

Experiments of pain... No love, No Melancholy, No Mercy

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You do know Magneto, Thunder, Flame and Ice. But you don't know, what they've been through... Spoiled lives, lies, pain.... It's really hard to be an experiment...

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1. Brother

It was a cold winter; everything was so white, that it blinded your eyes. But Magneto, a black 9 year old hedgehog with black eyes, didn't come inside. He just wanted to sit outside and draw on the snow using his mind. He had a power to control magnetic waves and to move objects, but he didn't control it 100%. So he trained. He soon heard his master Professor Jake calling him.

Prof. Jake: Magneto! Come inside! You'll get cold!

Magneto: Winter doesn't bite, sir...

He gave a weak smile. Prof. Jake smiled back, but then said again:

Prof. Jake: And what if I'll tell you I have a surprise just for you! C'mon! I bet you'll like it!

Magneto: *sigh* Alright, sir...

Prof. Jake: Come... Oh! And, yeah! Magneto?

Magneto: Hm?

Prof. Jake: Stop calling me "sir".

Then he smiled. Magneto grinned.

Magneto: Alright... SIR!!!!

They both laughed. Magneto was curious. What surprise? Christmas is over. It's been a month... He thought. Then they walked into a room, where Magneto was created. Even after 9 years this place gave him creeps. There were computers everywhere, glass bottles, and formulas on the paper. It was very dusty there too. But today in the middle of the room was standing a big flask covered with fabric and the main desk was all in formulas. Usually it was used, when Prof. Jake was going to create something. Magneto just read the last line, it said: "X=20; X=T.E.; X=626"

Magneto didn't know what that supposed to mean, but he didn't cared much about that at the moment.

Prof. Jake: Ready to get a heart-attack, kid?

Magneto: Yeah, right...

Prof. Jake: Get it down...

Magneto walked to the flask and got down the fabric. He was in shock. There was an orange baby hedgehog in it with some yellow spots. He was sleeping.

Magneto:Essence.....

Professor just chuckled. Magneto always said that, when he was surprised. He didn't know what to think.

Magneto: Who is that?

Prof. Jake: That's your brother, Magneto.

Magneto: MY WHAT?!!!

Prof. Jake couldn't help not to laugh.

Magneto: Funny... Really funny...

Prof. Jake: You're funny, Magneto! Name him.

Magneto: Eeer... I don't know...

He looked at the desk again. Two letters said it all: T.E.

Magneto: Thunder Electro?

Prof. Jake: That's nice. So... Magneto ELECTRO... Like him?

Magneto: He's nice. I never thought I'll have a brother! I can't wait until

tomorrow!

Prof. Jake: Want to know more about him that hard?

Magneto: YEAH! You bet!

They both looked again at Thunder. Unbelievable! My own brother! Amazing...

2. Magneto and Thunder

The next day Thunder could get out of the flask. He didn't saw to well though. Magneto promised that he'll take care of him, they became friends soon. First days were cool. Thunder wanted to be only with Magneto. But as days passed Thunder was more and more bored. Like he was missing something or somebody. Magneto didn't want to see his brother like that; he decided to talk with Prof. Jake. He knocked at the door, but nobody answered. Magneto walked in anyhow, because he knew, that Prof. might be busy or interested in something. That's why he didn't answer.

Magneto: Professor?

Prof. Jake: Magneto! Hi! Thunder's acting alone, eh?

Magneto noticed, that Prof. Jake was working on another experiments. Because he was writing on the main desk again. Magneto didn't like that. He never liked to see that Professor was working on somebody else.

Magneto: Hmph...

Professor looked at him and saw that Magneto wasn't quite happy... Jake sighed but then talked to Magneto again.

Prof. Jake: Magneto...

Magneto: What...?

Prof. Jake: You don't want Thunder to be a sad one, do you?

Magneto didn't answered, he just sighed.

Prof. Jake: It's not very interesting for him to spend all his time with somebody who's 9 years older than he is. He need's somebody his own age or even younger than he is. You understand, kid?

Magneto: Yeah...

Prof. Jake: He won't forget you. It will be his friends, but you're his brother. You do know he loves his brother more than his friends.

Magneto: Yeah...

He wanted to go, but then he remembered something.

Magneto: Professor?

Prof. Jake: Yeah?

Magneto: What's his code? 626?

Prof. Jake: Yeah. And the others will be 625 and 624.

Magneto: Got it. I'll go and train him. His powers, you know.

Prof. Jake: O.K. But he can hit himself, he doesn't control it 100%, you know.

Magneto: Same here!

Prof. Jake: Go...

Magneto took his brother and they both went to the training room. After the training Magneto talked to Thunder.

Magneto: Well.... Better today... At least you didn't hurt yourself with that electricity... Thunder just smiled.

Magneto: Wow, that's awesome... We're here for 3 hours and you're still alive...

Both chuckled. Magneto wanted to go, but then he felt, that something was holding his leg tightly. He looked down and saw that Thunder was hugging him. He picked him up.

Magneto: Yeah, I love you too, kid...

Thunder than had fallen asleep in Magneto's hands. He looked so harmless. Magneto took him to his room and had put him onto bed. He was happy, that he had a brother like that. Magneto: Such a responsibility... Then he fall asleep.

3. It's just a beginning

Few years passed. Magneto, Thunder, Flame and Ice, the other experiments, whom Prof. Jake created for Thunder, became popular soon. Some people liked them; some people thought that they must be executed. The President thought about it too... Many times he said in the news that Special Forces are searching for the experiments but they didn't find them, nobody actually knew where they are. Because of that all four of them started to train harder. They didn't have in mind to kill the Forces and President; they just had to defend themselves. Every night they guarded the house.

One day Magneto wanted to learn Thunder a very powerful move, the Thunderbolt. It took all your energy, but it was worth it.

Magneto: Thunder?

Thunder: Yeah?^^

Magneto: We need to train.

Thunder: Nuh-uh! I had enough of training! Besides, why can't Flame or Ice train?! They are younger!

Flame&Ice: HEY! WHY US?!!!

Thunder: Because I said so...XP

They started to argue. Almost fought. Magneto didn't say a word, just pointed at a vase, it flew up, and then he pointed at the kids and said "Drop...". And it has fallen in front of them. They all have cried because of unexpectedness. Thunder looked at Magneto, he looked serious.

Magneto: Training room..... Now.....

Thunder:*sigh* I think I'll go now, guys...

Ice: Cya....

Flame: If I'll ever see you alive again I'm gonna be lucky. That was disrespect, &Gneto.

Magneto: Call me that again, you're dead...

Flame: OO

Later at the Training room...

Magneto: Okay, kid. All you have to do is to think about thunders and lightnings and...

Thunder:*drool**snore*

Magneto: Oo ARE YOU LISTENING YOU, BAG OF VOLTES?!!!

Thunder: AAA!!! Huh? Wha? OO I didn't sleep!

Magneto: -_-+

Thunder: No, REALLY!!!

Magneto: I hate you... *sigh* Just say "Thunderbolt"...

Thunder tried to do the move, but it every time ended with hitting himself...

Magneto: 'Key... 'll try to help you.... Eeer... Be mad!

Thunder: OO Wha?

Magneto: BE MAD FOR ONCE IN YOUR LIFE!!!

Thunder: No...-_-

Magneto hit his forehead. Jesus, why must I have such a calm brother...?

Thunder: Hey, I'm 5! Okay? Don't you think I can defend myself?

Magneto: You're 5, Thunder! That's the point! You can't, yet.

Thunder: Tomorrow, then?

Magneto: Okay. Hey, um... who's on the watch today?

Thunder: Flame. That means we won't sleep all the night.

Magneto: Yeah, right.

Everything went good. There was nobody near the house for a couple of months. Until one evening...

Magneto was on the watch. He didn't saw anybody. Suddenly he felt pain in his right arm. He looked at it. He had a dart in it... He took it out quickly and dropped it. He felt dizzy though... He looked around, but didn't saw anybody. Suddenly somebody hit him from behind. Magneto had fallen then he passed out.

Soldier1: Strong bastard...

Soldier2: Sir, we got one. What do we need to do with him?

Commander: Lock him, one of you has to guard him. Then get the others.

Soldier2: What about that guy, who created them?

Commander: Kill him.

Soldier2: Yes, sir. Kane, guard him.

They locked Magneto in the car. The first soldier guarded him and the others went into the house to search for the experiments and Professor. Seems like there is no hope...

4. "H" for "hell", not "home"

Soldiers looked almost everywhere, but the place was so big, it had over 20 rooms, so they've been there for 2 hours. They were now on a crossroad of the hall.

Soldier2: Damn it... O.K. We'll do it like this, you 3, you'll go to the west, and you'll go to the north, if somebody will find them contact me, we'll meet here. Everything's clear?

The rest nodded they all went their way.

Meanwhile...

Magneto woke up. He looked around and soon realized where he was. He remembered what was going on back then and he knew that he must get out of the car and warn the others. The problem was: the car was locked.

Magneto: Great. Now what I'm gonna do? Maybe if I...

He lifted both hands, pointed them at the door and concentrated. It mildly squeezed.

Magneto: OH, FOR GODS SAKE!!!!

He became so furious, because he knew that there are some soldiers whom will probably kill everybody, his friends, professor... brother, and he can't do anything. Suddenly his eyes turned into cat eyes, he had white eye color and there was a blue light covering him. He crashed the door out in his rage and the soldier had noticed him. He looked shocked.

Soldier1: Hey! Stop right there or I'm gonna shoot your brains out!

Magneto lifted his hand again and pointed it on the soldier. The gun crashed into pieces and the soldier had flown in the air. He looked down at the black hedgehog, which was still very mad. The soldier understood that he can be dead right now, so he better do everything the hedgehog says.

Magneto: Where are they...?

His voice sounded extremely dangerous and cold.

Soldier1: I... I don't know!

Magneto: As you wish then...

He did a move with his hand like he had been squashing something.

Magneto: I'll maybe let you live if you tell me...

The soldier felt a strong pressure; he knew what was happening with him.

Soldier1: ALRIGHT! ALRIGHT! THEY'RE INSIDE! THEY ARE LOOKING FOR THEM!!!

Magneto: *chuckle* Isn't that a dirty lie...?

Soldier1: NO! I SWEAR! I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH!!!

Magneto: Alright then...

But the pressure didn't stopped, actually it even had strengthen, thou they both knew that it wasn't a lie. The soldier couldn't breath, he was almost dead now. Magneto threw him onto the ground. Then he turned away and started to move towards the house.

Soldier1: You... said you'll... let... me live...

Said the soldier while he was bleeding from his mouth.

Magneto: I did... But I did say "maybe" too...

The soldier closed his eyes. He was dead. Magneto ran into the house. He searched for somebody in a rabid fear. Hoping that everybody is still alive.

Magneto: THUNDER! FLAME! ICE! WHERE ARE YOU?!

He ran into their rooms but nobody was there.

Magneto: Oh no... THUNDER!

His heart was beating like crazy, what if they are all dead now? Horrible thoughts came into his mind. He could clearly see Thunder laying on the ground, bleeding heavily, dead...

???: Magneto? Is that you?

Magneto turned around and saw Thunder, Flame and Ice standing behind him, trembling.

Magneto: Thunder!

He ran towards him.

Magneto: Thunder, are you okay?

Thunder: Yeah, but... you're bleeding!

Magneto: Listen, all of you, I don't have time to explain! Hide in the wall. Remember where we did the secret pass? Hide there!

Thunder: Yeah, but...

Magneto: Nobody's gonna find ya'll there if you'll keep quiet! Where's Professor? I need him right now!

Thunder: M-magneto, t-that's what I wanted to tell you... T-the professor is dead...

Magneto was shocked. He couldn't believe it at all. Someone who raised him gave him life... is now dead...

Magneto: W-what...?

???: I heard voices from there! Get inside!

Magneto: No...Hide! Quick!

Thunder: What about you?

Magneto: I'll be alright! Get inside the wall!

Thunder, Flame and Ice got inside, but they were watching what will happen. The door opened with a loud noise and the soldiers got in, pointing their weapons at Magneto. He stood there, waiting. Then a scientist came inside.

Scientist: You probably know why we are here.

Magneto: Yeah, for my entertainment, 'cause I'm gonna kick your asses now.

Soldier2: Shut up, freak!

He kicked Magneto in his back, he fell down trying to get up, but he was too weak after attacking that soldier, and he fell down again.

Scientist: There supposed to be 4 of you... Where is the rest?

Magneto: In a place called "location"...

The soldier kicked him again. Magneto didn't say anything. He would rather die, than to betray his family. But as more they tortured him, the more Thunder got mad...

Scientist: I'm gonna ask for the last time. Where... are... they?

Magneto: And I'm telling for the last time... In a place... called... "Location"...

Scientist: Shoot him.

The soldiers aimed their weapons at the hedgehog. At that time Thunder became furious.

Thunder: This was the last drop...

He ran out of the shelter.

Flame: THUNDER! ARE YOU NUTS?!!!

Thunder: Thunder...

Scientist: What the?!

Thunder: BOOOOLT!!!!

There were strong lightnings all over the place, thunders hit with a high volt level, but it did not hit Magneto, Flame and Ice. After the move he was panting strongly. But the move didn't kill the soldiers, but they were weak enough to fight them.

Thunder: I... did it... I... did... the Thunderbolt... Uugh...

He fell onto the floor and passed out.

Magneto/Flame/Ice: THUNDER!!!

One of the soldiers wanted to take Thunder to the helicopters, which arrived later, he picked up the hedgehog, but he suddenly couldn't move. Not only him, everybody couldn't, they were frozen to the ground.

Ice: That's for Thunder!

Magneto: Great job!

Flame: Too cold? No problemo... WINGS OF THE PHOENIX!

A huge fire formed in a phoenix was heading to the soldiers.

Soldier4: DAMN IT!!!

He grabbed a fire extinguisher, which was in the room and started to extinguish the "phoenix". It worked.

Flame: Heeeeey! -_-+++

Ice: OO NOBODY DOES THAT EXCEPT FOR ME!!! ICEFLOODS!!!

He lifted his both hands and pointed them at soldiers; the blue, cold ice beam hit them.

Ice: YEEEAH! That's how ya'll mess with us!

Suddenly the scientist grabbed Thunder from soldier's hands; he took out a pistol and pointed it at Thunders head.

Scientist: NOBODY DOES A SINGLE MOVE! OR I'LL SHOOT HIS BRAINS OUT!!!

The two hedgehogs stopped attack. But their hands were still glowing with red and light blue light. They looked very shocked.

Scientist: You all are going to come with us, like it or not!

Flame and Ice looked at Magneto, who was still laying on the ground. He nodded. They both looked at the ground and made the light stop glowing. There was no way they could save each other. They were trapped.

Scientist: Help that black one to stand up.

The soldiers grabbed Magneto rudely, and then they got Flame and Ice. They were struggling to free them, but the soldiers helded them tightly.

Flame: Hey! Get your dirty hands off me!!

Scientist: Aww... What's the matter?

They threw the three hedgehogs inside the helicopter.

Ice: Ouch!

Flame: Hey!

Scientist: You're going to a new home. Enjoy your trip.*chuckle*

The door closed. Everybody was afraid. They knew what will happen to them right now... They had to find a way to get out. Suddenly they heard a noise; they understood that they were moving. Everybody lost hope. You just can't escape from the height of 11000 meters above the ground...

5. The hedgion

Magneto: O.K. 1...2...3!

Flame: OUCH!!!

Ice: That won't work...

They were trying to break out the door for an hour or two, but it always failed. Thunder woke up a few hours ago.

Thunder: Maybe if I--

Magneto: No, Thunder, you can't.

Thunder: But--

Magneto: We'll take care of that.

Suddenly the helicopter stopped. Thunder, Flame and Ice were very afraid, they hid behind Magneto.

Flame: This may be very good... or very very bad...

They heard steps which were getting closer and closer. Magneto was prepared for a fight; he didn't want anyone to get into trouble. Then the door opened. Suddenly the scientist hit Magneto with an electro shocker in his stomach.

Magneto: AAAAAAH!!!

Thunder/Flame/Ice: MAGNETO!

Magneto: Eergh... That's... it...

He was glowing again, his eyes turned into white cat eyes. Before the scientist could attack him again Magneto crushed the electro shocker into pieces. He fell onto his stomach, then he looked at the scientist, he couldn't see him. Everything was smudged in front of his eyes. He passed out.

Magneto slowly opened his eyes. He was laying on a bed. He looked around. This wasn't the place he lived. He remembered what happened back then. Magneto sat on the bed. He suddenly heard voices, they were familiar.

???: So THIS is what will happen to all of us, you idiot! We can't do anything right now! 4 idiotic mutants!!! That what we will be!!!

???: You tell that this is MY fault?!

???: Well it's YOU who controls water and ice! You could've at least TRY to wake him up!!

Magneto walked to a wall, behind which he heard all the voices. He suddenly saw a lion tail. What? That crazy scientist has lions here? He looked behind the wall, the lion hid and Ice and Flame were still arguing.

Magneto: Can you two PLEASE stop it?

He said it with a tired voice. The two hedgehogs stopped arguing and turned to Magneto.

Ice: Magneto! I-iit... it wasn't my fault! I-i-i... I tried to wake you up, but...

Magneto: Guys, where's Thunder...?

Thunder: I'm here...

Magneto: Where?

Thunder: U-under the table...

Magneto looked, but he saw only that lion silhouette under the table. He's probably kiddin';

Magneto: Thunder, come here.

He said, but he was still watching the silhouette.

Thunder: No...

Magneto looked at Ice and Flame; they had sad expressions on their faces.

Magneto: Why don't you want to come out?

Thunder: You won't recognize me...

Magneto was very confused. He didn't understand why he shouldn't recognize his own brother.

Magneto: Listen... I won't laugh at you.

Thunder: You promise?

Magneto understood that there's something serious about Thunder.

Magneto: I promise. Now come here.

Suddenly the lion silhouette slowly moved and walked towards Magneto. As the lion cub came into the light Magneto started to recognize the lion, by fur and the markings...

Magneto: Thunder?

When the lion cub came out, Magneto was shocked. It was Thunder! He had his face, but instead of the quills he had a head tuft and the body was lion's.

Magneto: Thunder...

Thunder stood right on the place where he stopped and didn't move. He was afraid, he didn't want to scare Magneto, but he didn't even know if he must quickly run to him, so he won't lose a trust of his brother.

Magneto: Who... did this to you...?

Thunder just stood there, he said nothing. He was still shocked of what just happened to him.

Magneto: Thunder? Who did this to you?

Thunder: That... That scientist...

Magneto was getting very mad. How could somebody do something like this?

Thunder: Magneto...?

Magneto looked at him.

Thunder: I... don't want to stay like this... forever...

Magneto stood up and went fast through the corridors. With his powers he could easily define where that scientist is. He suddenly stopped. He felt the heart beatings. He smiled.

Magneto: There you are...

He raised his hand and the door broke out. The scientist was shocked. Magneto slowly went inside. The scientist calmed down, and then he started to speak.

Scientist: Uh-huh... I see you finally woke up... Saw already your brothers new look?

Magneto: I did... And guess what? I'm not very pleased...

Scientist: Aw... That's a shame... But let's return to the situation. My name is Jacob. Sir Jacob for you.

Magneto: Idiot? Your name is Idiot?

Jacob: Oh, how not nice of you...

Magneto: I want you to return Thunder into his normal look, NOW...

Jacob: You don't like hedgions?

Magneto: Huh?

Jacob: Hedgions... A cross of a lion and a hedgehog.

Magneto: You're sick...

Jacob: Thank you. You're starting to respect me.

Magneto: AND YOU'RE STARTING TO PLAY WITH MY NERVES!!!

Magneto wanted to attack him, but Jacob quickly pushed the alarm button, which was under his table. Five soldiers quickly ran in and started to attack Magneto. He fell on the ground, a soldier was ready to kick him in the face, but then somebody rushed into the room.

???: ROOOOOOAR!!!!!!!

Before the soldiers could turn something massive and heavy attacked them. Magneto got up and he was very surprised by what he saw. It was Thunder! I don't believe it... This just isn't him...Thunder looked very angry, he was glowing with a yellow light and in his eyes was an anger he never felt before. Magneto was still surprised how he could defeat them all by himself. Thunder suddenly turned from angry into shocked, he put his ears down, that meant he was afraid.

Thunder: MAGNETO!! WATCH OUT!!!

Magneto turned behind and saw that Jacob was trying to hit him with a chair. He dodged and hit Jacob in back he passed out.

Magneto: Thunder, get Flame and Ice, we have to escape from this place, now!

6. Failed...

Thunder ran to Flame and Ice, he was afraid. How will they escape? I just hope Magneto has a good plan. I really don't want to stay here! He finally found his friends.

Ice: Thunder? What happened? You look scared!

Thunder: No time to explain! We are going to escape from here!

Ice: How?

Thunder: I don't know. I just hope everything will end well!

Flame and Ice got up and followed after Thunder, the idea that they are going to escape gave them creeps. At one side, they were happy. They will get out and never see this place again. But what if they fail? And if they won't, where will they go, after they'll escape?

Finally they got to the place Magneto waited for them.

Magneto: Okay, we have to be fast now, got it? You will follow me and ask no questions. The last thing we need here is mistrust! You got it?

Flame: *unsure*Got it.

Ice: *unsure*Yeah...

Magneto: *looks at Thunder*Thunder?

Thunder didn't know what to tell. He just nodded, because he couldn't say a word.

Magneto: Good. Now let's go!

They ran through all the corridors, to find the exit. But the building was so big, they almost could find anything. They were getting more and more tired and met a few hardships on their way, but they didn't stop. They believed that they will get out of this place. They finally found the exit.

Ice: There it is!!!

Flame: YEEEEEAH!!!! Try to get us now, Jacob-jerk!

Thunder: Finally! Whoopee!!!!

Magneto: *joking*Hey, you three, calm down there! We didn't reach the exit yet!

???: You're right... You didn't... and probably never will...

All 4 stopped and tried to recognize the silhouette. They had a suspicion who it could be...

Suddenly 5 guards appeared behind the wall. Thunder, Flame and Ice hid behind Magneto.

Magneto:*whispering* Stay close to me... Everything is gonna be okay...

Jacob: Get rid of the black one, the others will be easy ones...

The guards rushed towards Magneto.

Magneto: RUN, FOOLS! RUN!!!

Flame and Ice ran away, but Thunder rejected to go.

Thunder: I'm not going to leave you here!

Magneto: Thunder, you HAVE to!

Thunder: NO I WON'T!!!

Magneto stared at him for few seconds.

Magneto: Then I have no other choice...

He shooted a wave at Thunder, which made him fly away. Thunder fell onto the ground, but before he could stand up, he saw, that Magneto was already been attacked. Thunder attacked at the guards. He knocked out 2 of them by a single punch with his paw. Then he reared up and cast an attack.

Thunder: SHOCK!!!!!!

A thin thunder hit the other 3 guards. Magneto was lying on the floor without moving. Before

Thunder could rush towards his brother something hit him from behind. Then he passed out. When he woke up, he was in a room with Flame, Ice and Magneto. Magneto was sitting in a corner, looking through the window. He looked rather angry and one of his eyes was half cat eye. Thunder understood why he was like this.

Thunder: Magneto, I -

Magneto: Why did you do this?

Thunder didn't say anything; he was just looking at Magneto. Not answering on his question made Magneto mad. His eyes turned into cat eyes and he was glowing. He walked to Thunder, Flame and Ice ran away, but Thunder lay on the floor without moving, still looking at Magneto.

Magneto: *screaming* WHY THE HECK DID YOU DO THIS?!!!

Thunder: I was trying to protect you...

Magneto stopped glowing and his eyes turned to normal. He was staring at Thunder for a few seconds, but then turned away and walked from the room. He closed the door with rage. Thunder was feeling guilty. It was all my fault...

7. Gomen Nasai and Always Together

Thunder went outside, to the garden, he knew Magneto will probably be there. Thunder wanted to apologize to him. When he came to the garden he saw Magneto sitting on the grass and looking to the stars. He's probably missing Jake... No wonder...Thunder walked slowly towards Magneto. Magneto didn't hear his steps. When Thunder was close enough he decided to talk to him.

Thunder: Magneto?

Magneto didn't pay any attention to him. He just continued to look at the stars.

Thunder: Magneto... I'm sorry...

Magneto looked at Thunder, but then he turned back to the sky.

Thunder: **whispers** I knew you won't forgive me...

Magneto turned to Thunder again. Then he spoke very calmly.

Magneto: Thunder, it's me, who has to be sorry...

Thunder looked up to Magneto.

Thunder: So you forgive me?

Thunder moved towards Magneto and lay down near to him.

Magneto: Yeah... I just... miss him to much...

Thunder kept looking at Magneto for few seconds then he looked to the ground.

Thunder: Yeah... Me too... He was like...

Magneto: A father to us...

It was a long silence; Thunder and Magneto were covered in memories. After a few minutes Thunder spoke.

Thunder: Magneto?

Magneto: Hm?

Thunder: We will always be together, right?

Magneto: Right, kid.

Thunder: You promise?

Magneto took Thunder and they both hugged, then he whispered into his ear.

Magneto: ... I promise...

8. The sweet revenge

When they both went inside the building, they were glad they're together. If they weren't, one of them probably would commit a suicide sooner or later. It was impossible to spent rest of your life with Jacob. Jacob wanted to kill them... but not yet... First, he will threaten them, then he will torture them to half death and when the first becomes insane and mad... he will kill him and then wait for the others to get mad. Jacob did it all ONLY for fun...

Magneto and Thunder were walking through the hall and suddenly they saw Jacob in front of them. He was standing in the middle of the hall with a scary grin on his face. Thunder hid behind Magneto. But Magneto refused to be frightened.

Magneto: What? Never saw us...?

Jacob: Well, not like this...

Magneto wanted to pass him and he did. He was a little bit surprised, because Jacob just let him and Thunder to go. Then suddenly...

Jacob: ...Experiment 627...

Magneto stopped right behind him, trembling and very shocked. If Jacob knew their codes, then he could do ANYTHING to them... Magneto asked very quietly and with a trembling voice.

Magneto: Wh... what... did you c-call... me...?

Jacob: *chuckles* Sure, I'll repeat that... I called you... Experiment 627...

For the first time in his life Magneto felt a fear he never felt before. It was like he couldn't think normally, like he was half dead... Even when Jake called them Experiments they felt uncomfortable... Magneto tried to calm down.

Magneto: Let's go, Thunder.

Jacob: Thunder, huh? That sound's more like Experiment 626.

They both started to walk faster.

Magneto: Come on, let's go, Thunder.

Jacob: And those other two may be Experiment 625 and 624...

Flame and Ice went out of their rooms. Both afraid.

Ice: What's happening?

Magneto: Nothing, go with me.

Ice and Flame followed Magneto quickly. But for some reason Flame acted calmly.

Jacob: Turning your back on me? Experiment 625, come here...

Flame stopped. Others looked at him surprised.

Magneto: Flame, don't do it...

Jacob: Come here, 625...

Flame: As you wish...

Flame slowly turned around and started to walk towards Jacob.

Jacob: Smart boy...

Others looked at Flame surprised. How could he betray them?

Ice: You traitor...

Jacob: No, he's not... He's being a faithful slave...

Flame: Wish I could...

Suddenly there appeared a pair of huge black wings on his back, which had horns at the ends. Thunder, Ice and Magneto looked shocked at Flame. He then flew right at Jacob and pinned him down onto the ground.

Flame: BEAT YOU LIKE THE WRECK YOU ARE!!!

Magneto: Great job there!

Ice: Sorry, bud...

Flame: Doesn't matter...

Flame winked at Ice and Ice winked back. Jacob tried to get away and at that moment Flame punched him in the face. Others looked at Flame, like he did something impossible.

Flame: LIE STILL, FREAK!!!

Thunder/Ice: Oooouch...

Magneto: Wooah... And they say I am aggressive, when mad...*chuckle*

Flame: You're not any better, Magneto...|-)

Magneto: ... You're lucky you're busy with him!

Flame: I know...^^

Magneto: -_-

Jacob tried to get away one more time, but Flame punched him again.

Flame: Man, I'm sick of this bastard... Ey, Thunda', wanna...

Thunder: Wanna what?

Flame: Wanna play?

Thunder looked at Flame quite baffled, and then he understood what Flame meant. Of course he didn't want to miss a chance.

Thunder: Yeah, sure!

Flame: Great! He's all yours!

Jacob: What? What the- What are you doing?

Thunder: You'll see...

Thunder stayed in a "hunting lion" pose for few seconds, then he ran towards Jacob and at the distance of few steps he jumped on his stomach. It was hard to breathe for Jacob.

Jacob: GAH!!!

Flame: Owwww... 50 kilograms onto your stomach, maaan..... Ouch.....

Ice: Hey, Thunder, do that almighty roar!

Thunder: Anybody has some garlic...?

Ice: EEEEW!!!! You're sick man!!

Magneto: If something, I don't know who you are, weirdo!! Ha-ha!!

Flame: Hold on! Hold on! I think he has some in kitchen!

Magneto: Oh no... Oh-ho-oh noo... Ha-ha!

Flame: TO THE KITCHEN!!!!

Jacob: What?!! Garlic?! GET OFF ME!

Jacob tried to get up, but Thunder hit him across the face with a paw.

Thunder: YOU'LL DO THAT AGAIN I'LL GIVE YOU A SCAR! AND ONE MORE TIME I'LL GIVE YOU'RE SCAR A TWIN!!!

Magneto/Ice: o_O Nice...

Flame flew back with 2 garlic's.

Flame: What did I miss? O_O I think a lot...O_O

Thunder: Throw me those garlic's!!

Flame: Two at one time?!

Thunder: Baseball match!!

Flame: Okie-dokie... M.C. Double "F" throws and...and... AND IT'S HOMERUUUN!!!!

Thunder: Got the garlic's!!

Flame: And now, ladies and gentlemen, watch the great hedgehog-o-lion eat two garlic's and then roar like a mighty lion he is!!

Ice: You're one hell of a narrator...

Flame: Thank you...^^

Thunder ate the two garlic's and his eyes became soggy.

Thunder: Here comes the roar.....

He turned at Jacob and then roared at his face. It sounded like cub's roar more. But the smell of the garlic was really strong, even Magneto, Flame and Ice felt it.

Magneto/Flame/Ice: Eeeeeeeeeeeeeew!!!

Magneto: Thunder, you sick sick bastard...

Thunder: Thank you, Magneto! I love you too!^^

Magneto smiled at Thunder. Jacob stood up and ran away, so they won't catch him again. Flame flapped his wings, but didn't fly up.

Flame: Should I catch him again? Because these are handy...

All of them laughed, feeling a little bit brave. They would never thought, that they will someday do something like this.

Thunder: Ha-ha! The revenge is so sweeeeet... Ha-ha!

9. Experiment 626-copy a.k.a. Zekaskis

The next day Thunder was exploring the place. He was getting used to the place and the cruelty, somehow... He didn't like it. Thunder was alone and from the morning he was feeling strange, like something bad is about to happen. When he wanted to go to a room in the morning it was locked, but he could hear voices from there.

flashback

Voice1: You sure, he's as strong as the kid?

Voice2: Yes.

Voice1: Can something go wrong...?

Voice2: No. He will listen to all your orders.

Voice1: Perfect...

flashback ends

Thunder shook his head.

Thunder: Nonsense... They didn't talk about you, Thunder... Nothing can go wrong...

Suddenly he bumped into somebody. Thunder looked up to see... himself as a hedgehog... The hedgehog was staring at Thunder, not saying a word. Thunder trembled. How could he see himself, standing in front of him? Thou, the hedgehog WERE a little different. His left eye mark was longer, then Thunders'.

Thunder: Who are you...?

???: ...

Thunder: What do you want?!

The hedgehog smiled and decided to answer his questions.

???: My name is Zekaskis... Or Experiment 626-copy...

Thunder: *whispers*But that's MINE code...

Thunder stepped a few steps back. But Zekaskis continued.

Zekaskis: I have the same powers as you do, Thunder... And what's more... I'm your clone...

Thunder was shocked to hear that. His clone? Thunder gulped and turned around to go away. But Zekaskis shot a lightning in front of Thunder, which made him rear up in fear. He looked back at Zekaskis.

Zekaskis: Don't you turn your back on me...

Then he did something Thunder would never expect... Zekaskis started to transform. His quills began to soften and went on his head, which made a tuft, his arms and legs transformed into paws and his tail grew longer and at the end of his tail there appeared a tuft. He transformed into a hedgion. Zekaskis walked towards Thunder and put out his sharp claws. Thunder understood, what that meant.

Zekaskis: Now it's just you and I...

Thunder was afraid, but then suddenly a wave of anger and murder controlled him. He showed his sharp fangs to Zekaskis, put out his claws and moved towards him. When they were close to each other they walked in a circle, watching each other. Then Zekaskis jumped at Thunder roaring loudly and started to slash him with his claws. Thunder roared, because of the pain, but soon started to slash back. A real deadly fight began.

Magneto: Thunder...

Magneto woke up, he was trembling. Somehow he felt, that something was happening with Thunder... He could feel his rage... anger... madness... fear... He gulped and then slowly looked

at Thunder's bed... He wasn't there...

Magneto: Oh no... Thunder!

Magneto got out of his bed and ran. He didn't know where... He just followed his intuition. But somehow, he knew that the place, where he was running to, will lead him to Thunder.

Thunder fell onto the ground, roaring loudly, because of the slash, Zekaskis gave him. Thunder tried to get up. Ugh... Man... He's really strong... I... I won't hold on any longer... What do I have to do...? Thunder fell onto the ground again, bleeding from his wounds and mouth. He was panting heavily and was afraid. He looked back and saw Zekaskis, walking to him.

Zekaskis: *chuckle* Say "Good-bye and good night", Thunder...

He raised his paw to give Thunder a deadly punch, but in that moment somebody hit him from behind. Zekaskis fell onto the floor and fainted. Thunder looked up, to see, who it was and saw Magneto, looking quite shocked. Thunder tried to speak, but at the first try all he had done is to cough some blood out.

Thunder: *cough* How... how did you know it wasn't me...?

Magneto took Thunder and hugged him. He spoke very calmly and quiet.

Magneto: I didn't... I just... I don't know how to explain it... I... felt it... I felt your pain...

Thunder: Well... I'm now telling you... That *cough* that his left eye mark is longer... I... He-

Magneto: Shh... Calm down... You need to rest... You fought good...

Thunder fell asleep in Magneto's arms, but tears were falling from his eyes. He was tired and scared... What would happen, if Magneto wouldn't come in time...? Magneto looked down at Zekaskis. I don't know who you are... But I better take you with me...

10. The Agreement

Zekaskis just woke up. He looked around the room, where he was. He wanted to rub his head but couldn't move. When he looked behind him, he saw, that he was tied to a chair. All shocked Zekaskis looked back in front of him and saw Magneto, Flame and Ice standing there. Magneto had his hands crossed and Flame and Ice were standing behind him, grinning. Zekaskis was looking scared at them.

Magneto: Slept well...?

Zekaskis gulped.

Zekaskis: What... What are you going to do...?

Flame and Ice decided to scare Zekaskis a little more, so they went to him. Flame was standing on the right side, Ice on the left side. Zekaskis looked shocked at them both.

Flame: Well, depends on you actually... If you want a quick death I can burn you, but if you want a slow death Ice will take care of you...

Magneto was just standing there not caring, without any sense of mercy. Zekaskis looked scared at Flame. Something told him he won't like this hedgehog.

Flame: So you choose what?

Zekaskis: I... I don't want to die...

He began to tremble. Flame looked at Ice and winked at him.

Flame: You heard, Ice? He wants a mix.

Zekaskis: No! Get away from me!

Ice: Okay, I understood.

Their hands began to glow with ice and fire and Zekaskis, when he saw what they could do, got scared to death.

Zekaskis: NO!!! NO, PLEASE, STOP!!!

Magneto: Enough...

Flame and Ice made their element powers fade away and they were staring quiet surprised at Magneto. Zekaskis was still trembling, but he was looking at Magneto thankfully.

Magneto: He doesn't deserve this...

Flame: Did Thunder deserve that fight?!

Magneto: He didn't... But if we'll kill him, then we won't be any better, then HE is...

He nodded at Zekaskis.

Flame: I really don't understand you!

Magneto: Sure you won't... You don't have any siblings...

Flame was looking quite strange at Magneto. Like he wanted to say: "You know nothing"... And tears appeared in his eyes. Magneto looked surprised at Flame, but he just turned around and went away.

Zekaskis: That... hedgion... that was your brother...?

Magneto: Yeah... But he's a hedgehog.

Zekaskis: A hedgehog...?

Magneto nodded.

Zekaskis: But... he-

Magneto: He has body of a lion, I know. But he wasn't always like this.

Zekaskis stared at Magneto questioning. The black hedgehog turned to Ice.

Magneto: Ice, leave us alone... I want to talk with him...

Ice: Sure...

He then turned around and walked away at the same direction Flame went. Magneto turned back at Zekaskis.

Magneto: Why do you think we are here...? What did he told you about us?

Zekaskis: Dad... Dad said that you want to destroy everything living... That the man, who created you was insane and... created you to destroy things. That for 14 years Special Forces looked for you... And... Wanted to kill you... But instead of that, dad created me to finish you and save the world...

Magneto: If we wanted to destroy everything living... Would I stop those two hedgehogs, whom wanted to harm you...?

Zekaskis thought for a few seconds, but then he shook his head with a "no" sign.

Magneto: You see then...

Zekaskis: Why were you created then...?

Magneto: Our father created us just to give us life. He wanted us to grow up, get a job, have a family... We always thought that we will be together. We always thought that life is something beautiful and it's not about separating you from your beloved ones. So we WEREN'T created for a purpose... Just to live... And you know what your father did to us...? He made us monsters... That brown hedgehog, whom scared you - Flame, he didn't have wings before... And the hedgion you was fighting with - Thunder... Was a hedgehog... But what's more heartbreaking is the fact... That Jacob killed our father...

Zekaskis: If... You weren't created to destroy... Why did they get you here...?

Magneto: Good question... When you'll find out... Tell us...

Zekaskis looked surprised at Magneto. He felt sorry for them. He just imagined what they have been through... It was really unfair to kill their father and to torture four innocent lives... He sighed and looked down to the ground. Magneto walked to a table behind him and took a knife. Then he walked back to Zekaskis and cut the ropes, which were cutting his arms a little. Zekaskis shook off the ropes off of his hands and rubbed his wrists, then he looked back at Magneto.

Magneto: From now you're going to tell us everything... And I mean EVERYTHING your father is planning to do. If we'll find out we missed something it won't end very good... For you...

Zekaskis stared at Magneto scared a little. Magneto looked at him for a few seconds, but then gave a weak smile. He knew, by Zekaskis's reaction, that he won't betray them. Magneto held out his hand.

Magneto: So we have a deal...?

Zekaskis thought for a few minutes, but then he sighed, shook Magneto's hand and said, almost whispered.

Zekaskis: Deal...

11. Flame's secret

Magneto went away from the room. He was sure Zekaskis won't betray them, but that wasn't the thing, that bothered him. He didn't understand what Flame meant. That look in his eyes was very strange. Was there something Flame hid from them all the time? That's why Magneto decided to talk to him.

Magneto: If this place wasn't so big maybe I would find him sooner...

Suddenly he heard sobs from a room behind him. He turned around and slowly went to that room, so he wouldn't make any noise. When Magneto was close to the room he looked inside. There was Flame sitting on a bed and crying. Magneto was surprised, he never saw Flame cry. Flame was always the most optimistic guy from them all and it was him, who always "saved them from drowning". Maybe I shouldn't say that to him...

flashback

Flame: I really don't understand you!

Magneto: Sure you won't... You don't have any siblings...

flashback ends

I think I should apologize to him... Magneto entered the room; Flame continued to cry, because he didn't hear Magneto. Magneto came closer to Flame and putted his hand on his shoulder. Flame rapidly looked back in fear, he thought that could be Jacob, but Flame calmed down, when he saw that it was Magneto.

Magneto: Hey. I'm sorry, about that thing which happened back there.

Flame looked for a few seconds at Magneto, but then turned back to the window.

Magneto: I... I thought... Maybe you want to talk about it...?

Flame was looking down to the ground for a few seconds but then spoke.

Flame: I... had a sibling...

Magneto looked surprised at Flame. Then he sat on the bed next to him.

Magneto: But... Nobody knew about it. And... Dad never told me that he was creating somebody.

Flame: Because he didn't want anybody to know... He was making her for me. She was supposed to be my younger sister.

flashback

I was sitting in my room, doing nothing, and then dad came and...

Jake: Flame? You here?

Flame: Flame? Yeah, that's me, I guess. Right now I'm not at home, but you can leave me a message anytime you like.^^

Jake: ...Flame...

Flame: I said, that's me, but-

Jake: Just come with me...

Flame: Okay.

So I followed him and he took me to the room, where he was creating experiments. There were formulas on the desk and a big flask in the middle of the room.

Flame: Creating somebody again, dad?

Jake: Yeah, for you.

Flame: Really?!

Jake: Uh-huh...

I came near to the flask, it was covered with white fabric and I just had to look.

Flame: *points at flask* Can I?

Jake: Sure.

I took off the fabric and there she was. She was a black hedgehog with red ends on her hair. I don't remember her too well, but she was very nice. I liked her as a sister. I hoped that she will be soon released from the flask and I can teach her something. But... right the next day we were attacked, so... I even didn't have the time to name her... I wanted to run back and release her from the flask, when we saw the soldiers in the house, but...

Thunder:*grabs Flame by his hands* Flame! Where are you going?! We don't have time for this!

Flame: LET GO!! I HAVE TO SAVE HER!!

Thunder: Who?!!

Flame: LET ME GO!!!

Ice then attacked me with his Ice Floods; I almost fainted, because the water hit me in head. I couldn't see, everything was smudged and I couldn't hear either... I was just few steps away from that room... If I tried I could save her anytime... I was so weak I couldn't even stand right... I... Don't remember everything clearly from that moment... I... Think that Thunder then carried me on his back away from that room... All I could do is to watch how it fades away from me... If I could at least talk at that moment I would beg Thunder to let me go and go back... But I couldn't... You don't even know how much I wanted him to let me go and go back... I was so afraid at that moment... She's probably dead by now... And it's all only my fault... I've should tell you about her...

flashback ends

More tears fell out of Flame's eyes and they fell to the ground, Magneto just watched him crying. Flame... Why didn't you tell us...? Poor girl... I feel sorry for her... But it's not your fault, Flame...

Magneto: It's not your fault, Flame...

Flame looked at Magneto with tears in his eyes. Questioning.

Magneto: It would end like this for her anyway.

Flame: Like what?

Magneto: Bad... Even if you would save her, she would be here... The first thing she would feel is pain... Imagine it... First thing... Lots of pain... As for me, I blame myself for the thing that I couldn't save you... I never wanted this to happen...

Flame: ...Nobody did...

Flame couldn't hold himself back; he started to cry on Magneto's chest. Magneto hugged him and held him in his arms.

Magneto: Flame... Please... Calm down, Flame... Shh... Calm down... Everything will be soon okay, I promise... We will get out of here... We will... Very soon...

Flame: M-Magneto, I'm sorry... I... I just... Can't... I just can't live like this... I... I can't... I don't want this to continue... I... I just... Miss dad so much... Why... Why did they have to kill him...?

Magneto hugged him tighter. He missed Jake too, but he didn't show it. Magneto felt so sorry for Flame, it was so heartbreaking to see him crying like that. It seemed that he wouldn't stop, he cried for such a long time. Magneto kept holding him in his hands. Flame... C'mon, it'll be okay... After few minutes Flame kept crying, but a little bit lesser.

Magneto: Are you feeling better...?

Flame: ...A little...

Magneto: You want me to stay with you...?

Flame nodded.

Magneto: It’ll be okay...

Flame: No it won’t... We stuck here! We will never get out from here... We will be here forever...

He sobbed few times, and then cried on Magneto’s chest again, but Flame tried to hold back tears. Magneto spoke to him calmly.

Magneto: Flame... Remember... Nothing, and I mean NOTHING, lasts forever...

Flame looked at Magneto. Magneto smiled.

Magneto: We will get out of here, Flame... You’ll see.

He then got up from the bed and went to the door.

Flame: Magneto?

He stopped and turned to Flame.

Flame: I... want to give you something.

He got up from bed too and went to a box, which was standing in a corner. Magneto watched Flame as he took something from under the box, then he went to Magneto.

Flame: I hid it there few days ago... I thought you might want to have it...

He gave Magneto a photo. Magneto took it and looked at it; he couldn’t hold back a smile. At the photo there was him, Jake, Thunder, Flame and Ice at a summer background, smiling and making crazy faces. All together, like a family.

Magneto: I remember this...

Magneto kept looking at it and then a tear fell out from his eye.

Flame: Magneto? You’re... crying?

Magneto wiped off the tear fast.

Magneto: What? Uh...No. No, I’m not, I just... I...

Flame kept looking at him. Magneto sighed and smiled at him. Then he knelt down and hugged Flame.

Magneto: Thanks, kid... I really appreciate it... It means a lot to me...

Flame smiled and hugged him back.

Flame: No problems... I owed it to you...

Magneto smiled a little again and felt a tear, falling from his eye...

12. Shock

Thunder woke up and slowly opened his eyes. He looked up and saw something black. His vision was very smudged, but he could recognize the black silhouette.

Thunder: Magneto?

Magneto: Hey, kid. You okay?

Thunder: I... I think so...

Magneto: Smudged vision?

Thunder nodded and put his head back on bed. It was hard for him to even hold his own head.

Magneto stroke him and rubbed his neck.

Magneto: It'll soon be better. You just need to rest, you know...

Thunder: Mhm...

Magneto: Don't worry... We made an agreement with Zekaskis, he won't harm you anymore. Actually, we decided, that he'll tell us everything Jacob's planning.

Thunder looked at Magneto with a "You're a liar" look. Magneto stared at him, then sighed and rolled his eyes.

Magneto: Okay, okay... I MADE him, but, hey, at least we'll play a fair game!>:3

Thunder: -_-..... Magneto...?

Magneto: Uuh... Yes?

Thunder: ... I LOVE YOU!!!

Thunder jumped on Magneto which made him fall to the ground, and then he pinned him to it, so it wasn't easy for Magneto to get up.

Magneto: ACK!! Get... off me! Sick guy... First you pretend you're half dead and now you're doing this to your own brother! Thank you VERY much, Thunder!

Thunder: He-he... Yeeah... That's me!

Magneto: Nnrgh... Just... Get off!

Thunder: Make me!

Magneto then lifted him in the air with his powers and threw him onto bed.

Magneto: Made ya!

Thunder: Rrrr.... ROOAR!!!

Thunder jumped on Magneto's back and started to tickle him. Magneto tried his best to get Thunder off, but he just held him tight.

Magneto: HEY! HEY! HEY! Ha-ha! Th-Thunder, stop it! You know I'm afraid of that stuff!!

Thunder: I know! That's why I'm not stopping!

Magneto: Why you little...!

They both laughed. Thunder then jumped off him and pushed him, so he fell on bed. Magneto sat fast and saw Thunder on the right side. Magneto looked at him surprised.

Magneto: That's what I call fast.

Thunder: I'm not fast, it's just... YOU'RE too slow...

He grinned at him. Magneto grinned back and stroke his head. Thunder began to purr.

Magneto: Now you're a 100% cat...

Thunder: Am not!

Magneto: Then stop with that purring! You're scaring me.

Thunder stopped it. Magneto looked at him smiling and he smiled back. Suddenly they heard footsteps and they knew it was Jacob. Magneto whispered to Thunder.

Magneto: We gotta get outta here.

Thunder whispered back.

Thunder: How?

Magneto: Come with me. Fast!

Magneto went to a wall and Thunder followed him. Magneto then opened it. It appeared to be a door. Thunder stared surprised.

Magneto: Listen, I discovered this few days ago. It leads to other room.

Thunder: What room?

Magneto: I don't know... I... Think it's the hall.

They heard the footsteps get closer. Magneto pushed Thunder in there.

Magneto: Quick! Get inside!

Thunder: What about you?!

Magneto: I'll be okay. Really. You don't have to worry about me...

He closed the wall door. Thunder heard Jacob enter the room, so he didn't run away, like Magneto told him. He listened what will happen.

Jacob: Where is he?

Magneto looked away, not caring.

Magneto: ...I don't know...

Thunder heard something "whistle" in the air and then heard Magneto scream in pain. Then he understood... Jacob hit him with a whip. It sounded that he cut his stomach. Thunder began to tremble.

Magneto fell down on his knees, holding his side. Jacob took ropes and tied Magneto's hands behind his back. Then he threw him against the wall. Magneto screamed again, as he hit the wall with his head. Jacob took a knife from his pocket and went to Magneto. Magneto saw the knife and stared at it in fear, he groaned, as he tried to free himself.

Magneto: Nrrgh... Damn it!

Suddenly he felt a cold metal on his neck. Magneto stopped moving and just sat there, with fear in eyes... Jacob pressed the knife to Magneto's throat.

Magneto: Argh... What... What are you going to do...?

Jacob: You'll tell me where he is... Or I'll press this knife harder... And you DO know what will happen then...Heh-heh-heh...

Magneto gulped. He was so scared, but he couldn't tell where Thunder was. He wished so much Jake was here... Then suddenly, he understood that he now gave courage to himself. Jake... How dared Jacob kill him? A wave of rage controlled Magneto, his eyes turned into white cat eyes. He felt now so strong. Magneto grinned.

Magneto: Heh-heh... If you'll kill me... You'll get NOTHING...

Jacob got mad. He punched Magneto in head, but Magneto didn't get scared again.

Jacob: You son of a dog, Magneto! Where is he?!!

Magneto: Up your @\$...

Thunder was scared to death. He was trembling and his heart beat like crazy. Tears were falling from his eyes. No... No, Magneto, please, tell him... I beg you... It's okay, just tell him... Please... Please... He suddenly heard Magneto scream in pain. Thunder couldn't take it anymore. He rushed into the room, jumped in front of Magneto and screamed at Jacob.

Thunder: LEAVE HIM ALONE!!!!!!

Jacob laughed.

Jacob: Now isn't this nice...? Brother love... Heh-heh...

Thunder glared at him.

Thunder: Get out...

Jacob stared at Thunder surprised.

Jacob: What did you say...?

Thunder got mad. He jumped on Jacob and tossed him few times.

Thunder: I SAID GET THE HEL OUT!!!!!!!!!!

Jacob stood up and went away slowly, glaring at Thunder. Thunder was looking at Jacob until he went away. Suddenly his anger turned into fear.

Thunder: MAGNETO!

Thunder ran to him and bit the ropes, but Magneto wasn't moving. Thunder pushed Magneto few times with his paws, but he didn't wake up.

Thunder: Magneto, please, wake up! Please, Magneto! Please!

He put his paw on Magneto's shoulder and felt something wet. He stopped in fear. Thunder slowly looked down and saw something he didn't want to see. Blood... It was going down from his side and from his neck. Thunder felt weird suddenly. A feeling he never felt before... He couldn't describe it.

Thunder: No... No... No! NOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!! MAGNETOO!!!!!!!!!!

He fell down behind Magneto, crying...

13. Get ready...

As Thunder lay behind his brother's body he continued to cry. And that strange feeling was controlling him. He didn't know what that feeling was and he didn't like it. He was afraid of it.

Thunder: M-Magneto... Magneto wake up... P-please...

He continued to cry, trembling.

Thunder: Magneto... Wake up...

Suddenly he heard him cough and breathe heavily. Thunder looked at Magneto and saw him trying to stand up, wincing because of pain.

Magneto: Uuuuh... Th-thunder...? Are... Are you okay...?

Thunder stared at him shocked with his mouth open. It was HIM who got beaten up almost to death, but he doesn't care... All he cares is about his younger brother. Thunder just realized how strong Magneto really is.

Thunder: Yeah... Yeah, I'm okay...

He wiped his tears off and hugged Magneto.

Thunder: I was so afraid... I thought I'll never see you again...

Magneto hugged him back.

Magneto: I'm not going to lose you again... I promise...

Thunder: Magneto? I... I was just wondering... How come you never think of yourself...?

Magneto: Cause nothing can happen to me...

Thunder: He almost killed you...

Magneto: He can't kill me...

Thunder was looking at him questioning. What did he mean by that?

Magneto: I know what you're thinking about but I can't tell you...

Thunder: Why not?

Magneto: I just... I just can't. Forget about it... The most important thing is that we're alright, no?

Thunder: Yeah... Yeah, maybe...

Thunder rested his head on Magneto's knees and felt how that strange feeling went away. He was glad it's over. But suddenly he remembered something. The agreement with Zekaskis. Wasn't he supposed to tell them about the attack Jacob planned?

Thunder became furious. Traitor... I'm gonna kill him... That bastard will regret the day he was created...He stood up and started to walk away, Magneto looked at him

surprised. Magneto: Where are you going?

Thunder: I'll be back soon...

Very soon...

14. The scars tell us that the past is real...

Thunder kept walking through the corridors with his rage building. With every step he became more furious. After few minutes he found Zekaskis sitting in a room on a bed with his back to the door.

Thunder: ZEKASKIS!!!!

Zekaskis turned back with a scared look. He didn't expect Thunder to yell at him. Thunder ran to him and jumped on the bed.

Thunder: You thought you can fool us, right...?

Zekaskis was looking at him quiet shocked.

Zekaskis: Th-Thunder, what are you talking about?

Thunder glared at him with a cold look and slashed him with a paw, roaring. Zekaskis fell on bed and Thunder pinned him at that moment.

Thunder: You know very well, what I'm talking about!!

Zekaskis: No, I don't! Let go of me!

Thunder: YOU PROMISED US!! WE HAD A DEAL!!!

Zekaskis: To tell you when Jacob plans to attack!

Thunder: Yes! But you DIDN'T tell us...

Zekaskis: ...I didn't know he was about to...

At that moment Thunder understood it all. He didn't saw Jacob. Thunder got off him and wanted to go away but heard footsteps. Zekaskis got up and turned to the door with a scared expression.

Zekaskis: ...It's him...

Thunder kept looking to the door terrified, but then rapidly ran out of the room. He couldn't see clearly, couldn't hear, all he was focused on - was to escape. Suddenly he felt someone grabbed him by his neck fur and lifted up in the air. He turned around with fear in his eyes and saw Jacob.

Jacob: You're just the one I was searching for...

He threw him on the ground and Thunder slide to the corner ad hit the wall. He tried to get up and saw Jacob was holding a whip in his hand. Thunder looked at it terrified.

Jacob: Where are they?

Thunder looked at him scared. What was he talking about?

Jacob: The emeralds... Where are they?!

Thunder: ...What emeralds...?

Jacob hit him with a whip and it made Thunder scream in pain. He never felt such a sharp pain and he was sure that he's about to feel it again.

Jacob: You know what I'm talking about...

Thunder: No... I... I know nothing about the emeralds!!

Jacob whipped him again and harder. Thunder screamed again and his vision became blurred. He was scared to death and wanted it to end as soon as possible.

Zekaskis heard the screams and looked to the door. After a few moments he heard a whip sound and a scream after that again. He understood what was happening.

Zekaskis: ...Thunder...

He jumped off the bed and ran to the place he heard the screams.

Jacob whipped Thunder again. There was blood all over Thunders body and he was trembling.
Jacob: I'm going to ask for the last time... The emeralds... Where... are... the emeralds...?

Thunder was looking at Jacob scared and shook his head. Jacob glared at him with a cold glare.
Jacob: Then I have no other choice...

He lifted the whip in the air, getting ready to hit him. Thunder stared at it with fear. This is it... Jacob wouldn't stop now. Who knows for how long it will last. At that moment Zekaskis ran in front of Thunder, protecting him, yelling at Jacob. Zekaskis: LEAVE HIM ALONE!!!

But it was too late for Jacob to stop. He threw his hand down and hit Zekaskis in the face with the whip. Zekaskis turned his face away because of the pain and screamed. He breathed heavily because of the shock, but slowly turned his face back to Jacob and glared at him. His eyes were filled with anger. Jacob stared at him with fear. Zekaskis felt something wet and sticky on his left eye and wiped it away, then looked at his hand. He had blood on it. He understood that he had a scar on that eye. He glared back at Jacob.

Jacob: ...That's what I do to traitors...

Zekaskis became mad at that moment. He lifted his hands up in the air and shot a huge lightning at Jacob making him hit the wall. Zekaskis was tired because of the attack and his vision became very blurred. Everything was turning dark.

Zekaskis: ...Thunder... Run...

He fell on the floor without moving.

15. Soul Emeralds

Zekaskis slowly opened his eyes and saw four blurred figures. He's head hurt and his hands were burning because of the lightning he shot. He closed them again, because his eyes hurt and then heard voices talking.

???: You think he's gonna be okay?

???: I don't know, but probably yes. I think he's just shocked and tired...

???: Jacob was talking about some emeralds...

At that moment Zekaskis opened his eyes and sat up. It didn't hurt that much anymore. He rubbed his head a little and turned to his right. Magneto, Thunder, Flame and Ice were standing there looking a bit worried at him.

Magneto: Hey, kid... You okay?

Zekaskis forced himself to smile a bit, so they wouldn't worry that much about him.

Zekaskis: Yeah... Yeah, I'm okay... Just tired a bit...

Magneto: You have a scar you know...?

Zekaskis touched his left eye from eyebrow down to the cheek and felt the scar. It hurt a little, when he was touching it.

Zekaskis: It doesn't matter... Is Thunder okay?

Thunder: Yeah, I'm fine...

Thunder smiled at him and Zekaskis smiled back. Magneto then looked at Thunder.

Magneto: You said that Jacob was talking about emeralds?

Thunder nodded and looked at him.

Thunder: Yeah, you know anything about it...?

Magneto was looking down at his feet and looked like he was thinking. Thunder, Flame, Ice and Zekaskis looked at Magneto waiting for an answer.

Magneto: Well... Yeah, I think I know what he meant...

Ice: And you didn't tell us, huh...?

Magneto: There could be loads of time for telling you about that!

Flame: Riiight... Yeah, LOADS of time... Especially when we're all dead...

Thunder: C'mon, Flame, Magneto just forgot!

Flame: Aww.... Big mighty lion protects his older brother... How sweet...

Thunder: YOU SHUT UP!! Flame: OR ELSE WHAT?!!! Magneto: GUYS!!!! Both looked at Magneto.

Magneto: Stop that...

Flame: ...Fine...

Thunder: Hmph...

Magneto: About the emeralds... Ice, Thunder, Flame, come with me. Zekaskis, you need to rest now.

Zekaskis: Yeah... I'm tired anyway...

Zekaskis smiled and lied down on the pillow. Magneto walked out of the room and went to his own. Thunder, Flame and Ice followed him and watched as he takes three emeralds out of a box. They looked interested at the emeralds. One of them was golden with thunders hitting in it, the other one was red with fire burning in it and the third one was blue with an ice cube and water spinning around it. They looked amazed at the emeralds.

Thunder: So this is what he was talking about...

Magneto: The golden one is yours Thunder. Flame, you have the red one and Ice has the blue

one. Only you can control those emeralds. And each of you controls his own. They're called Soul Emeralds. Dad created them for you before all this happened... By the way, you can look into the past, future and change some things which already happened with them...

Magneto placed Thunder's emerald in front of him. Thunder looked at the emerald with curiosity. He was amazed by the beauty of the emerald. He tried to touch it and placed his paw on it but it hit him with lightning hard, so he jumped away from it and looked scared at it.

Magneto: You have to "earn its trust"...

Thunder: Trust of... an emerald?

Magneto: Sounds weird, but yeah... The emerald works only when you really need it.

Thunder: Why did Jacob wanted these emeralds?

Magneto: You guys have a big power when using these emeralds, so he probably wanted to use them for something.

Flame: Big power, huh? And... it makes us stronger than you?

Ice: Flame, please, cut it out...

Magneto: No, it makes you black...

Flame: Already am...

Magneto:Black by fur, you idiot....

Flame: Woow... There will be hundreds of Magnetos running around...

Magneto just glared at him for a few minutes then slapped him hard. Flame just stood there staring shocked at Magneto.

Magneto: Anymore jokes?

Flame: Um... No? Magneto: Thank you.

Ice: Soo...It makes us black, because? Magneto: Because it's something like your super form or what?

Ice: Uh...Okay...

Magneto: But your markings will stay the same.

Thunder: And.... The emerald hit me with lightnings, because?

Magneto: Uuh.... Umm...

Thunder stared at him waiting impatiently for the answer. But Magneto really didn't know why it hit him so he decided to skip that part.

Magneto: Who cares?!

Thunder: Well, I care!! Cause... It freaking HURT!!

Magneto: Weell..... Your problem.

Thunder stared at him shocked then hit him with a very weak lightning so it won't hurt him much.

Magneto: OW!!! What the hell was that for?!!

Thunder: To know how it felt...

Magneto just sighed.

Magneto: Anyway... You have to uh... Guard these emeralds like they're part of you.

Ice: And if not?

Magneto: I'll kill you.

All of them stared shocked at Magneto with their mouth open, then they grabbed their emeralds running off with them.

Magneto: Hehe... Na'ive kids...

While Thunder, Flame and Ice were running through the hallways Ice was still freaked out.

Ice: Man, your bro is sick!

Thunder: I-I-I'm sure he was kidding. Hehe...

Flame: Eh, guys? Intelligent question...

At that moment he stopped and looked baffled at them.

Flame: Where... are we running actually...?

All three just stood there holding their emeralds and thinking. They actually didn't know what to do next.

Ice: You're thinking too much Flame...

Flame:No?

Thunder sighed and turned to them.

Thunder: You guys can do whatever you want to do, but I'm going out. I'll be in the garden if you need me...

Thunder turned back to the doors and walked out.

16. Zekaskis and Thunder

Thunder slowly walked in the garden looking at the ground, thinking. Thinking about all the events which happened lately. He still remembered how they were brought here. He remembered how Jake was killed, how he himself was made into a hedgion, how Flame got the wings and how he almost lost Magneto. He sighed at that thought still looking at the ground. I'm just glad he didn't saw it... The way dad died... Dad saved us... Just to kill himself...He sighed again and sat looking at the sky.

Thunder: Making a sacrifice for the sake of others is something I don't get...

???: And you wouldn't sacrifice yourself if you had to save Magneto?

Thunder looked behind himself and was relieved to see Zekaskis. They both smiled at each other and Thunder went to him. Thunder: I really don't know...

Zekaskis looked at him a bit surprised.

Zekaskis: You don't know?

Thunder felt a bit embarrassed so he looked down to hide the light blush he had. Thunder: Well... I really love him as a brother; he's the best I could ever wish for... But I... well... I kinda... um...

Zekaskis kept looking at him like he didn't understand him but he actually knew Thunder was a bit shy to say he really loved Magneto and would do anything for him. So instead making him say it he gave him a smile.

Zekaskis: Yeah, you don't have to continue. I get it.

Thunder nodded but still was looking at the ground. After few seconds he looked at Zekaskis with eyes, still keeping his head down. He looked at his scar. It was really big and there was no chance of healing it. Why is it always me who makes things worse...?

Thunder: Zekaskis..? I'm... I'm sorry-

Zekaskis: About the scar? Doesn't matter, it would happen sooner or later...

He smiled at him and Thunder smiled back.

Thunder: Hey, Zekaskis...? Zekaskis: Hm? Thunder: Thanks... For saving me.

Zekaskis smiled.

Zekaskis: It was nothing...

Thunder: Say uh... how come you're not afraid of Jacob?

Zekaskis: Why should I? Are you afraid of Magneto?

At that point Thunder got it. Jacob was the one who created Zekaskis and everyone loves his creator until he won't betray the creations.

Thunder: So for you it was... something like a family fight...?

Zekaskis smiled and nodded but Thunder kept looking at him, this time he was confused. That guy hurt him, how can he still not be scared of him...? Or is it only me...? Am I the only coward here...? Thunder looked down to the ground then he turned around and walked away. Zekaskis looked at him with a worried look.

Zekaskis: Thunder? Where are you going?

Thunder didn't turn to him he just continued walking.

Thunder: I'll just be somewhere here around... Just... Just walking... Tell Magneto I'll be back soon...

Zekaskis: ...Okay...

17. Torture

Zekaskis walked inside the laboratory searching for Magneto. It would be better if he knew Thunder was away. After all those events he was sure telling him was the best thing to do. He suddenly heard scientists talking and stopped, listening to the voices, coming out of the door.

???: We need to get rid of 627... He's very dangerous; if he'll get mad then we don't have much chance to survive.

???: You should mention few months ago he was dangerous...

???: The question is HOW we are going to get rid of him...

???: If he didn't have telekinetic powers it would be much easier.

???: I don't think it will be much problem. I know a way how to get rid of those powers but it will be only for few hours.

???: What will we do when he gets them back?

???: By the time he gets them back... He'll be dead...

Zekaskis was shocked to hear that. I need to find him as fast as possible... They mustn't find him first. He ran fast to Magneto's room. Zekaskis was relieved to see him there.

Zekaskis: Magneto! Magneto you have to hide!

Magneto was looking at him confused.

Magneto: What do you mean?

Zekaskis: The scientists! They want to kill you!

Magneto: But... that means others can be harmed too!

Zekaskis: No, you idiot!!! They're ONLY after YOU!!!

Magneto: Ah... Well, that's not so serious then...

Zekaskis was shocked to see Magneto being completely calm. At that moment he thought Magneto lost it judging by his careless expression and calm tone.

Zekaskis: Dude... Do you feel okay...?

He was scared to death to see Magneto smiling.

Magneto: I'm fine...

At that moment the door was broken out and few soldiers ran inside. One of them grabbed Magneto and punched him in the face, the others also grabbed him and started to beat him. Zekaskis tried to free Magneto but he got tossed in the wall by one of the soldiers. He fainted.

Magneto: ZEKASKIS!!!

He got angry by the way they treated them, his eyes changed to white cat eyes immediately and he started to glow with a blue light.

Magneto: Get... THE HELL OFF ME!!!

He used his powers to throw them all off him and soldiers hit the wall. Magneto stood there panting, his eyes slowly disappearing and his glow getting bigger. He saw one of the soldiers trying to get his gun. Magneto glared at him and growled madly.

Magneto: You dare to...?

He tossed him against a wall using his powers, then crushed his bones and ripped him apart. The others were staring at that site with scared faces. Blood was dripping off the walls making a puddle on the ground. Nobody dared to move. Magneto was looking mad. His eyes were disappearing but they were glowing. He growled again. He never felt such anger before. At one side it was scaring him. But at the other he was feeling powerful.

???: You think we're scared of you, right...?

Magneto glared at one of the soldiers. He was pretending he was grinning but Magneto knew

he was afraid of him. Magneto grinned back, revealing his long, sharp fangs. He moved towards the soldier, grabbed him by his collar and hissed.

Magneto: I don't think... I KNOW it...

He then ripped out the soldier's heart with his powers.

Magneto: I can hear your heartbeat you piece of shoot...

He suddenly felt how somebody hit him from behind against his head. Judging by the sound it was something made of glass. Magneto slowly looked behind him like nothing happened. He saw Jake standing behind him, holding a crashed bottle. Magneto growled.

Magneto: Don't you dare to do this again you-

Again he was hit from behind this time much harder. It was maybe even a gun. He started to feel dizzy. Magneto grabbed his head and winced in pain. He fell on his knees still holding his head. When he opened his eyes they were black again but his vision was smudged. He fell on the ground and watched as everything was turning black.

Magneto slowly opened his eyes. He was lying on a table and there was a big lamp above him but it wasn't turn on. He looked around the room a little. It was empty and there wasn't much furniture, except for some small tables and chairs.

Magneto: ...What happened...?

He tried to rub his head but he couldn't move his hands. He looked down at them and saw his wrists were cuffed to the table. He sighed.

Magneto: Great... What else can go wrong today...?

???: Trust me, the worst didn't even begin.

Magneto looked at the door and saw some scientists walk in. He suddenly remembered what happened before and growled angrily at them.

Magneto: What did you do to Zekaskis?!

???: Don't worry, he's gonna be alright... But I can't tell the same about you...

The scientist pulled out a needle and a syringe from his pocket. The syringe had some kind of liquid in it. Magneto looked scared at it. He watched with a shock as the scientist nodded others to hold Magneto. He struggled to free his arm as the scientists held it down.

Magneto: Hey, let go of me!! Let go I say!!!

???: Calm down... This won't hurt...

The scientist then pricked Magneto's shoulder with the syringe. He started to feel weak and his vision smudged but he was turning angry.

Magneto: That's it, I'm tired of all this...

He wanted to shoot an energy wave at them but nothing happened. He was getting scared. He was shivering like crazy.

Magneto: What did you do to me?!!!

???: Don't worry, this is only temporarily.

The scientist nodded to others to bring a suitcase. Magneto watched them, breathing heavily, trying to calm down. They got something from it.

Magneto: What... what is it..?

???: This, boy, is a 80 volt electroshocker. Very helpful if you need information.

Magneto: In... infor-mation...?

The scientist hit Magneto with it. The electricity was painful, Magneto screamed in pain, struggling to free himself. He didn't know how long it lasted but it seemed like hours to him. It finally stopped. He was shivering and breathing heavily, his eyes shut tight and his teeth bitten together in pain.

???: Where are the emeralds...?

Magneto: What... emeralds...?

???: Better don't act like you don't know!

Magneto grinned. He opened his one eye, it was white cat eye.

Magneto: Or what...? Heheh... What can you do to me...? Kill me...?

He started to laugh a little then it changed to a loud laughter. The scientists were staring at him in shock. Have he gone mad? One of the scientists punched him in the face so hard Magneto started to bleed from mouth, he began to calm down and he was laughing quietly.

???: You freak...

Magneto: Heheh... Yeah... I know... Heheheh...

He was hit with the electro shocker again. The sharp pain made him yell. He soon couldn't bear it any longer.

Magneto: STOP IT!!!

It stopped. He was breathing heavily and coughing up blood, scared as never before. What am I going to do...? I need to get my powers back... I'm nothing without them...

???: You maybe wanna tell us where are the emeralds...

Magneto: I... I don't know...

???: You don't know? Or you don't want to know...?

He moved the electro shocker under Magneto's chin. Magneto stared shocked first at the electro shocker then at the scientist.

???: Let's make you remember, shall we?

Magneto thought he was about to get hit but one of the scientists suddenly interrupted them.

???: I know a better way.

Magneto stared as scientists went in other room. It was a perfect chance to try and free himself. He yanked his wrists but the cuffs were too tight. He didn't give up and tried again but without luck. He suddenly heard something sizzle. Before he turned around he felt an extremely hot metal very close to his face. Even if it wasn't touching him it hurt. He screamed in pain and tried to avoid it but scientists grabbed Magneto by his quills and held him down. They kept the burnt metal near his face, it almost burnt his skin. He soon couldn't take the pain any longer and started to yell for them to stop. This time the scientists didn't stop. They wanted to make sure Magneto tells them everything about the emeralds.

Magneto: STOP!!! STOP IT!!!

Suddenly one of the scientists ran in the room.

???: I think I found them!

The other scientist took the sizzling metal away.

???: Looks like you're lucky this time... Turns out only your friends and brother will suffer.

Magneto gave him a deadly glare and growled.

Magneto: If I'll find out you did something to Thunder... I'll kill you...

???: Is that a threat?

Magneto: No... It's a promise...

???: I'll take care of the thing you won't keep that promise.

The rest of the scientists untied Magneto and held him tightly. Magneto was looking at the scientists with his angry white cat eyes.

???: Lock him in the pod. You know what to do.

The scientists then dragged Magneto in some room, he got scared but he tried not to show it. The last thing he saw was a huge glass pod. Then it all turned black...

18. Berserker

Thunder was just coming back. To the place he hated most of all, was scared most of all. He knew he couldn't be out for too long otherwise he'd get beaten or anybody else will get in trouble. He looked at the building with his golden cat eyes. It looked even darker and scarier than before. He didn't know if it was the nervousity which made him feel scared or he sensed something wrong. He looked back down to the ground and kept walking. Suddenly he felt somebody grab him by his neck fur and lift him up.

???: So here's our work of art!

Thunder looked back behind him and was relieved to see Flame. He looked quite angry though. Flame was floating in the air with the help of his wings and kept holding Thunder tightly by his neck fur. At first Thunder kept looking at him completely calmly for few seconds, but the way Flame was holding him reminded him of Jacob. Thunder suddenly yelled at him.

Thunder: ...What's your problem?!!!

He shot a strong lightning at Flame, making him toss him back to the ground. When he had the perfect chance to attack Flame he jumped straight at him, extending his sharp claws and sunk them deep into Flame's skin. They tossed each other around; the fight lasted for a long time. Flame managed to toss Thunder off him but he was bleeding from his arms, legs and stomach. When he stood up he created a fire orb to throw it at Thunder but Ice jumped in between them right in time.

Ice: Hey, I don't want to mess into this but MAYBE you two want to stop it?!!

Flame and Thunder glared at each other.

Flame: Well, he started it!

Thunder: I STARTED IT?!!! You didn't have to touch me!!

Flame: Oh, and what are you?! Some saint or what?!

Ice: STOP IT OR I'LL PERSONALLY RIP YOU TWO APART!!!

Flame/Thunder: ...Fine...

Ice: Thank you! Thunder? The reason he lifted you up is because we're searching for you, it's about Magneto!

When Thunder heard Magneto's name he immediately calmed down. He kept looking straight at Ice. Fear in his eyes.

Ice: You're not going to like this, Thunder...

Thunder: Is... Is he alright...?

Flame and Ice looked at each other. They looked worried and didn't know how to answer, how to find the right words, so Thunder wouldn't get more scared. Finally, after some hesitation Ice spoke with a calm, soft voice.

Ice: Magneto got caught, Thunder... We saw he was beaten and dragged to another room but we don't know what they did to him. We tried breaking the door out but I don't think that even bullet's would break it.

Thunder: Did he... Did he get out...?

Ice slowly shook his head to the sides.

Ice: ...No... I'm sorry.

Thunder: We have to help him!

Flame: Thunder, we can do nothing! He's dead!

Thunder: NO, HE CAN'T DIE!!!

Thunder ran inside the laboratory as fast as he could, Flame and Ice were running after him.

Thunder almost tripped and fell few times but he didn't stop running. He was panting heavily and sweat was running down his forehead but all he could think of at that time was Magneto. Suddenly he stopped in front of a room with big steel doors. He kept staring at them and looked away only when Flame and Ice ran to him.

Thunder: Is this where they dragged him?

Ice: Y-Yes, but-

Thunder didn't listen. He shot a huge lightning at the door and it broke out. Flame and Ice stared shocked at that site. Thunder walked in.

Thunder: Let's go, he should be here...

Flame: Thunder, I don't think this is a good idea...

Thunder hasn't stopped. He looked at a table which was standing in the middle of the room. It was covered in blood and there was a lot of black fur on it. Thunder gulped. He kept staring at the table for few minutes. He looked away to another room. The door to it was half open and he walked inside. There was a huge pod in the middle of the room, it was made of glass. Someone was inside it. Thunder, Flame and Ice kept walking towards it and didn't take their eyes off the silhouette inside the pod. When Thunder was close enough he took a look at the silhouette again. After few minutes he recognized who it was. He slowly shook his head in fear.

Thunder: No... it can't be him...

In the pod he recognized Magneto. He couldn't believe it at all. Thunder would expect anybody to get caught but not Magneto. He kept staring at his brother with eyes full of fear. Ice looked at Thunder, his face was full of sorrow and regret.

Ice: Thunder...? Please, we have to get out from here... He's dead and you know it...

Thunder felt how tears filled his eyes but he couldn't take them off of his brother. He tried to speak clearly but his voice was trembling.

Thunder: He can't be dead... not him... he just can't...

Suddenly they heard the doors close behind them. The loud, heavy sound of doors closing made them look back. There was Jacob standing in front of the doors and a few soldiers, armed with weapons. Thunder, Flame and Ice took few steps back, still staring at the soldiers. Jacob grinned.

Jacob: I see you already found out your brother is dead... Do you care to join him...?

Thunder stared at him in fear. What is he gonna do to us...? I don't like this at all... Suddenly Jacob turned to the soldiers and nodded to them. They aimed their weapons at Thunder, Flame and Ice. Thunder understood this is the end...

Thunder: Flame...? Ice...?

Flame/Ice: Y-Yes...?

Thunder: Whatever will happen to us... We'll always stick together.

Flame and Ice nodded and closed their eyes. They all were prepared to feel the cold hard metal in their bodies. But at one side they were glad it's gonna be over soon. Very soon... And they were ready... They were ready since the day they got here. Suddenly they heard a glass crack behind them. Thunder looked back at the pod. It had a huge crack in it. Suddenly the silhouette started to glow with pale blue light. Then it cracked again.

Thunder: ...Magneto...?

Magneto slowly opened his eyes, but they were completely white and they were glowing. He slowly turned his head to look at Thunder, Flame and Ice. Then he looked at the soldiers and growled. With the growl the guns broke into pieces. Magneto's glow became darker. The pod cracked again and the liquid started to pour out of the pod.

Jacob: Add more somnolent!!

One of the soldiers quickly pulled a lever and somnolent was poured through a tube which was

connected to Magneto's neck. He closed his eyes and his glow faded away. Thunder couldn't hold back the tears, they were now streaming down his cheeks. Magneto... Please, I beg you... wake up... I know you're there... The crack on the glass started to grow larger as Magneto glowed with blue light again. Thunder closed his eyes and whispered, tears choking his voice.

Thunder: ...Please...

Magneto quickly opened his completely white eyes, and with a dark blue glow he broke the pod to pieces. Some of the glass hit the soldiers in their heart, stabbing them. Some of the blood got on Magneto's fingers. He licked it off with a killer's grin on his face, then glared at Jacob and clenched his teeth together, he was ready to kill him. But Jacob was quicker. He grabbed a gun and aimed it at Thunder, then he shot at him. Thunder was too shocked to move. He fell down and closed his eyes tightly, then he let out a scream full of fear. Suddenly everything got quiet. It was too quiet. For a moment he thought he was dead. But he didn't feel the bullet hit his body. He didn't feel any cold. Actually he felt warm and safe. For a moment he hesitated, but he opened his eyes. He saw a blue light around him. He still didn't know what was going on. Slowly he turned his head up and then he saw him. Magneto. He was alive. But his eyes were white cat eyes and he was bleeding from his head. Magneto growled at Jacob loudly, his voice sounded angry. It now sounded like millions of people were talking at the same time.

Magneto: ...Dare to touch him again... and it will be the last thing you'll ever do...

Then the glow slowly faded away. All Jacob did was to fake a grin.

Jacob: Well done 627... You truly are too strong to survive all this.

Magneto: Maybe... But I can't say the same about you!!!

He jumped at the scientist, punching him in face hard. Even when Jacob started to bleed Magneto kept punching his face. He was keeping such anger inside of him for such a long time, he wanted to get rid of all the anger. But no matter how long he was punching him, the anger didn't go away. With every punch he became more furious. Finally his eyes glowed completely white and his quills went up. His fangs grew even longer and bigger as some drool streamed down them and a dark blue light surrounded him whole. Magneto became so furious he sunk his fangs deep into Jacob's arm and started to tear it. Jacob tried to push him off but it was no use. He was holding too tight onto him.

Jacob: You son of a b.itch!!! Let me go!!!

Magneto: No... I WON'T LET YOU GO THAT EASY!!!

He pinned him down to the ground punching Jacob's face with all his strength.

Magneto: This is for Ice you bastard!!!

He tossed him against a table with chemicals, the broken glass sunk into the scientist's arm, which made him yell in pain.

Magneto: This is for Flame!!!

He picked up a chair and slammed it against Jacob's head.

Magneto: And this...

He quickly took a gun from a dead soldier's belt and aimed it at Jacob's head. Jacob stared terrified at Magneto. But Magneto just grinned.

Magneto: ...This is for Thunder...

He wanted to shoot him but something held him back. It was the first time he was holding a gun in his whole life. It was the first time he had known his berserker form. First time, he got that angry. After some silence Jacob grinned.

Jacob: You can't do this, right 627...? You can't kill me... I know why... If you'll kill me, you will be chased by Special Forces for the rest of your life... Your whole life will turn into a complete hell... Yours... and theirs.

He nodded at Thunder, Flame and Ice which were standing not too far away from Magneto. It was clear enough they were scared. Magneto looked at them with his eyes, then he turned his glare back at Jacob.

Magneto: You're forgetting one thing... professor...

He shot at Jacob's leg, making him yell all the pain out. Then he turned around and started to walk away as Thunder, Flame and Ice followed. His cold, cruel voice echoing through the corridors.

Magneto: I am in hell...

19. Changes

Three weeks passed since Magneto's attack. At first none of the experiments mentioned it, but something changed about Magneto from that day. He became more silent, more closed down from others. But there was something new about him. He became very aggressive. Whenever anybody got close to him, he reacted violently, sometimes he even yelled at Flame and Ice. They tried asking him what happened back then, but he never told them. At first Thunder thought Magneto would tell him, but he was wrong. One day he was walking in the garden and saw Magneto looking at the streets through the fence, covered with barbed wire. All alone, with nobody around him. Though it didn't surprise Thunder that his brother was alone, because the rest was even a bit scared of him after the attack. He walked nearer to Magneto, then he sat next to him and looked at him with a nervous expression on his face.

Thunder: Um... h-hi...

Magneto didn't look away from the streets and his expression stayed blank but he whispered an answer.

Magneto: Hi...

Thunder looked at the streets too. Then he understood why Magneto was always looking there. Their house where they used to live... it was in front of them, not too far, but shaped as a silhouette. Thunder stared surprised at it.

Thunder: I never mentioned it...

Magneto: Neither did I... I saw it just two weeks ago...

Thunder couldn't take it anymore. He looked again at Magneto. His expression was still staying blank and his black eyes empty.

Thunder: Magneto? Can I ask you something...? Please...?

Magneto: Go on...

Thunder: ...Three weeks ago... What happened to you...?

Magneto's expression suddenly turned grim and he looked down to the ground. He spoke in a soft calm voice, trying to hold back his anger.

Magneto: I don't wanna talk about it...

Thunder: Magneto, what-

Before he could finish his sentence, Magneto glared at him with his white cat eyes.

Magneto: I SAID I DON'T WANNA TALK ABOUT IT!!!!

Thunder stared at him shocked and scared. He never expected Magneto to yell at him. Not Magneto. The black hedgehog slowly turned his glare back at the house he was looking at before. It stayed quiet. Thunder wanted to look down to the ground but something caught his attention again. Again, it was something about Magneto. He looked at him carefully. Then he found what he was searching for. Magneto had something on his left arm. It was very hard to tell what it was, because it was black, but it looked like a sign. And it was. Magneto had his code "627" marked on his arm, starting from shoulder and ending on the elbow. Thunder stared terrified at it. He knew that experiments were marked, but extremely rarely. And their creator wasn't one of those who would mark experiments. Another reason for a marking like that was something Thunder was scared of most of all. He gulped and stared back at Magneto and managed to whisper out a sentence.

Thunder: Magneto... What is that...?

Magneto understood what Thunder was talking about as his expression turned blank again. But he didn't answer. Instead he looked away. Thunder became so nervous, he started to

tremble and stood up, still staring at Magneto.

Thunder: Tell me!!

Magneto stood quiet. Thunder felt tears filling his eyes, then he spoke with a quiet voice.

Thunder: Magneto...? They won't... are they...?

Magneto sighed and closed his eyes.

Magneto: I...

Thunder tried speaking but the tears completely choked his voice.

Magneto: I'm... I'm not... going to be here for too long Thunder... not anymore...

Thunder: Magneto you... you said they can't kill you...

Magneto closed his eyes again and looked away.

Magneto: There is... one chemical... which can kill me... But I never thought they have it...

It's very rare and...

He couldn't finish his sentence and started to shiver a bit. Thunder mentioned that there was a tear in his eye. He stared shocked at him.

Thunder: Magneto... Are you... Are you crying...?

Magneto: Thunder... go...

Thunder: But... I-I...

Magneto quickly picked up a stone from the ground and threw it at Thunder, making him run away.

Magneto: GO!!! GET OUT!!!

When Thunder stopped he was away from Magneto, then he looked back at him. He could see Magneto's silhouette leaning back on the tree behind him and slowly sliding off it into a sitting position. Then he put his head into his hands. Thunder saw the way his shoulders were shaking and he realized he was crying. He never saw Magneto cry in his whole life before. He felt sorry for him, he felt like turning back and comfort him, but he didn't. He decided to give him some alone time instead.

I'm going away because I want him to calm down and feel better... then why I'm feeling like a selfish jerk...? He sighed and continued his way inside the building.

20. Last Hope

2 months later...

Thunder was lying on the cold floor, trying to get some sleep. But he couldn't sleep. The sadness he kept inside of him didn't allow him to. He stood up and walked to Magneto, who was sleeping on the floor. Thunder stood next to him and nudged him in the side gently.

Thunder: ...Magneto?

Yawning he opened his eyes and looked at Thunder.

Magneto: What...? You can't sleep?

Thunder shook his head to the sides.

Magneto: Alright, come here.

He moved the blanket to the side and Thunder lied next to him.

Magneto: What's bothering you kid?

Thunder: ...I... I can't...

Magneto looked at him with a sad expression on his face. He understood what Thunder wanted to say.

Magneto: Look... we'll get out of here. It's not only you, who's feeling that way. Ice and Flame can't live like this anymore either. And so can't I...

Thunder felt his eyes filling with tears.

Thunder: We tried escaping many times before... it never worked Magneto... why should it work now...?

It stayed silent for few seconds. Finally Magneto broke the silence.

Magneto: Look... You want to be free again, right?

Thunder: Yeah...

Magneto: But in a situation like this you can't wait until a miracle happens and there pops out some guy who'll save us.

Thunder: Maybe... maybe there are still some people who aren't against us...

Magneto: There... were people who weren't against us, but it was back in 92... Now we're hated by everyone. The whole world is against us...

Thunder stared at him with eyes wide open. He never expected things to get this bad.

Magneto: But we won't give up now, will we?

Thunder: No...

Magneto: So what should we do...?

Thunder understood what he meant. But he wasn't ready to try escaping again. He got scared.

Thunder: I... Magneto, I can't...

Magneto: Thunder, if we succeed we'll never have to come back here again...

Thunder looked at him with tears in his eyes. Magneto wiped them away with his thumb.

Magneto: He'll never hurt us again, we will be free.

Thunder hesitated for a moment but then slowly nodded.

Thunder: We'll escape...

Magneto: Good. Wake the others, I'll go find Zekaskis.

He stood up and walked away. Thunder kept looking at the direction Magneto went. Even when he disappeared behind the doors Thunder still kept looking there. They were escaping today. At this night. At this hour. At this second. Right now. He got very nervous. He wanted to call him back, but the thought of being free again made him feel a bit stronger. He walked to Ice

and Flame and nudged them until they woke up. They looked at him with sleepy expressions on their faces.

Flame: What's happening...?

Thunder: We're getting out.

Flame and Ice looked confused at him.

Ice: We're... what...?

Thunder shivered a little but spoke clearly.

Thunder: Escaping... we're escaping right now.

Ice and Flame opened their eyes widely.

Ice: Jesus, man...

Flame: You gotta be kidding me...

Thunder: Well, but we ARE escaping...

Suddenly Magneto walked fast back to them. He was alone and looked shocked. He was shivering and his expression stayed tensed.

Thunder: Magneto?

Magneto: Get your emeralds.

Thunder: ...Where's Zekaskis...?

Magneto: Get your emerald and head to the window Thunder.

Thunder: Where is he?!

Magneto: For frack's sake!! GET YOUR EMERALD, OKAY?!!!

Thunder, Flame and Ice stood frozen. They knew Magneto wasn't angry, he was scared. But what made him like that? They never saw him so scared before. After Magneto had calmed down and realized he yelled at them he sighed and turned to the wall, holding his head. He mumbled something, it sounded like "My God, what am I doing...?". Thunder, Flame and Ice looked at each other. They we're getting nervous. Something wasn't right. Thunder tried asking him again but in a calmer tone.

Thunder: Magneto...? Where is Zekaskis...?

Magneto sighed and spoke calmly.

Magneto: You wanna see Zekaskis...?

Thunder nodded.

Magneto: That's impossible...

Thunder stared confused at him.

Thunder: Why not...?

Magneto hesitated but then turned to him, his expression was gloomy.

Magneto: Because the right question should be... you wanna see what's LEFT of Zekaskis...?

Thunder, Flame and Ice stood frozen. They kept staring at Magneto.

First kill... It got this serious...?How could they...? Zekaskis...Poor Zekaskis... I'm just glad he doesn't have to suffer anymore...The thoughts in Thunder's, Flame's and Ice's minds kept swirling around. They had so many questions, so much pain inside them. They couldn't believe Zekaskis was killed. But why Zekaskis? He was created in this laboratory. Was that a warning? Flame looked at Magneto with begging eyes.

Flame: Can we see him...?

Magneto thought for a few seconds but then nodded.

Magneto: It's not a pretty sight though...

Flame: We'll handle that...

Magneto nodded at the door. Thunder, Flame and Ice went through it. The next thing they saw was disgusting and disturbing at the same time. The floor was covered in blood and there was

blood on the walls too. Ice stared at the blood with his eyes wide open, then he looked down at a dead body lying on the floor, he would scream in fear loudly if Flame wouldn't cover his mouth in time. They recognized it was Zekaskis, he was covered in blood and his face was eaten. Some of his body parts were missing too. There were a lot of flies on his bloody, ripped face. Ice couldn't look at him any longer, he quickly turned his face away and grabbed his stomach as he sunk to his knees. He felt very sick, like he could throw up any second now. Thunder and Flame walked to him.

Thunder: Ice, are you okay?!

Ice: No... no, it can't be...

He started to cry. Thunder and Flame tried to comfort him but it was no use. Ice felt how Magneto picked him up in his arms and petted his head gently as he whispered to him in a soft tone.

Magneto: Ice, please, calm down... You know we couldn't do anything about it...

Ice: It could happen to any of us Magneto... it could be us...

He kept sobbing and after few minutes Magneto calmed him down completely.

Magneto: I want you to remember that we're gonna be free today... No more tears, no more sorrow... Just freedom...

He put Ice down on the ground again and covered Zekaskis's body with a blanket, using his powers. Then he just sighed.

Magneto: It's a pity he had to end up like this...

Thunder, Flame and Ice looked sadly down to the ground. Suddenly they heard a growl, it was coming from behind them. When they looked back they saw a few Dobermans, their snouts were covered in blood. That's when they understood that the dogs were responsible for Zekaskis's death. Magneto gulped and whispered to the others.

Magneto: Guys...? Start to walk away, but slowly...

Thunder, Flame and Ice nodded and started to walk away but suddenly one of the dogs attacked them. Ice quickly froze the dog with his powers. Magneto quickly picked Ice up in his arms.

Magneto: GET MOVING!!! GO, GO, GO!!!

They started running away but the dogs followed them, barking. The camera's got a glimpse of the experiments running away and the alarms turned on immediately. Thunder hissed at one of the dogs and shot a lightning at it then ran after the others. They ran out of the doors to the garden, still followed by dogs and now by soldiers too. When they were in front of the barbed wire Magneto used his powers to lift them up and glide through the air to the other side. Then they ran as fast as they could. Thunder looked back while he was still running. They were away. They never got this far before. They heard the helicopters above them and the police cars behind them but it made them run even faster. They understood that this is their last chance. With that thought they ran into the crowded dark street alley, hoping they will be finally free.

21. Never the same

As they kept running through the streets, they were pushing people out of their way. Mostly it ended that people called out their names, stared at them with their eyes wide open, screamed in fear. Some even tried catching them. If it wasn't for Magneto they would probably catch them. He always tossed people away with his powers if anybody got too close. At first there weren't many people. But as the noise became louder everybody went outside. Suddenly Magneto heard Flame screaming. He stopped and looked back at him. Some soldiers caught him and tried to push him in the car. Magneto's eyes turned completely white as he growled and tossed a rock at a soldier's head. The soldier let Flame go and glared at Magneto.

Magneto: Hey!! Jerks!!

The rest of the soldiers quickly glared at him. He was surrounded by the crowd and there was no possible way of him getting out unless he fights. His eyes changed to white cat eyes as he smirked at them.

Magneto: How about you try to fight somebody your own size?!!

Soldier: Like you...?!

Magneto: Hell yeah, like me!!!

At that point someone from the crowd attacked him. Magneto just grinned and broke the guy's jaw with one single punch. Everybody stared shocked at him as the crowd backed off and gasped. Magneto just stood there and cracked his fists as he glanced up at the soldiers.

Magneto: Anybody else...?

The soldiers ran at him and started to fight him. But they couldn't use their guns. Magneto was crushing them if he even mentioned one. They were forced to use hand to hand combat. As Magneto punched soldiers away from him he yelled to Thunder, Flame and Ice.

Magneto: RUN, DON'T STAND HERE!!!

Flame: C'mon, Thunder, let's go!!!

Thunder: But Magneto-

Ice: He'll be fine!!! Let's go!!!

Flame and Ice quickly ran away but Thunder was hesitating. Should he run away or should he help Magneto? He looked back at him, he was still fighting soldiers but he was getting very tired. Thunder's eyes opened widely when one of the soldiers punched Magneto in the back of his head, making him fall on the ground. His expression turned to angry as he quickly ran to help him. Flame saw him, as he was running to Magneto, but all he did was just to sigh and roll his eyes.

Flame: He's insane, alright...

Ice: Let's go!! He needs help!!

They quickly ran after Thunder to help him. Magneto saw them running towards him and got scared they'll also get caught. He tried to run to them but the soldiers were holding him too tight.

Magneto: NO!!! NO, RUN AWAY!!! YOU CAN'T HELP ME!!!

Thunder just growled as he reared up, extending his claws and there appeared an electric orb between his paws. Then he fell back on his front paws, hitting the orb against the ground. The ground shook and there appeared huge cracks under the soldiers feet as they lost their grip on Magneto. He quickly stood up and ran away with the others.

Magneto: I didn't know you can make earthquakes with that!

Thunder: Neither did I!!

Magneto stared shocked at him.

Meanwhile Jacob was watching them from one of the helicopters. He glared at Thunder when he saw what happened.

Jacob: So you're fighting just so your brother could survive, don't you...? And he's doing the same...

He grinned as an evil thought appeared in his mind.

Jacob: Soon there will be nothing to fight for 626...

Soldier: Sir?

Jacob: You know what to do... Pick the strongest one.

The soldier grinned and nodded. As the experiments kept running through the streets the soldier in the helicopter aimed his weapon at Magneto.

Magneto looked behind him and saw the police cars getting closer and closer. He understood this was their final chance.

Magneto: Guys, we have to split up! We'll meet each other at home, in the basement! Understood?!

Thunder, Flame and Ice nodded and they all ran their different ways. Magneto kept running his own way, at that time he didn't realize he made the biggest mistake in his whole life. While he was escaping from the police and soldiers, the man in the helicopter aimed at his back. If the bullet would hit him, it would go right through his heart.

As Thunder was running away people still tried to catch him but he was too fast. Looks like this hedgion thing isn't so bad after all... Finally, he ran into an empty, dark alley. He looked in front of him and saw their house. He smiled as he was getting closer to it. He started to laugh a little as he ran towards it.

Thunder: It's over...! It's all finally over!!!

He was keeping his eyes on the building with a smile on his face, laughing. At that time he was asking himself if this wasn't a dream. Suddenly a loud shot echoed through the street. Thunder stood frozen with his eyes wide open, sinking his claws into the ground. He was trembling from the loud noise. Was it one of them or was it a soldier? His breath stopped as he kept staring in front of him. He was hesitating, but slowly he looked back behind him as his heart was madly beating against his chest. He saw Magneto standing on his four, holding his chest. Blood was streaming from his chest down his arm and stomach and he was bleeding from his mouth. Thunder kept staring at him with his eyes wide open. He couldn't move, like he was paralyzed. At that moment he felt like time stopped, he was feeling like it was a hypnosis, trance, dream. He couldn't hear or see anything except for Magneto. Suddenly he looked up at Thunder with his weak black eyes. He'll never forget that last look Magneto gave him. Magneto tried to say something but words wouldn't come out of his mouth. He managed to mumble out something.

Magneto: ...Thunder...

With that word he fell down onto the ground without breathing. Thunder ran towards him as fast as he could. He pushed him and shook him, but it was no use.

Thunder: Magneto!!! Magneto, do you hear me?!! Wake up!!! Magneto!!! MAGNETO!!!!

He didn't stop pushing him, he couldn't just let him go. He wished he could hear his voice again, just one last time. Whatever he did, Magneto didn't open his eyes. Tears started to stream down his cheeks when he realized he was dead. Fear and panic controlled him completely. He wanted to run, but he couldn't.

Thunder: No... No, no! NO!!!

He fell down next to him, crying his eyes out. Then he started to feel weird again. Anger, fear, revenge were in his thoughts at the same time. He just kept lying there, crying heavily, wishing

for death to come. Then he cried himself to sleep.

Later, soldiers caught Flame and Ice and dragged them back to the cars. The two soldiers locked them in and went to search for Thunder and Magneto.

Soldier1: These freaks never give up, do they?

Soldier2: Looks like it. God, just two more and then we're getting the hell out of here.

Soldier1: One.

Soldier2: What?

Soldier1: Just one more. The black one got shot.

Soldier2: Ah, finally, things are getting easier.

The soldiers walked to the dark, empty alley where Thunder ran. One of them pointed at two silhouettes in the corner.

Soldier1: Look, you see that?

Soldier2: Yeah... yeah, that's them.

Thunder was lying close to Magneto, like he was hugging him, turned with his back to the soldiers. He didn't hear the soldiers at first and opened his eyes only when one of them tossed a rock at him.

Soldier1: Hey!! Get up!!

Thunder just continued lying there with his eyes half closed. He didn't care what will happen to him now. He just wanted to be left alone. Suddenly he felt another rock hitting his fur.

Soldier1: I said get up!!! Damn, that freak!!

Thunder tried to talk but it was hard for him to even open his mouth. He felt so weak.

Thunder: ...L...eave... leave me a...lone...

Soldier1: What did he say?

Soldier2: I don't know, he's just mumbling some shoot.

Thunder looked at Magneto with his weary eyes, then at the puddle of blood under him. He mentioned that the blood got on his paws. They killed him... but if they've done it... He turned his eyes at the soldiers behind him, who were still ordering him to get up. ...Why can't I do the same...?

Soldier1: Are you fucking deaf?!! Get up I say!!!

Thunder: Leave me alone...

Thunder's expression turned to angry as he scratched his claws against the ground and lightning strikes through the night sky and the rain started to pour.

Soldier1: What...?

Thunder: ...Leave... ME THE HELL ALONE!!!

He jumped straight at the soldier, sinking his claws into his face and tearing it. The soldier yelled in pain as he tried to pull Thunder off. Thunder just kept roaring and biting his face like crazy.

Thunder: I HOPE YOU FUCKING DIE!!!

Soldier1: GET OFF ME!!! GET OFF ME!!!

The other soldier tried hitting Thunder with the gun, but Thunder jumped off at the right time. The soldier kept staring at the torn face of the other one. He was dead, blood was streaming from his face. The soldier was so shocked by the sight he didn't even mention Thunder sneaking up on him. He awoke from his trance only when he heard him hissing.

Thunder: That's what you get... that's what you all deserve...

The soldier quickly turned around, aiming his weapon at Thunder. Thunder just grinned at him, his fangs and claws were covered in blood.

Thunder: You want to shoot me, don't you...? Go on... I dare you...

The soldier just stood there trembling in fear. He was too scared to do anything. Thunder laughed a little.

Thunder: You humans are so pathetic... when you see something new, you're getting scared... when you hear something not quite normal, you're getting scared... your life is just a bunch of fears... The saddest thing is, you don't realize what you've done until somebody knocks some sense into you... And that's what I will do right now...

He jumped straight at him, biting him in the neck and tearing it. After some minutes he ripped his head off and started to hit his body against the ground with all his strength, crushing his bones. Even when there was nothing left to crush, he didn't stop. He started to feel like he should kill everything that is moving and the feeling didn't go away so easy. He continued thrashing the dead body for hours until he finally stopped. He was panting heavily, glaring directly at the dead bodies of the two soldiers. The cold rain poured down onto him, washing the blood off his fur. He grinned as he kept glaring at the dead bodies.

Thunder: Life for life, blood for blood...

He laughed into the darkness. Suddenly he felt a net, tossed onto him. He fell down and starting roaring and thrashing around madly, trying to get the net off him. His anger only increased when more soldiers came, along with Jacob and dragged him to the cars.

Thunder: LET GO OF ME!!! LET GO OF ME, YOU BASTARDS!!! YOU BASTARDS!!!

He glared at Jacob, who was standing not too far, grinning at Thunder. Thunder growled madly at him.

Thunder: JACOB!!! I SWEAR, YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR THIS!!! YOU HEAR ME?!!! YOU WILL PAY FOR THIS!!!

The soldiers started to beat him with their guns until he bled from his head and mouth, then they tossed him in the car. When Thunder felt the car started to move, he realized they're getting back to the lab. Fear controlled him again and maybe that was what gave him the strength to move.

Thunder: No...

He quickly ran to the steel door and started to scratch it with his claws.

Thunder: LET ME OUT!!! LET ME OUT!!!

He started to hit it with his body, but it didn't break. He pressed his paws against a small window, covered by bars, and stared at the dead body of his brother. Tears streamed down his cheeks as he was getting far away from him. When he was no longer visible he fell down, crying.

Thunder: Magneto... I failed you... I'm sorry... Forgive me, please... please...

When they arrived and the car stopped Thunder heard the door open and that somebody grabbed him by his neck fur and dragged away.

Soldier1: C'mon, move it! We don't have the whole day!

Thunder didn't move an inch though. He just let the soldiers drag him inside the building, he didn't care what will happen to him. He got nothing to live for any longer. But this time they didn't drag him to his old room, they were dragging him to the basement. He became a bit tensed, but still didn't struggle. He lost all the hope. He knew he won't escape, maybe he'll rot in the laboratory, die because of hunger and thirst, but he didn't care, he wished for death to come. In the basement there were 3 cells and under each of them there were plates which said his, Flame's and Ice's code numbers. The soldiers tossed Thunder inside the cell and locked him there. After few minutes they brought Flame and Ice and also locked them inside their cells. Thunder didn't seem to care. He was lying in the corner of his cell, crying. Flame moved as close as he could to him and tried to comfort him.

Flame: Thunder... please calm down... it would happen sooner or later. It could happen to any of us...

Thunder started to calm down. He wasn't crying anymore. Just lied there and listened to

the drops fall from somewhere. That was probably the only sound in the whole room.

Ice: We will escape Thunder... You know this can't last forever...

Thunder didn't say anything. He just kept lying in the corner of the cell. Ice and Flame looked at each other, then back at Thunder.

Flame: Thunder...? Say something...

It stayed quiet for a bit in the dusty room. Then they heard Thunder laughing very quietly about something. Their eyes widely opened as his laughter was getting louder by every minute and finally grew into an insane burst of laughter. They both backed away from him and shivered. Thunder tried to stand up, but fell down again, because of laughing too much, scratching on the ground, laughing his lungs out, twitching his eyes and body. Flame and Ice shivered. They were scared to death, they never saw anybody being like this.

Ice: Th-Thunder...?

Thunder tried to speak clearly but his sentences got cut out by the bursts of laughter, his eyes were wide open as he was keeping an insane smile on his face.

Thunder: We're... we're all... we're all gonna die... We're all gonna die!!!

Flame and Ice just kept staring shocked at him, with their eyes wide open, as Thunder kept lying on the floor laughing. Soon the insane laughter filled the whole room.

22. The Final

Few days passed. The 3 experiments were getting weaker by each day. Ice, being the youngest and smallest of the bunch, managed to slip through the cell bars and bring food. But there wasn't much left any longer. Thunder was lying in the corner of his cell as usual. Ever since Magneto died, he didn't move an inch. He didn't eat or drink either. He became so thin, you could count all his ribs. Ice once found some chemicals in the corner of the room, he got an idea.

One night Flame woke up from the sizzling sounds. He looked around but didn't mention anything.

Flame: ...Maybe I'm starting to lose my mind.

Then it sizzled once again. Flame made a small fire orb in his hands and looked around the room. He saw Ice sitting in the corner, doing something.

Flame: ...Ice?

Ice turned to him.

Flame: What are you doing?

Ice: Helping Thunder.

Flame: ...What?

Ice showed him some chemical in the tube, he was holding and smiled.

Ice: This should turn him back.

Flame: ...Double what?

Ice sighed, rolled his eyes and shook his head a little.

Ice: Nevermind...

Flame: ...No seriously, what is it?

Ice: This should turn him back to a hedgehog.

Flame: How do you know?

Ice: ...Well... it should. I'm not sure, but I think it'll turn him back. And if it doesn't then there are many other chemicals in here, since this is the place they're being kept in.

Flame: Well alright... but how are you gonna stuff that into him?

Ice: ...You got me.

Flame sighed and turned around.

Flame: Just get back into the cell... Get some sleep.

Ice: ...I'll make him drink it.

Flame's eyes wide opened when he heard that and ran back to the cell bars, staring at Ice shocked.

Flame: You crazy?! That's a suicide!!

Ice didn't listen to him. He took the tube and walked to Thunder's cell. Flame just kept watching him with his eyes and mouth open.

Flame: Ice, that's a mommafucking suicide...

Ice stood for some minutes in front of Thunder's cell, deciding if he really should do it. Then he slipped through it. Thunder woke up from the sudden sound and looked at Ice with his golden eyes. That cold look made Ice back off.

Flame: Ice, get out of there...

Thunder then got up. It was weird that he still had the strength to stand up. Ice gulped and moved to Thunder. Thunder growled menacingly as he got closer to him. Ice spoke to him with

a soft voice, trying to calm him down.

Ice: Thunder... I don't want to hurt you... I wanna help you...

Thunder: You're lying...

Ice: Thunder, trust me... I'm your friend...

Thunder: LIAR!!!

Thunder then jumped at him, roaring but Ice managed to get out of the way just in time.

Ice: Thunder, calm down! I'm not going to hurt you!

Flame: Just give it to him!!

Thunder: What?!

Thunder glared at Ice. Ice looked at Flame then at Thunder again.

Ice: I'm sorry Thunder...

He shot ice beams at Thunder's paws which froze them to the ground, then he quickly grabbed him by his mane and made him drink the chemical. Thunder struggled and managed to spit out some of the chemical, then he reared up, breaking the ice on his paws. Ice gulped as he saw that and made a small nervous laughter.

Ice: Ok... Ok, I'm going to my little room Thunder, buh-bye!

He turned around and ran to the bars but Thunder jumped right in front of him, growling. He moved to Ice, glaring at him.

Thunder: You know, I really don't like it when somebody's forcing me to drink chemicals...

Ice: Thunder, it's not how you think it is...

Thunder growled and grinned as he lifted up his paw to hit it against Ice. When Ice saw Thunder's sharp claws he knew he was about to die. Suddenly Thunder's eyes opened widely as he coughed up blood, his paw lowered to the ground. Flame and Ice stared terrified at him as he roared in pain and fell down onto the ground, twitching with his body and scratching on the floor. He kept roaring for a long time. Ice understood that the chemical Thunder drank was hurting him. After few minutes Thunder shot huge lightnings in all possible directions. The lightnings were so big they lighted up the whole room. When it stopped it got quiet in the room. Ice slowly opened his eyes and looked at Thunder. He couldn't believe what he saw. Thunder was a hedgehog again, but he was still lying on the ground and blood was all around him. Ice quickly ran to him and shook him, trying to wake him up.

Ice: Thunder?! Thunder, are you alright?! Say something!!

Soon Thunder started to cough up blood but he managed to sit up. He slowly opened his eyes and looked at Ice with a tired look.

Ice: Are you alright...?!

Thunder looked at his hands with his eyes wide open when he realized he was a hedgehog again. He looked at Ice.

Thunder: But... I don't understand... how did you-

Ice: Call it luck...

They smiled at each other but suddenly there was heard a noise at the door. Like somebody was opening it.

Flame: Alright, Ice, get back in the cell!

Ice quickly ran to his cell and pretended he was asleep, like everyone else. But deep inside they were all scared. A chill went down their spines as they heard a soldier walk inside.

???: Goddamn it, just what the hell is going on in here...?!

The soldier pointed a flashlight at each of them to make sure they're inside their cells. But when he pointed at Thunder his eyes got wide open.

???: What in the name of...

Ice started to shiver and the soldier could hear him whimpering. He moved close to Ice's

cell, picked up a broken glass from the ground and tossed it at him, making him yell in pain. Then he pointed at Thunder with his flashlight.

???: Is this your work 623?!

Ice: I... I...

The soldier tossed another piece of glass at his wound, making Ice yell louder.

???: Is this your fucking work?!!!

At that moment Thunder lost it. They've been treated like dirt for a very long time now and it had to stop. He stood up and ran to the cell bars, tossing a piece of glass at the soldier. But it didn't hurt him since he was wearing a vest. Thunder glared at him, growling madly.

Thunder: HEY!!! How about you leave him alone?!!!

The soldier moved to Thunder and glared him directly in the eyes as Thunder glared back.

???: Oh, what's this? Another brave savior. Big brother is dead, 626, so there's no one to protect you now. And you still have the guts to challenge me?

Thunder grinned madly at him, revealing his fangs.

Thunder: I don't need anybody to protect me anymore, but I can't tell the same about you...

The soldier looked confused at him but before he could do anything Thunder grabbed his face and shot electricity. His hand was shaking from the high voltage but he tried not to let the soldier go. He wanted him to suffer, just like he suffered all those months. After few minutes the soldier dropped dead on the ground, his face burned. Thunder mentioned the soldier had keys tied to his belt. He tried to reach for the keys but suddenly he heard more soldiers running.

Thunder: Aw crud not this... Ice! Ice, you hear me?!

Flame: He's unconscious!

Thunder: Damnit!!

He kept trying to reach the keys and suddenly a long white claw came out of his finger. He stared shocked at the claw but awoke from his trance when he heard the soldiers coming. He quickly grabbed the key with his claw and unlocked the cell. Then he released Flame and Ice. They managed to wake Ice up and when he woke up the soldiers were already there, aiming their weapons at them. Thunder, Flame and Ice stared terrified both at the soldiers and at the guns. They kept their eyes wide open and finally Thunder whispered to Flame and Ice.

Thunder: Guys...?

Flame/Ice: Yeah...?

Thunder: ...Run.

They all ran in different directions and they were just lucky the bullets didn't hit them. Thunder heard Flame and Ice getting caught but he didn't stop running. He didn't even care about what will happen to them. He was so blinded by the wish of being free he didn't care about anything anymore. His only focus was on escaping. Like there was nothing else to worry about at that time. He managed to run to the garden but there was the fence in there. His eyes started to fill with tears. He ran right into the fence, grabbing it tightly and yanked it madly, yelling for help, tears streaming down his cheeks. Soon the soldiers found him and ran after him. Thunder looked back at them and ran away as fast as he could, whimpering, trying to find the way how to get out. His heart was beating madly against his chest, fear was pushing him further, giving him the strength to run. Soon he felt some of the soldiers catch him by his arm few times, but he managed to break free every time. Suddenly he tripped on a rock and felt how soldiers grabbed him by his legs, quickly dragging him inside. Thunder got scared to death, he screamed in fear, whimpering, scratching on the ground, trying to hold onto something, so they won't drag him inside. He was so desperate at that time. He tried holding even onto grass, just so they won't drag him inside. But he got scared

to death again as it ripped in his hands. As he was scratching on the ground he left deep traces. He started to scream in fear, begging the soldiers to let him go.

Thunder: NO!!! NO, LET GO!!! PLEASE, LET ME GO!!! PLEASE!!!

???: Shut up, you piece of shi.t!!! What the hell you think we’ll do?! Have mercy and let you go?!!

The soldier picked him up and carried him over his shoulder. Thunder kept screaming and beating on the soldier’s back as hard as he could all the way inside the laboratory. Soon they walked inside a room and tossed him in a pod. Thunder hit it with his head, but quickly stood up and ran to the glass, pressing his hands against it, looking around with his eyes full of fear. In the two nearest pods’ he saw Flame and Ice being in them. The pods we’re filled with green liquid and a huge tube was connected to the back of their necks as they had their eyes closed. Thunder got paler than he already was when he understood what they’ll do to him. He looked down and saw how the pod started to fill up with green liquid. Blinded by fear he started to beat on the glass madly, screaming in fear.

Thunder: NO, STOP IT!!! STOP IT!!! PLEASE, I’LL DO ANYTHING!!! PLEASE!!! STOP IT!!!

No matter how long he begged the scientists didn’t stop. Even when the pod was filled up to the top of it Thunder kept beating on the glass, water bubbles coming out of his mouth and nose. Soon he started to feel dizzy, he needed oxygen, to take a breath. Suddenly he felt something sharp hitting the back of his neck and he coughed up blood. His vision got blurry as he felt the sharp needle going deeper into his neck and his body was getting weaker by every second. He slowly closed his eyes, letting the darkness take over. He died. But at the same time was alive. And he wouldn’t open his eyes again in a very long time...

From a newspaper’s front page...

"Year 1996. October 3. Wednesday. 3:30 AM.

Experiment 624 a.k.a. Ice Subzero.

Age: 3 years old.

Status: Deceased.

Experiment 625 a.k.a. Flame Fire.

Age: 4 years old.

Status: Deceased.

Experiment 626 a.k.a. Thunder Electro.

Age: 5 years old.

Status: Deceased.

Experiment 627 a.k.a. Magneto Electro.

Age: 14 years old.

Status: Deceased.

The world’s most fearsome nightmares finally came to an end. They never we’re one of us and they never will be."

The End.

23. FAQ

FAQ

1.Originally, the story is unfinished and needs another chapter, but I decided to leave it like that and start the second story from this part. The reason I left it like that is because I thought it would turn out better and sadder. So... yeah.XP

2.The reason I never uploaded a chapter on how Thunder was made into a hedgion is because it was way too bloody and it would scare people off. I was risking that the story wouldn't be read to the end. If you wanna know, then here it is. Thunder's body parts were cut off with a chainsaw and replaced with lion body while he was still alive. They kept on cutting his body parts off until only his head was left. That's the reason he has only a hedgehog head when he's a hedgion... Pretty sick, aren't I?

3.In the last chapter Thunder was transformed back into a hedgehog, but yet he doesn't know he can turn back anytime he wants. He'll realize it in the second story.

4.Longer fans may know it, but I changed the end. The way Thunder, Flame and Ice got locked in the pods.

5.What happened to Magneto? Is he really dead? This question was the most "famous" one when I first joined FAC. No, Magneto isn't dead. If you wanna find out, you'll have to read my new story "Dead or Alive". Everything will be explained in the story. What happened to him, why he can't die, where he was all those 10 years, etc.

6.The second story is called "Experiments of Pain: Reunion". There will be more new characters and you can ask me to add yours. In the second story the relationship between the experiments are pretty low, since they haven't seen each other in such a long time and forgot each other. So that explains a little the title in some way. Not only they become reunited, but they try to reunite the relationship they had before. And since I've told many people about the second story before my best friend TailsnSonic had already asked me to add her characters in the story. They are:

Ayame

Diamond

Daichi

Isamu

These characters will be probably perfect in the story, since they're actually the bf's/gf's of the experiments. Well... except for Isamu, which is just perving on Thunder but erhem, yeah.XD

7.What happened to the Soul Emeralds? Well, you'll have to wait until the 2nd story comes out. Then you'll know what's up.

8.Well, I guess that's all I can come up with right now. But if you guys have any questions, ask me. I'll be glad to answer.

9. Question from sNaPxdRaGoN: And something I noticed: Magnet said that only a certain type of chemical can kill him....so...why does thunder act like he's dead when he knows that???! Unless, of course, the bullets were made of the chemical....O___O

Well, I answered her on MSN, but that was a pretty interesting question, so here you go.8D Thunder was way too shocked when he saw Magneto dying, so he couldn't remember anything, like he was too panicked. And when he finally got mad he forgot about everything, even why he was in the laboratory, and about the emeralds. So yeh, if that makes any sense.XDD