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Runaways

When they were younger, Nico Minoru, Chase Stein, Gertrude Yorkes, Karolina Dean, Molly Hayes and Alex Wilder became friends through circumstance: hanging out once a year while their parents had what they claimed was a dinner party. After discovering their parents were actually the super villain team known as the Pride, the kids ran. The Runaways learned to use powers and resources inherited from their parents, and returned to defeat them. The experience made them a family, but that wasn't enough to keep them safe.

The Runaways, and all their problems, are together under one (underground) roof! Now that the easy stuff-like bringing Victor's head and Gert back from the dead, convincing Karolina to sideline college life and rescuing Molly from her mad scientist grandmother-is done, they can get back to the business of growing up.



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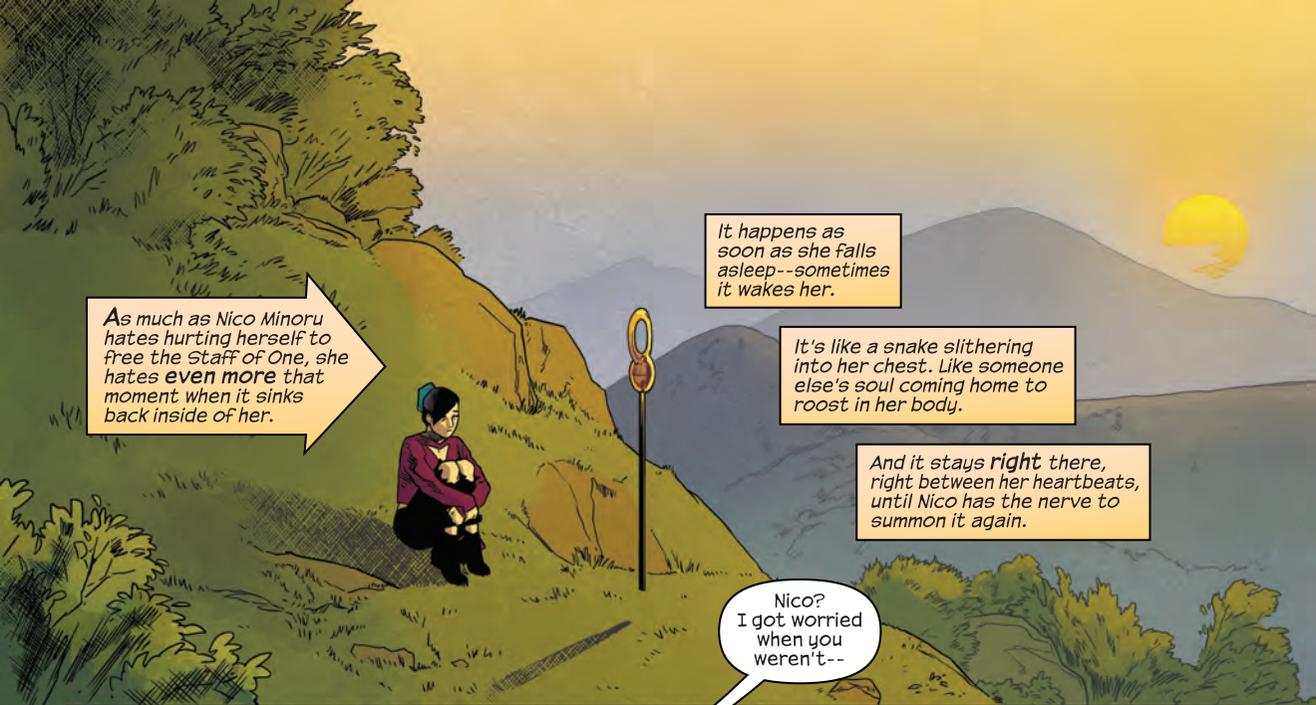
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As much as Nico Minoru hates hurting herself to free the Staff of One, she hates **even more** that moment when it sinks back inside of her.

It happens as soon as she falls asleep--sometimes it wakes her.

It's like a snake slithering into her chest. Like someone else's soul coming home to roost in her body.

And it stays **right** there, right between her heartbeats, until Nico has the nerve to summon it again.

Nico?
I got worried when you weren't--



Hey. Are you okay?

I'm fine, Gert.

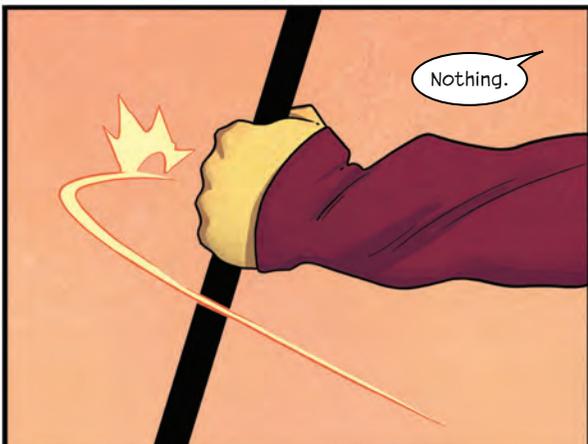
Have you slept at all?



What's it doing?

Waiting.

Nico knows it's waiting.



Nothing.



Good morning to you, too.



Good morning, handsome.

Chase Stein is the man of the house. He's the oldest, he's the tallest...

He's the one who got the Runaways back together and the one who put a roof over their heads.

And he's gonna be the one who keeps them together this time.



What would his dad say if he could see Chase in this suit...



"You're not fooling anybody, dumbass. Get out of my lab."



Chase never made Victor Stein proud. Not once.



But there are five kids depending on Chase now...

(Well--two kids. One cyborg. A witch and an alien who are old enough to vote. Plus a cat and a dinosaur.)

He won't let them down.

**I'M GONNA
BE LATE FOR
SCHOOL!**

Late
for school?
What time
is it?

You
can't go
to school,
Molly.

Why
would
you want
to?



School?

Runaways

BEST FRIENDS FOREVER

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