

TWO YEARS AGO.

STATES OF MATTER.

ONE OF THE FIRST CONCEPTS IN PHYSICS I REMEMBER LEARNING, I WAS PROBABLY THREE YEARS OLD.

MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW GLASS IS ACTUALLY A LIQUID.

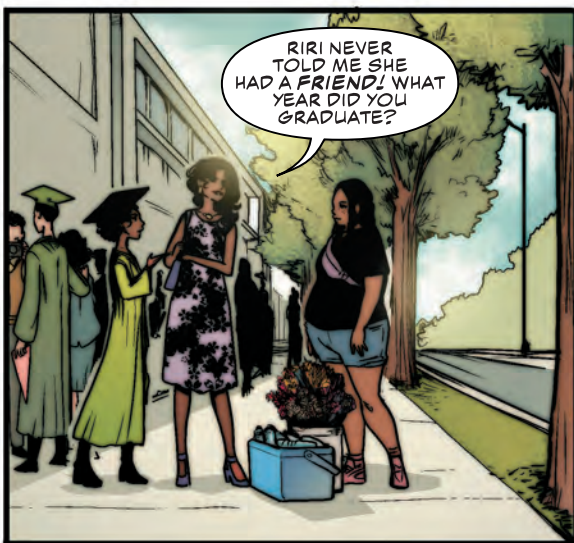




OH MOMMY, THAT'S--

I'M DAIJA. WE WENT TO SCHOOL TOGETHER.

SO NICE TO MEET YOU!



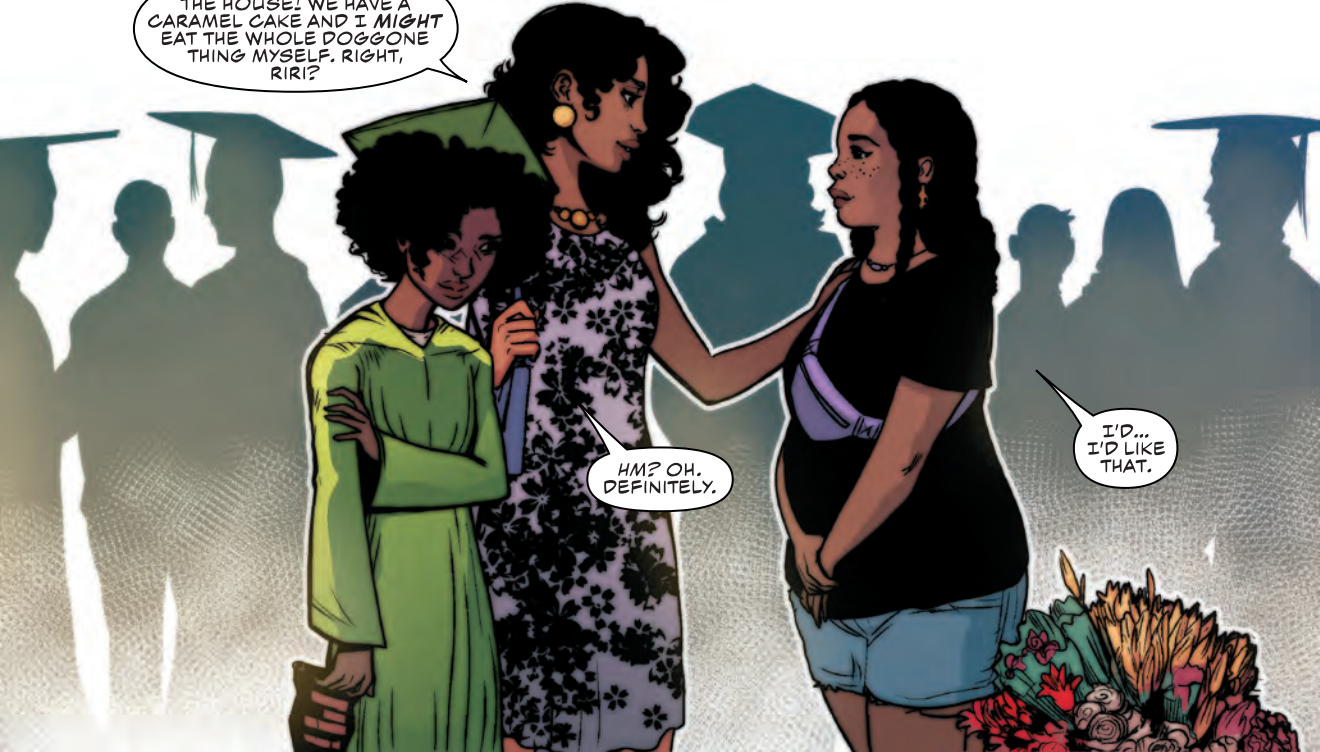
RIRI NEVER TOLD ME SHE HAD A FRIEND! WHAT YEAR DID YOU GRADUATE?



ACTUALLY, I DIDN'T. I HAD SOME FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND... I BEEN HELPING MY MOM OUT...

GOOD FOR YOU, SWEETHEART. SOMETIMES THE ROAD GETS A LITTLE SHAKY, BUT THAT'S GOOD THAT YOU CAN HELP YOUR FAMILY.

COME BY THE HOUSE! WE HAVE A CARAMEL CAKE AND I MIGHT EAT THE WHOLE DOGGONE THING MYSELF. RIGHT, RIRI?



HM? OH. DEFINITELY.

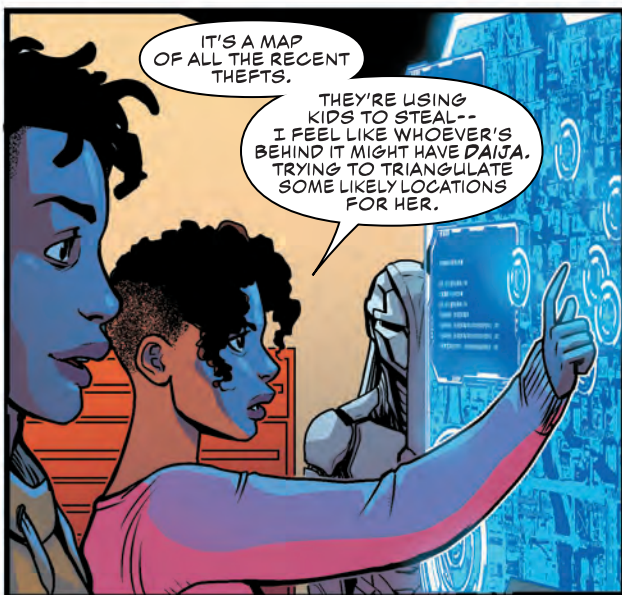
I'D... I'D LIKE THAT.

NOW.

AY, RIRI, WHAT YOU ON TODAY? YOU WANNA PLAY SOME--

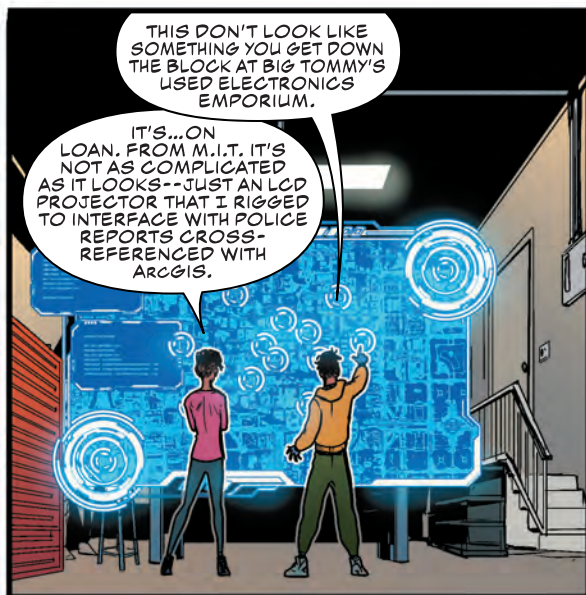
OHhhh, THIS LOOKS LIKE A VERY SERIOUS SUPER HERO THING.

HEY, XAVIER.



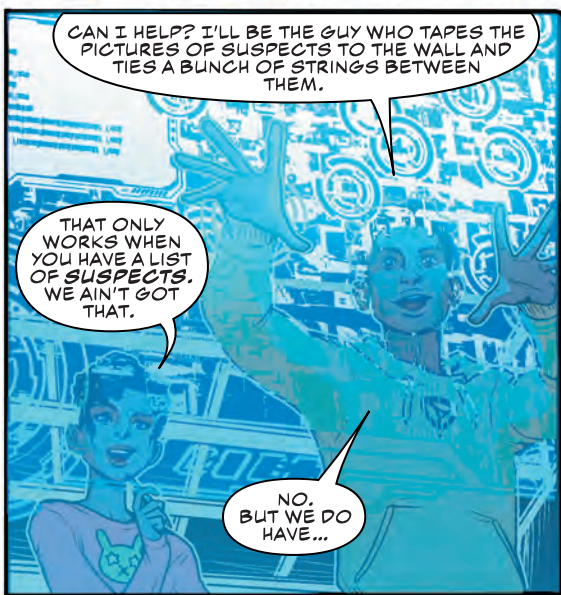
IT'S A MAP OF ALL THE RECENT THEFTS.

THEY'RE USING KIDS TO STEAL-- I FEEL LIKE WHOEVER'S BEHIND IT MIGHT HAVE DAIJA. TRYING TO TRIANGULATE SOME LIKELY LOCATIONS FOR HER.



THIS DON'T LOOK LIKE SOMETHING YOU GET DOWN THE BLOCK AT BIG TOMMY'S USED ELECTRONICS EMPORIUM.

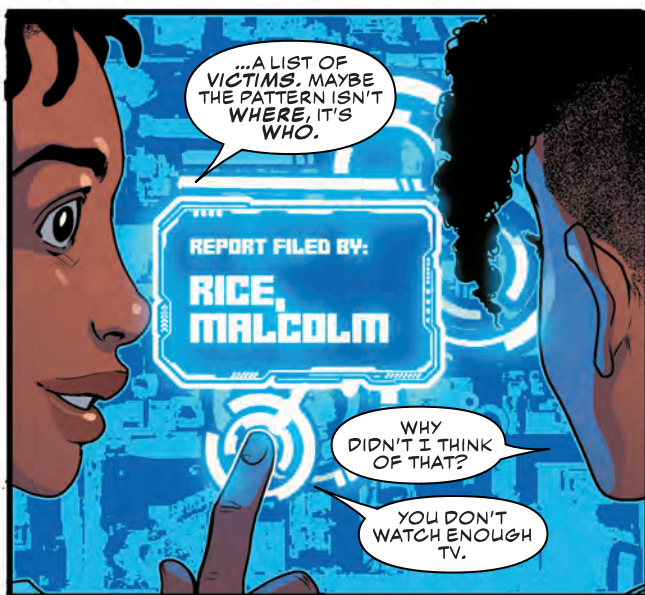
IT'S...ON LOAN. FROM M.I.T. IT'S NOT AS COMPLICATED AS IT LOOKS--JUST AN LCD PROJECTOR THAT I RIGGED TO INTERFACE WITH POLICE REPORTS CROSS-REFERENCED WITH ARCGIS.



CAN I HELP? I'LL BE THE GUY WHO TAPES THE PICTURES OF SUSPECTS TO THE WALL AND TIES A BUNCH OF STRINGS BETWEEN THEM.

THAT ONLY WORKS WHEN YOU HAVE A LIST OF SUSPECTS. WE AIN'T GOT THAT.

NO, BUT WE DO HAVE...



...A LIST OF VICTIMS. MAYBE THE PATTERN ISN'T WHERE, IT'S WHO.

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WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?

YOU DON'T WATCH ENOUGH TV.



RIRI WILLIAMS, JUST WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

OH! HI, MOM. I'M...UM... WORKING?

WORKING. SHE SAYS SHE'S WORKING.

OOP.



YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE SUPPOSE TO BE WORKING? AT SCHOOL!

HOW ARE YOU EVEN PASSING YOUR CLASSES?

N.A.T.A.L.I.E. IS GOING TO LECTURES FOR ME.

SPEAK UP!

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AREN'T YOU, UH, GONNA TAKE NOTES...?

I AM TAKING NOTES. AREN'T YOU GONNA MIND YOUR BUSINESS?

M.I.T.



YOU DIDN'T EARN THE PRIVILEGE OF GOING TO M.I.T. JUST SO YOUR NARROW BEHIND CAN SIT AT HOME. DON'T MAKE ME EMBARRASS YOU IN FRONT OF COMPANY.

WHY ARE YOU MAKING SUCH A BIG DEAL OUT OF THIS?

WHY AREN'T YOU?



HONEY, YOU CAN'T KEEP RUNNING AWAY FROM THINGS.

I KNOW YOU'RE STRONG AND HEALTHY UP HERE.



I NEED YOU TO BE STRONG AND HEALTHY IN HERE.

WILL YOU COME TO THE SUPPORT GROUP WITH ME? JUST ONCE?

... MAYBE.