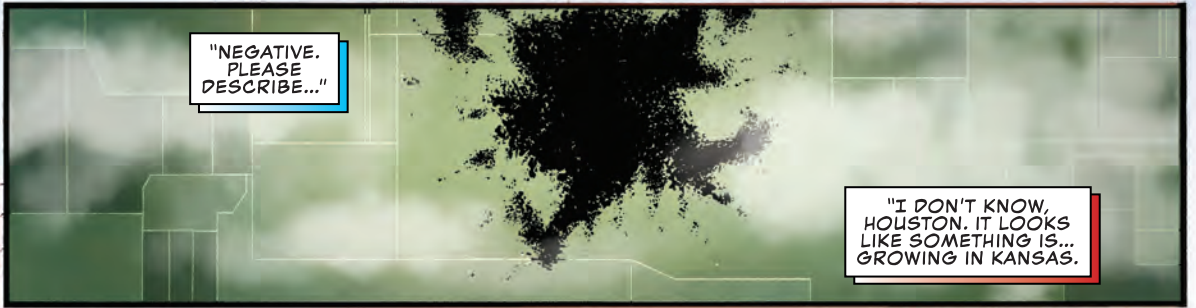


AND THE COMMANDER SAYS, "HE CAN'T FLY. HE'S JUST AN OLD MAN IN A BIRD COSTUME."

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DAVE?
DO YOU
COPY?

HOUSTON,
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT I'M LOOKING
AT RIGHT NOW. ARE
YOU SEEING
THIS?



"NEGATIVE.
PLEASE
DESCRIBE...!"

"I DON'T KNOW,
HOUSTON. IT LOOKS
LIKE SOMETHING IS...
GROWING IN KANSAS."



"WHY DOES
THIS STUFF KEEP
HAPPENING
TO ME?"

I'M SORRY TO DRAG YOU ALL OUT OF BED SO EARLY, BUT I THINK YOU CAN SEE THIS CAN'T WAIT. WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT IS NOT REALLY WITHIN OUR NORMAL PARAMETERS, BUT THESE ARE TRYING TIMES.

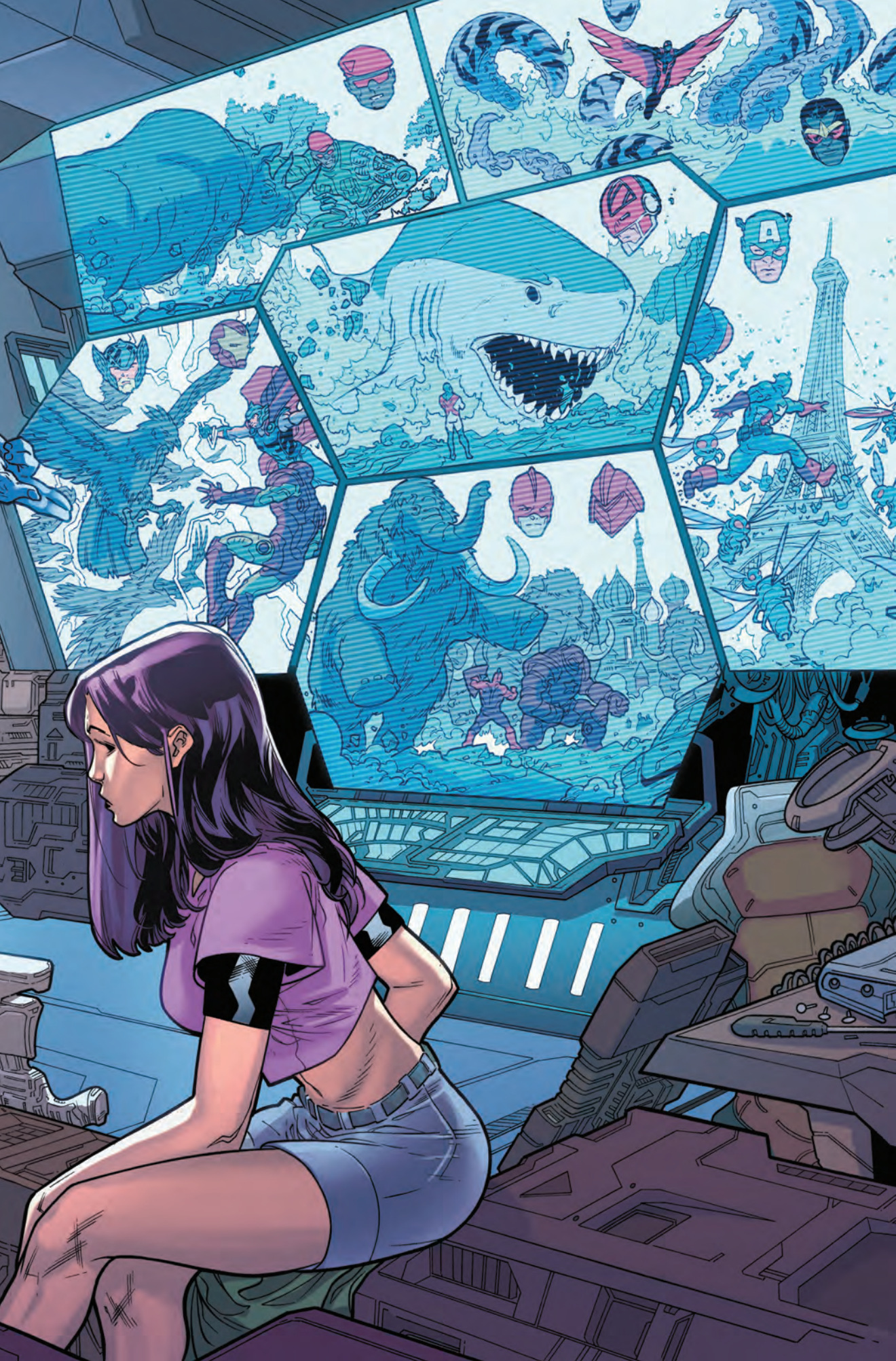
IN THE LAST SIX HOURS, REPORTS HAVE BEGUN TO COME IN FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE. VARIOUS ANIMALS, SOME EXTINCT FOR MILLENNIA, HAVE BEGUN APPEARING AND PEOPLE ARE GETTING HURT.

THE AVENGERS, THE CHAMPIONS, THE WINTER GUARD, AND VARIOUS OTHER GROUPS HAVE ALL MOBILIZED. AS YOU CAN SEE BY THE MONITORS, IT IS NOT GOING WELL...

IN SHORT, THE WORLD IS TRYING TO KILL US ALL, AND WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO FIGHT BACK.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO HEROES OPERATING IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION, AND THEY HAVE A...

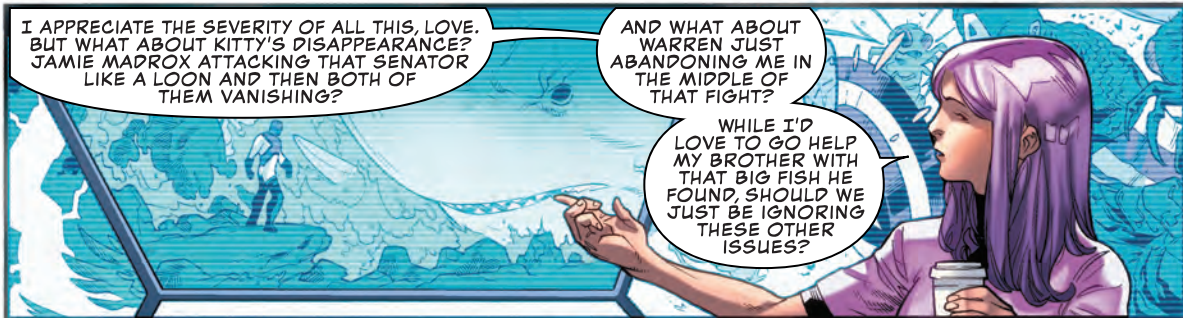
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"...LITTLE SITUATION DEVELOPING. WE NEED TO SEND A TEAM TO MONTANA NOW."

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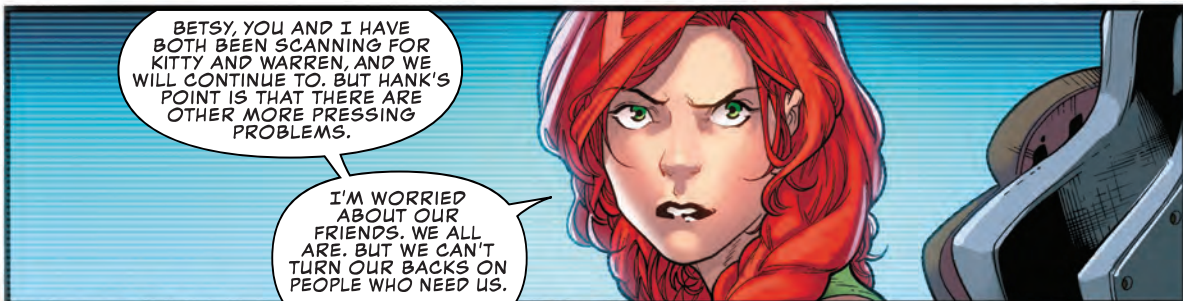




I APPRECIATE THE SEVERITY OF ALL THIS, LOVE. BUT WHAT ABOUT KITTY'S DISAPPEARANCE? JAMIE MADROX ATTACKING THAT SENATOR LIKE A LOON AND THEN BOTH OF THEM VANISHING?

AND WHAT ABOUT WARREN JUST ABANDONING ME IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT FIGHT?

WHILE I'D LOVE TO GO HELP MY BROTHER WITH THAT BIG FISH HE FOUND, SHOULD WE JUST BE IGNORING THESE OTHER ISSUES?



BETSY, YOU AND I HAVE BOTH BEEN SCANNING FOR KITTY AND WARREN, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO. BUT HANK'S POINT IS THAT THERE ARE OTHER MORE PRESSING PROBLEMS.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT OUR FRIENDS. WE ALL ARE. BUT WE CAN'T TURN OUR BACKS ON PEOPLE WHO NEED US.



A SLIGHT CORRECTION IF I MAY, JEAN? STILL JUST A THEORY, BUT BASED OFF ENERGY SIGNATURE READINGS AND PATTERN ANALYSIS, I RAN THE DISPERSAL OF--

PLEASE JUST CUT TO THE CHASE.

I DON'T THINK THESE THINGS ARE DIFFERENT THINGS.

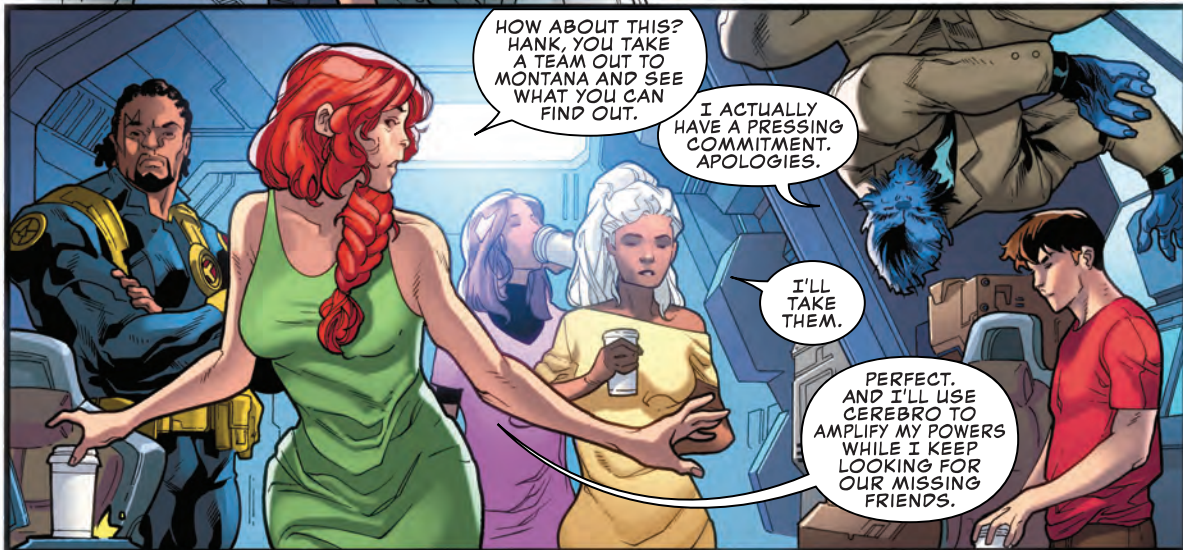


AND THE WEATHER I COULDN'T CONTROL IN THE KALAHARI?

POSSIBLY.

WE'RE DEALING WITH THINGS THAT SHOULDN'T BE HERE APPEARING AND PEOPLE THAT SHOULD BE HERE DISAPPEARING.

WHILE I CAN'T CONNECT ALL OR EVEN MOST OF THESE DOTS, THE LAYMAN IN ME SAYS WEIRD STUFF GOES TOGETHER.



HOW ABOUT THIS? HANK, YOU TAKE A TEAM OUT TO MONTANA AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND OUT.

I ACTUALLY HAVE A PRESSING COMMITMENT. APOLOGIES.

I'LL TAKE THEM.

PERFECT. AND I'LL USE CEREBRO TO AMPLIFY MY POWERS WHILE I KEEP LOOKING FOR OUR MISSING FRIENDS.