU!

OUR TRAINING CAN NEVER BE ENDED AND YOU KNOW THAT, HANK! OUR ENEMIES GET STRONGER EACH DAY AND WE MUST ALWAYS BE ABLE TO MATCH THEIR GROWTH IN PROGRESS!

YOU WIN, LEADER MAN! BUT, IF I DIDN'T KNOW YOU BETTER, I'D FEAR THAT YOU'RE DRUNK WITH POWER!

PERHAPS I HAVE BEEN WORKING YOU ALL TOO HARD! IT'S JUST THAT I WANT TO BE WORTHY OF THE CONFIDENCE PROFESSOR X HAS SHOWN IN ME. ANYWAY, THAT'S ALL FOR NOW! YOU CAN HAVE THE AFTERNOON OFF!

WHAT ABOUT YOU, SEEM LIKES YOU JOIN US?

I'M AFRAID I CAN'T, JEAN, I STILL HAVE MORE WORK TO DO...

OH, SCOTTY... IF ONLY YOU FELT ABOUT ME AS I DO ABOUT YOU! BUT YOU DON'T... YOU JUST DON'T!
Later, on their free time period, we find the Beast and Iceman heading for a little Greenwich Village coffee shop...

Much as I like bein' an X-Man, I sure can't wait till each training period is over!

My sentiments, exactly, Bobby Boy!

But, turning a corner, the two Young Mutants suddenly see...

Hank, look! What's goin' on?? What's everyone so excited about??

I don't know! But, judging by the degree of their apprehension, I'd say...

Wait! No, I see! It's up there! Look, Bobby... atop the water tower, on the roof of that building...

Perhaps I can reach him in time... by running up the side of the building!

Hank... if you do, you'll give your identity away! The crowd will guess who you are.

It's a little boy! He's trapped up there!

He must have climbed up... as a prank, but now he's frightened. He can't make it down, but, he can't hold his grip forever!

No time to worry about that, Bobby! Here goes!

Look! Do you see what I see??

It... it isn't possible!

It's possible, all right... for a mutant!

You mean...??

Of course! It must be... the Beast! What a shame none of us had a chance to see his face!
REACHING THE TOP OF THE WATER TOWER IN MERE SECONDS, THE POWERFUL, SOFT-SPOKEN BEAST GENTLY SOOTHERS THE TERRIFIED YOUTH IN FRONT OF HIM...

EASY... EASY... DON'T BE FRIGHTENED! I'LL GET YOU... JUST REACH OUT YOUR HAND... SLOWLY... SLOWLY...

I... I'M AFRAID TO OPEN MY EYES... I GET DIZZY WHEN I DO! BUT... I'LL REACH OUT TOWARDS YOUR VOICE!

EXACTLY TWO SECONDS LATER...

YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW, YOUNGSTER!

TOMMY! YOU'RE SAFE!

NOW I'VE GOT TO MOVE TOO FAST FOR THEM TO GET A CLEAR VIEW OF MY FEATURES!

DID YOU SEE HOW HE RACED UP AND DOWN THAT BUILDING... LIKE A HUMAN GORILLA?

I'VE HEARD THERE ARE MANY SUCH MUTANTS IN Hidding... WAITING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD LIKE HE WAS AFRAID OF US... LIKE HE KNEW HE'S OUR ENEMY!

HE PROBABLY SAVED THAT KID JUST TO THROW US OFF GUARD TO MAKE US THINK MUTANTS AREN'T DANGEROUS!

BUT HE CAN'T FOOL US! C'MON... LET'S GET HIM BEFORE HE LOSES HIMSELF IN THE CROWD!

But, fast as they are... angry as they are... the unthinking mob can't possibly keep pace with the superbreained teen-agers. They run past them at breath-taking speed...

WE CAN'T STOP THEM!

CAN'T EVEN SEE WHO THEY ARE, THE WAY THEY HAVE THEIR FACES COVERED!

Minutes later... I'M THROUGH, SCOTT! I'VE ALMOST CAUGHT US!

HANK! BOBBY! WHAT HAPPENED??

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You're tired, Hank...all upset over what happened! You don't mean what you say!

I'm in full possession of my faculties, Scott! I mean every word! I'm resigning from the X-Men!

But, Hank...all your training...your work...you can't just toss it all aside?

Can't I? Just watch me! From now on I'll use my powers to help just one person...Henry McCoy...yours truly! The human race can go fly a kite!

Seconds later, as soon as he finds himself alone once more, Cyclops activates his sensitive Cerebro machine...

I couldn't persuade Hank to remain! That means...I've serious setbacks! I've got to contact Professor X! The loss of an X-Man is too important for me to try to handle alone!

Slowly, the thought image of Professor Xavier is converted into a visual image on the glowing screen, and then...

I've made contact! Professor, this is Cyclops! Where are you, sir?

I am in the heart of the Balkans, in Europe...descending into an almost bottomless cave!

Then, after Cyclops has related the situation, through mental transmission...

What do I do, now, sir? Nothing! He will not join Magneto's evil mutants! You did all you could!
I CANNOT TURN BACK! I AM ON THE TRAIL OF LUCIFER! I SHALL TELL YOU ABOUT IT ONE DAY... IF I RETURN! FAREWELL, CYCLOPS...

THEN, AS SCOTT SUMMERS TRIES TO PLAN HIS NEXT COURSE OF ACTION...

AND, IF YOU WANT MY ADVICE, YOU'LL DISBAND THE X-MEN! HUMANITY ISN'T WORTH THE TROUBLE!

HANK! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO JOIN MAGNETO?!?

WHAT I DO CONCERNS ONLY ME FROM NOW ON! GOOD BYE!

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BOOO, BEAST!

LOOK AT THE BIG HAMBONE!

UNUS WILL MAKE MINCemeAT OF HIM TONIGHT!

AT THE RATE I'M GOING AS A PRO WRESTLER I'LL BE A MILLIONAIRE IN A YEAR!

AND, AS AN ACROBATIC WRESTLER, I CAN HOP AROUND ALL I WANT TO WITHOUT ANYONE SUSPECTING I'M A MUTANT!


UNUS!

THERE HE GOES! WOW! LOOK AT 'IM JUMP!

SO WHAT? HE WON'T BE ABLE TO LAY A HAND ON UNUS!
SO THAT'S UNSUS, EH? HE LOOKS LIKE A FORMIDABLE FOE... BUT I'M NO PUSHOVER MYSELF!

I'LL RUSH HIM QUICKLY, AND GET IT OVER WITH FAST SO THAT HE DOESN'T GET HURT!

BUT, AS THE BEAST MAKES ONE OF HIS POWERHOUSE CHARGES...

YOU THINK A MERE CLUMSY RUSH CAN AFFECT ME??!

I DIDN'T SEE HIM MOVE! AND YET... I'M BEING HURL... BACK LIKE A PING PONG BALL!

IT'S INCOMPREHENSIBLE! NO MATTER HOW HARD I SWING, I CAN'T MAKE CONTACT WITH HIM!!

AND NOW THAT YOU SEE HOW HOPELESS YOUR ATTEMPTS ARE, I'LL... WHA...?!

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU MANAGE THAT LITTLE PARLOR TRICK OF YOURS, BUT I HAVE A FEW LITTLE STUNTS TOO!

I'LL KEEP SPRINGING UP TO GAIN MAXIMUM MOMENTUM, THEN I'LL DIVE DOWN AT HIM WHEN HE LEAST EXPECTS IT!

NOW!
NOT FOR NOTHING AM I CALLED UNUS, THE UNTOUCHABLE!

IT... IT JUST ISN'T POSSIBLE! AND YET... IT'S REALLY HAPPENING!!

GOWAN BACK WHERE YOU CAME FROM, BEAST!

WHY DON'TCHA GIVE UP, YA BUM?!

N O B O D Y CAN BEAT UNUS! YOU HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE!

BOOO! WHERE'D YOU EVER LEARN TO RASSLE??

THERE'S MORE TO UNUS THAN THESE HYSTERICAL FANS SUSPECT! HE POSSESSES SOME SORT OF AWESOME POWER!

IT'S TAKIN' YA SO LONG TO CLIMB BACK IN THE RING THAT THE REF COUNTING YOU OUT!

THAT FACE IN THE AUDIENCE! IT IS... IT HAS TO BE... MASTERMIND!! ONE OF MAGNETO'S EVIL MUTANTS!

IT'S STARTLED IS THE BEAST AT SEEING ONE OF HIS EX-ARCH ENEMIES, THAT HE DELAYS HIS RETURN INTO THE RING AGAIN, THEREBY LOSING THE MATCH TO UNUS! BUT, HE HAS OTHER THINGS ON HIS MIND AT THAT MOMENT...

OF COURSE! UNUS IS LOOKING STRAIGHT AT MASTERMIND... TOO UNNATURAL, FOR ANY OTHER EXPLANATION!

BUT, EVEN IF HE JOINS MAGNETO'S EVIL BAND, IT'S NO CONCERN OF MINE ANY MORE!

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some head, shoulders, arms ripping with
tough, steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim
legs. Be a fellow with TWO-FISTED BIG MUSCLE
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over with energy and irresistible inches
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Shut up, Maxie... and beat it! I've got business to discuss!

Well, Mastermind? What's Magneto's verdict? Can I join your group of mutants?

Not so fast, Unus! Magneto has been disappointed before. He wants to make sure he can trust you!

*X see X-Men #7 'Return of the Blob!'... Stan

He's convinced that you're a real mutant... and he feels you've got plenty on the ball... but he wants you to prove yourself.

How? What can I do?

Well, if you were to find the X-Men for us, for example, or even to beat one of them...!

Later, as Unus thoughtfully walks through the street...

Of course I could beat one of the X-Men... or all of them! Nothing can defeat me, but where do I find them? I've never even seen one in person!

At that point, Fate herself steps in! For Unus accidentally stumbles onto a big bank robbery which is in progress around the corner...

Gunmen! Robbing the bank! Come to think of it, I can put that money to better use than they can!

Move... before the place is swarmin' with cops!!

All we haveta do is make it to the getaway car across the street!
But, the startled criminals are never destined to reach that waiting car! At least, not with any stolen money!

I'll take that money bag!

If Magneto doesn't allow me to join his Brotherhood, at least this money will help launch me on my own career of conquest!

Hey, look! Charlie! My bullets don't even touch 'im! They just go flyin' away!

Don't ya know who that is? It's Linus, the Untouchable!

And, as the bullets miss the uncanny unis, they ricochet back from the nearby walls, causing the gunmen to flee for their lives!

Let's get outta here, before we're hit by our own shells!

Meanwhile, a powerful, privately-owned helicopter is rapidly approaching that same area...

What makes you think there's a new mutant at large, Cyclops?

Professor X's Cerebro machine detected his presence... and the readings seemed to indicate this neighborhood!

It just doesn't seem the same to be heading into a new adventure without the Beast!

We all feel the same way, Warren... but let's concentrate on the job at hand now!

The bank's been robbed! You land the chopper... I'll glide down under my own power and look around!

Look! Something's going on down there!
THAT BIG FELLA WITH
THE MONEY BAG... HE
MUST BE ONE OF THE
ROBBERS!

STAY WHERE YOU
ARE, BUDDY! I WANNA
TALK TO YOU!

SO YOU ARE
ONE OF THE
ROBBERS? I
WILL TEACH
YOU NOT TO
MAKE IDLE
THREATS TO
AN X-MAN!

STRANGE... HE
DOESN'T SEEM
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CLOTHES!

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MAGNETO'S
ALLIES, I MIGHT
AS WELL DO MY
FIGHTING IN A
DISTINCTIVE
COSTUME!

WHAT A STROKE
OF LUCK! NOW I
WON'T HAVE TO FIND
YOU BEFORE I CAN
POLISH YOU OFF!

THUS, AS THE OTHER X-MEN LAND IN
THEIR WHIRLYBIRD, ANGEL IS THE
FIRST TO RECEIVE A SAMPLE OF UNUS' FEARSOME POWER!

THAT WAY WARREN WAS
HURLED FROM THAT MUSCLE
MAN BEFORE HE COULD TOUCH
HIM, TELLS ME ALL I NEED
TO KNOW! WE'VE FOUND
OUR MUTANT!

STAY BACK, ALL
OF YOU! I'LL TACKLE HIM
WITH MY POWER BEAM!

THIS IS USELESS! MY ENERGY
BLASTS BOUNCE AWAY BEFORE
HITTING HIM... AND THEY'LL
HIT ONE OF US, IF I DON'T
STOP!!

YOU SEEM TO BE THE
LEADER... SO
YOU SHALL
BE MY
VICTIM!

I DODGED HIS FIRST BLOW, BUT I CAN'T DODGE
FOREVER! HOW DO WE BEAT A MAN WHO CANNOT
BE TOUCHED BY ENEMY ATTACK? IF HE JOINS
MAGNETO, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE
X-MEN??

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NO! WAIT--STUDY HIM FIRST! WE NEED A PLAN! HE'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN I EXPECTED!

Duck, Cyclops! I'll get him for you!

JUST AS I FEARED! HE DOES WANT TO JOIN MAGNETO'S EVIL GROUP!

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WE HAVEN'T, EH? JUST WAIT'LL THIS "INSTANT IGLOO" FORMS AROUND YOU, LOUDMOUTH! YOU'RE NOT TACKLIN' AMATEURS, BUB!

FIRST, PUT ME DOWN NEAR UNUS! GOOD!

KID STUFF! YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE!

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Then, moving like the powerful, trained athlete he is, the uncanny Unus shatters the still-hardening ice enclosure before it can freeze to its full strength!

I don't have to depend upon my mutant powers alone! I didn't spend years in the ring for nothing!

This looks bad! He's almost as strong as the Beast!

Then, before the startled Iceman can regather his energy for another attack...

What odds will you give, muscle-bound??

And now--I'll shatter you like a pane of window glass--!

Another one, Eh? It doesn't matter to me--any one of you will do!

Your only power is in your wings--and they can't do you any good against a break-proof wrestling hold!

Can't land a blow! Have to try something else!

Suddenly, the great beating wings spread out, and both mutants soar into the sky above...

Anyone can rassle, Unus! But here's a little flying lesson for you!

You can't hang on forever!

You can't bluff me! You're not murderers--and I know it!
I was afraid our pledge never to cause harm with our power would one day work against us.

Okay! Maybe I can’t let you be harmed... but I’ll sure stop you from hurting anyone else!

You can stay up there for a while to cool off! And I may not be so charitable next time!

Nice going, Warren!

We stopped him for now! But what happens if he menaces us again?

Next time he'll be too smart to try to grab you, Angel!

His power certainly is a strange one! Although he can be touched, it seems that any weapon, or any blow thrown for the purpose of injuring him, is automatically deflected in some way!

If he ever joins Magneto, how would we fight him?

Nothing more we can do now! Let’s get back to HQ and think this out!

And so...

Even if the Beast hadn’t quit, his strength couldn’t help us! He’d be unable to land a blow!

Hold it! There’s someone in the lab!!

It’s... the Beast!

Hank! What are you doing back here? Does this mean...

It probably means I’m a king-sized, apple-pie-sized glutton for punishment!!

But, since I’m apparently the only one with the technical skill and intellectual capacity to devise a counter-weapon to Unus’ power, it behooves me to save you from a possible ignominious defeat!

What type of weapon is that?
THE ONLY KIND THAT CAN ACHIEVE YOUR OBJECTIVE! HOLD IT, BEAST! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR GAME IS... BUT YOU'LL BETTER HAVE A MIGHTY GOOD EXPLANATION!

TO INCREASE HIS POWER?? HAVE YOU GONE MAD ??!

HE MUST HAVE ALREADY JOINED MAGNETO! WE CAN'T LET HIM LEAVE WITH THAT RAY!!

EVEN THOUGH HE QUIT, I NEVER THOUGHT HANK WOULD REALLY TURN AGAINST US LIKE THIS.

DROPP THAT RAY, MCCOY! I SAID DROP IT!

CYCLOPS, DON'T YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING! I MUST DO THIS... IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!

IN THE NEXT SPLICE-SECOND, THE BEAST LIVES UP TO HIS NAME BY MOVING WITH THE SPEED AND AGILITY OF A JUNGLE CAT...

CYCLOPS! WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP HIM? I COULDN'T!!! I JUST COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO HIT HIM WITH MY POWER BEAM! BUT... WE'VE GOT TO GO AFTER HIM!

UNUS MUST BE BACK AT THE GYM BY NOW! THAT'S PROBABLY THE BEAST'S DESTINATION! LET'S MOVE!

HANG ON, JEAN! I'LL TAKE YOU WITH US LIKE THIS... IT'S THE FASTEST WAY!

MINUTES LATER...

LOOK, MASTERMIND! TELL MAGNETO TO GIVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE! I ALMOST HAD 'EM LICKED! THEY WON'T ESCAPE ME NEXT TIME!

THERE WON'T BE A NEXT TIME, UNUS! NOT FOR YOU!

BE CAREFUL NOT TO SLIP ON MY Icy PATH, SCOTTY!
ANOTHER X-MAN! WELL, NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, I'LL.... UHNNH!

YOU TALK TOO MUCH, MUSCLE MAN! PERHAPS THIS WILL SILENCE YOU...

YOU FOOL! THAT DIDN'T AFFECT ME! I DIDN'T REALIZE...

WAIT! IT DID! I CAN FEEL IT! IT MADE ME STRONGER THAN EVER! MY POWER HAS BEEN INCREASED!

YOU MUST BE ON MY SIDE! MAGNETO MUST HAVE SENT YOU! THINK WHAT YOU WANT TO, UNUS!

AND NOW, LET'S PUT YOUR NEW POWER TO THE TEST!

I WAS RIGHT! I'M MORE UNTOUCHABLE THAN EVER! LOOK HOW FAST THAT THING BOUNCED AWAY FROM ME!

WE'RE TOO LATE! HE'S USED HIS RAY!

OH, NO! HOW COULD HE??

IT WAS EASY, MARVEL GIRL? I COULDN'T PERMIT YOU TO STOP ME!

CYCLOPS! WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE?

NOTHING YET! STAY BACK! SEE WHAT UNUS TRIES TO DO!

I'LL RESTRAIN THEM, UNUS!

YOU EXPERIMENT WITH YOUR NEW POWER... THEN WE'LL BE BACK!

THEN, AS THE SHOCKED X-MEN LEAVE THE GYM...

CYCLOPS... LET SOMEONE ELSE HANDLE HANK? I CAN'T GET MYSELF TO DO IT!

I DID IT FOR YOUR OWN SAKE, SCOTT! YOU'LL SEE!

WASN'T IT ENOUGH TO DESERT US? DID YOU HAVE TO BETRAY US AS WELL?

YOU'LL MAKE A GOOD MEMBER FOR MAGNETO, TOO! ANYONE WHO'D BETRAY HIS OWN TEAM BY HELPING THE ENEMY....

TAKE YOUR HAND OFF ME!

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NOW, NOT ONLY ARE MENACING BLOWS AND WEAPONS UNABLE TO TOUCH ME, BUT I CAN MAKE ANYTHING SPIN AWAY FROM ME BY MERELY GETTING NEAR IT!

I'M COMPLETELY UNTOUCHABLE! I'M THE MOST INNOMINABLE MAN ALIVE! NOTHING CAN TOUCH ME... THEREFORE NOTHING CAN HARM ME!

I'LL GRAB A CIGARETTE WHILE I CALL MASTERMIND AND TELL HIM WHAT HAPPENED... HEY!!!

BLAST IT! NO BLAMED CIGARETTE IS GONNA STOP ME FROM SMOKIN' IT!

I CAN'T TOUCH THE BLAMED THING! IT KEEPS MOVING AWAY FROM ME!

I'LL THROW MYSELF ON TOP OF THE TABLE AND GRAB IT BEFORE IT CAN... WAIT!!

MISSED IT AGAIN!

THIS IS CRAZY! NOW EVEN THE TABLE IS SHOWIN' ITSELF AWAY FROM ME!

WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE?? WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?? WHAT GOOD IS MY NEW POWER IF I CAN'T CONTROL IT??
Dazed, confused, the angry mutant walks into the street, as every object he passes recoils as though it has a will of its own!

"Out of my way, fools! I'm invulnerable, can't you see? I'm un-touchable!"

Finally, the pangs of hunger begin to gnaw at him, and so... "Give me a steak... and make it F-A-S-T... understand??"

"Sure, big fella! I've got one right here! I was gonna give it to someone else, but he's not as big as you!"

"What?? It flew right out of the plate!"

"Then give me another! I'm hungry, do you hear... hungry!"

"Cyclops! You'd better contact Professor X! He'll know what to do with the beast!"

"No, Bobby! I won't disturb him yet! The beast can do nothing more while he's with us!"

"I have another plan to try now! Are you ready, Warren?"

"Ready, Cyke?"

"Perfect! If all else fails, we'll drop a plastic bubble like this one over Unus! He won't be able to touch it... it will move with him! It will be a form of portable prison!"

"Get the phone, Jean! It must be Iceman! I sent him to the city to keep watch on Unus!"

"I hope Bobby didn't get into any trouble! If Unus should catch him alone...!"

"Bobby is a full-fledged graduate X-Man now! He can handle himself!"

"What does he say?"

"He wants us to come to the corner of Broadway and 46th Street... on the double!"

"Exactly ten seconds later..."

"Don't make any sudden moves, Beast! We're all watching you!"

"I applaud your good judgement! You couldn't have selected a lovelier specimen for observation!"
Finally...

WHERE'S ICEMAN? OH, THERE HE IS! HE'S INCognito!

NATURALLY! I didn't want you, ANUS TO know HE was being followed!

HE'S ALL YOURS, CYKЕ! RIGHT INSIDE...

AH! Just as I Anticipated! I've got to have some food! I'm starvING! There must be a way! I must eat... I must!

THE only THING that'll SAVE you is ANOTHER BLAST FROM my ray gun, ANUS! BUT FIRST, there are A FEw CONDITIONS...

THEMAY WELL! this will NULlify the EFFECT of THE LAST SHOT! you'll be as you WERE BEFORE!

Cyclops! he's USING THAT BLAMED RAY AGAIN!

IT's ALL RIGHT! He knows WHAT he's DOING!

I'm saved! I can TOUCH things AGAIN! I can eat...!

BUT REMEMBER this, ANUS...

Anything! i'll DO anyTHING you say... i'll make any promise...

WE'RE KEEPING OUR little ray gun! ANYtime we hear that you've GOTTEN OUT OF LINE, or that you've tried to CONTACT ANUS... you'll GET another TREATMENT... AND NEXT TIME, we'll THROW THE ANTIvOTe AWAY!

Don't you guys WORRY! there won't be a NEXT TIME! i've had it!

I GUESS I was never cut out TO BE A FAMOUS SUPER-POWERED COSTumed ADVENTuREr! I'M goIN' back TO THE RASSlin' RING... WHERE I belong!

AND i'm back WHERE I belong, TOO... WITH THE X-MEN!

Thanks for NOT BLASTING me till i COULD do what had to be done, SCOTT!

Deep Down, i never really lost FAITH in you, HANK!

That's what MAKES you the LEADER you are!

And so, the astonishing X-MEN ARE TOGETHER AGAIN. Little dreaming THAT their NEXT BATTLE WILl NOT BE AGAINST A MUTANT menACe... BUT SOME-THING STILL MightIER... STILL MORE Dangerous!!

The End.
**LET'S VISIT THE X-MEN**

Dear Stan and Jack,

Marvel's Magnificent Mutants must be now acknowledged as the apex of years of cumulative artistic endeavor. They have reached the pinnacle—they are the greatest! However, there is still room for some picayune piddling details to be mentioned! In the maxim that beauty is only skin deep, the Scarlet Witch's new hair style is inferior to her former coiffure. While her new mask is an improvement she apparently bedresses her ruset tresses each time she puts it on. Secondo: Quicksilver and the beautiful Scarlet Witch are marvelous but they shouldn't join the X-Men. She should be featured in other stories and mags, however, in the same manner as Namor is guest-starred. I suggest a metaphorical duel with Dr. Strange for a starter. Tresiendo: In regard to the proper terminology to be used in reference to Prince Namor, he should not merely be called a mutant. Inasmuch as his parents came of different races he is a cross. However, while some of his powers, such as breathing underwater, and enormous strength, come from this source, there are also some powers which he possesses aside as his wife by blood, since a hybrid is often stronger, achieved by a true mutation. Therefore, Namor is a mutant-cross and should henceforth be identified as a M.C.S.-Mutant Cross Sub-Mariner. Please send my no-prize to Limbo so I won't be able to pick it up when I have nothing to do. I'm afraid I might be disappointed in it.

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Dear Stan and Jack,

In the latest issue of X-MEN you stated that two of you were working on Sub-Mariner being a mutant. As a Biology teacher perhaps I can help. A mutant is a being having characteristics different from its parents. (The parents are very similar to each other.) As an example: a black rose from two normal red parents would be a mutant. The X-Men fit this definition but Super-Mariner does not. He is the offspring of very different parents and should be called a hybrid, since a hybrid is often smarter, and possesses characteristics different from either parent. Thank you for your time.

Gerald J. Hunter, Box 432, Fossil, Ore.

And if you think we're gonna argue with a bio teacher—uh uh! Let's see now ... "hybrid" isn't a bad name. Perhaps we can make up a new mag, composed of hybrids to fight the Evil Mutants! Anyway, thanks for your adroit analysis of our little problem. Your no-prize should reach you in no time at all!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Now don't get me wrong—I think the Evil Mutants are great! Matter of fact, they are a great big bunch of bad guys. They are the most human villains in comics today. The difference of the Scarlet Witch and Quicksilver from the rest of them is a marked one. But I have one complaint. You are over-using them! They have been in three issues straight and I think they need a little rest. I don't mean I'm tired of them but I think you should pit the X-Men against a couple of other villains for a couple of issues. I don't think all their foes need to be mutants. There are a lot of good villains who aren't Homo Superior. I don't know how the other fans feel but I think the X-MEN would be a lot better if you had a wider scope of foes. By the way, issue #6 was great!

Terry Ford, 800 Saturn Ave., Idaho Falls, Idaho

Homo Sapiens thank you, Terry! Homo Superior thank you, also. As for plain ol' Stan and Jack, they figure that the X-Men specialize in fighting evil mutants, and leave ordinary baddies to other groups like the F.F. and the Avenger. But then, we'll let the rest of the mail decide the issue. (Other mags have thousands of readers. Not us! We have thousands of editors!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

Is he mad? I'm referring to that remark a reader made in X-MEN #6. Let me quote the statement, "Quicksilver and his sister the Scarlet Witch should be placed in the X-Men or in their own book. Their powers alone make them too powerful!"

The entire idea is completely ridiculous! It's stupid! Induct them into the X-Men! No! Stan, you have more sense than this! It would ruin everything. 1) These are the most original villains ever created. Leave them the way they are. 2) This would ruin the Brotherhood of Evil Mutants. These two add variety as the personalities of the Evil Mutants clash, which is good. 3) The X-Men would be just too doggone crowded! With Quicksilver and the Scarlet Witch in the X-Men the total number of heroes would be seven and Professor X would make eight. The X-Men would get too powerful and too unbeatable. That's all I have to say about that.


It's enough! It's enough! Okay, Vince, we'll put your vote in the "Leave 'em alone" folder. Don't worry—it won't be too lonely there.

Dear Stan and Jack,

After reading the latest issue of X-MEN #6 I just had to write to you both know how much I enjoyed it. Of course any story dealing with the Sub-Mariner could hardly be anything less than a hit, for all of your spectacular and colorful characters, he is the most fascinating and intriguing. The Scarlet Witch and Quicksilver are also a pair that capture my fancy and like the way you presented the attraction between Sub-Mariner and Wanda. Since it is obvious by now that Sue Storm loves Reed Richards and not Prince Namor, I think you should forget that triangle and inject new interest into the proceedings by developing the feelings between the two mutants into a love affair. This should open up a fertile field of new and fresh story plots as a little romance never hurt any adventure yarn. Also, the comic fans of today are far more sophisticated in this the Marvel Age of Comics than back in the Golden Age.

Nick Bado, 201 So. 9th St. Hildale Apts., Phila. 7, Pa.

You're not kiddin', Mike! Some of our fans are so sophisticated that they make us feel like a bunch of clods! But, as for Namor—he's a mighty strong-willed guy, and we can't influence his romantic decisions too much. We're all waiting to learn who his next heart throb will really be!
Marvel realism coming!

Steve Chapman, 530 Skokie Lane N.
Glencoe, Ill.

Okay, Stevey, we'll keep 'em all moving along—even though we haven't any idea where we're heading!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION:

-Well, that's that for now! Unus kinda reminds us of the Blob in a number of ways. But next month's villain gonna be quite different! In fact—hold on to your hats! Gut ready! We're about to announce another surprise Superhuman! The Marvel Bullpen promises X-MEN #9 will feature a great, new, never-before-forgotten battle between—oh, it's so exciting we can hardly say it!—the X-MEN and the AVENGERS! How about that? And, what's more—you'll finally meet lovable Lucifer, one of the most impressive, most dramatic villains of all time! Move over, Doctor Doom—or at least call him that!

-But wait! That's STILL not all! For those of you who've been lamenting the absence of Professor Xavier—HE'LL be back, also. In fact, our new star-studded Ish will have everything but the kitchen sink—and, if we can find room for that too, who knows?—So, we've warned you well in advance—now it's up to you! X-MEN #9—don't miss it!

-Okay, it's time for us to tell you what M.M.M.S. stands for! It's not a secret code, or the name of a new drug! It's merely the start of a new Marvel idea—the formation of a CLUE, for all our frantic friends and fans! The letters stand for the MERRY MARVEL MARCHING SOCIETY, and we promise it'll be like no other club you've ever been a part of before! We hope you'll join us.

We haven't worked out all the details. We'll tell you more next issue. Meanwhile, if you have any off-beat ideas for the ol' Merry Marchers, let us have 'em. We're still writing the charter now. Okay? More later—

—By the way—for those of you who haven't noticed, we've moved to newer, larger quarters: Our new address: Marvel Comics, Inc., 625 Madison Ave., New York City 10022. So much for THAT!

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECK LIST:

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AVENGERS #10: There's a new wing-dooey of a villain in this one named Immortus! His power is something different than any we've shown before, and this—the title of the block—"The Avengers Break up!" Even Josh Jamison would have to enjoy this one.

STRANGE TALES #127: There's a real twist to this month's Torch and Thing romp! A mystery villain is introduced—as well as an auto race to end all auto races! As for Doc Strange, he finally has his showdown with the dread Dormammu.

THOR #110: Stan and Jack have another super-spectacular going for them with this! It features the return of the mysterious Mr. Hyde, and the ghostly Coba, as well as the ever-present power of Loki! Also, you'll see some great battle scenes as Thor defeats Odin himself—challenges of the warrior of Asgard. SUSPENSE #62: Can a man who forgot he wanted for murder be exonerated? Well, that's the title, and the story has more drama and tension than we need to mention! Look for it, and if that's not enough for you, there's a fast-moving pulse-pounding Captain America—zing-a-ding dazzler that'll curl your hair! How ABOUT THIS?

ASTONISH #62: Think you've 'seen everything? Wait'll you see Giant-Man BATTLING the Wasp! There are all kinds of plots twirls in this issue, and Giant-Man, the Wasp, and the Mantis are in action inside that ant-hill! Man, it's the stuff! And the 10-page Hulk backwater which rounds out the issue is nothing to sneeze at either! Read 'em and weep an operator in this one, too.

SGT FURY #12: Here's a real twist for you—one of the Howlers has disappeared! If Fury is going to help out, he's going to have to do it! We don't expect you to spoil your surprise here, do you? It's Fury at his best—and that ought to be good enough for anyone!

That's it for now, neighbors! Remember—X-Men #9—destined to rank as one of the greatest ever! And so, till we meet again, be good to each other, and reserve some time for the M.M.M.S.—we want you to be one of our first members.
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