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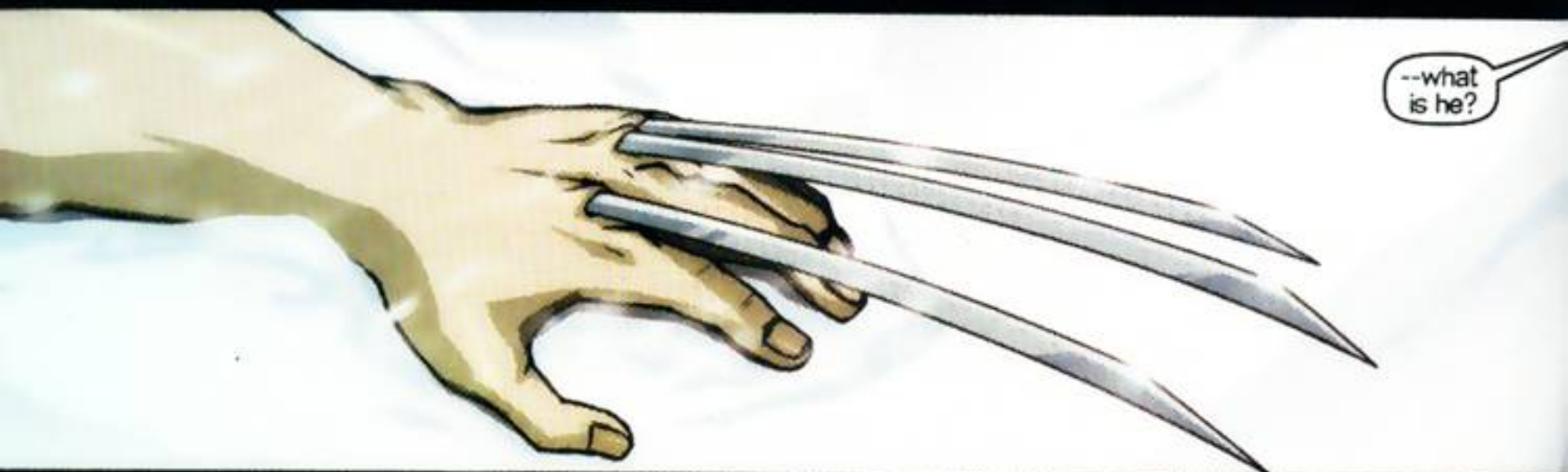
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Professor
Xavier!



Professor
Xavier!



Hello,
Monica.
what can
I do for
you?

Um, this
is gonna sound
kinda dorky, but I had
a question about your
advanced genetics
lecture.



All that
stuff you were
talking about? About
human evolution
still, like, evolving
and stuff? Well...

...when I was little,
I had blonde hair,
and as I grew up,
it turned brown.



Does that
make me,
you know,
a freak?

Don't worry,
Monica, you're
perfectly--

SCREECH!









In Tanzania, I am considered a goddess. here, I am just an eccentric graduate student.

Oh, I think you are much more than that, Ororo.



I have a theory... a theory your existence greatly supports.

I believe that my telepathic abilities are the result of a mutation in my dna structure, some sort of new gene, you see?

If I'm correct, then this "X-gene" will become evident throughout various factions in our population...



...Just as it has become evident in you, giving you your ability to manipulate the weather.

Ororo, you and I --mutants--

--We are proof that humanity continues to evolve in new and wonderful ways...



Would you consider joining me for a cup of coffee?

I believe we have a lot to talk about.



I believe you are correct, Professor. we do have much to discuss...

So, you've finally found another one, eh, Charles?

Yes, Magnus. it's like I've surmised for so long-- you and I are not the only mutants in existence.

Apparently not. You should've brought this new mutant with you tonight. I'd like to meet her.

She sounds like she could make a powerful ally.

Miss Munroe is not a weapon, Eric. She's a person. a rather confused person, but a person nonetheless.

You couldn't be more wrong, Charles. She is not just a person.

She's the next stage of evolution. homosuperior.

I wish--
--Thank you--
I wish you wouldn't call us that.

It's an apt description. We are superior. That's not vanity speaking, it's fact.

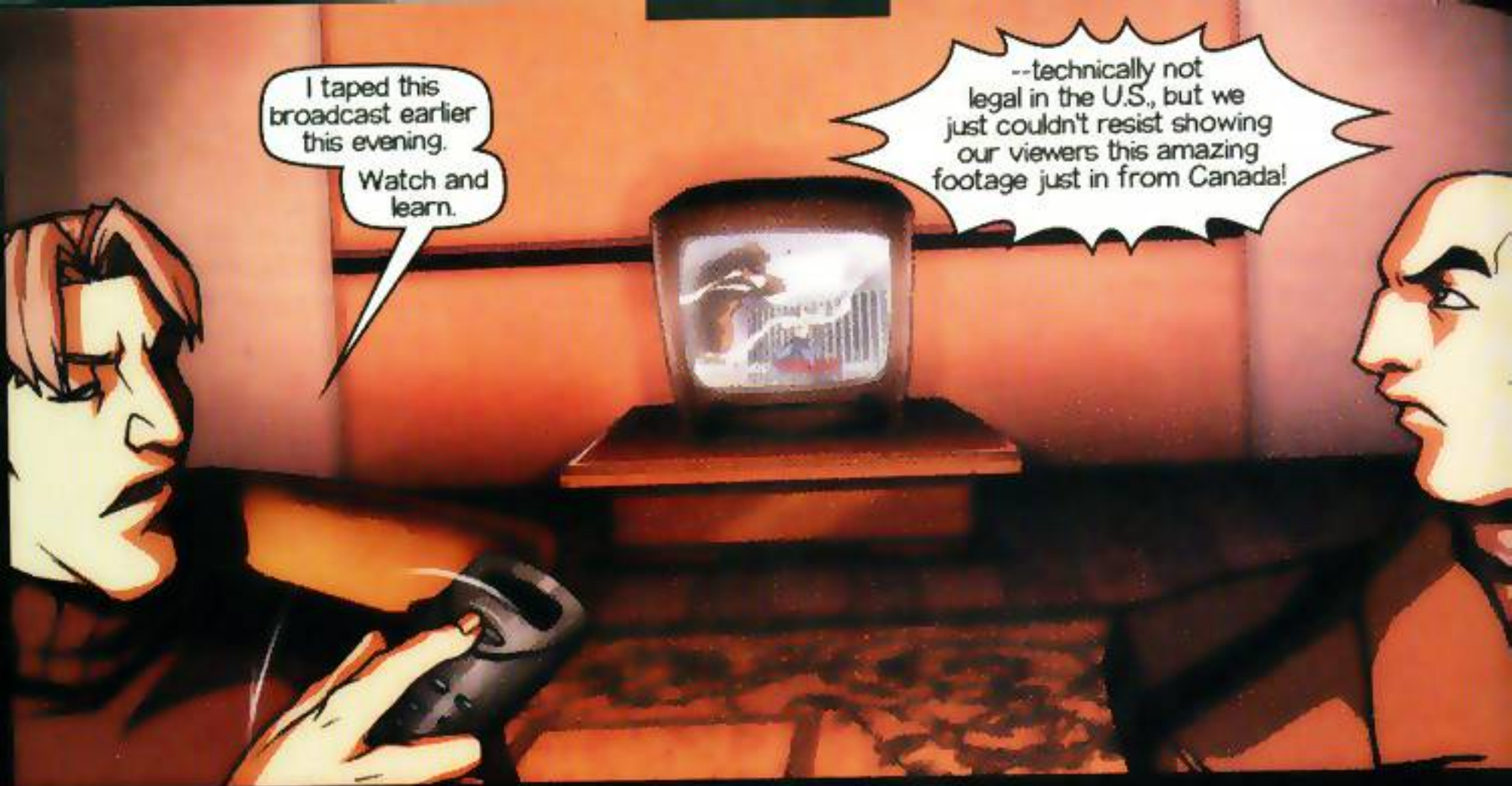
But it's those sorts of labels that are going to make mankind fear us.

You don't think they're already predisposed to fear us?

I do not. I think, with the proper education, mankind will accept that we're simply on the cusp of the next stage of evolution.

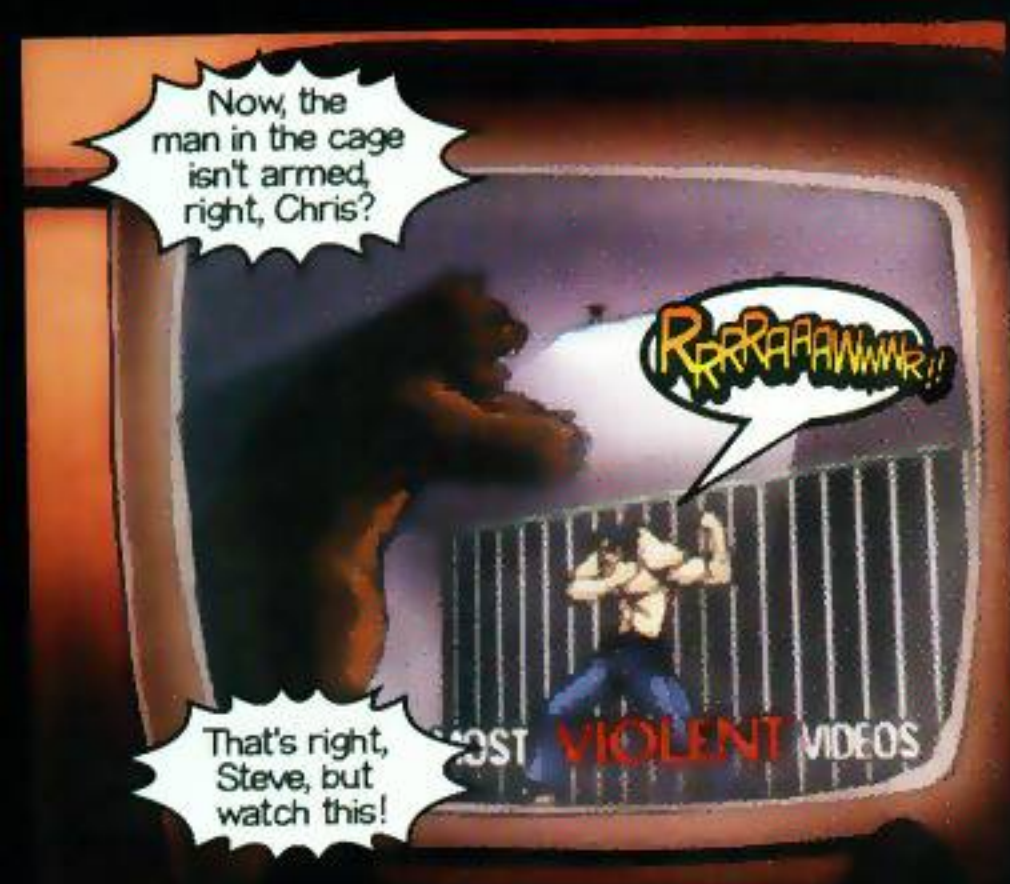
That, Charles, is where you're wrong.

And if your figures are correct, we're going to see more and more superiority taking strongholds all over the world.



I taped this broadcast earlier this evening. Watch and learn.

--technically not legal in the U.S., but we just couldn't resist showing our viewers this amazing footage just in from Canada!



Now, the man in the cage isn't armed, right, Chris?

RRRRAAWWW!!

That's right, Steve, but watch this!



Amazing!

Oh, it gets better...



What are those?!

I don't know, Steve, but I wouldn't want to meet this guy in a dark alley!

That's for sure, Chris!



Whoa!

Weren't expecting that, were you?

This is a "wild man!"



The authorities managed to take that "Wild Man" into custody, but it took two dozen heavily armed men to do so...

I'd say mutants and humans are off to a great start, wouldn't you?



I have to go, Magnus. someone has to--



Rescue the poor mutant?


My thoughts exactly.




Something troubling your friend?





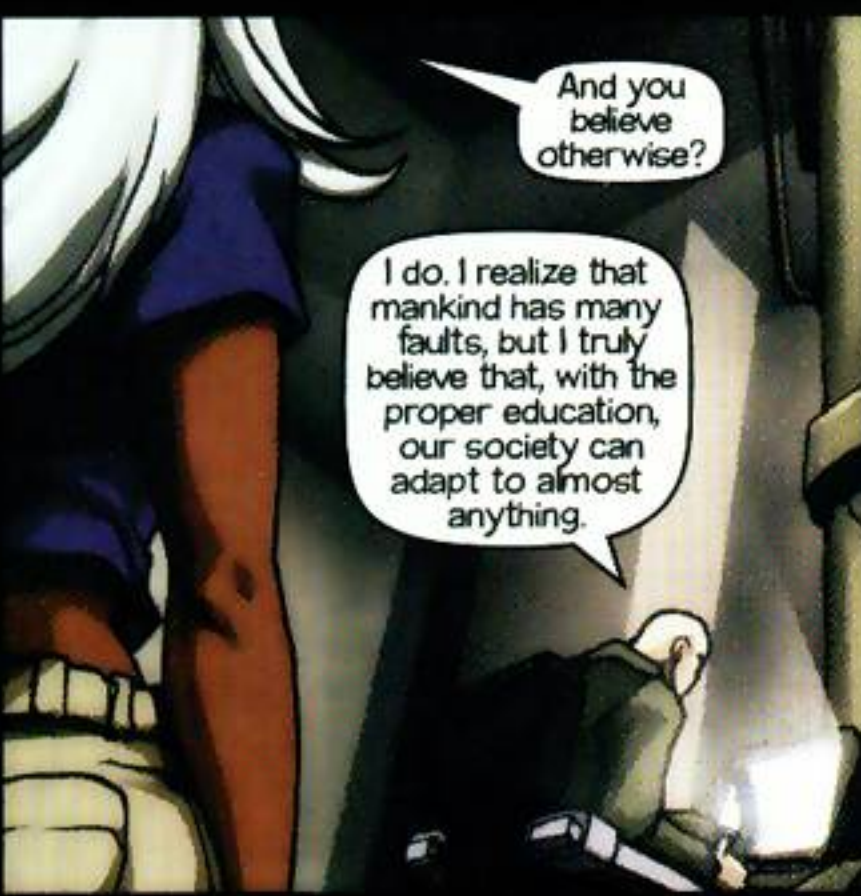


I thought
you said he
was your
friend.




Magnus is my friend,
we just... disagree... on
some rather key points
in our ideologies.

He's been witness
to the very worst of
human intolerance, Ororo,
and therefore thinks that
the emergence of mutants
will surely be met with
violence and opposition.




And you
believe
otherwise?

I do. I realize that
mankind has many
faults, but I truly
believe that, with the
proper education,
our society can
adapt to almost
anything.




And this
"Wild Man" you
saw on television
is crucial to
this; why?



It's symbolic, I suppose.
I'd like to help him. a
troubled mutant, alone,
unable to control
his powers.


If I can help him to
accept himself, I'll not only
be making a difference in
that man's life...

...But
perhaps in
Magnus',
too.




And this
device, this...
Cerebro, as
you call it...
this will
help how?

If it
works?



If it works, Cerebro
will allow me to find other
mutants by isolating the
unique X-factor in their
genetic sequence.



You
are not
certain?

I believe the
science is sound, but
my problem is a
power source.
It's going to require
a tremendous amount of
power, and I'm not sure
I can supply it here without
alarming the University.



Does this machine run on electricity?



Please, sir. Stand clear.

Yes, but I--



KRAKOOOM



I believe that should help.

Thank you, Ororo.









I can help you!

Help me?

That's a pretty tall order, lady. aside from wakin' up in a snowbank a few days ago, I don't even know who I am.



You're a mutant like me.

My name is Ororo Munroe, and I come to you on behalf of Professor Charles Xavier.



She's telling the truth, Logan.

What the--?!

Who... What... Are you?

An' how do you know my name?




Don't be alarmed. I'm a telepath, and I'm projecting an astral image of myself so that you can see me.

If you come with us, I can help you understand what's happening to you.

I can help you explore your unique gifts and even fit in with society...

If you're inclined to do something so base.



Why would you want to fit in with a "society" that puts you on a display like a freak of nature?

You're not a freak, you're beautiful. You are the future.

An' who are you supposed ta be?



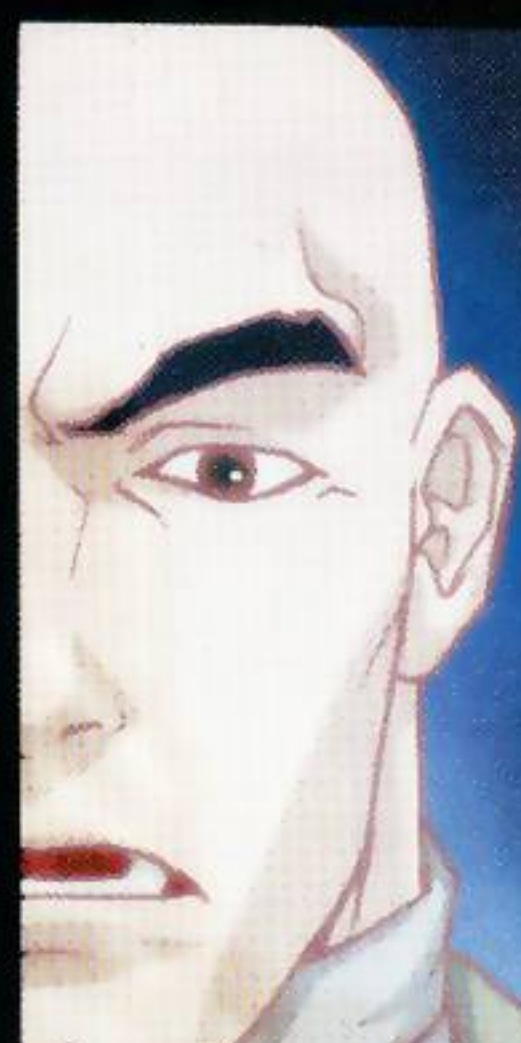
I am Magneto.

Come with me and take your rightful place amid the next step in human evolution!



No!

Logan, listen to me. This does not have to be a case of us versus them!



From australopithecus to homo habilis, from homo erectus to neanderthal and then to homo sapien--

--we evolve and we do not attack the heralds of our evolution. we can all live together, humans and mutants!



Why would you want to live with humans?

Don't be so foolish as to think that they won't persecute us once they learn more of our existence.



It will come down to a matter of us against them. It's human nature. It's inevitable.

All that's left is to decide which side you will be on.

So you're asking me if I want...



...war...



... or peace?



That's a no-brainer.
Wars are ugly, pal.
I'm all for avoiding
them whenever
possible.

So I
choose
peace.

I may not know
much about who
I am, but I do know
that I ain't no better
than anyone else.



So, Charles,
you've got another
one believing you can
save the world.

Congratulations.
but tell me...

You're
making a
mistake, my
friend.

Let's just hope
you realize it
before it's too late.



...if not an army,
what are you
going to build?

One year later...



Wolverine,
Storm. I trust
everything
went well?

Pretty much.
stopped Magneto
from hijackin' those
missiles, but he's
still out there...

Cookin' up some
scheme or another
to terrorize
mankind.



