

# X-MEN:

"The Garden"

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## **PAGE ONE:**

### **Page One, Panel One**

Large panel close-up of Trevor Albright. He's a new mutant at Xavier's Institute for Higher Learning. His skin is green, his hair is blond, and his eyes are yellow. An off-panel Bully is mocking him, so the expression on his face should be one of anger and annoyance.

- 1) BULLY (OFF-PANEL): What's the matter, Gumbi?
- 2) BULLY (OFF-PANEL): You're looking kinda green.

### **Page One, Panel Two**

Trevor punches the Bully across the face. The Bully is another nameless student at the mansion. He, however, is a normal-looking teenage boy.

[NO DIALOGUE]

### **Page One, Panel Three**

Trevor stands over the Bully, who is crouching on the ground.

- 1) TREVOR: And you're looking a little bruised.

### **Page One, Panel Four**

Close-up on the Bully. Hate is written all over his face. One of his fists has been brought close to his chin. It's beaming with electricity.

- 2) BULLY: You're gonna pay for that.

## **PAGE TWO:**

### **Page Two, Panel One**

The Bully throws a punch, but Trevor dodges it.

3) TREVOR: Too slow.

### **Page Two, Panel Two**

Trevor punches the Bully in the stomach.

[NO DIALOGUE]

### **Page Two, Panel Three**

The Bully is once again on the ground, with Trevor standing over him.

4) TREVOR: Had enough?

5) SOMEONE'S VOICE (OFF-PANEL): Perhaps he has not...

### **Page Two, Panel Four**

A strong gust of wind knocks Trevor to the ground.

6) SOMEONE'S VOICE (OFF-PANEL): But I have.

## **PAGE THREE:**

### **Page Three, SPLASH**

The voice belongs to Storm. She looms over Trevor in this splash page. Her expression is anything but amused.

1) STORM: Report to the Headmaster.

2) STORM: Now.

**PAGE FOUR:****Page Four, Panel One**

Close-up on Cyclops, also unamused.

1) CYCLOPS: Unacceptable.

**Page Four, Panel Two**

Pull back to get Cyclops sitting at the headmaster's desk. Storm is standing beside him. Trevor is sitting across from him.

2) CYCLOPS: This is your second fight in the three weeks. Your behavior is completely unacceptable, Trevor.

3) TREVOR: He was calling me names.

4) CYCLOPS: And he'll be punished for it.

5) CYCLOPS: Fighting is not the answer.

**Page Four, Panel Three**

Tighter shot of Trevor and Cyclops.

6) TREVOR: You X-Men fight all the time.

7) CYCLOPS: We fight to protect the world, not our pride.

8) CYCLOPS: One more fight and you're out of here. Understood?

**Page Four, Panel Four**

Trevor is walking out of the office.

9) TREVOR: Whatever.

**Page Four, Panel Five**

Close-up on Storm as she watches Trevor leave.

[NO DIALOGUE]

**PAGE FIVE:****Page Five, Panel One**

We're outside the mansion. Trevor is using a water jug to water his bougainvillea. The bougainvillea is in a pot, not on the ground, and looks very dried up (as if it were dying).

- 1) TREVOR: Come on, Ruby, you stupid plant.
- 2) TREVOR: Live!
- 3) STORM (OFF-PANEL): That's a bougainvillea.

**Page Five, Panel Two**

Trevor turns and sees Storm standing behind him.

- 4) STORM: It is a desert plant. Too much water will kill it.

**Page Five, Panel Three**

Shot of Trevor holding the water jug.

- 5) TREVOR: Oh.

**Page Five, Panel Four**

Both in panel.

- 6) STORM: Put it in the sunlight so it can dry.
- 7) TREVOR: Do you have the power to talk to plants or something?

**Page Five, Panel Five**

Shot of Storm.

- 8) STORM: No. I'm just a fellow gardener, like yourself.

**Page Five, Panel Six**

Trevor looks away from Storm.

- 9) TREVOR: We're nothing alike.
- 10) STORM: Don't be so sure, Trevor.

**Page Five, Panel Seven**

Strom is walking away from Trevor while motioning for him to follow.

11) STORM: Follow me. I want to show you something.

**PAGE SIX:****Page Six, Panel One**

Storm and Trevor enter one of the many attics in the mansion. It's empty, except for a few wooden shelves against the wall. Trevor is still holding onto his bougainvillea.

- 1) TREVOR: What is this place?
- 2) STORM: Now, it is an empty room. But once, it was a garden.

**Page Six, Panel Two**

This is a large panel shot taking up most of the page. Storm spreads her arms apart, as one would when they were displaying something. Meanwhile, a transparent image of Storm's old garden is superimposed on the empty attic. It contains all of the plants Storm describes and then some.

- 3) STORM: My garden.
- 4) STORM: Full of dalias.
- 5) STORM: Lantanas.
- 6) STORM: Oleanders
- 7) STORM: And lilies.

**PAGE SEVEN:****Page Seven, Panel One**

Shot of Trevor.

1) TREVOR: Your own secret garden, huh?

**Page Seven, Panel Two**

Shot of Storm smiling.

2) STORM: I suppose you could call it that.

**Page Seven, Panel Three**

Both Trevor and Storm in the panel.

3) STORM: It was destroyed, recently, when the Magneto devastated the mansion.

4) TREVOR: Bummer.

5) STORM: I have often thought of starting a new one, but with my responsibilities as teacher and X-Man, I fear I would not have the time to properly care for a garden. Perhaps...

**Page Seven, Panel Four**

Storm is looking at Trevor.

6) STORM: Perhaps if I did not have to do it alone...

7) TREVOR: You saying what I think you're saying?

**Page Seven, Panel Five**

Storm takes the bougainvillea from Trevor's hands.

[NO DIALOGUE]

**Page Seven, Panel Six**

She puts the plant on one of the empty shelves.

[NO DIALOGUE]



**Page Seven, Panel Seven**

Trevor and Storm look at each other and smile.

[NO DIALOGUE]

**PAGE EIGHT:**

**Page Eight, Panel One**

Storm is fighting The Vanisher along with the other X-Men.

[NO DIALOGUE]

**Page Eight, Panel Two**

Trevor is watering a tulip.

[NO DIALOGUE]

**Page Eight, Panel Three**

Storm gently touches the leaves of a hosta plant.

[NO DIALOGUE]

**Page Eight, Panel Four**

Trevor is taking a test in class.

[NO DIALOGUE]

**Page Eight, Panel Five**

Storm lectures a group of students, including Trevor, in the Danger Room.

[NO DIALOGUE]

**Page Eight, Panel Six**

Storm and Trevor are both in the garden, putting a lantana in a pot of soil.

[NO DIALOGUE]

**PAGE NINE:****Page Nine, Panel One**

Trevor is outside with a new bougainvillea, giving it just a tiny bit of water from the jug.

- 1) TREVOR: All right, Ruby II, just a little bit of water.
- 2) TREVOR: Too much of a good thing will kill ya.

**Page Nine, Panel Two**

Same shot of Trevor and the plant, but from a distance.

- 3) CYCLOPS (OFF-PANEL): Amazing.

**Page Nine, Panel Three**

Cyclops and Storm are watching Trevor from afar.

- 4) CYCLOPS: He's done a complete 180. Not a single fight in the past four weeks.
- 5) STORM: You sound surprised.
- 6) CYCLOPS: I am.

**Page Nine, Panel Four**

Storm is walking away from Scott, toward Trevor.

- 7) STORM: Children are like gardens, Scott...

**PAGE TEN:****Page Ten, Panel One**

This last page should be almost like a Splash. Each panel should occupy a section of the page, but without being boxed in. Kind of like a montage. In the first "panel," Trevor and his plant are lifted up in the air by a gust of wind.

1) CAPTION: All they need is some sun...

2) TREVOR: Whoa.

**Page Ten, Panel Two**

Storm brings Trevor up to her as they fly toward the newly constructed greenhouse.

3) CAPTION: Some soil...

**Page Ten, Panel Three**

They fall in through an opening on the roof of the greenhouse.

4) CAPTION: Just the right amount of water...

## **PAGE ELEVEN:**

### **Page Eleven, SPLASH**

Storm and Trevor stand in the mist of a beautiful new garden. Both are smiling. Trevor is holding his bougainvillea in his hands. Storm has her hand on his shoulder.

1) CAPTION: And the right amount of love.

**THE END**