

**DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN.
A RIDICULOUSLY LONG
LINE FOR GELATO.**

PROBABLY THE BEST KILLING
MACHINES ARE THOSE YOU
DON'T SUSPECT TO
BE KILLING MACHINES.



THAT'S NOT THE ONLY
REASON ALCHEMAX CREATED
US THE WAY THEY DID.



(CHROMOSOMES.)

WE ARE ONLY ONE
PHASE IN THE
EVOLUTION OF THINGS
DESIGNED TO KILL
OTHER THINGS.

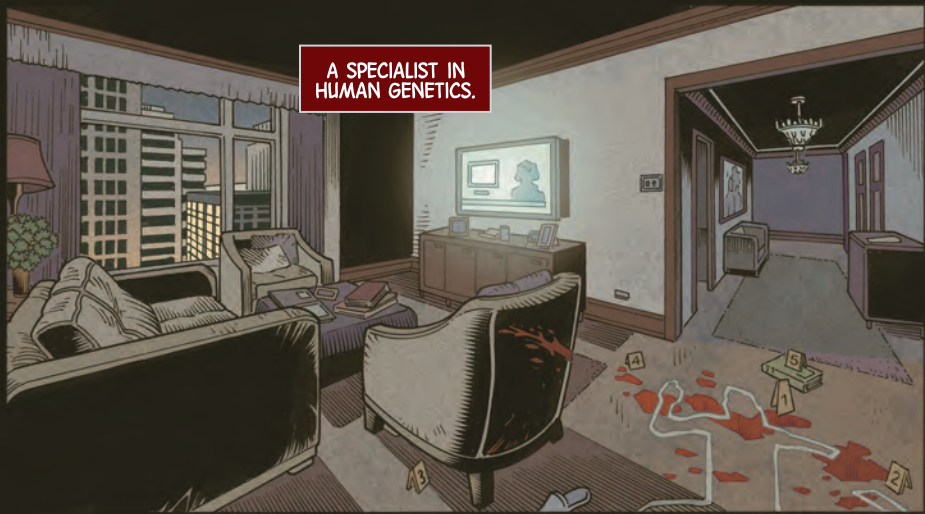
DO YOU
STILL HAVE
POP ROCKS
AND PEANUT
BUTTER?



PART OF AN EVER-
EXPANDING, CLEARLY VERY
COMPETITIVE MARKET.



THESE PAST THREE
WEEKS, THERE
HAVE BEEN THREE
MURDERS OF THREE
SCIENTISTS.



A SPECIALIST IN HUMAN GENETICS.



ONE IN GENOME ENGINEERING.



AND AN IMMUNOLOGIST.

BODY WAS FOUND BY HER COLLEAGUE, 1:20 A.M.

DR. CANDACE TRUCE.

WORKING LATE.

NO E.T.O.D, YET BUT I'M GUESSING IT'S SIMILAR TO THE OTHERS.

WHOEVER IT IS, THEY'RE VERY GOOD AT KILLING PEOPLE.

NOTHING ON SURVEILLANCE.

THE NYPD'S ORIGINAL REASON FOR BRINGING US IN ON A CONSULT WAS OUR REPUTATION FOR FINDING PEOPLE THAT DON'T WANT TO BE FOUND.

WITH THE X-MANSION IN CENTRAL PARK, KITTY PRYDE HAS BEEN PRETTY INTENSE ABOUT MAKING X-MEN'S SERVICES AVAILABLE TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. TO "SMOOTH ANY RUFFLED FEATHERS."

I WONDER IF THEY WEREN'T MAKING SURE IT WASN'T ONE OF US.

IT'S NOT.

(THIS TIME).

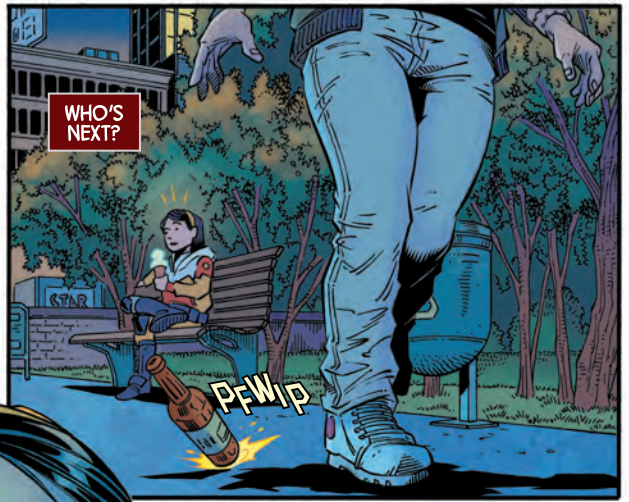
PLACE HAS SECURITY UP THE WAZOO.

IT WAS A BLADE. SOMETHING PRETTY FRICKIN' SHARP.

DR. TRUCE,
DR. FELLOW
AND DR. BOB.



WHO'S
NEXT?



HEY! NO
LITTERING!



WHY DON'T YOU
SHUT UP AND MIND
YOUR BUSINESS?



BECAUSE
SOME OF US ARE
STRONG ENOUGH
AND FULL OF ENOUGH
RAGE TO DO TERRIBLE
THINGS TO MEN
WHO TALK TO US
THAT WAY.



HUMPH.

GOOD
CALL,
DUDE.



10:00
PM



