

Runaways

When they were younger, Nico Minoru, Chase Stein, Gertrude Yorkes, Karolina Dean, Molly Hayes and Alex Wilder became friends through circumstance: hanging out once a year while their parents had what they claimed was a dinner party. After discovering their parents were actually the super villain team known as the Pride, the kids ran. The Runaways learned to use powers and resources inherited from their parents and returned to defeat them. The experience made them a family, but that wasn't enough to keep them safe.

For decades, Doc Justice has fought crime in Los Angeles, alone or as leader of the J-Team. When Doc gave the Runaways a place to stay and recruited Molly, Victor, Chase, Nico, Karolina, and Gib to be the latest J-Team iteration, they became Doc's most powerful squad yet. As J-fan Victor would tell you, the Team was usually composed of brave, ordinary kids...who often died in the field. Since Doc insisted Gert stay behind with his assistant, Matthew, during missions, she looked into their past strategies to learn what went wrong. She found Doc's plans were wrong from the start: he orchestrated team members' deaths to raise his own profile and is about to do it again.



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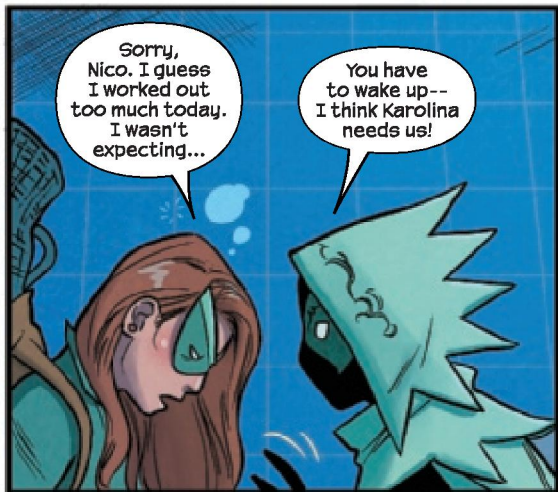
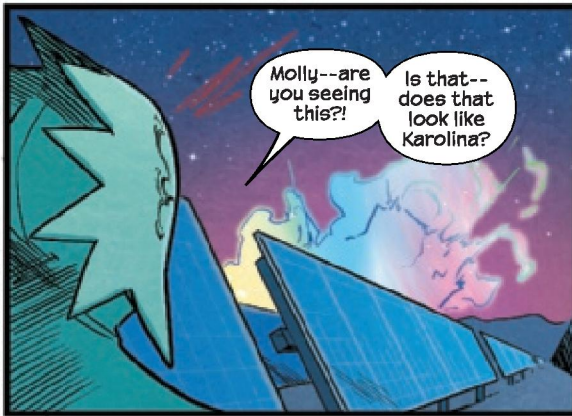
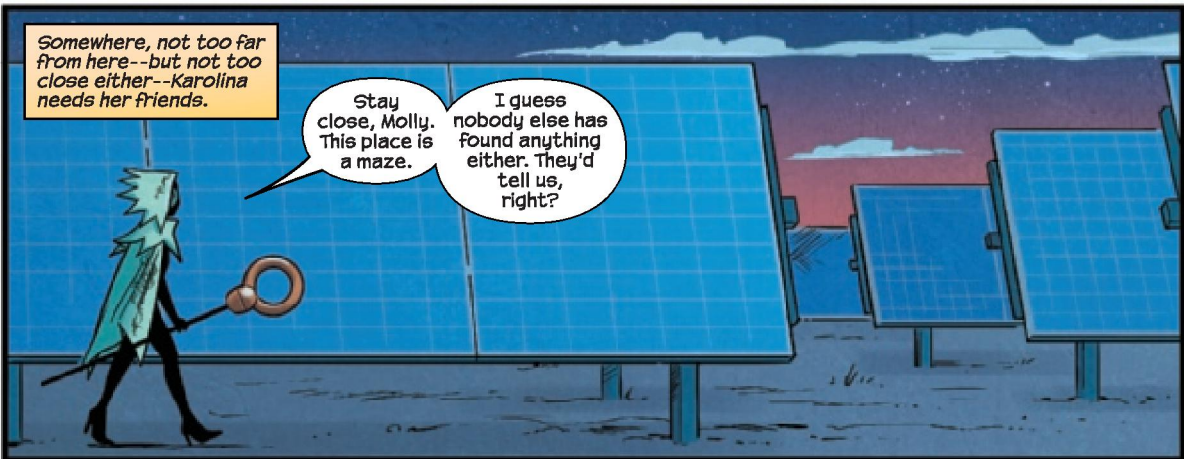
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Karolina Dean needs help--but don't worry. She has very powerful friends. And they're not far away. Half a mile away, at most.



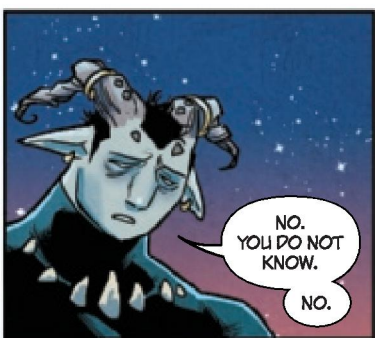
Gib, I'm counting on you to spot this terrorist chick with your elder god eyes before I do.

PRIDELING, I--I--



HUNGER.

You hunger. I know.



NO. YOU DO NOT KNOW.

NO.



Gib--I'm going to find a way to feed you. I'm not giving up.

WE WOULD HAVE FEASTED FOR A THOUSAND YEARS. THE STARS WOULD HAVE GROWN FAT FROM OUR BOUNTY.

Just hang in there, okay? I'm going to fix this.

PRIDELING, I AM ALONE--



Gib, you're not alone--



CHASE.



That looks like Karolina.

Gib, we need to get to Karolina! Fast!



Karolina needs help. Now.

Thatta girl, SPF...Almost there.

Doc Justice...
No! You can't make me...do...
...this!

Nonsense, sweetheart. I already have.

Almost there, Ashley. Who would ever have guessed that you'd eventually make yourself useful?

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ROOM
ROOM



Fortunately, Karolina Dean has very powerful friends.

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