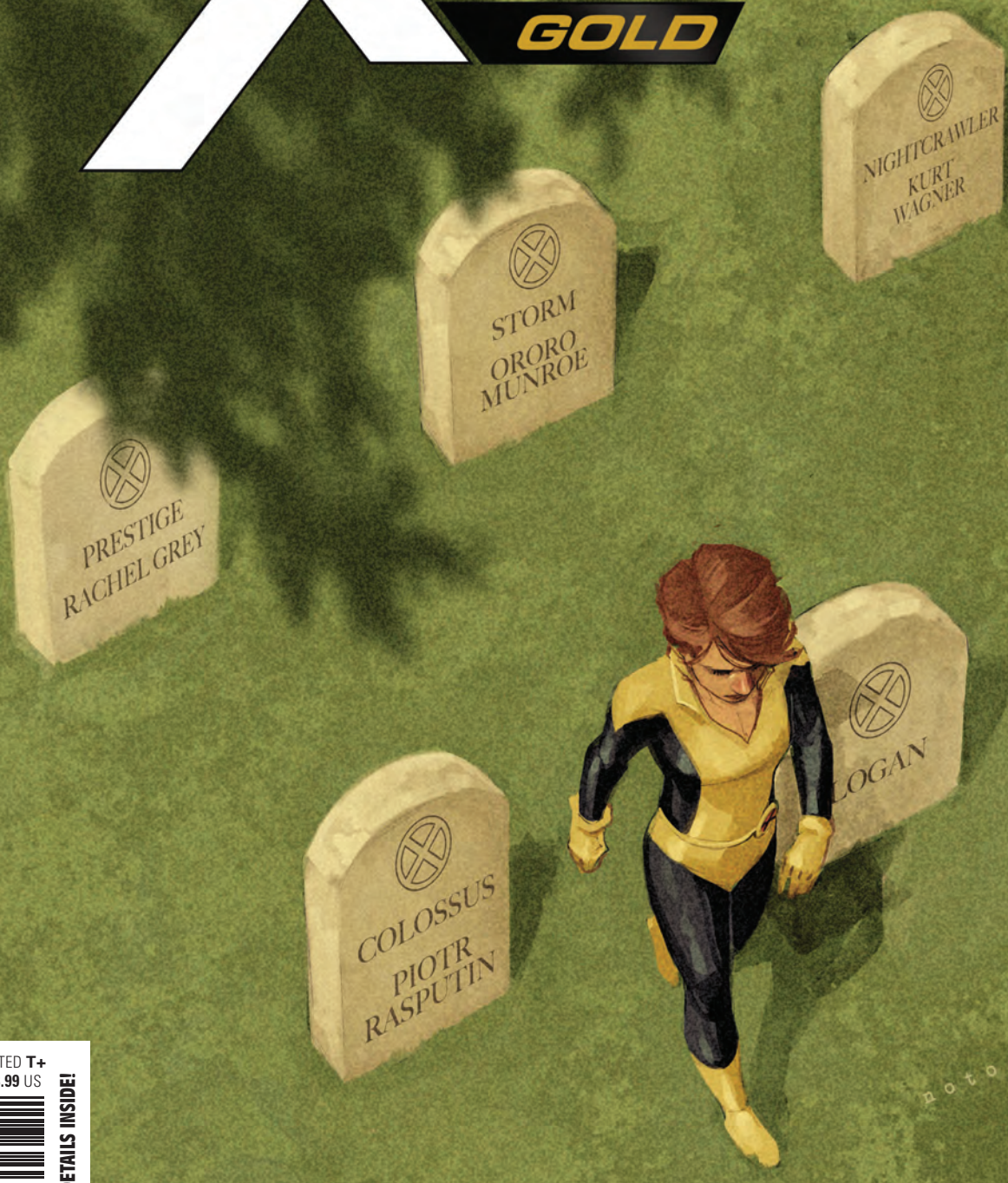


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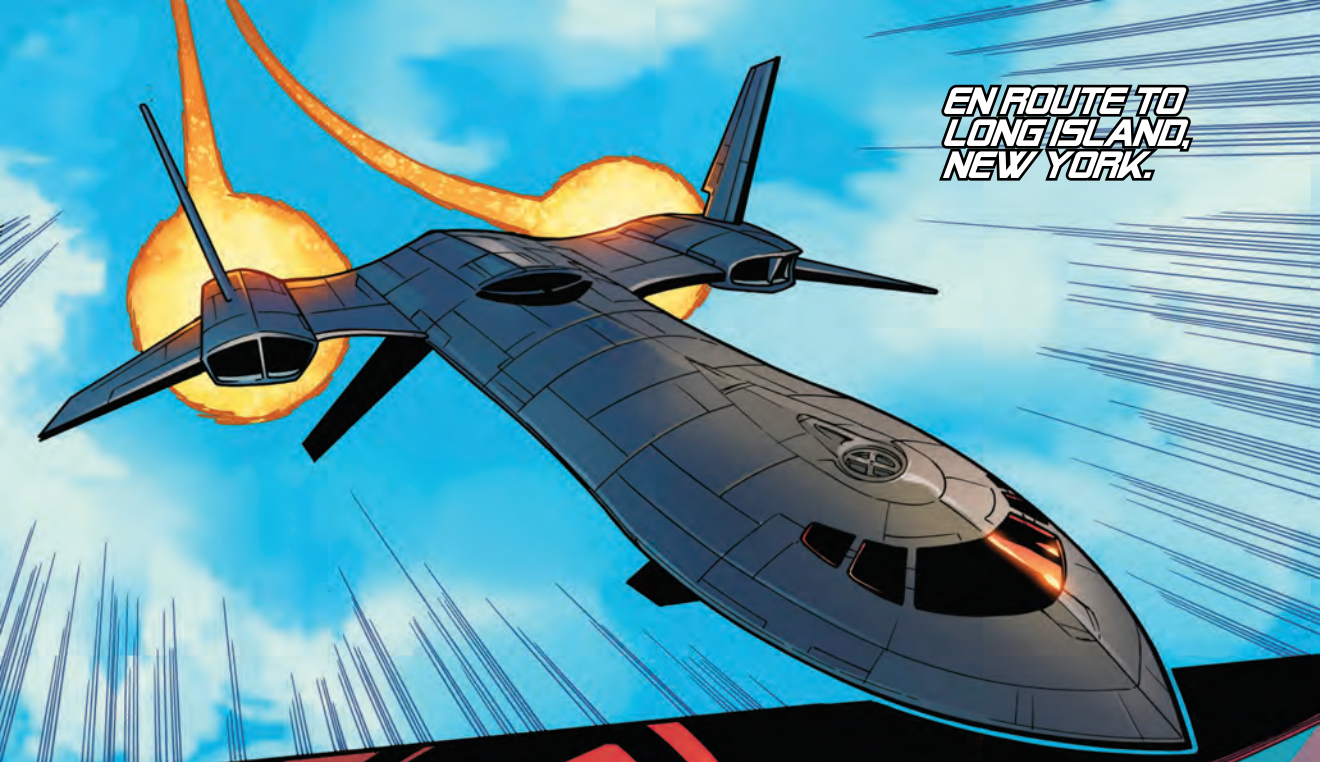
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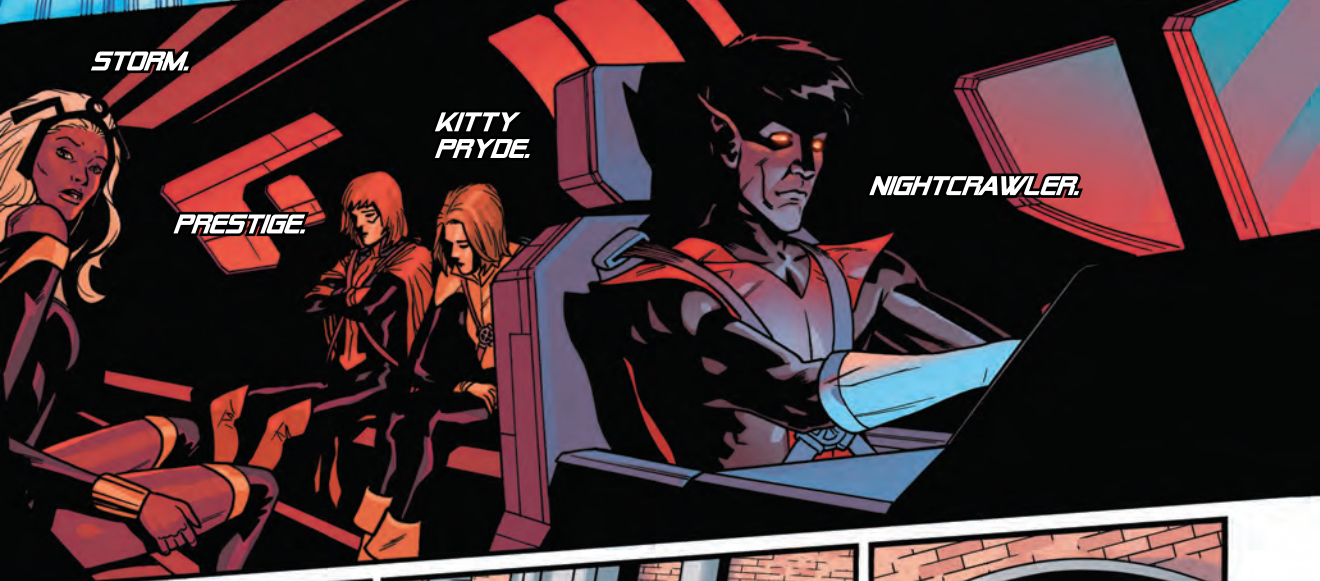


**STORM.**

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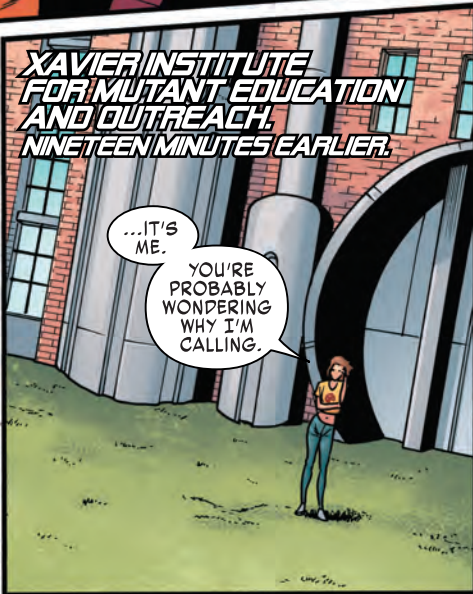
**NIGHTCRAWLER.**



"PETER..."



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AND OUTREACH.  
NINETEEN MINUTES EARLIER.**



...IT'S  
ME.

YOU'RE  
PROBABLY  
WONDERING  
WHY I'M  
CALLING.

WHICH  
WOULD MAKE  
TWO OF US.

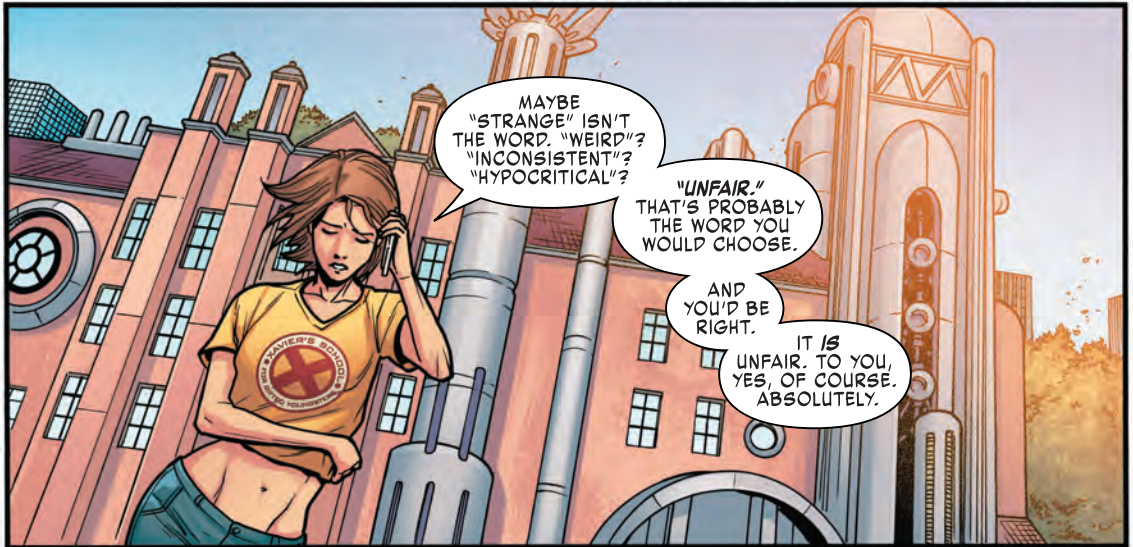




BUT I GUESS I JUST WANTED TO HEAR YOUR VOICE.

EVEN IF IT'S ON YOUR OUTGOING VOICEMAIL MESSAGE.

AND, YES, I'M ACUTELY AWARE OF HOW STRANGE IT IS TO CALL OFF OUR WEDDING AND STILL WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE.



MAYBE "STRANGE" ISN'T THE WORD. "WEIRD"? "INCONSISTENT"? "HYPOCRITICAL"?

"UNFAIR." THAT'S PROBABLY THE WORD YOU WOULD CHOOSE.

AND YOU'D BE RIGHT.

IT IS UNFAIR. TO YOU, YES, OF COURSE. ABSOLUTELY.



BUT ALSO TO ME.

THIS IS HAPPENING TO ME TOO, PETER...



...AND IT HURTS. MAYBE NOT AS BAD AS IT HURTS YOU-- MAYBE I DON'T HAVE THAT RIGHT--BUT IT HURTS.

END OF MESSAGE.



OH... KATYA.

**THE DANGER ROOM.  
THAT SAME MOMENT.**

SO, RACHEL,  
BEEN MEANING TO  
ASK--WHY'D YOU  
PITCH THE OTHER  
UNIFORM?

**ICEMAN!**

**ARMOR.**

IT'S NOT  
OBVIOUS,  
BOBBY? THE  
COSTUME CHANGE  
WAS BECAUSE  
MESMERO  
WAS IN HER  
HEAD.

IS IT ANY  
WONDER SHE'D  
WANT TO BURN  
THE THING?

**PYRO.**

DID YOU  
SERIOUSLY  
BURN IT? I  
COULD'VE  
HELPED.

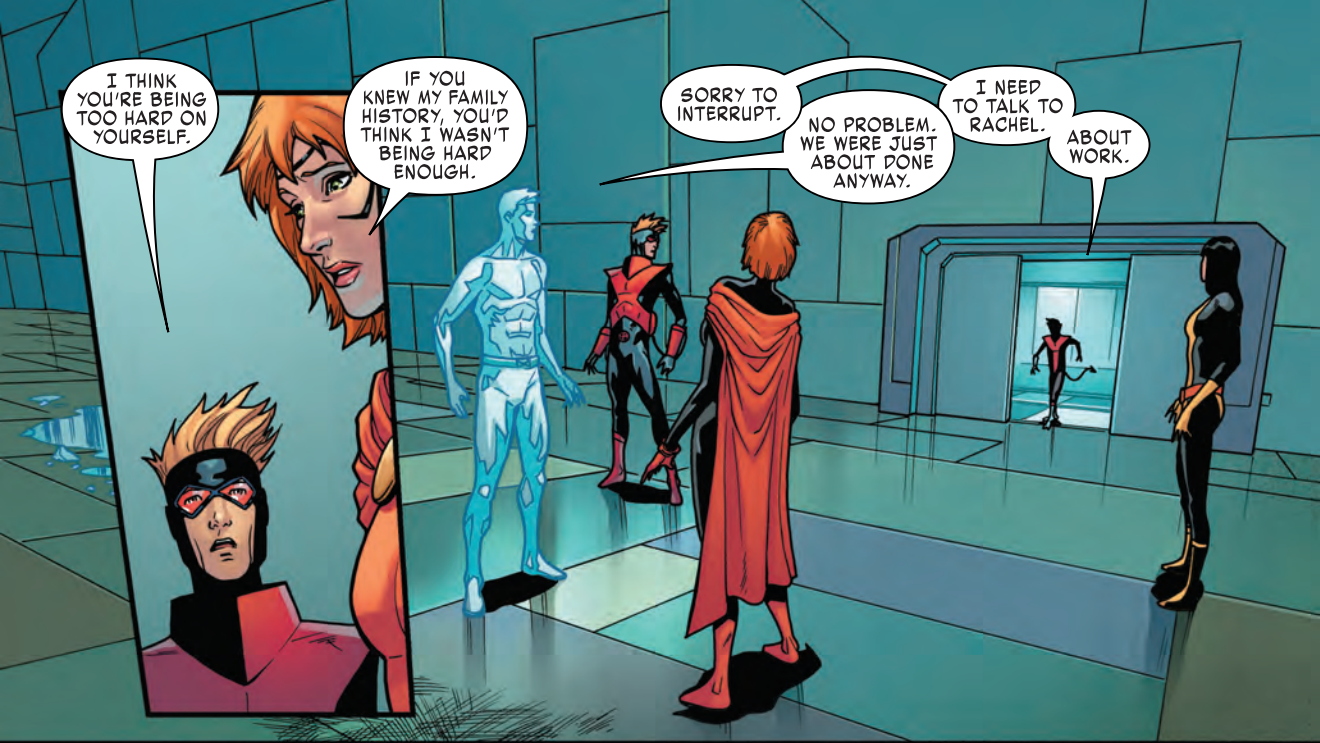
IT'S  
NOT THAT  
SIMPLE.  
NOWHERE  
NEAR  
CLOSE.

I NEARLY  
KILLED THE  
THREE OF YOU.  
AND ORORO. AND  
KITTY. AND  
SCOTT.

BECAUSE  
MESMERO  
WAS MESSING  
WITH YOU.

WHICH HE  
COULD ONLY  
DO BECAUSE  
I LET HIM.

"I'M SORRY!"  
DOESN'T EVEN  
SCRATCH THE  
SURFACE OF WHAT  
I'M FEELING.



I THINK YOU'RE BEING TOO HARD ON YOURSELF.

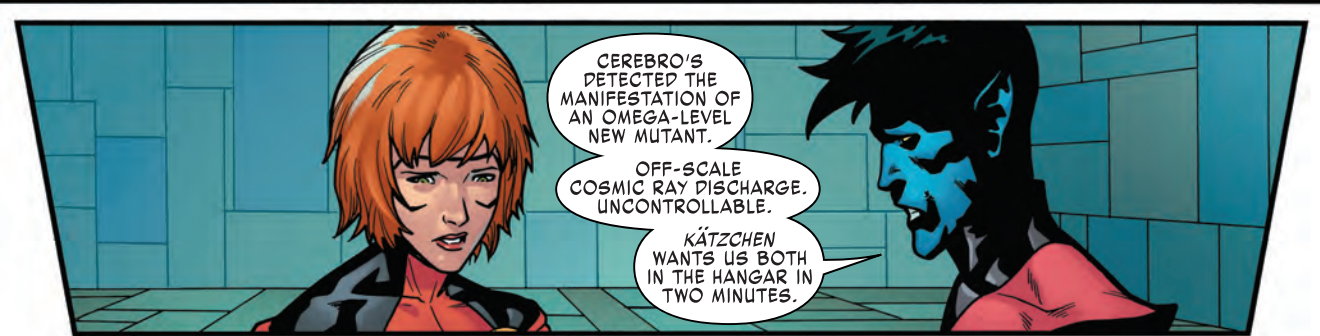
IF YOU KNEW MY FAMILY HISTORY, YOU'D THINK I WASN'T BEING HARD ENOUGH.

SORRY TO INTERRUPT.

NO PROBLEM. WE WERE JUST ABOUT DONE ANYWAY.

I NEED TO TALK TO RACHEL.

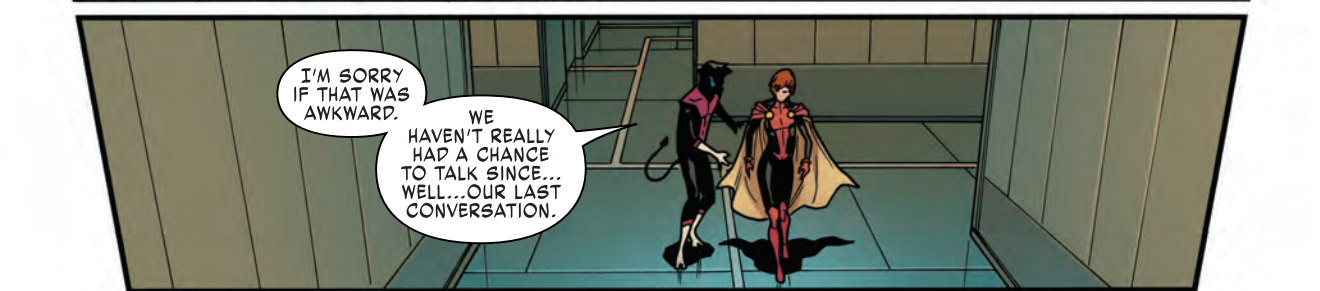
ABOUT WORK.



CEREBRO'S DETECTED THE MANIFESTATION OF AN OMEGA-LEVEL NEW MUTANT.

OFF-SCALE COSMIC RAY DISCHARGE. UNCONTROLLABLE.

KÄTZCHEN WANTS US BOTH IN THE HANGAR IN TWO MINUTES.



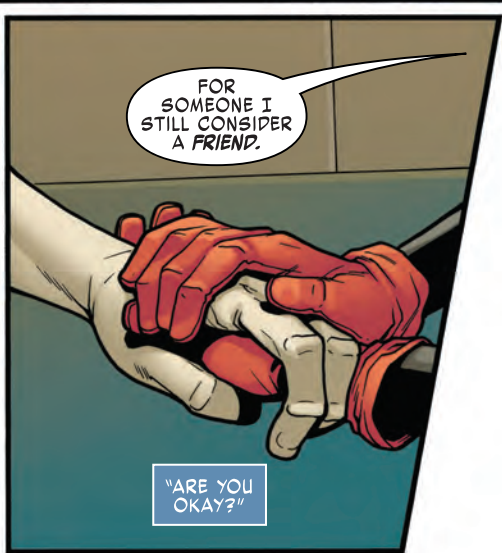
I'M SORRY IF THAT WAS AWKWARD.

WE HAVEN'T REALLY HAD A CHANCE TO TALK SINCE... WELL...OUR LAST CONVERSATION.



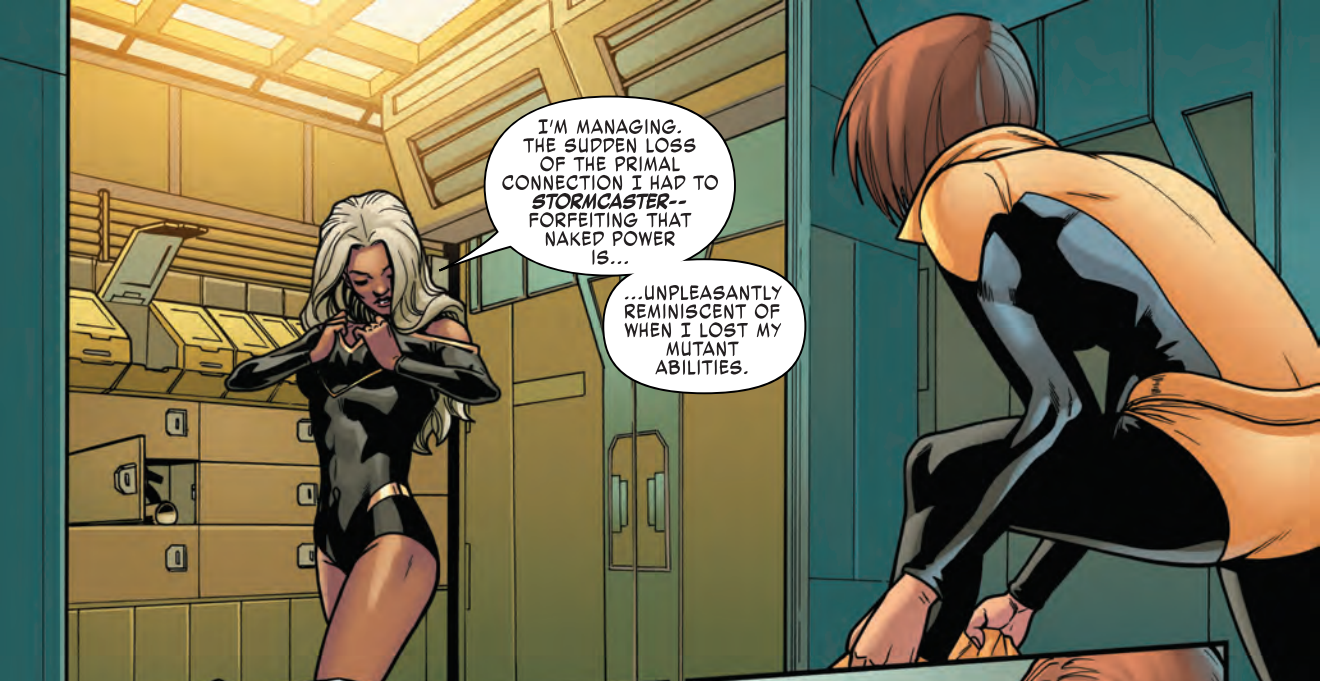
I KNOW. I'M SORRY. ARE YOU OKAY?

FOR A MAN WHOSE HEART IS BROKEN, YOU MEAN?



FOR SOMEONE I STILL CONSIDER A FRIEND.

"ARE YOU OKAY?"

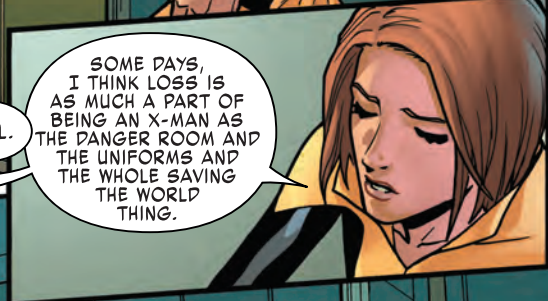
A woman with long white hair, Storm, stands in a locker room. She is wearing a black and gold bodysuit. She has her hands clasped in front of her chest and looks thoughtful.

I'M MANAGING. THE SUDDEN LOSS OF THE PRIMAL CONNECTION I HAD TO **STORMCASTER**-- FORFEITING THAT NAKED POWER IS...

...UNPLEASANTLY REMINISCENT OF WHEN I LOST MY MUTANT ABILITIES.

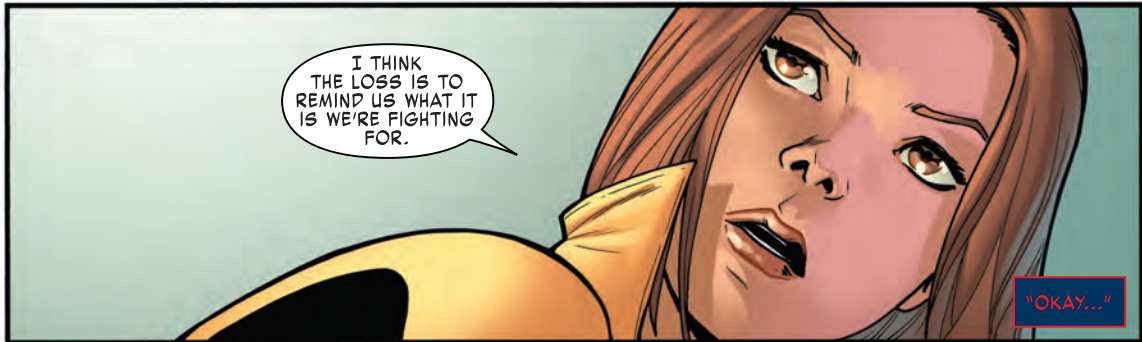


STILL.  
MY OWN DOING.



YOU THINK WE'RE CURSED?

NO.



"OKAY..."