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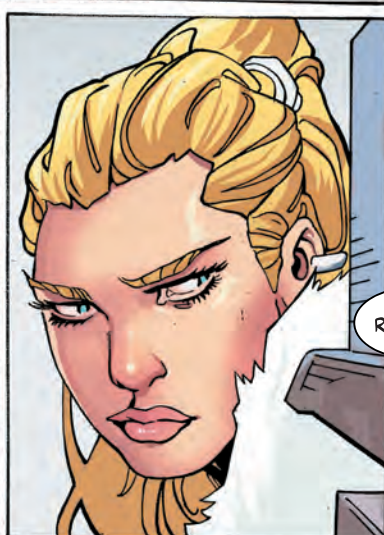
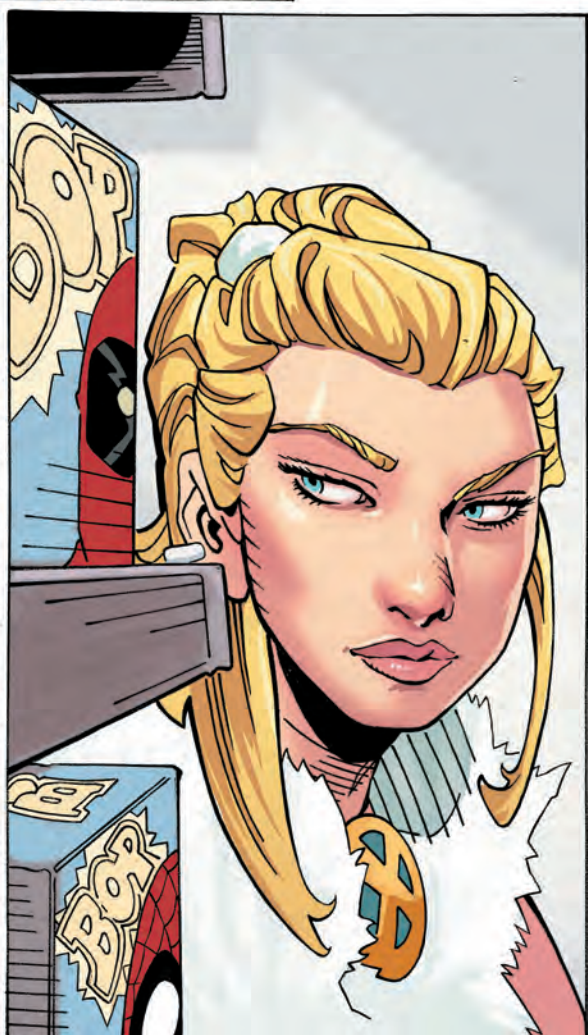
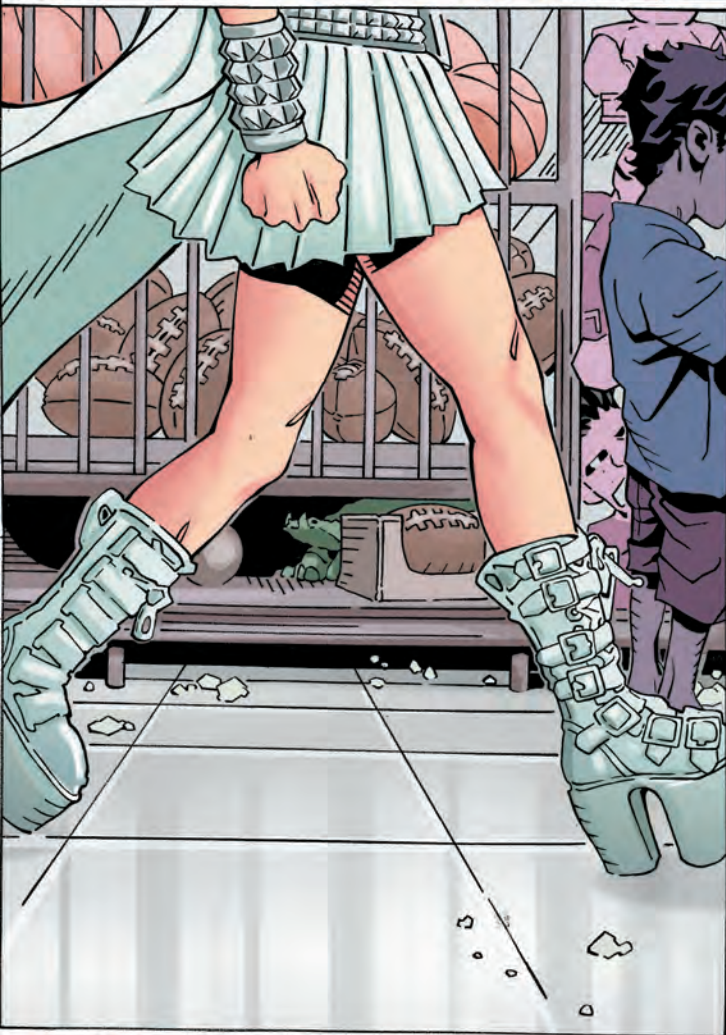
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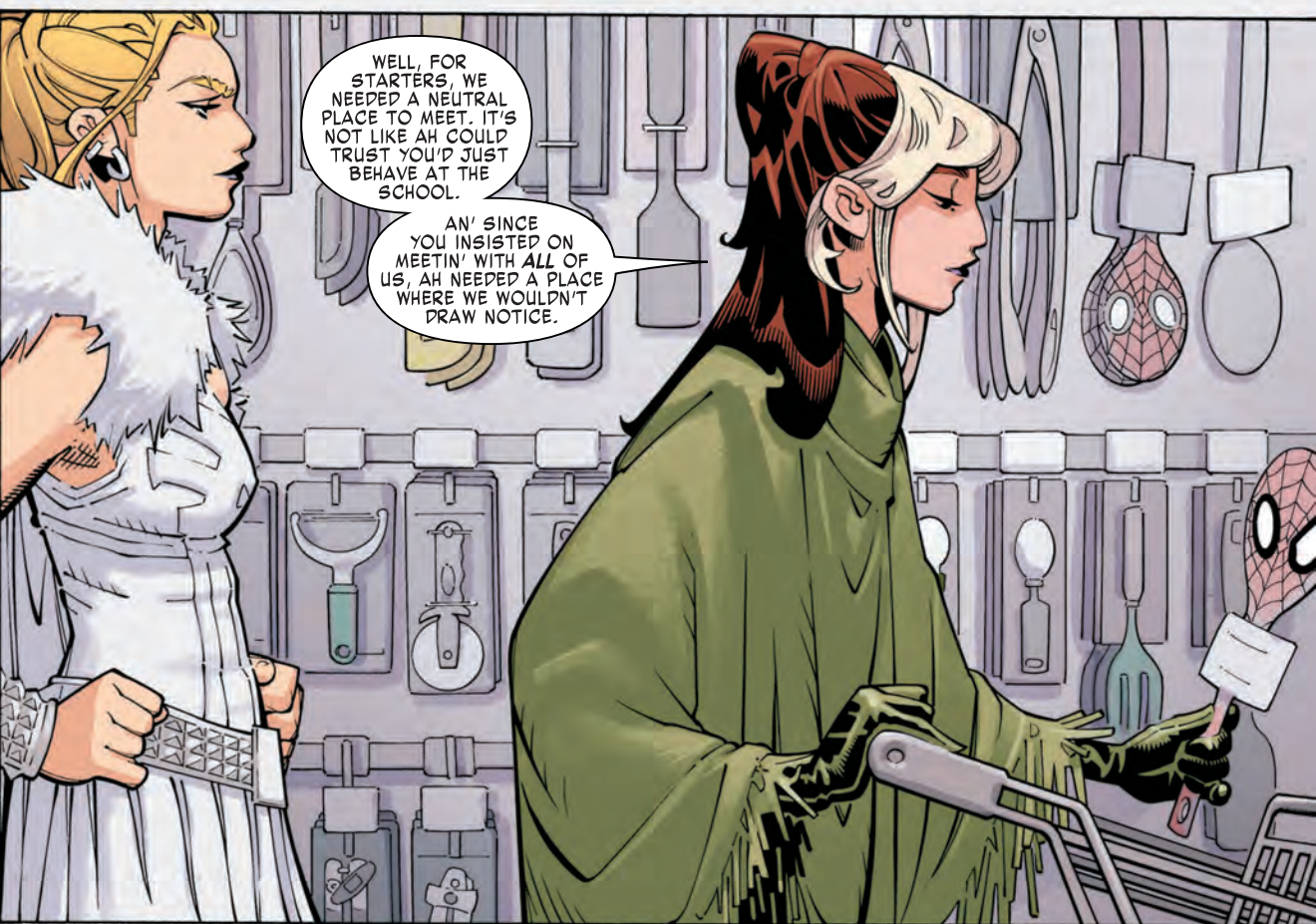
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WELL, FOR STARTERS, WE NEEDED A NEUTRAL PLACE TO MEET. IT'S NOT LIKE AH COULD TRUST YOU'D JUST BEHAVE AT THE SCHOOL.

AN' SINCE YOU INSISTED ON MEETIN' WITH ALL OF US, AH NEEDED A PLACE WHERE WE WOULDN'T DRAW NOTICE.



SEE, WE FIT RIGHT IN HERE.

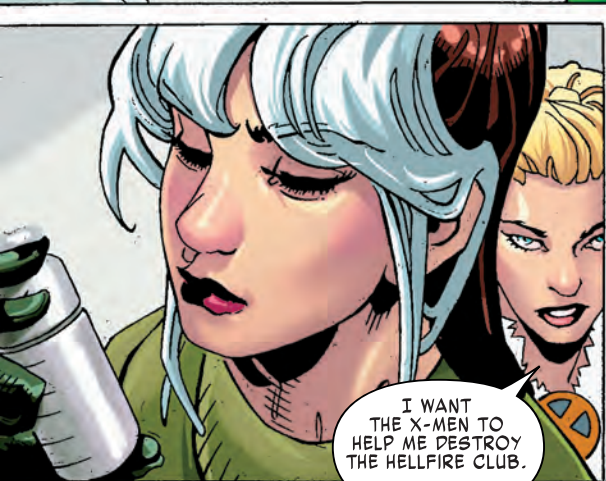


AND, SUGAR, LISTEN--

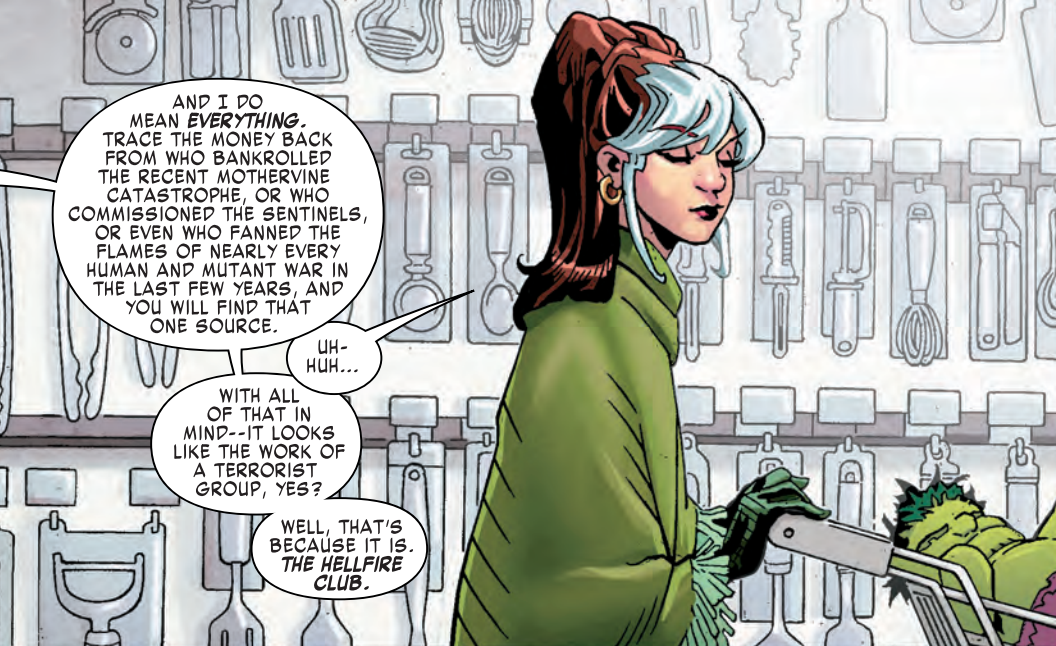


--AH JUST THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUNNY.







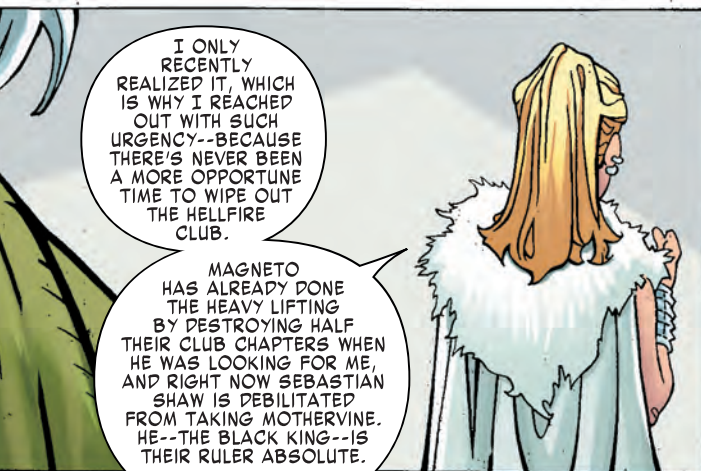


AND I DO  
MEAN **EVERYTHING**.  
TRACE THE MONEY BACK  
FROM WHO BANKROLLED  
THE RECENT MOTHERVINE  
CATASTROPHE, OR WHO  
COMMISSIONED THE SENTINELS,  
OR EVEN WHO FANNED THE  
FLAMES OF NEARLY EVERY  
HUMAN AND MUTANT WAR IN  
THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND  
YOU WILL FIND THAT  
ONE SOURCE.

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HUH...

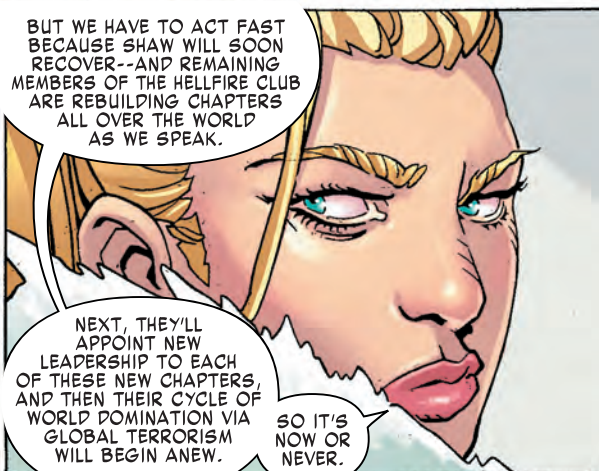
WITH ALL  
OF THAT IN  
MIND--IT LOOKS  
LIKE THE WORK OF  
A TERRORIST  
GROUP, YES?

WELL, THAT'S  
BECAUSE IT IS.  
**THE HELLFIRE CLUB.**



I ONLY  
RECENTLY  
REALIZED IT, WHICH  
IS WHY I REACHED  
OUT WITH SUCH  
URGENCY--BECAUSE  
THERE'S NEVER BEEN  
A MORE OPPORTUNE  
TIME TO WIPE OUT  
THE HELLFIRE  
CLUB.

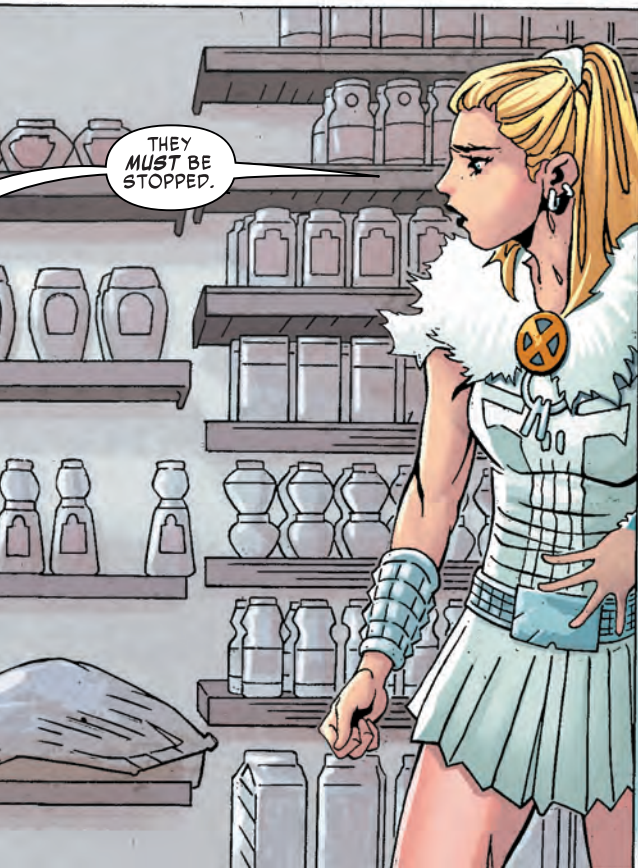
MAGNETO  
HAS ALREADY DONE  
THE HEAVY LIFTING  
BY DESTROYING HALF  
THEIR CLUB CHAPTERS WHEN  
HE WAS LOOKING FOR ME,  
AND RIGHT NOW SEBASTIAN  
SHAW IS DEBILITATED  
FROM TAKING MOTHERVINE.  
HE--THE BLACK KING--IS  
THEIR RULER ABSOLUTE.



BUT WE HAVE TO ACT FAST  
BECAUSE SHAW WILL SOON  
RECOVER--AND REMAINING  
MEMBERS OF THE HELLFIRE CLUB  
ARE REBUILDING CHAPTERS  
ALL OVER THE WORLD  
AS WE SPEAK.

NEXT, THEY'LL  
APPOINT NEW  
LEADERSHIP TO EACH  
OF THESE NEW CHAPTERS,  
AND THEN THEIR CYCLE OF  
WORLD DOMINATION VIA  
GLOBAL TERRORISM  
WILL BEGIN ANEW.

SO IT'S  
NOW OR  
NEVER.



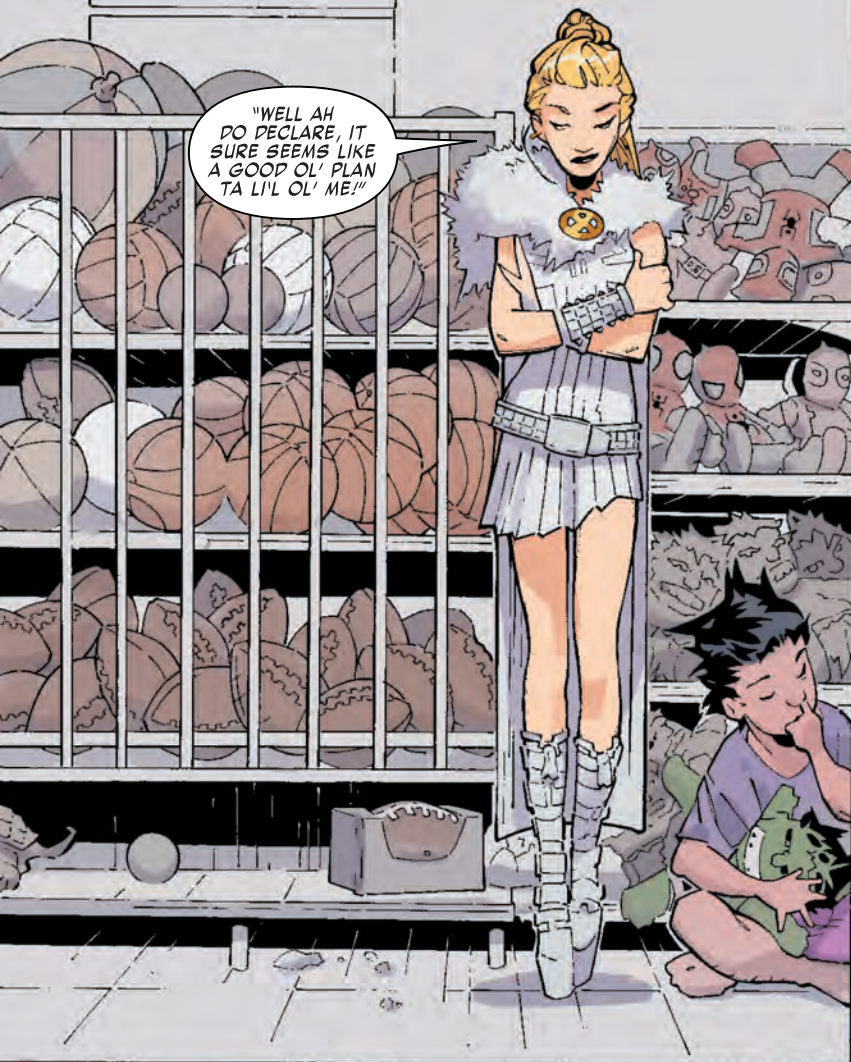
THEY  
**MUST** BE  
STOPPED.



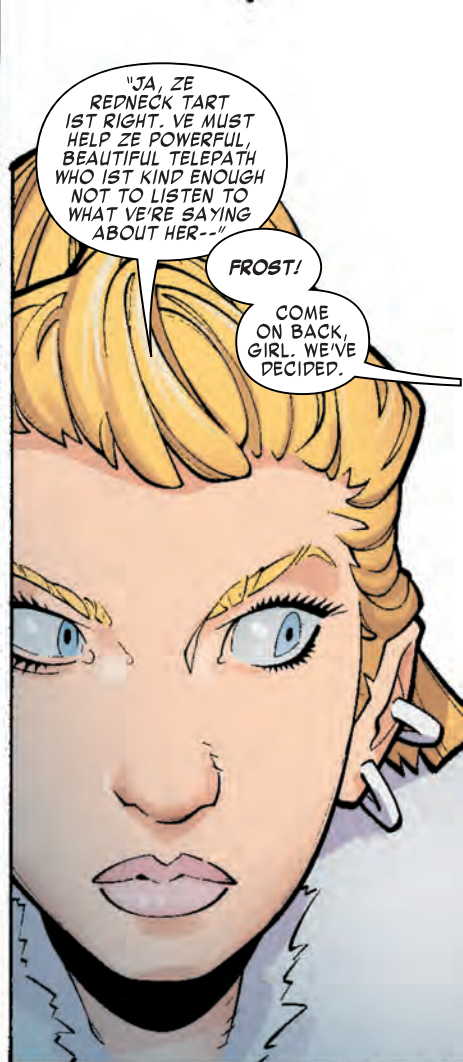
GO  
WAIT OVER  
THERE.

AH NEED  
TO DISCUSS  
THIS WITH  
THE TEAM.





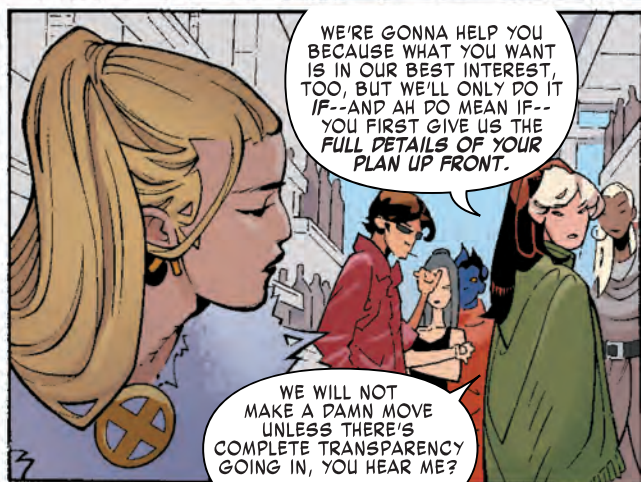
"WELL AH DO DECLARE, IT SURE SEEMS LIKE A GOOD OL' PLAN TA LI'L OL' ME!"



"JA, ZE REDNECK TART IST RIGHT. VE MUST HELP ZE POWERFUL, BEAUTIFUL TELEPATH WHO IST KIND ENOUGH NOT TO LISTEN TO WHAT VE'RE SAYING ABOUT HER--"

FROST!

COME ON BACK, GIRL. WE'VE DECIDED.



WE'RE GONNA HELP YOU BECAUSE WHAT YOU WANT IS IN OUR BEST INTEREST, TOO, BUT WE'LL ONLY DO IT IF--AND AH DO MEAN IF-- YOU FIRST GIVE US THE FULL DETAILS OF YOUR PLAN UP FRONT.

WE WILL NOT MAKE A DAMN MOVE UNLESS THERE'S COMPLETE TRANSPARENCY GOING IN, YOU HEAR ME?

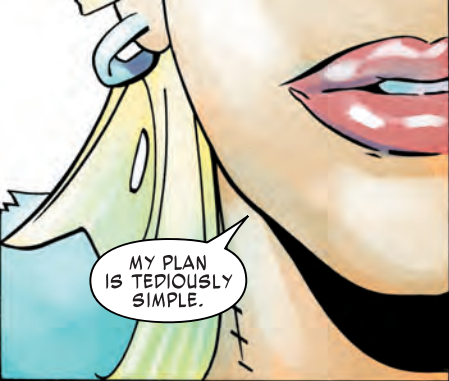


I WOULD EXPECT NOTHING ELSE. I--

THANK YOU, ROGUE. THANK YOU. ALL OF YOU. SINCERELY.

YEAH, YEAH. SO WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?

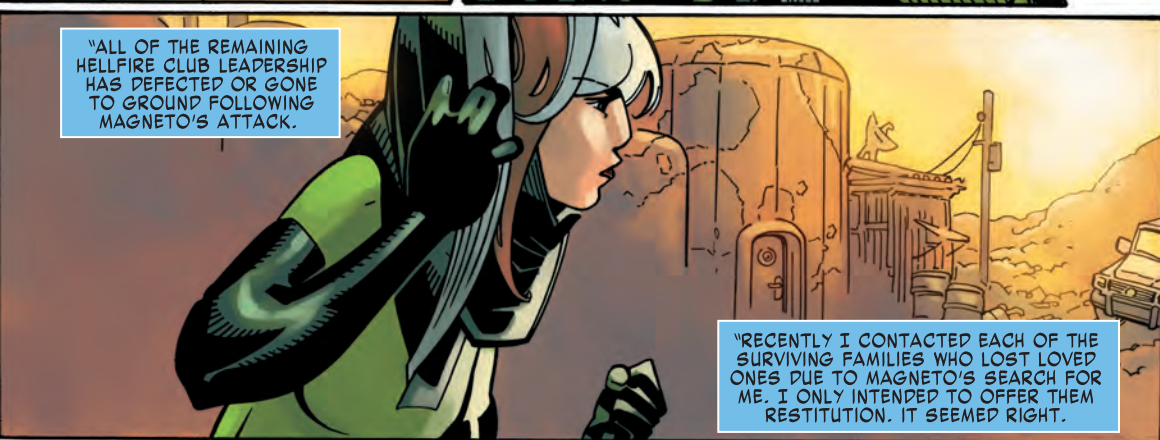




MY PLAN IS TEDIOUSLY SIMPLE.

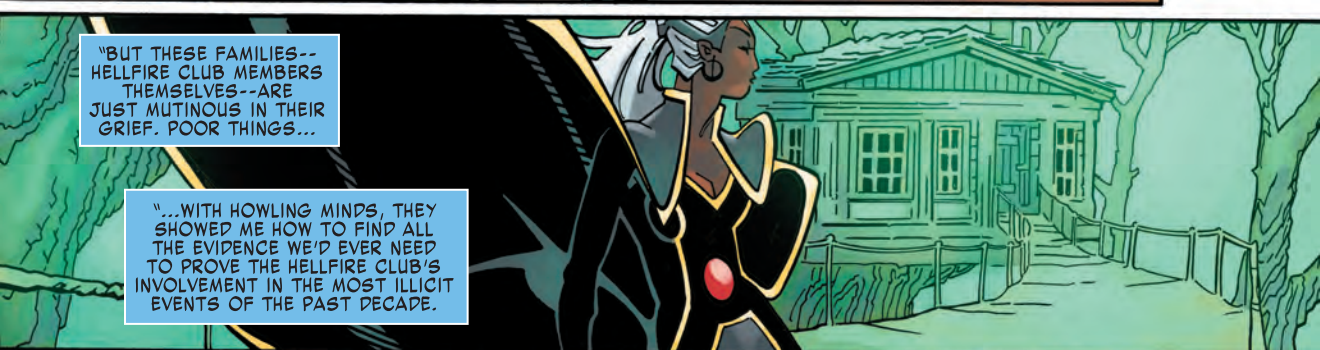


"DIVIDE AND CONQUER."



"ALL OF THE REMAINING HELLFIRE CLUB LEADERSHIP HAS DEFECTED OR GONE TO GROUND FOLLOWING MAGNETO'S ATTACK."

"RECENTLY I CONTACTED EACH OF THE SURVIVING FAMILIES WHO LOST LOVED ONES DUE TO MAGNETO'S SEARCH FOR ME. I ONLY INTENDED TO OFFER THEM RESTITUTION. IT SEEMED RIGHT."



"BUT THESE FAMILIES--HELLFIRE CLUB MEMBERS THEMSELVES--ARE JUST MUTINOUS IN THEIR GRIEF. POOR THINGS..."

"...WITH HOWLING MINDS, THEY SHOWED ME HOW TO FIND ALL THE EVIDENCE WE'D EVER NEED TO PROVE THE HELLFIRE CLUB'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE MOST ILLICIT EVENTS OF THE PAST DECADE."



"BUT TO BE FAIR, THEY ALSO VOLUNTARILY GAVE ME LOCATIONS FOR THE LAST INNER SANCTUM SAFE HOUSES."

"YOU ALL ARE THE MOST POWERFUL MUTANTS ALIVE, WHICH IS WHY I ASKED FOR YOUR HELP, SPECIFICALLY. I NEED ONLY *THE BEST* FOR THIS TO WORK."



BAMF

BRRATATATA

TATATATATA



"A SYNCHRONOUS ATTACK. WE WIPE OUT EVERY LAST LEADER OF THE HELLFIRE CLUB IN ONE GO, DOING WHATEVER IT TAKES TO DETAIN THEM ALL AT ONCE."

"AS FOR MY PART IN THIS PLAN..."