



### **X-MEN** Changed into Another Person

#### **SCENE 1: Teenage Mutant...**

"Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you mightily, and you shall prophesy with them and be changed into another [person]." It shall be when these signs come to you, do for yourself what the occasion requires, for God is with you. 1 Samuel 10:6-7 NAS

His sleep is troubled. In his unconscious state he is unaware of Rogue, she watches, standing over him, awakened and worried by his shouts. He tosses and turns fitfully. His dream is filled with echoes. Men in lab coats standing over him, all about him, X-rays on the wall... they close in... one's got a huge syringe... he's standing over him... He screams! He awakes from his nightmare and sees a figure still hovering over him. He reacts with instinctive aggression. Rogue hangs limply on his claws. He withdraws them from her chest. Weakly she looks at him and reaches out her hand. Wolverine screams again as she touches him. He can feel his very life drain out of his body. Rogue absorbs Wolverine's self healing power. The wounds in her chest close. Wolverine looks at her, astonished and bewildered. Rogue, enraged, begins smashing things as she has also taken on his baser animal rage. After a few moments she reverts to herself and flees the room in embarrassment.

A particularly poignant moment in X-Men where Wolverine starts to consider that maybe he does need some help to find out about himself; his past and the reasons why he has become what he has become.

#### **SCENE 2: Being Changed**

Jean Grey :In every organism on Earth there exists a mutator gene - the X-factor, as it has come to be known. It is the basic building block of evolution - the reason we have evolved..

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This isn't all about special powers, it's about being changed, mutated, and as a result, being different. Set apart and unique, a stranger to society and an alien to the culture.

The whole idea of the X-Men is that they are all mutants who have been exposed to something and as a result they have been changed, or are the 'beginnings of another stage of human evolution' as Jane Grey puts it. Just like them, we've been exposed to something and as a result are being changed; growing, developing, and even evolving you could say.

"So kill off those dark habits... that were the old you, in your 'previous life' – but no more. Lose the temper, fight the anger, beat the aggression, pick on the cruelty, embarrass the slander, bad-mouth the foul language. Don't lie. All these 'old rags' are ripped off you and you're wearing the New You..." Colossians 3:5-11 Street Bible

**MUSE:** Who you were before you made a commitment to Christ, before you were exposed to that Divine Radiance which has forever changed you.

There's a funny quote that goes "If being a Christian were a crime would there be enough evidence to convict you?" You see, Wolverine has his claws and a bad temper, Cyclops has laser beams that destroy buildings, Storm is a weatherman's nightmare, Mystique is erm, naked and blue... you can tell they're different... how are you different? How are you an example of Christianity, of believers...?

"Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity show yourself an example of those who believe." 1 Timothy 4:12 NAS

**MUSE:** What is the evidence that you have been changed?

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#### SCENE 3: Counting the Cost

Senator Kelly: Ms. Grey, we are not here to weed out mutants. The Registration Act is designed merely to assess their potential threat - if any - to national security... Mutants are very real. They are among us. We must know who they are. And above all, we must know what they can do.

The other thing about the X-Men is that they're held with suspicion by society at large; humanity just can't cope with not knowing who or what they are. Being different makes them society's outcasts. Again, like them Christians all over the world are misunderstood and suppressed. They are kept in under a tight grip, so they can be monitored and controlled because they are misunderstood. It is a common human trait to fear the unknown and often things we fear we seek to control to conquer the fear.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behaviour excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation." 1 Peter 2:9-12 NAS

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"So, my great mates, I'm begging – you're foreigners down here, outsiders, so have the guts to say 'no' to all the messed-up urges that snipe away at you soul. Let you lifestyle be like a magnet for the locals." 1 Peter 2:11-12 Street Bible

**MUSE:** How you can live to 'be like a magnet'?

#### **SCENE 4: Save Me From This? No!**

"So we've got this pure light shining from us...He channels His brilliance through our scarred and fragile bodies, so there's no question that the glow's from Him, not us. We're battered and bruised, but not smashed. We're frustrated, but not suicidal. Victimized, but not given up on. Battered, but not beaten. It's like we're glimpsing some of Jesus' pain and death, but we're also finding His life pouring out of us, through the cuts and bruises. We're alive but it's like we're facing a daily death sentence, so that our hearts can be linked up to his better life." 2 Corinthians 4:7-11 Street Bible

**MUSE:** What does it cost to 'have the guts to...' stand up as a believer?

**MUSE:** What standing up for your faith in a country that is closed to the Gospel might cost?

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