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THE ALL-NEW, ALL-DIFFERENT

X-MEN



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YOU CAN'T
STOP ME, X-MEN!
WEAPON ALPHA
ALWAYS GETS
HIS MAN!



WANTED: WOLVERINE
DEAD OR ALIVE!

IN THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY
TOWNSHIP OF SALEM CENTER--
ROUGHLY FORTY MILES FROM
NEW YORK CITY--

-- CAN BE FOUND PROFESSOR
XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR
GIFTED YOUNGSTERS...

HOME ARE THE HEROES!

... TO WHICH XAVIER'S
STUDENTS, THE UNCANNY
X-MEN, HAVE RETURNED
THIS FINE DAY FROM A
JOURNEY THAT'S TAKEN
THEM TO THE FARTHEST
REACHES OF THE UNIVERSE.

MY FRIENDS--
WE ARE
HOME!

'BOUT
TIME,
TOO,
RUSSKIE!

MAN, I
GOTTA GET
OUTTA
THESE ALIEN
THREADS
FORE I
START
CLIMBIN'
THE WALLS!

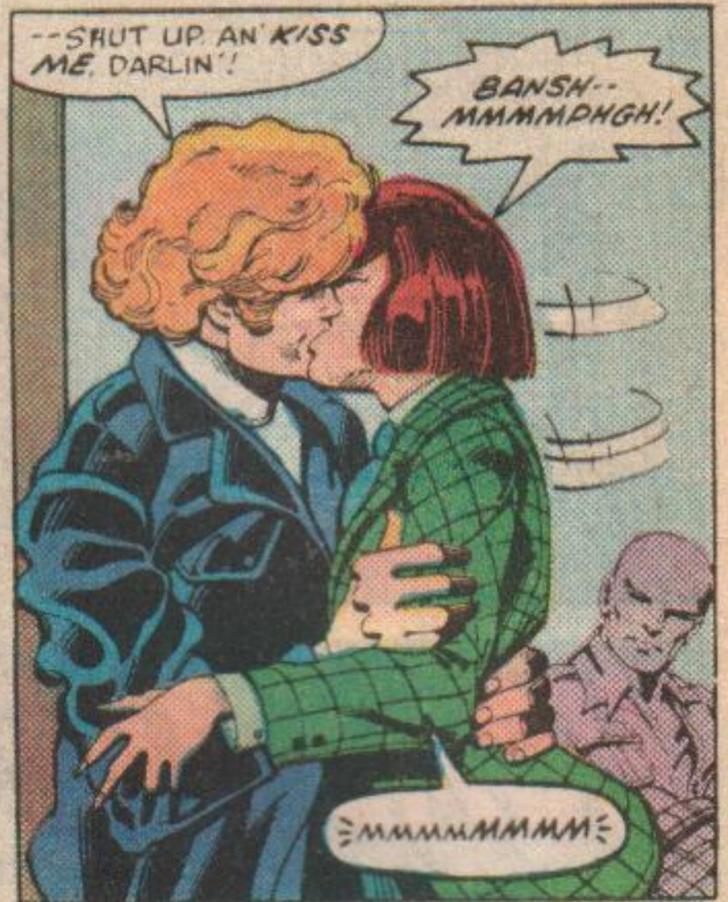
DON'T BE
NERVOUS,
LILANDRA.

FOR THE DURATION OF YOUR
STAY ON EARTH, I HOPE MY
SCHOOL WILL BE AS MUCH
YOUR HOME AS IT HAS
BEEN THE X-MEN'S.

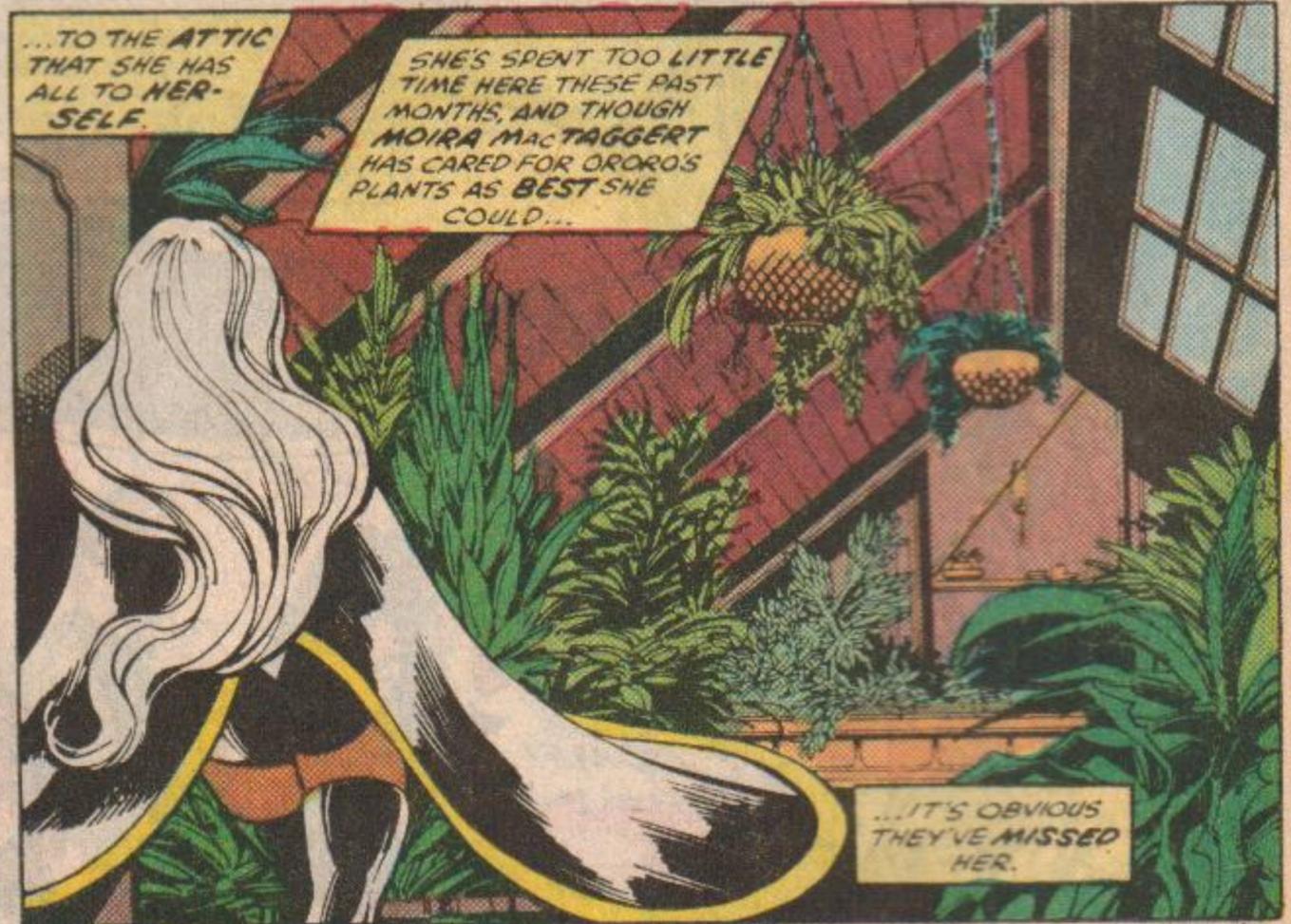
NIGHTCRAWLER!

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AH... YES, MRS.
MAC TAGGERT...?



THE X-MEN SEPARATE QUICKLY, SOME JOINING JEAN GREY'S PARENTS IN THE LIVING ROOM, OTHERS HEADING FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE QUARTERS.



...AND A BREEZE SPRINGS UP FROM NOWHERE. AND WITH THE WIND COMES-- RAIN



THERE YOU ARE, MY LOVES

A SUMMER SHOWER, AS REQUESTED. I TRUST YOU ARE ALL GRATEFUL.

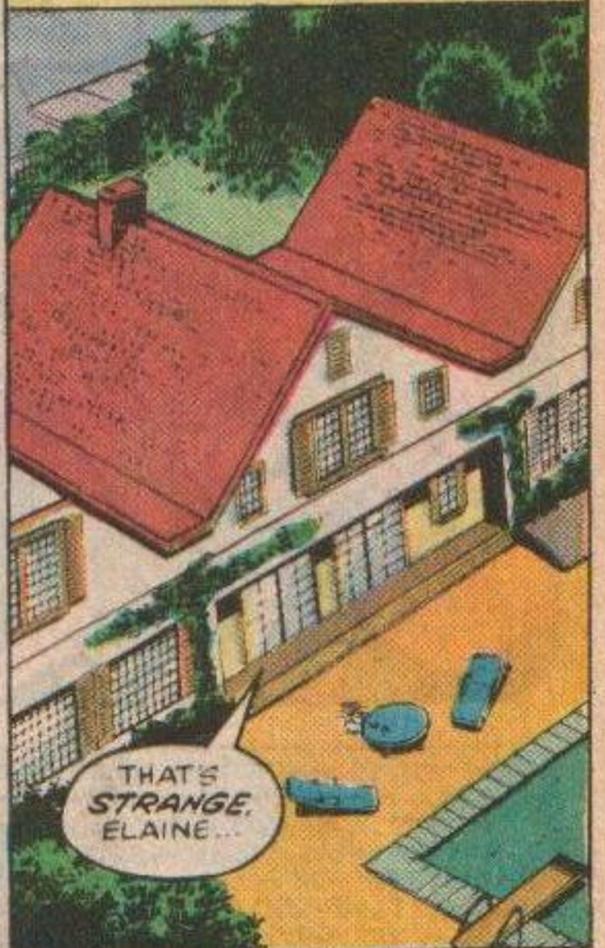


AS A MATTER OF FACT, I THINK I SHALL ENJOY IT TOO

GODDESS, THIS FEELS... MARVELOUS! WE X-MEN HAVE BEEN FIGHTING SO HARD, FOR SO LONG.

I HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN WHAT IT IS LIKE TO RELAX.

AROUND ORORO-- MATCHING HER MOOD-- THE SHOWER BUILDS IN INTENSITY, THE ATTIC SUDDENLY LIT BY A TINY FLASH OF LIGHTNING, SHAKEN BY THE MUTED GROWL OF THUNDER.



THAT'S STRANGE, ELAINE...



I COULD HAVE SWORN I JUST HEARD THUNDER-- RIGHT OVER-HEAD--

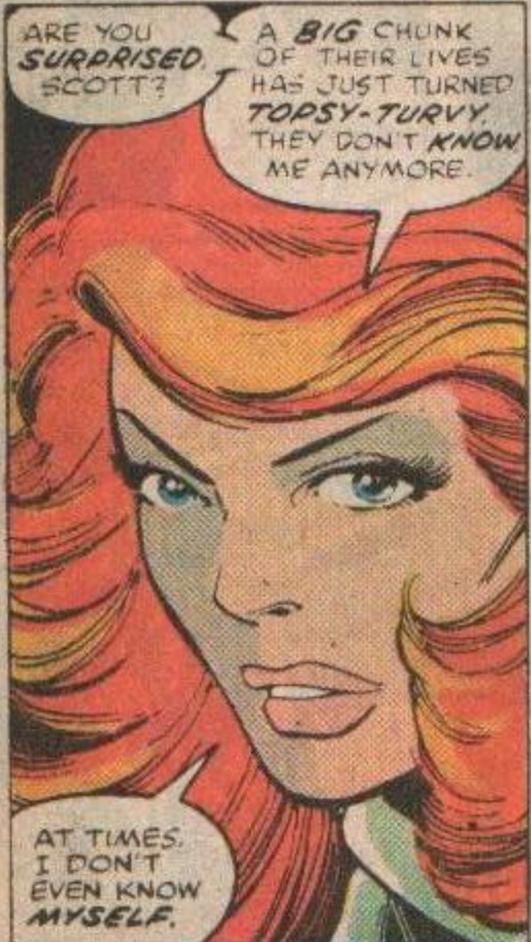
-- BUT THERE ISN'T A CLOUD IN THE SKY.

JOHN, FORGET THE WEATHER! I-- WE-- NEED TO TALK TO OUR DAUGHTER.

OH, JOHN-- WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HER???



THEY LOOK SCARED STIFF JEAN-- THOUGH THEY'RE HIDING IT WELL.



ARE YOU SURPRISED, SCOTT?

A BIG CHUNK OF THEIR LIVES HAS JUST TURNED TOPSY-TURVY. THEY DON'T KNOW ME ANYMORE.

AT TIMES, I DON'T EVEN KNOW MYSELF.

WITHOUT MEANING TO HER THOUGHTS DRIFT BACK...



ACROSS AN ETERNITY OF TIME, AN INFINITY OF SPACE TO A PLANET, WITH NO NAME, JUST A FEW MINUTES AFTER THE X-MEN EMERGED TRIUMPHANT FROM THE M'KRAAN CRYSTAL.

PHOENIX-- WITH THEIR PSYCHIC HELP-- HAD SEALED THE ROGUE NEUTRON GALAXY WITHIN ITS STASIS FIELDS. THE UNIVERSE WAS SAFE.

THE X-MEN, HOWEVER, WERE NOT. THE IMPERIAL GUARD, TRUE TO THEIR EMPEROR'S LAST COMMAND STOOD POISED TO KILL THEM.