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SAVING KIDS AND BEATING UP BIGOTS IS ALL IN A DAY'S WORK, BUT TALKING ABOUT FEELINGS? NOW THAT'S SCARY. HOWEVER, AFTER A HEART-TO-HEART WITH HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND KITTY PRYDE, BOBBY IS BEGINNING TO REALIZE THAT THE ROAD TO SELF-DISCOVERY AND ACCEPTANCE ISN'T ONE HE HAS TO WALK ALONE...

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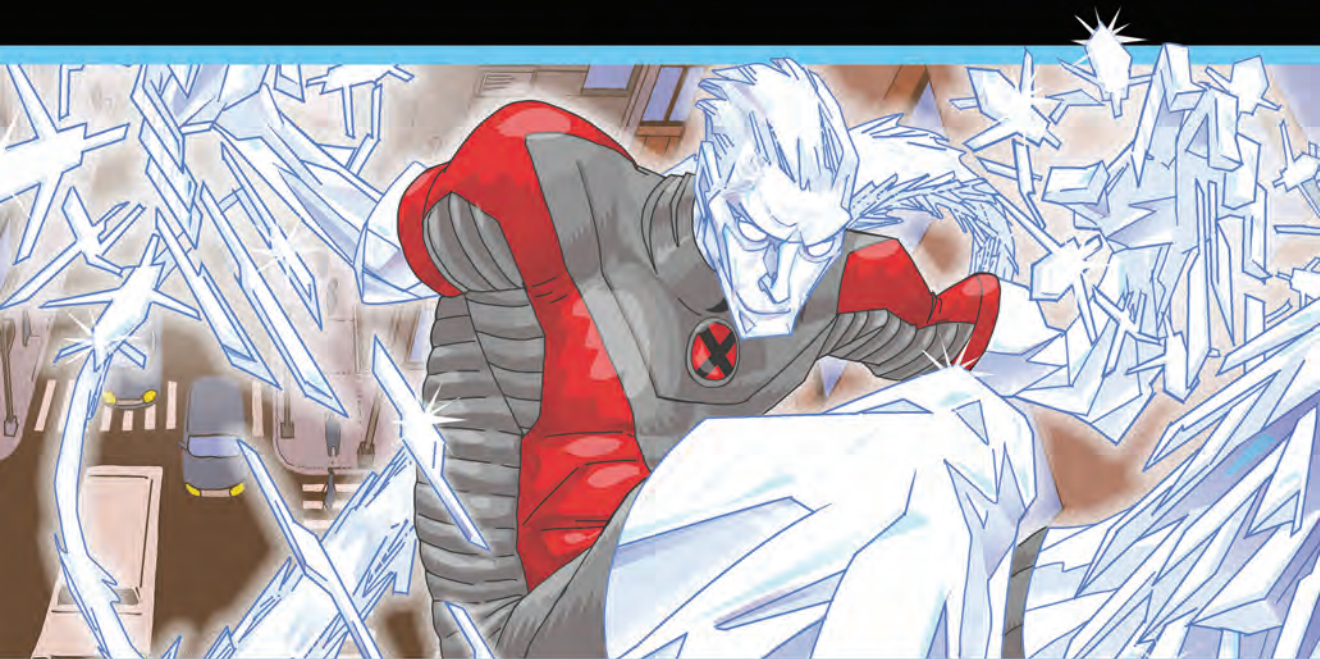
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Bobby Drake

Hey...I know we haven't talked in a while-- everyone's been busy!

Sorry to do this over text message, but I wanted to beat the grapevine and tell you that I'm gay.

It's a process I'm still going through, but I wanted to reach out. If you wanna talk, I'm around.

Jean Paul

Process my butt! We NEED to get coffee and discuss IRL!

Opal

Had no clue! Cool, I guess.

Johnny Storm

Flame ON. Literally, haha!

Lorna

A part of me always kind of thought so...that's probably why I picked Alex.

Spidey

Huh...you'd think your fashion sense would tingle a little harder!

Boom Boom

New phone who dis?

HE'S
HERE!



THE TURKEY MEATLOAF'S IN THE OVEN, YOUR FATHER'S SETTING THE TABLE...

I GET TO GIVE YOU THE GRAND TOUR OF THE NEW HOUSE!

HI, MOM. NOT ONLY AM I ON TIME--

--I BROUGHT SOME DESSERT.

OH, THAT'S KIND, BUT YOUR FATHER AND I CUT OUT SWEETS FOR HIS HEALTH.

AW, YOU COULDN'T HAVE TOLD ME THAT?

YOU DIDN'T ASK.

STILL PLENTY OF PROJECTS TO DO, BUT WE'RE GETTING CLOSE.

WOW. LOTS OF PICTURES OF ME FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

THE GOOD OL' DAYS!

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

OH, STOP BEING DEFENSIVE, HONEY.

IF I SEE MY C.P.A. LICENSE FRAMED IN ANY OF THESE ROOMS...

THAT WAS THE LAST TIME WE WERE A UNIT, WHEN YOU LIVED WITH US AND HAD THE WHOLE WORLD AHEAD OF YOU.

BEFORE MY BOY HAD TO FIGHT FOR "THE CAUSE."

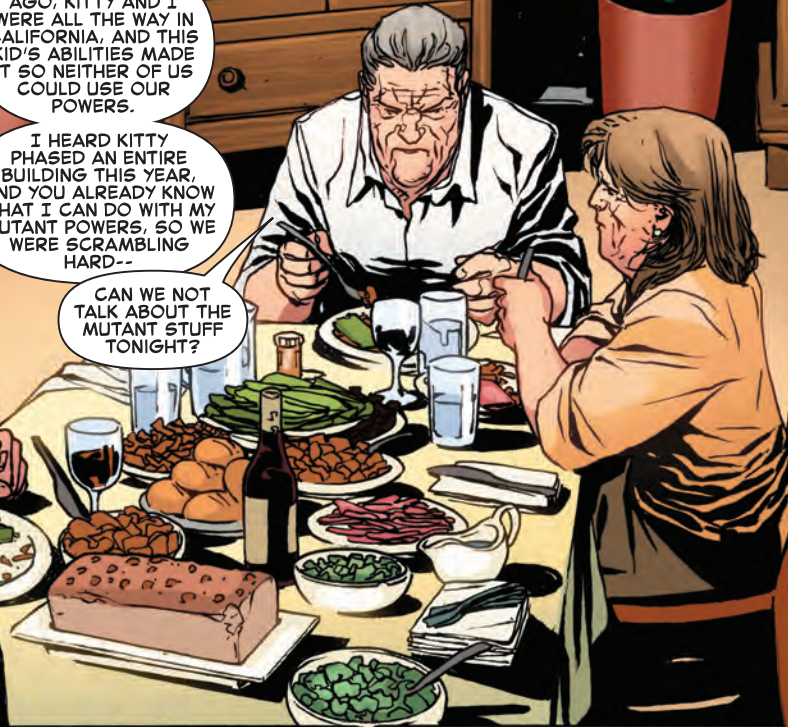
WE SHOULD HAVE SOME MORE CURRENT PICTURES SOMEWHERE UPSTAIRS, MAYBE IN YOUR FATHER'S OFFICE...

HERE'S A GOOD ONE THAT WON'T ANNOY YOU TOO MUCH...

A LITTLE BIT AGO, KITTY AND I WERE ALL THE WAY IN CALIFORNIA, AND THIS KID'S ABILITIES MADE IT SO NEITHER OF US COULD USE OUR POWERS.

I HEARD KITTY PHASED AN ENTIRE BUILDING THIS YEAR, AND YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT I CAN DO WITH MY MUTANT POWERS, SO WE WERE SCRAMBLING HARD--

CAN WE NOT TALK ABOUT THE MUTANT STUFF TONIGHT?



UHH...

ON A SCALE OF 1 TO "MUTANT STUFF," MOST OF MY STORIES LAND AROUND THE "MUTANT STUFF" END OF THE SPECTRUM.

IT'S ON THE NEWS ALL THE TIME, I SEE POSTERS AND FLYERS ALL OVER TOWN FOR RALLIES AND WHATNOT...

YOU GET TO BE "YOU" ALL THE TIME, NO ONE'S MAD ABOUT IT ANYMORE.

DO YOU HAVE A LIST OF PRE-APPROVED TOPICS WE CAN DISCUSS? 'CUZ IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TWO ARE GIVING ME MUCH TO WORK WITH HERE.



IT'S BASICALLY YOU TWO AND THE BARISTA AT COFFEE A GO-GO WHO DON'T FALL IN THAT CATEGORY.



SO WHY CAN'T WE TALK ABOUT SOMETHING NORMAL TONIGHT?



GROUND CONTROL TO MAJOR WILL, THIS IS MY NORMAL.

THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH I CAN ADD TO A CONVERSATION ABOUT WALLPAPER AND MALLARD PLACEMENT.



"TEMPER TANTRUM! TEMPER TANTRUM!"

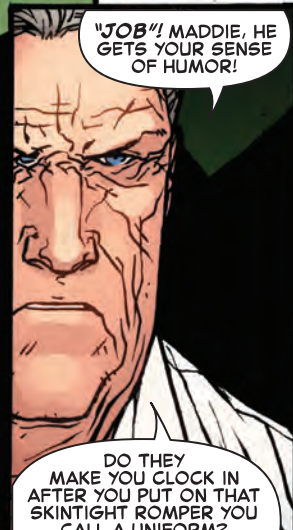
REMEMBER WHEN WE TOOK BOBBY TO CONEY ISLAND, AND HE SAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BOARDWALK, POUTING BECAUSE WE WOULDN'T BUY HIM A SNO-CONE?

MAYBE THAT'S WHY HE GOT MUTANT POWERS! HEH.



I'M TRYING TO BE SERIOUS HERE, AND YOU'RE MAKING FUN OF ME.

I COULD BE OUT DOING MY JOB--BECAUSE, GUESS WHAT? PEOPLE STILL HATE US.



"JOB"! MADDIE, HE GETS YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR!

DO THEY MAKE YOU CLOCK IN AFTER YOU PUT ON THAT SKINTIGHT ROMPER YOU CALL A UNIFORM?