

EXT. TIME SQUARE - NIGHT Bright billboards. The packed sidewalks move faster than the congested streets.

**EXT: Times Square.** 

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A yellow SCHOOL BUS stands out in the sea of cars.

EXT: school bus. Drift in.

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INT. SCHOOL BUS - NIGHT Forty MIDDLE SCHOOL STU-DENTS sit silently on the bus. A PINK GIRL (9) sleeps with her head against the window.

INT: school bus. Drift in down the aisle.



Moving down - kids' mutations are obvious.



JUBILEE sits in the back, playing a handheld 1980's Nintendo GAME AND WATCH.

CU of Jubliee. She blows bubblegum as she plays her game.



Suddenly, SHRIEKS are heard outside.

THUD. THUD. THUD. THUD. Four heavy impacts SHAKE the Earth.

Dutch angle, camera shake.

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EXT: street. Pedestrians are panicking, running from something OS.

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INT: school bus. Children in FGD, watching pedestrians outside.

The children glance at the fleeing people. Nervous chatter erupts.



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Jubilee stands up, she looks toward the front of the bus.

JUBILEE Raven?

Jubilee rises from seat.

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RAVEN, in human form, gets out of her seat.

RAVEN I'll check it out.

Reverse angle, Jubilee's POV.

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She approaches the BUS DRIVER (50's).

BUS DRIVER Looks like we got company.

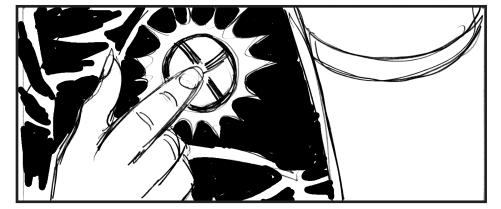
Raven comes from OS to join driver.



Raven sees something that makes her jaw drop. She clicks the "X" transponder on her jacket collar.

CU of Raven - pan down as she raises her hand to X badge.

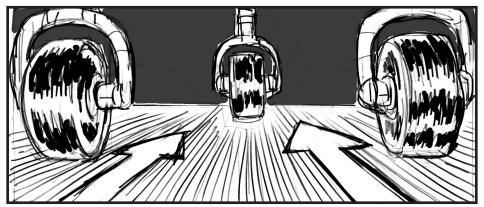
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It BLINKS.

Tight on X badge, blinking on and off.

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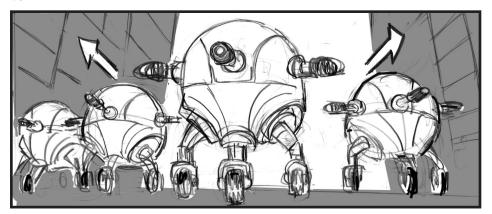


EXT. TIME SQUARE - CONTINUOUS

EXT: street. Worm's eye view: tracking three wheels moving fast on street.



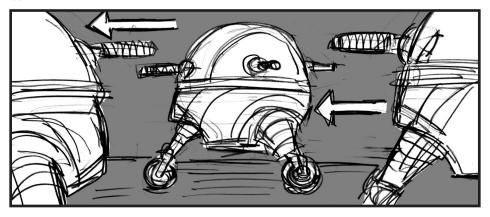
A giant wheel crushes a car. People flee.



Low angle. Attack-Bots are revealed. Tracking with them as they move forward.

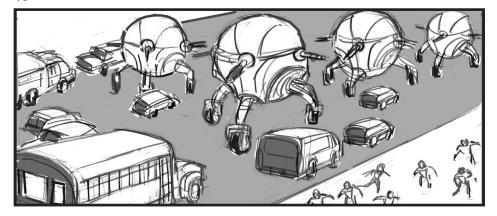
Four Metal ATTACK-BOTS move through downtown New York. The Bots have giant round bodies with laser cannons on every side. Each machine is supported by three retractable legs, like a tripod. The legs are equipped with giant tires, allowing them to roll through the streets.

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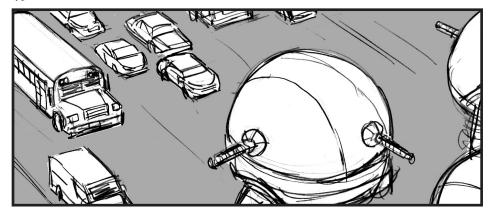
Staying with Attack-Bots as they roll down the street.

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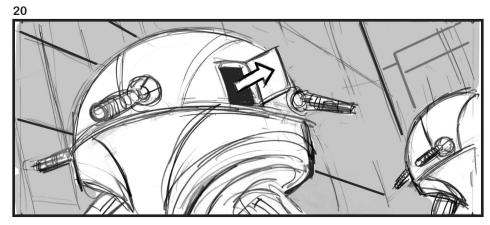


High angle. Attack-Bots come to a stop. Pedestrians running away.

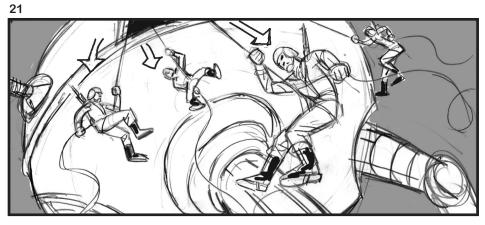
The LEAD ATTACK-BOT stops just shy of the school bus.



Reverse angle, behind Attack-Bots.

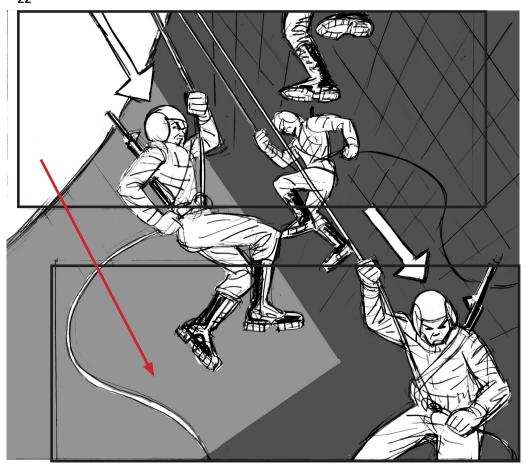


Low angle. A hatch opens on lead Attack-Bot.



Low angle. Soldiers coming down on ropes.

Six BLACK CLOTHED SOLDIERS repel from the lead Bot's hull. They carry assault rifles. Their helmets read, "F.O.H."



Dutch angle. Tracking down with the soldiers as they descend.



ATTACK-BOT LOUD SPEAKER The Friends of Humanity ask that you exit the bus calmly with your hands up.

Dutch angle. Soldiers reach the street and move forward.

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INT: school bus. Raven, Jubilee, driver and kids all facing forward.

INT. SCHOOL BUS - CONTINUOUS

Jubilee stands next to Raven and the driver.

**JUBILEE** 

What are we gonna do?



RAVEN Stay with the students, I'll handle this.

Raven leaves the bus.



Raven exits the bus, Jubilee looks even more concerned.

S/A. Jubilee revealed.

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EXT. TIME SQUARE - CONTINUOUS
Raven exits the bus with her hands in the air.

EXT: street. Raven steps off the bus.



Worm's eye view. Raven walks towards soldiers. Soldiers in extreme FGD.



CU of Raven. She halts, defiant.



SOLDIER It's her!

Officer barks an order. Soldier raises rifle and takes aim.

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ECU of Raven, shocked.



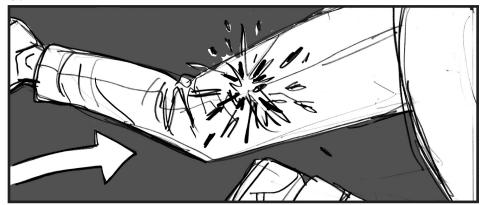
Dutch angle. Raven dives for cover behind a van.



The soldier fires at Raven. She dives behind a van for cover.

**Dutch angle. Soldier fires.** 

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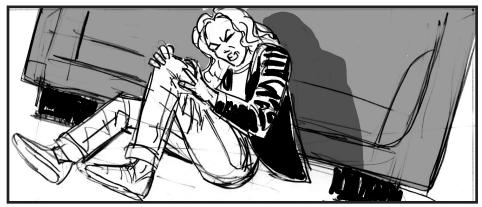
Raven groans as a bullet enters her thigh. Blood sprays onto the street.

Bullet hits Raven's leg.

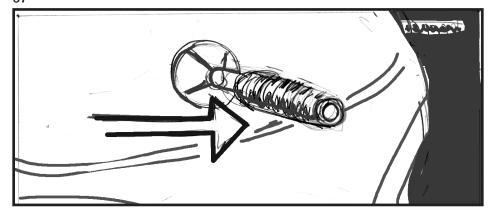
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INT: school bus. Dutch angle. Jubilee, driver and kids shocked.



EXT: street. Dutch angle. Raven clutches leg in pain.



The lead Attack-Bot aims its laser cannon at the van. Raven is helpless.

Close on Attack-Bot's gun as it swivels.

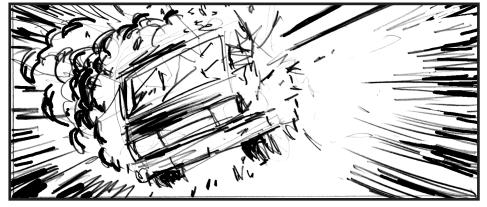
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BOOM. The van EXPLODES.

Laser beam hits van. Soldiers in FGD recoil from explosion.

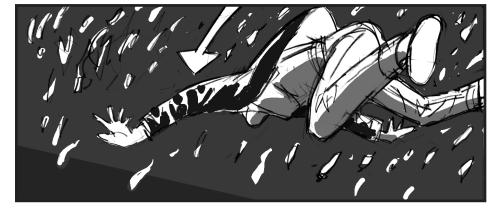
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Tight on van as it explodes.



Raven in silhouette as she is knocked head-over-heels by the blast towards us.



Raven's body rolls across the pavement.

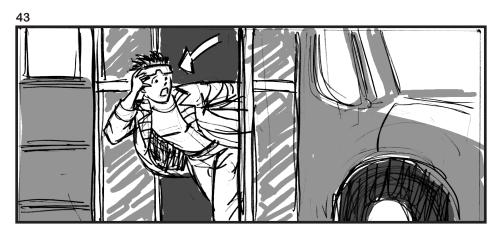
Low angle. Raven's body flies through the air and falls OS.

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We move in on her lifeless eyes.

Low angle. Drift in on CU of Raven, dead.



Jubilee races out of the school bus and lowers her sunglasses.





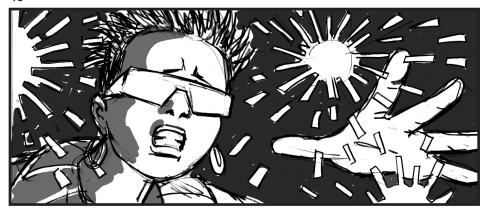
Jubilee scatters the soldiers with her fireworks.



Low angle - Jubilee aims her fireworks at the lead Attack-Bot.

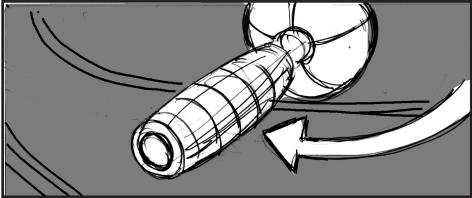
Jubilee attacks the lead Bot with her firework powers. They do zero damage.

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CU of Jubilee, desperate.

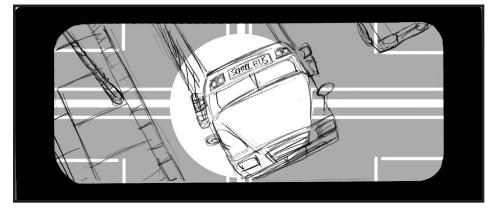
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Tight on Attack-Bot's laser gun. It swivels down.



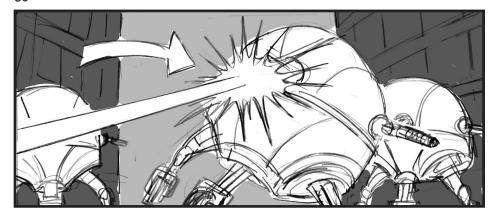
Attack-Bot's POV. High angle. Jubilee is in the Attack-Bot's gun-sight.



The lead Attack-Bot aims at the school bus--

The gun-sight moves up past Jubilee, to focus on the school bus.

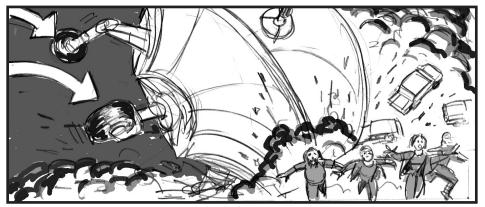
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BANG! A RED ENERGY BLAST drills the LEAD ATTACK-BOT, its tires roll backwards.

Scott Summers' optic beam comes from OS. It knocks the lead Attack-Bot off-balance.

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The lead Attack-Bot falls onto its side, crushing cars. Pedestrians flee.



Dutch angle. CU of Scott Summers. He fires his optic beam again.



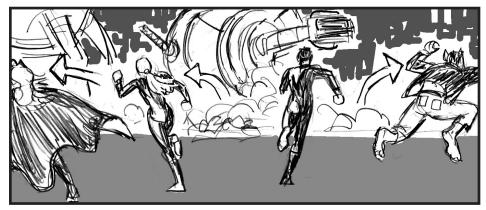
Tracking back with the X-Men as they run forward.

SCOTT SUMMERS races toward it in his X-Men garb. The machine's outer hull is scorched from his first attack.
STORM, JEAN GREY, and BEAST race behind their leader.

SCOTT Fan out!

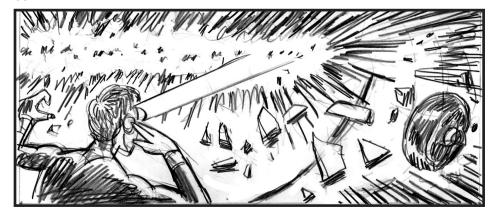


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Reverse angle. The X-Men split up. Scott runs towards the downed Attack-Bot.

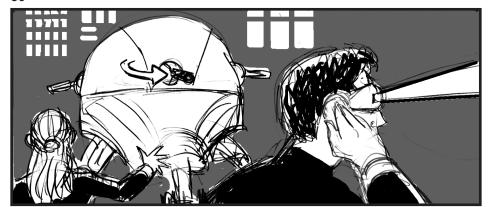
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The X-Men separate as Scott presses his visor. The RED PULSE of energy cuts the Bot in half!

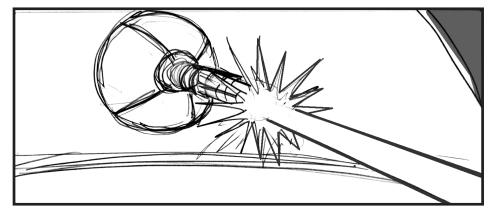
Scott moves his optic beam L-R across the Attack-Bot's hull.

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Jean (MGD) sees the Attack-Bot's gun swivelling towards Scott (FGD).

A nearby Attack-Bot turns its cannon on Scott.



It fires!

Tight on laser gun firing.

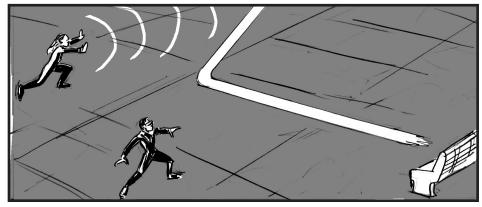
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Jean sees the fast moving laser blast. She grunts with all her strength, sending her powers toward it.

MCU of Jean. She concentrates.

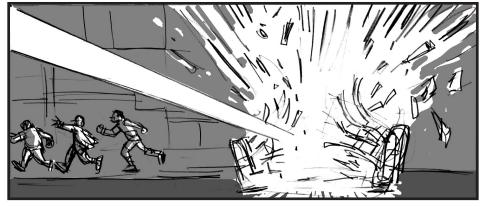
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Jean's powers push the laser to the right, causing it to miss Scott entirely.

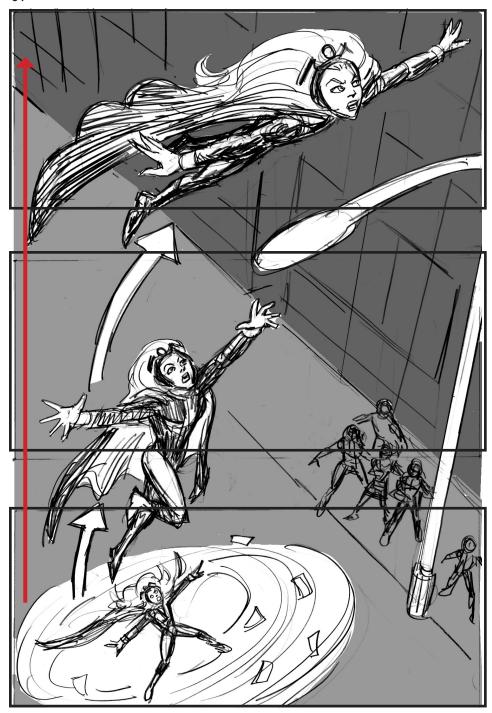
High angle. Jean turns the laser beam 90 degrees, saving Scott.

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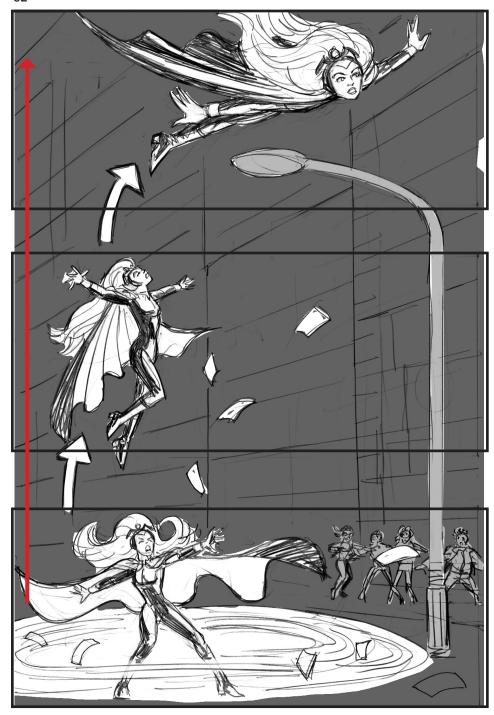


The laser destroys an empty bench.

Citizens run as bench explodes.



Cut to Storm. She summons a whirlwind which lifts her into the air. Pan up as she rises and flies forward.



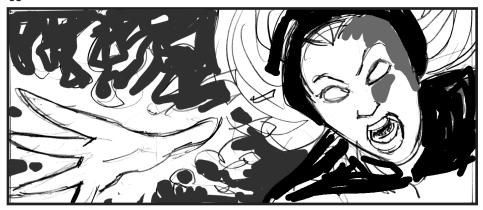
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Low angle. Storm summons dark clouds in the sky. Lighning crackles from her hands.

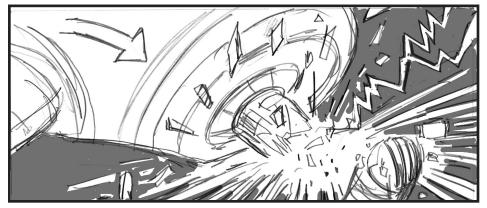


CU of Storm. Her eyes turn white as she gestures down at the Attack-Bot.



CU of Storm. Her eyes turn white as she gestures down at the Attack-Bot.

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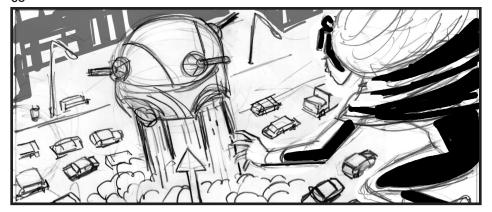
Lightning shatters one of the Attack-Bot's legs.

CRACK! Lightning strikes the hull of the closest Attack-Bot.

Storm's eyes SHINE white as the lightning travels through the machine, severing its mechanical limbs.



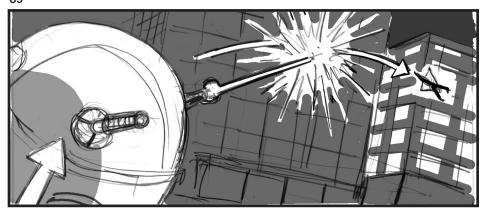
Low angle. The Attack-Bot jettisons its other two legs and fires thruster rockets.



High angle. Storm observes the Attack-Bot rising into the air.

The Attack-Bot activates its hidden jet engines. Its round hull rises into the sky.

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Reverse angle. The Attack-Bot fires at Storm, who flies out of the way.

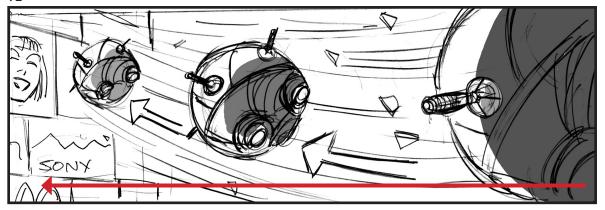
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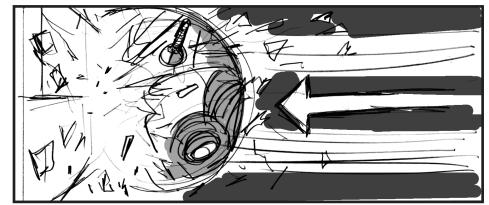
Storm keeps flying, avoiding the laser blasts.



Storm hovers in the air as she summons strong winds.



Pan R-L as the Attack-Bot is blown towards a building.



Suddenly, fierce winds slam the Bot into a nearby building. It catches fire and EXPLODES.

Attack-Bot hits the building.

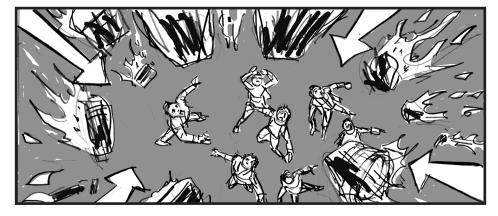
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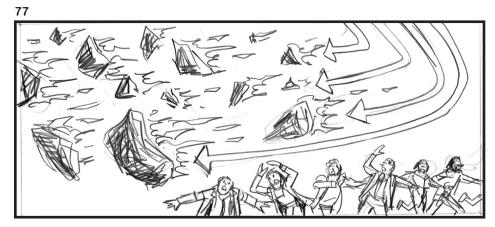
S/A: Attack-Bot explodes.



Low angle. On the street below, pedestrians look up in horror as debris from the Attack-Bot falls towards them.



High angle. Follow the debris as it falls down towards the pedestrians.



Jean catches the falling debris with her powers. The pedestrians flee for shelter.

The debris suddenly turns and misses the pedestrians.

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Cut to Jean, gesturing.



Cut to Beast. Dutch angle. Beast leaps across the street and lands on the back of the bus.



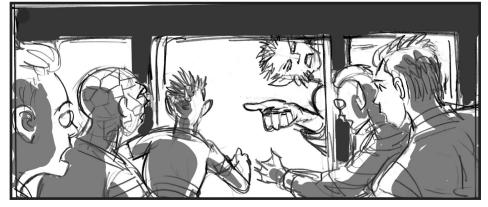
Dutch angle. Beast grips the rear door.



BEAST rips the back door off the school bus.

S/A: Beast rips the door off, revealing the kids inside.

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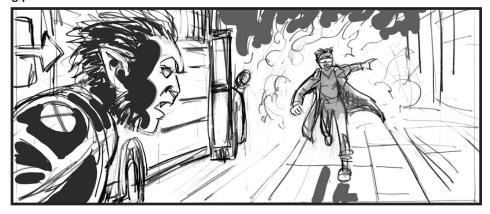


BEAST Everybody out!

INT: school bus. Kids run for the rear exit.



EXT: street. Beast helps the kids leave the bus. They run OS.



The young mutants climb down as Jubilee races toward them.

JUBILEE Hank, they're comin--

Beast turns to see Jubilee running towards him.





A laser blast eviscerates Jubilee.

Jubilee hit by laser blast.

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S/A: Jubilee falls OS.

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Beast sees the Attack-Bot, he ROARS in anger.

CU of Beast, enraged.



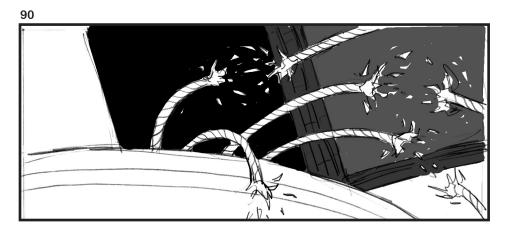
Beast sprints toward the Bot as Soldiers repel from it.

Beast leaps towards the Attack-Bot. Soldiers emerging from it.

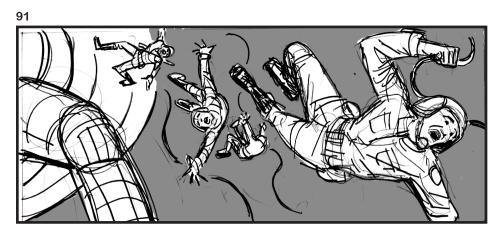


Jean uses her powers to rip the ropes loose.

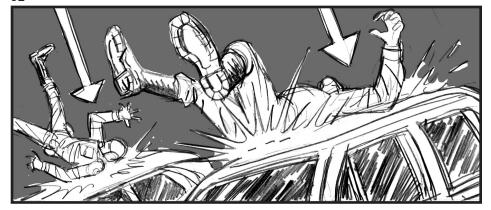
Cut to CU of Jean, angry. She gestures and concentrates.



Cut to the soldiers' ropes snapping.



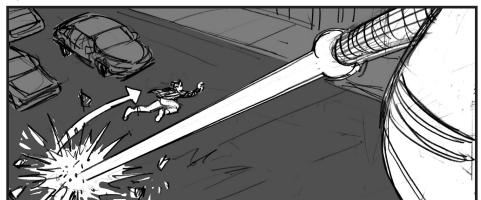
Low angle. Soldiers falling.



The soldiers fall fifty feet to the ground. They don't move.

Dutch angle. Soldiers falling, hitting the roofs of cars.

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The Blue X-Man dodges the lasers by leaping through the air.

High angle. Beast leaps out of the way of the Attack-Bot's laser cannon.

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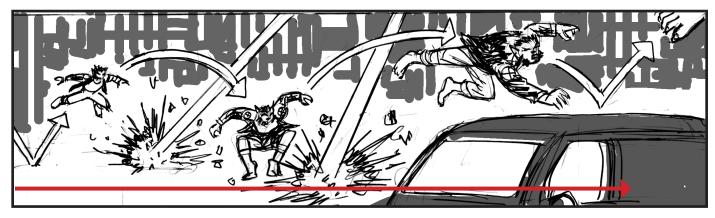
Pan L-R as Beast keeps jumping, avoiding more laser blasts.



Beast keeps dodging laser blasts.

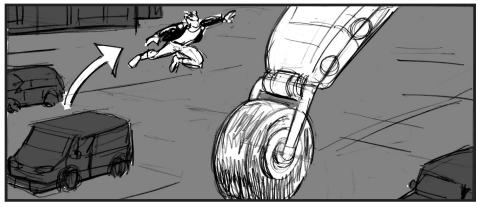


High angle. Beast bounces of the roof of a van and leaps upwards.



Pan L-R as Beast dodges laser blasts, bounces off the roof of a van and leaps OS.

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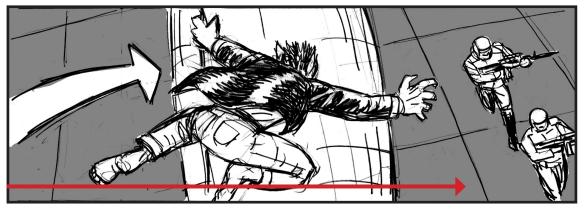
Long shot. Beast leaps towards Attack-Bot's leg.

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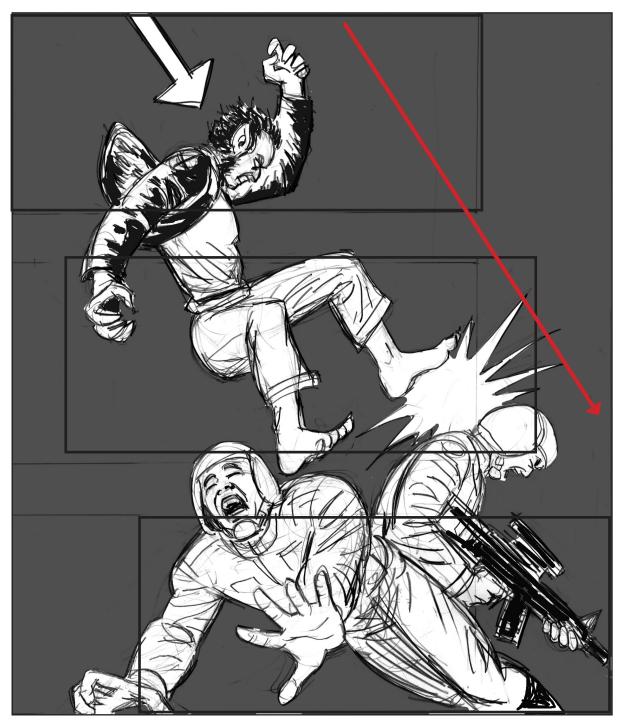


He lands on the Bot's front leg.

Beast lands on leg.



 $\label{thm:linear} \mbox{High angle. Pan $L$-R as Beast jumps down towards two soldiers.}$ 



Long shot. Tracking down with Beast as he jumps down and kicks both soldiers.



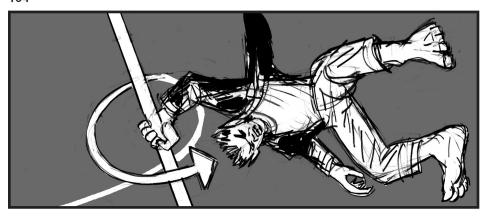
Low angle. Pan down as Beast jumps down and kicks both soldiers.





Dutch angle. Beast leaps towards a lamp post.

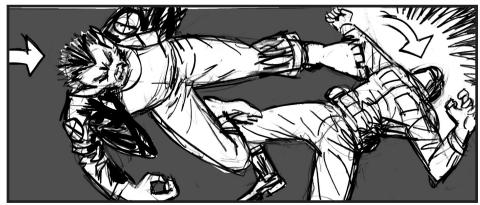
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Dutch angle. Beast loops around lamp post to gain momentum.



Track L-R. Beast leaps over the heads of three more soldiers.



Beast completes his leap by kicking a fourth soldier.

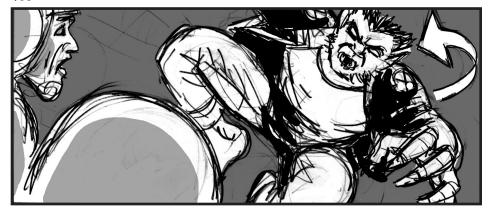
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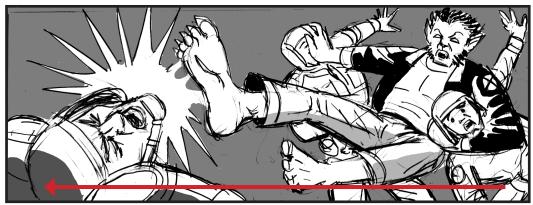
Long shot. Pan L-R. Beast leaps, flips around on lamp post and kicks a soldier in FGD.



S/A: Beast turns and leaps at the other three soldiers.



Reverse angle. Dutch angle. Beast leaps towards the soldiers.



Pan R-L. Beast grabs two soldiers and kicks the third.

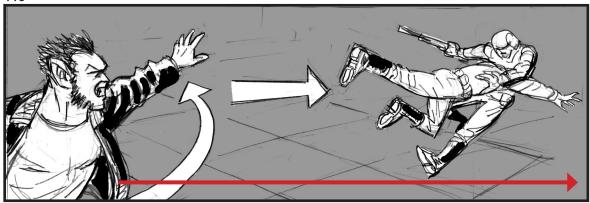
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Beast slams the two remaining soldiers' heads together.



Long shot. Pan L-R. Beast throws one of the soldiers at another soldier in the FGD.

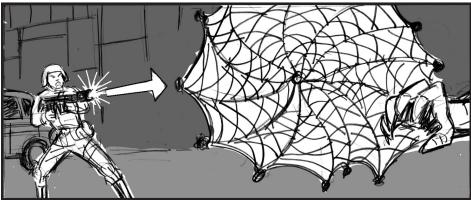


Pan L-R. Beast throws one of the soldiers at another in the FGD.



Beast leaps OS, not noticing a soldier behind him.

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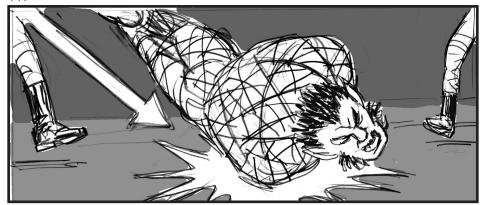
S/A. Soldier fires an expanding rope net at Beast.

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MCU of Beast. He turns too late as the rope net wraps around him.

BOOM! Rubber ropes wrap around Beast's blue body.



He falls toward the street. The ropes restrain Beast's entire body.

Beast entangled in the net; hits the ground. Soldiers running towards him from L and R.

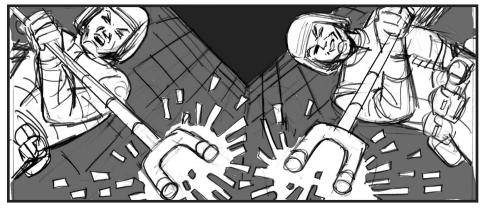
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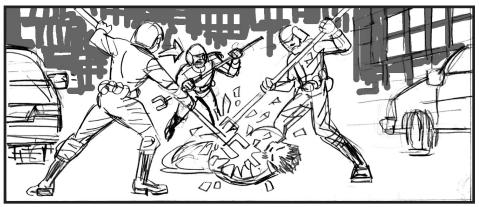
High angle. Beast is jabbed by two electrified cattle prods.

He squirms as BUFF SOLDIERS race toward him. They carry ROPE SHOTGUNS with TASERS on their barrels. The soldiers jab Beast with their tasers. He ROARS, struggling to break free.

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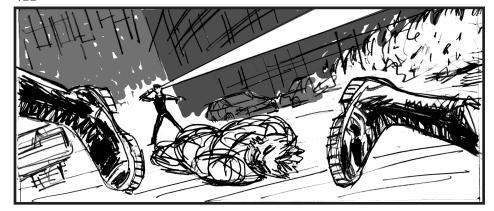
Low angle. Beast's POV. The soldiers smile as they jab him.



Long shot. A third soldier runs to join them.



 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{S/A}}.$  The third soldier is blasted in the back by Scott's optic beam, coming from OS. The other two soldiers react in shock.



The others dive for cover.

**BOOM! A RED ENERGY BLAST** knocks one soldier to the ground.

Low angle. Scott is revealed in the distance. He fires again. The two soldiers in the immediate FGD run OS.

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MCS of Scott. More soldiers approaching him from R.



Reverse angle. Scott turns and blasts the lead soldier.

Beast bites through the rope.



CU of Beast. He throws his head back as he chews through the ropes.

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Beast frees himself and leaps up, enraged.

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Long shot. Beast and soldiers silhouetted against some flaming wreckage.

Beast tackles the closest Buff Soldier.



Beast's POV. He leaps at the terrified soldiers, claws out. Hand-held camera shake.



Cut to Storm. Tracking with her as she flies.

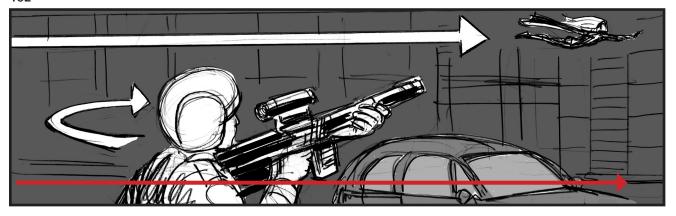


Cut to soldier, taking aim.

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S/A. The soldier carefully turns, keeping Storm in his sights.



Long shot. Reverse angle. Pan L-R as Storm flies above the street. The soldier turns and keeps her in his sights.



A yellow ENERGY BLAST hits Storm in the back.

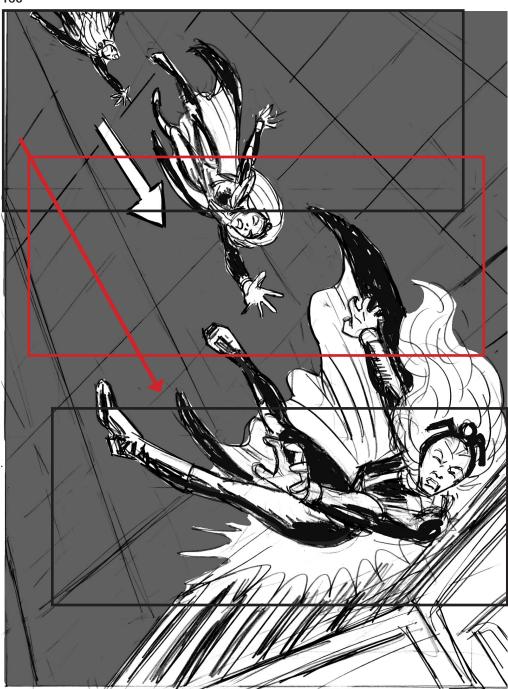
High angle. The soldier shoots Storm in the back with a laser beam.



Tight on Storm.

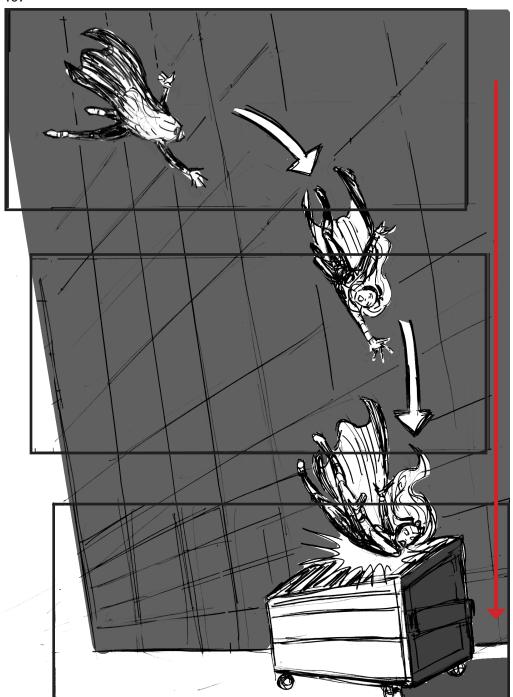


S/A. Storm falls OS.



She falls thirty feet and lands on a closed dumpster.

Low angle. Dutch angle. Tracking down with Storm as she falls and lands on a dumpster.



She falls thirty feet and lands on a closed dumpster.

Long shot. Pan down as Storm falls onto a dumpster.



Her dazed body rolls off the lid and onto the sidewalk...

Dutch angle. Storm rolls off the dumpster and falls OS.

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CU of Storm, dazed and in pain.

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Storm is barely conscious as five FOH Soldiers sprint toward her.

Dutch angle, worm's eye view. Storm in FGD. Soldiers run towards her.

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Scott spots the soldiers, he raises his hand to his visor--

Cut to Scott in FGD. He turns and sees soldiers running towards Storm.



S/A. A soldier from OS punches Scott.



An enemy soldier grapples with Scott, he can't use his eyes.

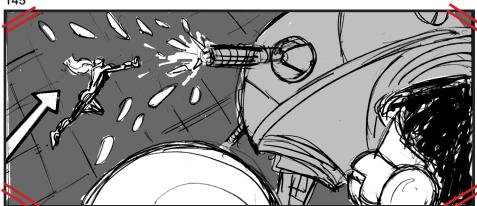
Hand-held camera shake. Scott grapples with the soldier. Another runs at him from behind.

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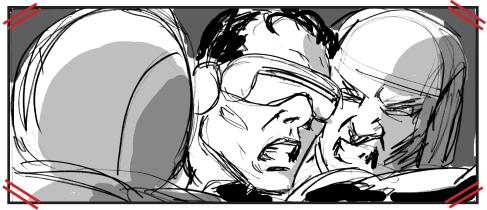
Hand-held camera shake. Close in on Scott as he looks up...

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Scott glances back at Storm and then at Jean. She's in the sky, fighting the remaining Attack-Bots. There's no way she can help.

Hand-held camera shake. Low angle. Jean is in the air in BGD, fighting Attack-Bot, dispersing its laser beam.



Hand-held camera shake. Scott turns to Beast.



Scott turns to Beast, he's the closest to Storm.

Hand-held camera shake. Beast in FGD, attacking soldier.

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SCOTT Hank, help Storm!

Hand-held camera shake. Scott shouts at Beast.

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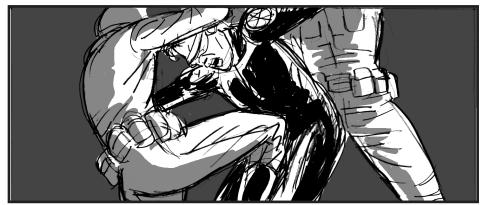


Beast continues to claw the soldiers. He ignores Scott.

Hand-held camera shake. Dutch angle. Soldier's POV. Beast claws at him, savage.



Cut to Storm. High angle. The soldiers aim their weapons at her.



SCOTT Ha--

The Soldier knees Scott's stomach as the five FOH soldiers surround Storm.

Cut to Scott. Soldier knees him in the stomach.

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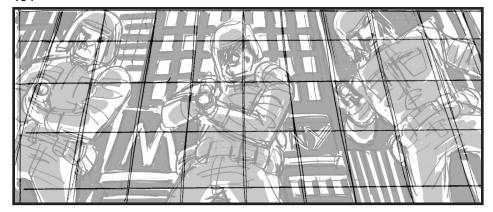


She looks up as the soldiers aim their guns at her head.

Cut to Storm. High angle. Soldiers' POV. Storm looks up, dazed.



Low angle. Storm's POV. The soldiers smile as they take aim.



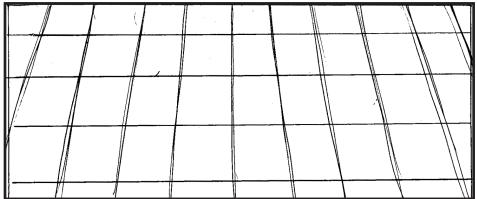
S/A. The soldiers and setting freeze, then fade away.

Everything FREEZES.

COMPUTER (V.O.) Simulation Terminated.

The city disappears as the session ends, revealing the expansive blue danger room.

**END SCENE** 



S/A. The walls of the Danger Room are revealed.