

JUST MARVEL X-MEN

X-men CHARACTERS



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# Introduction

Firstly, thank you for downloading my e-book and i hope you do enjoy reading the biographies of the many X-men characters that i have done so far.

This e-book is actually a compilation of the X-men profiles on my [Website](#). So what did i create this e-book? Well, I just thought it will be convenient for you to read about the X-men at your own time especially when you do not have any Internet access.

Any, this e-book will never be finished. new characters then i might actually Otherwise, this e-book will always be



Why? Well, if Marvel stops creating see the light at the end of the tunnel. constantly revised.

Be rest assured that i will send you the latest compilation i have when it is ready. I am actually more than happy to do this e-book and do look out for new e-books that i may be publishing!

## Side Note:

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Cheers!



# Archangel

## My Review:

I personally like X-men Archangel because of his spontaneous character, self-confidence, his level of optimism and his way with women. When the situation is very tense, he tries to lighten everyone up with his jokes.

He makes a good date because of his self-confidence and how he carries himself. He definitely knows how to have a good time and always make his dates feel pretty comfortable.

As compared to the other X-man, you will realize he is more of a womanizer. He has dated many beautiful women, some were serious and some were just for fun. But I believe that when he finds the "one", he will settle down and be a very good husband or even father.

He is always willing to use his own money to fund crime-fighting organizations (such as the Champions), to make it a safer place for all. He has also gone through his share of ups and downs in his life. The lowest point in his life was when his wings were amputated.

That really turned his life around and so I was understand why he accepted Apocalypse's offer to return him back his wings – Click here to read his brief history. Everyone makes mistakes and he is no exception, even if he is an X-man. I guess that applies to us in real life too, doesn't it? =)

### Link Resources:

[Online X-men Archangel Profile](#)

[More Archangel Pictures](#)

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[X-men 3 Pictures](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Archangel
<b>Real Name:</b> Warren Worthington III
<b>Other Alias:</b> Angel II, Death II, Warren, Avenging Angel
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Flight ability
- Fast healing factor to those who also comes in contact with his blood.
<b>Romantic Partnerships:</b>
- Jean Grey (One-sided love)
- Candy Southern (Ex-girlfriend)
- Psylocke (Ex-girlfriend)
- Husk
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- X-men - Current
- Horsemen of Apocalypse – Past
- Champions - Past
- X-factor - Past
- Hellfire Club – Hereditary membership
<b>Relatives:</b>
- Katherine Worthington – Mother (Deceased)
- Warren Kenneth Worthington JR. – Father (Deceased)
- Warren Kenneth – Grandfather (Deceased)
- Burtram Worthington (Dazzler) – Uncle (Deceased)
<b>First Appearance:</b> <a href="#">X-men 1 – Sep 1963</a>

## **Brief History:**

X-men Archangel came from a very privileged and rich family. He was enrolled into a prestigious boarding school in the East Coast. Then, he started having wings growing on his back. Afraid to let his friends find out for fear that they'll outcast him.

The sudden ability to fly scared him greatly but it is also what makes him feel excited. There was a fire in his dormitory once, X-men Archangel disguised himself with a blond wig and nightshirt as he helped the students trapped in the fire. Nobody ever knew that it was actually he who had helped them.

This life-changing experience made him become the crime-fighter known as the Avenging Angel, where he fights crimes in New York City. His efforts as a crime-fighter got the attention of Professor Charles Xavier (Prof. X) and he was invited to join the X-men. After being rescued from Krakoa, he decided to leave the X-men - [click here to read the review of the issue where he was rescued.](#)

When his parents passed away, he inherited a lot of money and started funding the Los Angeles-based organization called the Champions. As his parents are no longer alive, he feels no need to hide his identity anymore.

The Champions did not work out. Therefore, he decided to devote his time to family business and renew his relationship with Candy Southern. He also briefly returned back to the X-men.

During the assassination of the Morlocks by the Marauders in New York City also known as the Mutant Massacre, X-men Archangel helped to battle the attack. The Marauder Harpoon pushed a sharp object (most likely a spear) into Warren's wings causing it to be amputated.

Devastated with the loss of his wings and his break-up with Candy Southern, he wanted to commit suicide by crashing his plane. However, just before the explosion he was teleported to safety by Apocalypse the immortal mutant.

Apocalypse offered X-men Archangel back his wings on one condition. He must become one of Apocalypse's horsemen and he was given the title Death. Due to desperation and confusion, he agreed and went through a very painful genetic re-engineering for his sharp metal wings.

Fortunately, the partnership between Apocalypse and himself did not last for long. Warren returned to the X-men, where his wings were regenerated and once again regained its feathery appearance. The reason behind this mystery change of his wings is still unknown.

### **Beliefs/Ideals:**

Like every other X-man, he believes he can make a difference. Before he was invited to become an X-man, he was already out fighting crimes as Avenging Angel.

Even though, he was born into a rich family that didn't stop him from helping others. Given such great powers, he feels that he should help others who are in need, mutant or human.

### **His Likes:**

I know he loves to fly as it gets him excited and help to cheer him up when he is down. He also enjoys having fun and love to date beautiful women. He is also known as a playboy at times but there are a few women in his life that made an impact.

He likes using his money for a good cause. He has supported many crime-fighting mutant organizations such as the Champions (even though it did not work out).

### **Superpowers Limitations:**

His wings are strong enough to carry 500 pounds of weight excluding his own weight. His eyes are also able to withstand very high-speed winds, which normally causes damage to the average human eyes.

He is also able to fly at a speed of 150 miles per hour and fly non-stop for half a day. He is also able to help heal others but mixing his blood with others due to his accelerated healing factor – considering that they've the same blood type.

#### **Side Note:**

X-men Archangel is one of the initial members of the X-men and he was acted by Ben Foster in X-men Movie 3. He happens to be a very charming man that scores with the ladies! =)

# Beast

## My Review:

Beast from the X-men is the most intellectual and brainiest mutant of the whole X-men! He is blessed with both brawns and brains. However, there is a catch. He has blue fur, big hands and feet and looks similar to a big ape (I guess Stan Lee is fair, right?).

Although, Beast may not be my favourite character out of the whole cast of the X-men, but I still do like him. He is a true gentleman, sincere, friendly and someone who you can definitely trust.

I love the fact that he is truly a versatile team player! He could be either the brains behind an operation or participate in the operation himself. Either way works for him! And I think very few X-man are able to do this.

Sometimes, I feel so sad for him because a lot of people tend to judge him based on his appearance. He had ex-girlfriends who decided not to see the real him, but the Beast outside.

Sometimes, I find it so ironic how the most gentle and civilized man could turn out to look like a big gorilla? Something to think about I guess ...



### Link Resources:

[Online X-men Beast Profile](#)

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[X-men 3 Pictures](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Beast
<b>Real Name:</b> Dr. Henry Philip Hank McCoy
<b>Other Alias:</b> Hank
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Superhuman speed, strength and agility
- Exceptionally high intelligence level
- Accelerated healing abilities
- Ability to think quickly and effectively
<b>Romantic Partners:</b>
- Jennifer Nyles – Possible Ex-lover
- Trish Tilby – Ex-girlfriend
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- X-men – Current
- Defenders - Past
- Avengers – Past
- X-Factor I - Past
<b>Relatives:</b>
- Norton McCoy – Father
- Edna McCoy- Mother
- Robert – Uncle
- Sadie McCoy – Grandmother
- Bob McCoy – Great Uncle
<b>First Appearance:</b> Uncanny X-men #1 – Sep 1963

## **Brief History:**

Henry McCoy commonly known as X-men Beast was born to Norton and Edna McCoy in Dunfee, Illinois. He had bigger feet and hands than normal infants because his father was exposed to radiation in the nuclear plant that he was working at.

He was often shunned by the kids in school because of his "abnormal" appearance. Therefore, he always kept to himself until he started tutoring Jennifer Nyles in biology and began to know the real Henry McCoy. On the night of the junior prom, she insisted Henry to take her.

Even though, everyone was jeering and pointing fingers Jennifer shooed them off. And ever since, they became best friends who might be very well in love.

After high school, Jennifer and he went their separate ways. Due to the radiation, he was gifted with superhuman agility, strength and speed. Soon, he became the star of his football team. Once, his mutant abilities were exposed and he was asked to leave the school.

Professor Charles Xavier (Prof. X) invited him to join his School for Gifted Youngsters, where he will be able to learn and make better use of his mutant abilities. Then he became officially known as X-men Beast as that was his childhood name. And he helped to prevent Magneto from succeeding in exterminating mankind.

After he completed his doctorate studies, he decided to explore life outside of the X-men and take a job he had applied to Brand Corporation. He developed a serum that will be able to activate hidden mutations present. After drinking the serum, he went through a great change in appearance.

The chemical formula did enhance his superhuman abilities, but it also has side effects. He started growing blue fur and his canine teeth grew larger, which has altered his life forever.

Initially, he could not accept his new appearance, but eventually grew to accept himself. After which, he left Brand Corporation to join superhuman groups such as Avengers, Defenders, X-Factor and so on. Eventually, he returned back to the X-men and continues to fight towards their goal.

**Superpowers Limitations:**

X-men Beast has superhuman speed, agility, strength and the ability to act quickly and efficiently. He is able to lift an estimated 2,000 pounds and his limbs are able to make leaps as far as 14 feet. He uses his claws and his fingers to climb any vertical surfaces such as buildings, brick walls and so on.

In all, he has the abilities of a great ape equipped with knowledge and brains of a genius. He could also walk on his hands for hours and able to do a series of moves such as back-flip, rolls, and so on. He also has excellent stamina, which no professional athlete is his match. Not forgetting that he is able to recover from wounds twice faster than his normal human counterparts.

Apart from that, he possessed a brilliant intellect, which is no surprise why he was the one who came up with the cure for the Legacy virus. He is also well-versed in languages such as German, English, Latin, Spanish, Russian and so on.

**Beliefs/Ideals:**

X-men Beast believes strongly in science and how it is able to change the lives of many. Just like how his life was changed when he took the serum he developed into what he looks like now. However, he uses both his brains and brawn to fight towards the goal of the X-men.

**His Likes:**

X-men Beast has an insatiable/hungry passion and thirst for knowledge especially in the fields of biochemistry and genetics. And he is also a well-versed man, who is also very interested in arts, history and so on.

He loves to do experiments and read a lot of books. If you do not know this try to look out because he is often seen holding a book, reading newspaper or conducting own experiments in his lab.

# Callisto

## My Review:

I first came to know about Callisto in the 1990s X-men cartoon show and then I was still a kid. My impression of Callisto upon her first appearance was that she is an outcast from society and had a very distinct eye patch on her right eye. Being curious, I decided to read more her character because I thought she was quite different kind of X-men villain – I just needed an excuse to buy more X-men comics!



She is very agile and works well with a rod or knives as her choice of weapon, because I have seen Callisto during the X-men cartoon show in the 1990s using them. It was during the time when she had a dual with X-man Storm. She has a very strong personality and stands up for what she believes are right.

She may also seem to be very domineering because she kidnapped Archangel from the X-men to make him her husband. But as you learn more about her, you will realize that she is actually very kind-natured. Why?

- Help other mutants with a similar fate as hers
- Provides a safe and secure haven

Also, I thought that the relationship between Callisto with X-men Colossus and her brother was a little weird. Anyway, she is one of the X-men villains, which I have seen quite often. Or maybe she happened to appear in comics that I had bought? Come to think of it, I think she paid my comic dealer to promote comics to customers that had her inside. Of course not, she is fiction! Ha-ha ...

### Link Resources:

[Online X-men Callisto Profile](#)

[X-men 3 Reviews](#)

[X-men 3 Pictures](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Callisto
<b>Real Name:</b> Not Revealed
<b>Other Alias:</b> -
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Superhuman senses such as sight, hearing, smell, touch and taste.
- Skilled in hand-to-hand combat
- Enhanced superhuman senses because of her tentacles.
<b>Romantic Partnerships:</b>
- Colossus (Peter Nicholas) - Ex-lover
- Mikhail Nicholas (Colossus's Brother) - Lover
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- Gene Nation - Current
- Morlocks - Past
<b>Relatives:</b> Not Revealed
<b>First Appearance:</b> Uncanny X-men #169 – May 1983

## **Brief History:**

Before Callisto from the X-men became the woman that you see today, she used to be young and beautiful. But an event has caused her to be blind at the right eye and leaving her to be disfigured. She realized that the society had no use for a once beautiful woman. Unable to accept this harsh reality, she decided to go underground where she can avoid stares of others.

In the 1950s, she decided to start her new home at a huge abandoned military tunnel built beneath Manhattan. She found another mutant, Caliban, who has the psionic ability to find other mutants. She realized that she is not the only mutant who seeks for an escape from reality. With help of Caliban, she gathered a large community of mutants. Soon, they came under her leadership and became known as the Morlocks.

One day, she met the X-men. Immediately, Callisto must have X-men Archangel. She kidnapped Archangel with intention to make him her consort, in other words, her husband. However, the persistent X-men went after their lost X-man member and had a fight with the Morlocks. Eventually, Storm and Callisto from the X-men had a dual with Callisto.

The winner will get to keep Archangel and leadership of the Morlocks. Although Callisto had fast reflexes but she was no match for Storm. Without doubt, Storm won and claimed the leadership of the Morlocks and Archangel. However, Callisto continued being the leader during the absence of Storm.

Not long, the Morlocks became victims of the Maurauders' genetic massacre because they were genetically useless. And this attack was commanded by Mr. Sinister. However, Callisto managed to escape and found a safe place to recuperate from her injuries.

Later, she encountered Colossus (Peter Nicholas) who was not with the X-men then, and both soon developed a romance. Colossus did not know who Callisto was because she was transformed into a beautiful woman by Masque. Masque decided to betray Callisto and revealed the truth to Colossus.

Colossus defeated Masque and both decided to start a new life together. But it was not to be. They separated and went back to their former lives. After which, she and other remaining members of the Morlocks joined believed to be dead, Mikhail Nicholas (Colossus's Brother). And both became romantically involved and set-up a Gene Nation.

**Beliefs/Ideals:**

She realized that true beauty should not be based on appearances and that is something that others can never take from her. She is very concern for mutants who are outcast by society because they are unable to blend in together with humans.

**Her Likes:**

She loves to help those mutants who are in need and has a strong passion for helping other fellow mutants who are detested and avoided by others. She looks out for those who are not as strong as she is.

**Superpowers Limitations:**

Before she had any tentacles, Callisto already has super human sense of smell, taste, hearing and sight. But with her new tentacles, her superhuman senses have been heightened to a whole new level.

In addition, she usually spotted with knives and rod as noticed by me. And because she is very agile in her movements, she does exceptionally well in hand-to-hand combat.

**Side Note:**

In the first episode that Callisto was seen during the X-men cartoon show in the 1990s, Cyclops (Scott Summers) was actually the man she kidnapped and planned to make him marry her. However, the X-men comic displayed Callisto actually kidnapping Archangel and NOT Cyclops.

Callisto was among the X-men characters in the latest X-men 3 movie, The Last Stand. And she was acted by Dania Ramirez [Click here to view pictures of the X-men ...](#)

# Colossus

## My Review:

Personally, I think Colossus is a very gentle, selfless and kind natured man. Ironically, his superpower ability allows him to transform to organic and steel-like body – especially those who do not know him, may think that he is cold-hearted. But, of course not!

Initially, I did not really appreciate his presence in the comics but slowly I did. I could feel his compassion, level of calmness and sincerity when treating others, which I think is very commendable.

He also happens to be quite good looking but a very shy and reserved man. Sometimes, Shadowcat (his lover) has to make a first move on him too. He was also never really exposed to so much violence till he joined the X-men. His life used to revolve around his family and the farm which he grew up on.

You can say he has lost his innocence, but who wouldn't? Considering how many battles he had to encounter and life-threatening decisions that he had to make. Actually, all the X-men will go through this! He fell apart when his sister, Illyana, passed away due to the Legacy Virus.

He didn't want other mutants like himself to suffer the same fate as his sister. Therefore, he sacrificed his life to stop the Legacy Virus from killing others like him. From here, you can tell how much he loves his family and how he looks out for others.

I also noticed that Colossus seems to be one of the prominent characters in the X-men comics. However, he only plays a small role in the X-men 3 movie.

## Link Resources:

[Online X-men Colossus Profile](#)

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<b>Code Name:</b> Colossus
<b>Real Name:</b> Piotr (Peter) Nikolievitch Rasputin
<b>Other Alias:</b> Peter Nicholas, Nicholas
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Transform flesh into organic steel
<b>Romantic Partnerships:</b>
- Katherine Pryde (Shadowcat) – Lover
- Jean-Paul Beaubier (Northstar) – Gay Partner in Ultimate X-men
- Callisto – Romantically involved once
- Betsy Wilford – Had a few dates
- Nereel and Shakani – Sexual relationship
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- X-men – Current
- Acolytes – Past
- Excalibur - Past
<b>Relatives:</b>
- Nikolai Rasputin – Deceased Father
- Alexandra Rasputina – Deceased Mother
- Illyana Nikolovna Rasputina (Magik) – Deceased Sister
- Mikhail Rasputin - Deceased Brother
- Peter – Son
<b>First Appearance:</b> <a href="#">Giant-Size X-men 1</a> - May 1975

## **Brief History:**

X-men Colossus was born on a Soviet collective farm called Ust-Ordynski Collective in Lake Baikal, Siberia. His superpowers only emerged when he was developing into an adult. Once, his sister Illyana was about to get run over by a tractor. He quickly transformed to save his sister by jumping in front of the tractor.

Right after that incident, Prof. X asked him for his assistance to help rescue the original X-men who were captured by Krakoa. Colossus is very close to his family and that was why he was so reluctant to go at first. But after much consideration and support from his parents, he decided to help rescue the X-men and left for the United States.

After saving the original X-men, he stayed on with Cyclops to officially become X-men Colossus. He missed his family and tries to write letters to them, but he is often lost for words. And so, he draws his adventures instead.

Illyana the sister of X-men Colossus and other loved ones of the X-men was kidnapped by Miss Locke. This was to force the X-men to free her employer known as Arcade from Doctor Doom. After Illyana was rescued, she continued to stay with Colossus at Xavier's Mansion.

It was during this time, he also developed a relationship with Shadowcat. Not long later, they parted but remained very good friends.

When Illyana died due to the Legacy Virus that only affect mutants, he was devastated by his loss. He left the X-men to give himself some personal space and shortly later he joined the Acolytes, disciples of Magneto.

However, he realized that it was not suitable for him. Ultimately, he returned to the X-men. Desperate to stop the Legacy Virus that killed his sister, he decided to use the cure developed by Beast by injecting it into him.

For the cure to work, it needs to be used on a mutant host, which causes the host's powers to go off and spread it into the atmosphere of Earth. And in the process, the host will die. His body was cremated and Shadowcat spread his ashes in Russia where he belongs.

However, there is a twist to his death. After he died, he was revived by an alien from the Breakworld called Ord. He left a duplicate body to avoid any suspicions that may occur.

After which, Ord used the Legacy Virus in Colossus's body to create his mutant cure. During one of X-men's investigations, Colossus's was unknowingly released by Shadowcat and rejoined as X-men Colossus again. Then he and Shadowcat continued their romantic relationship.

### **Beliefs/Ideals:**

X-men Colossus believes that he is able to make a difference by using his superpowers to help others to live in peace with humans. That is the reason why he keeps returning back to the X-men because he shares their common belief.

### **His Likes:**

As mentioned in his brief history above, he loves his family more than anything else. I think that he especially loves his sister, Illyana, as he feels that he need to protect her even more.

He also enjoys painting and for a period of time he was quite a famous American artist in Soho. It was then he was romantically involved with Callisto. I guess it was tough being X-men Colossus and painting helps to relax him. And not forgetting that Shadowcat is probably the love of his life and also one of his best friends.

### **Superpowers Limitations:**

X-men Colossus is able to transform his body tissue into organic and steel-like substance, which gives him incredible strength and durability. He is unable to partially select which part of his body to armour (or "armor" for US spelling) up. His whole body is either transformed to organic steel or converted to its normal flesh form.

His organic and steel-like body is mostly resistant to most bodily harm. He can also withstand high-voltage electricity, magical attacks and extremely low and high temperatures.

# Cyclops

## My Review:

Tell me who does not know Cyclops from the X-men? He is the living model of the X-men and he is even the first member. Well, I can't say he is my favourite character (cause that's lying haha) but he is a very important X-man. Why? Well, because he is Cyclops that's why!

He is a great leader and carries a heavy responsibility to his fellow X-man as well as to Prof. X. That explains why he can be very uptight and look bossy. But I have to admit, his presence does make a difference in the X-men which explains why he is the leader.

I like him for his quick thinking, gentlemen behaviour (except when he is fighting with Wolverine most of the time), strong dedication to the team, and much more. Also, his undying love for Jean Grey is admirable as well. It goes to show what kind of man X-men Cyclops is!

## Link Resources:

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[X-men 3 Pictures](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Cyclops
<b>Real Name:</b> Scott Summers
<b>Other Alias:</b> Erik the Red I, Slym Dayspring
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Optic ray blasts
<b>Romantic Partnerships:</b>
- Emma Frost (White Queen) – Romantic relationship
- Jean Grey – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wife
- Madelyne Pryor – 1 <sup>st</sup> Wife
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- X-men - Current
- X Factor I – Past
- X-Terminators – Past
<b>Relatives:</b>
- Alex Summers (Havok) – Brother
- Christopher Summers (Corsair) - Father
- Deborah Summers - Grandmother
- Elaine Grey – Mother-in-law
- Jean Grey (Phoenix) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wife
- John Grey – Father-in-law
- Katharine Anne Summers – Deceased Mother
- Madelyne Pryor – Deceased 1 <sup>st</sup> Wife
- Nathan Summers - Son
- Philip Summers –Grandfather

- Rachel Summers (Phoenix III) – Daughter

- Sarah Grey-Bailey – Deceased Sister-in-law

**First Appearance:** Uncanny X-men #1 – September 1963

## **Brief History:**

X-men Cyclops came from a very happy family, until one incident that changed his life forever. One day, his father, Christopher Summers, flew the family on their vintage private plane for a vacation. Along the way, they were being attacked by an alien ship from Shi'ar Empire and their plane caught fire.

In order to save her two sons, Katharine (mother) pushed both Alex and Cyclops out of the plane with the only 2 parachutes they have on the plane. Unfortunately, Scott suffered a head injury upon landing and both brothers were separated.

Scott suffered brain damage and was a comatose patient for about a year, before he woke up. He spent most of his childhood in the orphanage, which was controlled by Mr. Sinister. As for Alex, he was adopted by a foster family and they lost contact until they became much older. I guess because of his medical condition, he was not being adopted unlike his younger brother.

He believed that both his parents were dead, but his father survived and was taken prisoner by Shi'ar Empire. And his father became the leader of a group known as the Starjammers. When he started to hit teenage-hood, he started to have severe headaches and eyestrain. Once, his power erupted suddenly and blasted a construction crane.

After recovering from his shock, he quickly blasted another optic ray to destroy the debris that was about to fall onto innocent bystanders. No doubt, he had saved the crowd, but still they were afraid of homo sapiens also known as mutants. The crowd started to form into an angry mob and chased after him.

Fortunately, he was saved by Prof. X and he was offered to become the first X-man. Without much thought, he accepted it because yearned to be accepted and belong to a family. Since then, he became known as X-men Cyclops and there was no turning back. After that, he and Prof. X became so close. And their teacher and student relationship has evolved into that of a father and son relationship.

Apart from helping him to control his optic rays, Prof. X has played a significant role in Scott's life. Without Prof. X's teaching, he would not have been the man he is today. X-men Cyclops unwavering bond, trust and devotion to Prof. X is hard to break.

Over the years, more X-men were recruited and one X-man, Jean Grey, caught his eye. He had a crush on her for a long time and being the shy guy that he is when it comes to relationship, he never confessed his feelings to her until much later.

Soon they fell madly in love and she became one of the most important people in his life other than Prof. X. During one mission, he thought that Jean was dead and he was devastated.

Upset, he met a girl called Madelyne Pryor (Goblin Queen) who looks like Jean and they got married. He was unaware that his wife was actually a clone of Jean created by Mr. Sinister. Soon, they had a son called Nathan Summers.

But Jean was not actually dead and upon learning her return, he left his wife. After the death of his first wife, he married Jean and their relationship had withstood the test of time despite many setbacks. And these setbacks only made their love and relationship stronger.

X-men Cyclops was made leader and he undertakes the responsibilities of Prof. X when he is not around. It is quite obvious that he will be the successor to Prof. X's work.



Phew, that's a lot of information.

### **Beliefs/Ideals:**

X-men Cyclops was the first to be recruited by Prof. X, he was loved and given a home to belong to. Therefore, this explains his strong devotion to Prof. X's goal which is to ensure the co-existence of mutants and humans. The main reason why he is helping Prof. X is not only out of gratitude, but also because he believes the world will be a better place if everyone can just get along.

### **His Likes:**

Without doubt, X-men Cyclops loves Jean Grey and also Prof. X who is his "father" and teacher. In his spare time, he likes to spend a quiet evening or date with the love of his life. Not forgetting, that he also likes working with the X-men who has become his de facto family.

### **Superpowers Limitations:**

X-men Cyclops is able to emit powerful blast of ruby red beams from his eyes. The source of his beams is actually solar power, which is transferred to his eyes. Therefore, his blasts become more powerful when there is sunlight. In quite a few X-men comic issues, his optic beams are able to bounce off reflective metal surfaces.

It is said that the psionic field controls the extent of the optic blasts from his eyes. But due to the brain damage he suffered from a rough landing, it has affected his ability to control his optic beams consciously.

And so each time he opens his eyes, optic beams will emit from his eyes. However, there is a limit as to how long he can continuously use his optic beams and becomes weak if used too long.

As the psionic field merges with his body, it is used to block his optic blasts, it explains why he is immune to the effect of his own blasts. He is also able to stop optic beams by closing his eyes. To prevent sudden outbursts of his optic rays, he dons a ruby quartz visor constantly. With his ruby quartz visor, he is able to control the width of the optic blasts which uses the psionic field to control his optic beams.

# Gambit

## My Review:

One of the reasons why I came to like Gambit was because of his light-hearted and fun personality. Of course, I admit he is good-looking and probably that's why it was easier for him to get into my favourite list.

Gambit is displayed as someone who is very charismatic, charming and mischievous. He is almost everything a girl can ask for especially his very cheeky grin, nice red eyes and very handsome features.

He didn't look like someone who had experienced a lot in life because he seems happy most of the time. But deep inside, he has many secrets and memories that he is hiding from everyone. And that probably explains why he tries to look happy and makes everyone feel like he has no worries in the world.

The second reason was because I love his style of fighting when he uses his Bo staff in "fist" fights and the explosive deck of cards that he throws to his opponents. And because his fighting techniques is so different and looks so cool, he appealed to me even more.

Lastly, I love the very intense and playful relationship he has with Rogue. Both of them are a pair made in heaven, at least I would like to say it. The things he do just to get her attention and slowly warming Rogue up to him. He sure does live up to his name of being the ladies' man.



Cheers to X-men Gambit!

## Link Resources:

[Online X-men Gambit Profile](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Gambit
<b>Real Name:</b> Remy LeBeau
<b>Other Alias:</b> Gumbo, Swamp Rat
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Able to charge objects with kinetic energy that causes them to explode
- Skilled master thief
- Works well with a Bo staff
<b>Romantic Partnerships:</b>
- Belladonna – Ex-wife
- Rogue – Love of his life
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- X-men - Current
- Marauders – Past
- Thieves’ Guild - Past
<b>Relatives:</b>
- Jean-Luc LeBeau (Stepfather)
- Henry LeBeau (Deceased Stepbrother)
- Mercy LeBeau (Sister-in-law)
- Theoren Marceaux (Cousin)
- Etienne Marceaux (Deceased Cousin)
- Bella Donna Boudreaux (Ex-wife)
- Marius Boudreaux (Deceased Father-in-law)
- Julien Boudreaux (Deceased Brother-in-law)
<b>First Appearance:</b> Uncanny X-men #266 – Aug 1990

## **Brief History:**

X-men Gambit also known as Remy LeBeau was stolen from the hospital when he was just a baby and was adopted by the Thieves' Guild leader, Jean-Luc LeBeau. With the help of his stepfather, he naturally became a master thief.

During that time, the Thieves' Guild had a peace agreement with their rival, Assassin's Guild. And a marriage was arranged between Gambit and his childhood sweetheart Belladonna.

After his marriage Julien (Belladonna's brother) challenged Gambit duel and was seriously injured. To prevent further conflicts, Gambit decided to turn his back on the world he once knew and that includes leaving Belladonna.

A short time after he left, he began to start losing control of his superpowers. At one point, Gambit got to know a mad scientist also known as Mr. Sinister (you know that right?) and he helped him to assemble a group of mutants called the Marauders.

Gambit led the Marauders into the Morlock's tunnel and to his horror the Marauders started killing everyone. He did not know that Mr. Sinister's plan was to slaughter the Morlocks and so he left. Eventually, he met Storm from the X-men and helped her in the battle against the Shadow King.

Storm impressed with his skills recommended him to Prof. Charles Xavier (Prof. X) and became the X-men Gambit you see today. He decided to use this opportunity to make amends for the wrongs he had done especially for the massacre of the Morlocks.

Little did he know that love came knocking on his door, eventually he fell in love with a fellow X-man, Rogue. Slowly, his one-sided love for Rogue became mutual as they got to know each other more. However, Gambit still remains very reserved about his past and has not told any of the X-men.

Once, Rogue and Gambit exchanged a kiss. Rogue's ability allowed her to absorb the memories and dark secrets that Gambit has been guarding very tightly.

Soon, the X-men learnt about Gambit's sinful past. He was so ashamed and decided to leave. After his departure, he realized that he had found his goal in life and it was to be fighting along side with his fellow X-man. Most importantly, X-men have become Gambit's family. Therefore, he returned and continued being an X-man.

**Beliefs/Ideals:**

He believes that by fighting for Prof. X's cause of co-existence between humans and mutants, he can make amends for the past mistakes that he had done. He never wants to return back to the shady world, where he once was.

**His Likes:**

X-men Gambit is known for being charismatic, the ladies' man and flirtatious. However, ever since he fell in love with Rogue he only had eyes for her. And somehow I feel that he enjoys annoying Rogue to get her attention.

**Superpowers Limitations:**

X-men Gambit is able to charge non-living objects with kinetic energy and causing them to explode. Playing cards are his trademark object that he uses as a weapon against his opponents.

His most powerful attack would be when he throws a deck of explosively charged cards all at one time. Why? Imagine throwing a single weapon against multiple weapons at your opponent, which is more powerful? I'll leave it for you to decide ...

He also uses a Bo staff, which is about six feet long and can be made of metal, wood and bamboo, as one of his choice of weapon when fighting. He is highly skilled in martial arts and by looking at his very fit body he is also very agile.

**Side Note:**

Yes girls (if you are), X-men Gambit is taken. I recommend watching the first season of the 1990s X-men cartoon show if you're a fan of his, because he was one of the main characters that were cast.

And even better if you like Rogue and Gambit together because you get to see the troubles he gets into to get her attention and so on. Sad to say, he was not among the characters in any of the X-men movies franchise. Such a pity!

# Jean Grey

## My Review:

Initially, I did not really like her as I felt that she was quite weak compared to her fellow X-men members. I felt that she takes a much longer time to come to terms with the harsh reality. I did not realize how powerful Jean was until the Phoenix Force started disguising as her. After that, I started paying more attention to her. The power of the Phoenix is amazing and to think that actually she is more powerful than Prof. X himself.

And I also found out that Phoenix is a part of Jean, without Jean the Phoenix fails to exist. It is Jean's destiny to wield the power of the Phoenix. Apart from the Phoenix, I admire Jean for being so selfless by sacrificing her life so many times just to save her friends.

Honestly, I prefer Jean to be together with Wolverine rather than Cyclops. I can feel a weird chemistry between Jean and Wolverine, even though Jean tried to conceal her feelings for him.

However, she realized that she was in love with Cyclops and they got married. So I guess you and I should say a big "THANK YOU" to people involved in making X-men Jean Grey so much more interesting!



## Link Resources:

[Online X-men Jean Grey Profile](#)

[More Jean Grey Pictures](#)

[X-men 3 Reviews](#)

[X-men 3 Pictures](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Jean Grey
<b>Real Name:</b> Jean Grey-Summers
<b>Other Alias:</b> Marvel Girl 1, Phoenix
<b>Romance Partners:</b>
Cyclops - Husband
Wolverine - More than a friend
<b>Relatives:</b>
- John Grey - Father
- Elaine Grey - Mother
- Sara Grey - Deceased Sister
- Scott Summers (Cyclops) - Husband
- Alexander Summers (Havok) - Brother-in-law
- Rachel Summers (Marvel Girl 2) - Daughter
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Telekinetic powers
- Telepathic powers
- Ability to fly
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- X-men - Current
- Hellfire Club (Manipulated by Mastermind) - Past
<b>First Appearance:</b> X-men 1 - 1963

## **Brief History:**

X-men Jean Grey's history is kind of complicated because of the Dark Phoenix Saga, so bear with me. Jean came to know death when she was only 10 years old. She witnessed the death of her best friend, Anna, being hit by a vehicle. By touching her dying friend, Jean had awakened her telepathic powers and experienced the pain of Anna.

Her parents sought the help of Prof. X (Professor Charles Xavier) and he created psychic shields to prevent her from using her full powers until she is able to control them better. When she joined Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters, she saw Cyclops and fell in love with him.

Shy as she was, she did not let him know how she felt about him. While she was in outer-space to complete a mission, the X-men had to fly back in a radiation storm. In order for the X-men to reach earth safely, Jean had to fly the spaceship. However, her power was not enough to protect her.

Due to exposure of radiation poisoning, a cosmic known as the Phoenix Force touched her. The force duplicated her body, personality, memories and some essence of her. The real Jean was placed in a healing cocoon under the bay, after the spaceship crashed into the Jamaica Bay close to New York City.

The Phoenix Force started posing as the real Jean Grey. Ultimately, the Phoenix became a victim of its limitless power and was manipulated by Mastermind. In the end, Jean started to take control over the Phoenix Force and committed suicide so that she will not become the Dark Phoenix.

After a few months, she released herself by breaking free from the cocoon and started contacting the old X-men. And needless to say, she contacted Scott, the man she loves! She returned to the X-men and started building up her relationship with Scott.

She devotes her time by being a headmistress of Xavier's School and help troubled mutants to survive the harsh reality that they're living in.

**Beliefs/Ideals:**

Just like every other X-men member, she feels to give a helping hand to trouble teen mutants who need guidance on how to use their superpowers for a greater good. And that is why she became the headmistress of Xavier's School.

I also feel that she is a believer of true love as portrayed in some issues I have read! – Not sure exactly which issues.

**Her Likes:**

I definitely know that she likes spending quality time and being intimate with Cyclops – somehow being an X-man does not seem to help! I do not think I need to further emphasize how much she loves Cyclops.

**Superpowers Limitations:**

Jean's telepathic powers allow her to read the thoughts of the mind of others, and also manipulate or change memories/decisions. She also so happens to be able to communicate with animals, which very few telepaths can do.

Her telekinetic powers allow her to cast a shield to protect her from powerful missile explosions. By concentrating on a target, she can use her telekinetic force blasts to attack.

The Phoenix Force enables her to increase another mutant's power to a higher level but only temporarily. It has also helped her to fly through space without any help and rearrange molecules. She also had the ability to control timelines, allowing her to create portals to travel between dimensions. And the coolest part is that she can resurrect from the dead.

# Jubilee

## **My Review:**

Being the youngest of the X-men definitely has its perks. She is able to get away with some of the things that the other X-man can't. But who's complaining? She is well-loved by her group members!

Jubilee is a very fun-loving, innocent, spontaneous and sarcastic girl. And I think her innocence is the reason why she and Wolverine are so close. But, she definitely has some kick-ass attitude. And also she has matured quite a bit after the murder of her parents.

Initially, I thought her superpower was very child's play. But as I came to know her better, I realized that her superpower is actually quite powerful. I think it was the way her superpower was displayed that made me underestimate her ability.

And her superpower is most popular among kids because she can create displays of fireworks.

## **Link Resources:**

[Online X-men Jubilee Profile](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Jubilee
<b>Real Name:</b> Jubilation Lee
<b>Other Alias:</b> -
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Ability to generate explosive bursts of energy similar to fireworks
- Talented gymnast
<b>Romantic Partners:</b> -
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- Generation X - Current
- X-men - Past
- X-Corps – Past
<b>Relatives:</b>
- Dr. Lee – Deceased Father
- Mrs Lee – Deceased Mother
<b>First Appearance:</b> Uncanny X-men #244 – May 1989

## **Brief History:**

Then, X-men Jubilee was the "baby" of the group. In the early part of her life, everything was perfect. She was raised in a wealthy and well-to-do Chinese American family and living in Beverly Hills, California.

She was given a first-class education and had the makings of a talented gymnast. However, everything perfect came to an end when her parents were murdered.

Suddenly, the rich and wealthy world that she grew up in disappeared. She became an orphan and sunk to poverty. She had state-sponsored keepers but she escaped and sought refuge in a Hollywood mall. At first, she survived on petty theft.

But when she found out about her mutant superpower, she started using it to create fireworks. And she started to earn a living by entertaining the shoppers in the mall. The security at the mall was annoyed by Jubilee's presence and decided to capture her by hiring the M Squad also known as Mutant Hunters, who are "very experienced" in capturing mutants.

Coincidentally, some of the members of X-men such as Storm, Dazzler, Rogue and Psylocke were having a shopping spree on that day. And they foiled the M Squad's plans of capturing Jubilee. Out of curiosity, she secretly followed them through a portal.

Occasionally, she will steal food and clothes from the X-men when they're not around in their temporary Australia Outback base. One day, she found X-men's Wolverine tied to a cross and tortured by the Reavers. Initially, she did not want to risk her life to save Wolverine for fear of what the Reavers might do to her.

After much consideration, she decided to save Wolverine and nurse him back to health. Before the complete recovery of Wolverine, they managed to escape to Madripoor before they were located by the Reavers.

Afterwards, X-men Jubilee and Wolverine started to team-up on several missions. She and Wolverine have developed a very strong relationship. She finds a father figure in Wolverine and he counts on Jubilee to prevent him from doing things he might regret.

Finally, when Jubilee met Prof. X she was welcomed with open arms and became the member of the team. However, she was reassigned to Prof. X's new team of young mutants called Generation X and quickly became an excellent team player.

**Superpowers Limitations:**

X-men Jubilee is able to generate explosive bursts of energy to attack her enemies or blind them. The explosive bursts of energy that she uses are very similar to fireworks and she can control the intensity/power.

Her fireworks can come in many colours and shapes such as in balls and so on. And she could also protect her mind from telepaths. Not forgetting, her talent in gymnast where she has used it during her petty theft days as mentioned in the brief history above.

**Beliefs/Ideals:**

She hopes to make the world a better place for both humans and mutants. And what better way to do this but to fight side-by-side with her new family, the X-men!

**Her Likes:**

Being the youngest of the X-men, she definitely loves to have fun and do things any normal young girl love to do like ... shopping! I think she also enjoys using her powers to do displays of fireworks, and kids totally love it!

# Juggernaut

## My Review:

Well, I'm a true supporter of the X-men! And so I am no big fan of anybody who pits themselves against the X-men. Juggernaut used to be one of the enemies of the X-men, but now he is working side-by-side with them.

His superhuman strength is even stronger than some of the mutants that I know, but he is not exactly a mutant. He is a human blessed with the powers of a Ruby that gives him superpowers.

I believe it is possible (probably it has been done already) to take away his superpowers, unlike the other mutants' whose superpowers are almost permanent.

Even though, he took a pretty long time to switch sides, but as I always say "better late than never" right? After reading more about his history, I think he was just a kid who was neglected by his father and jealous of his father's love for his stepbrother, Prof. X.

I guess jealousy is not something to play around with. In this case, it has turned X-men Juggernaut's life around. Maybe if he was never jealous and was loved by his father, his story would have been different. Oh well ...



But honestly, I think he is too rash and unfortunately he is not much of a thinker (no offence to his fans). However, I admire him for finally realizing that by taking revenge on Prof. X will not change anything. And his courage for doing the right thing and becoming X-men Juggernaut!

### Link Resources:

[Online X-men Juggernaut Profile](#)

[X-men 3 Reviews](#)

[X-men 3 Pictures](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Juggernaut
<b>Real Name:</b> Cain Marko
<b>Other Alias:</b> -
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Supernatural strength
- Able to block out telepathy using helmet
- Invulnerable
<b>Romantic Partnerships:</b> -
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- X-men - Current
- Exemplars – Past
- Exiles – Past
- Excalibur – Past
- Brotherhood Of Mutants - Past
<b>Relatives:</b>
- Dr. Kurt Marko – Stepfather (Deceased)
- Mrs. Marjorie Marko - Mother (Deceased)
- Sharon Xavier-Marko - Stepmother (Deceased)
- Professor Charles Xavier - Stepbrother
<b>First Appearance:</b> Uncanny X-men #12 – July 1965

## **Brief History:**

X-men Juggernaut also known as Cain Marko is the child of Dr. Kurt Marko who was an atomic researcher. After the death of Dr. Brian Xavier, he married Charles's mother, Sharon, and became Charles's stepfather.

He grew up with his stepbrother, Charles that you known as Prof X, and he began hating him because he knew his father preferred Charles. And because of this, Cain enjoyed tormenting Charles anyway he could think of.

In Uncanny X-men 12, Prof. X overheard the argument between Dr. Marko and Cain about the death of his father, Dr. Xavier. After some struggle and spillage of the chemicals, there was an explosion.

His stepfather saved both Cain and Charles from the explosion, even though he was also injured. And before his death, he revealed to Charles that he was part of the cause of his father's death. He admitted that he could have saved Dr. Xavier but he didn't. Not long later, he passed away.

The times that Cain was caught bullying Charles, he was punished and that made him hate Charles even more. Once, Charles unknowingly used his telepathic abilities to enter Cain's mind and he felt that this was a personal assault.

Cain joined the military service and coincidentally ended up in the same unit as Charles (life is just full of coincidences, don't you think so?) that was fighting in Korea. When their unit was under fire, he ran away but was chased by Charles.

Cain stumbled upon a cave and inside was the temple of Cyttorak, where a glowing ruby was lying on the altar. Charles read inscription on the wall, "Whosoever touches this gem shall possess the power of Cyttorak. Henceforth, you who read these words shall become forevermore a human juggernaut", which served as a warning of the gem's enchantment. However, Cain refused to listen to Charles.

Immediately, the curse of the gem transformed him and the temple is starting to collapse. Charles escaped the collapsing building, but he was not sure if Cain did.

But tons of solid rock will not stop the Juggernaut. He dug himself out and went back to America. From then on, he had battled the X-men on many occasions driven by his hate of his stepbrother, Prof. Charles Xavier (Prof. X).

No matter how much trouble or pain he has brought to Prof. X, he never gave up on Cain and believed that he could be rescued. At one occasion, his partner-in-crime, Black Tom Cassidy, went out of control and he sought the help of the X-men.

Tom Cassidy's attempt to kill Cain was unsuccessful, but he was hurt. Prof. X offered to let Cain stay in his Xavier's mansion to recuperate from his injuries and he accepted.

After fighting side-by-side with the X-men against Maximus Lobo, he experienced a kind of accomplishment that he had never felt before. From then on, he became X-men Juggernaut and Prof. X was delighted!

### **Beliefs/Ideals:**

Before he became X-men Juggernaut, he believed that by tormenting his stepbrother, Prof. X, can help to remove his hatred for him. But after destroying the plans of Prof. X, he realized he did not achieve anything.

Ultimately, he realized that he is better than that and so he joined the X-men.

### **His Likes:**

X-men Juggernaut used to love torturing Prof. X because he was jealous that his father loved Prof. X more than him. He only knew how to create chaos and destroy what Prof. X has been working so hard, which is the coexistence between mutants and humans.

### **Superpowers Limitations:**

X-men Juggernaut is actually a normal human bestowed with the power of the Ruby of Cyttorak that gives him superhuman physical strength. He is immune to any kind of physical attack and has unlimited stamina.

Due to the mystical powers of the Ruby, he does not need to eat, drink or breathe. And he could also certain degree of resistance to injuries by mentally surrounding himself with a force field.

You will also notice the helmet, made from unknown mystical metal, that he wears, which is protects him from any telepathic probe or attack. Without his helmet, he is very vulnerable to attacks from telepathic such as Prof. X, Psylocke and so on.

# Mystique

## My Review:

I really do love Mystique because of her personality and how she is so adaptable to changes. You'll also realize that she has switched sides many times. It is no surprise that you get confused, sometimes I question her loyalty too.

Her character is quite unpredictable and versatile because of how adaptable she is to different circumstances. That is what makes X-men Mystique even more interesting to learn about and to find out what her next move will be.

I think her superpowers are also really cool! Could you imagine yourself easily changing your appearance just by looking at anyone? – [Click here to read more about her superpowers](#)

Not forgetting, that I like her also because of her determination to do something, even though it may be for an evil cause. Like I mentioned, I admire her determination. It is such super-villain that makes superheroes look good! =)

## Link Resources:

[Online X-men Mystique Profile](#)

[X-men 3 Reviews](#)

[X-men 3 Pictures](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Mystique
<b>Real Name:</b> Raven Darkholme
<b>Other Alias:</b> Valerie Cooper, Mallory Brickman, Raven Wagner, Leni Zauber
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Shape-shifting abilities
<b>Romantic Partnerships:</b>
- Count Eric Wagner or Baron Christian Wagner – Deceased Ex-husband
- Sabretooth – Ex-lover
- Azazel – Father of Nightcrawler
- Ralph Brickman – Current Husband
- Destiny – Rumoured Gay Partner
- Forge – Potential boyfriend
- Wolverine – Lover (Not sure if they're still having a relationship)
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- Brotherhood of Evil Mutants – Unsure
- X-men - Past
- Freedom Force - Past
- X-factor – Past
- X-corps - Past
<b>Relatives:</b>
- Ralph Brickman – Husband
- Gloria Brickman - Daughter
- Rogue – Adopted Daughter
- Nightcrawler - Son
- Graydon Creed – Deceased Son

First Appearance: Ms. Marvel 16 - 1978

### **Brief History:**

X-men Mystique has a very complicated background that it is quite difficult to keep up. I will try my best not to bore you too much with the details. =)

She had a sexual relationship with Sabretooth during one of their missions and gave birth to Graydon Creed. Then she was impersonating a German spy known as Leni Zauber in East Berlin.

However, before she knew she was pregnant with Sabretooth's child, she faked her own death to end her relationship with Sabretooth. Graydon Creed was abandoned and he was said to be assassinated.

She was married to Baron Wagner or also known as **Count** Eric Wagner and she wanted to give him a child. But due to his infertility, she slept around in other disguises. She was introduced to Azazel at one point and was attracted to him. They had a sexual relationship and again she was impregnated with a child.

When her husband knew she was pregnant, he wanted a paternity test to determine if the child was his. Therefore, Mystique killed and buried him. She gave birth to a child with blue skin, pointed ears and a tail, which has blown her cover of being normal. Ultimately, she abandoned him.

Destiny and Mystique adopted Rogue when she was on the run after her powers sent her friend Cody into a coma and they lived as a family.

According to Destiny's forecast/foresight, Mystique must kill Senator Robert Kelly to prevent anti-mutants programs. Therefore, she formed the second generation of Brotherhood of Evil Mutants and encouraged Rogue to join as well.

### **Beliefs/Ideals:**

Mystique has joined many other groups as mentioned in her basic profile above. She used to believe that mutants and humans could co-exist but she felt that it was too difficult to get both sides to come together. Therefore, she feels it is much easier to support total mutant domination and humanity.

One thing I am sure about is that Mystique will not do anything to harm her own mutant kind and she is nothing but loyal. You will realize that most of the crimes she has committed are against human kind.

As to why she keeps attacking the X-men, even though they're fellow mutants? Simply because the X-men has always foiled her plans to reach her goals!

### **Her Likes:**

I noticed that she has a knack for getting herself into complicated situations. I am beginning to believe that she likes creating all this confusion and uncertainty of events. She seems to really like Rogue and treats her as her own daughter.

### **Superpowers Limitations:**

X-men Mystique is able to rearrange the cell structure in her body to change into any person or shape that she wishes to. She can have the same fingerprints, skin and she can even sound like the one she has changed into.

She can also change only half of herself by modifying the transformation. Her superpowers also allow her to slow down the aging process. However, she is unable to possess the superpowers of the person she has impersonated. For example, she can pose as Storm but she is unable to control the weather.

She also refrains from maintaining the form of the object or person too long, as she will feel very strained. Sometimes, she may even collapse and change back to her normal self immediately.

# Nightcrawler

## My Review:

X-men Nightcrawler is the most religious X-man that I have come to know about. But there are times when he does question his faith. After all, he is still human. He has blue skin, a tail, pointed ears and yellow eyes. He was abandoned when he was just a baby by his mother.

He looks every bit like a demon, but do not be deceived by his looks. He happens to be the one who believes so strongly in God. How ironic right?

I really admire him! If I was in his shoes I probably might start to doubt whether God has abandoned me.

He is kind-hearted, a gentleman and with the utmost devotion for God. I bet no one can ever be as religious and have such a strong faith in God. He decided to join the X-men because he would like to help those in need as much as they want to hurt him.

Oh well, every X-man has encountered this before so no surprise here. He is the only X-men member that has the ability to teleport from one location to another. Transport is made so convenient for him!

## Link Resources:

[Online X-men Nightcrawler Profile](#)

[X-men 3 Reviews](#)

[X-men 3 Pictures](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Nightcrawler
<b>Real Name:</b> Kurt Wagner
<b>Other Alias:</b> None
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Ability to teleport
- Master fencer
- A very accomplished circus acrobat
- Limited Invisibility
<b>Romantic Partners:</b> -
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- X-men - Current
- Excalibur - Past
<b>Relatives:</b>
- Eric Wagner – Deceased Step-Father
- Azazel - Father
- Margali Szardos – Foster Mother
- Raven Darkholme (Mystique) – Mother
- Stefan Szardos – Deceased Foster Brother
- Kiwi Black – Half Brother
- Graydon Creed (Son of Sabretooth and Mystique) – Deceased Half-Brother
- Jimaine Szardos – Foster Sister
- Rogue – Foster Sister
- Amanda Sefton – Foster Sister
<b>First Appearance:</b> <a href="#">Giant-Size X-men #1</a> – May 1975

## **Brief History:**

So what is the story behind X-men Nightcrawler? Well, he was abandoned by his mother, Mystique (Raven Darkholme) when he was only a baby because of his very unusual appearance. To find out more about why and how Mystique abandoned him, [click here](#) (I have already explained it in Mystique's brief history).

After he was abandoned, he was found at the river and adopted by his foster mother (not legally), Margali Szardos, who is a sorceress and gypsy. He was raised in the Margali's travelling circus and is a gifted acrobat because of his natural agility.

Kurt grew up with his foster sister and brother, and both became his best friends. During puberty, he only discovered his teleporting superpowers. The audiences cheered at all his stunts and believed that his appearance was just a costume that covers his real face. But how wrong they were!

He became so popular, that a rich Texas millionaire, Arnos Jardine, who also runs a large circus in Florida, heard of his stunts and bought Margali's circus. However, he wanted to make X-men Nightcrawler the star of an American Freak Show. Therefore, he escaped the circus and ended up in Winzeldorf, Germany, where Stefan (foster brother) was.

He discovered that Stefan has gone crazy and have already brutally killed 2 children. And so he went to look for Stefan hoping to stop him from committing more murders and ended up fighting with him. Unintentionally, Nightcrawler broke Stefan's neck and killed him.

The villagers of Winzeldorf discovered Nightcrawler and assumed that he was responsible for the death of the children. When they were about to kill him, Prof. X stopped them using his psionic power. Prof X. came with the motive of recruiting him. And that was when he was officially known as X-men Nightcrawler.

He agreed to join but before he left for America he went back to search for Margali (foster mother) to tell her the truth behind Stefan's death. At that time, she was not there and so he left without telling her. And she held Nightcrawler responsible for Stefan's death.

On his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, Margali came back to seek revenge for her dead son. After much fighting, Nightcrawler managed to explain to Margali what exactly happened and she found out the truth about Stefan's death. She forgave him. He continued to stay with the X-men and became the founding member of Excalibur, which is a British-based team.

### **Superpowers Limitations:**

The most special superpower of X-men Nightcrawler is his teleportation ability. He is able to teleport himself from one location to another, but the longer the distance the more tiring it is for him. He has a special ability to prevent himself from teleporting to solid object such as walls. Again, this special ability weakens with longer distances.

It is also dangerous for him to teleport to another location, which is he unable to see as it will increase the chances of teleporting into a solid object. And we surely do not want that!

After each teleport, he leaves behind the smell of brimstone and makes a sound like "bamf". Most importantly, he is able to transport others with him as well by holding their hands or as long as there is physical contact (if I am not wrong).

Besides his teleportation ability, he is naturally agile and fast acrobat. His hands allow him to stick to walls which are very useful when hiding in the shadows from his enemies. Lastly, he is a master fencer and at times you can see him using his tail as well.

### **Beliefs/Ideals:**

X-men Nightcrawler has such a strong faith in God you might have heard this quite a few times already), even though there had been so many incidents that could cause a normal person to lose hope.

He and Prof. X believe that coexistence between humans and mutants are possible and fights faithfully for this cause.

### **His Likes:**

You can tell that he treats everyone with so much respect and is a pure gentleman. He is always willing to help anyone who is in trouble or in need of spiritual guidance.

There was one particular X-men issue where Wolverine questions his faith for God and believed that God has abandoned him. But Nightcrawler words unknowingly helped Wolverine to restore his faith in God.

**Side Note:**

Do you know that Nightcrawler has only 3 fingers on each hand? Also, Alan Cumming was playing the role of X-men Nightcrawler in the second X-men movie: X-men United.

# Pyro

## My Review:

Pyro looks every bit a typical crook. I saw him in a few issues from my own X-men collection, and so I had to double-check my findings on the Internet before doing this. So please excuse me for any inaccuracy.

When he was first featured, he was already fighting together with the first Brotherhood of Evil Mutants (yes, there are many versions of this group!). However, I do have my doubts regarding why he is even working together with them.

I thought that his superpower was quite cool because he had complete control of the fire as long as it is under his mental control. And he also has an Australian accent. How did I know? Well, he was featured in the 1990s X-men cartoon series and so I heard his "voice".

Based on what I know about him, I do not think he is evil. He redeemed himself by saving Senator Robert Kelly in the end before his death. He was probably on the wrong side and if he was approached by the X-men first, who knows? Pyro could be among the X-men!

## Link Resources:

[Online X-men Pyro Profile](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Pyro
<b>Real Name:</b> St. John Allerydyce
<b>Other Alias:</b> -
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Control of fire
<b>Romantic Partnerships:</b> -
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- Brotherhood of Evil Mutants
- Freedom Force
<b>Relatives:</b> -
<b>First Appearance:</b> Uncanny X-men #141 – Jan 1981

**Brief History:**

Pyro from the X-men comics was first featured in the issue #141. He was born in Sydney, Australia. When he was in his teens, he knew his superpowers, but found that he has no use for them.

Therefore, he became a journalist until he met Mystique. She invited him to join the Brotherhood of Evil Mutants and he agreed. Then the leader was none other than Magneto.

He fought faithfully against the X-men, which were their sworn enemies. Later, the Brotherhood of Evil Mutants started serving the United States government. With a condition that they would be pardoned of all their crimes they had committed. Eventually, they were renamed as Freedom Force.

A few years later, he contracted the legacy virus, which is a terminal illness that kills all mutants. To seek redemption for the wrongs he had once committed, he saved Senator Robert Kelly from the attack of the new Brotherhood of Mutants before he was killed by the virus.

However, he will be glad to know that his sacrifice was worth it. After this incident, Senator Robert Kelly decided to work towards co-existence between humans mutants.

**Superpowers Limitations:**

Pyro has a special ability to manipulate fire by mentally controlling it. He is able to make a flame into any shape, heat intensity, size and so on based on his desire.

As talented as he is, however, he is unable to create fire. Also, he is vulnerable to fire if it is not under his mental control. Otherwise, he is invulnerable to any fire attack. Usually, he has a device on his back that helps him to create fire.

**Side Note:**

If you do not already know, Pyro was in the X-men 2 & 3 movie, X-men United and the Last Stand respectively. And he was acted by Aaron Stanford. Originally, he was together with the X-men but joined Magneto at the end of X-men 2.

# Rogue

## **My Review:**

Well, before I was a bigger X-men fan I always thought Rogue's natural ability was able to fly (I think it's because of the X-men cartoon) and I adored her for that somehow. Until I started reading up more about her, then did I realize her true superpowers – Click [here](#) to read more about her superpowers

But, no doubt I still love her! In fact, I love her because her superpowers can be really fatal with prolonged contact with her victim. One touch or even a kiss from her could suck the life out of you – kudos to Marvel for coming up with that!

I admire her loyalty and genuine commitment to the X-men for such a long time. Initially, she was encouraged by Mystique (adoptive mother) into fighting against the X-men. Even though, she sought Prof. X's help mainly for her own benefit but in the end she continued to help fight for his cause. I feel that her character is also very fun and sexy.

I love the romance story she has with Gambit, even though her superpowers are part of reasons why their relationship is not going smoothly. I think they are very compatible and I really wish for them to stay together. Actually, Wolverine and her makes a good couple too, don't you agree?

## **Link Resources:**

[Online X-men Rogue Profile](#)

[More Rogue Pictures](#)

[X-men 3 Reviews](#)

[X-men 3 Pictures](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Rogue
<b>Real Name:</b> Un-revealed
<b>Other Alias:</b> Anna Raven, Marie D'Ancanto, Anna-Marie, Marian
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Memory/ability absorption through physical contact
<b>Romantic Partnerships:</b>
- Gambit – Lover (Uncertain relationship)
- Wolverine – Unsure (They shared a kiss once)
- Magneto – Brief Romance
- Iceman – Ex-lover before Gambit
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- X-men - Current
- Brotherhood of Evil Mutants – Past
<b>Relatives:</b>
- Owen – Father
- Priscilla – Deceased Mother
- Carrie - Aunt
- Raven Darkholme (Mystique) – Adoptive Mother
- Destiny – Deceased Adoptive Mother
- Kurt Wagner (Nightcrawler) – Adoptive Mother’s Son
- Graydon Creed – Adoptive Mother’s Son
- Charles – Son with Magneto in Age of Apocalypse
<b>First Appearance:</b> Avengers Annual 10

## **Brief History:**

Rogue has no memory of her biological parents. Therefore little is said of her family, until lately in the Rogue comic series. However, she remembers her first kiss with Cody Robbins, her boyfriend then.

That kiss was the first sign of her mutant powers or curse. Rogue absorbed Cody's memories, thoughts and became him temporarily. She struggled with the dominance of her own personality against those of Cody and Cody went into a coma.

She panicked and ran away from home. Shortly, she met shape-shifter Mystique and Destiny. And they started living like a family. Mystique encouraged her to join the Brotherhood of Evil Mutants and fight for their cause.

She had participated in many fights against many superheroes such as the X-men, Avengers, etc. However, in one battle against Ms. Marvel, she permanently absorbs her flight ability, superhuman strength, memories and seventh sense.

She was having a tough battle between her own thoughts and those of Ms. Marvel to maintain her own identity. She was desperate and needed help. She knows that Prof. X, leader of the X-men, will be able to help but seeking his help will mean she is betraying Mystique.

But it was the only way she knows that could help make her life worth living. She went to seek Prof. X's help and he felt the only way to help her was to let her join the X-men. Many members of the X-men disagreed with Prof. X's decision, but he later explained to them that they could help her use her abilities for good than for evil.

Finally, they accepted her but were all wary against her. Slowly, she earned their trusts by her sincerity and the level of commitment to change her life. Eventually, she was being accepted as X-men Rogue and treated like family.

Rogue had troubles handling Ms. Marvel's memories until she was pulled through the mystical gate known as Siege Perilous. She was stripped of Ms. Marvel's personality permanently and lost her superpowers temporarily too.

It was also during this time that the X-men were disbanded. She and reformed Magneto had a brief romance in the prehistoric Savage land but it ended quickly as he chose to return back to his terrorist way.

She and Iceman had a short romance too, but she left because she saw Iceman kissing Shadowcat (fellow X-man). However, I can tell she really liked him too.

After that, she met Gambit and fell in love with him but due to her inability to control her absorption powers and his dishonesty, their relationship were a strained. However, their love is strong and deep despite all the emotional and physical struggles they have faced and will be facing.

### **Beliefs/Ideals:**

Initially, she used her superpowers for the sake of having fun and mainly for her benefit. But now she shares the same compassion and dreams of Prof. X. She believes that no matter how small a contribution, it will still help the future of her mutant and human friends.

### **Her Likes:**

After she absorbed powers of Ms. Marvel, you can tell that she loves her flight abilities. Before Gambit, she really liked Iceman and was very disappointed when she saw him kissing Shadowcat. Currently, they're still friends and no signs of returning together yet.

And of course, who can deny how much she like or love Gambit. They've quite a history, maybe comparable to the love of Jean Grey and Scott Summers (Cyclops).

### **Superpowers Limitations:**

X-men Rogue is able to absorb memories, thoughts, feelings and abilities from any human or mutant through any physical contact. During this period, the victim will be weakened or may even become unconscious.

If the physical contact is too long, it may even kill that person and cause this transference to be permanent. The duration of the victim's memories, thoughts, abilities, etc, remains for about a ratio of 60 seconds to 1 second of physical contact.

For example, if she has physical contact with Archangel for about 10 seconds, she will be able to use his superpower abilities for about 600 seconds.

Usually, it is only temporary. Unfortunately, during the battle between Ms. Marvel and herself, it was permanent until Rogue was pulled through the mystical gate known as Siege Perilous.

According to the newer issues I have read, a Skrull girl named Z'Cann touched her and used her telepathy powers to boost Rogue's absorption abilities. After this, she was able to control a limited amount of the some of superpowers she has absorbed.

She is also able to block out mind probing by confusing the telepath of the memories of the people she has absorbed before – cool trick!

**Side Note:**

I love the tense romance between Gambit and Rogue – I admit that I can become quite obsessed with their relationship! So I read that both are working with a sex therapist, X-men Emma Frost, about their intimacy issues!



# Sentinels

## **My Review:**

The mechanical and unfeeling sentinels are one of the most threatening enemies the X-men has ever encountered and probably still fighting against till now.

As a supporter of the X-men, obviously I do not like the sentinels! They're domineering and over-ambitious because they think that human race is better of being controlled by them. Their creators have made a mistake by giving them "life" and causing so much chaos.

Yes, I am a "mutie" lover also known as mutant lover. But I must admit that the X-men sentinels are very powerful and adaptive.

Each time new batches of sentinels are being created, they are even faster and better than the previous fleets considering their improved weaponry, defensive abilities, attacking strategies and so on.

Overall, X-men sentinels are a bunch of formidable enemy!

## **Link Resources:**

[Online X-men Sentinels Profile](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Sentinels
<b>Real Name:</b> -
<b>Other Alias:</b> -
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Ability to destroy all mutants
<b>Romantic Partnerships:</b> -
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b> -
<b>Relatives:</b> -
<b>First Appearance:</b> Uncanny X-men #14 – Nov 1965

### **Brief History:**

The X-men Sentinels were first created by Dr. Bolivar Trask, who is afraid that one day the mutants will rule the humans. Even though, his children Larry and Tanya are mutants, Dr Trask decided to create the Sentinels as he does not wish this to happen.

The sentinels are a staggering 30-foot-tall robot designed to hunt down and destroy all mutants. Dr. Trask decided to create a robot called Master Mold, who will be responsible for creating an army of sentinels. The first group of sentinels were called Mark I Sentinels.

Unfortunately, the logic or “brain” instilled in the sentinels’ brain turned them against their creator. The sentinels decide that the best way to protect humankind is by taking control and which they tried to.

The sentinels held Dr. Trask as prisoner and the X-men attempted to rescue him. Eventually, they were captured by the sentinels because of their ability to adapt and handle each of the X-man’s superpowers.

After realizing his great mistake, Dr. Trask sacrificed his life to destroy the sentinels and Master Mold by triggering an explosion. Larry, the son of the late Dr. Bolivar Trask, blamed the X-men for the death of his father.

He decided to carry on his father's legacy by rebuilding a new fleet of sentinels that are even more powerful than before and are called, Mark II Sentinels.

The only reason why the sentinels did not destroy Larry initially was because of the medallion he wears that prevents him to be detected as a mutant, which was given by his father. In a fight with one of his father's closest friend, Judge Chalmers, he decided to put a stop to Larry's madness. Accidentally, he removed Larry's medallion.

The sentinels sensing Larry's mutant nature turned against him and he was killed in a battle with the sentinels. However, the sentinel's program did not die with the Mark II Sentinels. There are still sentinel bases that exist around the world.

They are/were being used by Steven Lang, Sebastian Shaw and even the U.S. government.

### **Superpowers Limitations:**

X-men sentinels have evolved and improved their capabilities. They are able to fly, shoot laser beams or other restraining devices, detection of mutants and so on. They are trained to adapt and encounter any kinds of mutants they should meet.

The most commonly seen attack move is the energy blasts shooting out of their palms. Their bodies are highly resistant to damage and have great physical strength.

### **Beliefs/Ideals:**

It is really very simple and that is to search and destroy all mutants as they are programmed to do so. And to benefit mankind is to control them.

#### **Side Note:**

The sentinels are supposed to be the protectors of human beings, but they have turned against their creators who are humans.

So the moral of the story is: Don't mess up!



# Shadowcat

## My Review:

When she was first introduced as Shadowcat of the X-men officially, I did not think that she will make much of an impact to the team.

I just could not see how her superpowers will even be useful. However, I have seen how her "phasing" superpowers have helped to save dozen of lives especially during hostage situations.

Only then was I able to see that she is indeed one of the important members of the X-men. I guess it's the smallest things that go unnoticed sometimes. But her contributions are not only the things I like about her.

I love her fun, bubbly, courageous and positive attitude towards life. She sacrificed her suburban comfort life to help fight in battles, which is not something a 13 year old girl should be doing.

I admire her courage to give up her life of comfort to help fight for her own and Prof. X's goal, which is to ensure peace between mutants and humans. Even though, she was devastated by the loss of her greatest love, Colossus, she never did stop fighting for her dream.

She left the X-men for a period of time but came back to join them again to continue pursuing her dream. So let's raise a toast to Shadowcat of the X-men for returning back.

### Link Resources:

[Online X-men Shadowcat Profile](#)

[More Shadowcat Pictures](#)

[X-men 3 Reviews](#)

[X-men 3 Pictures](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Shadowcat
<b>Real Name:</b> Katherine (Kitty) Pryde
<b>Other Aliases:</b> Kitty, Kitten, Sprite, Ariel
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Ability to walk through solid objects
- Walk on air
- Able to disrupt electrical devices' inner workings
<b>Romantic Partnerships:</b>
- Colossus – Lover
- Peter Wisdom - Brief Relationship
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- X-men – Current
- New Mutants – Past
- Excalibur - Past
<b>Relatives:</b>
- Carmen Pryde - Deceased Father
- Theresa "Terri" Pryde - Divorced mother
- Samuel Prideman – Deceased grandfather
<b>First Appearance:</b> X-men 129 – Jan 1980

## **Brief History:**

She was born in Deerfield, Illinois to Theresa and Carmen Pryde, leading a normal life. Shadowcat of the X-men only found out about her mutant powers when she was only 13 years old. Due to her high intellect level, she started attending college at such a young age.

One day she had a migraine and decided to take a rest in her bedroom. But she did not expect that her migraine was actually the first sign of her emerging mutant powers. When she woke up, she found herself lying on the floor of her living room, which is right below her bedroom.

During this period, Prof. Charles Xavier also known as Prof. X and Emma Frost were interested to enrol her into their school. She chose to join Prof. X as she did not have a good feeling/vibe about Emma Frost. While her parents were discussing with Prof. X, his students and Kitty went out together.

Storm revealed to her who they really are and told Shadowcat that she is also actually a mutant. Not long later, the X-men were captured by Emma Frost's Mandroids and only Shadowcat of the X-men escaped.

She started following the Mandroids and found out where the X-men were captured. She managed to talk to Storm and a phone number was given to her so that she could contact the remaining X-men.

X-man Phoenix also known as Jean Grey saved her by using her superpowers to destroy the car chasing after her. She also used her telepathic powers to erase the memory of her father who was outraged by her disappearance.

After which, her parents gave her their permission to join Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters. Soon, Shadowcat became the next X-men member. She had a short-lived relationship with X-man Colossus once. And her constant companion is Lockheed which is actually a small dragon-like creature, whom she had met when on another planet with the X-men.

She also maintained a tight relationship with Wolverine by treating him as her mentor. She also continued to have a strong friendship with Storm and Magik, who happens to be

the younger sister of X-man Colossus.

When X-man Colossus sacrificed his life for the Legacy Virus, she was devastated and decided to take a break from the X-men. Today, she is a student at the University of Chicago.

With the persuasion of Cyclops and Emma Frost, she returned to the X-men. By chance, she found that Colossus was alive and rescued him. And they started dating again.

### **Beliefs/Ideals:**

She shares Prof. X's vision of achieving co-existence between mutants and humans. At such a young age, she probably did not know that it requires a lot of effort.

But despite the hard work, she continues to keep fighting for Prof. X's and her own dream. Even when Shadowcat **is not with the X-men**, she continues to fight for her dream: peace.

### **Her Likes:**

When X-man Colossus passed away, she was devastated. He was the love of her life. I guess death is something that will come to all X-men eventually. She also loves to spend time with her loyal companion, Lockheed. Not forgetting, some of her close friends such as Wolverine, Storm and Magik.

### **Superpowers Limitations:**

Shadowcat of the X-men has the ability to go through solid objects by passing her atoms between the spaces of solid matter also known as "phasing".

When under physical attack, she can change into her "phasing" state to allow attack objects to pass through her without getting herself hurt. However, she is still prone to mystical attacks. She can also disrupt electronic equipments when "phasing" through them.

She can also only pass through many solid objects as long as she can hold her breath as she is unable to breathe during the "phasing" state.

As she grew more familiar with her mutant powers, she can now bring along other objects or another person when she is "phasing" through solid matter. The only requirement is that she must maintain physical contact with that person or object when

“phasing”.

Apart from her mutant powers, she is a genius in computer science, great dancer and possesses great knowledge of ninja combat. Being a great dancer has enabled her to be more agile in her movements and her ninja combat knowledge has made her more mentally prepared for any kind of danger.

**Side Note:**

Did you know that her initial codename was “Sprite” before Shadowcat made it into the X-men. The first codename that Prof. X thought of giving her was “Ariel”.

# Storm

## My Review:

I think that Storm has leadership qualities comparable to Cyclops. Initially, she had no confidence but not for long. I like the way her eyes turns from blue to white, when she is trying to control the weather.

Probably in horror films, that will be freaky for me at least. But seeing her change her eye colour, definitely did not make me uncomfortable instead I like watching it – and the part when she manipulates the weather!

I always thought that Storm has a strong sense of obligation to her friends or even to strangers. She has always stood by her friends when they needed her. Just like ... When Jean Grey became the Phoenix and started killing people (actually some planet I think ...) – she was always there to stop her at least.

She is also a very beautiful lady. Her costumes also compliment her personality really well, the way it fits her so nicely. Did I forget to mention that I love her hair colour too? In conclusion, I think she is a very dynamic character and I am never sick of knowing more about her. And I think her superpowers are really something special and powerful.

A toast to you and other X-men Storm fans!



## Link Resources:

[Online X-men Storm Profile](#)

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[X-men 3 Reviews](#)

[X-men 3 Pictures](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Storm
<b>Real Name:</b> Ororo Munroe
<b>Other Alias:</b> Ororo
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Ability to fly
- Manipulate nature/weather
<b>Romantic Partnerships:</b>
- Forge
- Black Panther – Current Husband
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- X-men -- Current
- Under master thief, Achmed el-Gibar – Past
<b>First Appearance:</b> <a href="#">Giant-Size X-men 1</a> (May 1975)

### **Brief History:**

The X-men Storm that we have all come to love was born to David and N'dare Munroe in New York City. Her mother is a princess of an African tribe and her father is a photojournalist. When she was only 6 years old, her family were relocated to Cairo, Egypt.

A terrorist bomb exploded in their home killing both her parents. However, she was alive and trapped under tons of rubble from the explosion right beside her mother's corpse. Without doubt, this has scarred her life in many ways possible and she is scared of being contained in small spaces also means that she suffers from claustrophobia.

While she was wandering the streets after the death of her parents, a master thief known as Achmed el-Gibar gave her a roof over her head and food as well. She soon picked up his skills of trade and became a very successful pickpocket in Cairo.

At 12, she decided to end her life of crimes and left Cairo to her ancestral home on the Serengeti Plain in Africa. Only then did she know she had the power to control the weather and slowly developed her superpowers.

She decided to help the local tribes to ensure that they do not suffer from droughts or floods. Soon, she was worshipped as a Storm goddess by the locals.

Little did she know that she was actually a mutant! She was approached by Prof. Charles Xavier (Prof. X) and he requested her to help rescue the X-men that were being held captive by Krakoa.

After she has helped to save the X-men, she was asked to join the second generation of the X-men, while the original X-men left to live their own lives.

### **Beliefs/Ideals:**

She feels that by joining the X-men, she will be able to use her superpowers more extensively and helping more people in need. Storm is a very loyal friend and has a strong obligation to help people who are in need whether they appreciate it or not.

### **Her Likes:**

X-men Storm really enjoys nothing more than the beauty of nature surrounding her just like when she was in Africa. As mentioned in the brief history above, she helped the tribes by making sure that they do not suffer from droughts or floods by using her superpowers.

To think she abandoned her tribe who worships her just to help strangers? I can't make it more obvious that she really loves to help anyone in need, mutant or human.

### **Superpowers Limitations:**

X-men Storm is also commonly known as the "weather witch". When she is about to change the weather, strong gust of winds will be created to support her weight up into the sky.

From there, she will control the weather through much concentration. She can manipulate lightning, wind, rain and so on. She also remains immune to the extreme cold and heat she can create.

The weather changes according to her emotions. When she is mad, summoned wind will carry her up so that she can command lightning and thunder.

One of the limitations of her superpowers is that the weather is affected by her emotions. Therefore, it is essential for her to keep check of her emotional state; otherwise, the consequences will be unthinkable.

**Side Note:**

For your information, Halle Berry acted as X-men Storm in the X-men movies 1-3. I thought she was suitable for the role, as I was able to picture her being Storm in my head!

# Wolverine

## My Review:

One of the reasons why I started finding out more about the X-men was because of this man, Wolverine. I was very intrigued by his character and I just loved his style. His no nonsense ethics, does what he feels is right and a great fighter till the end. Of course, his retractable adamantium claws are also what make him look cool!

Sometimes, his anger outburst gets the worst of him and puts him in a very bad spot. But he usually will be able to overcome his nasty temper and set things right. At first, he can't seem to bond well with his team-mates when he first joined the X-men. He usually acts alone and has difficulty trusting people.

Soon after, he realizes that all of members of the X-men are actually kind and good people; he eventually opens up and cares about them (probably not very obvious). He is actually quite a sensitive man and also he is very loyal to the X-men.

Come to think of it, X-men Wolverine is a very attractive man for the ladies!



## Link Resources:

[Online X-men Wolverine Profile](#)

[More Wolverine Pictures](#)

[X-men 3 Reviews](#)

[X-men 3 Pictures](#)

<b>Code Name:</b> Wolverine
<b>Real Name:</b> James Howlett
<b>Other Alias:</b> Logan
<b>Superpowers:</b>
- Fast healing abilities
- Retractable and sharp adamantium claws
- Adamantium skeleton structure
- Animal senses
<b>Romantic Partners:</b>
- Windsong – Deceased wife
- Mariko (Lady Deathstrike) – Ex-girlfriend
- Yukio – On and off lover
<b>Team (Past &amp; Current):</b>
- X-men – Current
- Alpha Flight - Past
- Adventurer - Past
- Weapon X – Past
<b>Relatives:</b>
- Elizabeth Howlett – Deceased mother
- John Howlett – Deceased father
<b>First Appearance:</b> Incredible Hulk #180 - 1974

## **Brief History:**

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, James Howlett , also known as our X-men Wolverine, was welcomed as the second son of well to do and privileged Howlett family. As a child, he was a very sickly and suffered from asthma.

A tutor cum playmate, Rose, was hired by his father to accompany and help him with his schoolwork. James also made friends with Dog, son of the alcoholic and cruel groundskeeper Thomas Logan. Due to the death of his older sibling, his mother started to distant herself from her family. And so James turns to his friends, Rose and Dog, for companionship and source of affection.

However, everything was not to be. James witnessed both Dog and Thomas murdering his father. Due to this traumatic event, it triggered his hidden mutant abilities where bony claws started protruding from the back of his hands.

Confused about his new mutant abilities, he lashed out and kills both Thomas Logan and scratched Dog's face. Although, his mother was unhurt, she could not cope with what was happening around her and eventually committed suicide.

Rose was filled with fear and did not know what to do. In the end, she took James and ran to his grandfather for refuge. However, he was turned away by his grandfather. And because they escaped, the police hold Rose and James responsible for the death of John and Elizabeth Howlett.

Both of them ran to a mining colony in Britain Columbia and slowly James's mutant abilities started healing his mind. Eventually, the healing effect also blocked out the trauma and horrible events that happened earlier. And ever since, he has adopted the name Logan to disguise his identity and started working in the mine. Over time, his mutant abilities started to develop and he was dubbed "Wolverine" by his fellow miners because of his strength.

Slowly, he starts to conceal his growing love for Rose. And he began to spend more time in his work and with the wolves in the wild. Thereafter, Dog tracked both of them down and their days at the mining colony ended. Finally, Logan remembered the night of his father's death where he killed Dog's father and how he scarred Dog's face.

Both started to fight in public and just as he was about to retract his claws to kill Dog, Rose was knocked into the fight by the crowd causing Logan to kill her instead. Shocked at what he has done to the girl he loves; he ran away into the woods and disappeared.

For years, he has travelled around the world and also stopped by Japan to train as a samurai. Slowly, his superpowers started to heal his mind again and slowly he forgot what had happened. At the same time, his body was also battling against the aging effect of all humans.

He first appeared in the Incredible Hulk 180, but he officially became X-men Wolverine in the comic issue, Giant-Size X-men 1. He was recruited by Prof. X by none other than Prof. X himself – [Click Here To Read More About Giant Size X-men 1](#).

### **Superpowers Limitations:**

X-men Wolverine became so highly skilled in martial arts when he started training as a samurai in Japan. He works well with a wide range of weapons at short or long range.

He does especially well in close hand-to-hand combat, where it is said that he could also beat Captain America. Especially when he is engulfed with so much anger; he attacks with so much aggression that it is as though he has become an animal.

His very sensitive nose allows him to follow the scent of his prey and his eyesight allows him to see things further than normal humans. Many times, Wolverine has managed to see through the disguises of his enemies by sniffing them. Even Mystique is unable to fool him – not for long at least!

I am sure you have seen him use his adamantium claws very often in combat, where they're practically indestructible and able to cut through any material. He is able to retract them at will and these claws are released from between the knuckles of his hands.

So you are wondering, "won't he bleed to death"? Well, do not forget X-men Wolverine has healing abilities; therefore, the tissues and skin torn when he retracts his claws are quickly repaired.

His healing abilities are so strong that he is able to heal from broken limbs in a matter of hours or days. He is also less susceptible to poisons and even so he is able to do recover very soon. However, this does not mean he is immortal. His healing abilities will not be able to help him if his vital organs are so extensively injured and he could actually die.

### **Beliefs/Ideals:**

X-men Wolverine believes in the code of honour (like all samurais) and morality. Even though, you have seen him gone berserk; he usually regrets it in the end. At times, he looks as though he is so close to killing his enemy, but he holds back eventually.

He believes respect must be earned before he will start to treat you like a friend. I am sure you have seen him being hostile to newcomers or people he does not know. But in the end, he usually warms up to them in his own way.

### **His Likes:**

So what does our X-men Wolverine like? From my knowledge, I think he loves to train in the danger room. Not only for training purposes, but because he can pit his skills against the computer as well.

He is a very private man and many times he likes to be left alone to do his own things. I recall seeing him honing his martial arts skills when he is not assigned on missions.

He has also grown to love the X-men and treats them as his family; they have given him a reason for living by fighting for Prof's X goal, which is to ensure co-existence between humans and mutants.

### **Side Note:**

Do you know that X-men Wolverine is actually more than a century old? "WHAT" I hear? Yes, it is true! Well, the reason why he still looks as young as he is now is because of his healing abilities, which has fought the aging process!

Cool eh?



Not forgetting, X-men Wolverine has his own Wolverine comic series for all his fans out there.

## Writer's Note

So what do you think of my X-men characters compilation? I hope you enjoyed understanding more about the X-men! And I will continue in my conquest to do a review for each and every X-man.

This e-book required quite a bit of preparation and hard work! Now, it is time for my deserved break!



(Yeah, that is me taking a drink!)

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