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LUCK BE A LADY

PREVIOUSLY IN EMMA FROST...

EMMA FROST HAS DISCOVERED SHE'S NOT LIKE OTHER GIRLS. SHE HAS THE ABILITY TO HEAR THE THOUGHTS AND ACCESS THE MEMORIES OF OTHERS. SHE IS A MUTANT.

YOUNG EMMA LEAVES BEHIND HER DOMINEERING FATHER AND THE SECURITY OF HER WEALTHY BOSTON HOME, HOWEVER, DOING SO IS MORE DIFFICULT THAN SHE ANTICIPATED. EMMA, UNUSED TO TAKING ORDERS FROM OTHERS, LOSES SEVERAL JOBS OVER A PERIOD OF WEEKS

SHE DISCOVERS A NEW ASPECT OF HER PSYCHIC POWER WHEN SHE ACCIDENTALLY CAUSES A NEWSPAPER VENDOR TO BELIEVE SHE HAS PAID HIM WITH A QUARTER RATHER THAN A PENNY. WHEN THE HUNGRY EMMA TRIES TO USE THIS NEWFOUND ABILITY TO SWINDLE A FREE DINNER OUT OF A NEARBY RESTAURANT SHE IS UNSUCCESSFUL AND HAS TO WASH DISHES TO PAY FOR HER MEAL. THIS IS WHERE SHE MEETS TROY. EMMA AND TROY QUICKLY BECOME FRIENDS AND SHE ACCEPTS HIS OFFER TO STAY AT HIS APARTMENT UNTIL SHE CAN EARN ENOUGH MONEY TO GET HER OWN PLACE. NO SOONER DOES SHE MOVE IN THAN EMMA FINDS OUT THAT TROY HAS HIS OWN FINANCIAL WOES. A LOCAL LOAN SHARK, WHOM TROY OWES TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, HAS SENT HIS BRUISERS TO COLLECT. AT FIRST, NEITHER EMMA NOR TROY KNOWS WHAT TO DO TO PAY OFF HIS DEBT, BUT THEN TROY HAS AN IDEA...

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up.

Trou's been at
this for hours...

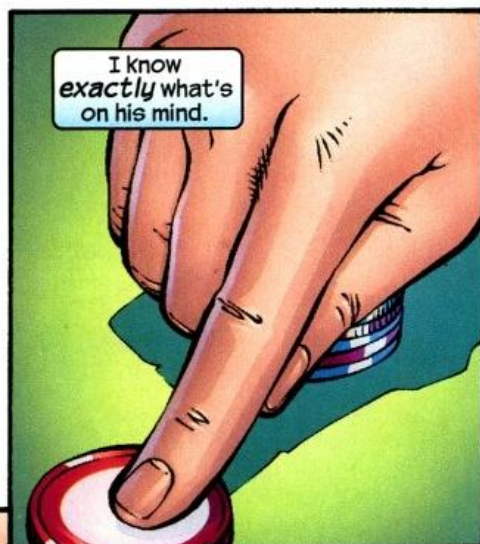
...but so far he's
lost more money
than he's won.



He claimed to be an *amazing poker player* when we walked into this all-night casino...

...but what he is...is an *amazing bluffer*.

Doesn't work with *me*, though.



I know *exactly* what's on his mind.



But I'm not sure I know what he's *doing*...



...or, more importantly, if *he* knows what he's doing.



Okay, Emma... *focus*, girl. *Concentrate*.

See the *cards* in Troy's hands.



In his *thoughts*.







troy's apartment
Boston - the next day





Here.



Take these.



Is this some sort of challenge?



No, just proof that I'm as good as I say.

Sounds like a challenge to me.

Pull any card from the deck at random...



...without letting me see it...



...and I'll tell you exactly which one you pulled.

Lhh... okay. I'm game. Heh.















Oh, yeah.
Milo and Stu don't
discriminate against
women, y'know...



"...but, luckily, we've
lost them for now."



Twenty minutes later...

I have
to work the
dinner shift,
Emma, but....uhh...
y'know, if you're
still up for going
to the *casino*
once I'm
done....

...I'll
definitely
let you sit at
the poker table
in my place if
you want!



Sure,
Troy.

Cool. Stay
close by and whatever
you do, *don't* go back
to the apartment!

Okay.
See you
soon!



Well, *this* gives
me some time to--

--kill.



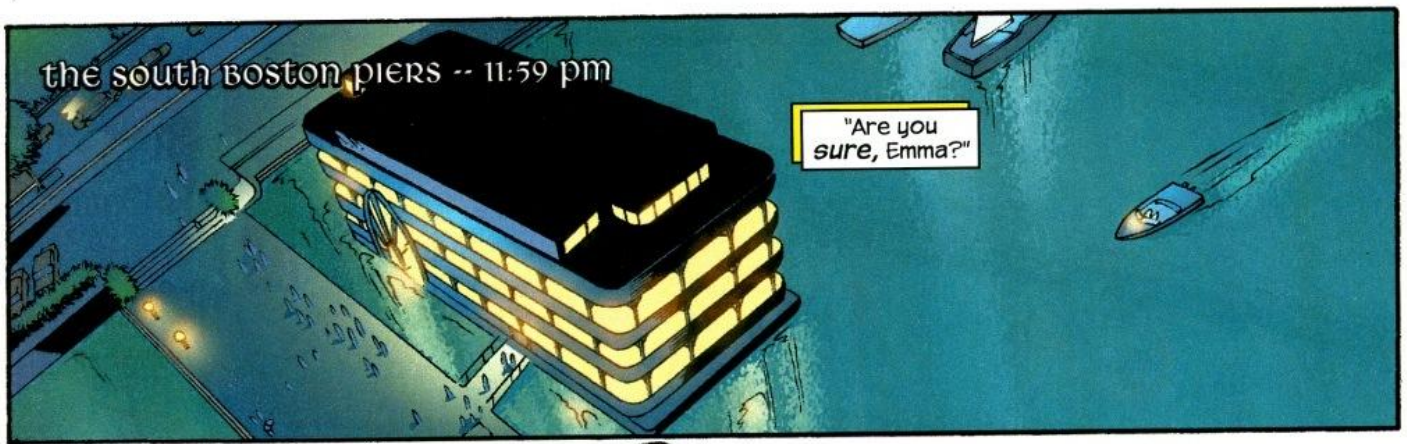
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They
followed
us!

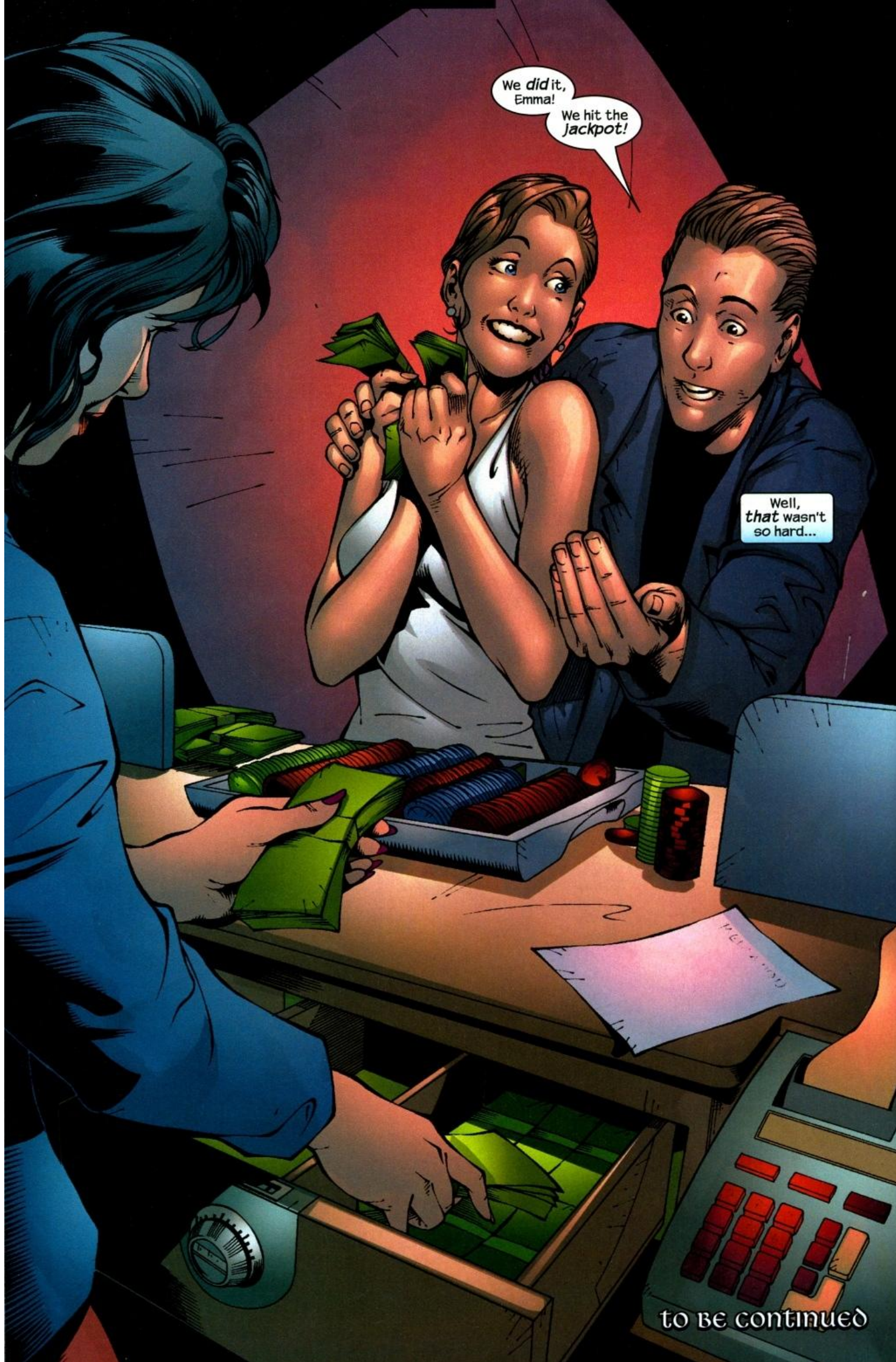












We *did* it,
Emma!

We hit the
jackpot!

Well,
that wasn't
so hard...

to be continued

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~ In Memory of Julius Schwartz ~
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