THE UNCANNY X-MEN

"Pilot"

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ACT ONE.

FADE IN:

INT. CONVENIANT STORE - DAY/FOGGY

We open on Rogue, a young runaway. She has run away from home because she is unable to touch people. She sets the milk and sandwich down. The store employee scans them.

STORE EMPLOYEE That'll be five fifty, sweetie.

Rogue smiles and pretends to be reaching in her pocket for something. She then grips the store employee's hand until she passes out. Rogue is ashamed of what she has just done, but she has no money. We see another watching her from afar. Mystique steps up, turning into her blue form.

RAVEN

Hello.

ROGUE

I didn't do it I swear!

RAVEN

Relax. I'm not here to hurt you. I know what you are, Rogue. And I have a question for you...

EXT. TIMES SQUARE - NEW YORK CITY - DAY

Rogue walks away quickly from Mystique. Mystique has changed into someone else. Rogue does not recognize her. Mystique walks off. She drops something. Rogue picks it up. M.R.D. Trucks are outside. They have mutant detectors. Rogue walks past one. It goes off.

> M.R.D. GUARD Ma'am! Stop! Ma'am!

Rogue turns and sees that they are the M.R.D. she becomes scared and quickly runs in the opposite direction. An

M.R.D. Truck goes after her. She turns. She tries to run faster.

ROGUE

Stay away from me!

Rogue grabs the truck and throws it in the opposite direction of her. It explodes. People go running and screaming. Rogue takes off down the street. We see that Storm has seen her.

We fade into the opening credits:

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INT. SENATOR KELLY'S ADDRESS - NIGHT

Scott and Jean enter the room where Senator Kelly is going to make his address to mutants. They take seats towards the back. Moira turns to them.

> SCOTT Moira? What are you doing here?

MOIRA

Well, the professor was afraid that if he showed up that there would be some controversies. So, I'm taking his place.

SCOTT

I don't why we had to come to this place. All he's going to do is say how awful mutants are. How we'regoing to come into their homes in the middle of the night and kill their children.

JEAN Scott, calm down. He's not going to say that. You never know, he-

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JEAN (CONT'D)

may have changed his view on mutants.

SCOTT

No one changes their view on mutants without some convincing.

MOIRA

He's right unfortunately.

Senator Kelly enters the stage. The crowd cheers. Jean and Moira clap while Scott does nothing.

SENATOR KELLY

Hello, everyone. It's good to be here tonight. Now, I don't like to dilly dally so let's get down to business. Mutants. They are evil. They are here to kill us. They are here to wipe out the human race. They will come into our homes in the middle of the night and kill our children.

Scott gives Jean a look.

SENATOR KELLY (CONT'D) But we can't sit there and watch them do it, we must fight back! We must stop the mutants before they stop us.

Jean and Scott become annoyed when the audience starts to cheer. They get up and leave. Moira watches as they exit.

EXT. XAIVER INSTITUTE - GARDEN - NIGHT

Rogue is sneaking around. She moves slowly towards some of the plants. She starts plucking food from it. She stuffs it into her duffle bag. She becomes frightened when she reaches back for another tomato and grabs someone's leg. Storm is standing in front of her. You don't have to steal. You can come in and eat with us if you like.

Rogue nods. Storm pulls her to her feet. They walk in together.

INT. JEAN'S CAR - NIGHT

Jean drives the car. Scott is sitting in the passenger seat.

SCOTT

I can't believe that guy. Always trying to turn everyone on mutants? What have we ever done to them?

JEAN

I don't know, Scott.

Scott notices something on the road.

SCOTT

Jean!

JEAN

What?

SCOTT

Pull over.

EXT. SIDE OF THE ROAD - NIGHT

Jean and Scott get out of Jean's car with flashlights. Scott observes the car. The car looks like it has been thrown up against a tree.

> SCOTT I don't think that this was an accident, Jean. It looks likesomeone did it on purpose.

JEAN Who could have done something

like this?

SCOTT

Either a really big car or a very powerful mutant.

Scott observes the car some more. Jean points her flashlight in the direction of the forest. She sees something. It's a person.

JEAN

Scott!

Jean runs towards the person. Scott follows her. Jean stops at the person. She shines the flashlight in his face. It's Logan or "Wolverine". Scott sits beside Jean.

SCOTT

He's breathing.

JEAN

Here, maybe I can read him. It'll give us an idea who did this.

Jean puts her hands on Logan's temples. She sees flashbacks of Magneto and Mystique attacking Logan. She sees Logan trying to fight back with his claws. She removes her hands.

JEAN

He's a mutant.

SCOTT Get him to the car. Quick.

Scott and Jean pull him up.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - MAIN LIVING AREA - NIGHT

Storm and Professor X sit there with Rogue.

PROFESSOR X You were being hunted in the forest?

ROGUE

Yes by a woman. She was blue and her hair was orange. She said she was working for a Magneto and she wanted me to work for him too.

Professor X and Storm exchange a look.

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STORM

Well, we're glad you found us. Why don't you come with me and we'll find you somewhere to sleep?

ROGUE Okay. Thank you, professor.

PROFESSOR X

You're welcome... uh...

ROGUE

Oh. Rogue.

PROFESSOR X

Rogue.

Rogue smiles at him. She and Storm walk out. Jean and Scott enter the room with Logan.

SCOTT

Professor!

Xavier looks and follows them.

INT. LABORATORY - NIGHT

Logan lies on a table. Hank McCoy "Beast" observes him. Xavier, Jean, and Scott stand to the side.

HANK

This is extraordinary. He seems to have healed himself from all of the wounds he received.

XAVIER

It's part of his mutation.

HANK Who did you say you saw, Jean?

JEAN Magneto and Mystique they seemed to only be talking at first and then they just attacked him.

XAVIER

The same thing happened to girl That Storm found earlier this evening. Where was he?

JEAN

He was in the woods.

HANK Why would he be trying to kill this man? A fellow mutant?

XAVIER

There's no telling. Maybe I can take a closer look into his mind.

Xavier walks over to Logan, placing his hands on his temples the same way as Jean. Logan's claws come out.

JEAN

Professor, look out!

Logan tries to attack the professor, but Scott shoots Logan into a wall.

HANK Maybe we should tie him down.

INT. ROGUE'S ROOM - DAY

Rogue sits on her bed. She looks around her room. Bobby walks in the doorway.

ROGUE

Who are you?

BOBBY My name's Bobby. Bobby Drake. They told me we had a new girl so I came to check her out.

ROGUE

Well, here I am.

BOBBY

It's nice to meet you.

ROGUE You too. My name is Rogue by the way.

BOBBY

Well, then it is very nice to meet you, Rogue.

Bobby goes to shake her hand. She is going for it at first, but then pulls back.

ROGUE Sorry. I'm not big on the whole touching thing.

BOBBY All right then, see you later.

Bobby exits the room. Rogue hits herself in the face with a pillow in shame.

EXT. XAIVER INSTITUTE - COURTYARD - DAY

Rogue sits reading a book that she found while in the library. Storm approaches. She sits beside her.

STORM Well, how has your first day been so far?

ROGUE Good. I can't say the same about last night though.

STORM What do you mean? What happened to you last night?

ROGUE A cute boy came into my room to welcome the "new girl" and I totally embarrassed myself because
I can't touch people.

STORM

Cute boy, eh? What was this cute boy's name?

ROGUE

Bobby Drake.

STORM

Ah, Bobby Drake. Well, come inside and I'll introduce you to few more civilized men.

Storm and Rogue get up and walk inside.

INT. XAIVER INSTITUTE - KICHEN - DAY

Storm and Rogue enter. Hank is sitting at the table reading the newspaper.

STORM

Speaking of civil men, Rogue, meet Hank McCoy. He's a teacher here and he is also very good with chemicals and science and things.

ROGUE

Well, it's very nice to meet you, Mr. Dr. Hank McCoy.

HANK

That's improper dear.

Storm and Rogue take seats at the table.

STORM

So, what's the word on the man that Jean and Scott found running around in the woods?

HANK

He only woke once last night when the professor tried to read his mind, ever since then, he's been

ROGUE

You found a man in the woods?

STORM

Yes. He was attacked just like you were. They must be hunting mutants or something.

ROGUE

Wouldn't surprise me. With all the things that Senator Kelly says, someone will be here tomorrow to arrest us all.

Jean enters.

JEAN

Well, that's what Scott thinks too.

STORM

Rogue, this is Jean Grey she is somewhat of a teacher here.

JEAN

A mentor.

STORM Yes, a mentor. You're too young to be a teacher.

ROGUE

How old are you?

JEAN

I'm twenty-one.

HANK

Well, ladies, it's been very nice to chat with you, but now I'm off to finish a project.

Hank gets up and walks off. Storm's eyes follow him out.

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Storm. Quit staring at his ass.

Rogue giggles.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUUTE - PROFESSOR X'S OFFICE - DAY

Professor X sits at his desk. Scott and Moira sit in chairs across from his desk.

MOIRA That was the speech he gave.

PROFESSOR X

Yes, but we mustn't be frightened by the things that Senator Kelly says to about us.

SCOTT

Why not, professor? I mean any time some government officer could come through that door and arrest all for something that we can't help!

PROFESSOR X

Scott, calm down. We are doing nothing to any of the humans. We will do nothing to provoke a war between us and them. He will be silent and be safe haven for mutants who unwanted. That is what we are here for Scott.

SCOTT

Well, sometimes I hate it, professor. I cannot take those people who are out there saying that people like us are freaks!

PROFESSOR X

Scott. That is enough. (Thinks.) Jean wants to see you.

Scott gets up and exits, slamming the door on his way out.

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PROFESSOR X

I'm sorry, Moira. Scott has had a hard time dealing with what humans say about him.

MOIRA

It's all right. We've all been bullied before, professor.

PROFESSOR X (Hears something) He's awake.

INT. LABORATORY - DAY

Logan lies asleep. Hank is working on a project of his. Logan wakes up. He struggles to get out of his bonds. Hank walks to him.

LOGAN

Who are you? Where am I?

HANK

You are at the Xavier Institute. My name is Hank McCoy. I have been studying you. How did you get metal anamantium in your bones?

LOGAN

Listen, bub, if you don't untie me right now, you're going to see why I have metal in my bones.

Xavier enters.

PROFESSOR X I'll take it from here, Hank.

Hank backs away from Logan. Xavier unties him. Logan quickly sits up on his bed. His claws come out.

PROFESSOR X Logan, we are not going to hurt you.

LOGAN

What do you want with me? And-

LOGAN (CONT'D) how did you know my name?

XAVIER

Because I read your mind. Did you think that you were the only one?

LOGAN

How did I get here?

PROFESSOR X

My students Scott and Jean found you on the side of the road. Do you mind telling me what happened?

LOGAN Some guy... he said his name was Mason... no. Magneto. He was trying to kill me.

PROFESSOR X Did he say why?

LOGAN I wouldn't join his team.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - LOWER LEVELS - DAY

Xavier and Logan walk down the hallway. Xavier is showing him around the school.

PROFESSOR X

This is my school for gifted youngsters. We take in mutants and teach them how to controltheir powers and use them for good.

They pass by the "Danger Room".

LOGAN

What's that?

PROFESSOR X

Don't go in there.

They keep walking.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - LOWER LEVELS - DAY

They come up on a training room.

PROFESSOR X There are some people in here that I would like you to meet.

LOGAN

Okay.

They enter.

INT. TRAINING ROOM - DAY

The X-Men are training. Jean Grey makes some of the objects float up. Cyclops is blasting some dummies. Bobby freezes some dummies. Storm is in her own section creating a storm in her private area. They all see the professor and walk over to him.

PROFESSOR X

Logan, these are my students. Well, were some of my students. They now stay at the school as mentors and teachers. Helping every student developing their powers to the fullest.

LOGAN

Okay...

PROFESSOR X Logan, this Jean Grey and Scott Summers. They're the ones who found you in the road.

> JEAN/SCOTT Hi. Hey.

PROFESSOR X And this is Ororo also known as

"Storm", one of my best students.

STORM Thank you, professor. Hello, Logan. It's nice to meet you.

Storm sticks out her hand. Logan hesitantly shakes it.

LOGAN You're very beautiful.

STORM

Oh, thank you.

Rogue enters.

PROFESSOR X

This is one of our newest additions: Rouge.

ROGUE

It's pleasure, sir.

LOGAN What's with your hair?

ROGUE I wouldn't be the one commenting on hair if I was you, sweetie.

XAVIER And this is Bobby Drake.

BOBBY

Hi. Put her there.

Bobby and Logan shake hands. Moira enters.

MOIRA

Sorry I'm late!

XAVIER

Ah, Logan, this is Moira. She is my assistant. She helps run the school.

LOGAN Why don't just call me Wolverine?

BOBBY

You got it.

LOGAN Her, not you, asshole.

BOBBY

Well...

LOGAN

Sorry, Xavier, but I'm done with your little school here. All I want is to find the guy who tried to kill me so that I can kill him.

STORM

Logan, if you don't want to talk about it here, we could go over to the mall food court and talk about it there?

LOGAN

Food court?

MOIRA

Well, it's either that or a sweaty, smelly training room. It's your choice.

INT. MALL FOOD COURT - DAY

Scott, Jean, Logan, Storm, and Bobby sit at a table in the mall food court.

JEAN You just had to buy that jacket, didn't you, Bobby?

BOBBY Yeah. I did. As a matter of fact.

STORM

It doesn't matter. We are here now so let Logan talk.

SCOTT

Go ahead, Logan.

LOGAN

Thanks, eyeballs. So, what exactly am I going to tell you again?

STORM

Tell us what happened when Magneto came to you. What exactly did he say to you?

LOGAN

I was out beside my car in the woods when those two came to me. I thought they were going to help me with my car, but their intentions were much worse. The blue one asked me if I was interested in joining the "Brotherhood". But I'm not part of any team so I said "no thanks". But I guess if you're not on their team, you their enemy. They attacked me. The Blue Bitch set my car on fire.

STORM

So, they aren't hunting mutants they're rather building a team of some sort?

LOGAN

Yes.

SCOTT

The Blue Bitch comment was right on by the way.

LOGAN

Thanks. You know, I kind of like you, eyeballs.

SCOTT

You won't if you keep that eyeballs shit up.

Logan chuckles.

JEAN

I better check-in with the professor and tell him what we know.

Jean puts two fingers on each side of her temples and focuses.

LOGAN

Look, lady, I answered your question, I'm going home.

STORM

Logan! You can't go. It's dangerous out there. Who says they won't come for you again?

LOGAN I can take care of myself.

Jean gasps.

JEAN

They're here.

SCOTT

What? Jean, what are you talking about?

BOBBY

That's it. She officially lost it.

JEAN

No. Mystique and the rest of her goons are here. I can sense them. They're coming this way.

STORM

Everyone, be calm. Be civil. We will all be fine. Just pretend-

STORM (CONT'D) like you don't see them.

RAVEN (O.S.) It isn't very fun to be ignored, Ororo.

They turn to see Raven, Quicksilver, and some of Magneto's other goons standing there.

STORM

Well, I'm sorry, Raven, but you don't tend to play very nice when we see each other.

RAVEN

I'm sorry. I just can't stand a hair on any of your preppy heads.

STORM Raven, we don't want any trouble.

RAVEN

Well, I do. And please, call me Mystique.

SCOTT

Raven. No one here has done anything to you. Just leave.

RAVEN

On the contrary, Mr. Summers, two people at this very table have done things to me that were very terrible.

JEAN

Raven, it's your fault the professor kicked you out. Not Storm's.

RAVEN

None of this matters. I was sent here to retrieve something for Eric.

What's that?

RAVEN

Him.

Raven points at Logan.

SCOTT He said he wasn't interested in joining your team, Raven.

QUICKSILVER We my dad doesn't care. You're a feisty one and he likes that.

RAVEN

Boys. Take him.

Wolverine's claws come out. The people in the mall start freaking out and run out. Raven smiles and turn into her blue form. The mall security guards run up with guns. Jean makes a table barricade. Quicksilver runs and knocks Jean and Scott down. Storm sends some lightning bolts in the way of the other goons. Wolverine goes for Raven. She does a backflip to dodge his swing.

RAVEN

Come and get me. Kitty.

Logan goes for her again. He slices the back of her leg. She cries out in pain. She kicks him in the face. Bobby freezes the barricade of tables. Gun shots are shooting the ice down. Scott takes his glasses off and blasts some of the goons coming towards him. He accidently blasts a beam. He tackles Jean and Bobby out of the way of the falling platform. Storm and Logan jump out of the way. It knocks Mystique out. Quicksilver runs over and picks her up. Scott and Jean quickly get up.

SCOTT

Are you guys okay?

JEAN

We're fine.

BOBBY

You little bitch. You got blood all over my new jacket.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - XAVIER'S OFFICE - DAY

MOIRA

When I said you could go to the mall to talk it out I didn't mean for you to blow it up!

LOGAN

Look-

SCOTT

It wasn't his fault, Moira. It was Raven's.

JEAN

I made sure no one saw.

PROFESSOR X

That doesn't matter Jean. You know better than do what you did.

JEAN

I know, professor, but they were trying to take Logan.

PROFESSOR X

He's not giving up. Maybe I should speak with him. No more disputes between mutants. I will speak with Magneto. He is an old friend.

LOGAN

Wait. You were friends with this guy?

PROFESSOR X

He's an old friend. It happened very long ago, Logan. We barely speak.

No. You know what? I have been trying to leave this place ever since I got here and now I know I can't trust you. You lied to me.

Logan turns and walks out of the room. Scott turns and goes after him.

SCOTT (O.S.)

Logan!

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - MAIN ENTERANCE HALLWAY - DAY

Scott chases Logan down the hallway.

SCOTT

Logan! Wait!

Logan stops and turns. Scott stops.

LOGAN

No. I'm sorry, Summers. But I am done here. I told you all that I know about Magneto and his stupid plan. Kiss my ass goodbye.

SCOTT

Fine. Go run and hide while we stay and fight for the lives of mutants everywhere. We're no longerbeing attacked by humans, now, mutants are coming for us too. This is a war, Logan. Choose your side wisely.

LOGAN I'm on my side. Goodbye.

Logan turns and opens the door. We see Warren Worthington III, who was mid-knock.

WARREN Uh... Hi. My name is Warren Worthington. I saw what you did in the mall. I was hoping that you could help me.

Scott and Logan exchange a look.

INT. MAGNETO'S HOUSE - LIVING AREA - DAY

Eric/Magneto sits on the couch. He is watching the news on mutants while drinking a glass of brandy. He sets it on the coffee table.

MAGNETO

Wanda!

Magneto's daughter, Wanda/Scarlet Witch steps into the room.

MAGNETO

Is there any news on the thing the girl stole from Mystique?

WANDA

The tracker says that it's still at the Xavier mansion with the girl.

MAGNETO

Wanda, get your brother. We're going to visit an old friend.

Wanda smiles.

WANDA

Yes, sir.

Wanda walks upstairs.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - XAVIER'S OFFICE - EVENING

Warren sits in a chair across from Xavier's desk. Storm, Scott, and Jean sit on the couch. Logan sits in the other chair.

> PROFESSOR X Why have you come to us, Warren?

WARREN

I was afraid. This girl... she came to me. She asked me if I was interested-

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WARREN (CONT'D)

in joining the brotherhood... I said no and I wandered around New York City for two days not even knowing my own name.

STORM This girl, did she have blue skin?

WARREN No. She looked human. She was in a red suit and she has brown hair.

STORM

Wanda.

LOGAN

Who's Wanda?

PROFESSOR X She's Magneto's daughter.

LOGAN Well, shit. This guy has kids?

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - MAIN ENTERANCE HALLWAY - EVENING

Rogue and Bobby are walking down the hallway talking. There is a loud knock at the door. Rogue goes to answer it. She opens the door. Magneto, Wanda, and Quicksilver stand waiting.

ROGUE

Who are you?

MAGNETO

I'm Magneto.

Rogue's eyes widen. She quickly tries to shut the door, but Magneto is too strong for her and he pushes the door open. Bobby freezes Quicksilver. Wanda knocks him out using telepathy. She does the same with Rogue, who is shaking in fear. She looks to her father. MAGNETO Find the plan and then un-freeze your brother.

Magneto walks on. Wanda reads Rogue's mind and then wanders off down the hallway. Quicksilver's eyes shift back and forth in the direction of his father and sister. Seriously? No one is going to help him?

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - XAVIER'S OFFICE - EVENING

Scott walks with Warren to the end of the room.

SCOTT Warren, I think it would be best if you chose to stay here awhile.

WARREN What about my father?

Jean steps in to the conversation.

JEAN The professor will handle it.

Jean gives Warren a reassuring smile. He smiles back at her. The door suddenly creaks open. Magneto is standing in the doorway.

PROFESSOR X

Eric?

MAGNETO

Charles.

Logan stands. His claws come out as he begins to approach Magneto. Storm stops him.

MAGNETO

Well, hello again Logan. Have you had a nice time here? At this school for mutants? You don't belong here, Logan.

PROFESSOR X

Eric-

LOGAN

Listen, bub, you don't get to tell me where I belong. And I sure as hell don't belong with you and your little clan of mutants.

MAGNETO

But you belong with him and his little clan of mutants? Fine. Never mind. It doesn't matter. I would like to talk with Charles alone.

PROFESSOR X

All right. Everyone please, let us speak alone.

SCOTT Are you sure professor?

PROFESSOR X

Yes, Scott. Go.

Scott, Jean, Warren, Logan, and Storm walk out of the room. Magneto uses his powers to shut the door.

PROFESSOR X What's this about, Eric?

MAGNETO

This is about us, Charles. This is about you and me and this war on mutants. Charles, I can't have you stealing my recruits and so far you have stolen three of them and one of them has stolen something from me.

PROFESSOR X

Eric, it's not a war if we prevent it from happening. And recruits?

MAGNETO

I didn't have Wanda. How else was I supposed to make them forget?

PROFESSOR X

Why would you want them to forget?

MAGNETO

So you wouldn't know, Charles. I didn't want you to get involved. I know how much this school means to you and if you get involved, they will take it away from you. They will take the children away from you. But I'm not afraid of the war, Charles. So, I'm going to fight. I just need the thing that the girl stole from me.

PROFESSOR X

Then take it, Eric and I'm sorry, but I have to get involved. I can't let you kill innocent people or innocent mutants.

MAGNETO

Fine. But just know, Charles, if you get in the way, I will not hesitate to fire.

PROFESSOR X

And neither shall I.

Magneto stares Charles down before he turns and leaves.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - ROGUE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Wanda is rummaging through Rogue's things. Jean enters the room.

JEAN What are you doing in here?

Wanda turns. She stands. She has the thing that Rogue had stolen in her hand.

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WANDA

I was looking for something.

JEAN

Let me see it.

WANDA

NO. I have to burn it. I have to destroy it before my father gets his hands on it. Jean, you have to trust me.

JEAN

What is it?

Wanda holds out the paper. Jean sees that it is blue prints for the city of Genosha. Jean looks at Wanda with fear in her eyes. Scott enters.

> SCOTT Jean? What are you doing?

> > JEAN

Wanda, I have an idea.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - MAIN ENTERANCE HALLWAY - NIGHT

Magneto walks down the hallway. He is confronted by Wanda.

MAGNETO

Get in the jet, Wanda.

WANDA

Father, I have bad news. The girl burned the plans. I read her mind.

MAGNETO

GOD DAMMIT!

WANDA

And that is why I have decided to stay here. I do not wish to be caught up in war. And I have decided this is the best place for me.

MAGNETO

Then you are no longer my child.

Magneto moves past her. Quicksilver is unfrozen. Magneto walks out of the door. Quicksilver looks at Wanda in shame. Wanda begins to cry. Jean comes running up.

JEAN

Wanda. I am so sorry I made you do that. I had no idea he was going to-

WANDA IT'S FINE! I did what I had to ...

Wanda cries more. She sits on the small chair and covers her face. Jean, in pain, looks behind her to Scott. He gives her a reassuring smile. She smiles back, even though she feels awful about what she's just done.

EXT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - ROOF - NIGHT

Bobby pulls Rogue up by her gloved-hand. They smile at each other. Bobby sits. He motions for Rogue to sit. She does.

ROGUE Do you come up here a lot?

BOBBY I guess. Only when I need a break fromfrom the other guys. Which isn't too often surprisingly.

Rogue giggles.

ROGUE

Bobby?

BOBBY

What?

ROGUE Why do you like me? I mean even if I wanted to be in a relationship with you... I couldn't even touch you.

BOBBY

We would figure out a way, Rogue. And I like you because you're cool and funny not to mention you are very hot.

Rogue smiles.

ROGUE

Flattery will get you nowhere.

BOBBY

It won't even get me one of these?

Bobby puckers his lips. Rogue smacks his lips with her gloved-hand.

ROGUE

I hope you enjoyed it.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - XAVIER'S OFFICE - DAY

Wanda sits in a chair across from the professor, obviously still hurt. Warren stands in the back corner.

WARREN

Why didn't you kill me?

WANDA

I am not my father. I am not a killer. But I do love him. I don't know why I listened to Jean, but I knew I had to do something, something to stop him. He was going to do something that would effect all the mutants in a bad way.

WARREN

How bad?

WANDA

Awful. If he builds this safe haven for mutants, then we'll just be more of a target for the humans. But my father doesn't care.

WARREN

He wants a war?

WANDA

He believes it will help.

WARREN

He is crazy.

WANDA

Excuse me?

WARREN

Right. I'm sorry.

The professor enters, Storm at his side.

PROFESSOR X Warren, we have a room for you. Storm will show you the way.

STORM

Follow me, Warren.

Warren and Storm leave the room. Professor X looks straight to Wanda.

PROFESSOR X So, that's what he's planning.

WANDA

You read my mind?

PROFESSOR X I thought you might be too upset to talk to me.

WANDA I'm not. My father disowned me. Why should I be upset?

PROFESSOR X You can go back to him.

WANDA

He disowned me!

PROFESSOR X Maybe I can talk to him.

WANDA Thank you, professor. I hope you can change his mind.

PROFESSOR X

As do I.

The professor begins to walk out.

WANDA

Professor!

PROFESSOR X

Yes?

WANDA Did you see my father's true plan?

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - JEAN AND SCOTT'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Jean and Scott prepare for bed. Scott pulls his shirt off and lies down in the bed. Jean takes her jewelry off.

> JEAN I feel awful about what I did to Wanda.

SCOTT You only did what you thought was right, Jean. You may have even stopped a war.

Jean walks to the bed. She sits.

JEAN What if it wasn't right?

SCOTT

Jean, you're such an awful person-

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SCOTT (CONT'D) that you stopped a war. You are so terrible.

Jean gives Scott a look. He smiles at her.

JEAN Scott. I'm being serious.

SCOTT So am I, Jean. You worry too much.

Scott caresses Jean's face.

SCOTT (CONT'D) Now get some sleep.

Jean places her hand on his. She sets it back on the bed.

JEAN I have to shower first.

Jean gets off the bed and walks towards the bathroom. She turns to Scott.

JEAN I know you want to join me so come on.

Scott smiles. He jumps out of the bed and walks to her.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - LABRORATORY - NIGHT

Beast works on an experiment. Storm sits on the lab table. The professor stands across from them.

> STORM He has a machine that can do what?

PROFESSOR X It can cause volcanic eruptions all over the world. Wherever he wants it.

HANK

Why would he want that?

PROFESSOR X

So he can rule the world. He's going to make an address tomorrow to the world's leaders to relinquish all the power over to him or he's going to destroy the world with his machine.

HANK

What do we do?

PROFESSOR X

I am taking Wanda and we are going to try and convince him not to make the address.

STORM

Are you sure that's the best idea, Charles? We don't want you to get hurt.

PROFESSOR X

I'll be fine, Storm. Just don't tell Scott or Jean. They're both very protective. I don't want them to endanger the mission.

STORM

Yes, sir.

PROFESSOR X

Storm, you are in charge until I return. You can call Moira if you need anything.

STORM

I will, sir. Be careful please.

PROFESSOR X

I will be.

Storm kisses the professor's cheek. Wanda enters.

Are you ready?

PROFESSOR X

As I'll ever be.

END ACT ONE.
ACT TWO.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - X-WING - NIGHT

Professor X walks with Wanda to what we can tell is a much smaller X-Jet. The hatch opens. Wanda begins to climb in. She turns.

WANDA

Are you sure you want to do this, Professor?

PROFESSOR X Your father does not scare me.

WANDA But I don't want him to drag you into this war, professor.

PROFESSOR X If we get what we want, then there won't be a war.

Wanda and Professor X walk into the jet.

INT. MAGNETO'S HOUSE - BALCONY - NIGHT

Raven watches the sky through a telescope. She sees something. She turns and backs away. She goes back inside.

INT. MAGNETO'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - NIGHT

Magneto sits. He has his helmet on the table and is starring intently at it. Raven comes into the kitchen.

RAVEN There's a ship approaching.

MAGNETO

Is Charles on it?

Raven nods.

RAVEN

The plan is going perfectly.

Magneto and Raven smile at each other.

INT. MAGNETO'S HOUSE - FRONT ENTERANCE - NIGHT

Professor X and Wanda enter the house. It's so quiet. So empty. The lights are all on.

PROFESSOR X

Eric?

Magneto steps down the stairs.

MAGNETO Charles. I see you've brought my daughter. I don't want her here.

PROFESSOR X

Eric, listen, she only did what she did because she thought it was best for you. She thought she was protecting you.

MAGNETO Is that why you came here?

PROFESSOR X No. You haven't been truly honest with me.

MAGNETO

Ah, so that's what this is about. Wanda, go to your room. The grown ups need to talk.

Raven steps out of the hallway.

INT. MAGNETO'S HOUSE - LIVING AREA - NIGHT

Professor X and Magneto sit on the couch. Raven sits in the background drinking beer.

PROFESSOR X Why didn't you tell me about the

the volcanic eruption machine?

MAGNETO

I knew you would act like this. You would try and stop me and that's exactly what you're doing. You are trying to stop me?

PROFESSOR X Look, Eric, you could potentially be starting World War III. I can't let that happen.

MAGNETO Well, I'm sorry, Charles.

Metal restrains suddenly strap Professor X into the couch.

MAGNETO (CONT'D) But I can't let you.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - SCOTT AND JEAN'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Scott and Jean sleep. Jean's head rests on Scott's chest. He has his arm around her. Jean suddenly wakes. She grabs her head. Scott wakes.

SCOTT

Jean?

Jean lets out a cry as she grips her head. She sits up in the bed. Scott follows.

SCOTT

Jean?

Jean grips her head once more and lets out a large scream. Scott grabs Jean's shoulders. She calms.

> JEAN (Gasps.) The professor.

Jean takes off running out of the room.

SCOTT

Jean!

Scott runs after Jean.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - HALLWAY - MORNING

Jean takes off down the hallway. Rogue opens her door. Scott comes quickly after her.

ROGUE

What's going on?

SCOTT (O.S.) Jean's going crazy!

Rogue follows after them.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - XAVIER'S OFFICE - MORNING

Jean runs in. She is extremely saddened. Scott and Rogue quickly enter the room.

SCOTT

Jean. What's going on?

JEAN

I was right!

SCOTT

What were you right about?

JEAN

The professor's gone! He told me that he was being held captive.

SCOTT

Jean, I'm sure it was just your mutation acting up. You know how it does sometimes.

JEAN

It wasn't my mutation acting up, Scott. He talked to me. I know he did.

ROGUE

What did he say?

JEAN

He said that someone was holding him captive. He also said... he said a name. Scott? Sam? Storm? Storm!

Rogue and Scott exchange a look.

JEAN

Storm.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - CEREBRO - MORNING

Storm and Hank stand at the door to Cerebro talking.

HANK

He can't just have disappeared.

STORM

Well, there's no way we can use Cerebro to find him unless we have Jean-

The door to Cerebro opens. Scott and Jean enter.

STORM Jean! Scott! I wasn't expecting you two to be down here.

JEAN Storm, I need to ask you something.

STORM Of course. What is it?

JEAN What happened to the professor?

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - XAVIER'S OFFICE - DAY

Scott, Jean, Storm, and Hank all sit on the couch or chairs.

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Why didn't you tell us that he was going to see Magneto without any-

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SCOTT (CONT'D)

protection?

STORM

He told me to keep it a secret. He thought he could convince Eric. He thought he would be back by now. He didn't want you two to get hurt because of him.

Jean is obviously very upset. She covers her face with her hands. Scott puts a comforting hand on her back.

HANK Eric won't hurt him. They're old friends.

STORM Yes, but why would Magneto need him?

Logan enters.

LOGAN There you guys are! Hey, there's some guy here for Warren.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - MAIN ENTERANCE HALLWAY - DAY

Storm, and the rest of the X-Men approach the door. Warren Worthington II waits.

MR. WORTHINGTON Hello. My name is Warren Worthington II and I'm looking for my son.

STORM How did you know he was here?

MR. WORTHINGTON I tracked his phone.

Rogue approaches.

ROGUE

What's going on?

MR. WORTHINGTON

You! You're that girl that attacked the M.R.D. in New York City! I will not have my son staying with this outlaw! Bring him to me this instant!

STORM Sir, calm down. I will get him.

Storm turns and goes upstairs.

STORM (O.S.)

Warren!

SCOTT

Rogue, come with me.

Scott, Rogue and Jean walk away. Wolverine waits there.

LOGAN

Right back where we started.

MR. WORTHINGTON

I suppose so.

There is an awkward silence. Warren and Storm come back down the stairs.

WARREN Dad? What are you doing here? How did you find me?

MR. WORTHINGTON I tracked your phone now come on, you will not stay here any longer!

Mr. Worthington grabs Warren's arm. Warren takes it away from him.

WARREN

No! I want to stay. Mutants are after me and these people are the only ones who can keep me safe. 42.

MR. WORTHINGTON

So, you're just going to stay here with these freaks?

WARREN

Yeah. Freaks like me, right?

MR. WORTHINGTON I don't think you're a freak, Warren. You just need help.

WARREN

Dad, mutation isn't a curse, it's a gift. And if you don't think I'm perfectly fine with my mutation, then I guess I'm better off here.

MR. WORTHINGTON You're staying here?

WARREN

Yes. I'll come visit sometime.

MR. WORTHINGTON

Okay... I don't like this idea. But if you feel you belong here then I guess I can't stop you from staying. Goodbye, son.

WARREN

Goodbye, father.

Mr. Worthington turns and walks away. They shut the door.

STORM Go on to breakfast, Warren.

Warren walks away. Storm begins to follow. Logan catches her arm.

LOGAN Storm, I'm leaving. I didn't want to make a big deal. Could you tell the others for me?

STORM

Logan, what about the professor?

LOGAN

Tell him I'm sorry, but I just don't belong in a place like this.

STORM

No, Logan. The professor has been taken captive by Magneto. No one told you?

LOGAN

No. But I'll tell you one thing, Magneto's not going to be alive for very much longer.

Logan's claws come out as he turns to go. Storm catches him.

STORM

Logan! You can't do this alone. We all want the professor back, but we can't do it without each other.

LOGAN Fine. Get everyone and then we'll go.

STORM We can't! We don't even know where Magneto's island is.

LOGAN We need to find it. Soon.

INT. MAGNETO'S HOUSE - HALLWAY - DAY

Magneto, Professor X, and Mystique walk down the hallway together.

PROFESSOR X Eric, I beg you not to make this 44.

demand! You are sending the entire world to a war against mutants.

MAGNETO

But we can beat them, Charles. It's about time we show the humans what we can do.

PROFESSOR X

Eric, they know what we can do. That's why they're afraid. They think we'll use our powers to kill them. That's exactly what you're doing.

MAGNETO

I'm done talking politics, Charles. I'm going to put you in a room for now that will inhibit your mutant powers. I'll come for you when I make the address.

PROFESSOR X

Eric.

They stop. Two doors slide open. The room is made of mostly metal with a soft pad in the center.

RAVEN

Get in there!

Raven pushes Charles into the room. He falls on the ground.

MAGNETO

Raven! We do not injure our own.

Raven pulls Charles up. She walks out the door.

MAGNETO

Goodbye, Charles.

The doors slide shut.

PROFESSOR X

Eric!

Magneto and Mystique enter the room. Magneto has a camera set up in front of the couch. There is a mutant who controls electricity. He turns everything on. Wanda and Pietro stand in the back and watch. Magneto takes his seat on the couch.

MAGNETO

Are you ready?

The mutant nods.

MAGNETO

Hello, citizens of the world. My name is Magneto. I am a mutant. I'm going to say this and I'm going to say it only once. (MORE)

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - LIVING AREA - DAY

The "X-Men" sit and watch the TV.

MAGNETO (CONT'D)

Surrender to me, leaders of the world. I will rule with fairness for mutants and any that would like to join me, are welcome. As for the humans, we are coming for you. And if you choose not to... (MORE)

INT. MAGNETO'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

MAGNETO (CONT'D) Then I'll use this.

The MACHINE pops up behind Magneto.

MAGNETO Would you like to see what it does? I thought you might.

Magneto gets up and walks to the machine. He programs it to do make a volcano.

MAGNETO

You're first, Moscow.

INT. STREETS OF MOSCOW, RUSSIA - DAY

The Russian people have all just seen Magneto's address to the world. They all freak out. They are running and screaming in fear. The ground shakes. The police and army are showing up in case of an attack by Magneto. The ground shakes again. It shakes once largely causes people to fall. There is a large shake and a large building comes falling to the ground. The people freak out. They are trying to run and keep falling. Suddenly, the volcano starts emerging from the place where the large building. It erupts as it comes up. People scream. A stream of lava washes us out of the scene.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - XAVIER'S OFFICE - DAY

Scott, Jean, Logan, Storm and Hank stand in the room discussing what just happened.

STORM What did he just do? He's going

to turn the entire world against mutants.

SCOTT

Sadly most of them already are against mutants.

HANK We have to find the professor.

LOGAN

How? It's not like Magneto's going to drop us any clues.

JEAN

I could try cerebro.

SCOTT

No, Jean, that's out of the question. The professor told you that you weren't ready yet.

JEAN

That's not a matter of importance-

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JEAN (CONT'D)

anymore, Scott. The professor is missing and we need to find him.

SCOTT

Can't you just communicate with Wanda? She's a telepath.

JEAN

I can't reach her from this far off, Scott. I need Cerebro. I can do this. Trust me.

SCOTT

It's not that I don't trust you, I don't trust the machine and what it could do to you.

Jean walks over to Scott and puts her hands on his face.

JEAN

I'm going to be fine.

LOGAN

I'll tell you one thing, if Magneto's going to have an army then we'll need one of our own.

HANK

Where are we going to get an army?

LOGAN

Seriously? We are the army. We need to be the ones who march down there and confront Magneto.

STORM I agree, but only the five of us?

LOGAN What about some of the others? Rogue, Bobby, Warren? Potential.

STORM

Potential to die! And Rogue only has the ability to suck the life out of people.

LOGAN And you don't want to bring her because?

EXT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - COURTYARD - DAY

Rogue and Bobby walk down the path together.

BOBBY So, do you like it here?

ROGUE Yeah, it's the home I never had.

BOBBY

Good. We want you to feel that way. I'm still waiting for you to feel a certain way about me.

ROGUE Bobby. We talked about this.

BOBBY I know. But I really like you a lot, Rogue.

ROGUE

A lot?

BOBBY

Yeah.

Bobby reaches to touch her cheek. She pulls away.

ROGUE

Better not. If you touch me, I'll absorb all your powers and memories.

BOBBY Maybe. Want to take the risk?

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ROGUE

No!

Rogue flies into the air. She has now revealed that she has more mutant powers than we realize. Storm and Logan have come out and seen what has happened.

> LOGAN Only has the ability to suck the life out of people my ass.

> > STORM

Rogue!

Rogue quickly comes down.

STORM

We need you.

Rogue nods. She begins to walk on. She takes one short look at Bobby. She walks with Logan and Storm inside.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - LOWER LEVELS - LABORATORY - DAY

Hank stands in the laboratory. Scott, Jean, Logan, Storm, and Rogue stand around waiting.

SCOTT I thought you had something to show us.

HANK I do. I'm debating whether this is a good idea or not.

LOGAN Hank, we already agreed that we were doing this. Show us.

HANK

Fine.

Hank pulls out a box.

I made these last night. In case something like this ever happened.

Hank opens the box. He pulls out some suits.

JEAN

They look like our danger room training suits.

HANK

They are. I've modified them. They are now more capable for real world events. They're water proof, heat resistant, and machine washable.

ROGUE

Why is Storm's the only one that's white?

STORM

'Cause I'm the only one with flare.

SCOTT

It doesn't matter what color they are. Just put them on. Jean and I are going down to Cerebro. We'll be back if we get anything.

LOGAN

If not?

SCOTT

Hope for the best.

JEAN

Wish me luck.

Scott and Jean take their suits and head out of the room together. Logan picks up his suit. He looks it over.

LOGAN This looks really tight. I hope it

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ROGUE

Gross.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - CEREBRO - DAY

Jean and Scott walk in. Jean stares at the machine. She takes a deep breath and grips Scott's hand for reassurance. She begins to walk off. He catches her. He caresses her face.

SCOTT

Are you sure?

JEAN

I am. I'll be fine.

Jean lets go of Scott's hand. She walks towards the machine. She puts the headpiece on. She is obviously very pained by the experience. She rips the headpiece off of her head and falls backwards.

SCOTT

Jean!

Scott runs to Jean. He bends down to her. He forces her to look at him.

SCOTT

Jean?

JEAN Mystique, (beat) Mystique.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - LABORATORY - EVENING

Jean grips her head as she sits at the table. Scott sits beside her rubbing her back. Hank, Storm, Logan, and Rogue stand around suited-up.

LOGAN

What's happening?

SCOTT

Mystique is going to try and kill Senator Kelly this evening at his-

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SCOTT (CONT'D) second address to the mutants.

LOGAN

We have to stop her.

SCOTT

I agree.

ROGUE Is Jean going to be all right?

SCOTT

She'll be fine.

JEAN Scott, suit up. We need to leave. She'll be there any time now.

SCOTT Are you sure you want to go, Jean?

JEAN

Yeah. I am.

INT. XAVIER INSTITUTE - X-WING - EVENING

The "X-Men" approach the X-Jet. Scott opens the hatch.

STORM We're seriously doing this?

LOGAN

Do we have a choice?

STORM Well, I didn't ask for attitude.

The "X-Men" get in the X-Jet.

INT. X-JET - EVENING

Storm sits in the pilot's seat. Hank sits beside her. Jean and Scott sit behind them and Logan Rogue sit behind them.

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STORM

Is everyone ready?

SCOTT

Yeah.

Storm takes off. The X-Jet lifts out of the hatch. It flies away.

HANK Storm, I would like you to remember-

STORM

Hank, if you try and tell me how to fly the jet, I will take it to the ground. On purpose.

ROGUE So if we're going to have a team, don't we need a name?

SCOTT We'll be… the X-Men!

LOGAN

Uncanny.

SCOTT Fine. The Uncanny X-Men.

LOGAN That's not- whatever.

INT. SENATOR KELLY'S ADDRESS - EVENING

A bunch of high-educated political men sit in the audience. The announcer walks up to the stage.

> ANNOUNCER Ladies and Gentleman, please welcome Senator Kelly to the stage.

The audience applauds. The announcer leaves the stage. Senator Kelly enters.

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SENATOR KELLY

Thank you. Ladies and Gentleman, we have a very serious problem. Mutants.

A man stands up.

SENATOR KELLY Is there something wrong, sir?

MAN You think mutants are a problem?

SENATOR KELLY

Well, yes.

MAN Would you kill a mutant?

SENATOR KELLY

I... uh...

MAN Because we would kill you.

The man pulls out a gun. He transforms into Mystique.

MYSTIQUE If anyone moves, he dies.

SENATOR KELLY Please. Don't do this.

MYSTIQUE

Why? You've never given me a reason not to. You're trying to turn the whole world on mutants. I'm just doing them a favor.

She cocks the gun. Senator Kelly prepares himself. Storm knocks Mystique into the opposite wall with her lightning. The entire crowd's focus shifts to the "X-Men".

LOGAN

Get out.

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Jean telekinetically opens the door. The crowd rushes out. Mystique gets up from the ground with a cut lip. Senator Kelly hides behind the podium.

> MYSTIQUE Well, if it isn't the little Xavier men.

ROGUE

X-Men.

MYSTIQUE

So, you have a name now? Cute. But you know, you really did interrupt my mission.

SCOTT

That was the plan.

MYSTIQUE

I can't believe you people would save this man. After all the things he has done to us mutants. You all disgust me.

JEAN We did it to prevent war.

MYSTIQUE

We need war.

LOGAN

Enough of this shit. Where is the professor?

MYSTIQUE

I knew this had to have an alternate alternative to this.

STORM

No games, Mystique. Just tell us where the professor is and we can

Mystique laughs.

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MYSTIQUE

We can't walk away from this. Don't any of you understand that? We are all at war no matter if we like it or not.

Scott steps up.

SCOTT

We're only at war because Magneto started one. We're trying to stop it.

MYSTIQUE

Yes. Like that will happen.

Rogue walks over to Mystique. She touches her arm. Mystique almost hits her.

ROGUE

Why are you doing this?

MYSTIQUE

Because. You deserve it.

Rogue becomes angry. She grabs Mystique by the neck. Rogue flies up into the air and she in Mystique break through the roof.

STORM

Rogue!

Storm turns to Logan.

STORM I told you she wasn't ready!

LOGAN

I'm sorry, all right!?

SCOTT Somebody get up there and stop her! They all look at Storm.

STORM

I'm on it.

EXT. SKY ABOVE THE BUILDING - EVENING

Rogue has Mystique by the neck. Mystique is struggling to breathe. Storm flies up beside her.

STORM

Rogue! Stop this. You're killing her! Don't become what she is Rogue. Don't.

Rogue looks at her. She looks guilty. She drops down back into the building with Mystique. Storm turns and flies down.

INT. CONGRESS ROOM - EVENING

Storm flies in. Rogue slowly backs away from Mystique. The others gather around Mystique.

SCOTT

How is she?

HANK

She's breathing. She's lucky that Rogue had gloves on. If not, she might have really hurt her.

Storm turns to Rogue.

STORM Rogue, why would you do that?

ROGUE

I don't know. She just made me so angry. I just wanted to- I'm so sorry.

Rogue becomes upset. Storm goes over and hugs her. The X-Men leave Mystique and go to Rogue.

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That's okay Rogue. We all make mistakes.

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LOGAN You showed your guts kid. Just don't try anything like that again.

Rogue smiles.

STORM

All right. Well, lets see if we can get something out of that blue bitch now.

They turn, but Mystique's body is gone from its place on the floor. They all look around. Senator Kelly crawls out from behind the podium.

SCOTT

You.

SENATOR KELLY

Me?

SCOTT Yes. That blue woman, did you happen to see where she went?

SENATOR KELLY She went that way.

Senator Kelly points to the left. They look to see that the door has recently moved.

STORM

No...

JEAN Hold on. Let me see if I can get her.

Jean puts to fingers on her temple.

LOGAN No. She can't have been gone for long. Let's see if we can catch her.

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They all turn to run off. Senator Kelly crawls a little farther out.

SENATOR KELLY

Wait! You're mutants, but you saved my life... Who are you?

SCOTT The X-Men. The Uncanny X-Men.

AND WE...

FADE OUT.

END OF SHOW.