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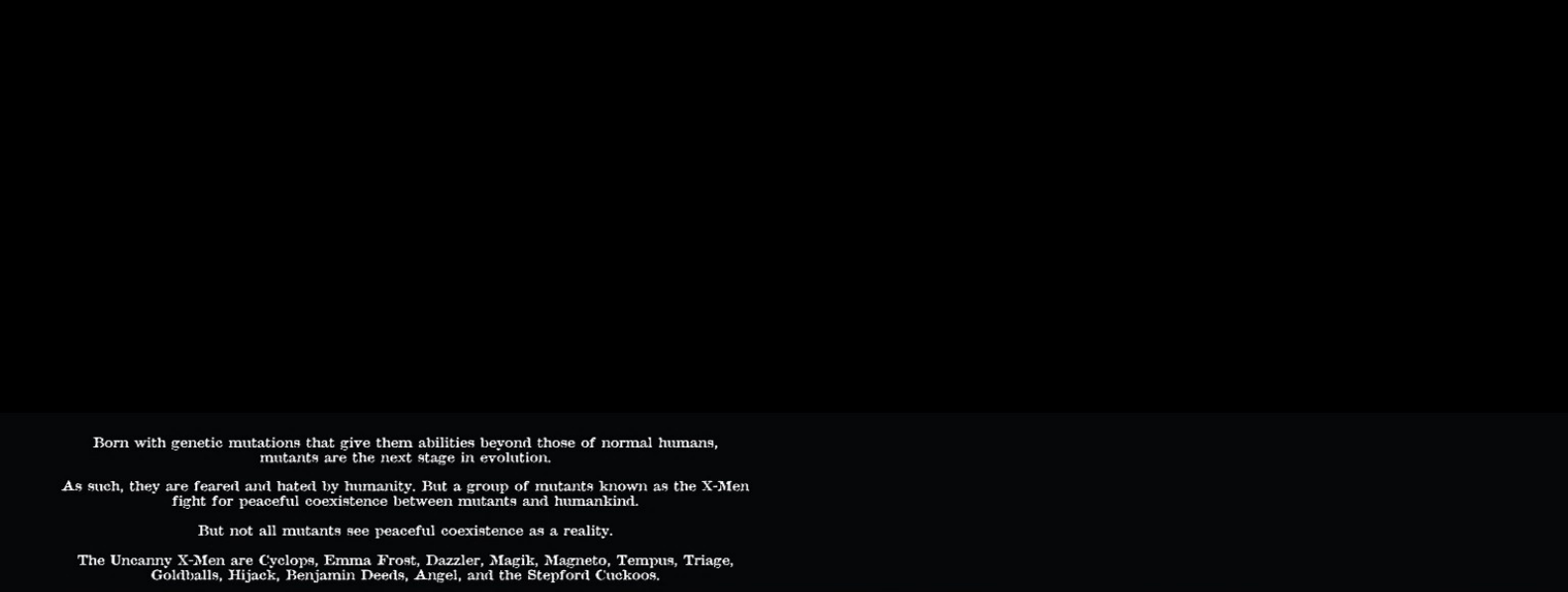
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UM...
WHAT IS THIS?

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WHAT IS THIS?





Born with genetic mutations that give them abilities beyond those of normal humans, mutants are the next stage in evolution.

As such, they are feared and hated by humanity. But a group of mutants known as the X-Men fight for peaceful coexistence between mutants and humankind.

But not all mutants see peaceful coexistence as a reality.

The Uncanny X-Men are Cyclops, Emma Frost, Dazzler, Magik, Magneto, Tempus, Triage, Goldballs, Hijack, Benjamin Deeds, Angel, and the Stepford Cuckoos.

X-UNCANNY MEN



PREVIOUSLY IN UNCANNY X-MEN:

CYCLOPS IS THE PUBLIC FACE FOR WHAT HE CALLS THE NEW MUTANT REVOLUTION. HE HAS GATHERED THE NEWEST MUTANTS AND HAS VOWED TO TRAIN THEM. BEAST WAS SO UPSET ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH HIS PEOPLE AND SURE THAT HE WAS GOING TO DIE THAT HE WENT BACK IN TIME AND BROUGHT THE ORIGINAL X-MEN TO THE PRESENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO SOBER SCOTT SUMMERS AND PUT THINGS RIGHT BEFORE HE DIED.

THE ORIGINAL X-MEN HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES STUCK IN THE PRESENT BUT WERE HAPPY TO BE HERE BECAUSE IT GAVE THEM A SECOND CHANCE AT A LEGACY THEY COULD BE PROUD OF.

CHARLES XAVIER'S UNTIMELY DEATH AT THE HANDS OF A COSMICALLY CORRUPTED SCOTT SUMMERS HAS BROUGHT ON THE NEED TO READ HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT. THE EVENTS OF THE WILL LED CYCLOPS TO GIVE UP HIS SCHOOL, HIS RELATIONSHIPS TO HIS PARTNERS AND HIS STUDENTS. MEANWHILE SCOTT'S BROTHER ALEX SUMMERS, AKA HAVOC, ONCE THE PUBLIC FACE OF THE MUTANT CAUSE, HAS LEFT THE AVENGERS IN DEFEAT AND REUNITED WITH HIS BROTHER...BUT FOR WHAT?

THE ORIGINAL X-MAN ICEMAN HAS COME TO TERMS WITH THE FACT THAT HE IS GAY, AND WONDERS WHY HIS MODERN-DAY COUNTERPART NEVER DID.

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JUST FYI!
THIS WASN'T
MY IDEA,
HENRY.

OH MY
GOD, BOBBY,
WE TOLD YOU
YOU COULD
LEAVE.

BUT
PLEASE DON'T
UNDERMINE
THIS.

KITTY PRYDE,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
SHE CAME ALL THE WAY
ACROSS THE GALAXY TO
LET ME HAVE IT ONE
MORE TIME.

I CAME
ALL THE WAY
ACROSS THE
GALAXY TO HELP
MY FRIEND.

IS THIS--
IS THIS AN
INTERVENTION?



YES.



WELL...

I DON'T
DRINK, I DON'T
SMOKE, AND I
HAVEN'T BEEN ON
A PROPER DATE
SINCE...I'D
RATHER NOT
SAY...

HENRY, EVERYONE
HERE LOVES OR AT
LEAST RESPECTS
YOU.

BUT A LOT OF US
HAVE BEEN VERY
FRUSTRATED.

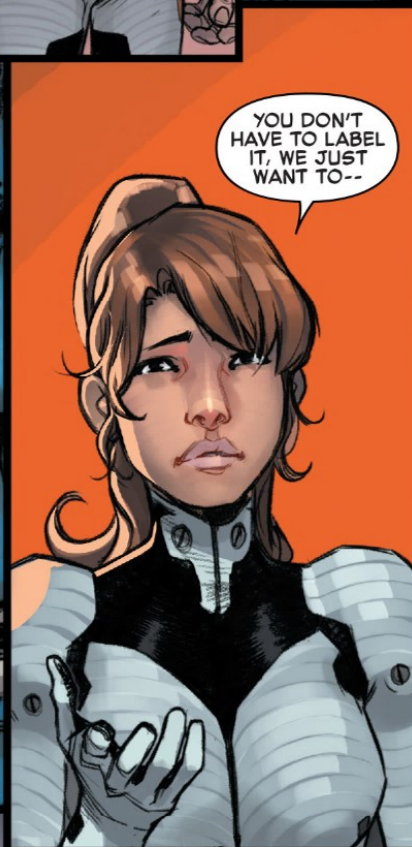
AND BECAUSE
OF OUR RATHER
HECTIC LIVES AND
LIFESTYLES, AND
BECAUSE THE
OLDER SCOTT
SUMMERS ALWAYS
SUCKS ALL THE
AIR OUT OF ANY
ROOM WE ALL FIND
OURSELVES IN
TOGETHER...

...WE HAVEN'T
BEEN ABLE TO
FOCUS ON THE
FACT THAT YOU
HAVE BEEN TAKING
GREAT LIBERTIES...
AND IN OUR
NAME.

WE HAVE
TRIED TALKING
TO YOU. WE
HAVE TRIED TO
UNDERSTAND
YOU...

BUT, YOU
DO KNOW THAT
YOU'VE BEEN DOING
THINGS YOU
SHOULDN'T...

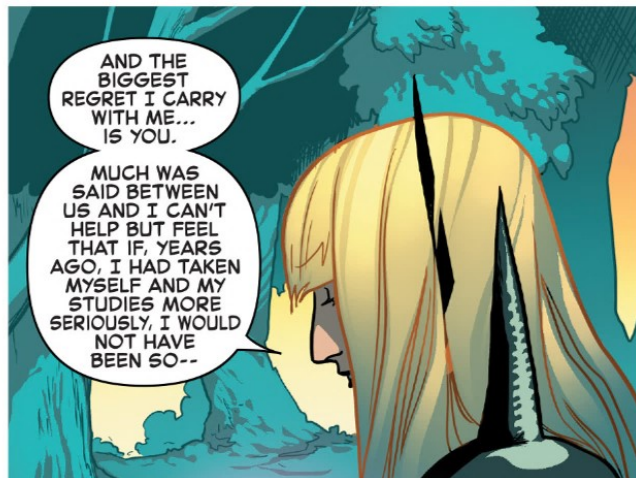
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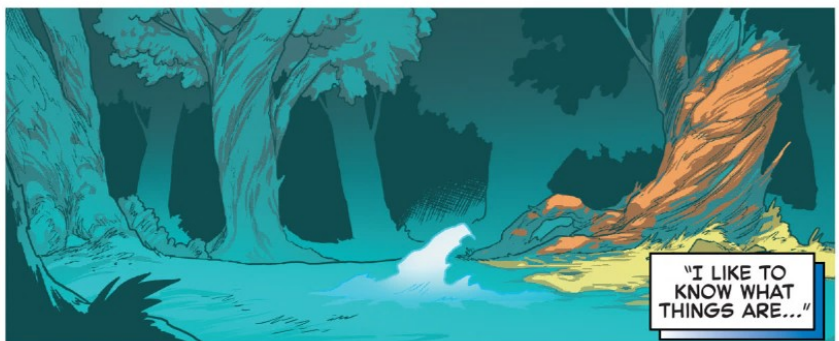














...AND BY ANY DEFINITION, THIS IS A TRIAL.



I HAVE TALKED TO YOU ABOUT THESE THINGS AND YOU HAVE IGNORED ME.

SLOWLY BUT SURELY I CAME TO REALIZE THAT MANY PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM HAVE TRIED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE EXACT SAME THINGS.

AND THEY ALL FELT...THAT YOU IGNORED THEM.

THAT IS NOT A REASON TO DO WHAT YOU ARE DOING RIGHT NOW.

WHAT ELSE COULD WE DO?!



THE OTHER THING TO DO IS CALL S.H.I.E.L.D. AND HAVE THEM PUT YOU IN A BOX FOR CRIMES AGAINST NATURE AND SCIENCE.

THAT'S THE OTHER THING.

BECAUSE YOU HAVE COMPLETELY TURNED THIS SCHOOL AND YOURSELF INSIDE OUT AND UPSIDE DOWN WITHOUT TALKING TO ANY OF US ABOUT IT.

THAT'S NOT HOW WE DO THINGS HERE.



WHY ARE THE STUDENTS HERE?

WHY ARE **SCOTT SUMMERS'** STUDENTS HERE?!

THIS--
YOUR ACTIONS--
THIS AFFECTS ALL
OF US.

AND NO
MATTER HOW
THIS TURNS OUT, THIS
IS SOMETHING VERY
IMPORTANT THAT
NEEDS TO BE
TAUGHT...

...AND FOR
THE LIFE OF ME
I DON'T THINK
THERE'S EVER BEEN
A BETTER WAY
TO TEACH IT.

AND
THAT THIS IS
EMBARRASSING
YOU? GOOD.

IT
SHOULD.

THAT
MEANS THAT
PART OF YOU
IS STILL SPINNING
THE RIGHT
WAY.

AT FIRST
I THOUGHT:
GODDESS, SOMEONE
SHOULD HAVE TALKED
TO YOU ABOUT POWER
AND RESPONSIBILITY
BACK WHEN YOU
WERE A STUDENT
HERE.

BUT I
RECENTLY TALKED
TO YOU BACK WHEN
YOU WERE A STUDENT
HERE--(BECAUSE YOU
WERE KIND ENOUGH TO
BREAK THE TIME-SPACE
CONTINUUM TO BRING
YOURSELF HERE)--AND
GUESS WHAT?



YOU
DID KNOW THE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN RIGHT
AND WRONG.

HE
KNOWS!
WHY DON'T
YOU?



MOST OF THE
THINGS THAT
I'M WORKING
ON...

...IT WOULD
TAKE ME WEEKS,
IF NOT MONTHS, TO
PROPERLY EXPLAIN
THEM TO YOU.

YOU
WOULDN'T
EVEN UNDERSTAND
THE PARAMETERS
OF THE SUBJECT
MATTER THAT I'M
ATTEMPTING
TO--



WHEN
YOU SAY
THINGS LIKE
THAT--

--YOU'RE
NOT DOING
YOURSELF ANY
FAVORS.



OH, GOOD
LORD.

THIS IS A
NIGHTMARE.

STOP
IT.

YOU,
STOP
IT.

WE
TALKED
ABOUT
THIS.



30 MINUTES AGO.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS STOP ME.

AT THIS POINT I WILL SETTLE FOR A "TAG, YOU'RE IT."

OW, MY BALLS.

GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY, DID SCOTT SUMMERS TEACH YOU NEW MUTANTS ANYTHING AT THAT UNDERGROUND SCHOOL OF HIS BEFORE HE SHUT IT DOWN?

CLEARLY.

GO LICK YOUR WOUNDS AND WE'LL FIGURE OUT HOW TO COMPLETELY RETRAIN YOU...

...IF ANY OF YOU STILL PLAN ON STICKING AROUND HERE.

CLEARLY NOT ENOUGH, OW.

(GOLDBALLS.)

HI, MUCH OLDER ICE-ME.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I NEED TO TALK TO YOU.

OH. I DON'T LIKE THIS.



AND WHAT IS THE YOUNG MISS JEAN GREY DOING HERE?

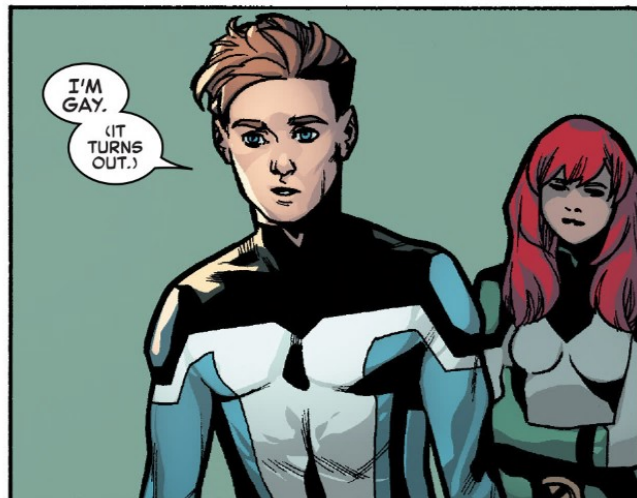
SUPPORT.
DON'T MIND ME.



SUPPORT TO TALK TO ME?
WE'RE THE SAME PERSON FROM DIFFERENT TIME PERIODS.

I'M NOT GOING TO MURDER YOU OR ANYTHING... THAT WOULD BE BAD FOR ME.

EVEN THOUGH THE DESIRE TO DO SO IS SOMETIMES... OVERWHELMING.



I'M GAY.
(IT TURNS OUT.)



SO THAT MEANS YOU ARE TOO.
RIGHT?



OH MY GOD, I AM GOING TO KILL HENRY MCCOY FOR BRINGING YOU HERE.

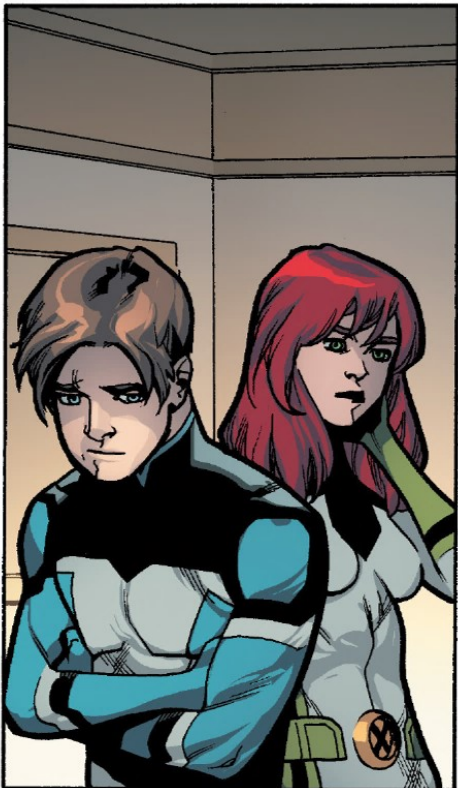


SO, UM, I DON'T THINK I WANT TO LIVE MY WHOLE LIFE HIDING THIS PART OF MYSELF.

I UNDERSTAND WHY MAYBE YOU DID...
...THOUGH I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU STILL DO...



THIS IS WHY NOBODY LIKES YOU, JEAN GREY.





I PUT ALL MY ENERGY INTO BEING A MUTANT AND AN X-MAN AND PUTTING MY LIFE IN DANGER EVERY TEN MINUTES FOR EVERYONE ELSE.

AND THAT'S NOT A BRAG, I MADE THAT CHOICE.

AND YOU ASK YOURSELF: CAN I JUST HAVE ONE PART OF MY LIFE THAT I'M NOT BEING PERSECUTED FOR?



JUST TODAY... ...AND MAYBE TOMORROW...

AND THEN THE NEXT WEEK... AND THEN THE NEXT WEEK AND THEN THE NEXT WEEK...

AND THE YEARS GO BY AND IT GETS EASIER TO PUT THAT PART OF YOURSELF AWAY.

AND THEN SO MUCH TIME GOES BY THAT... YOU SAY TO YOURSELF LATE AT NIGHT: ONE DAY, MAYBE.

AND THEN YOU DO THINGS TO SEE IF MAYBE YOU'RE STRAIGHT OR...UGH!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE.

SOME PEOPLE DON'T COME OUT UNTIL THEY'RE LIKE, 60.



UM... WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

HE'S WONDERING IF IT'S SELFISH TO PUT, LIKE, JUST 10% OF THE PERSON THAT HE IS TO THE X-MEN INTO MAKING HIMSELF HAPPY--HAPPY AND WHOLE FOR ONCE IN HIS LIFE.



THERE'S A BIG ARGUMENT THAT SAYS YOU MIGHT BE A BETTER X-MAN AND A BETTER TEACHER IF YOU'RE READY TO BE THE WHOLE YOU.



OH MY GOD... I'M SHAKING.

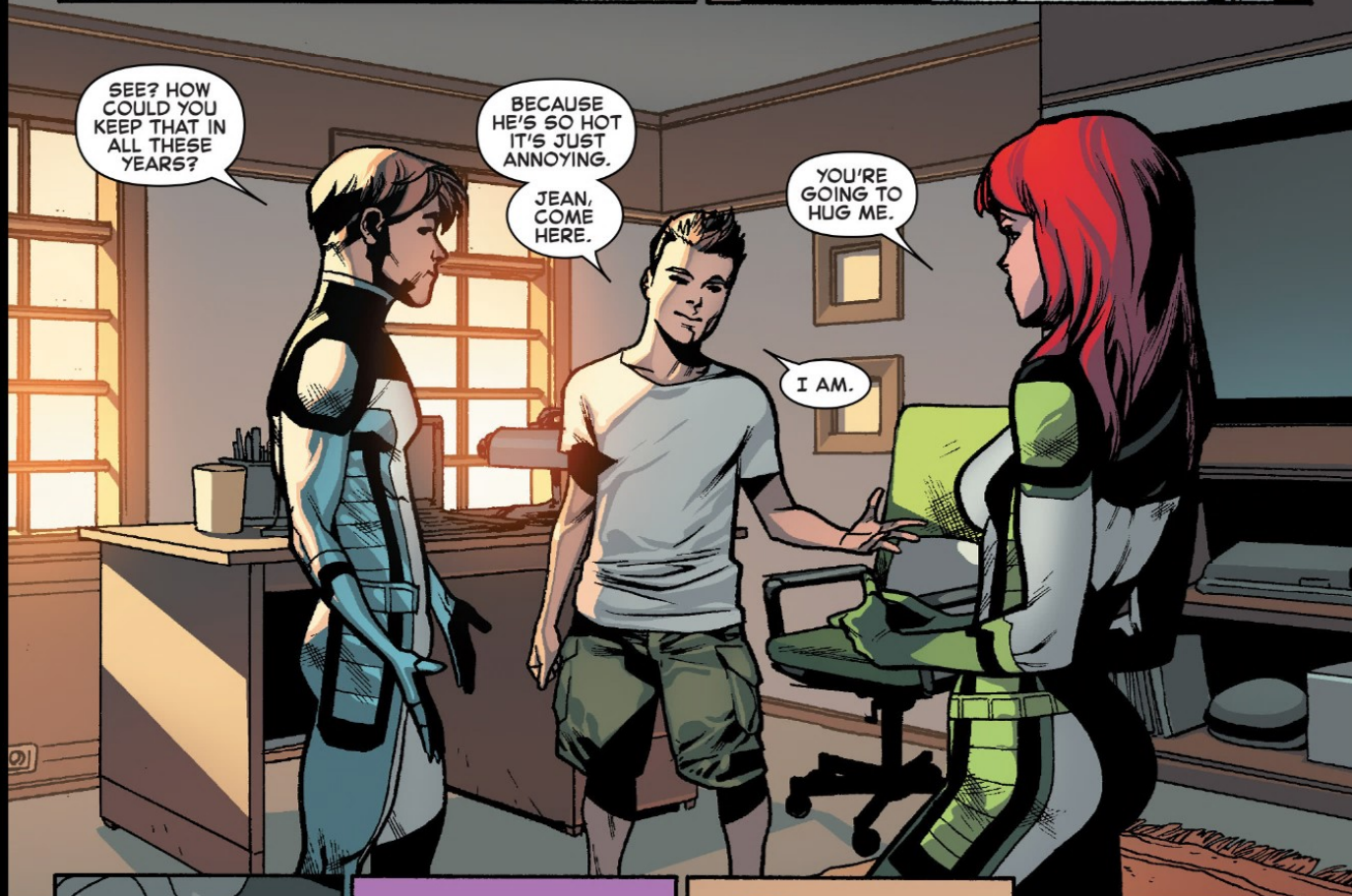
I DON'T SHAKE. I'M MADE OF ICE.



CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?

AND I WANT YOU TO BE REALLY HONEST WITH ME.







BECAUSE, HENRY, SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY YOU CONVINCED YOURSELF THAT YOUR BRILLIANCE ALLOWS YOU THE RIGHT TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WHENEVER YOU WANT TO DO IT.

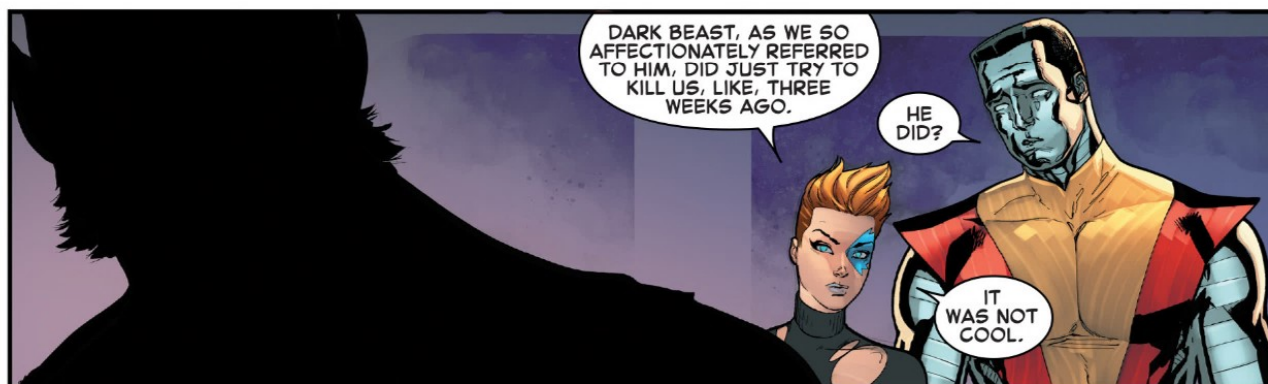
I REMEMBER YOU ONCE MARRYING A--

WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ME, HENRY.

TAKE A STEP BACK AND LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE DONE JUST THIS YEAR AND LOOK AT WHAT WE KNOW THE FUTURE YOU IS CAPABLE OF...



NOW I'M BEING BLAMED FOR MY FUTURE ACTIONS?



DARK BEAST, AS WE SO AFFECTIONATELY REFERRED TO HIM, DID JUST TRY TO KILL US, LIKE, THREE WEEKS AGO.

HE DID?

IT WAS NOT COOL.



EACH OF US HERE IS DOING WHAT WE THINK IS BEST FOR OUR PEOPLE.

EACH ONE OF US.



BUT YOU JUST DO IT, HENRY.

YOU DON'T CONSULT ANY OF US.

YOU BRING THE ORIGINAL X-MEN HERE AND NOW THEY'RE STUCK HERE.

THAT ALONE...

THE NEW
XAVIER SCHOOL.
LOCATION SECRET.
40 MINUTES AGO.



LET'S
TRY THIS
ONE MORE
TIME.
ONE
MORE.
RELAXING.
RELAXING
COMMENCED!
ENJOYING
THE EARTH.
BOBBY.



TOTALLY
RELAXING.



I THINK
I NEED TO
TAKE A
BREAK.
A BREAK
FROM WHAT?
WE JUST LAY
DOWN.
US...
THE GROUP.



"US" US?
YOU WANT TO
LEAVE THE
X-MEN.
I WANT TO--
EVERYONE, RELAX--
I JUST WANT TO SEE
WHAT IT'S LIKE TO
JUST...BE ME.
IS THIS
BECAUSE
I'M HERE?



NO, SCOTT.
I PROMISE
YOU IT'S
NOT.
IT'S
BECAUSE--(OH,
THIS IS SO HARD
TO SAY)--A LOT
OF THINGS ARE
HAPPENING
TO US.
TO ME.
WE'RE
HERE, WE
CAN'T GET
BACK....



WHERE IS
THIS COMING
FROM?
THE UTOPIANS
REALLY GOT
TO YOU.



AND--
AND I'VE
BEEN TRAINING
WITH EMMA
FROST.
I THINK
I NEED TO DO
MORE OF THAT
AND LESS OF US
JUMPING INTO
THINGS.
SCOTT,
YOU GOT TO GO
OFF WITH YOUR
DAD, YOU
KNOW...
SO YOU'RE
LEAVING.
YOU'VE
DECIDED.



WHY DON'T WE ALL TAKE A BREAK?

JUST ALL GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS?

WHERE IS THIS COMING FROM?

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT.

JUST FOR NOW.

SEE WHAT LIFE IS LIKE NOT LIVING IN AN UNDERGROUND BUNKER.



WELL, EASY FOR YOU, YOU'RE RICH.

WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?

OKAY, CAN I HAVE SOME MONEY?

SURE.

I WAS JOKING, BUT OKAY.



I BROKE UP THE X-MEN.

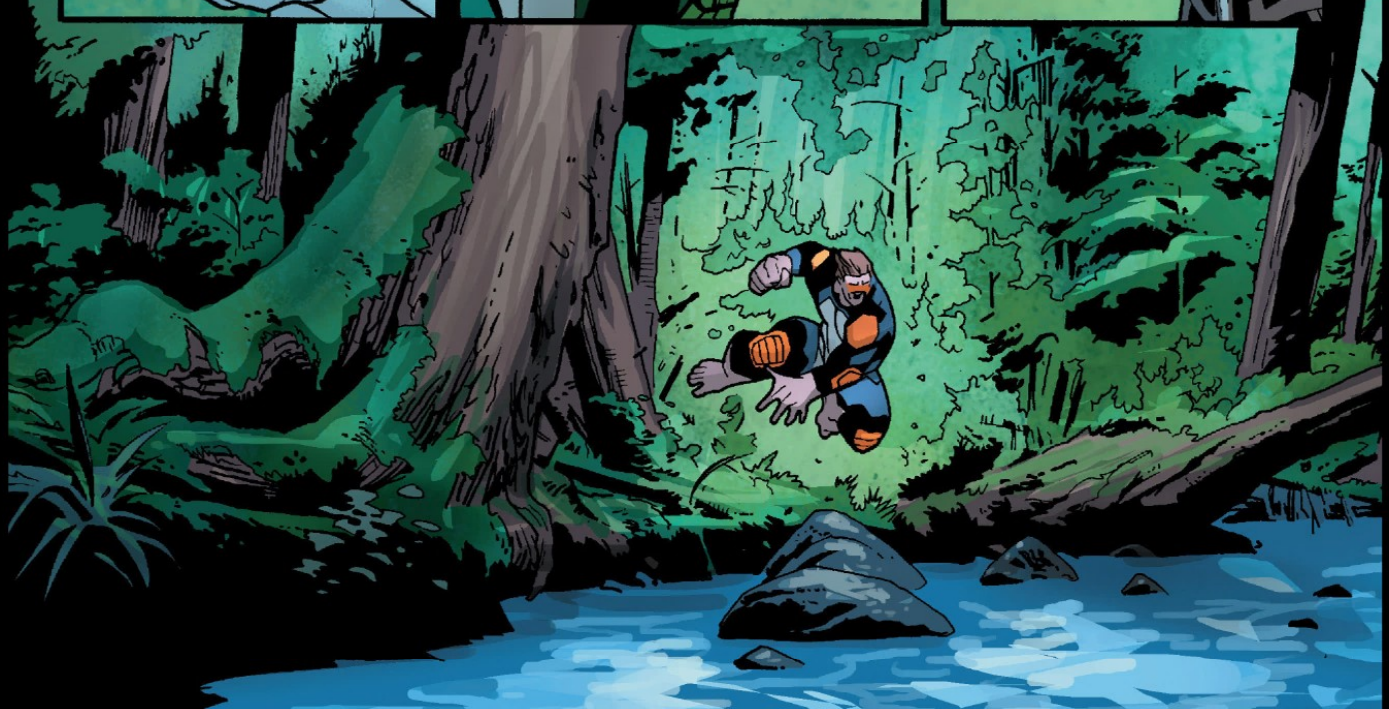


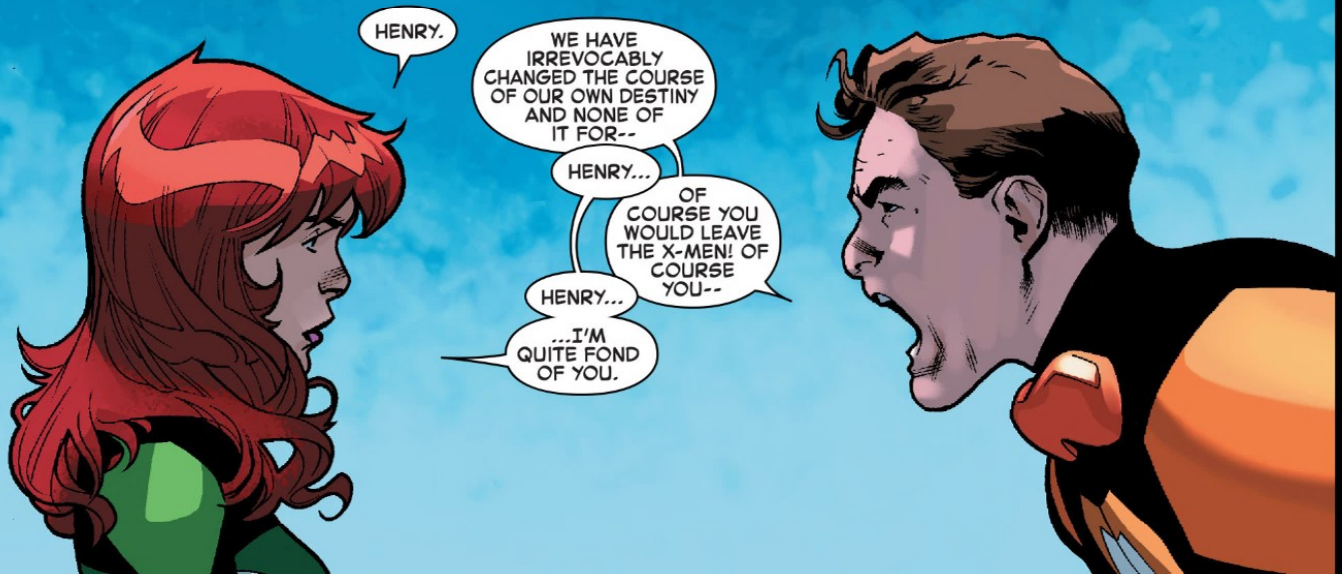
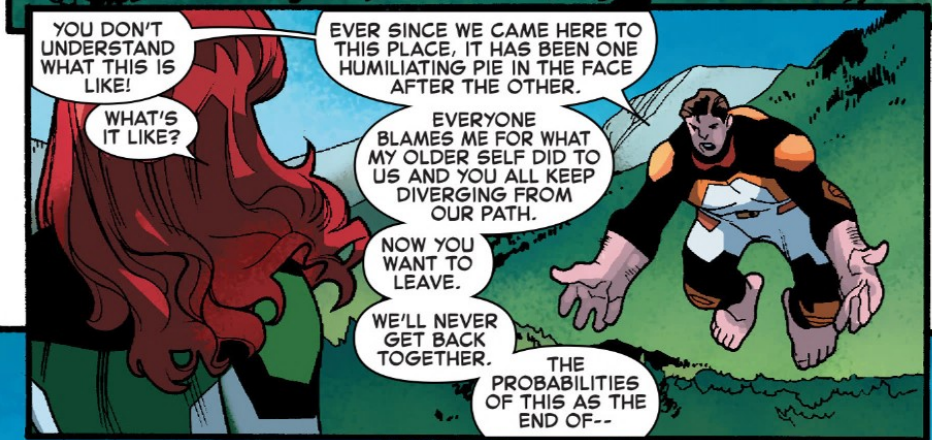
HOW DID HE BREAK US UP?

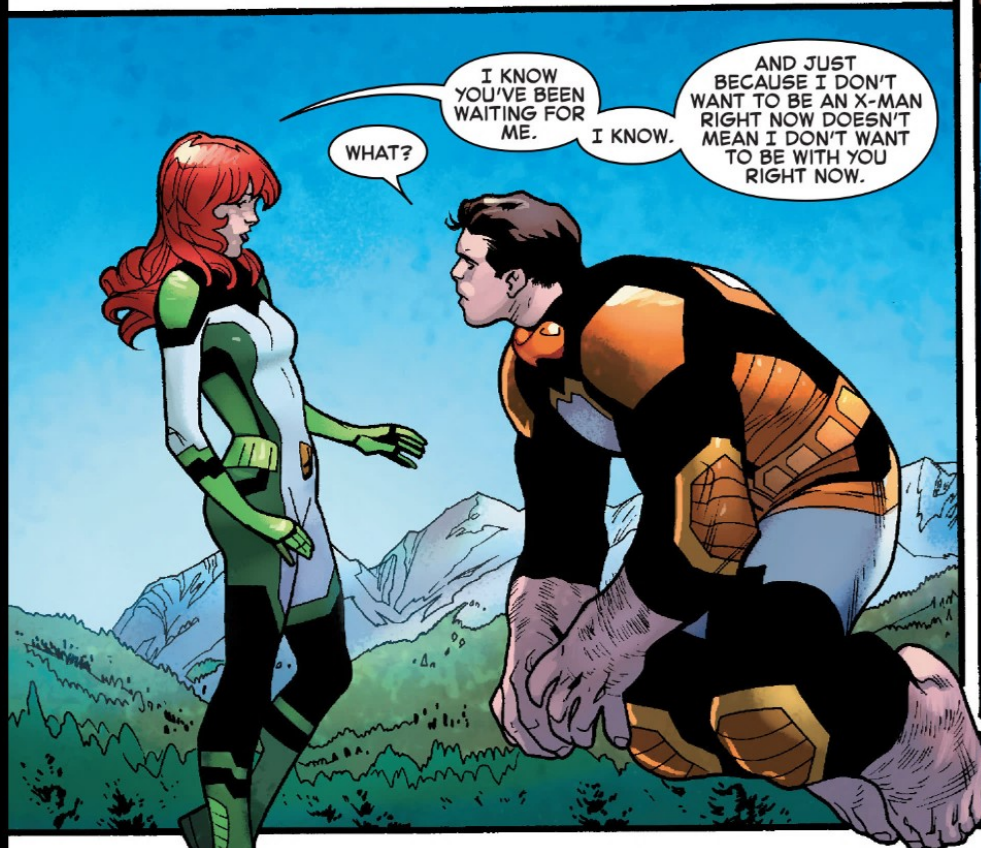
HE MEANS THE OLDER HIM.

THE OLDER HIM BROUGHT US HERE AND NOW WE'RE FALLING APART.

I'LL TALK TO HIM.







WHAT?

I KNOW
YOU'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR
ME.

I KNOW.

AND JUST
BECAUSE I DON'T
WANT TO BE AN X-MAN
RIGHT NOW DOESN'T
MEAN I DON'T WANT
TO BE WITH YOU
RIGHT NOW.



DEFINE
"WITH
ME."



I'M
SORRY IT
TOOK SO LONG
TO RESPOND
TO YOU.

MY HEAD
SPACE IS--
WELL, IT IS NOT
LIKE EVERYONE
ELSE'S.

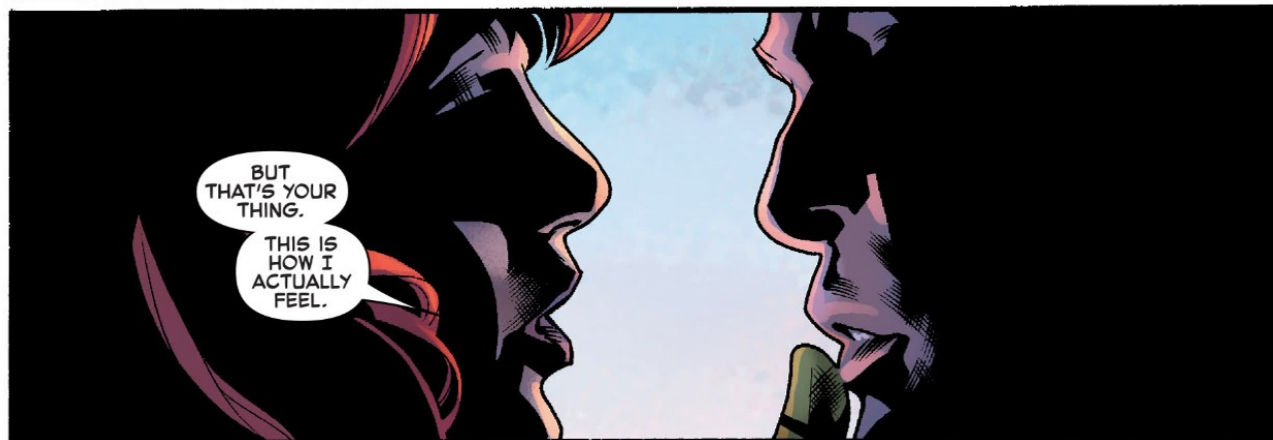
I HEAR
THOUGHTS I
SHOULDN'T. I FEEL
FEELINGS I
SHOULDN'T.

IT MAKES
THINGS MORE...
COMPLICATED.



I JUST ASSUMED
YOU HAD NO
INTEREST IN--

I
KNOW.



BUT
THAT'S YOUR
THING.

THIS IS
HOW I
ACTUALLY
FEEL.





JUST BECAUSE I HAVE THE CAPACITY TO UNDERSTAND THINGS ON A LEVEL THAT MOST OTHERS DON'T... DOESN'T MEAN I'M THE BAD GUY! I'VE SEEN EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM, EVERY ONE OF YOU, DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO WHEN YOU HAD TO DO IT.

I LOVE YOU, HENRY, BUT--



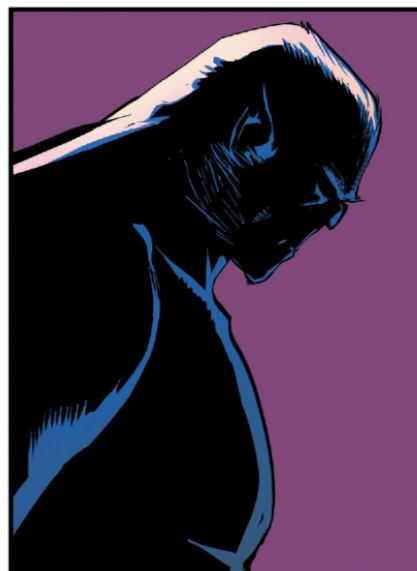
I DON'T THINK YOU DO, ORORO.

I USED TO THINK YOU DID BUT THIS IS NOT AN ACT OF LOVE.



YES, IT IS.

YES IT IS, HENRY.



HOW ON EARTH ARE YOU STANDING THERE AND ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN TO ME?

YOU-- YOU BROUGHT US HERE ON A LIE AND NOW WE CAN'T GO HOME.

ADMIT THAT AND I--I THINK YOU AND EVERYONE WILL FIND A--



I BROUGHT YOU HERE TO STOP SCOTT SUMMERS FROM CREATING MUTANT GENOCIDE!

IT WORKED.

THE MUTANT GENOCIDE DID NOT HAPPEN!



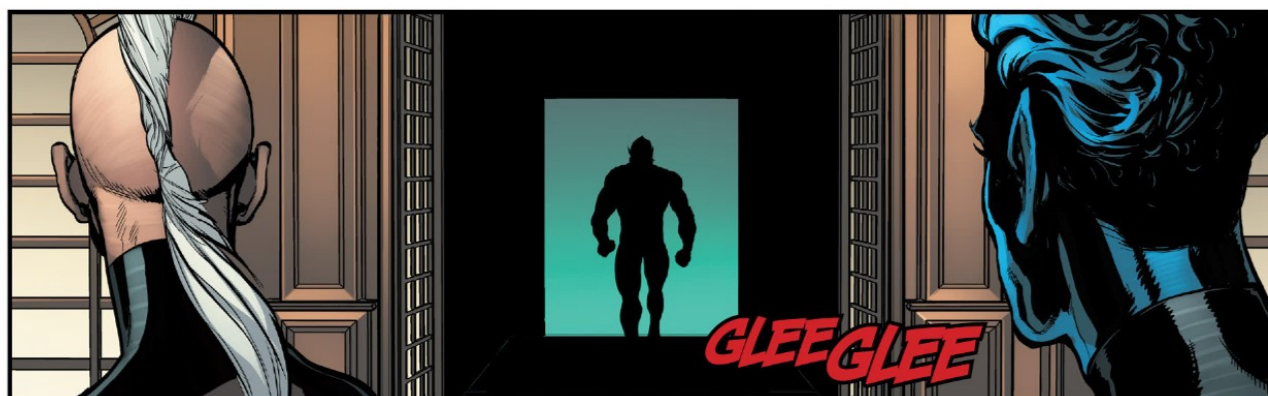
SCOTT SUMMERS.

THE MAN WHO KILLED OUR MENTOR.

THE MAN WHO HAS CAUSED A SCHISM BETWEEN US THAT WE CANNOT HEAL!

HIM YOU LET WALK FREE WHILE I HAVE TO ENDURE THIS-- THIS--

YOU'RE DOING IT AGAIN.





I'LL GO.
NO.
BUT--

DOES ANYBODY ELSE HEAR THAT?

GLEE GLEE



GLEE GLEE



WHAT?
YOU'RE BEEPING, BENJAMIN.

NO, I'M NOT.

YOU TOTALLY ARE.

GLEE GLEE



WHAT THE HELLY HELL?

GLEE GLEE

WHAT IS IT?



WHAT IS THIS?

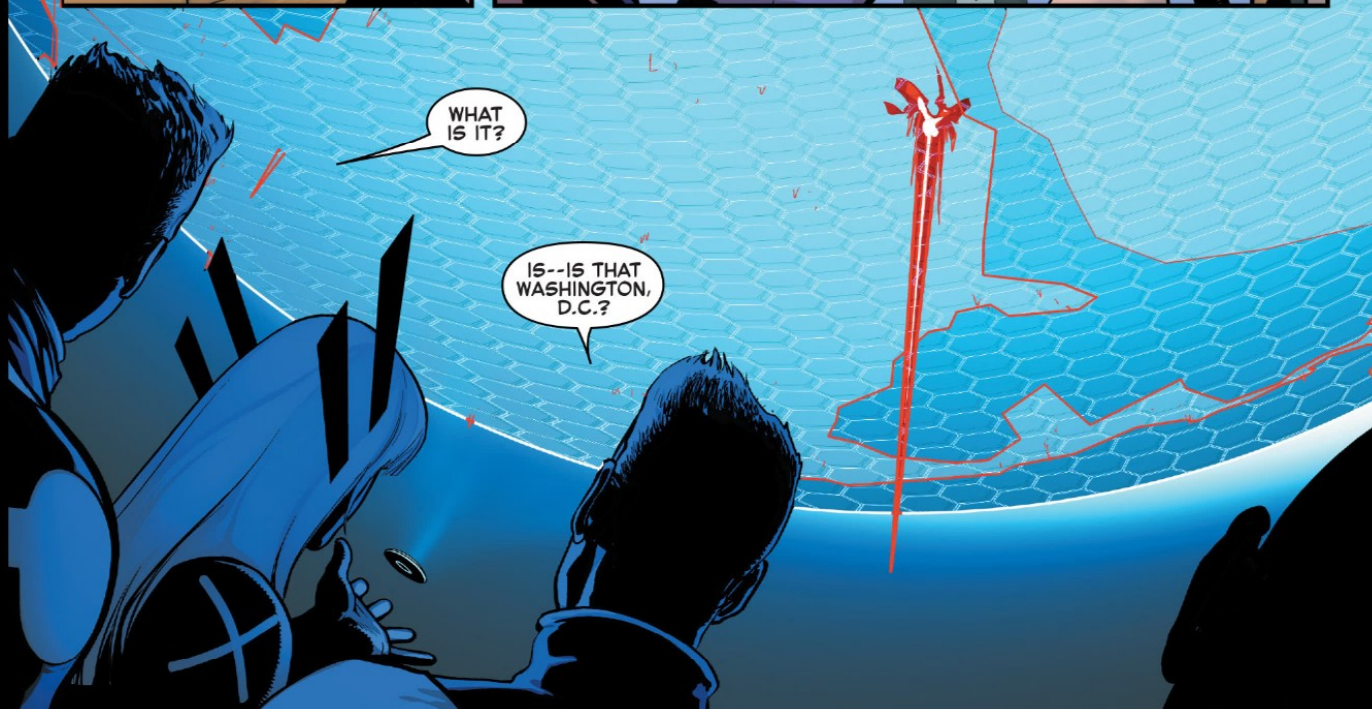
THIS ISN'T MINE.

IT'S A CEREBRO.

A CEREBRO?

IT FINDS MUTANTS.

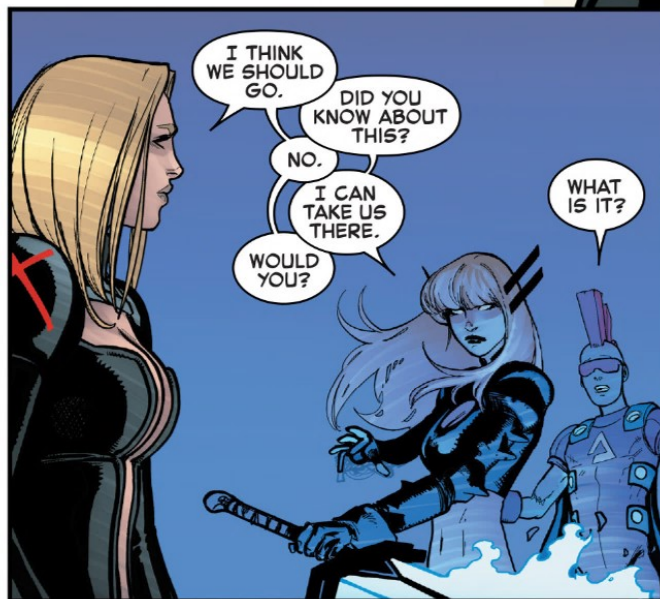
I KNOW, BUT WHAT IS IT DOING IN MY POCKET AND WHY IS IT BEEPING?



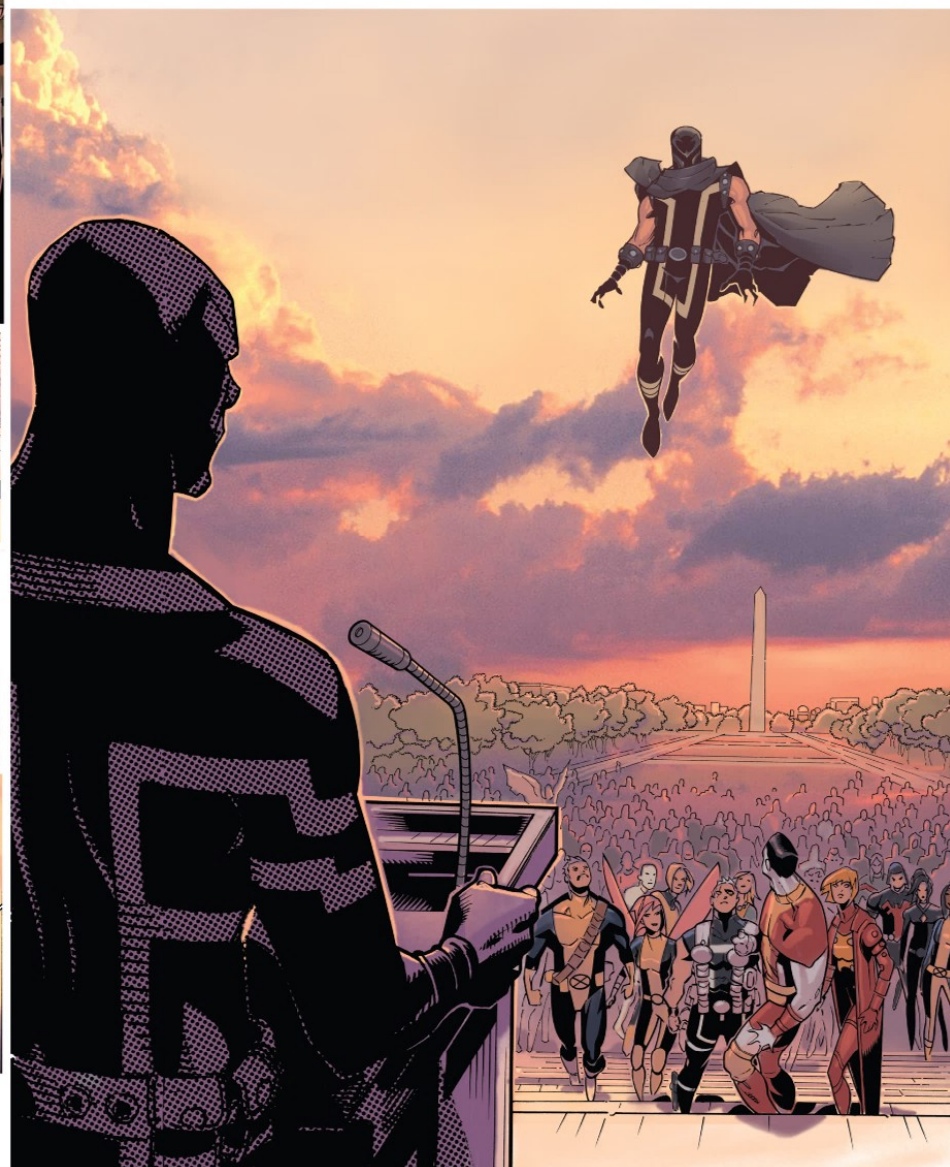
WHAT IS IT?

IS--IS THAT WASHINGTON, D.C.?

GLEE GLEE









MAGNETO--
ERIC--WE'RE
DEMONSTRATING
ONCE AND FOR
ALL WHAT
WE ARE.

AND I
REALLY DIDN'T
WANT TO DO
THIS WITHOUT
YOU.

WOULD
YOU JOIN US IN
SHOWING THE WORLD
THAT THEY HAVE
NOTHING TO FEAR
FROM US?



HE'S GETTING
AWAY WITH
THIS.

THIS DOESN'T
CHANGE
ANYTHING.

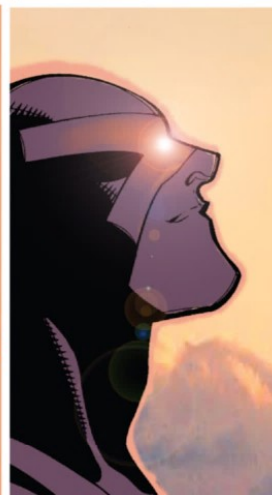
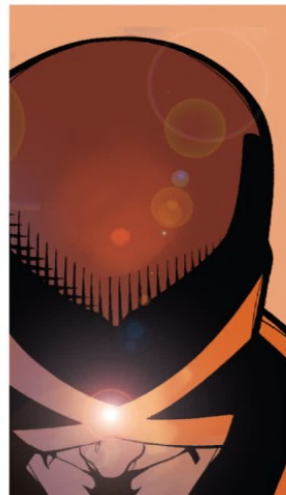
ACTUALLY,
IT KIND OF
DOES.



YOU'VE
FINALLY LOST
YOUR
MIND, SCOTT
SUMMERS.



BUT
CHARLES
XAVIER WOULD
HAVE LOVED
THIS.





AND IT WORKED.

YOU MANIPULATIVE BASTARD...



WHAT'S NEXT, DOCTOR?



WHICH ONE ARE YOU?

WHY AREN'T YOU WITH THE OTHERS?



MY NAME IS EVA BELL.

OH, YES, TIME BUBBLES.

I'M A TIME TRAVELER AS WELL.



SEEN ANYTHING INTERESTING?

ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY.

IN FACT, IN MY TRAVELS, THREE SEPARATE TIMES I WAS TOLD THERE WILL BE A TRIAL OF HENRY MCCOY AND IT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT.

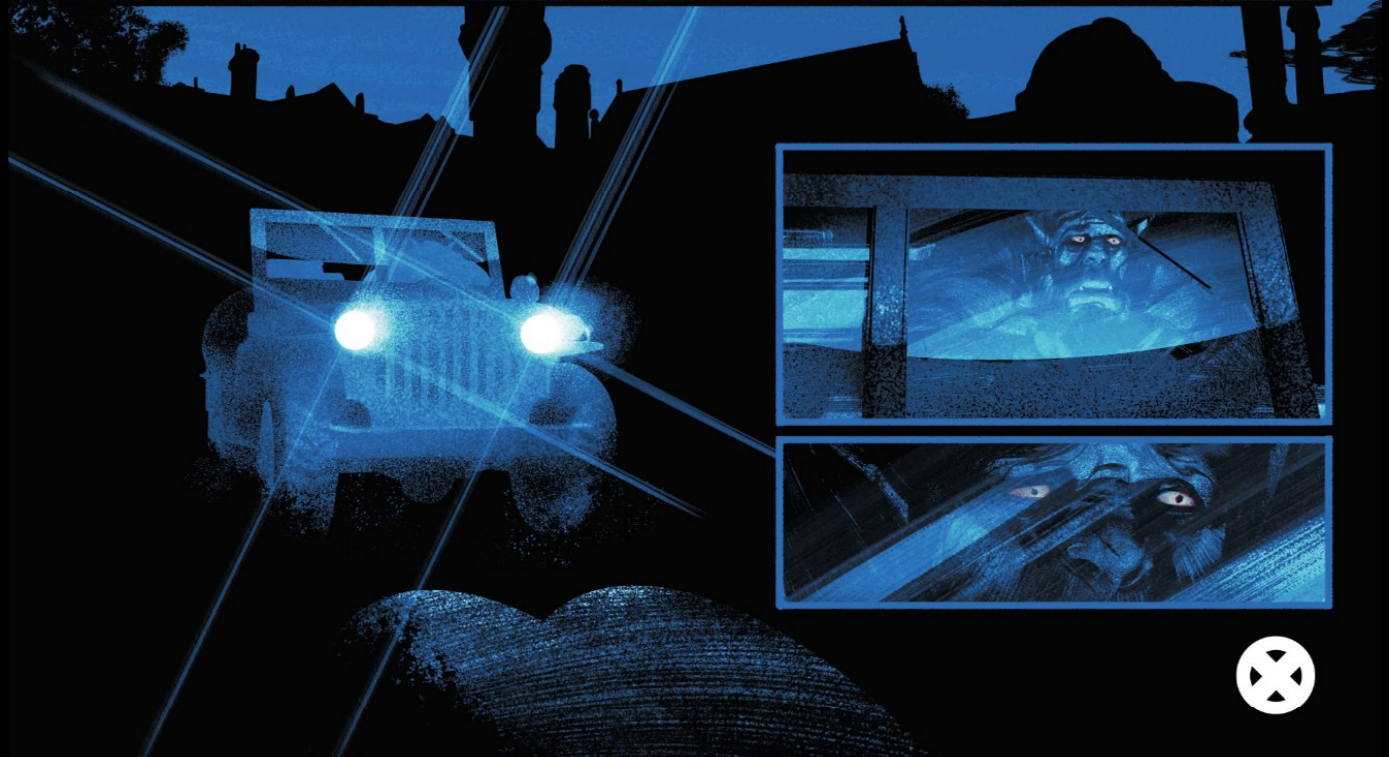
THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT YOU EXPERIENCE IT.



EXCUSE ME...

...I'VE HAD ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY.

DO YOU THINK WHAT HAPPENED TODAY WAS IT OR DO YOU THINK THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE COMING?



X-MEN GOODBYES...FOR NOW...

And finally...it is over.

At least for me. For the X-Men it is never over.

But for me, personally, what a mountain to climb. Even after all I have been lucky enough to accomplish in comics. Even after a 16-year run (and counting) on *Spider-Man*, even after the longest run on *Avengers* ever (oh, the bragging). The X-Men were a daunting task. The X-Men are a sprawling comic-book universe unto themselves. A literal cast of thousands who carry with them the long, powerful shadows of creators who have made such a profound stamp that they almost feel like part of the cast.

And the statement of the X-Men means everything to me. I am Jewish. I am the father of a multi-racial household. I have felt the pain and struggle of being judged and shunned for being different. The story Kitty Pryde tells about being Jewish in *All-New X-Men* was a true a story about myself. As true a confession as I have ever told in a comic, and I have done autobiographical comics.

The X-Men mean the world to me.

I even shaved my head to look more like Charles Xavier! Let's see Jeff Lemire do that!! :)

To have finally found my way into their world, to add mutants to the roster, to find new stories to tell with them is something I will always be insanely proud of.

The thing I will be most proud of is the artists I was honored to collaborate with. I said to anyone who would listen that the X-Men have to have the best artists working in comics

today. The X-Men I grew up on were by John Byrne, Dave Cockrum, Paul Smith, Bill Sienkiewicz, Walt Simonson, and so many more. It had to be the modern version of that. The X-Men we gave you were by Stuart Immonen, Wade von Grawbadger, Chris Bachalo, Dave Marquez, Frazer Irving, Kris Anka, Andrea Sorrentino, and so many more. As far as I am concerned: Mission Accomplished.

Thank you to Axel for handing me the gold idea of the original X-Men coming to the present to witness their own legacy and staying to change it. Thank you to all the editors who worked on the book, and there were many. To all the colorists and letterers and especially Marte Gracia who saw his star rise through the roof because of his time on this book.

And to all of you who love these characters like they are members of your family. To all of you for never having a consensus on how things "should be," who your favorite characters are, or how much of a jerk Scott Summers could and should be.

As I said when I first joined the book, I knew I was coming in with some X-notoriety. Even before I joined, I

had already coined the words "no more mutants," I had already killed Charles Xavier, I had already given Wolverine his memories back, and I broke up Scott and Emma. (NO!!!) So many of you were worried about me and I totally got that and you gave me a shot anyhow and stayed with us to the big, albeit delayed, end.

So, what now?

Well, Kitty Pryde is coming with me to *Guardians of the Galaxy* (JEWS IN SPACE!), and there are even rumors of Goldballs finding his way into *Spider-Man* (What?? No way!!) (Spoilers!!).

So I guess I'll never be fully done with the X-Men.

I do know some of the plans for these new X-books going forward and they sound AMAZING! Jeff Lemire and the gang are coming out swinging and with my darlings Mark Bagley and Humberto Ramos the legacy of gorgeousness WILL continue.

Thank you.

BENDIS!
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