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AS A CHILD, ILLYANA RASPUTIN WAS TRANSPORTED TO A HELL DIMENSION CALLED LIMBO. ITS RULER, BELASCO, TRAPPED HER THERE FOR SEVEN YEARS. ILLYANA WAS EVENTUALLY ABLE TO OVERCOME BELASCO AND ESCAPE FROM LIMBO—BUT WHEN SHE EMERGED, ONLY SECONDS HAD PASSED ON EARTH.

AS A TEENAGER RAISED IN HELL, ILLYANA STRUGGLED TO READJUST, FINDING HERSELF HUNTED BY THE PAST...BY THE UNKNOWN OUTER LIMITS OF HER POWERS...BY THE FEAR THAT BELASCO WOULD RETURN.

WHAT IF THIS FEAR HAD DRIVEN HER—AWAY FROM HER FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND THE NEW MUTANTS? WHAT IF ILLYANA...WALKED AWAY?

WHO WOULD SHE BECOME?

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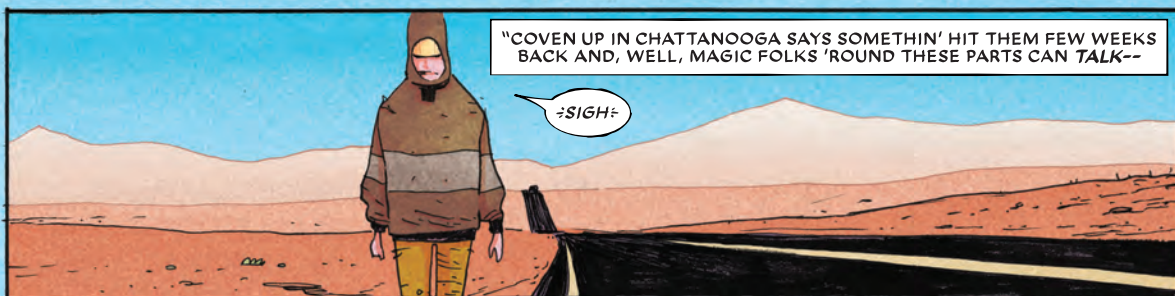




"THERE'S A PREDATOR  
PLAGUING THE AREA.

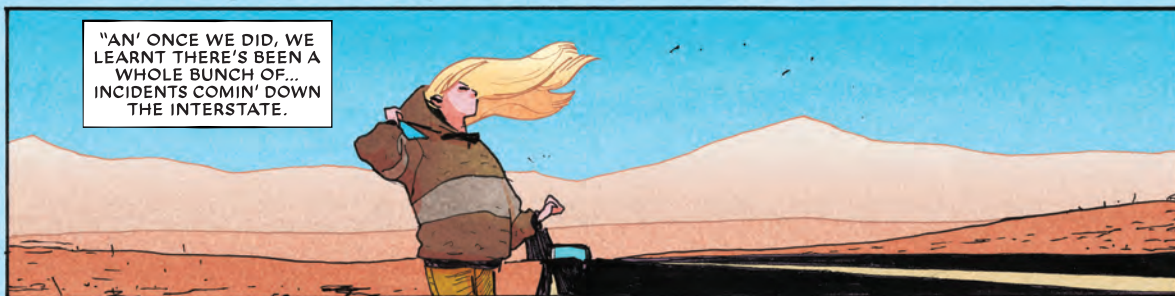


"SOME KINDA  
MAGICAL  
MENACE.



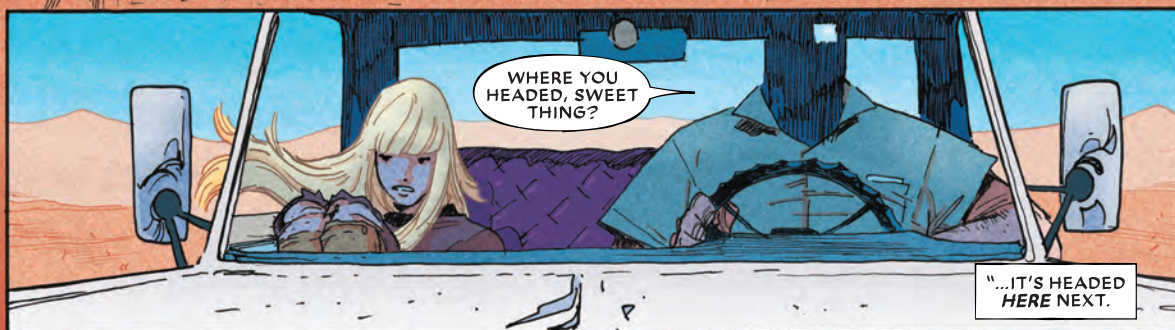
"COVEN UP IN CHATTANOOGA SAYS SOMETHIN' HIT THEM FEW WEEKS  
BACK AND, WELL, MAGIC FOLKS 'ROUND THESE PARTS CAN TALK--

~SIGH~



"AN' ONCE WE DID, WE  
LEARNT THERE'S BEEN A  
WHOLE BUNCH OF...  
INCIDENTS COMIN' DOWN  
THE INTERSTATE.

"NO RHYME OR REASON TO THE  
ATTACKS, FARS' WE CAN TELL. BUT  
LOOKS LIKE WHATEVER IT IS...



WHERE YOU  
HEADED, SWEET  
THING?

"...IT'S HEADED  
HERE NEXT.



"I JUS' DIDN'T KNOW WHO ELSE  
TO ASK FOR HELP. I'M SORRY FOR  
MAKIN' YOU COME ALL THIS WAY,  
*DOCTOR STRANGE.*"

"NO, PLEASE--I'M GLAD YOU  
CONTACTED ME. I'VE BEEN  
FOLLOWING THE SORCERY TRAIL  
OF THE SAME MARAUDER SINCE  
IT BEGAN OUT OF WESTCHESTER  
COUNTY, NEW YORK.

AW, COME ON  
NOW, WHY YOU  
*RUNNIN'!*

"NOW THANKS TO  
YOU, I FINALLY HAVE  
AN IDEA OF WHERE  
TO APPREHEND THEM  
BEFORE THEY STRIKE  
NEXT."

THIS HOW  
YOU THANK  
ME FOR GIVING  
YOU A  
LIFT?!

I JUS'  
WANNA HAVE  
A LITTLE FUN,  
THAT'S ALL...

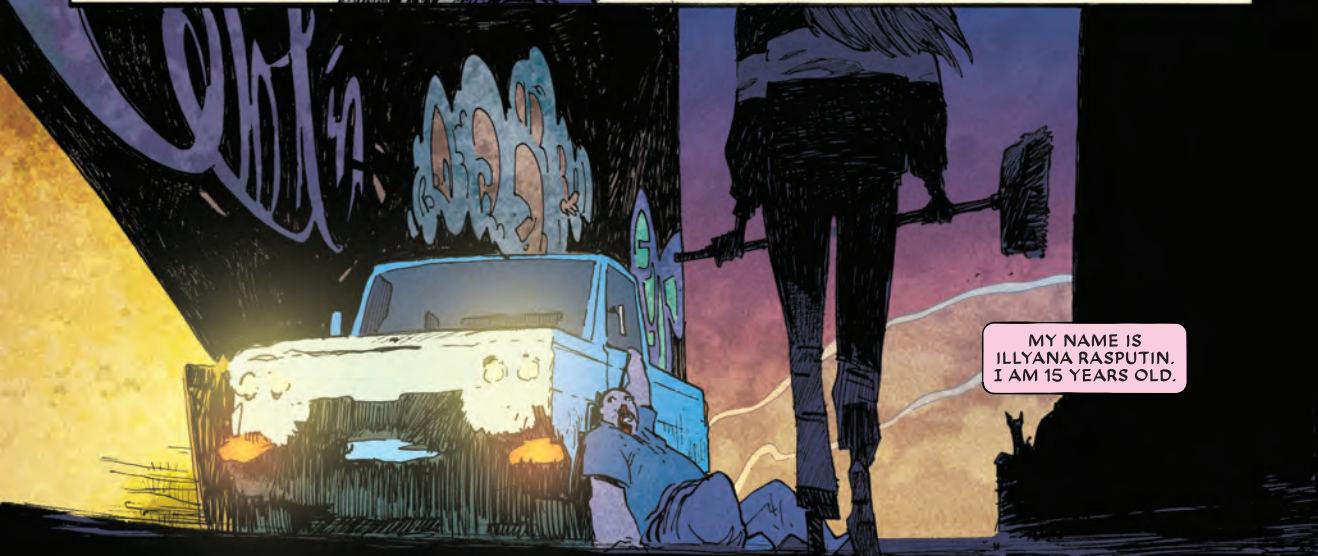
SHHH.  
DON'T BE  
AFRAID...

I'M  
NOT GONNA  
HURTCHA.





I CAME  
OF AGE IN A  
PLACE WHERE WE  
CUT EACH OTHER  
FOR FUN.



MY NAME IS  
ILLYANA RASPUTIN.  
I AM 15 YEARS OLD.

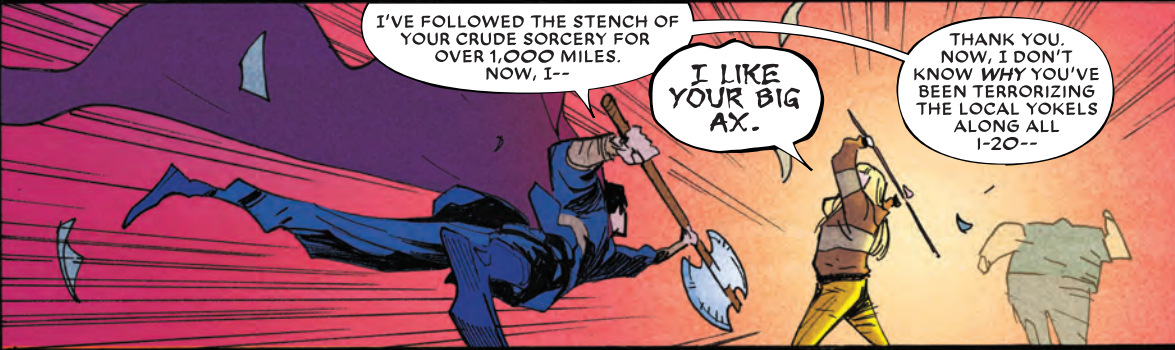
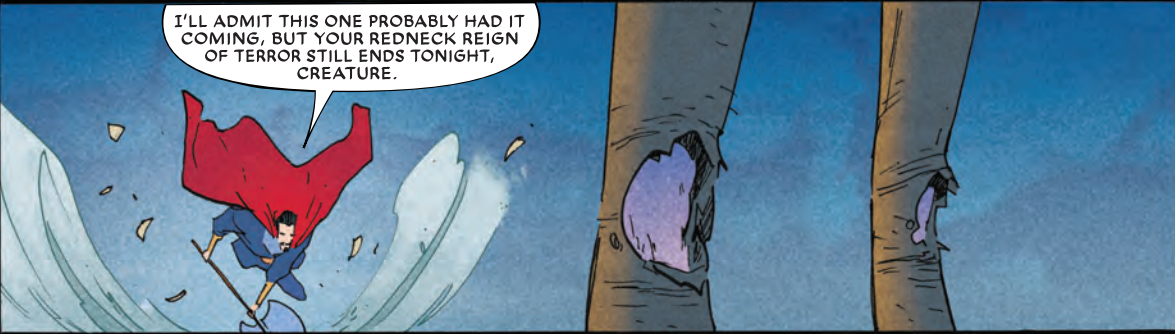


I GREW UP  
IN HELL.

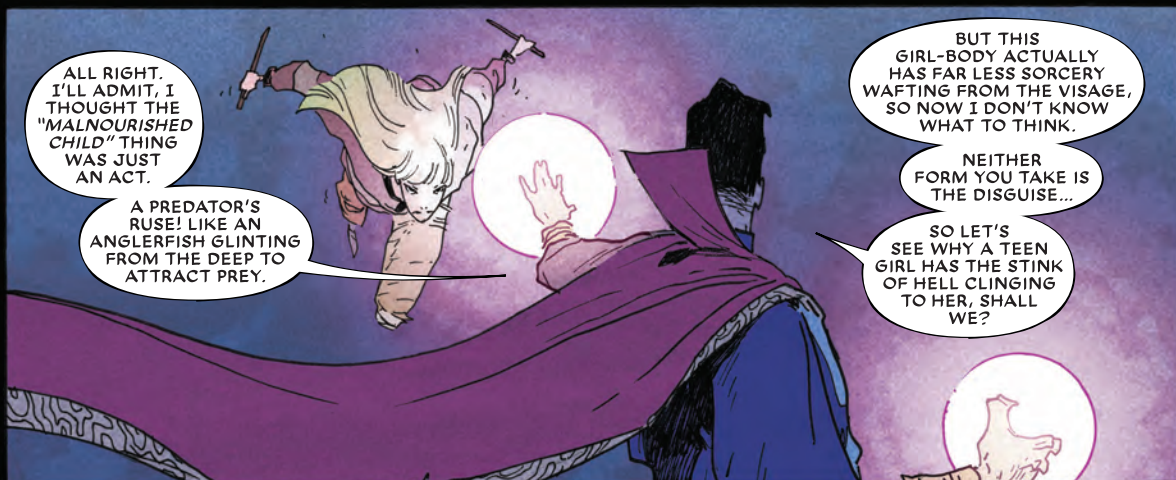
I AM  
AFRAID OF  
NOTHING BUT  
MYSELF.

THAT IS  
ENOUGH!









ALL RIGHT. I'LL ADMIT, I THOUGHT THE "MALNOURISHED CHILD" THING WAS JUST AN ACT.

A PREDATOR'S RUSE! LIKE AN ANGLERFISH GLINTING FROM THE DEEP TO ATTRACT PREY.

BUT THIS GIRL-BODY ACTUALLY HAS FAR LESS SORCERY WAFING FROM THE VISAGE, SO NOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK.

NEITHER FORM YOU TAKE IS THE DISGUISE...

SO LET'S SEE WHY A TEEN GIRL HAS THE STINK OF HELL CLINGING TO HER, SHALL WE?



POSSESSION, PERHAPS? NO, NO, YOUR SOUL IS INTACT. COMPLETE.

AND YOUR AURA IS CLEAR AS WELL. CONGRATULATIONS! THAT DOESN'T ACTUALLY MEAN ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT, SO DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD.

AH! I SEE THAT YOU'RE RUSSIAN. WELL.

HELLO, WHAT'S THIS...? THAT DOESN'T BELONG HERE...

BY THE POWER OF THE VISHANTI, WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO YOU?!



OH, YOU WRETCHED THING... I AM SO SORRY.



WAIT!



