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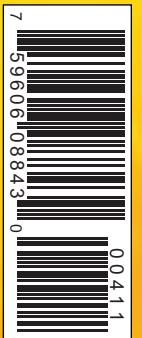
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# THE NEW MUTANTS

## DEAD SOULS

BORN WITH AN X-GENE THAT GRANTS THEM WEIRD AND UNCANNY ABILITIES, MUTANTS ARE THOUGHT TO BE THE NEXT STEP IN HUMAN EVOLUTION. XI'AN COY MANH, A DISCIPLE OF THE MUTANT ACTIVIST CHARLES XAVIER, HAS ASSEMBLED A TEAM OF UNIQUELY QUALIFIED MUTANTS LED BY ILLYANA RASPUTIN (A.K.A. MAGIK) TO INVESTIGATE THESE WEIRD AND UNCANNY PHENOMENA. ILLYANA DISCOVERED THESE RECENT SUPERNATURAL OCCURRENCES WERE CONNECTED AND THAT XI'AN'S UNDEAD BROTHER TRAN WAS INVOLVED. BEFORE SHE COULD ACT ON THIS REVELATION, A PLANE TRAN HAD COMMANDEERED CRASHED INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE – WITH ILLYANA AND RICTOR STILL INSIDE!

MEANWHILE IN CONNECTICUT, THE TECHNO-ORGANIC EXTRATERRESTRIAL KNOWN AS WARLOCK, HIMSELF A FORMER ASSOCIATE OF XI'AN'S, WAS SEQUESTERED IN A REMOTE CABIN WHEN A GROUP OF KIDS ATTACKED HIM...

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**MAGIK**  
ILLYANA RASPUTIN



**RICTOR**  
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**BOOM-BOOM**  
TABITHA SMITH



**STRONG GUY**  
GUIDO CAROSELLA



**WOLFSBANE**  
RAHNE SINCLAIR

**SOMEWHERE IN  
NORTH CAROLINA.**



RICTOR?!  
MAGIK?!

NO,  
NO,  
NO!



WHAT  
ARE YOU GUYS, LIKE,  
THE AVENGERS OR  
SOMETHING?

SOMETHING.

HEY,  
MAN, IT'S  
TOO HOT TO GO  
IN THERE!  
HEY!



AIN'T  
NOTHING  
COULD  
SURVIVE IN  
THERE.

JUST  
LET HIM  
GO.



SNIFF  
SNIFF

IS SHE...  
OKAY?



OH, FOR  
@##\$% SAKE...  
RAHNEY! COME  
BACK!

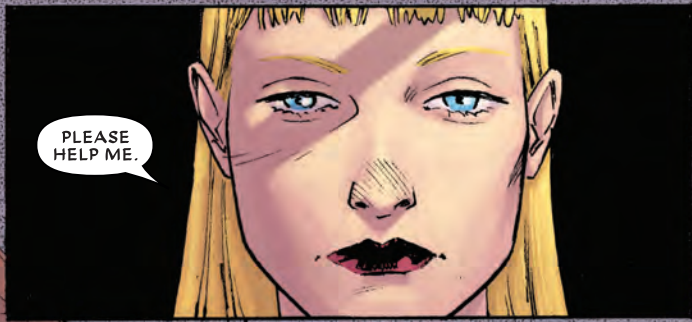


RAHNE?  
WHAT  
THE--



I  
COULDN'T SAVE  
THEM.

I  
COULDN'T SAVE  
RICTOR.



PLEASE HELP ME.

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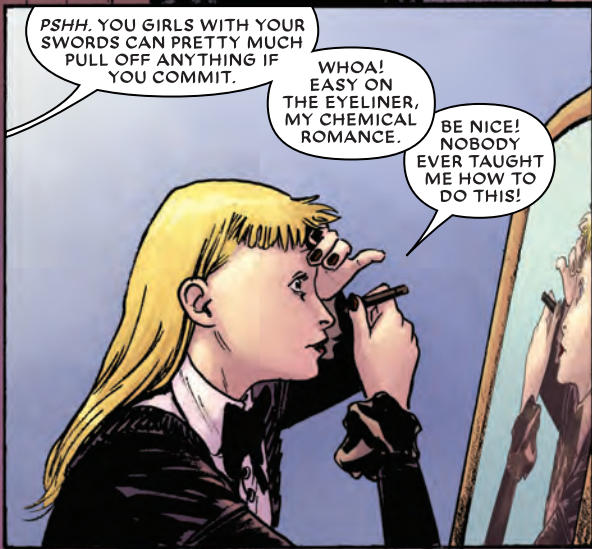
I GOT YOU.  
I NEVER GET TO SEE YOU ALL DRESSED UP. SO FANCY.



THIS IS PSYLOCKE'S DRESS, KITTY. I...BORROWED IT.

IT WOULD LOOK BETTER IF I WERE FIVE INCHES TALLER...AND A NINJA.

WELL, IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU.



PSHH. YOU GIRLS WITH YOUR SWORDS CAN PRETTY MUCH PULL OFF ANYTHING IF YOU COMMIT.

WHOA! EASY ON THE EYELINER, MY CHEMICAL ROMANCE.

BE NICE! NOBODY EVER TAUGHT ME HOW TO DO THIS!



GIVE IT. NOW LOOK UP.

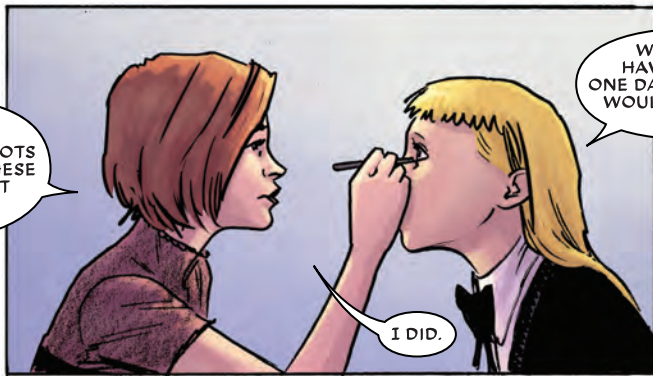
DON'T POKE ME.

I WON'T, IF YOU LOOK UP.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, KITTY.

I HATE THAT FUNERALS ALWAYS BRING US BACK TOGETHER.

REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE JUST TWO LITTLE IDIOTS RUNNING AROUND THESE HALLS, TRYING NOT TO GET IN TROUBLE?



WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT ONE DAY THESE IDIOTS WOULD BE LEADING TEAMS?

I DID.



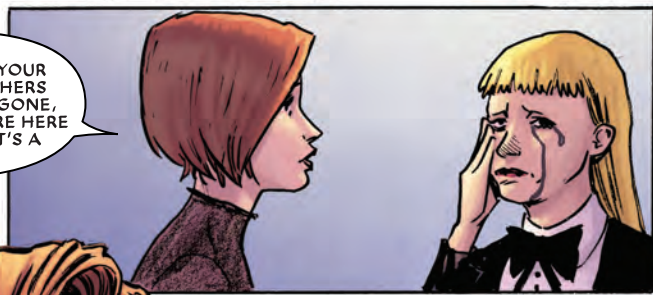
YOU WERE THE BRAVEST, TOUGHEST, SCARIEST PERSON HERE. EVEN LOGAN WAS INTIMIDATED.

FROM THE FIRST TIME I MET YOU, I KNEW YOU'D BE A GREAT TEAM LEADER ONE DAY.



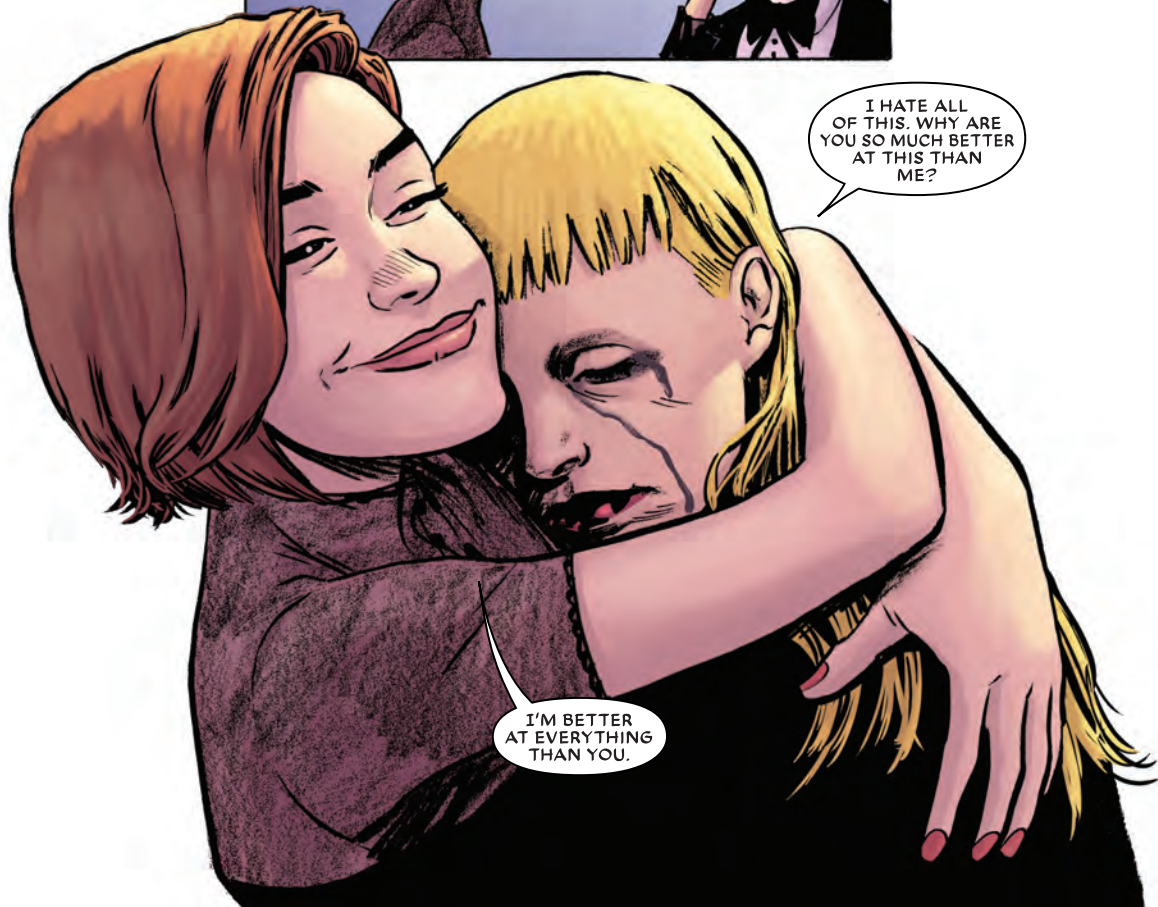
BUT I'M NOT.

I LOST A MEMBER OF MY TEAM, KITTY. I LET HIM DIE.



BUT YOU'RE STILL HERE FOR YOUR TEAM. WHEN OTHERS WOULD BE LONG GONE, YOU STAYED. YOU'RE HERE FOR THEM. THAT'S A LEADER.

I HATE ALL OF THIS. WHY ARE YOU SO MUCH BETTER AT THIS THAN ME?



I'M BETTER AT EVERYTHING THAN YOU.