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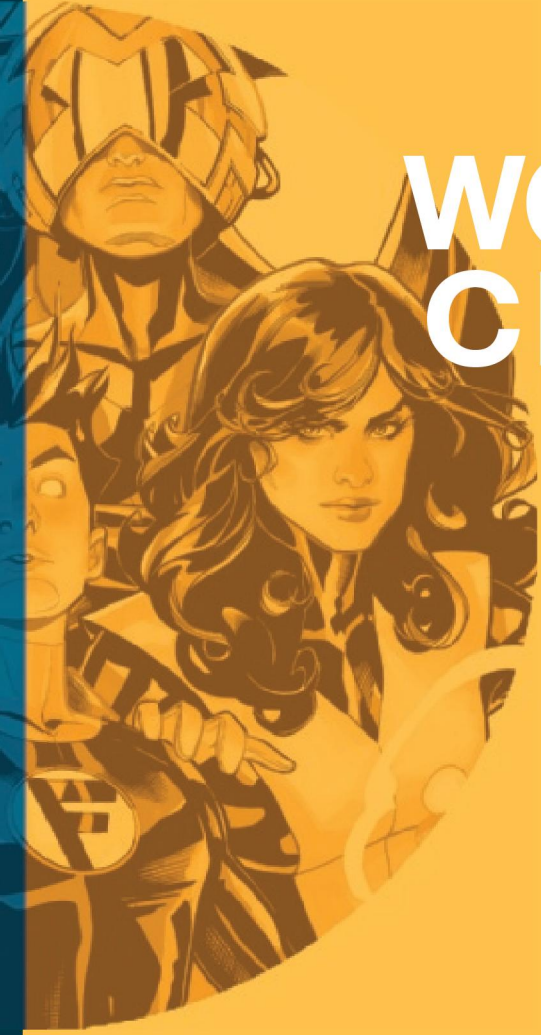
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1 THE IMPOSSIBLE BOY

THE WORLD HAS CHANGED

Krakoa has become a safe haven for all mutants, accessible only to those who carry the X-gene. But there is one mutant who has not yet graced this sacred land...



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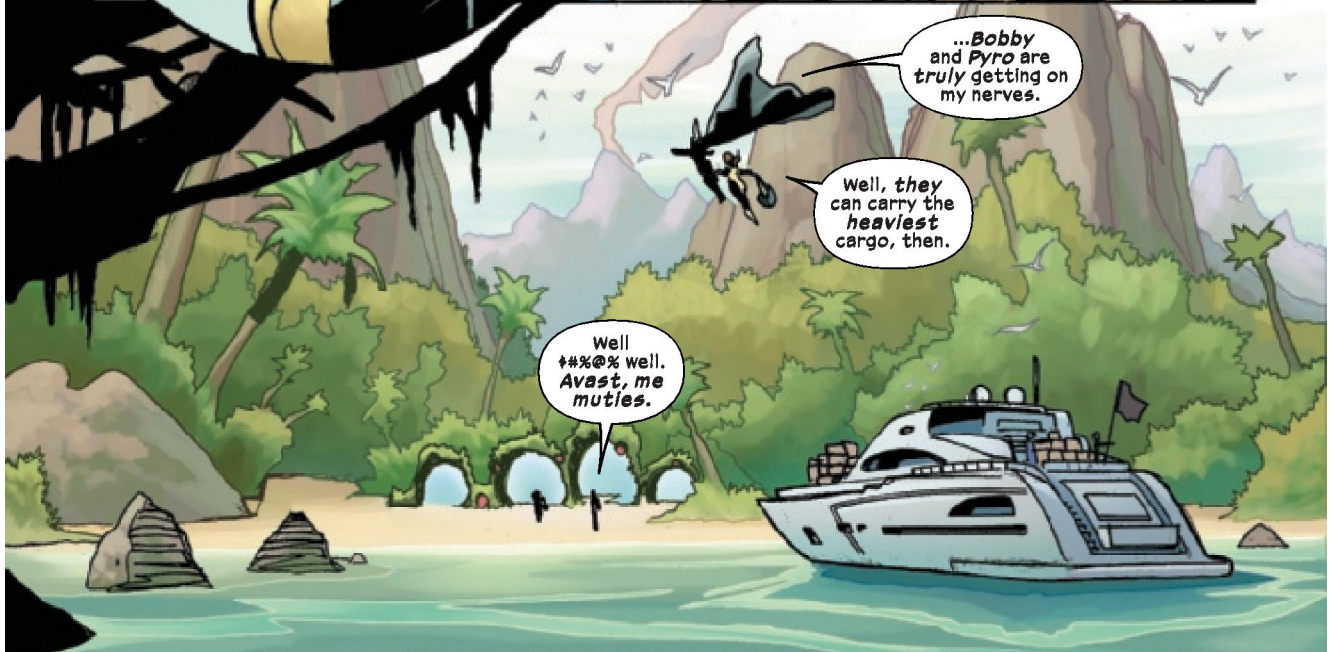
THE PACIFIC OCEAN.



Kate?

Hm? Storm? Are we--

We're here. And not a moment too soon...



...Bobby and Pyro are truly getting on my nerves.

Well, they can carry the heaviest cargo, then.

Well +###% well. Avast, me muties.



Save any poor brethren today?

Or just gathering more beer for Logan?

Quentin.



We're going to go hit the shops in London. Island life is nice and all, but I miss the old thrill of shoplifting.

Care to join, or--?

Oh, right. "Kitty" Pryde, the woman who can walk through walls, can't walk through a mutants-only gate--



OWWI!

Quentin...





...that means something's wrong.



Professor? you wanted to--

Ah, Katherine, excellent...



...we have a situation.

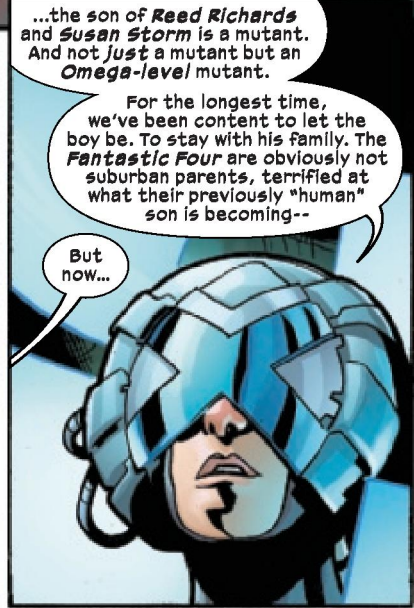


What--is that Franklin Richards?

Yes. The *Fantastic Four* recently thwarted a *minor* alien invasion. Or should I say...

...the boy did.

As you know...



...the son of *Reed Richards* and *Susan Storm* is a mutant. And not just a mutant but an *Omega-level* mutant.

For the longest time, we've been content to let the boy be. To stay with his family. The *Fantastic Four* are obviously not suburban parents, terrified at what their previously "human" son is becoming--

But now...



...his family took him on a multiversal adventure, and time worked differently on that adventure. So he's back as a *young man*.

A man who can question his *place* in the world. A man who--



A man who needs his people.

You're going to recruit Franklin Richards to Krakos.



His powers are *depleting*. Something is wrong, and we need to *help* him before they're *gone*. And also determine if this is something that could happen to *other* mutants.

You're going to *convince* one of the world's *smartest* men and one of the world's most *powerful* women that their teenage son is better off *away* from them?



And this is where you come in, Katherine.

Erik and I know that you and young Franklin have a special *history*. Out of all of us, he's likely to trust *you* the most.

Are you... are you talking about...?

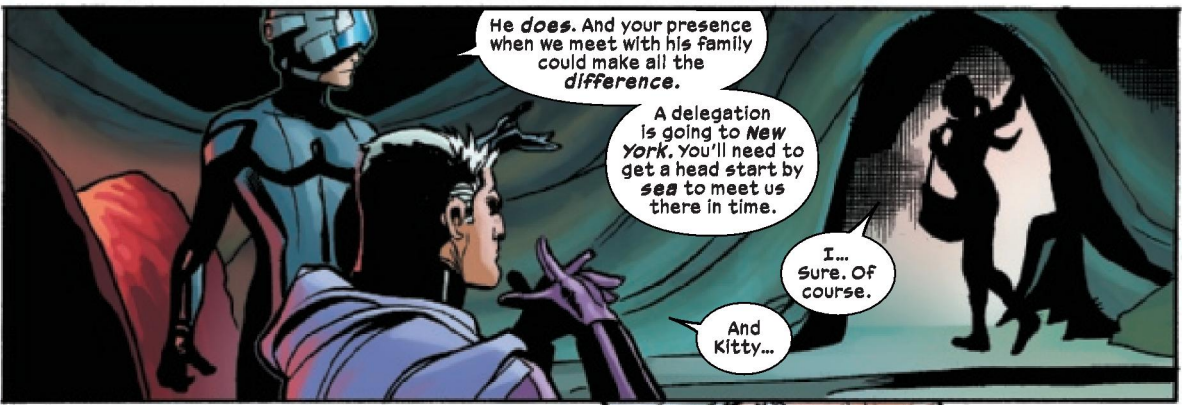
Yes...



...when you almost *died*. And Franklin would visit you in *Latveria* while *Victor Von Doom* worked on a cure.*

I--that was a long time ago for him. I don't even know if he'd *remember*...

**Fantastic Four Vs. X-Men #1-4, 1987. --Tom*



He *does*. And your presence when we meet with his family could make all the *difference*.

A delegation is going to *New York*. You'll need to get a head start by *sea* to meet us there in time.

I... Sure. Of course.

And Kitty...



...thank you for this.