

When he was a boy, Scott Summers lost his parents in a plane crash that wasn't a plane crash. Growing up a mutant, Scott's childhood was a study in misery until he found a home with Charles Xavier and became one of the original X-MEN, their team leader:

# CYCLOPS

Scott Summers has been ripped through time alongside the other original X-Men, into his future, our present, a world traumatically different than the one he left behind. In this present, the man Scott Summers grows up to be now stands with mutants the younger Cyclops knows only as enemies.

On a trip into space, Scott discovered that Chris Summers, the father he thought was dead, still lives, and more, has made a life for himself amongst the stars as the infamous pirate Corsair, leader of the Starjammers.

Given the choice of staying with his father or returning to Earth, Scott chose to do what any 16-year-old boy would do: head into space, to lead the life of a space pirate, a life of adventure!

But adventure turned to misadventure after the *Starjammer* was ambushed by the rival pirate ship the *Desolation*, and its captain, Valesh Malafect. He cast the Starjammers into space, threw Corsair in the brig, and conscripted Cyclops into service, promising a speedy death for Cyclops if he failed to follow Malafect's every order.

And so Cyclops has done his best to pretend to fit in, to act like a valuable member of the *Desolation's* pirate crew.

But be careful what you pretend to be, Scott Summers. At some point the pretending stops, and you become what you pretend to be...

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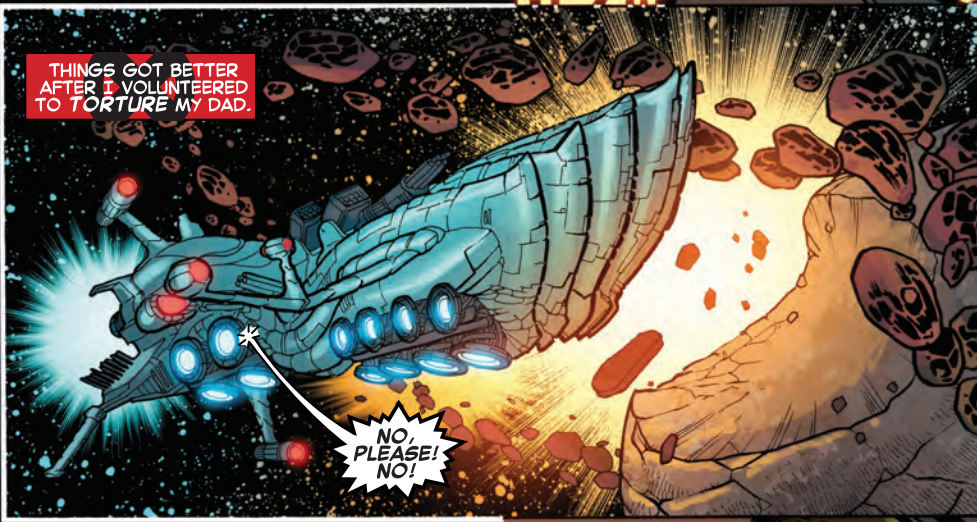
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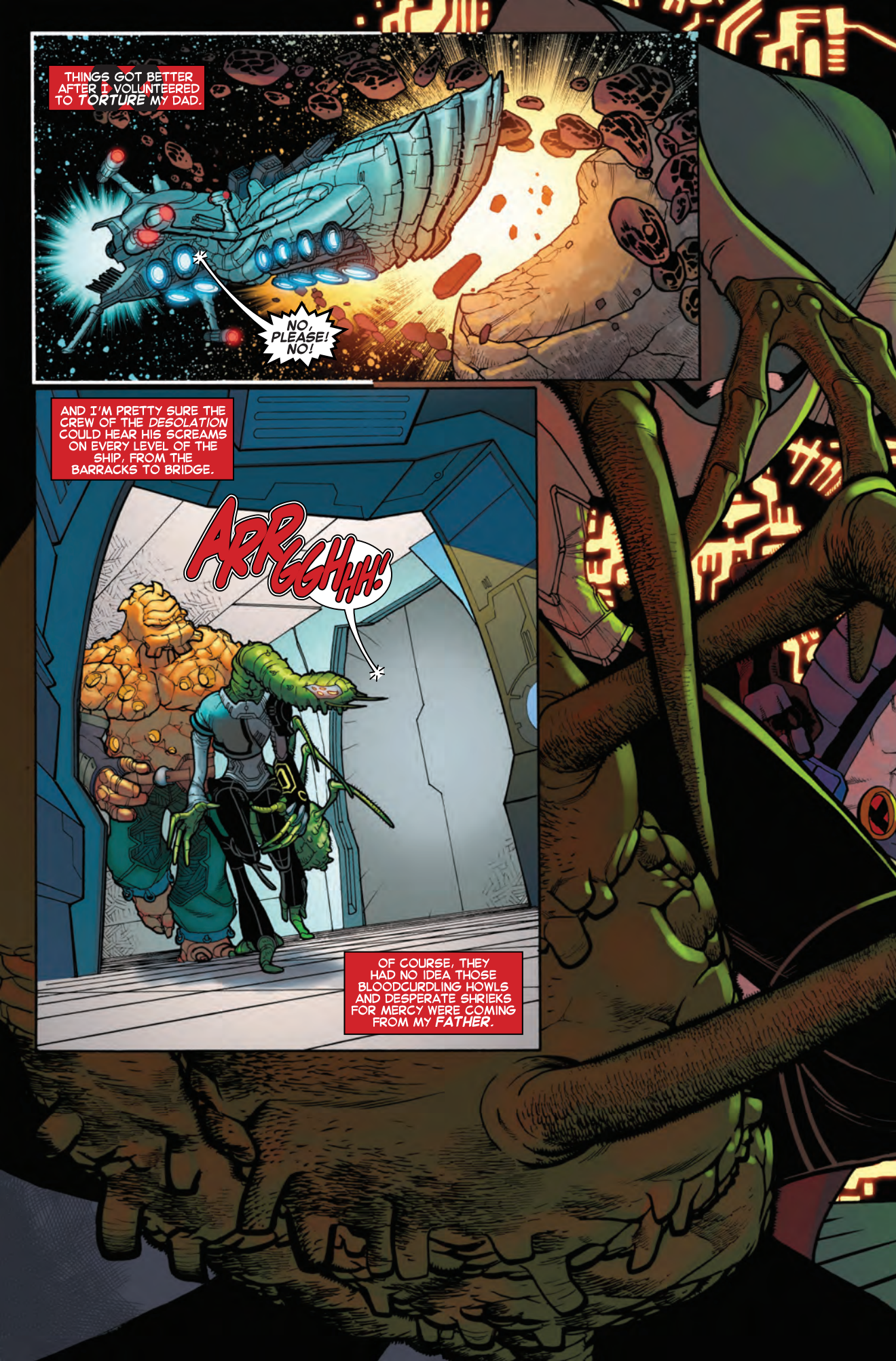
NO, PLEASE!  
NO!



AND I'M PRETTY SURE THE CREW OF THE DESOLATION COULD HEAR HIS SCREAMS ON EVERY LEVEL OF THE SHIP, FROM THE BARRACKS TO BRIDGE.

ARRGGHHH!

OF COURSE, THEY HAD NO IDEA THOSE BLOODCURDLING HOWLS AND DESPERATE SHRIEKS FOR MERCY WERE COMING FROM MY FATHER.



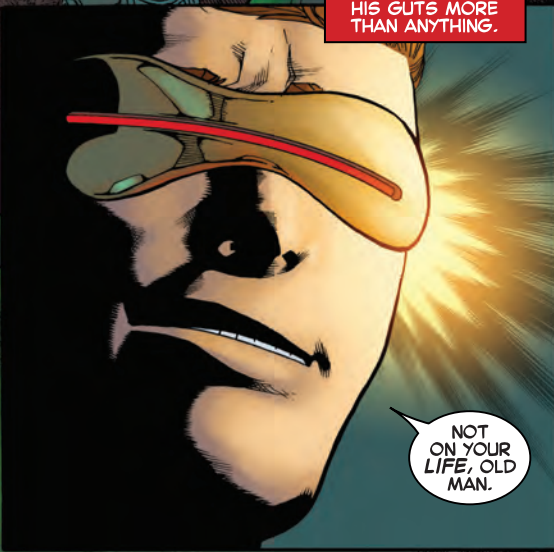


ALL THEY KNOW IS THAT I'M "SCOTT CYCLOPS," THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE STARCUTTER DESOLATION.

OUR PRISONER, CHRIS SUMMERS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS CORSAIR OF THE RIVAL PIRATE STARSHIP *THE STARJAMMER*, WAS MY FORMER CAPTAIN.

S-STOP, PLEASE. I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE...

AND THAT I HATED HIS GUTS MORE THAN ANYTHING.



NOT ON YOUR LIFE, OLD MAN.



YOU MIND KEEPING THE NOISE DOWN, SHIPMAN?

WE CAN HEAR YOUR PRISONER ALL THE WAY ON THE BRIDGE.

APOLOGIES, MISTER SYSK.

ARE YOU ASKING ME TO TAKE IT EASY ON OUR CAPTIVE?

FIRST OFFICER SYSK DIDN'T LIKE ME MUCH.



AND HE SEEMED TO LIKE ME LESS THE MORE RESPONSIBILITY CAPTAIN MALAFECT GAVE TO ME.

PLEASE... MAKE HIM STOP. I'M BEGGING YOU.

DO YOU THINK THAT'S WHAT THE CAPTAIN INTENDED WHEN HE ASSIGNED ME TO TORTURE THE PRISONER?



PERHAPS I MISINTERPRETED THE CAPTAIN? SHOULD YOU AND I GO SEE HIM AND CLARIFY HIS ORDERS?

SEE IF HE WANTS ME TO TORTURE THE CAPTIVE WITH TICKLE FIGHTS AND FOOT MASSAGES?

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NO, SHIPMAN CYCLOPS.

CARRY ON AS YOU WERE.

IT PROBABLY WASN'T WISE TO ANTAGONIZE HIM LIKE I DID.

HA HA HA

BUT WE HAD TO GET OUR FUN SOMEWHERE.

HA HA HA

