

# United Nations Commission on Mutant Affairs

After many decades of mutants causing issues on the world scale, the United Nations Security Council decided to create a Commission on Mutant Affairs. The commission is made up of the fifteen nations, the five permanent members of the Security Council and ten others which rotate every two years. Five mutant teams also have representation on the commission. Though no major incidents have arisen surrounding mutants in recent years, the commission has been formed to prevent and respond to future matters. Another goal of the commission is to promote peace and unity between the Earth's nations and mutants. The current makeup of the commission is as follows:

United States	Canada	Nigeria
United Kingdom	Brazil	X-Men
China	Ireland	Excalibur
France	Australia	X-Force
Russia	Japan	New Mutants
Egypt	Vietnam	Brotherhood of Mutants
Switzerland	India	

## Mutants

Mutants are people who were born with a genetic mutation called the X-Gene, giving them superhuman powers. Most mutants' powers develop at puberty, though some do earlier or later. There is seemingly no limit to what kind of powers can develop in individuals with the X-Gene, from abilities such as telekinesis or accelerated healing to physical attributes like wings or gills. Many mutants decide to become superheroes or supervillains, using their powers to perform immense acts of good and evil.

## Overview of Mutant Teams

### X-Men

The X-Men are a group of mutants founded by Charles Xavier, a.k.a Professor X, in 1963. The X-Men are based at Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters, where Professor X leads the team and teaches classes. Professor X and the X-Men seek to use their abilities to promote world peace. The original team consisted of Scott Summers (Cyclops), Hank McCoy (Beast), Warren Worthington III (Angel), Bobby Drake (Iceman), and Jean Grey (Marvel Girl, later Phoenix).

New students/team members showed up occasionally after this “first class,” including Lorna Dane (Polaris) and Alex Summers (Havok), Cyclops’ brother.

In 1975, after the team was inactive for some time, Professor X created a new team known as the “Uncanny X-Men.” This included many heroes from around the world who would go on to be the most iconic members of the team. Cyclops returned to lead the new team, and new members included James “Logan” Howlett (Wolverine), Kurt Wagner (Nightcrawler), Ororo Munroe (Storm), Sean Cassidy (Banshee), Piotr Rasputin (Colossus), John Proudstar (Thunderbird), and Shiro Yoshida (Sunfire). Later Jean Grey returned as well, now known as Phoenix.

In the 80s and 90s many more members joined the team, including Kitty Pryde (Shadowcat), Anna Marie (Rogue), Elizabeth Braddock (Psylocke), Alison Blair (Dazzler), Remy LeBeau (Gambit), Jubilation Lee (Jubilee), and Lucas Bishop (Bishop). The X-Men have gone through many iterations since the beginning of the 80s, and various other mutant superhero teams formed as well. Some notable characters that were introduced to the team in the 21st century include Jean-Paul Beaubier (Northstar), Megan Gwynn (Pixie), and Monet Yvette Clarisse Maria Therese St. Croix (Penance). Many former adversaries to the X-Men and members of various other mutant teams also joined the X-Men at this time.

Current Status: The team is led by Professor X, with Cyclops, Havok, Phoenix, Gambit, and Psylocke as members.

### **Excalibur**

Excalibur is a mutant superhero team from the United Kingdom that was formed in 1987. Led by Brian Braddock (Captain Britain), the original team included his love Meggan, as well as former X-Men Nightcrawler, Kitty Pryde, and Rachel Summers (the daughter of Scott Summers and Jean Grey from an alternate timeline). Excalibur is sponsored by the government of the United Kingdom.

### **The New Mutants**

The New Mutants were created in 1982 as a teenage class of superheroes at the Xavier Institute as the X-Men were now in adulthood. The first team consisted of Xi’an Manh (Karma), the team’s leader, Samuel Guthrie (Cannonball), Danielle Moonstar (Mirage), Roberto Da Costa (Sunspot), and Rahne Sinclair (Wolfsbane). Nathaniel Summers (Cable) met the New Mutants, and some of them eventually went on to join the X-Force when he founded it.

### **X-Force**

The X-Force debuted in 1991, led by Cable. The first iteration of the team included Cannonball, Neena Thurman (Domino), Tabitha Smith (Boom Boom), Gaveedra-Seven (Shatterstar), James Proudstar (Warpath), and Feral. Shortly after the team's formation, Theresa Cassidy (Syrin), Banshee's sister, joined as well. The X-Force regularly interacts with Wade Wilson (Deadpool), though not necessarily as an adversary or an ally.

### **Brotherhood of Mutants**

The Brotherhood of Evil Mutants was created by Erik Lehnsherr (Magneto) in order to achieve world domination. The Brotherhood is the main adversary of the X-Men, and has fought them on numerous occasions. The Brotherhood's motivation changed over the years, and now they oppose the X-Men's peace seeking behavior and believe that the world will never be accepting of mutants. They have also dropped "Evil" from their name, as they do not believe they are evil, and claim that their prior use of the word was ironic, as they felt that that was how the world viewed mutantkind.

The first incarnation of the Brotherhood was led by Magneto, and included Pietro Maximoff (Quicksilver), Wanda Maximoff (Scarlet Witch), Mortimer Toynbee (Toad), and Jason Wyngarde (Mastermind). This team regularly clashed with the original group of X-Men, with Magneto and Professor X having been rivals for years before creating their teams.

Over the years many iterations of this group were created, many without Magneto involved. One of these iterations was led by Raven Darkhölme (Mystique) and included St. John Allerdyce (Pyro), Fred Dukes (Blob), Dominikos Petrakis (Avalanche), Irene Adler (Destiny), and Rogue (who later defected to the X-Men).

Current Status: The team is led by Mystique, with Toad, Pyro, Blob, and Mastermind as members.

### **The Dark Phoenix Saga**

After a trip to outer space, Jean Grey achieves ultimate telepathic and telekinetic power and reforms herself as Phoenix. She restrains this power at first, but is eventually seduced by Mastermind so that he can become a part of the Inner Circle of Emma Frost's (White Queen) Hellfire Club. With Phoenix's help, Mastermind and the Hellfire Club capture the X-Men. At this point Mastermind and Cyclops have a psychic duel, which breaks Jean's self-imposed barrier between her and her power, and she renames herself Dark Phoenix.

Following this Dark Phoenix attacks the X-Men and flees to a distant galaxy. After being drained from the travel, she devours a star to regain energy, causing a supernova. The Shi'ar arrive to

defeat Dark Phoenix before she can destroy any more solar systems, but they are unable to defeat her. This upsets numerous alien civilizations, who attempt to destroy her, seeing her as a threat.

After this Dark Phoenix returns to Earth, where the X-Men attack her but are swiftly defeated. Professor X then arrives, and the two have a psychic duel where Xavier is able to put the psychic barriers back in her mind, causing Jean Grey to return to her body properly.

Following this, the Shi'ar come to Earth to tell the X-Men what had happened and that she must be put to death. Professor X challenges Shi'ar Empress Lilandra to a duel of honor to decide Jean's fate. The X-Men and Shi'ar Imperial Guard then battle on the moon, where the Imperial Guard is able to defeat all the X-Men except Cyclops and Phoenix. When it seems that Cyclops is killed, Jean is overwhelmed with emotion and returns to the Dark Phoenix state. While Lilandra plans to destroy the solar system to eliminate Dark Phoenix, Professor X has the X-Men subdue her. The X-Men are successful and Jean regains her senses, but she decides to sacrifice herself to end the battle.

However, it is later revealed that Phoenix was never Jean Grey, but an embodiment of the Phoenix Force, which replaced Jean who was dying after an incident with a solar flare.

## **Important Characters**

### **Professor X**

Charles Xavier is the founder of the X-Men and one of the most powerful mutants. He believes in peace and coexistence of mutants and humans. His power is incredibly advanced telepathy, which he can use to read other's thoughts and project his thoughts into their mind. He uses Cerebro to detect mutants to recruit them to the X-Men. He is a paraplegic and uses a wheelchair.

### **Cyclops**

Cyclops is a founding member and considered to be the first of the X-Men. He emits beams of energy from his eye, called "optic blasts." Cyclops cannot control these energy beams, and they emit from his eyes constantly unless he closes his eyes or covers them with ruby quartz, a translucent material that allows him to see. Cyclops is the father of Nathan Summers (Cable) and the husband of Jean Grey.

### **Beast**

When Beast's mutant abilities first developed he gained ape-like strength and agility as well as oversized hands and feet. In a science experiment gone wrong, Beast grows blue fur and pointed

ears, fangs, and claws, but also gains enhanced senses, the ability to cling to walls, and accelerated healing. He also has a feral side that he struggles to control. Beast is a genius and world renowned scientist, and he has global political connections.

### **Wolverine**

Born in the late 19th century, Wolverine has accelerated healing which has allowed his body to stay young for more than a century. He also has three retractable claws in each forearm, fangs, and an increased sense of smell and hearing. His claws were initially made of bone, but his bones were forcibly injected with adamantium (a nearly indestructible metal) by the Weapon X program, causing his claws to be made of adamantium as well.

### **Storm**

Storm was born in New York City with a Kenyan princess for a mother and an American photographer as a mother. At six months old her family moved to Cairo, Egypt, where she was raised. Her parents died at a young age, leaving her an orphan forced to wander the streets and pickpocket to survive. She eventually wanders to the Serengeti, where she discovers her ability to manipulate the weather. She uses this power to distribute rain, causing her to be worshiped as a rain goddess by an African tribe.

### **Kitty Pryde**

Sometimes going by the name Shadowcat, Kitty Pryde was the youngest member of the X-Men when she joined, and many of the older members saw her as a little sister. Her mutant ability allows her to pass through solid materials. She is also able to “walk on air” by interacting with molecules of air and can ascend or descend at will.

### **Magneto**

Magneto was born as Max Eisenhardt in Germany in the 1920s. Max’s family was discriminated against for being Jewish in Nazi Germany, so they fled to Poland. When Germany invaded Poland Max’s family was placed in the Warsaw Ghetto. Though they escaped the Ghetto, they were captured and put to death. Max was able to escape death, potentially using his mutant powers, but he was captured again sent to Auschwitz. There he met a girl named Magda, and the two successfully escaped to Ukraine. In Ukraine they had a daughter named Anya, but an angry mob burned down their home with Anya inside, suspecting Max to be a mutant. He unleashed his powers on the mob, causing Magda to fear him and flee. After leaving Max, Magda gave birth to the mutant twins Pietro and Wanda.

Max changed his name to Erik Lehnser and left Ukraine for Israel, where he met Charles Xavier. Though neither knew the other was a mutant, they discussed how the world should handle the rise of mutants. They both revealed their identities when they were attacked, and Erik broke off the friendship when they realized their views as incompatible, with Erik believing that mutants needed to rise up against humanity to achieve equal rights, while Charles believed in peaceful integration.

Magneto is an exceptionally powerful mutant. As his name implies, Magneto can manipulate magnetic fields. He can move all types of metal with his mind, and can create electromagnetic fields to manipulate nonmetallic objects as well.

## **Mystique**

Mystique has the power to change her appearance at will, thus she is able to impersonate anyone. Her exact age is unknown, but she has likely lived for over 100 years. Her shape shifting ability allows her to alter her cells to remain young. She is also able to change her voice to that of the person she is impersonating, and alter her cells to create their clothes as well. She is oftentimes an adversary to the X-Men, though her allegiance can change as easily as her appearance. She is currently the leader of the Brotherhood.

## **Minor Characters**

**Angel-** The ability to fly with wings grown on his back.

**Iceman-** The ability to turn to ice, create ice from nothing, and freeze things.

**Polaris-** Can control magnetism, allowing her to send energy blasts, create force fields, and fly.

**Havok-** Absorbs energy and can expel it from his body in concentric circles.

**Nightcrawler-** Teleportation and superhuman agility. He is blue and has a tail.

**Banshee-** Produces sonic screams which he can use to fly.

**Colossus-** Can transform his body into organic steel, growing 1 foot and doubling his weight.

**Thunderbird-** Superhuman strength, speed, and stamina and heightened senses

**Sunfire-** Can absorb solar radiation and turn it to fire.

**Rogue-** Can absorb the psyche and abilities of another by touching them.

**Psylocke-** Telepathic powers and the ability to create psi-bolts.

**Dazzler-** Can turn sound into light.

**Gambit-** Can convert potential energy into kinetic energy, causing explosions.

**Jubilee-** Blasts “fireworks” from her hands.

**Bishop-** Can absorb energy directed at him and release it in blasts.

**Northstar-** Runs and flies at near-light speed.

**Pixie-** Has insect-like wings, allowing her to fly.

**Penance-** Superhuman strength, speed, agility, reflexes, balance, and invulnerability.

**Oya-** Can manipulate temperature, moving heat from one object to another.

**Captain Britain-** Superhuman strength and speed and the ability to fly, twin brother of Psylocke.

**Rachel Summers-** Telepathy, telekinesis, and the ability to bond with the Phoenix Force.

**Karma-** Has telepathic ability and the ability to possess the minds of others.

**Cannonball-** Can produce thermal energy and release it from his skin, launching himself.

**Mirage-** Can communicate with animals or people with empathy links.

**Sunspot-** Can absorb solar energy and convert it to strength.

**Wolfsbane-** Can transform herself into a wolf.

**Cable-** Telekinetic abilities and part robot.

**Domino-** Can alter the probability of events.

**Boom Boom-** Can create orbs of plasma she calls “time bombs” which explode violently.

**Shatterstar-** Superhuman mental and physical attributes.

**Warpath-** Superhuman physical abilities and the brother of Thunderbird.

**Feral-** Characteristics of a feline, including orange fur, claws, fangs, and night vision.

**Syrin-** Daughter of Banshee, has the same sonic powers.

**Quicksilver-** Can move and think at superhuman speeds.

**Scarlet Witch-** Creates hexes and warps reality.

**Toad-** Has increased leg strength, adhesive saliva, and an elongated tongue.

**Mastermind-** Can create incredibly realistic illusions.

**Pyro-** Can manipulate fire and carries around a flamethrower.

**Blob-** Has super strength and elastic, blubbery, bulletproof skin.

**Avalanche-** Can create powerful seismic waves with his hands.

**Destiny-** Sees future possibilities and can interpret them to manipulate what’s likely to happen.

**Collective Man-** A set of quintuplets that can merge into a single entity with the power of five.

**White Queen-** Leader of the Hellfire Club, she has telepathic powers and can transform her body to diamond.

**Sabretooth-** Adversary to Wolverine, he has accelerated healing and claws.

**Juggernaut-** “The closest thing on Earth to an irresistible force.”

**Kavita Rao-** Created a serum called Hope that can “cure” mutants of their abilities

