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KITTY PRYDE



STORM
ORORO MUNROE



NIGHTCRAWLER
KURT WAGNER



COLOSSUS
PIOTR RASPUTIN



PRESTIGE
RACHEL GREY

GENETICALLY GIFTED WITH UNCANNY ABILITIES, MUTANTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE NEXT STAGE OF HUMAN EVOLUTION. WHILE THE WORLD HATES AND FEARS THEM, KITTY PRYDE HAS RE-FORMED THE TEAM OF MUTANT HEROES KNOWN AS THE X-MEN TO USE THEIR POWERS FOR GOOD AND SPREAD A POSITIVE IMAGE OF MUTANTKIND.

PREVIOUSLY IN **X-MEN GOLD...**

KITTY PRYDE LEFT COLOSSUS AT THE ALTAR. AS THEY CONTINUED THEIR MISSION TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT AND REPRESENT THE BEST IN MUTANTKIND, THE X-MEN NAVIGATED THE EMOTIONAL FALLOUT. WHY COULDN'T SHE GO THROUGH WITH IT?

THERE ARE NO EASY ANSWERS IN MATTERS OF THE HEART. BUT KITTY TOOK HER FIRST STEP DOWN THIS ROAD YEARS AGO, NOT LONG AFTER SHE ENROLLED AT WHAT WAS THEN PROFESSOR XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS...

INTO THE WOODS

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THE XAVIER INSTITUTE. YEARS AGO...

JUNE 15TH.
SUMMER BREAK.

MY NAME IS KITTY
PRYDE. I'M FOURTEEN
YEARS OLD. I DESERVE
A SUMMER VACATION.

I'M A MUTANT, I'M
AN X-MAN, AND I'M
GETTING THE HELL
OUT OF HERE.



ORORO!



HELLO, KITTEN. I
WANTED TO
SEE YOU
OFF.

MAY I
COME
IN?

PLEASE!



YOU'RE NOT...
MAD, ARE YOU?
I DIDN'T WANT
TO MAKE ANYONE
MAD.

WHY
WOULD I
BE MAD?

I SIGNED UP
FOR SUMMER CAMP
WITHOUT ASKING
FIRST.

I'M RUNNING
OUT ON EVERYONE.
I'M BEING SELFISH,
AND--



KITTEN--
KITTY--NO.
YOU'RE NOT
RUNNING OUT
ON US.

SUMMER IS
AN IMPORTANT
TIME IN A YOUNG
PERSON'S LIFE. WE
COULD NEVER BE
SELFISH ENOUGH
TO DENY YOU
THAT.



BUT WHAT IF THERE'S AN EMERGENCY? WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS? WHAT IF--

DEAREST... STOP.



THERE WILL ALWAYS BE AN EMERGENCY. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A WORLD TO SAVE.

TRUST ME. WE CAN HANDLE THINGS WITHOUT YOU FOR A FEW WEEKS.



DID YOU EVER...DID YOU EVER WONDER IF MAYBE THIS WASN'T...IF YOU BELONGED SOMEWHERE ELSE?

DID YOU EVER HAVE DOUBTS?



I NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY FOR DOUBT.

DO YOU KNOW HOW FORTUNATE YOU ARE?

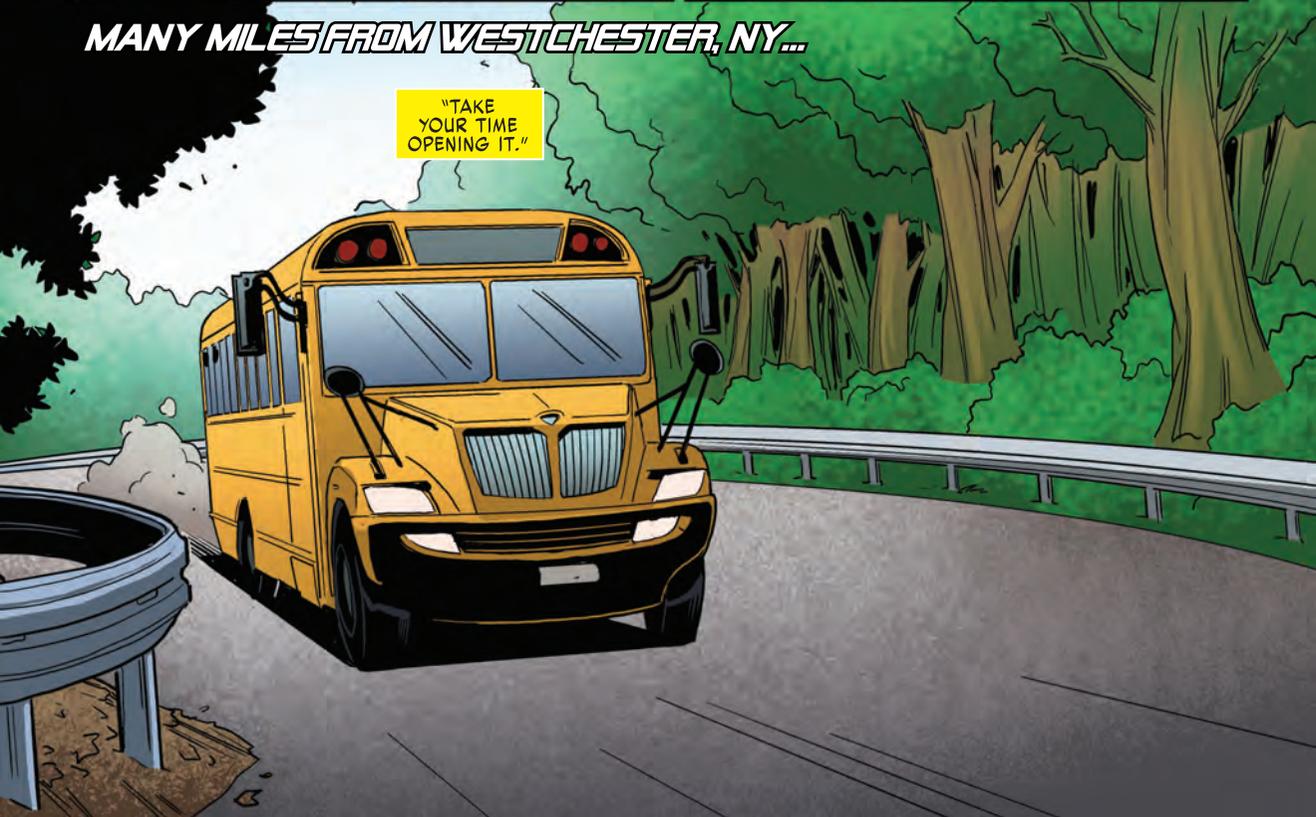


YOU GET TO QUESTION, AND DOUBT, AND DECIDE.

IT IS AN INCREDIBLE GIFT.

MANY MILES FROM WESTCHESTER, NY...

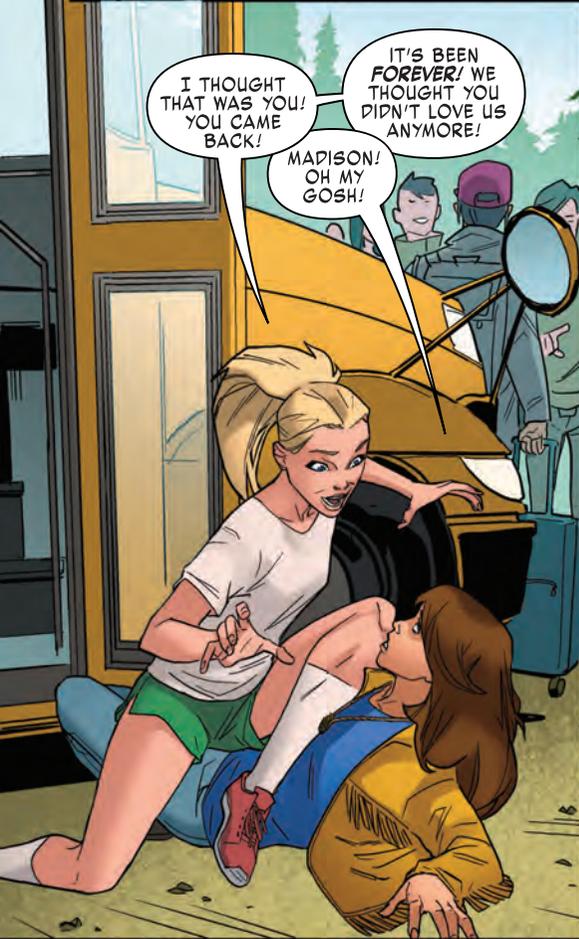
"TAKE YOUR TIME OPENING IT."





I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I REMEMBER HOW TO ENJOY MYSELF LIKE A REGULAR KID.





I THOUGHT THAT WAS YOU! YOU CAME BACK!

IT'S BEEN FOREVER! WE THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LOVE US ANYMORE!

MADISON! OH MY GOSH!



I WON'T, IF YOU DON'T GET OFF ME.

OOPS! SORRY!



PLEASE FORGIVE OUR RESIDENT WRECKING BALL.

WELCOME BACK.

SARAH!

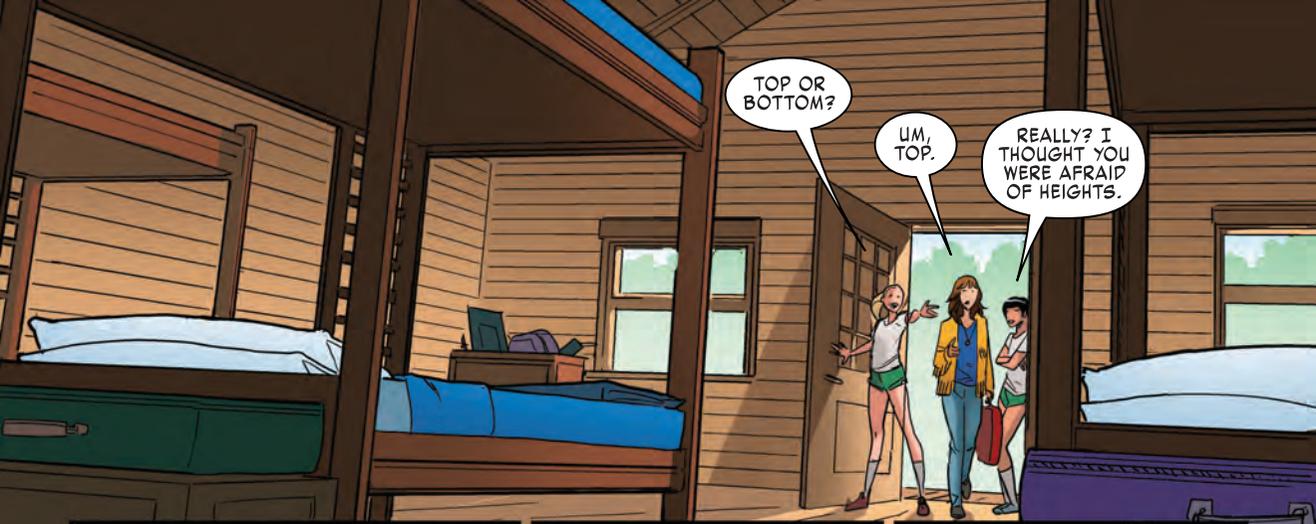


COME ON! WE'RE IN CABIN FOUR!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WE"?

RESISTANCE IS FUTILE.





TOP OR BOTTOM?

UM, TOP.

REALLY? I THOUGHT YOU WERE AFRAID OF HEIGHTS.



I GOT OVER IT.



MADISON'S STILL AFRAID OF BUGS.

AND THE PARK.

AND GHOSTS.

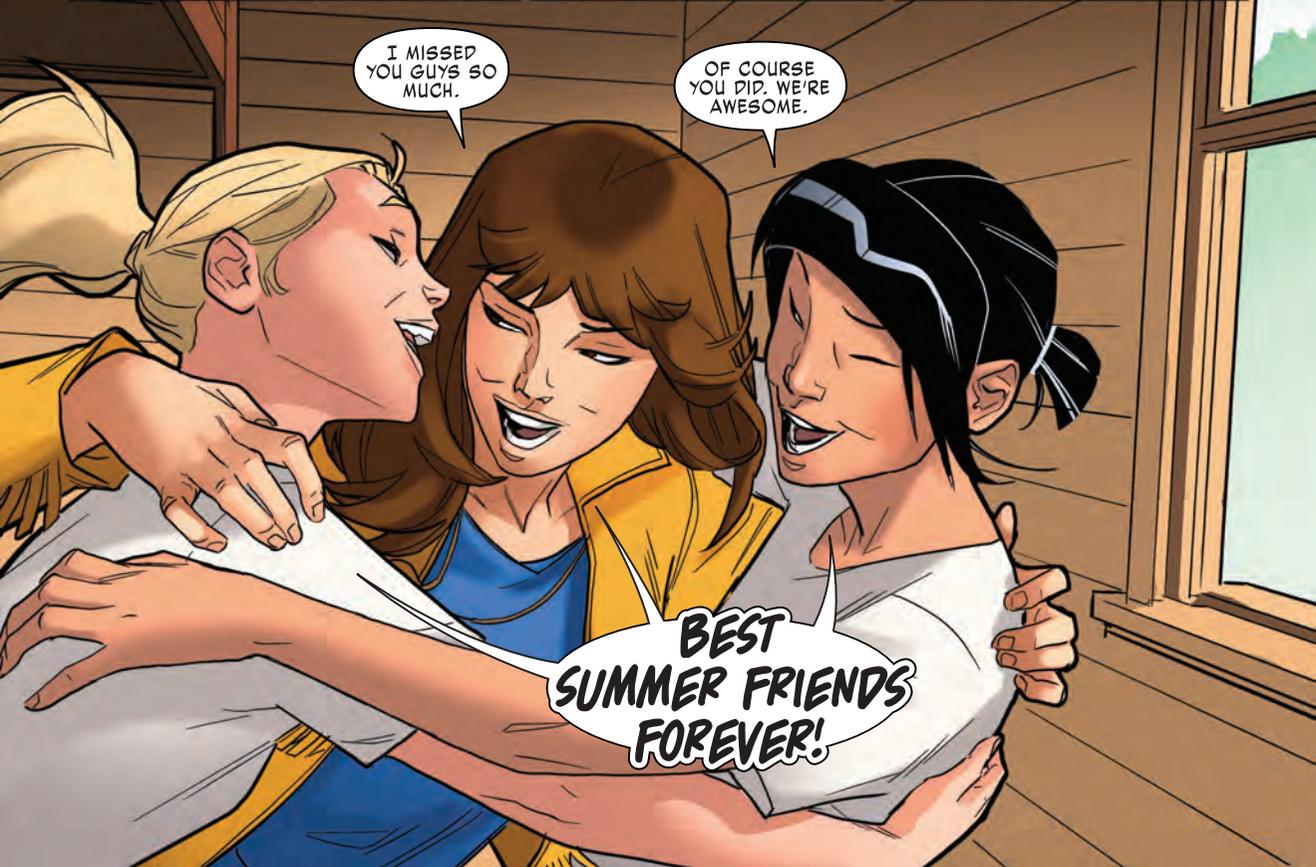
HEY!



UNCOOL, SARAH.

I NEVER CLAIMED TO BE COOL.

I MISSED YOU GUYS.



I MISSED YOU GUYS SO MUCH.

OF COURSE YOU DID. WE'RE AWESOME.

BEST SUMMER FRIENDS FOREVER!