

MARVEL COMICS PROUDLY PRESENTS:

# DAMAGE PER SECOND

PART 4 OF 4

WHEN A STRANGE TERRIGEN MIST DESCENDED UPON JERSEY CITY, KAMALA KHAN WAS IMBUED WITH POLYMORPH POWERS. USING HER NEW ABILITIES TO FIGHT EVIL AND PROTECT JERSEY CITY, SHE BECAME THE ALL-NEW **MS. MARVEL**.

FOLLOWING A DISPUTE IN THE SUPER HERO COMMUNITY THAT LEFT KAMALA MISSING BOTH HER MENTOR AND HER BEST FRIEND, SHE'S FOUND COMFORT IN HER FAVORITE ONLINE GAME, WORLD OF BATTLECRAFT--UNTIL NOW.

SOMEHOW BATTLECRAFT HAS BEEN HACKED BY A LIVING COMPUTER VIRUS CALLED DOC.X, WHICH CAN ACCESS USERS' PERSONAL INFORMATION. LIKE...REALLY PERSONAL. IT KNOWS MS. MARVEL'S SECRET IDENTITY AND IS BLACKMAILING HER AND HER FRIEND ZOE.

BUT WHEN KAMALA REFUSES TO COOPERATE, ZOE'S SECRETS ARE PLUNGED INTO THE OPEN...

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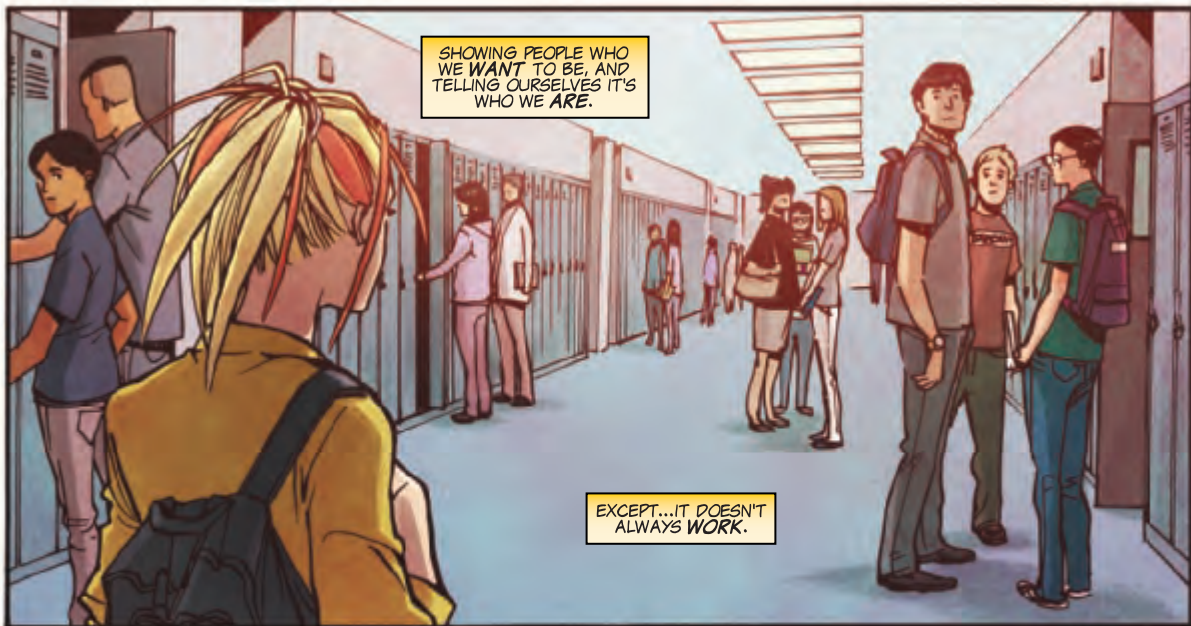
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IN A WORLD  
WITHOUT  
SECRETS, WE'RE  
ALWAYS  
PERFORMING.

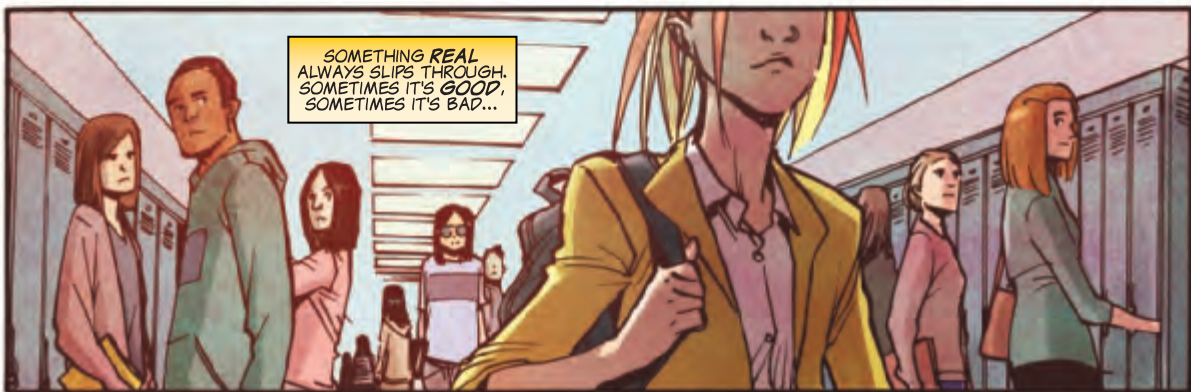






SHOWING PEOPLE WHO WE WANT TO BE, AND TELLING OURSELVES IT'S WHO WE ARE.

EXCEPT...IT DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK.



SOMETHING REAL ALWAYS SLIPS THROUGH. SOMETIMES IT'S GOOD, SOMETIMES IT'S BAD...



...BUT ALL THE TIME, IT'S PERSONAL.

WHICH MEANS WE HAVE TO FACE NOT ONLY EACH OTHER, BUT OURSELVES.



THE THINGS WE ONLY DREAMED ABOUT, THE THINGS WE NEVER MEANT TO SAY ALOUD...

"...sweet Nakia, the way you walk, with such beauty and purpose, makes me tingle all over..."

Aw man, I feel the tingling! I feel it!

SUDDENLY, IT'S ALL PUBLIC PROPERTY.

OMG! Have you guys seen the "Zoe's Love Letters to Nakia: The Supercut" video on MeTube?!



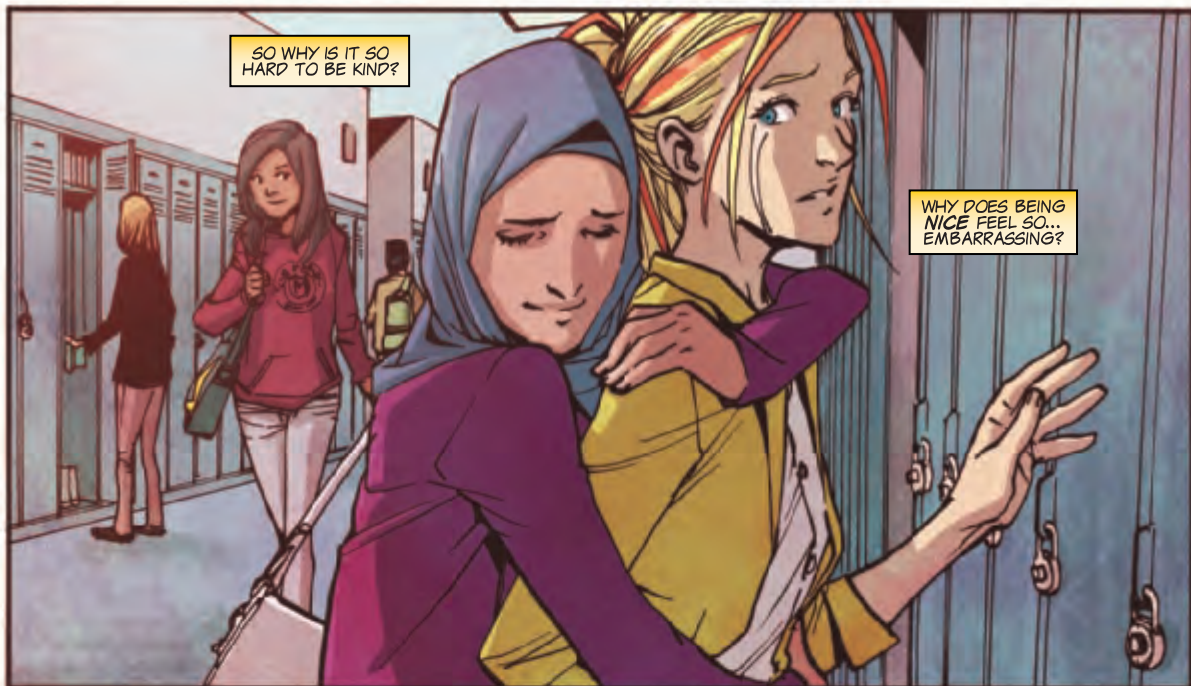
ON DISPLAY, NO LONGER OURS.

WE ALL HAVE SECRET IDENTITIES.

SECRET IDENTITIES, BUT NO SECRETS.

AND IT SUCKS.



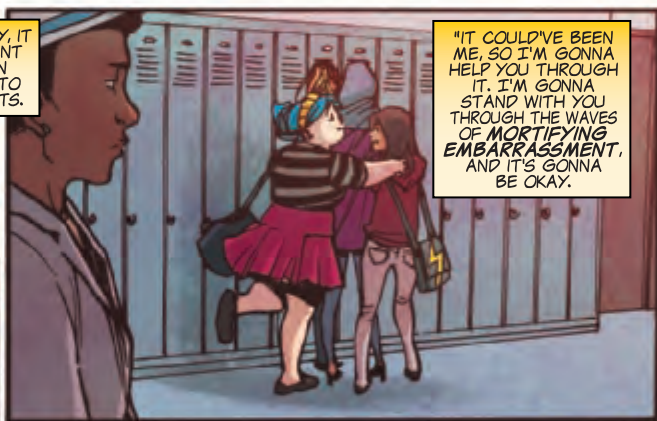


SO WHY IS IT SO HARD TO BE KIND?

WHY DOES BEING NICE FEEL SO... EMBARRASSING?



WHY CAN'T WE JUST SAY, "HEY, IT COULD'VE BEEN ME. I'VE SENT THOSE EMAILS. I'VE TAKEN THOSE SELFIES. I'VE TRIED TO HIDE STUFF FROM MY PARENTS."

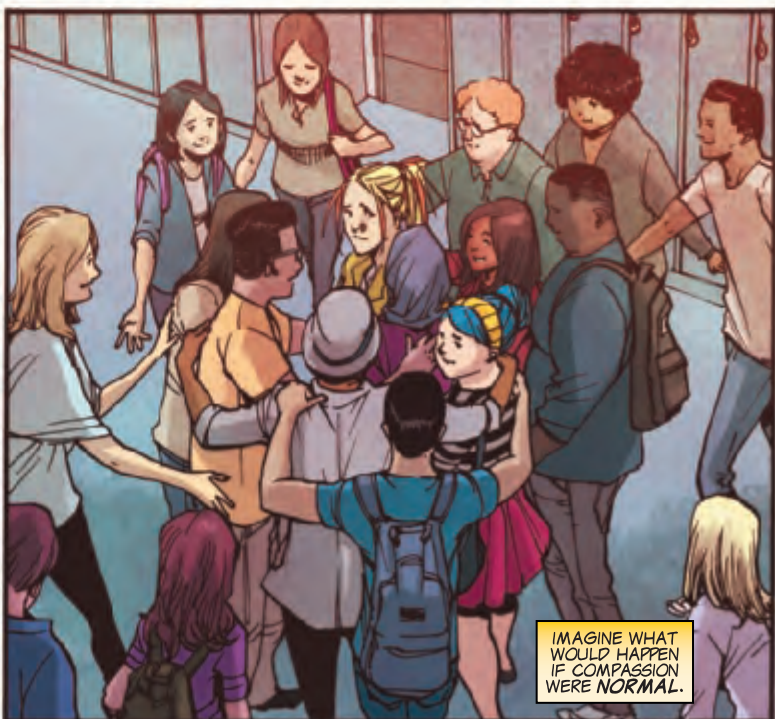


"IT COULD'VE BEEN ME, SO I'M GONNA HELP YOU THROUGH IT. I'M GONNA STAND WITH YOU THROUGH THE WAVES OF MORTIFYING EMBARRASSMENT, AND IT'S GONNA BE OKAY."



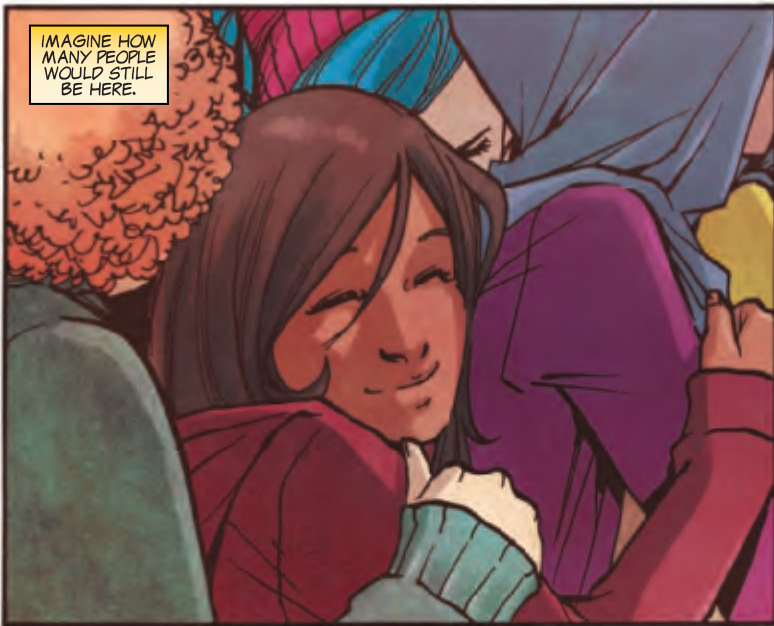
"IT'S GONNA BE OKAY, BECAUSE WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT OKAY!"

Long, dramatic sigh.



IMAGINE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF COMPASSION WERE NORMAL.





IMAGINE HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD STILL BE HERE.



IMAGINE THAT.

Okay, I've used up my feels!  
Let me *out*, please!



I hear Mr. Chu is out sick and that lady with the *cat purse* who lets everybody "study quietly" is subbing in.

Oh y-yeah?

Yup. So I brought Cherry Coke and Settlers of Catan.



IF ZOE CAN BE THIS BRAVE TO PROTECT HER CITY AND HER FRIENDS...

...THE LEAST MS. MARVEL CAN DO IS HAVE HER BACK.