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"A COSMIC EXPERIENCE"

Marvel announced that it will wrap up the X-Men Title come February. A reveal with very little fanfare or announcement was included in recently-released solicitations. Amongst the new titles for Marvel NOW! including "Nova" and "Uncanny X-Men," the publisher included the detail that "X-Men" will end with issue #41 written by series newcomer Seth Peck with art by Jefte Palo.

While the end of "X-Men" doesn't come as much of a surprise to those following the slew of cancellations and reboots as a result of Marvel NOW!, the lack of fanfare for the series is odd. "X-Men" re-launched only two years ago under writer Victor Gischler, and most recently wrapped up a well-received arc by writer Brian Wood.



Although this is the final issue of the adjective-less X-book, it seems unlikely Marvel will let the title end completely. Peck's final issue of "X-Men" centres around Storm putting together a team to search for "The Start of the Next", with Angel possibly challenging her for leadership. The concept of the issue seems like a good lead-in to a new series. "X-Men" #41 will get a Final Issue variant cover from Dale Keown in the same vein as other long-running series that were recently cancelled for Marvel NOW!



DC has announced that February (which seems to be the month of new things) will mark the debut of a Katana ongoing series, featuring the writing talents of Ann Nocenti, who is currently working on Green Arrow. When asked about her plans for the character, Nocenti mentioned her love for Akira Kurosawa films, which include such titles as "Seven Samurai", and "Yojimbo". Katana will continue to talk with the soul of her dead husband trapped within her sword, inflict great pain and mayhem upon her enemies, and be baffled by the western world; plus, she's sure to get some pretty interesting baddies popping up into her title.



The cast of Uncanny Avengers is set to expand, adding such notable characters as Wonder Man, Sun Fire, and Wasp to their roster. Wonder Man has received a very noticeable power-up in one of the most recent issues of Avengers, in which we see him take out the Red Hulk with relative ease. Despite that, Wonder Man will take more of a pacifist role, as well as being the team's publicist, due to his Hollywood experience. Sunfire will be the social outcast of the group that tries to work with the others, even though he doesn't really care for them; but the mission is something that he truly believes in. And the Wasp will be the financier, as well as media mogul trying to sell the idea of the Uncanny Avengers to the press, and make them hip and cool to the younger generations.

And finally, just in case being on nearly every superhero team, as well as numerous monthly titles, as well as mini-series, wasn't enough, it looks as though the House of Ideas is set to put out yet another Wolverine title, as Marvel has announced a new series debuting in (you guessed it) February, called SNIKT. However, they have not said whether it will feature Wolverine, X-23, or Daken as the main character.



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What Independent Comic has recently sold out even before it has been released and has gone back for a second printing?



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