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Previously in X-MEN: PHOENIX ENDSONG

Once, a powerful cosmic entity called the PHOENIX FORCE assumed the form of a mutant woman named JEAN GREY and destroyed an entire alien civilization. The X-MEN united against her, and with its bodily death, the Phoenix Force seemed banished for good. Jean Grey herself lived on, eventually married and looked forward to a long and happy life. But the Phoenix Force persisted in the depths of space.

Now, weakened and driven insane by a weapon of the alien SHI'AR EMPIRE, the Phoenix has returned to Earth to locate Jean Grey but finds that Jean is dead. Not to be dissuaded, the Phoenix resurrects Jean Grey against her will, takes over her body, and begins searching for the missing piece it believes will restore its shattered self: Jean's former husband, SCOTT SUMMERS, a.k.a. CYCLOPS.

Cyclops realizes they must destroy this new incarnation of the Phoenix, to avoid the immeasurable death it might cause. BEAST designs an egg-like capsule to contain the Phoenix, and the X-Men agree to take her down despite their love for Jean. Meanwhile, STORM and NIGHTCRAWLER encounter a Shi'ar battleship that has come to destroy the Phoenix. However, its attention is suddenly drawn by a powerful mutant manifesting at the X-Men's headquarters...an omega-level telepath named QUENTIN QUIRE.

Quentin, a young student from the Xavier Institute, was recently killed physically but lived on as a disembodied mind in a test tube. Now he too has suddenly returned to the world of the living to claim someone he loves a young woman named SOPHIE, one of the identical telepathic--quintuplets calling themselves the STEPFORD CUCKOOS. But Sophie, too, is dead. Quentin hopes the Phoenix Force can help bring her back.

The X-Men track Phoenix to the Arctic Circle. The Phoenix hopes to fill an emptiness with Scott's love. But Emma points out that Scott's love belongs to her and not Jean...and if Scott's love is what it wants, it should go through Emma. It takes the bait and possesses Emma and Scott and Emma lock themselves safely in Hank's egg. The problem is, the insanely powerful Quentin Quire has arrived and he wants to break them out and loose the power of the Phoenix!

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AAAAAAAAA!

EMMA!
DON'T LET
GO!

I'M SORRY.
YOU HAVE TO
BE STRONG NOW,
DARLING.



AAAAAAAAA!

YOU
HAVE TO
KILL
HER.

X-MEN!





EMMA'S GONE, SCOTT. BUT I'M STILL HERE. I'LL ALWAYS BE HERE, JUST FOR YOU.

YOU'RE INSANE.



NO. JUST IN LOVE.



YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT LOVE IS.

YOU'RE A MONSTER. YOU STEAL HER BODY, YOU STEAL HER VOICE, AND YOU THINK--



NO, SCOTT. IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. YOU AND I--

YOU NEED THE ENERGY FROM MY OPTIC BLASTS. THAT'S FOOD, NOT LOVE.

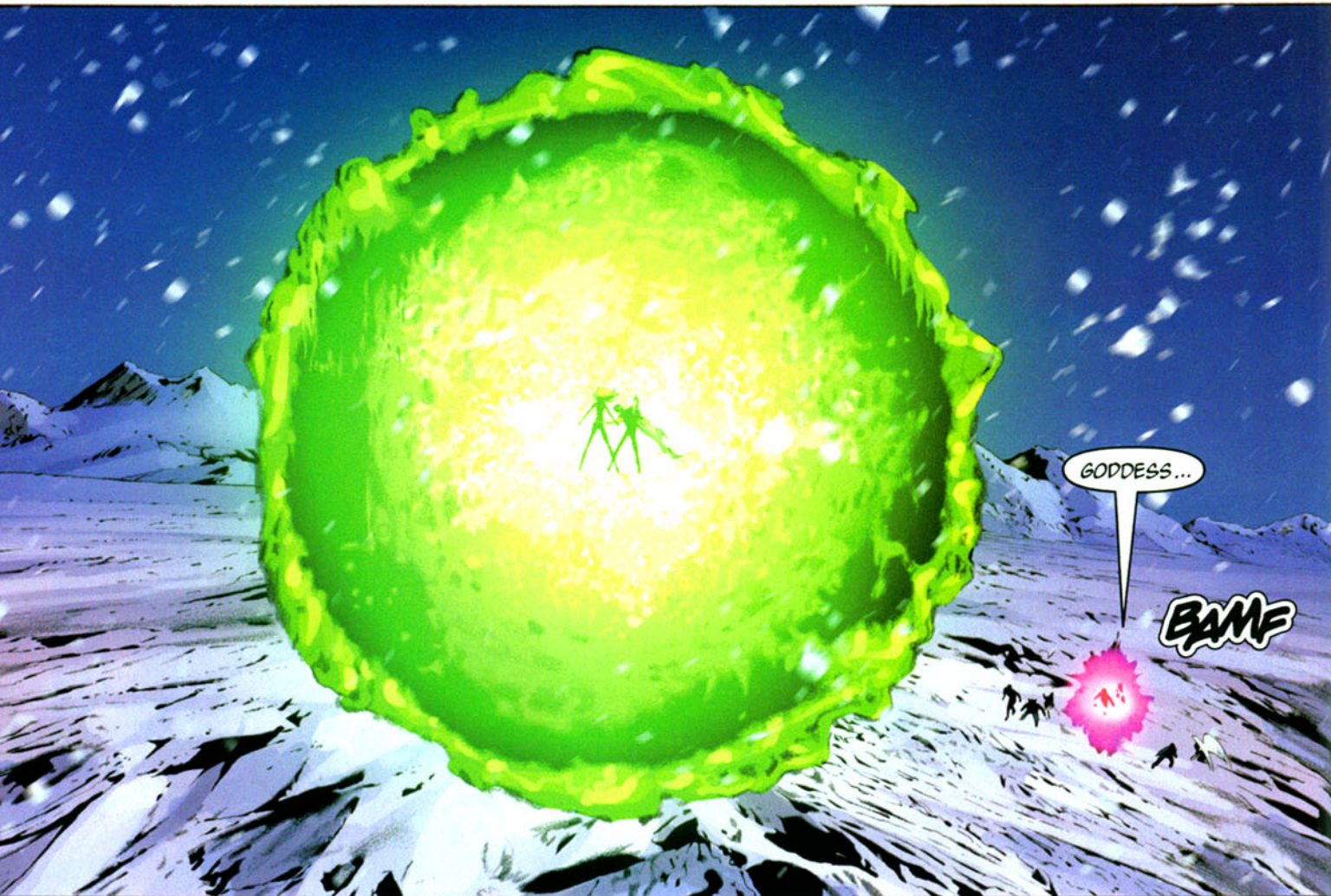
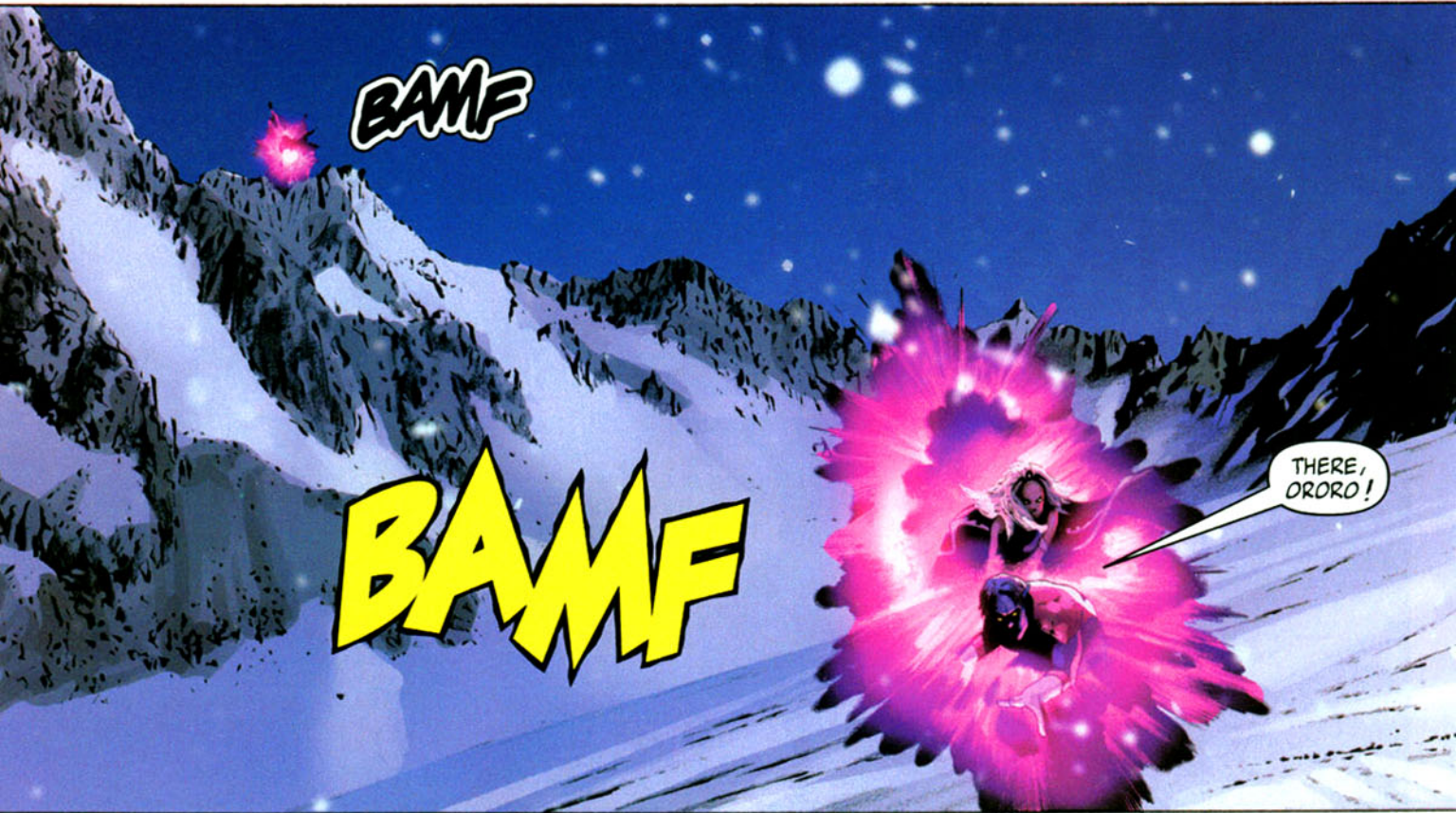
BUT THEN I WANTED... WHAT YOU FELT... WHAT SHE FELT...

DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME, HE'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND...



...NOT THE WAY I DO.







YOU WERE BROKEN WHEN WE FIRST MET, QUENTIN. BUT NOW YOU'RE BURNING.

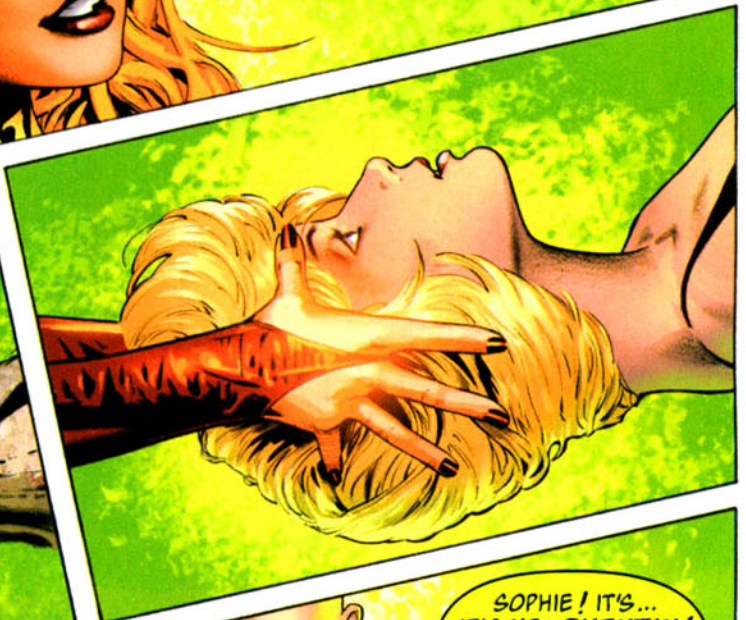
YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU? ALL THIS LONGING... TELL ME--WHAT'S IT FOR?



I DON'T KNOW. I JUST NEED... I WANT...



SHOW ME.

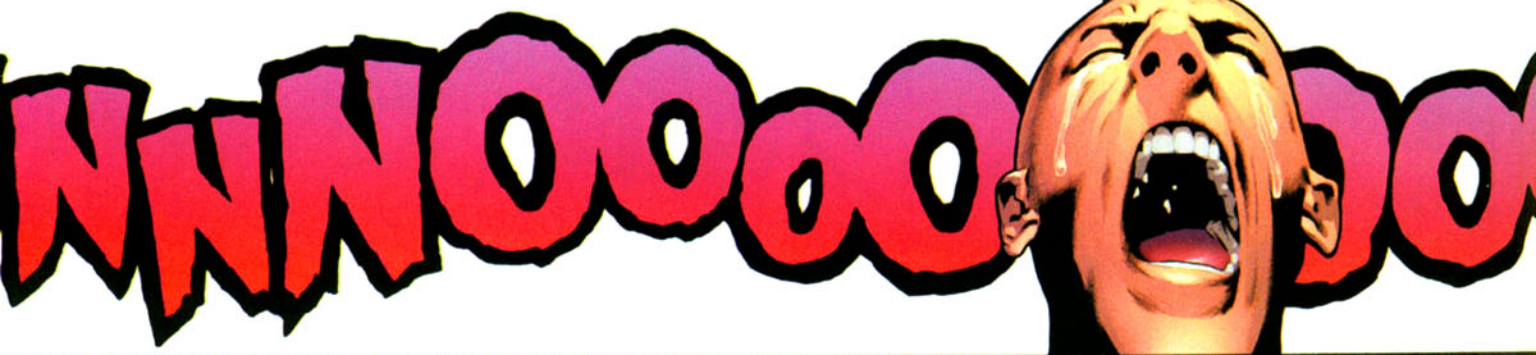
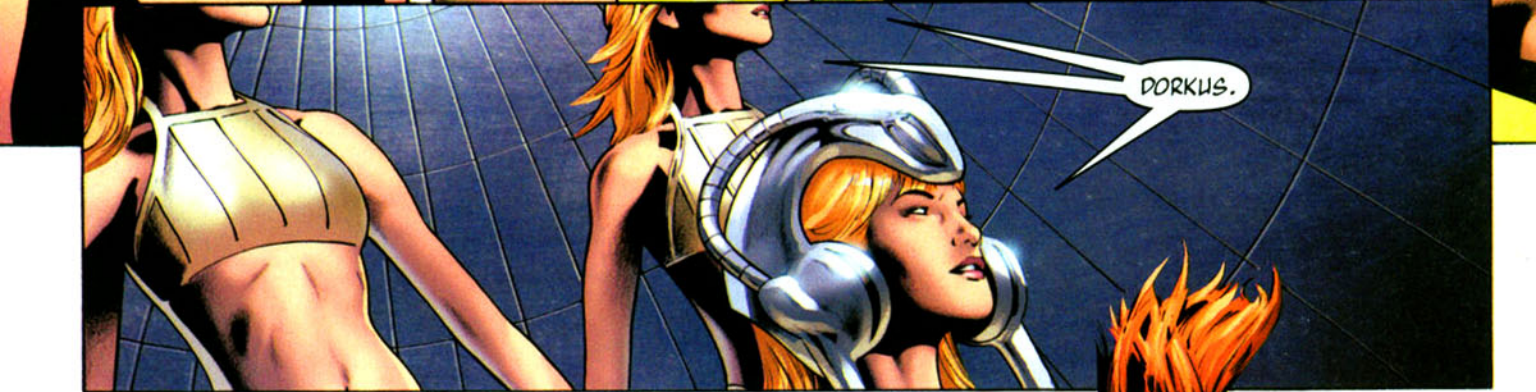
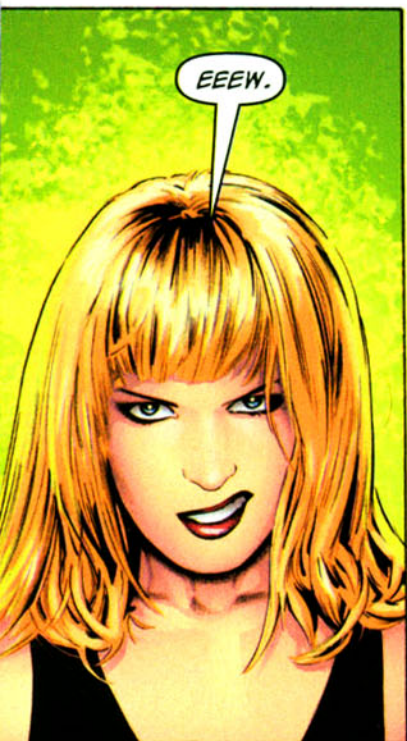


SOPHIE! IT'S... IT'S ME, QUENTIN! YOU'RE ALIVE, AND I BROUGHT YOU BACK! AND NOW WE CAN... WE CAN...



QUENTIN?

OUR SISTER... SOPHIE?



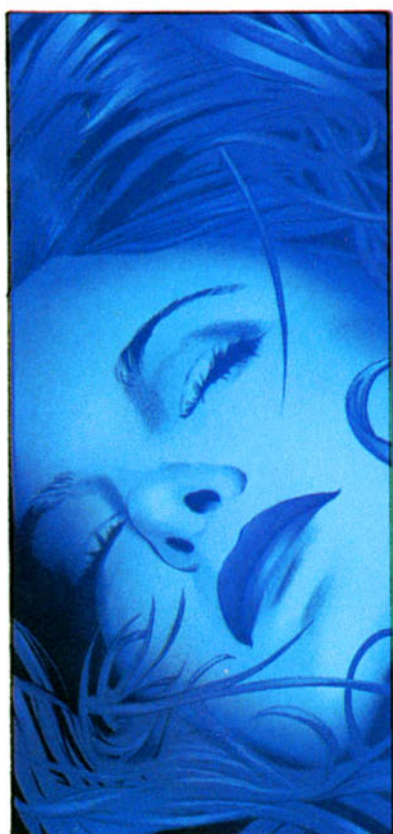




YOU CAN'T STOP ME! I HAVE WORK TO DO.



JEAN... ARE YOU DOWN THERE?
CAN YOU HEAR ME?



DO IT, SLIM.



WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO LOSE?



GOD HELP US.

TZOT



ENOUGH!



KNEW
THAT WAS COMING
EVENTUALLY...



JEAN
GREY...HOW
DID YOU DO THAT?
WITHOUT ME,
WITHOUT MY
POWER...

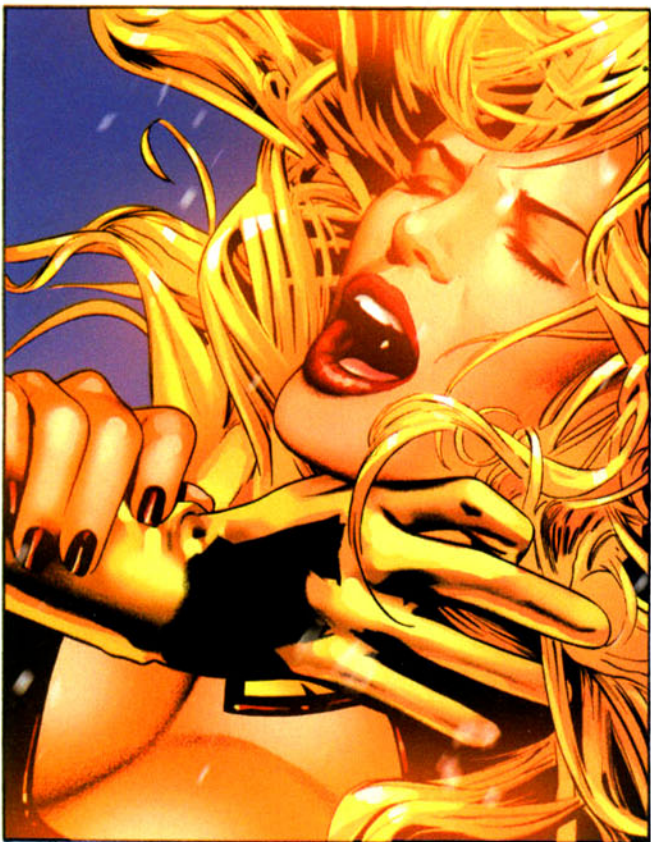


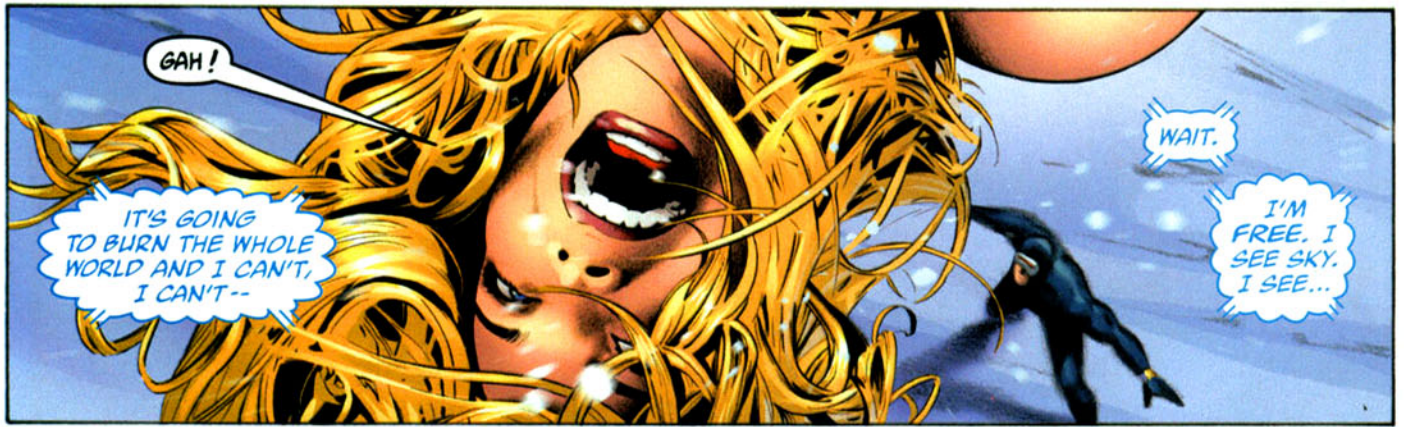
I AM
YOU. DON'T YOU
REMEMBER?

NOW
GET OUT OF
THAT STUPID
BODY.



NO. HE...
HE LOVES
EMMA FROST.
LOVES ME.
LOVES--







AAAAAAA!

I CAN SEE MYSELF, DOING IT AGAIN. HERE I COME, TOMORROW...

YES...



LITTLE BUG PEOPLE... "A BUILT-IN OBSOLESCENCE." EVOLUTIONARY DEAD-END...

BURNING AWAY WHAT DOESN'T WORK...

THIS IS HELL. THIS IS HELL.

SHE'S FIXIN' TO POP!

SO I...KILL THEM ALL. BILLIONS AND BILLIONS...AGAIN AND AGAIN, FOREVER AND EVER...



SCOTT! THE SHI'AR ARE COMING. YOU, EMMA, AND I STAY, HELP HER FIGHT IT. BUT ANGEL AND KURT CAN GET THE OTHERS TO THE JET--

NO.

SCOTT--

SHE NEEDS ALL OF US.



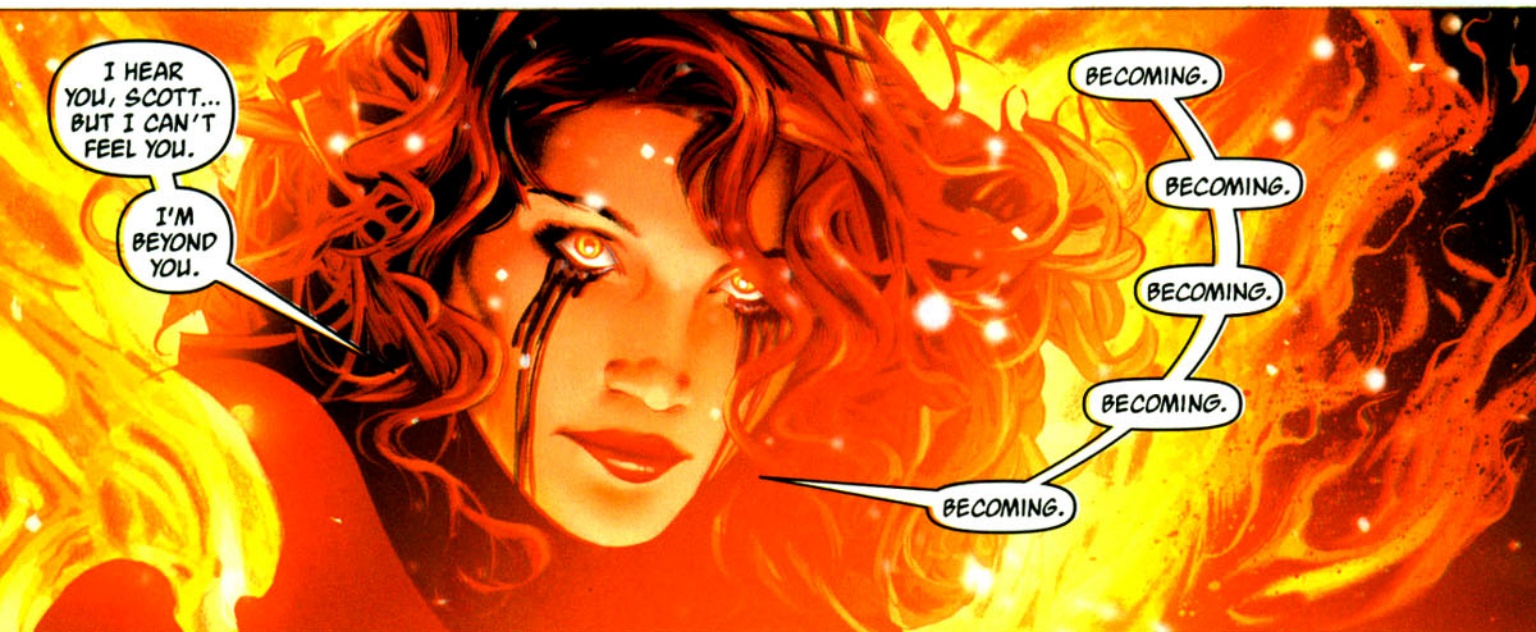
YOU READ ME, EMMA?

YES. GO FOR IT, DARLING.



JEAN.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?



I HEAR YOU, SCOTT... BUT I CAN'T FEEL YOU.

I'M BEYOND YOU.

BECOMING.

BECOMING.

BECOMING.

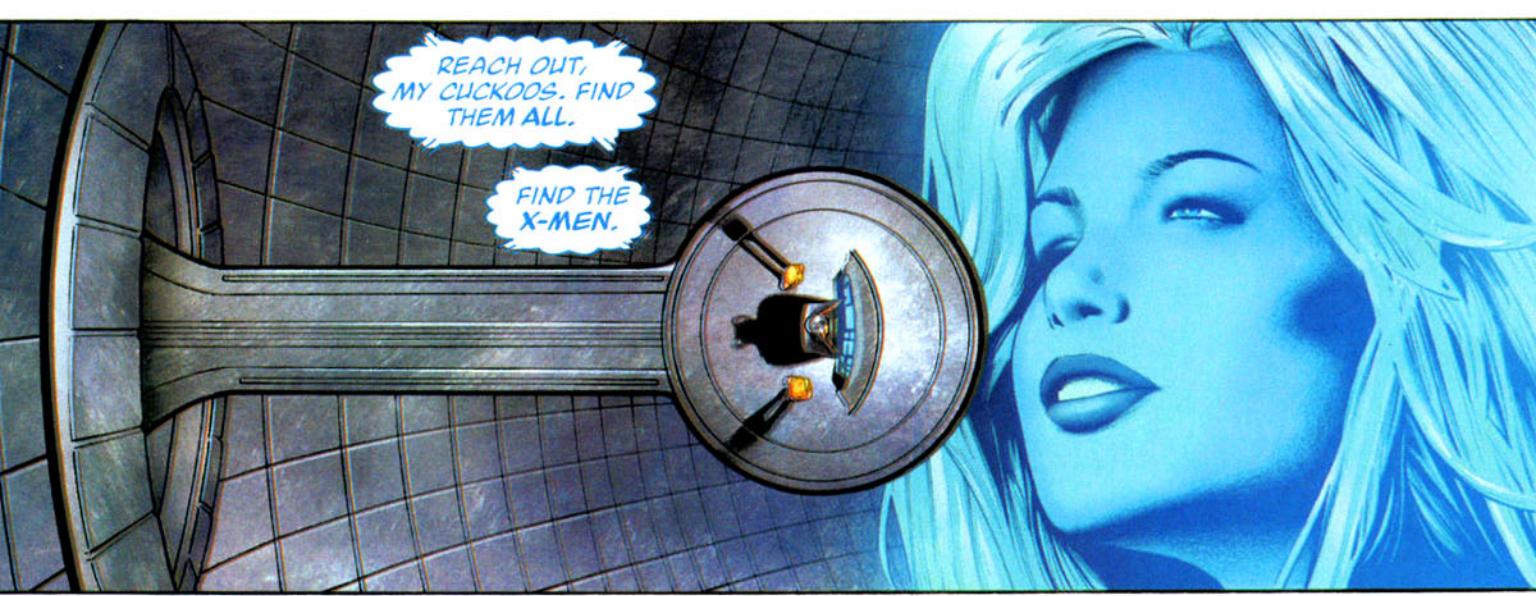
BECOMING.

BECOMING.



SHHHH. JEAN. LISTEN... I KNOW WHY YOU CAME BACK.

I KNOW WHAT YOU NEED.



REACH OUT, MY CUCKOOS. FIND THEM ALL.

FIND THE X-MEN.





MOM.

PROFESSOR GREY.

JEAN.

JEAN.

JEAN.

JEAN.

JEANNIE.

JEAN.

JEAN.

JEAN.

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JEAN.

JEAN...

JEAN.

GOD, JEAN...
HOW DOES IT
FEEL...

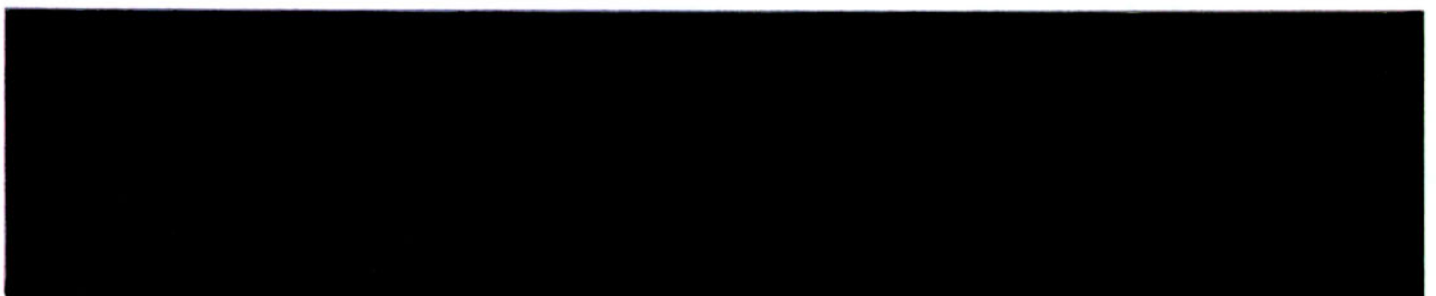
...TO BE
LOVED THAT
MUCH?

MY...

...MY
FRIENDS...

NEE
AAAAN KO LO
ELEKA'AN...

MAKE AN
END.







WE...WE'RE ALIVE.

SISTER...

WE WERE IN THE VOID...THE SHI'AR WEAPON'S EVENT HORIZON...IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO ESCAPE. WE SHOULD BE--

JEANNIE.

SHE DID IT AGAIN.

YES. JEAN SAVED US ALL.

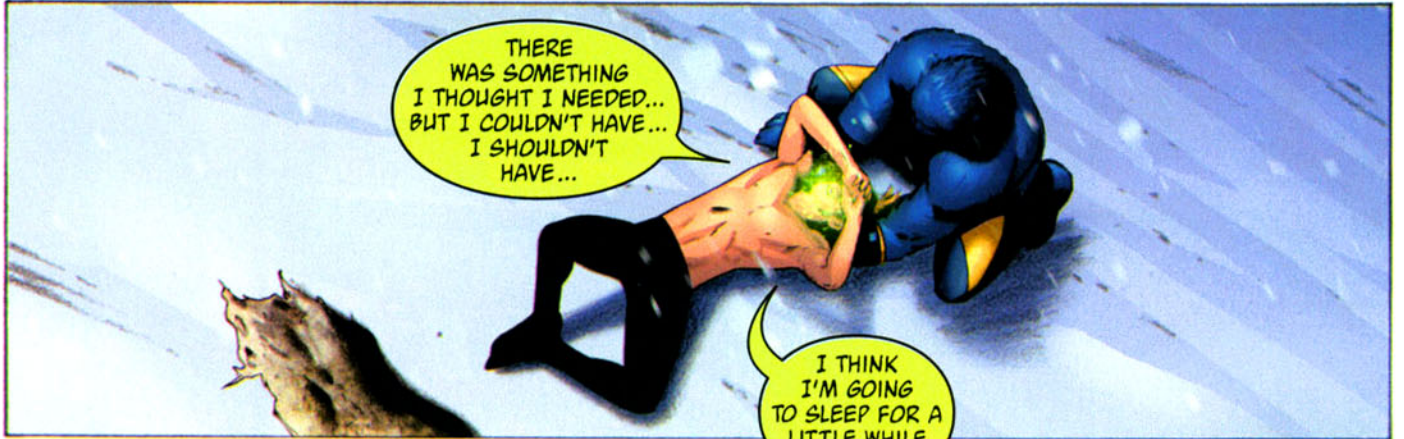
ATTAGIRL.

BUT ONLY AFTER YOU...ALL OF YOU...SAVED HER.

GOD. I CAN STILL FEEL IT. EVERYTHING THAT EVERYBODY EVER GAVE HER... EVERYTHING SHE EVER GAVE TO US...

AH, JEAN...

GOODBYE, SOPHIE.



LATER...

