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## THE HEDGEHOG



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# SONIC COMIC ORIGINS

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## THE HEDGEHOG

### PREVIOUSLY...

#### ORIGINS OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

Sonic the Hedgehog and his pals are the only force able to stand up to the evil scientist, Dr. Eggman!

The evil doctor's forces of world domination have tried time and time again to enslave the free creatures of the planet and to conquer anything or anyone in their path!

Only the super-speedy heroics of everyone's favorite blue hedgehog have saved the day (and looked way cool while doing it)!

While Sonic and the Freedom Fighters may be veteran heroes now, their lifestyle of performing super heroics was not something they were simply born into. For team members Sally Acorn and Rotor the Walrus, the journey to form and join the Freedom Fighters was a path they found for themselves. **Little did they know that their lives would change forever...**

### WHO'S WHO



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**  
WORLD HERO



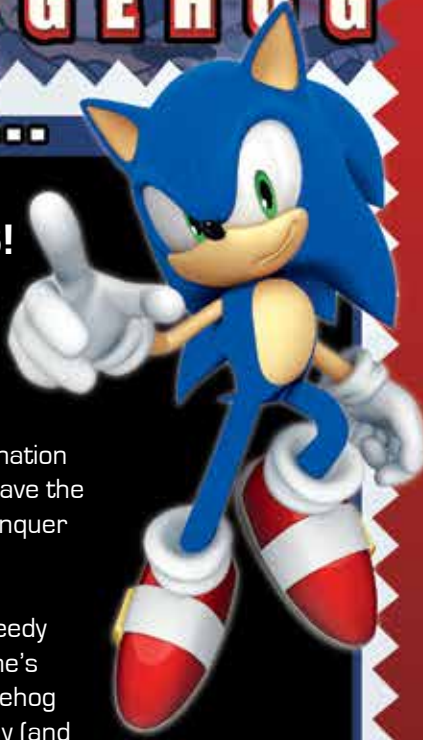
**MILES "TAILS" PROWER**  
SONIC'S BEST FRIEND



**THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS**  
SALLY, ANTOINE, NICOLE, AMY, BUNNIE & ROTOR



**DR. EGGMAN**  
MAD SCIENTIST



SAL!

GET DOWN!

ABOARD THE  
SKY PATROL  
--TRAINING  
SIMULATOR

HAHAHAHAHAHA

YO, NICOLE!  
THIS EXERCISE IS  
SUPPOSED TO BE  
"CHALLENGING,"  
NOT "MENTALLY  
SCARRING!"

**SONIC COMIC ORIGINS**  
**SALLY--THE  
EXILED LEADER**

UH-HUH.  
THANKS FOR  
THE SAVE.

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NO PROB. WE DO THIS SORT OF THING ALL THE TIME.

IT CERTAINLY SEEMS LIKE IT!

EXCEPT I KNOW WE HAVEN'T. I REMEMBER THE SIMPLER TIMES--TIMES OF PEACE...



\*GROWING UP, YOU'D NEVER KNOW MY FATHER WAS A KING. WE LAUGHED AND PLAYED FOR HOURS ON END. I WAS NEVER LONELY--NEVER AFRAID...

\*AT THE SAME TIME, I KNEW I WAS A PRINCESS.

\*I KNEW THERE WOULD COME A TIME WHEN I'D HAVE TO TAKE ON CERTAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES...



\*BUT I NEVER EXPECTED I'D HAVE TO LEAD SO YOUNG--SO EARLY.\*



ZZZ...? ROSIE? YAWN! WHAT'S WRONG...?

HUSH NOW, WEE PRINCESS. WE NEED TO HURRY!

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# MEGAMAN X



JOURNEY INTO  
THE FUTURE IN...

# X THE FACTOR

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FROM YOUR PALS 'N' GALS AT ARCHIE COMICS  
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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A ROBOT NAMED X WAS CREATED BY DR. THOMAS LIGHT. X WAS PROGRAMMED WITH THE ABILITY TO MAKE HIS OWN CHOICES, SOMETHING DR. LIGHT FEARED THE WORLD WAS NOT READY TO ACCEPT. X WAS SEALED AWAY UNTIL THE DAY THE WORLD WOULD BE READY FOR HIM. THAT TIME HAS COME.

# MEGAMAN X™



## PREVIOUSLY...

### THE X FACTOR

In a future world where robots and humans live together in harmony, an archaeologist named Dr. Cain works to uncover the mysteries of advanced robotics.

One day, during one of his excavations, Dr. Cain uncovered the remains of an old laboratory which belonged to none other than the father of advanced robotics, Dr. Thomas Light.

Dr. Cain is ecstatic to be in the old workplace of such an important scientific figure, little does he know that what he will find will change his world forever...



## CHARACTER SELECT



**MEGA MAN X**  
THE LAST SON OF LIGHT



**ZERO**  
MAVERICK HUNTER



**DR. CAIN**  
ARCHAEOLOGIST



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LEADER OF THE MAVERICK HUNTERS

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100 YEARS IN  
THE FUTURE

From the Journal  
of Doctor Cain,  
Archaeologist...

April 8th, 21XX

Still nothing. I've been sifting through the dirt since March, trying to find a Fossil record which would verify my findings.

So far I've come up empty. Tomorrow I'll move my dig to a new site. Maybe I'll have better luck.

April 9th.

Set up camp at the new site and laid out a preliminary gridwork for the dig. I got some odd readings at location E-46. It looks like something metallic is buried several meters below the surface. I think I'll begin there tomorrow.

April 10th.

I can't believe what I've found! Several meters below the surface were the remains of a lab. Although most of it was damaged, I did manage to find papers that indicate that it belonged to the famous robot designer DR. THOMAS LIGHT. I've begun to review what is left of Dr. Light's notes, and it looks like he was onto a major breakthrough. The notes keep referring to "THE CAPSULE"...

THE

X  
FACTOR

PART 1

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April 13th.  
I found it!

"X" IS THE FIRST OF A NEW GENERATION OF ROBOTS WHICH CONTAIN AN INNOVATIVE NEW FEATURE--THE ABILITY TO THINK, FEEL, AND MAKE HIS OWN DECISIONS. HOWEVER, THIS ABILITY COULD BE VERY DANGEROUS. IF "X" WERE TO BREAK THE FIRST RULE OF ROBOTICS--"A ROBOT MUST NEVER HARM A HUMAN BEING"--THE RESULTS WILL BE DISASTROUS, AND I FEAR THAT NO FORCE ON EARTH COULD STOP HIM.

APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE WE CAN SAFELY CONFIRM HIS RELIABILITY. UNFORTUNATELY, I WILL NOT LIVE TO SEE THAT DAY, NOR DO I HAVE ANYONE TO CARRY ON MY WORK. THEREFORE, I HAVE DECIDED TO SEAL HIM IN HIS CAPSULE, WHICH WILL TEST HIS INTERNAL SYSTEMS UNTIL HIS RELIABILITY HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB THE CAPSULE UNTIL THAT TIME.

The capsule was hidden underneath a collapsed ceiling. Even underneath all the rubble, it has remained intact and was still running some sort of diagnostic test when I found it. There was a warning...

"X" POSSESSES GREAT RISKS AS WELL AS GREAT POSSIBILITIES. I CAN ONLY HOPE FOR THE BEST. THIS IS THOMAS LIGHT, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 20XX.

"THIRTY YEARS"? IT'S BEEN CONSIDERABLY LONGER THAN THAT, DOCTOR. DOES THAT MEAN IT'S SAFE TO OPEN IT, OR...?

...all the indicators on the capsule show green. It SHOULD be safe to open it.

Do I dare? Will this "X" even function after all this time?

CAN I REALLY LET THIS ... "LIVING" LEGACY STAY SEALED AWAY...?