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RECENTLY, BOBBY DRAKE, A.K.A. ICEMAN, RESCUED AN EMERGENT MUTANT NAMED ZACH AND BROUGHT HIM TO THE XAVIER INSTITUTE FOR MUTANT EDUCATION AND OUTREACH. HAVING TROUBLE ADAPTING TO NEW YORK CITY AND THE ACADEMIC RIGORS OF THE INSTITUTE, ZACH FELL IN LEAGUE WITH DAKEN, THE AMORAL SON OF WOLVERINE.

MEANWHILE, BOBBY HAS STRUGGLED FOR WEEKS WITH FINDING THE RIGHT WAY TO COME OUT TO HIS PARENTS AND HAS CHOSEN THE DIRECT APPROACH...

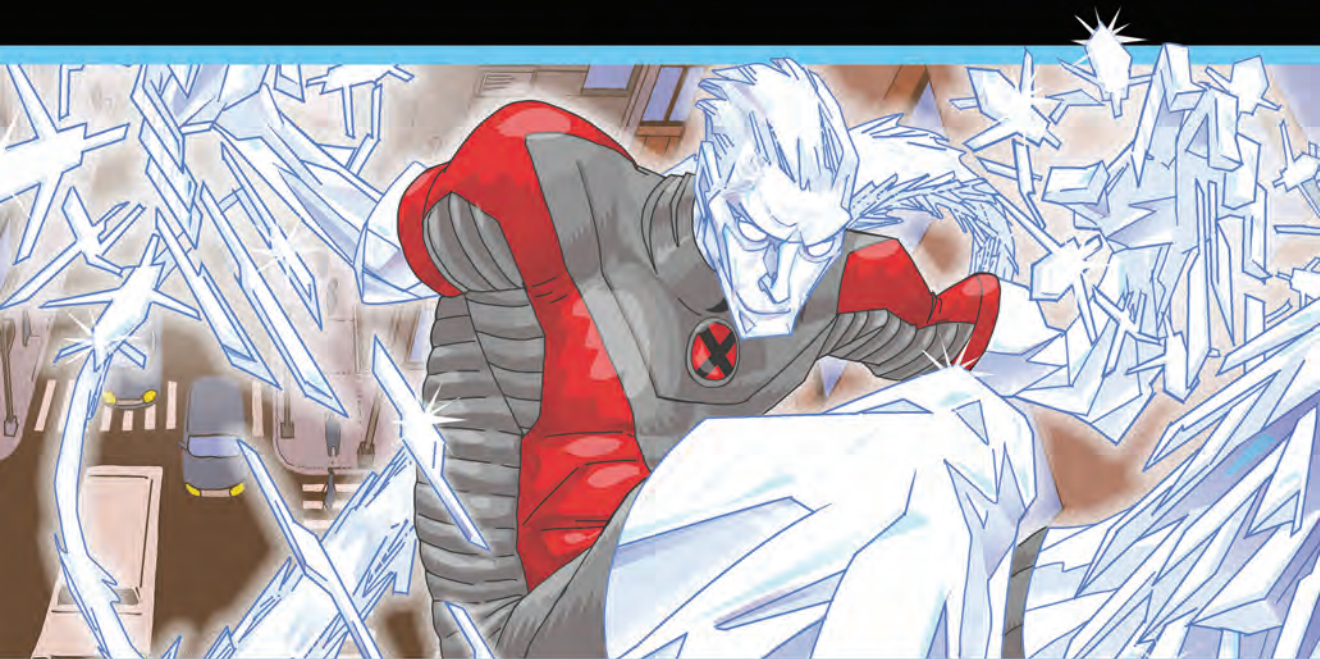
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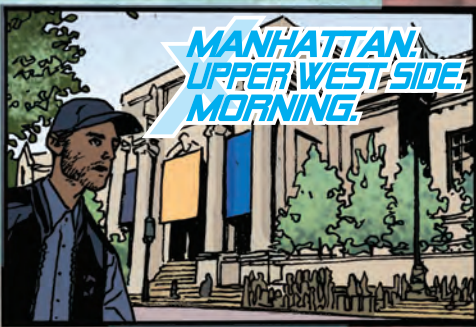
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I CAN'T BELIEVE JESSE HAS A NEW GIRL NOW.

WHATEVER, I MADE OUT WITH, LIKE, TWO GUYS LAST NIGHT.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I WAS CRUSHING SO HARD ON HIM.



WHAT THE--
THOOOOOON!

'SCUSE ME, LADIES...



WHICH WAY TO THE TURTLE POND?

THE XAVIER INSTITUTE.

YER KIDDING ME.

I'M GAY.

DUDE FOR DUDE.

I WANT TO GO ON DATES WITH MEN.

OH, GOODNESS...



WHAT KIND OF STUPID QUESTION IS THAT?

BECAUSE I THOUGHT, "HEY, GENIUS IDEA: LET'S MAKE LIFE MORE INTERESTING" AND TURNED IT ON WITH A SWITCH?

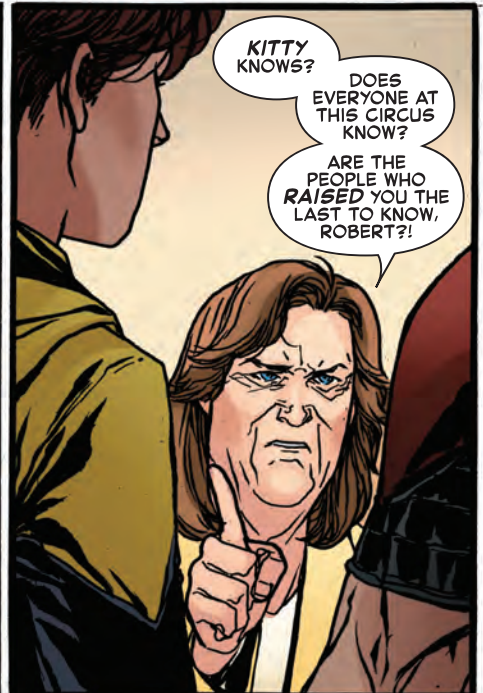


DON'T TALK TO YOUR FATHER LIKE THAT!

IF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE, THEN--

THERE IS NO "IF," MOM!

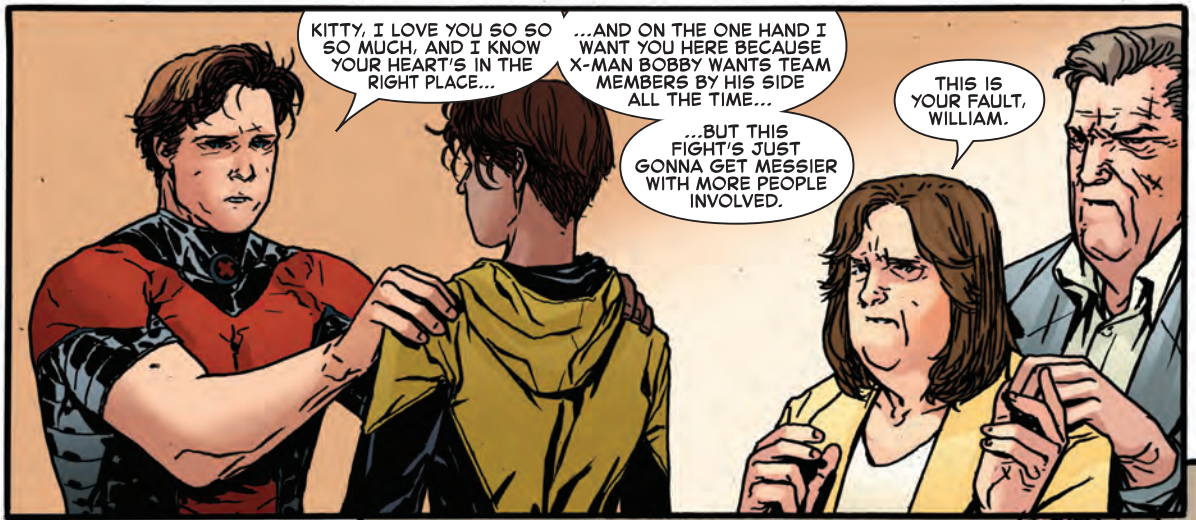
IT'S A LOT TO ABSORB, I UNDERSTAND. IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO ADJUST--



KITTY KNOWS?

DOES EVERYONE AT THIS CIRCUS KNOW?

ARE THE PEOPLE WHO RAISED YOU THE LAST TO KNOW, ROBERT?!

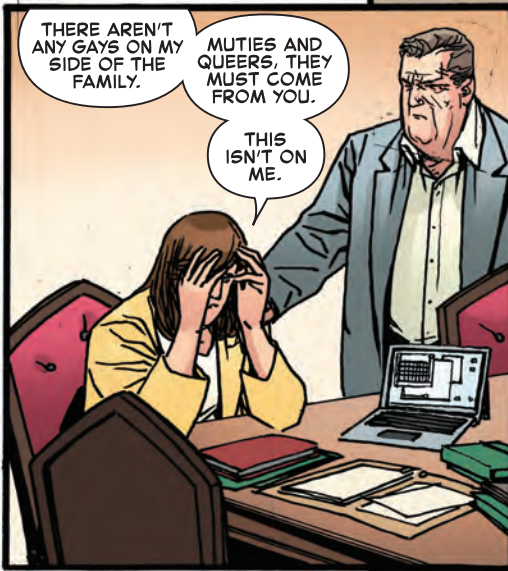


KITTY, I LOVE YOU SO SO SO MUCH, AND I KNOW YOUR HEART'S IN THE RIGHT PLACE...

...AND ON THE ONE HAND I WANT YOU HERE BECAUSE X-MAN BOBBY WANTS TEAM MEMBERS BY HIS SIDE ALL THE TIME...

...BUT THIS FIGHT'S JUST GONNA GET MESSIER WITH MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED.

THIS IS YOUR FAULT, WILLIAM.



THERE AREN'T ANY GAYS ON MY SIDE OF THE FAMILY.

MUTIES AND QUEERS, THEY MUST COME FROM YOU.

THIS ISN'T ON ME.



YOU'RE BOTH ACTING LIKE IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD...

YOU'VE SEEN ME RISK MY LIFE TIME AND TIME AGAIN, AND THIS IS SPARKING A BIGGER REACTION THAN ANY WAR I'VE EVER FOUGHT.

'CUZ THIS TIME YOU'RE ACTUALLY DEAD.



AAAAAND I'M OUT.

WHAT WAS THAT?



YOU HEARD ME.

WHAT ARE YOU TO US NOW? YOU'RE NOT GIVING US GRANDKIDS, YOU WANNA TOUCH OTHER MEN, YOU'RE NEVER GONNA LEAVE THIS STUPID SCHOOL AND GROW UP TO HAVE YOUR OWN LIFE.

SO WHERE'S THE BOBBY DRAKE WE RAISED?



OUR SON'S DEAD.

THE ICEMAN WINS.