

X-MEN



STORM



RACHEL GREY



PSYLOCKE



MONET



JUBILEE



BEAST

PREVIOUSLY...

ALERTED TO A SUSPICIOUS SUPER-STORM IN THE BLACKROCK DESERT BY THEIR TEAMMATE GAMBIT, THE X-MEN WENT TO INVESTIGATE. BUT WHEN TEAM LEADER STORM ATTEMPTED TO QUELL THE NATURAL DISASTER WITH HER MUTANT ABILITIES, SHE WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE PHENOMENA AND PULLED DOWN INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH. AS THE OTHER X-MEN RACED TO HER AID, BEAST AND JUBILEE MADE A DISCOVERY OF THEIR OWN BACK AT THE JEAN GREY SCHOOL IN WESTCHESTER: KRAKOA, THE MUTANT PLANT ORGANISM THAT COMPRISES THE SCHOOL GROUNDS, HAS MYSTERIOUSLY FALLEN ILL.

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WHEN I THINK OF MYSELF AS *PSYLOCKE* INSTEAD OF *BETSY*, SOMETIMES I GET *OVERCONFIDENT*. SOMEBODY CALLED *PSYLOCKE* OBVIOUSLY KNOWS WHAT THE SCORE IS AT ALL TIMES.

AT THE BEGINNING, I ASSUMED THIS WOULD BE ONE OF THOSE *STRAIGHTFORWARD* MISSIONS.



WE GO IN, WE GET *STORM*. WE GET OUT. WHAT COULD BE EASIER.

HHNGH!

WOMP



YES, THERE HAD BEEN A GIANT, INEXPLICABLE *SUPERCELL*, A HOLE IN THE GROUND *OUTGASSING HYDROGEN*, BUT FOR US, THAT'S BASICALLY *TUESDAY*.



IT WAS ONLY AFTER WE'D CLIMBED DOWN FORTY FEET THAT WE REALIZED...

GUYS--



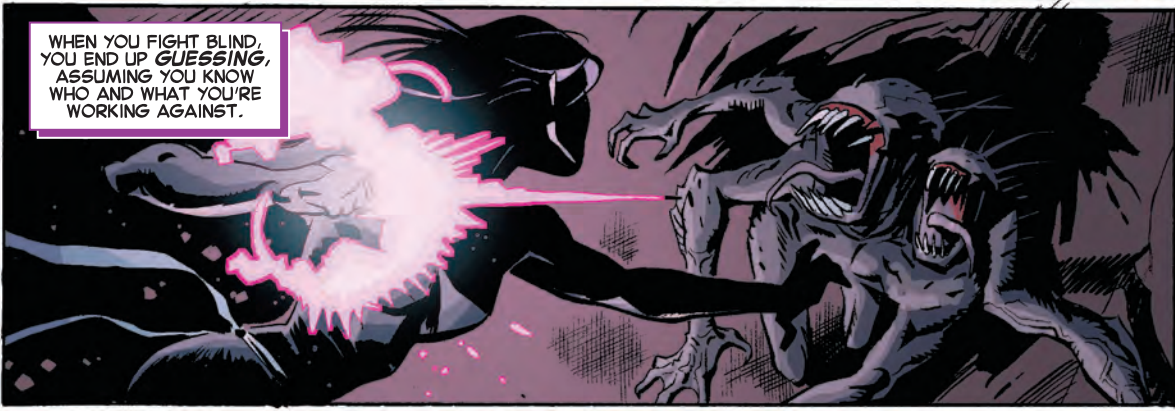
WE HAD NO *IDEA* WHAT WE WERE REALLY GETTING INTO.

UGH!



YOU CAN'T
FIGHT WHAT YOU
CAN'T SEE.

WHEN YOU FIGHT BLIND,
YOU END UP *GUESSING*,
ASSUMING YOU KNOW
WHO AND WHAT YOU'RE
WORKING AGAINST.

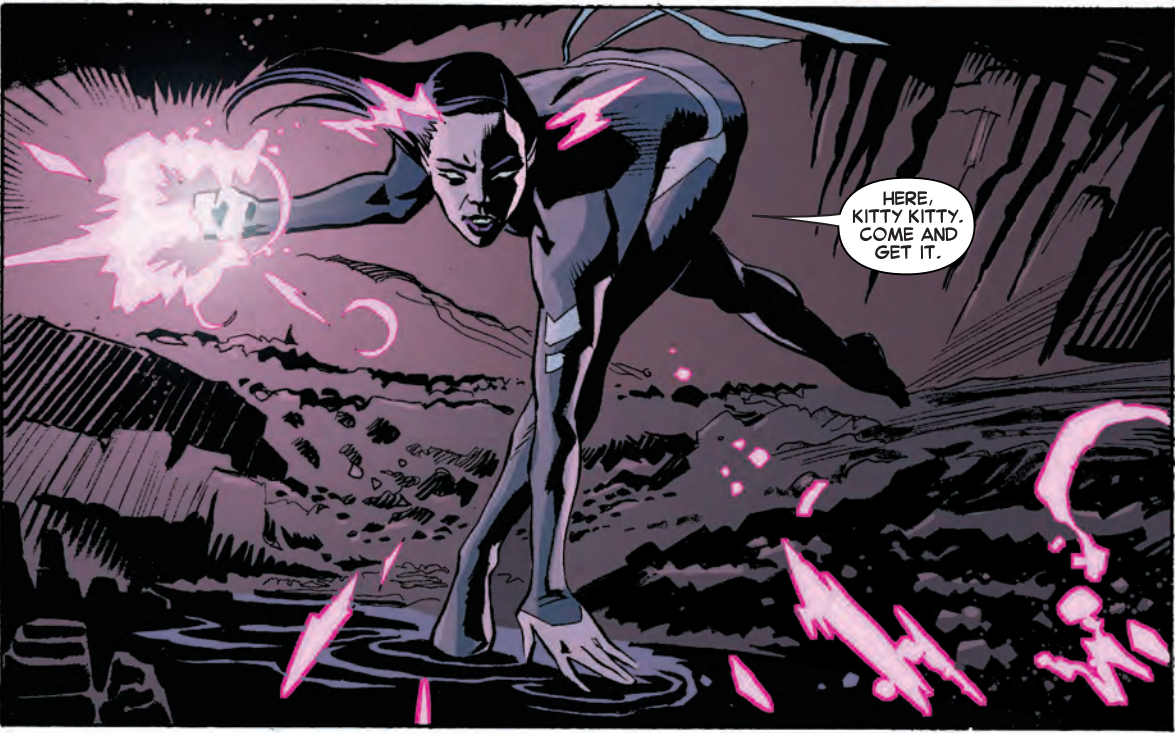


CROAAK!

SOMETIMES,
YOU GUESS
RIGHT, AND
THE FIGHT
IS OVER.



HERE,
KITTY KITTY.
COME AND
GET IT.



SOMETIMES, YOU
GUESS *WRONG*, AND
YOU MAKE AN EVEN
BIGGER MESS THAN
THE ONE YOU
STARTED WITH.

