

**BEAST'S LAB,
XAVIER INSTITUTE.**

THANK YOU
FOR BEIN' A
FRIIIIEND.

ANOTHER
X-23 CLONE.
A CYBORG.

IN THIS HOUSE,
WE ARE MAGICAL
COOL LADIES AND WE
DON'T BRUSH OUR
TEETH!

CURRENTLY
NAMELESS.

OHWO
I NEED
YOOOOU!

I KNOW GABBY
IS ALL READY TO CALL
HER OUR SISTER.

SWEET
ROBOT
DREAMS!

I HAVEN'T
YET. I'M NOT...

I'M JUST
NOT.

LAURA: Where r u?

UPLOADING...

NEXT MORNING.

THE CYBORG IS WITHOUT A DOUBT YOUR CLONE.

OBVIOUSLY.

HOWEVER.

IT IS MY CURRENT HYPOTHESIS THAT THIS CYBORG WAS DEVELOPED FROM A DAMAGED DNA SAMPLE.

AS A RESULT, WHILE SHE IS YOUR CLONE, THE CYBORG'S IMMUNE SYSTEM AND HEALING ABILITIES ARE SEVERELY COMPROMISED.

THE CYBORG WAS ALSO GIVEN A SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS SYSTEM, ALTHOUGH WITH AN ALLOY THAT IS NOT ADAMANTIUM.

AN ALLOY THAT WAS VULNERABLE ENOUGH TO BE DAMAGED BY GABBY'S IMPACT.

SORRY.

OKAY.

THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE.





"SOMEONE IS APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO SEND IT A SIGNAL."

"FORTUNATELY WE HAD PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED THE PORT SHE WAS COMMUNICATING ON."



"AND THE SIGNAL WAS CAUGHT BY OUR FIREWALL."

"THE SIGNAL WAS ENCRYPTED. OUR SYSTEMS ARE RUNNING IT NOW."



"OF COURSE, I STILL HAVE MORE TESTS. BUT I KNOW YOU WANTED AN UPDATE."



"IN THE MEANTIME, DO YOU HAVE A TRACE ON THE SIGNAL?"



"THE COORDINATES WERE SENT TO YOUR DEVICE. I'LL UPDATE YOU WITH INFORMATION AS WE HAVE IT."



"WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE COMPANY THAT OWNS THE SATELLITE?"

MEDI-X-TRONICS.

"X"?

YES.

"DID I LEAVE MY PHONE DOWN HERE?"



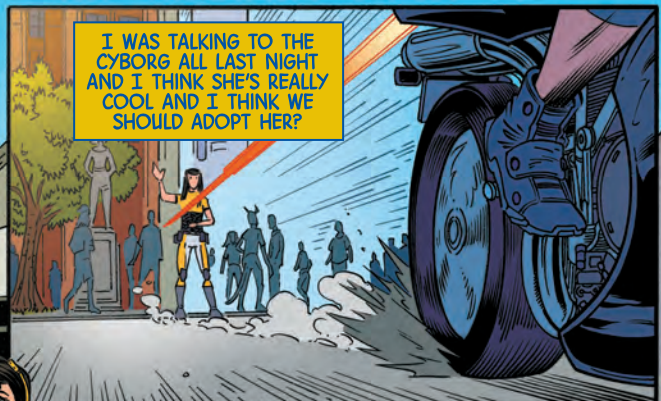
GOING ALONE?

I'LL CALL YOU ON THE HEADSET IF I NEED YOU.

OKAY.

DID YOU...WANT TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING?

UH...NO? NOPE.



I WAS TALKING TO THE CYBORG ALL LAST NIGHT AND I THINK SHE'S REALLY COOL AND I THINK WE SHOULD ADOPT HER?



SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT THIS.

WAIT, WHAT?



ARGH. NOTHING. JUST. WAIT FOR ME TO CALL.



UH, HELLO. I WAS WAITING AND THEN YOU LEFT YOUR HEADSET ON WHILE YOU WERE HAVING YOUR INTERIOR MONOLOGUE THOUGHTS.

I'M HANGING UP.



OKAY, I DON'T THINK WE CAN HANG UP ON THESE THINGS. I THINK WE HAVE TO JUST STOP TALKING.



OKAY, BUT THERE IS SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT THIS.



HANK?

YES,
GABBY?

SO...THIS
X-CLONE IS LIKE
A MUTANT
VERSION OF OUR
MUTATION?

YES.

SO SHE'S
A MUTANT
MUTANT?

SHE IS
A MUTANT,
YES.

AND
HER DNA IS
BROKEN?

WHEN THERE
IS PHYSICAL
DAMAGE
TO THE CHEMICAL
STRUCTURE OF DNA, A
CELL CAN ATTEMPT TO
REPAIR IT. WHEN IT CAN'T
GET IT BACK TO WHAT
IT ONCE WAS, IT
REPAIRS WITH A
MUTATION.

LIKE A
BAND-AID?

THAT
IS ONE POSSIBLE
INTERPRETATION.

DOES
THAT MEAN
YES?

THAT
IS ONE POSSIBLE
INTERPRETATION.

OKAY.



JUST BECAUSE
SHE HAS BROKEN
DNA, DOES THAT
MEAN SHE'S NOT,
LIKE, RELATED
TO US?

FAMILY IS AS
YOU DEFINE IT.
BUT, NO, SHE IS A
CLONE OF LAURA.
LIKE YOU.



YEAH, OKAY,
GOOD.

IS SHE
IN PAIN?

THERE DOES
APPEAR TO BE SOME
INCREASED ACTIVITY IN
THE CYBORG'S SYSTEM
I CAN'T EXPLAIN.



EXCUSE
ME, GABBY.
I DO NEED TO
TAKE THIS
CALL.



HMMMM.