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DAYS AGO, NIGHTCRAWLER WAS MENACED BY A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN WITH A CHILD THAT LOOKED JUST LIKE HIM. NIGHTCRAWLER FELT A GNAWING KINSHIP WITH THE CHILD AND FOLLOWED HER TO PORTLAND, ONLY TO DISCOVER THE “MYSTERIOUS WOMAN” ACCOMPANYING HER WAS REALLY KURT’S CO-STAR MEGGAN SUBCONSCIOUSLY USING HER EMPATHIC TRANSFORMATION POWERS TO TAKE ON THE APPEARANCE OF KURT’S MOTHER FROM HIS REPRESSED MEMORIES. THE TELEPATHIC CUCKOO SISTERS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR FREQUENT BRAINWASHING TO KEEP KURT AND HIS FELLOW ACTORS SUBORDINATE—NO MATTER WHAT!

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MY NAME IS KURT WAGNER.

I'M A MUTANT.
I'M A MAN.
I'M A HERO.
I'M AN ACTOR.

I'M ONE OF THE X-MEN,
AND I'M HERE BECAUSE I HAD EVERYTHING I'D EVER WANTED AND IT WASN'T ENOUGH.



I WANTED A STAGE, AND I GOT ONE.



I WANTED TO BE THE BEST, AND I WAS.



I WANTED TO BE ADORED, AND I WAS.



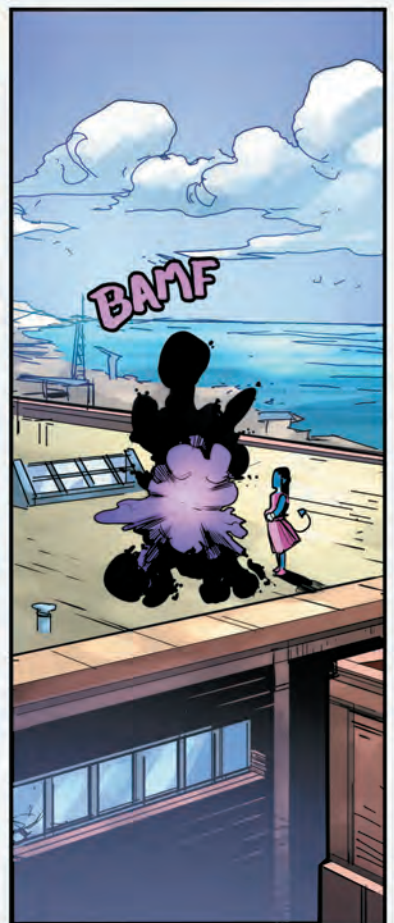
I WANTED EVERYTHING, AND FOR A WHILE, I HAD IT.

WHAT DID I HAVE TO LOSE?

EVERYTHING.

I HAD
EVERYTHING
TO LOSE.







WE MUST TALK, FRAU CLUCKOO.

BAMF



BAMF



YAY!

MY SISTERS WILL FOLLOW ME.

MY SISTERS ALWAYS FOLLOW ME.

BAMF



I UNDERSTAND. DO YOU?

I UNDERSTAND THAT I GAVE YOU A HOME WHEN NO ONE ELSE DID. THAT I ARGUED FOR LETTING YOU STAY TOGETHER. THIS SEEMS AN ODD WAY TO SAY "THANK YOU."



YOU ARGUED FOR TWO OF US. YOU WERE JUST AS WILLING TO COMPROMISE AS EVERYONE ELSE.

I DON'T--

YOU LET THEM SEND PHOEBE AWAY. YOU LET THEM TAKE HER FROM US.