

# PSYLOCKE

## *The Secret Histories*

*A Twelve Issue Series, by Potter & Massengill*

*"[About Psylocke] there was always an explanation...but that window of opportunity passed...Why explain a continuity twist that no longer exists? It's done. We move on. End of that story." – Chris Claremont, 2002*

### THE PURPOSE

Few characters are as beloved and as ill-understood as the complicated Betsy Braddock. Whereas mystery becomes many characters, clarity refines and increases appreciation of others. Braddock's remarkable, ultra-dynamic past begs for clarification rather than the obscurity of confusion. *Psylocke, The Secret Histories* intends to unify every diverse key mystery from Braddock's past into a clear, remarkable, and intense legend of sacrifice and honor.

### THE MEANS

Each of the twelve issues of the series is a chapter of the massive epic that forms the essence of Psylocke's character. Each chapter features a key mystery [*listed in detail on the following page*] from Braddock's past. The series could feature individual art teams for each issue, or a singular artist capable of capturing a unique holistic vision of Psylocke. The result will be a Psylocke's revolutionary full imagining (not a re-imagining). An already successful character will be made complete.

### THE ADVENTURE

From her earliest days at the feet of her brilliant father from another world Betsy's unexplored young life is charged with drama and adventure [Her early life with S.T.R.I.K.E. and her misadventure impersonating Captain Britain which leads to the tragic loss of her eyes]. Her battles with Mojo and Spiral (who enslaved her but whose name for her she has strangely kept) are laced with untold conflict and struggles. Key to the series is her use of the "Siege Perilous" to rescue the X-Men... What actually happened inside the Siege Perilous that cost her so dearly? What later happens to sabotage all her relationships (with Doug Ramsey, Archangel, and Thunderbird)? How has she dealt with all her deaths, the massive changes in her life, body, dreams, and loves? *Who is Psylocke?* Without fully answering this question, we will never know who she can truly become.

## **TWELVE MYSTERIES for TWELVE ISSUES**

- 1- **THE PRECOSCIOUS CHILDREN:** *What was Betsy's childhood like, considering her father was from an alternative Earth? How did her parent's death affect her, coming as it did in concurrence with Brian's encounter with Merlyn and Roma?*
- 2- **THE HAIR OF PURPLE:** *Why did she dye her hair purple (her signature look) when she went to work for S.T.R.I.K.E.? Why did she (a professional model) think she should become an undercover operative? How did Tom Lennox' (her first lover) death affect her?*
- 3- **CAPTAIN BRITAIN AND ME:** *Why was Betsy driven to impersonate her brother and take up his mantle (especially after an attempted rape by her brother's evil doppelganger?). This strange deviation in her behavior leads to the loss of her eyes.*
- 4- **I AM BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE:** *What happens after she is blinded (when she refuses bionic eyes) in the interim before artificial eyes are forced on her by Mojo? What makes a person refuse sight?*
- 5- **WALKING THE WILDWAYS:** *How do Mojo, Mojoworld, "Wildways," and Spiral change Betsy? What draws Betsy, from the middle of this brutality, to newbie Doug Ramsey? What really happened with Mojo and Spiral and why does she keep everything (a new name, cybernetic eyes) that they force on her?*
- 6- **THE SEIGE THAT CHANGES ALL:** *What really happened in the Siege Perilous? Why was Betsy so greatly changed when others were largely unaffected?*
- 7- **LADY MARDARIN EXPOSED:** *What is the connection between Spiral, Kwannon, and Betsy? Has Kwannon's memories and life completely been removed from Betsy's existence? How did the "Lady Mandarin" persona truly alter Betsy?*
- 8- **WHO I WAS, WHO I AM...KWANNON:** *The full story of Kwannon and Betsy's relationship and interrelation.*
- 9- **MY EYE'S MARK:** *The Crimson Dawn and Warren Washington enter Betsy's life and everything changes again.*
- 10- **ANGEL'S FALL:** *What really happens that ends things with Warren and begins things with Neal Sharra?*
- 11- **THUNDERBIRD RISES:** *Neal Sharra, Thunderbird III, pulls Betsy's life in a new direction and toward a new death until Jaime Braddock, her brother, saves her life...A silent player in this entire story, the series starts to coalesce into a whole.*
- 12- **MY BROTHER, THE KING:** *The return of her twin brother (Captain Britain) into her life, and the Shadow King, her killer and her greatest enemy. How does all this fit into the tapestry? The final threads that mark her past's completeness are woven together.*