

"WHAT WOULD YOU SACRIFICE FOR YOUR DREAMS?"

A MORAL QUESTION THAT I COULD NEVER ANSWER. UNTIL I MET MYSELF. NATE GREY, AN ALTERNATE VERSION, RATHER.\*

UNLIKE THE OLD ME, HE KNEW THE INFINITE VALUE OF AUTONOMOUS EXISTENCE. HE KNEW THE VIRTUE OF SELFLESSNESS LEADS TO SAFETY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

\*SEE X-MAN #69, 2000.

THAT NATE IS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MUTANT I AM TODAY. HE GAVE UP EVERYTHING AND SAVED A UNIVERSE.

NO MATTER HOW BIG A QUESTION I ASKED HIM, HE ALWAYS RECOUNTED THE SAME PARABLE.

A CURIOUS BOY ASKED HIS DEITY, "WHAT IS THE SELF? WHAT IS THE BODY? WHAT IS DIVINITY?"

THE DEITY REPLIED, "THEY ARE THE FLOWERS AT YOUR FEET. THEY ARE THE FLOWING WATERS OF THE OCEAN. THEY ARE THE DREAMS YOU DREAM.

"ALL ARE ONE. ALL ARE THE SAME."





NOW THAT HUMANITY HAS EVOLVED, I FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT HE MEANT.

WE ARE ALL THE SAME. WE ARE ALL GIFTED. WE ALL CARRY THE X-GENE.

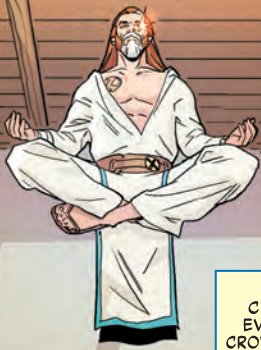


PARITY ASIDE, PEOPLE ARE IMPERFECT EVEN WITHIN A PERFECT WORLD.



LIKE THE OLD WORLD, WE STILL WORK TOGETHER. WE'RE STILL FRIENDS, WE STILL PROTECT THE WORLD AS A GROUP.


BUT I KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE...



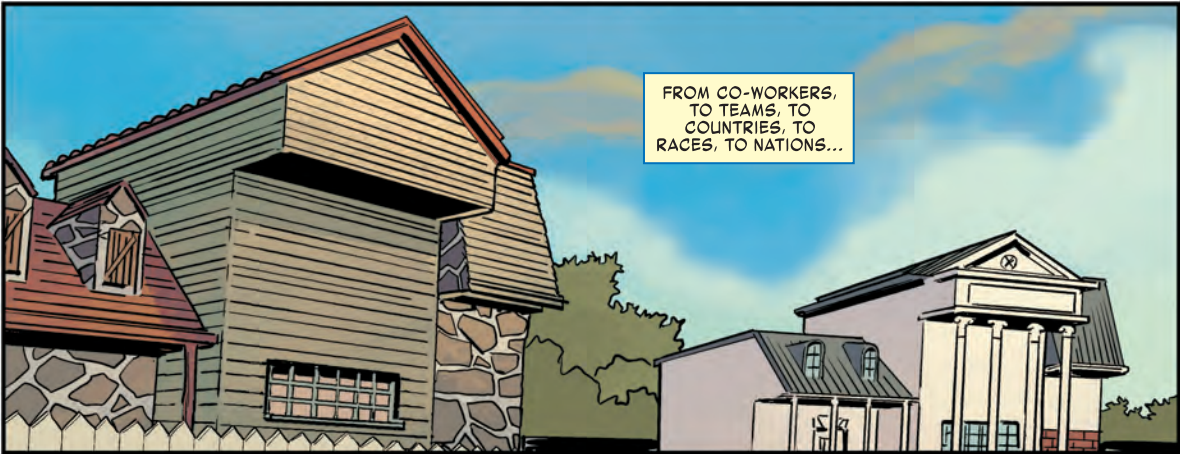
...IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, EVEN IN THE MOST CROWDED ROOMS, EVEN WITH THE THOUGHTS OF THOUSANDS IN YOUR HEAD...

...WE'RE ALWAYS ALONE.

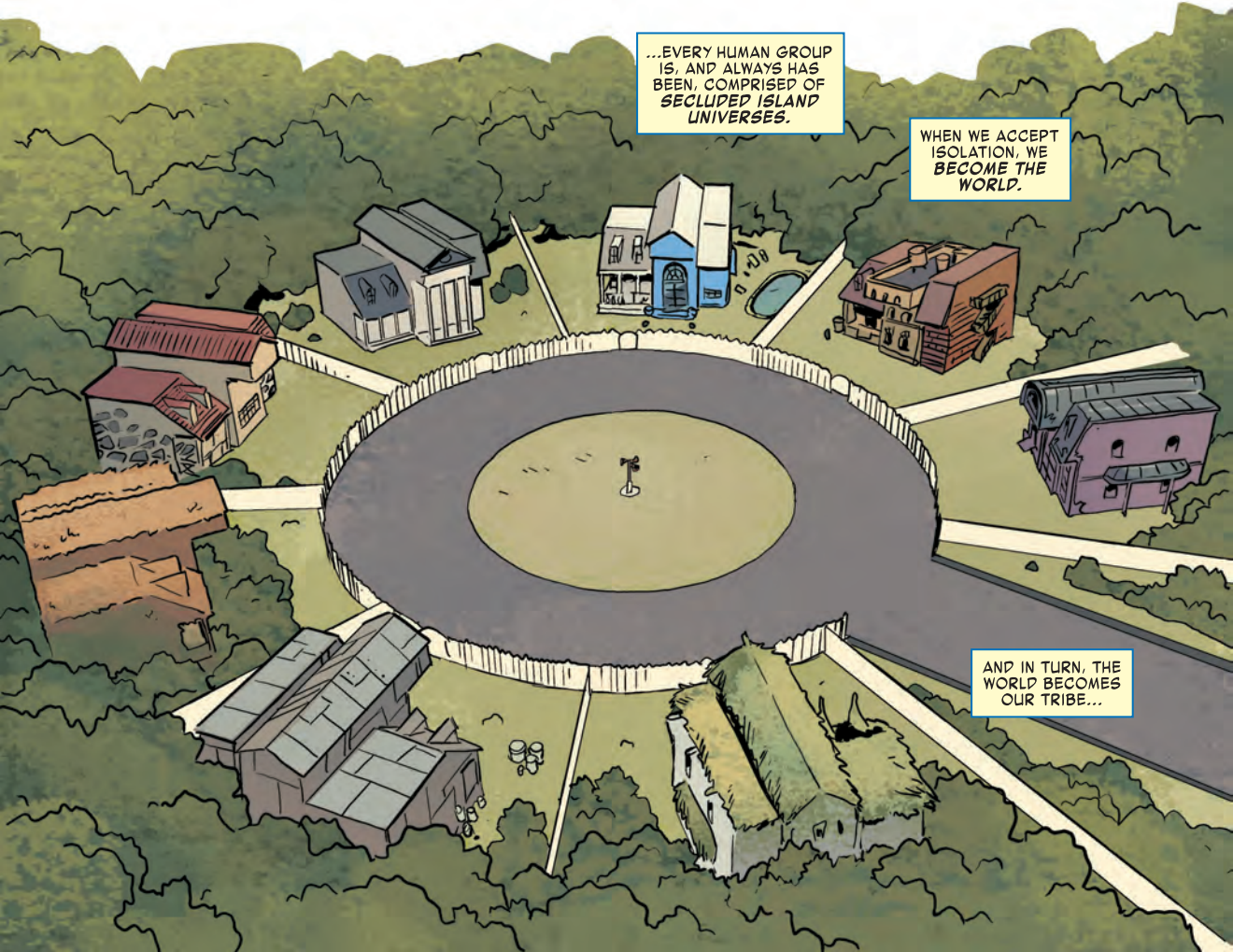




THE ONLY  
DIFFERENCE IS, IN  
THIS NEW ERA, WE  
EMBRACE IT.



FROM CO-WORKERS,  
TO TEAMS, TO  
COUNTRIES, TO  
RACES, TO NATIONS...



...EVERY HUMAN GROUP  
IS, AND ALWAYS HAS  
BEEN, COMPRISED OF  
*SECLUDED ISLAND  
UNIVERSES.*

WHEN WE ACCEPT  
ISOLATION, WE  
BECOME THE  
WORLD.

AND IN TURN, THE  
WORLD BECOMES  
OUR TRIBE...

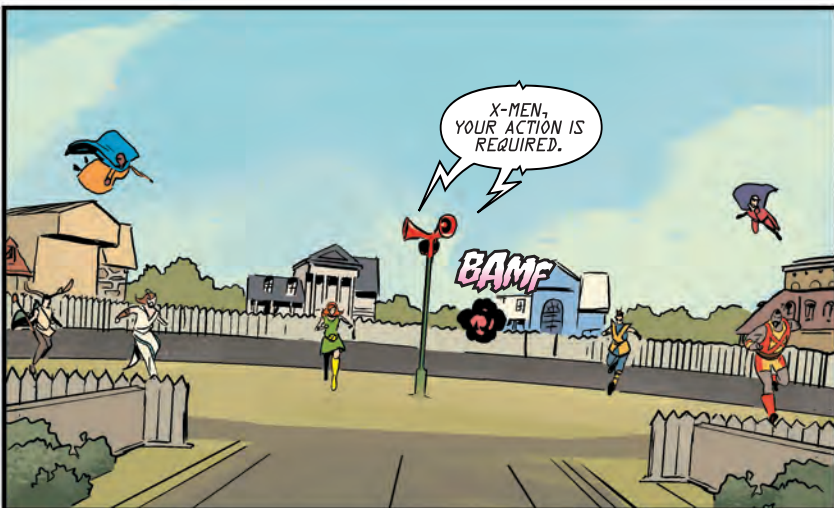


...AND WE DO  
WHATEVER IT TAKES  
TO PROTECT THIS  
DREAM.

X-MEN,  
YOUR ACTION IS  
REQUIRED.



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X-SANCTUARY.







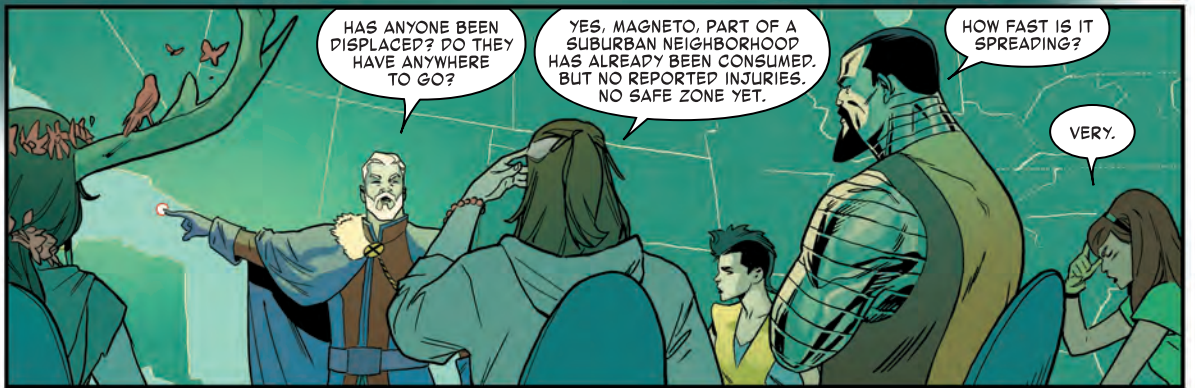
A FOREST FIRE IS THREATENING TO CONSUME LOS ANGELES. THE BLAZE IS OUT OF CONTROL--

X-MAN, IT'S MUCH WORSE. TOMORROW'S MUTANTS ARE IN DANGER. THEY'RE SCREAMING. IT'S ENCROACHING ON CEREbro WEST.



THAT'S WHERE I WAS BORN.

MEIN GOTT... ZE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES DON'T DESERVE ZIS. VE MUST MOVE!



HAS ANYONE BEEN DISPLACED? DO THEY HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO?

YES, MAGNETO, PART OF A SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD HAS ALREADY BEEN CONSUMED. BUT NO REPORTED INJURIES. NO SAFE ZONE YET.

HOW FAST IS IT SPREADING?

VERY.



THE WINDS ARE PICKING UP, FEEDING THE INFERNO. I'LL NEED NATURE GIRL'S ASSISTANCE TO RECLAIM THE FOREST.

I WILL COME.

ME TOO.

TWEET TWEET



THEN THE REST ARE WITH ME. I'M TRYING TO CALM THE CHILDREN'S MINDS, BUT THERE ARE...TOO MANY.

THEN LET'S QUIT YAMMERING.

JA. TIME TO MOVE.