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A large, glowing phoenix with bright orange and yellow feathers is shown rising from a sea of fire. A woman with long red hair, wearing a red and black uniform, stands in the center of the flames, her body glowing with fire. The background is a dark, smoky landscape with purple and blue tones.

"I WAS THE PHOENIX."

"I BURNED SO BRIGHTLY."

"AND THEN I WAS DEAD."

"AND EVERYTHING WAS DARK."

A woman with long red hair, wearing a blue and red suit, stands in a desert landscape with mountains in the background. She is looking towards the right. The sky is a mix of blue and pink, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

I'M ALIVE AGAIN.

BUT I NEED YOU TO UNDERSTAND, I'M NOT CONTENT TO RETURN TO THE SAME LIFE.

I REFUSE TO ACCEPT THIS WORLD FOR HOW IT IS.

I'M GOING TO CHANGE IT.

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LIKE A PHOENIX RISING FROM THE ASHES, JEAN GREY HAS RETURNED TO LIFE. AND WHILE THE WORLD JEAN HAS RETURNED TO IS VASTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE SHE LEFT, ONE CONSTANT REMAINS: X-MEN STILL PROTECT A WORLD THAT HATES AND FEARS THEM.

JEAN HAS A LOT OF CATCHING UP TO DO WITH THE WORLD, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WITH THE PEOPLE SHE LOVES. WHILE MANY OF HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE GONE, SHE SEEKS TO RECONNECT WITH THOSE WHO REMAIN...



JEAN GREY



NIGHTCRAWLER



TRINARY



WOLVERINE



HONEY BADGER

X-MEN

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I SENT THE PHOENIX AWAY.



GOODBYE, JEAN GREY.
GOODBYE.

AFTERWARDS, I WAS SURROUNDED BY SO MANY PEOPLE I LOVED.



AND THEY WERE AFRAID.



I COULD FEEL IT.

BUT THEY WEREN'T AFRAID OF ME.

THEY WERE AFRAID IF THEY TOUCHED ME, I MIGHT BREAK. OR MAYBE JUST FAPE AWAY.



THEY WERE AFRAID...



...FOR ABOUT
TEN SECONDS.



JEAN!



HANK. IF
YOU DON'T LET
ME IN THERE, I
WILL PHASE
RIGHT
THROUGH YOU.





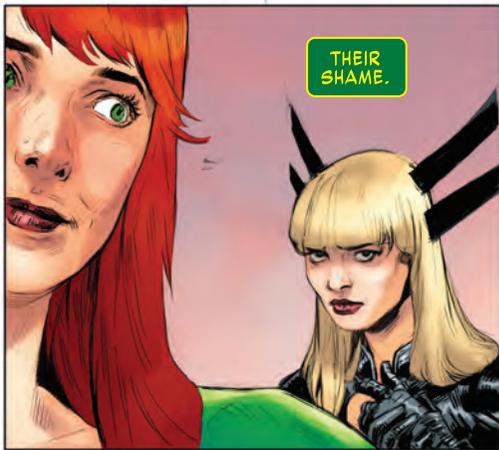
IT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.



IT WAS LIKE A WAKE IN REVERSE.



AND IT WAS OVERWHELMING.



THEIR SHAME.



BUT, TO ME, IT SOUNDED LIKE PETTY SQUABBLING.

HEROES AGAINST HEROES. WITH REGULAR PEOPLE TERRIFIED OF BOTH SIDES.

WE NEED TO DO BETTER. BE BETTER.



I CELEBRATED AS I HEARD ABOUT GREAT TRIUMPHS FOR THE FIRST TIME.



AND EVERY TIME I LEARNED ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE WHO WAS GONE...



...I GRIEVED.





I'D MISSED SO MUCH. THERE WAS SO MUCH TO SHARE.



THEIR JOY.



AND PRIDE.



THEY TOLD ME OF THE BATTLES THEY'D FOUGHT, NOT JUST STRUGGLES FOR EARTH, BUT AGAINST EACH OTHER.

THEY SPOKE ABOUT THESE DESTRUCTIVE DIVISIONS.



KITTY PHASED A PLANET-KILLING GIANT BULLET THROUGH THE EARTH.



CAN'T BELIEVE I MISSED THAT.



THERE WERE OLD FACES THAT WERE CHANGED...



AND THEN...