

Heirs to the founding X-Men, the New Mutants are the first generation to follow the groundbreaking legacy of Xavier's School. Now they're grown up, graduated, and out in the real world, fighting for mutants, humans, aliens, and outcasts everywhere.

NEW MUTANTS



DANI MOONSTAR
Ex-mutant
team leader



SUNSPOT
Solar battery



MAGMA
Geothermal
manipulator



X-MAN
Telekinetic



BLINK
Teleporter



CYPHER
Hyper-linguist



WARLOCK
Techno-organic
extraterrestrial

PREVIOUSLY

The team recently encountered future versions of former New Mutants CANNONBALL and KARMA, now armed with WARLOCK'S Transmode-tech, who traveled from a reality controlled by their teammate CYPHER. Accessing them through their tech, Future Cypher forced the two to attack our present-day heroes. Although the group was able to drive Future Cypher back to his world, they soon discovered that their encounter with him had distorted their timeline.

Seeking advisement from the wise sorcerer known as DR. STRANGE, who had originally warned them of this oncoming disturbance, they instead discovered that he had become a drunken wreck. Meanwhile, Cypher was attacked by FACE, the damaged mutant under the care of Karma. But when the smoke cleared, Cypher was left unconscious...and Karma was dead!

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THERE IS A LANGUAGE TO LIFE AND DEATH.

IT VARIES IN NUANCE FROM UNIVERSE TO UNIVERSE, BUT IT IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME.

A BINARY STATE. FIRST IT IS OFF--

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THEN IT IS ON--

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AND OUT OF LIFE COMES DEATH, AND OUT OF THAT TEMPORARY DEATH, LIFE IS REWRITTEN.

RECODED.
REFORMATED.
TRANSMODED.



TRANSFORMED.
RETURNED.

**UTOPIA,
SAN FRANCISCO.**

AND WHEN LIFE IS RECOMPOSED IN SUCH A WAY, WHEN IT IS REWRITTEN AND SENT BACK...

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...IT IS INVARIABLY WITH A PURPOSE.

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...AND THE PURPOSE NEEDS NO TRANSLATION.

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YAAAAHHH!

THE DREAM
WAKES ME. THE
NIGHTMARE.

I REMEMBER
WHAT HAPPENED.

THAT AWFUL
THING. FACE
LOST CONTROL.
HE BLASTED...

HE
HURT ME.
BIG DEAL.

THE PAIN OF MY
BURNS KEEPS
ME AWAKE.

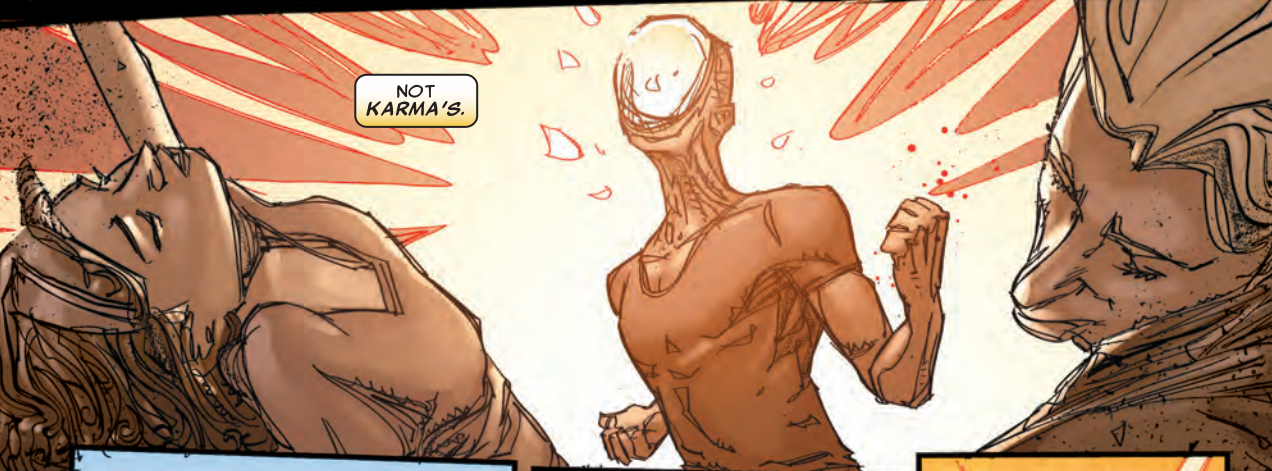
MUCH WORSE
THAN THAT.
HE KILLED--

WHAT'S
HAPPENING
OUT THERE?



WAIT!
WAIT!
I CAN'T BE
LATE! I CAN'T
MISS THE
FUNERAL!

NOT HER
FUNERAL.



NOT
KARMA'S.



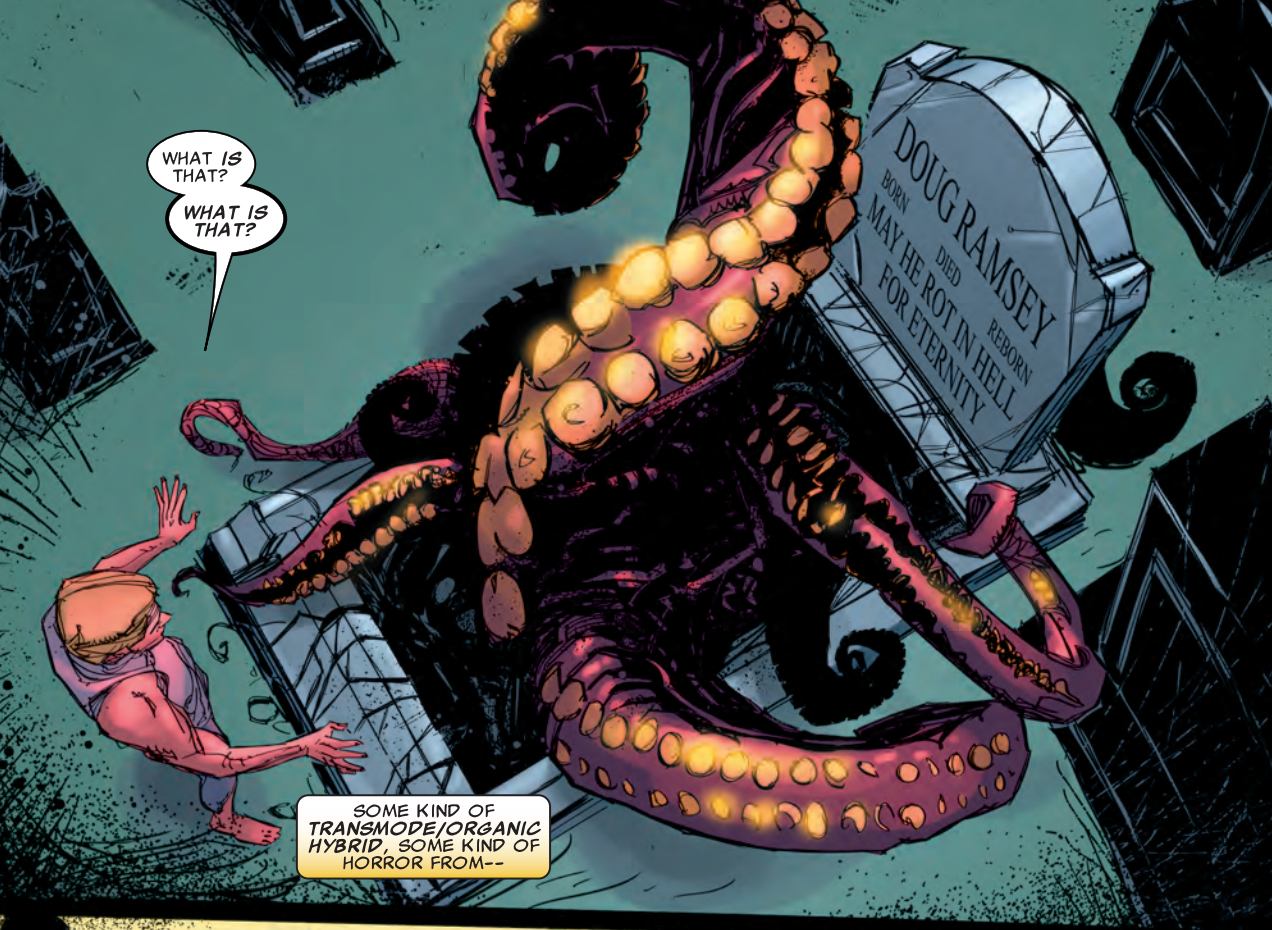
WAIT!
DON'T START
WITHOUT
ME!



HEY,
CAN YOU
HEAR
ME?
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?



HOLY--!



WHAT IS THAT?
WHAT IS THAT?

SOME KIND OF
TRANSMODE/ORGANIC
HYBRID, SOME KIND OF
HORROR FROM--



HELP
ME! CAN'T
YOU SEE IT?
HELP ME!



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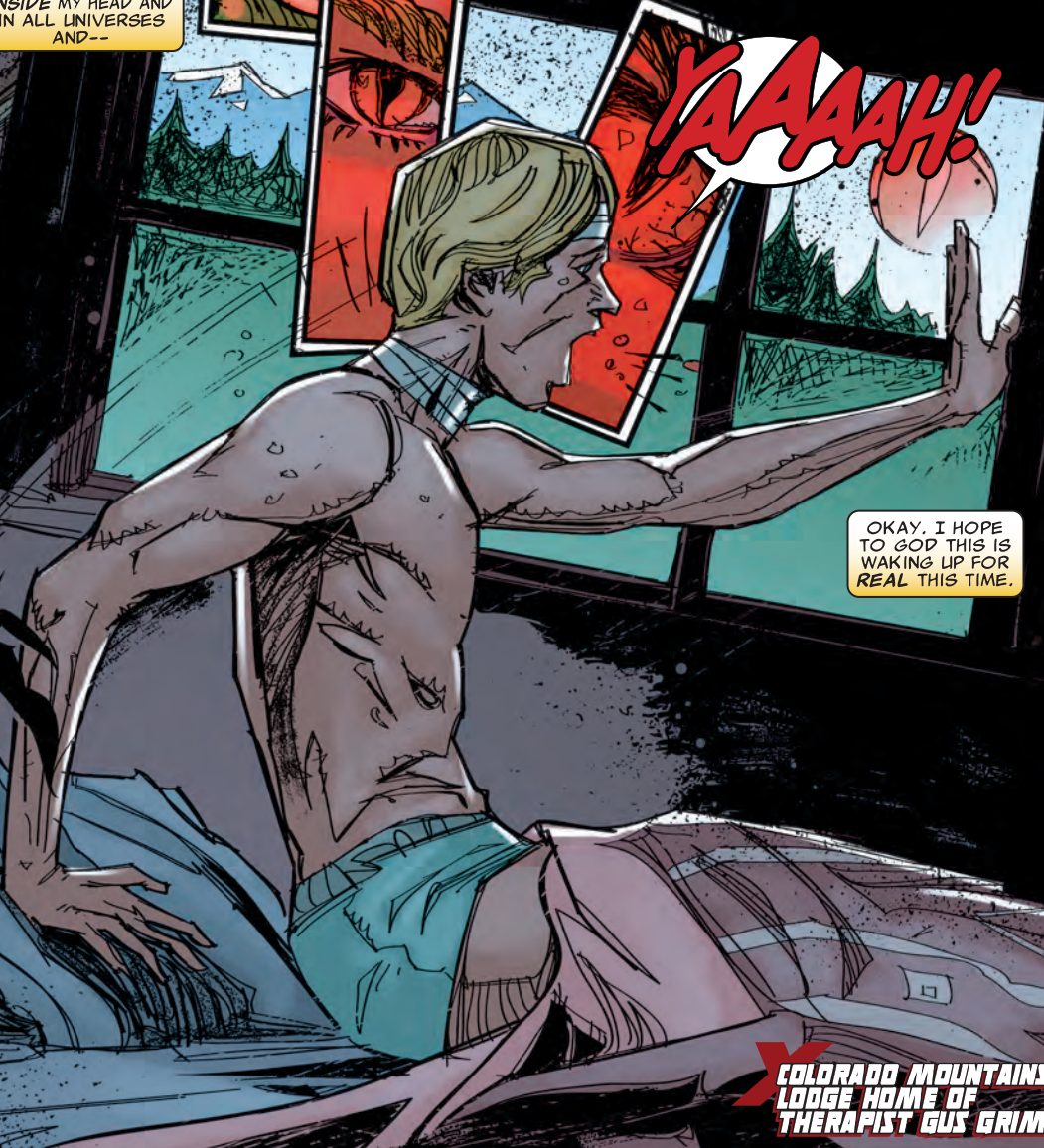
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YOU'RE ME! YOU'RE ALL ME! YOU'RE--



--EVERYTHING, YOU'RE EVERYTHING AND EVERYWHERE AND INSIDE MY HEAD AND IN ALL UNIVERSES AND--



YAAAAH!

OKAY. I HOPE TO GOD THIS IS WAKING UP FOR REAL THIS TIME.

X COLORADO MOUNTAINS, LODGE HOME OF THERAPIST GUS GRIM.

MR. GRIM INVITED US HERE AFTER KARMA'S FUNERAL.

MORNING.

GOOD MORNING, ELLIE.

IT'S A SAFE PLACE, A SANCTUARY WHERE WE CAN QUARANTINE OURSELVES FROM THIS ALTERED REALITY AND INTERACT WITH IT AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE.

BREAKFAST, SELF/FRIEND?

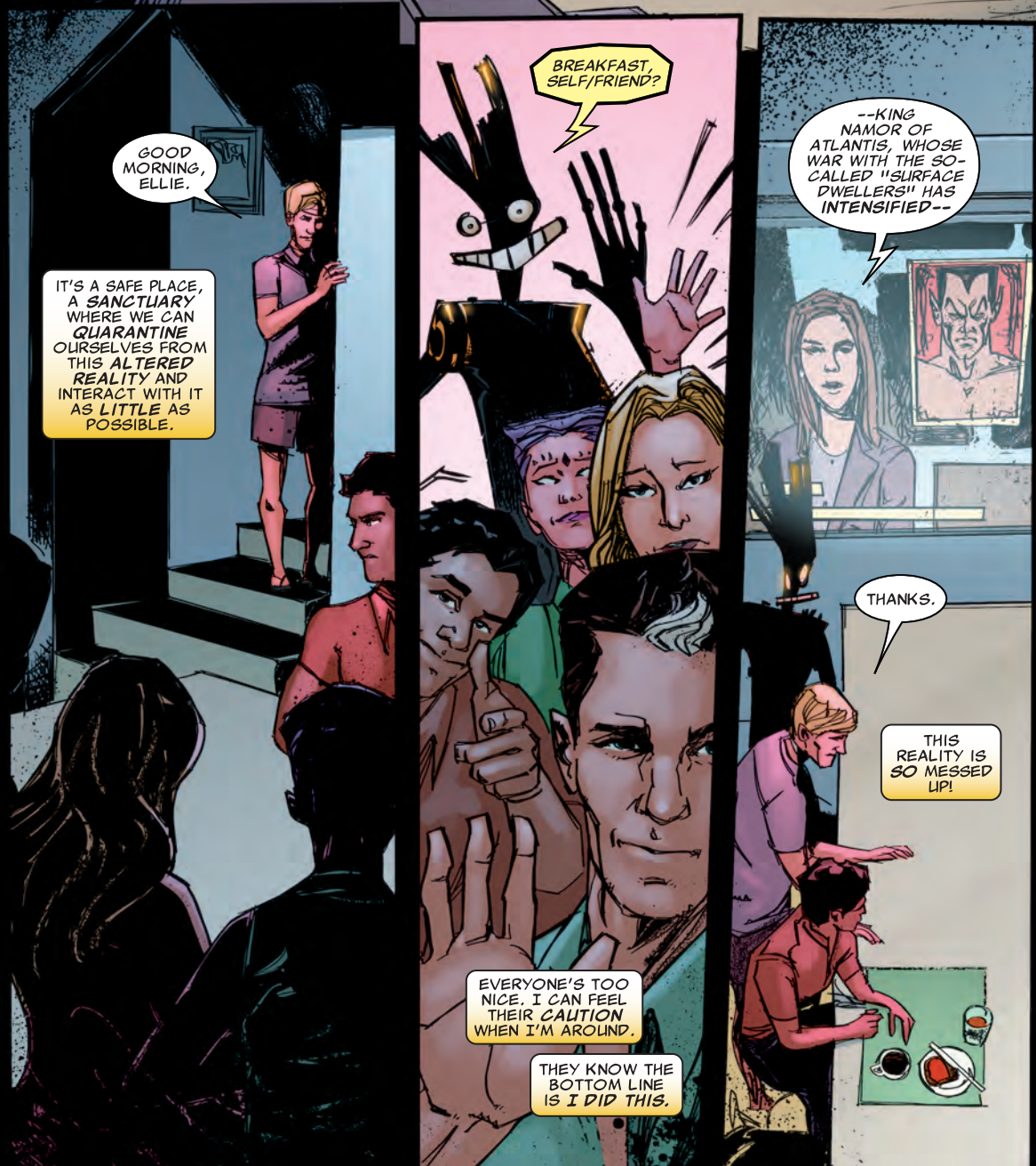
--KING NAMOR OF ATLANTIS, WHOSE WAR WITH THE SO-CALLED "SURFACE DWELLERS" HAS INTENSIFIED--

THANKS.

THIS REALITY IS SO MESSED UP!

EVERYONE'S TOO NICE. I CAN FEEL THEIR CAUTION WHEN I'M AROUND.

THEY KNOW THE BOTTOM LINE IS I DID THIS.



--HIS HIGHNESS HAS BEEN IN CONFLICT WITH THE SURFACE SINCE HIS WIFE, SUSAN STORM, AND THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN, WERE SLAIN DURING A BATTLE WITH MS. STORM'S EX-HUSBAND, REED RICHARDS.

KING NAMOR HAS VOWED VENGEANCE ON ALL--

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NEWS STORIES REACH NEW HIGH - TNN BREAKS OWN

SOOOO MESSED UP.

WE NEED THIS TO STOP.

OR WE NEED TO FIND A WAY OUT OF HERE.

I KNOW, AMARA. I RECOGNIZE EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS WORLD, BUT NONE OF IT FITS TOGETHER RIGHT.

YOU FIGURED ANYTHING OUT YET, DOUG?

GIVE HIM TIME, BOBBY.

YOU MEAN ABOUT THE EVIL, FUTURE VERSION OF ME WHO'S BEHIND ALL OF THIS?

AS A MATTER OF FACT, YES.

WHAT ABOUT DR. STRANGE'S IDEA? YOU STRONG ENOUGH TO TRY IT?

I...I, UH...



OH, MAN, SORRY!

GAH!

CLUNK

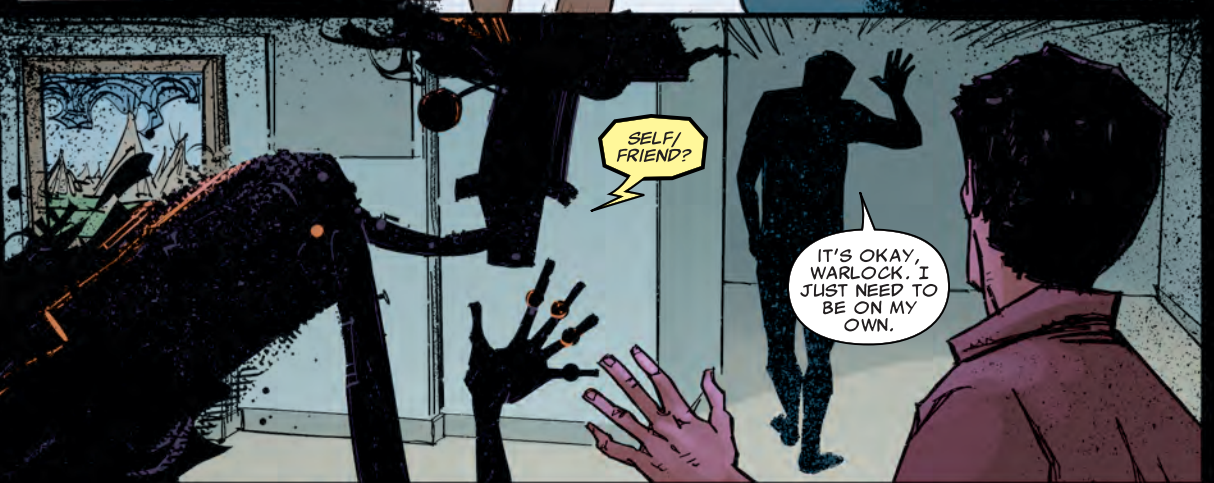


IT'S OKAY, DOUG. WASN'T YOUR FAULT.



IT IS! IT DAMN WELL IS!

EVERYTHING IS MY FAULT!



SELF/FRIEND?

IT'S OKAY, WARLOCK. I JUST NEED TO BE ON MY OWN.

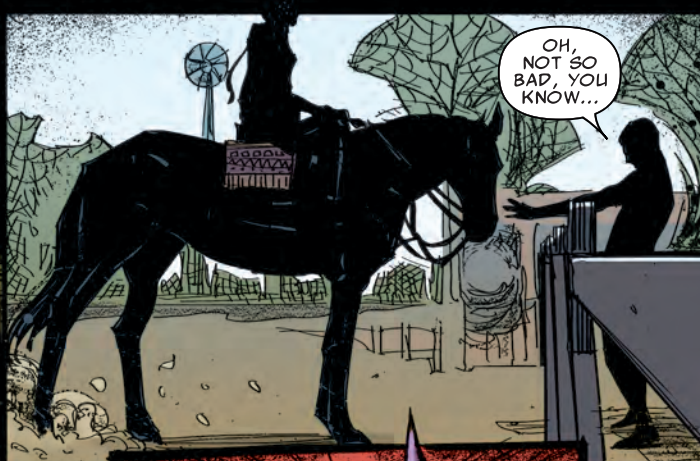


IS IT JUST ME, OR IS HE GETTING CLOSER TO THE EDGE?

HOW LONG ARE WE JUST GOING TO LET HIM...

...YOU KNOW...GO AROUND UNSUPERVISED?


"I MEAN, SHOULDN'T WE WATCH HIM? WHAT IF HE... STARTS TO BECOME WHAT WE ALL KNOW HE'S GOING TO BECOME?"





EASY, TRADEWIND!
EASY!

ACTUALLY,
I'M NOT OKAY.
EVEN YOUR
HORSE KNOWS THAT
THERE'S SOMETHING
WRONG WITH
ME!



THIS
IS ALL MY
FAULT. THIS
MESS IS ALL
MY FAULT!



DOUG,
CALM DOWN.
THE FUTURE ISN'T
SET. YOU ARE
NOT THAT
PERSON.

NOT
YET.

NOT EVER,
IF YOU HELP US,
YOU'RE THE BEST
CHANCE WE'VE
GOT OF ALTERING
YOUR DESTINY AND
PUTTING THINGS
RIGHT.

DR.
STRANGE
HAS A PLAN,
IF YOU'RE
UP TO IT.



ONLY ONE
WAY TO
FIND OUT,
RIGHT?

PRETTY
MUCH.

WHEN WE TRACKED DR. STRANGE DOWN, HE WAS A DRUNK MESS, BUT WE'VE BROUGHT HIM WITH US TO DRY OUT. WE'RE GOING TO NEED HIS HELP IF WE'RE GOING TO PUT THIS RIGHT.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO IS DANGEROUS, DELICATE AND MAY NOT SUCCEED.

QUESTION, DR. STRANGE?

DO WE HAVE TO DO IT IN GRIM'S SWEAT LODGE?

IT HELPS FOCUS THE EFFICACY OF THE CONJURATION, NATHAN.

IT HELPS FOCUS THE EFFICACY OF MY PERSPIRATION, MORE LIKE.

I AM GOING TO ATTEMPT TO UNLOCK AND TRACE THE ASTRAL PATHWAYS TO YOUR FUTURE SELF, DOUGLAS, AND THUS DISCOVER EXACTLY WHERE AND HOW REALITY HAS BEEN DISLOCATED.

THE MULTIVERSE. THE INFINITE TEMPORAL LINKS BETWEEN POSSIBLE EARTHS.

TIME FLOWS WITH UNNATURAL RAPIDITY IN THIS REALITY.

THE FUTURE IS PRESSING BACKWARDS INTO OURS NOW LIKE A MALEVOLENT ENTITY. IT IS SHAPING THE PRESENT TO SUIT ITS OWN ENDS.

HOW? HOW CAN IT DO THAT?

THINK OF THE FUTURE LIKE A BLACK HOLE, ALTERING THE UNIVERSE AROUND IT WITH ITS EXTREME GRAVITATIONAL FORCE.

SO...WE'VE GOT TO CHANGE THE FUTURE TO MAKE THE NOW REVERT TO NORMAL?

WE'VE GOT TO CHANGE THE FUTURE RATHER THAN THE PAST TO GET THE PRESENT TO RESET?

YES, NATHAN.



THAT SOUNDS LIKE A...PARADOX. AN INFINITE AND INACCESSIBLE RECURSION.

IT WILL CERTAINLY BE HARD. VERY DEMANDING.



WAIT...WAIT... THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE FLAMES!

WHAT?



LOOK OUT!

EVERYTHING. YOU'RE EVERYTHING AND EVERYWHERE AND INSIDE MY HEAD AND IN ALL UNIVERSES AND--

LIGHNN!

GAHH!

SMASH



EVERYONE, GET CLEAR OF THAT THING!

WARLOCK! DOUG!

YEEEOOW!

UGH!



I WILL CLOSE THE SPELL! BANISH THE ENTITY!



IT MAY BE TOO LATE, DOCTOR.

DOUG'S HURT!



IT'S OKAY. IT'S OKAY, DANI. I SAW IT.

I KNOW WHAT TO DO...

I KNOW
WHAT I HAVE
TO DO.

X
THE NEXT DAY.

I HAVE
TO END.

IF I END, MY
FUTURE SELF NEVER
HAPPENS. HIS FUTURE
NEVER COMES
INTO BEING.

A LIFE
FOR A
LIFE.

ONE LIFE
FOR THE
WHOLE
FUTURE.

IF ONLY I
COULD! BUT
I'M NOT BRAVE
ENOUGH...

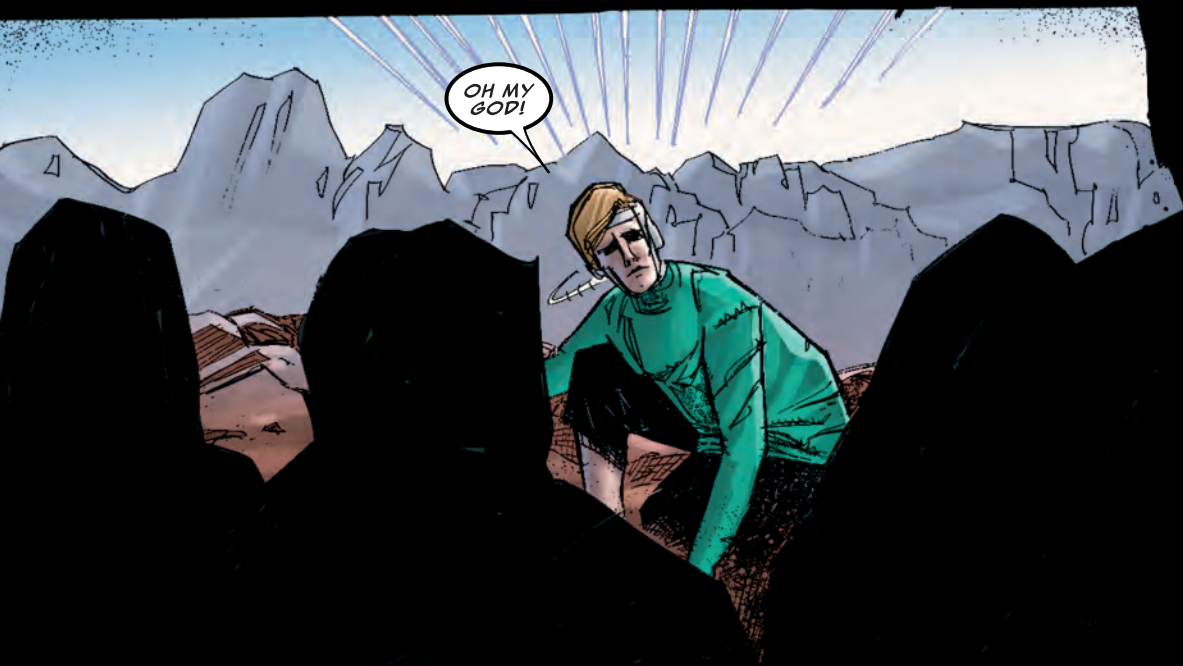
**DON'T
YOU
DARE!**

HLIH?

TIME SHOULD SNAP
BACK TO WHERE
IT'S SUPPOSED TO
BE. IT SHOULD RESET
AND UNDO ALL
THE CHANGES.

IT SHOULD
BRING
KARMA
BACK.

SKRTTL



THE HELLIONS!

JETSTREAM

BEEF

WE'RE HERE TO KEEP YOU ALIVE, DOUGLAS.

WHETHER YOU WANT TO BE OR NOT.

BEVATRON

TAROT

ROULETTE

CATSEYE





LET ME GO! LET ME G--

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT SOMETHING SO GREAT COULD EMERGE FROM SUCH AN UNPREPOSSESSING FLUPAE?



LOOK OUT! SOLAR BLASTS!

POW

POW

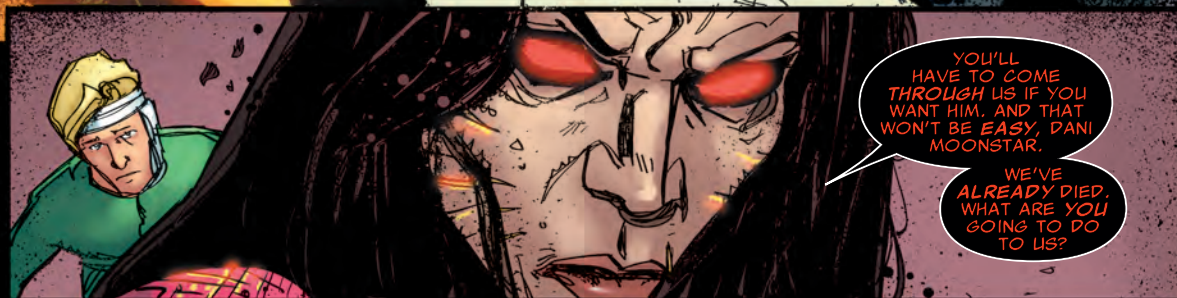
POW



BACK.
THE HELL.
OFF.



LET DOUG GO.
RIGHT NOW.



YOU'LL HAVE TO COME THROUGH US IF YOU WANT HIM. AND THAT WON'T BE EASY, DANI MOONSTAR.

WE'VE ALREADY DIED. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO US?



STOP! STOP THIS!

NYXGHH!



CYPHER'S HAVING SOME KIND OF SEIZURE!

IT'S STARTING!

HOW IS HE MAKING THOSE NOISES?

YES!

DOUG!

HE DOESN'T NEED YOUR HELP!

I DON'T
NEED ANYTHING
ANYMORE!
THE TIME HAS
COME, QUITE
LITERALLY.

THE
FUTURE IS
NOW!

AND THE
FUTURE IS
ME!



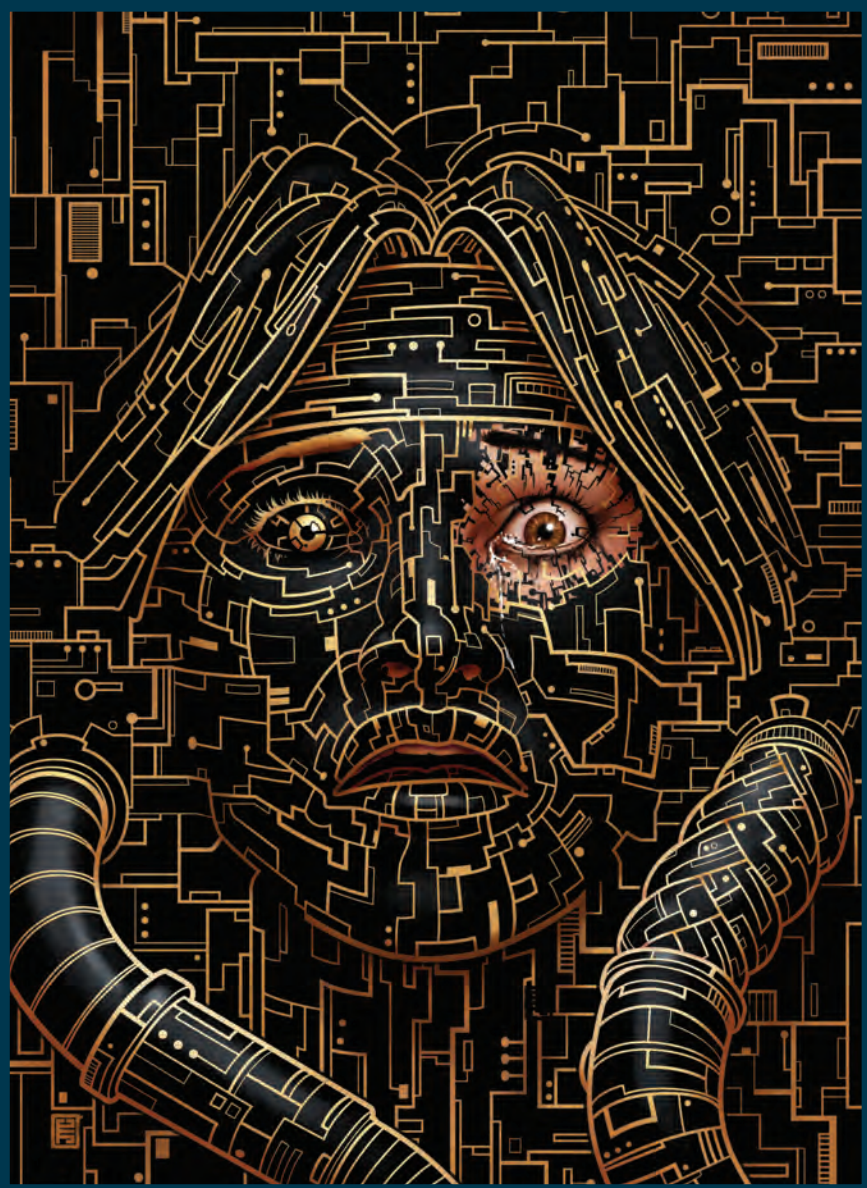
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