

The Marvel-People

An X-tra X-Man™

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Thanks to the Mutant Massacre (the Marauders™ responsible were detailed in DRAGON® issue #117), the team of mutant heroes known as the X-Men™ lost several of their members and gained four new teammates. Three of these heroes have been discussed elsewhere – Dazzler™ and Havok™ in MA1, *Children of the Atom*, and the alien Longshot™ in DRAGON issue #111. The remaining “new” X-Man had a career as a hero in Britain before she came over to the States. We now present the life and times of Betsy Braddock™, better known as Psylocke™.



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PSYLOCKE™

Elizabeth “Betsy” Braddock

F	EX (20)	Health: 90
A	GD (10)	
S	EX (20)	Karma: 80
E	RM (30)	
R	GD (10)	Resources: Incredible
I	RM (30)	
P	AM (50)	Popularity: 10

KNOWN POWERS:

Telepathy: Psylocke is a mutant with mental abilities of the Incredible rank. She has used these telepathic powers in the following manner:

* Creating Mind Links of Incredible strength, allowing her to communicate with others up to several miles distant and read their surface thoughts (only possible with willing targets);

* Performing Telepathic Projection (again, over a range of several miles), allowing her to telepathically “see” items in the surrounding area (the Mind Link and Telepathic Projection each manifests itself as a glowing butterfly-shaped set of eyes);

* Perform a Mental Probe of Incredible strength, allowing Psylocke to read any deep or hidden thoughts of a live victim (the intensity of the FEAT is determined by the target’s Psyche, and Psylocke cannot read the minds of those with Psyches of higher than Amazing or breach protective shields of those levels); and,

* Fire bolts of telepathic energy with a range of two areas and Incredible strength. These bolts are of two sorts. **Psibolts** are force attacks, while the **Psychoblast** is an energy attack. As the Psycho-blast has the potential for slaying a

victim, Psylocke does not use it unless her life is threatened. She uses the Incredible column to hit with these attacks. Psylocke may be able to develop other telepathic or mental-power stunts similar to those of Marvel Girl™ and Professor X™, but she has not yet done so.

Bionic Eyes: Psylocke is blind, her eyes having been replaced by bionic implants created by the extradimensional tyrant Mojo™. These new eyes function as normal ones, except that they also reach partially into the infrared and ultraviolet spectrums, allowing her to see in the dark. Devices which may override or cloak items from machinery and scanners will not be noticed by Psylocke. Her eyes have an additional power unknown to Betsy; they are linked to Mojo’s dimension and serve as cameras for Mojo, so that the adventures of the X-Men are fodder for Mojo’s movies.

TALENTS: Betsy Braddock has Martial Arts A and E. She has no weapon skills.

CONTACTS: Psylocke’s brother is the English hero Captain Britain™. In the past, she has served both for a British division of S.H.I.E.L.D.™ and for the British government. She currently is a member of the X-Men.

PSYLOCKE’S STORY: Elizabeth Braddock is the twin sister of Brian Braddock, better known as Captain Britain. Their father is a native of Otherworld™, an extradimensional world that houses the being known as Merlin™ and the realm of Camelot (whether this Merlin and Camelot are the same as in this world’s legends has yet to be revealed).

Betsy and Brian were born to wealth and inherited Braddock Manor on their parent’s death. Betsy was a fashion model (her hair is dyed purple), until her mutant powers surfaced when she was recruited into the PSI division of S.T.R.I.K.E.™, a British operation with close ties to S.H.I.E.L.D. It was then that Betsy learned most of her combat skills.

After leaving S.T.R.I.K.E., Betsy was recruited by another organization operating within the British government: the Resources Control Executive (RCX), which took over Braddock Manor as a base. RCX convinced Betsy to take up the costume and abilities of Captain Britain when Brian quit the field.

As the new Captain Britain, Betsy was moderately successful. However, in combat with Slaymaster™, an old foe of her brother, Betsy was severely beaten and blinded. Brian returned to his role as a hero and avenged his sister. Betsy retired from heroics at this time, using her telepathic powers to offset her handicap. While recuperating in Switzerland, she was ambushed by Mojo and his assassin Spiral™, who made her into their mental slave. Mojo gave her the cybernetic eyes she now has and used her powers to manipulate the minds of children through a television show called “Wildways.” Doug Ramsey™, Brian Braddock, and the New Mutants™ broke Mojo’s hold on Betsy, who retained the name Psylocke (given her by Mojo).

Psylocke remained at X-Men Mansion and joined the X-Men during the Mutant Massacre, when she successfully fought off the attacks of the mutant Sabertooth. She has not told anyone about the nature of her eyes and is unaware that they broadcast everything back to Mojo. Only Doug Ramsey and Warlock are aware of the artificial nature of those eyes.

Psylocke is quite beautiful, and that beauty is often mistaken for softness or weakness. In truth, she is a stern-willed individual with extensive previous training both as a hero and an agent, and is willing to place herself or others at risk for the good of all. To this degree, she can be as cold-hearted and ruthless as Wolverine™ 