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PRESENTS...

BY THE SOUL'S DARKEST LIGHT

CASTLE DOOM,
LATVERIA...

THE ANESTHETIC
HAS TAKEN EFFECT.
STORM IS NO LONGER
IN PAIN.

HER INJURIES
ARE QUITE
SERIOUS--
SECOND AND
THIRD-DEGREE
BURNS, INVOLVING
THE ENTIRETY OF
HER LEFT ARM AND
SHOULDER, RESULT-
ING IN MASSIVE
TISSUE DAMAGE,
MUSCLE
AND NERVE
IMPAIRMENT--

-- THE
FINEST
HOSPITAL IN
THE WORLD COULD
NOT ERASE THIS
TERRIBLE SCARRING,
NOR RESTORE ANY-
THING BEYOND
MINIMAL
FUNCTION.

FORTUNATELY
FOR YOUR
LEADER,
X-MEN...

...YOU TURNED TO
**DOCTOR
DOOM!**

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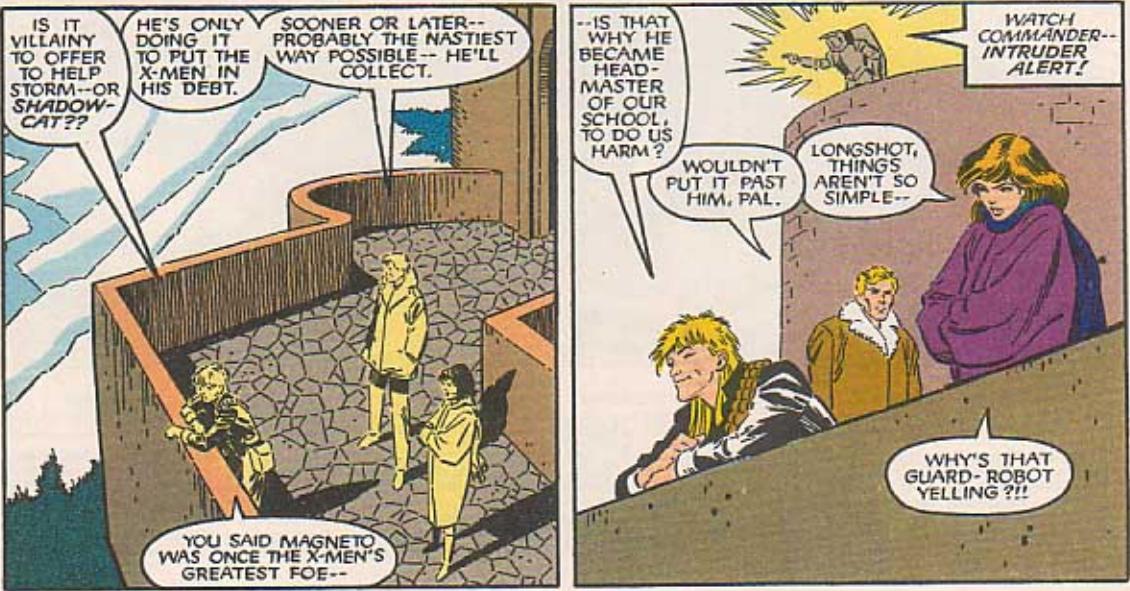
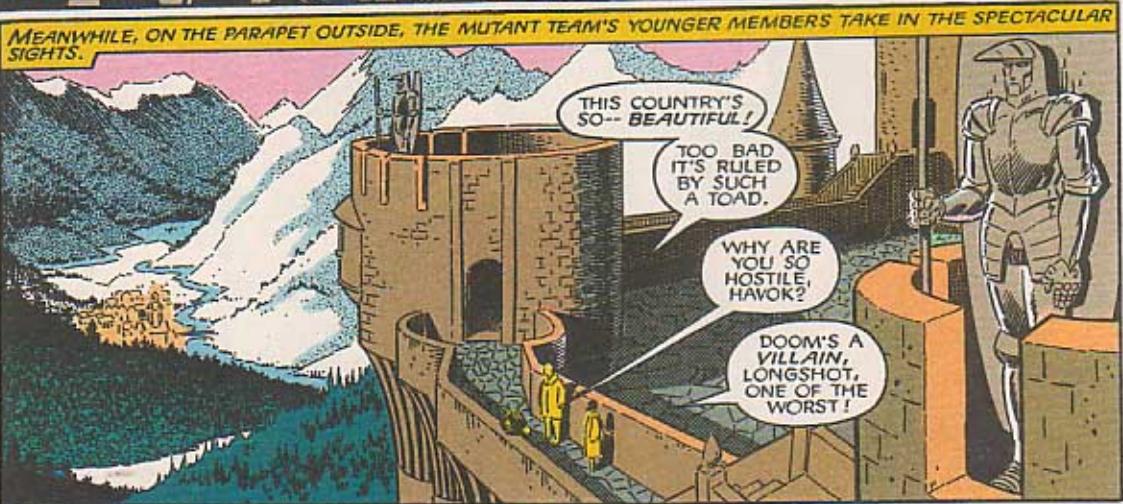
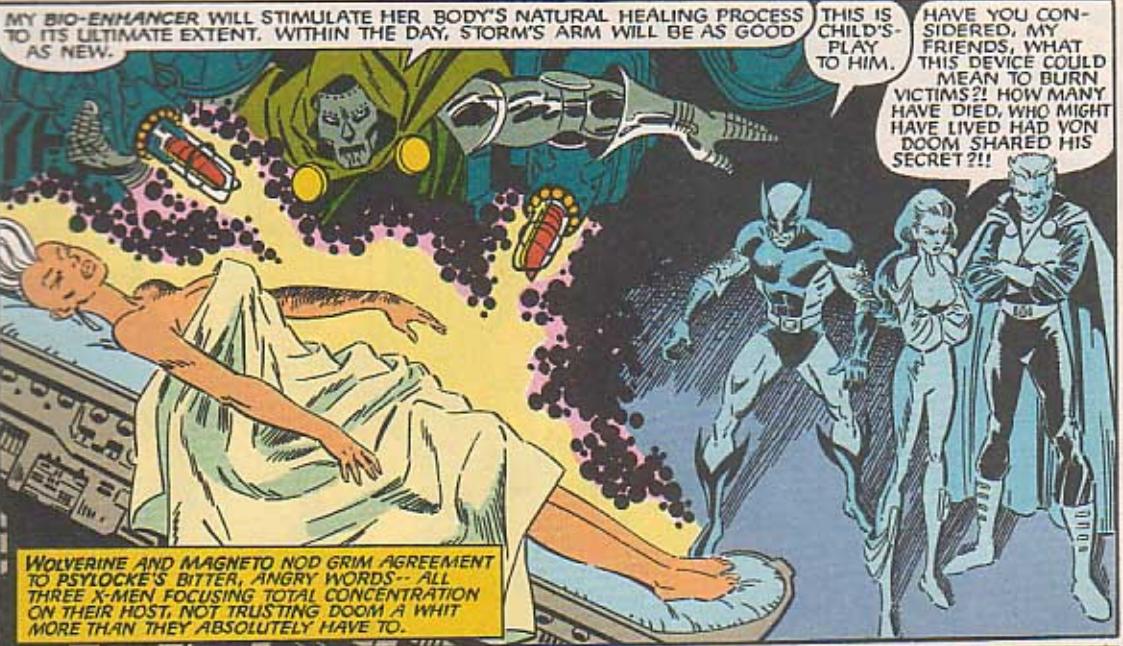
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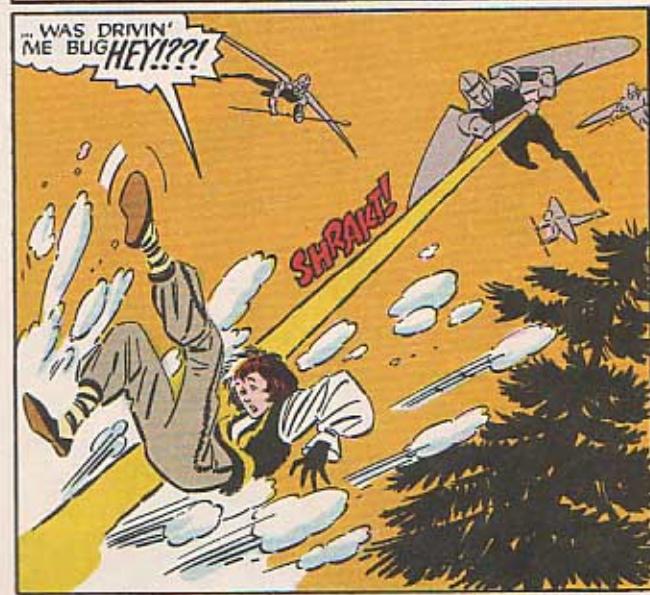
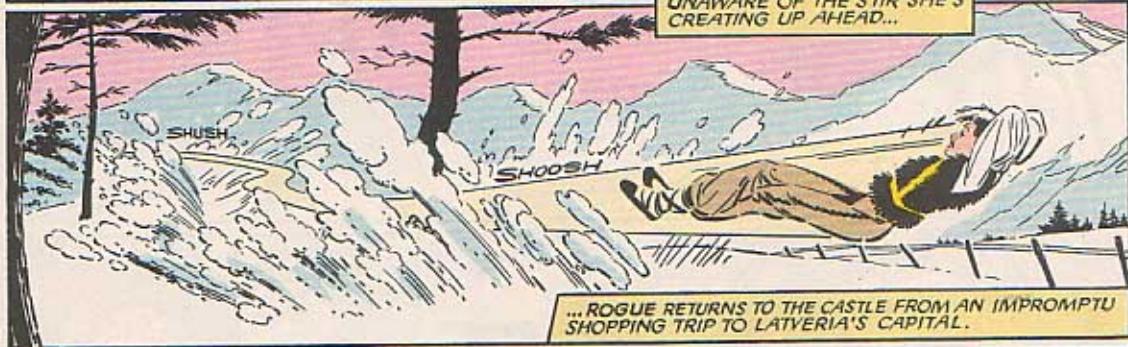
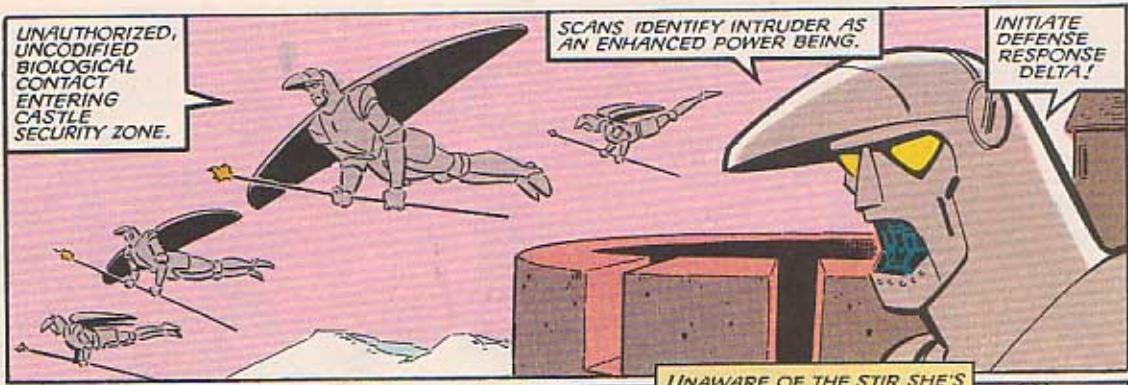
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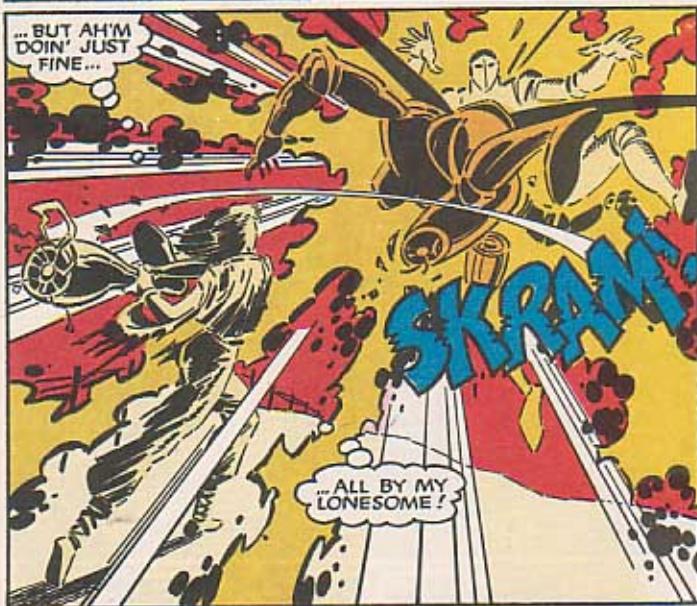
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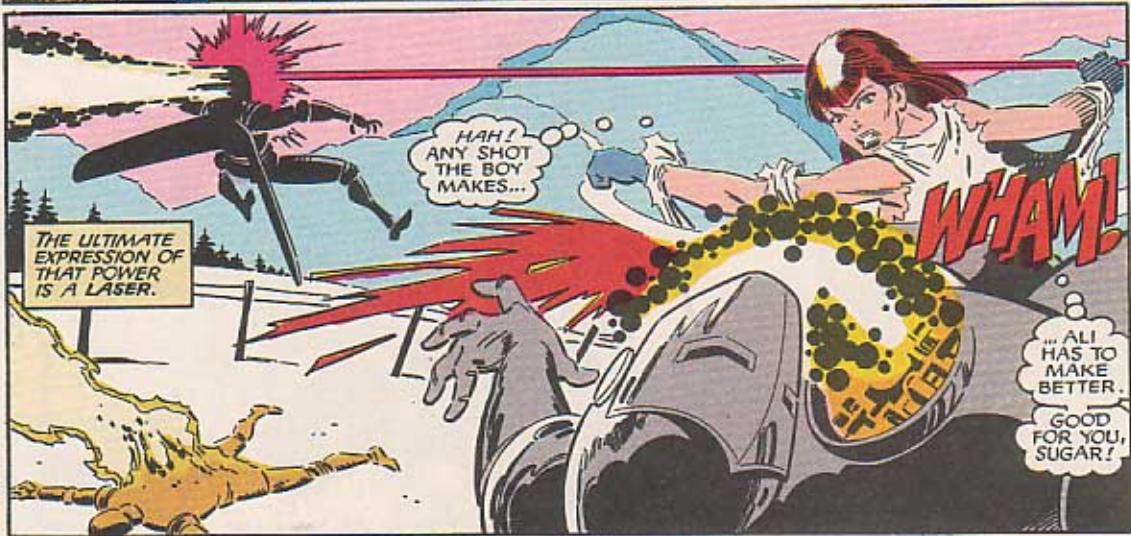
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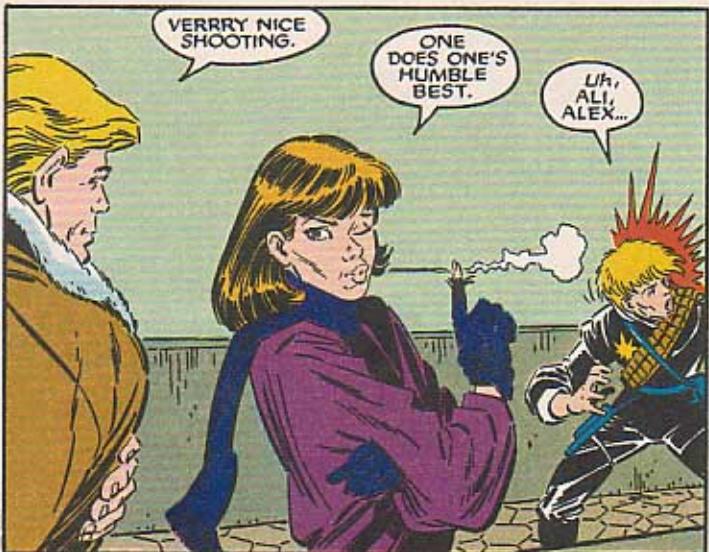


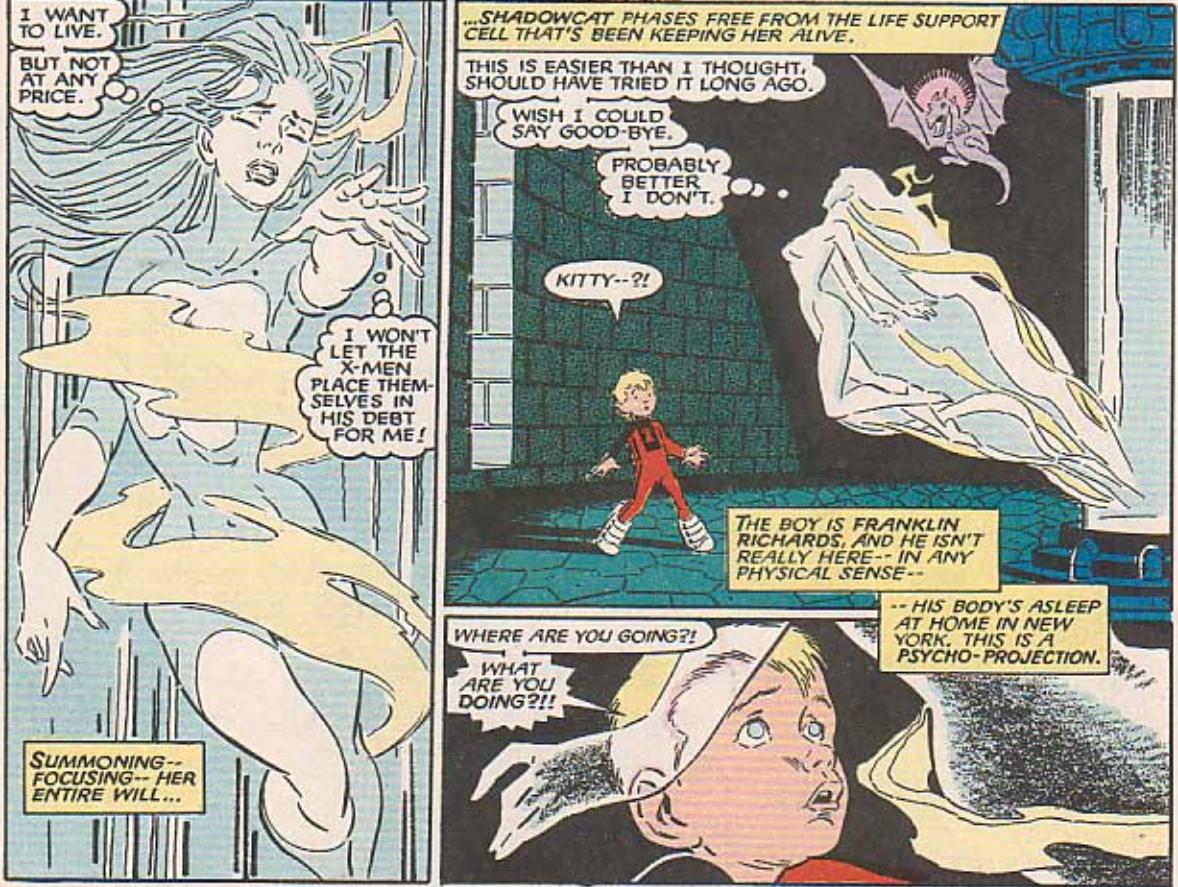
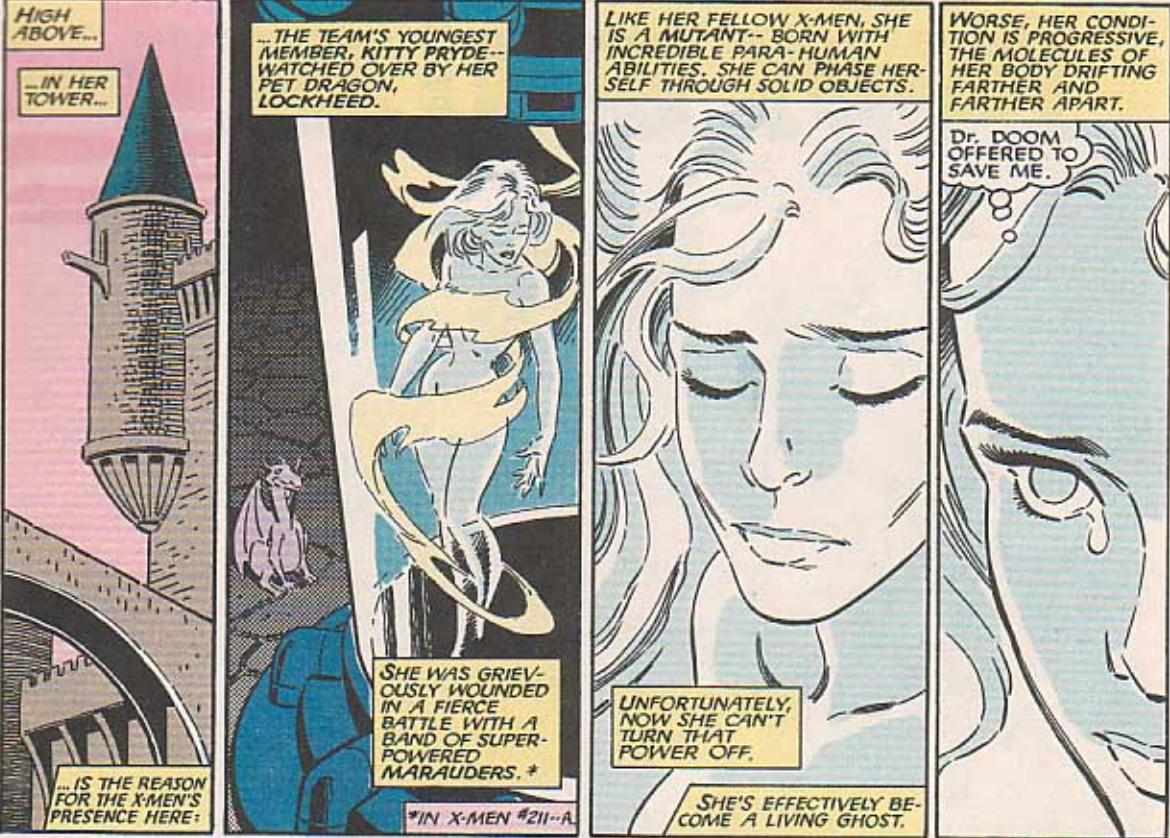
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MR. SHOW-OFF.

BUT
WATCH
THIS!

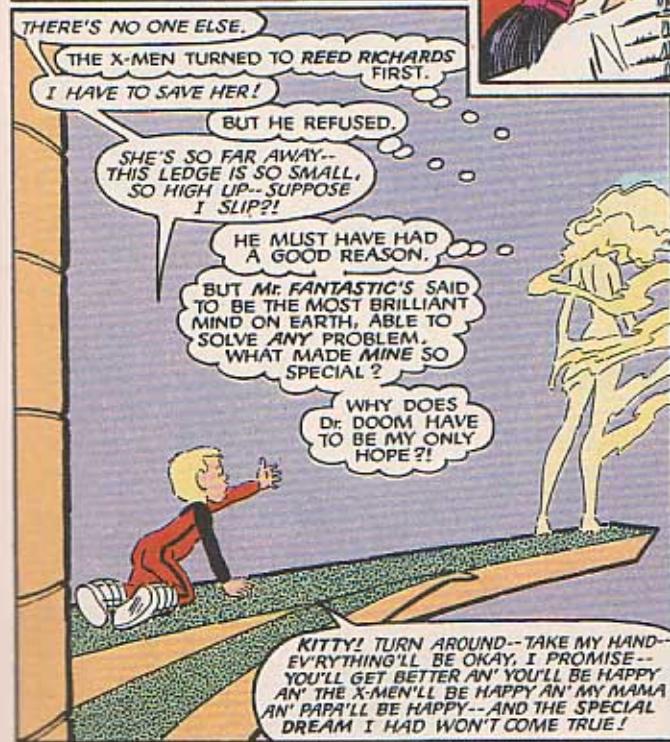
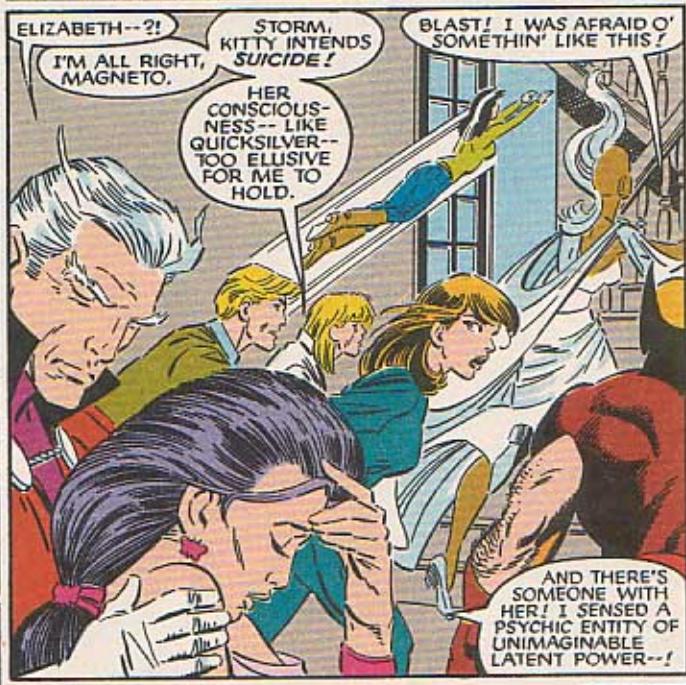
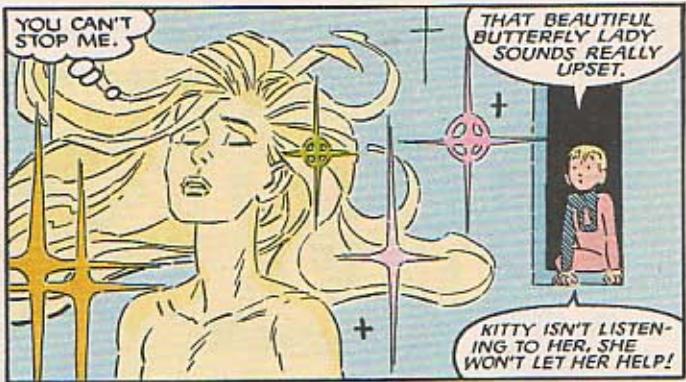
HAVOK METABOLIZES COSMIC ENERGY.
DAZZLER, ON THE OTHER HAND, CONVERTS
SOUND TO LIGHT-- ALL COLORS, ALL FORMS.

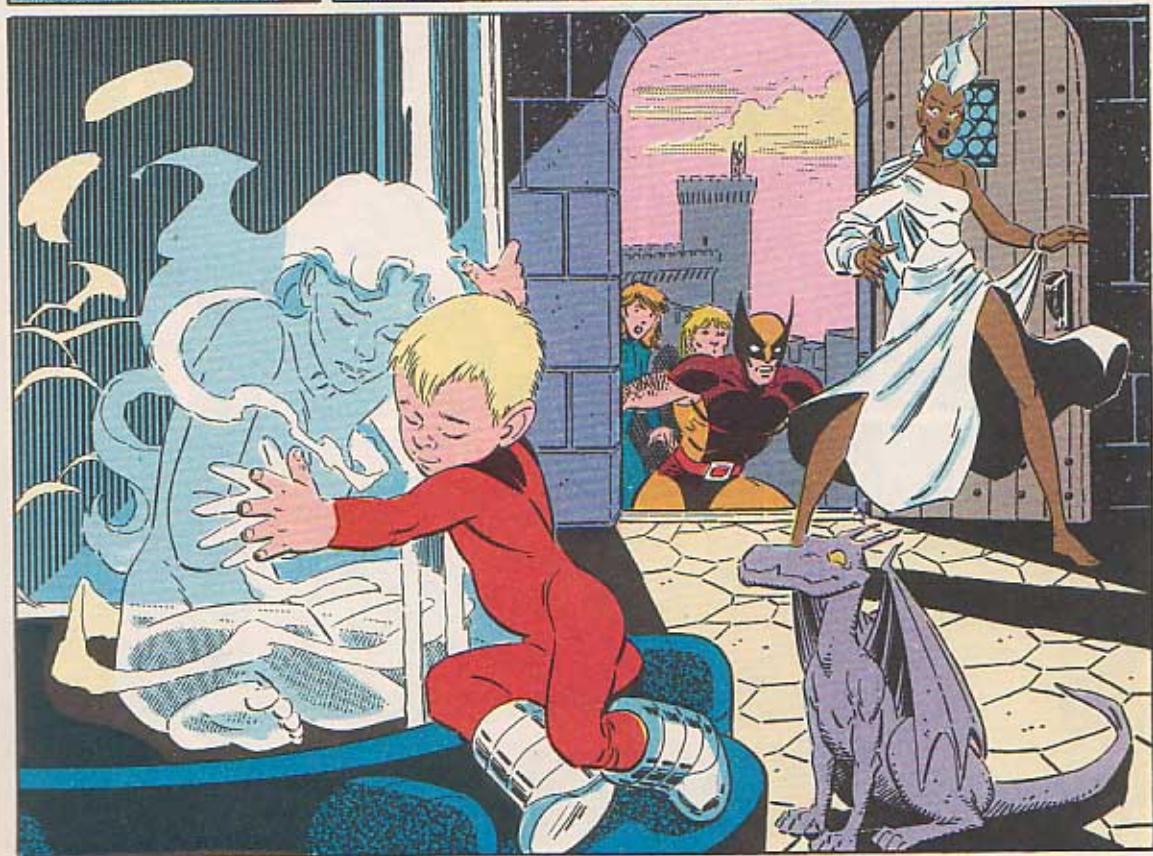


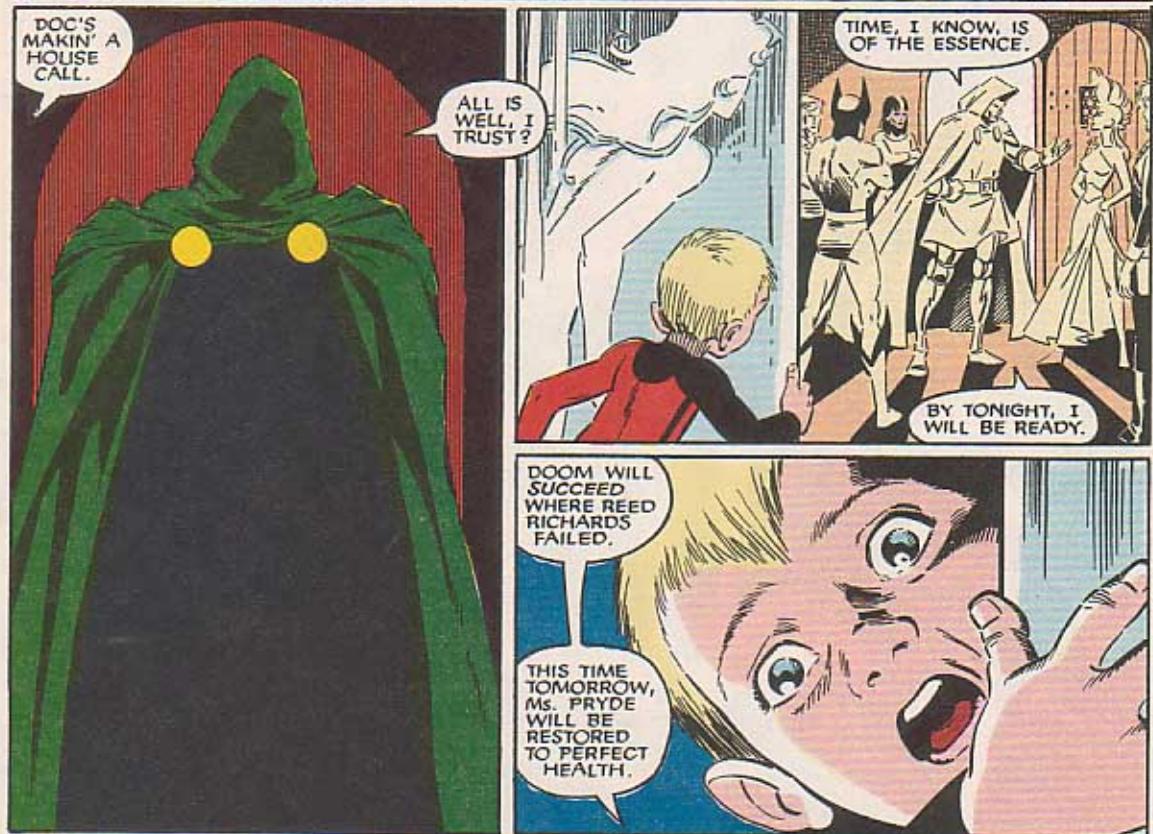


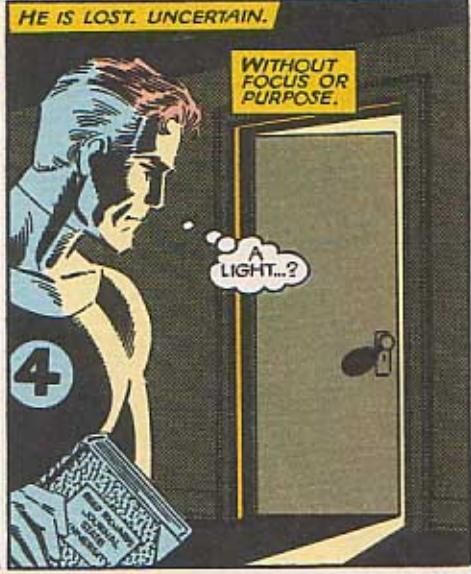


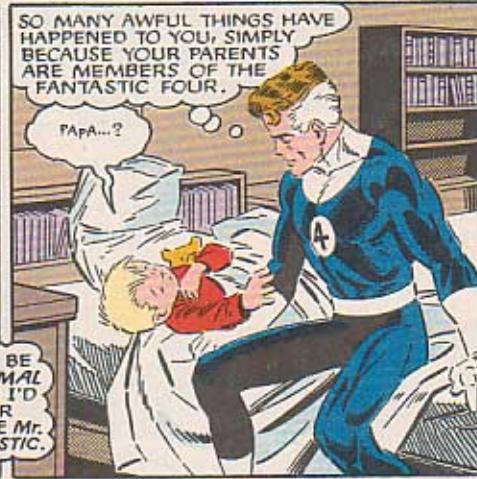


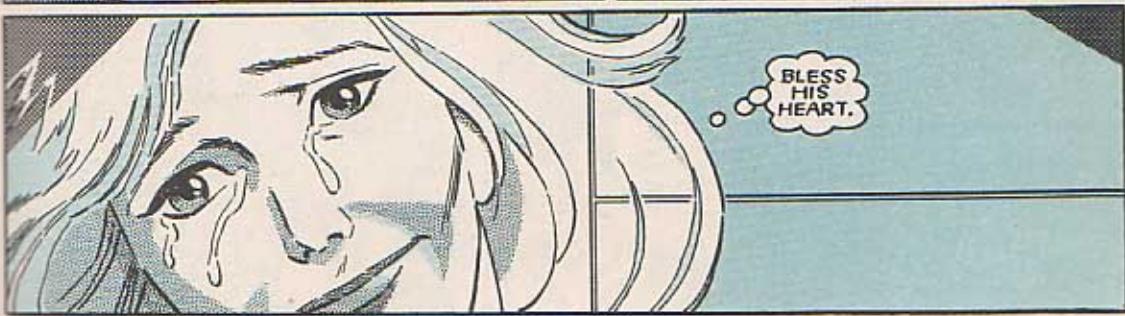
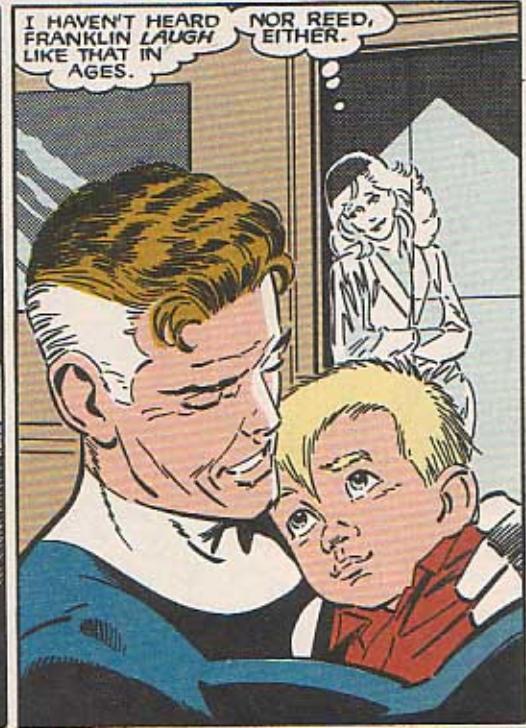
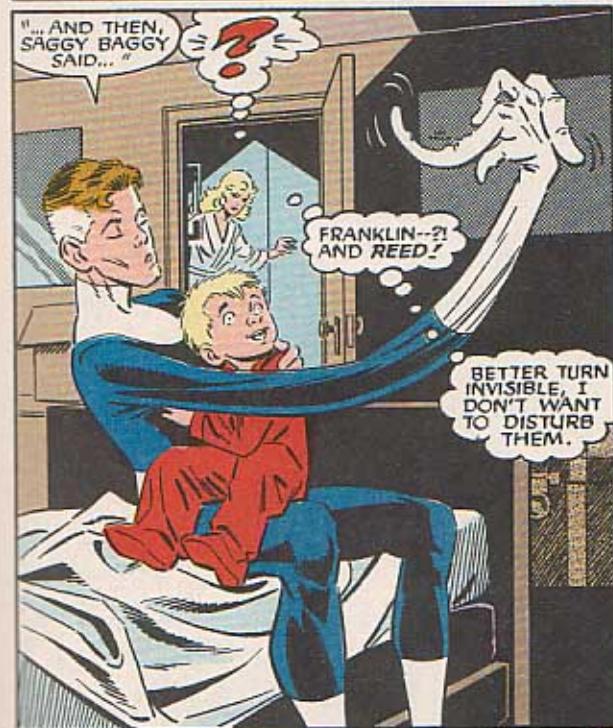
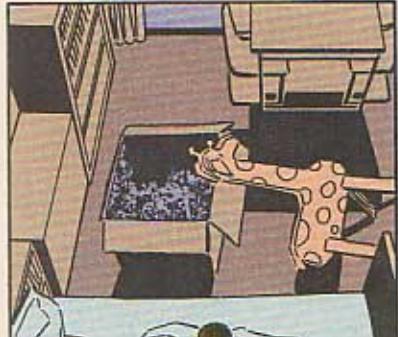


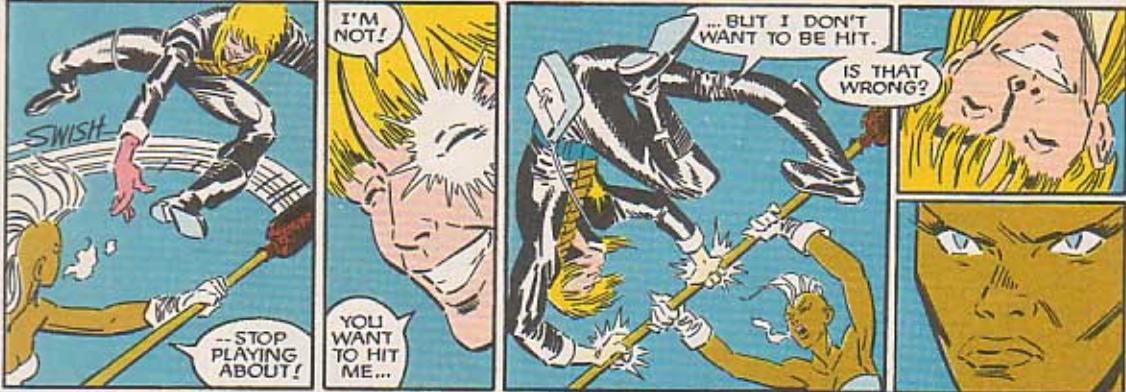


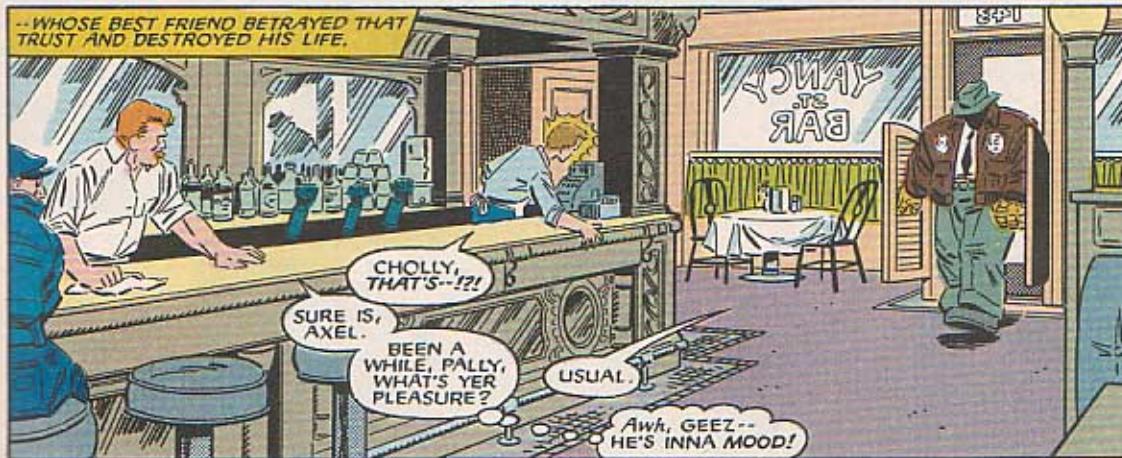












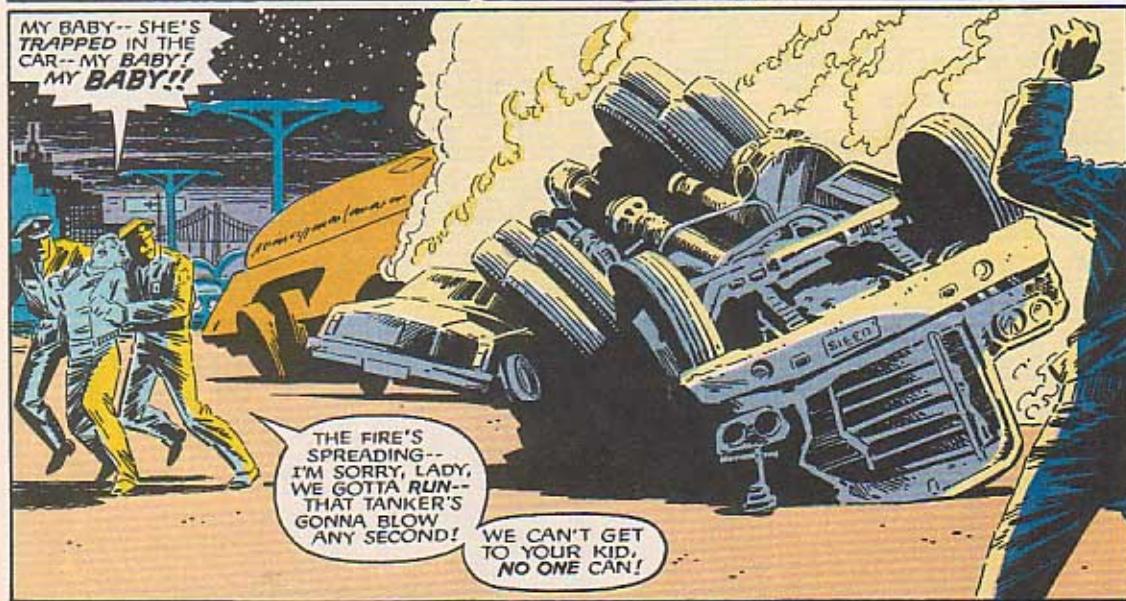


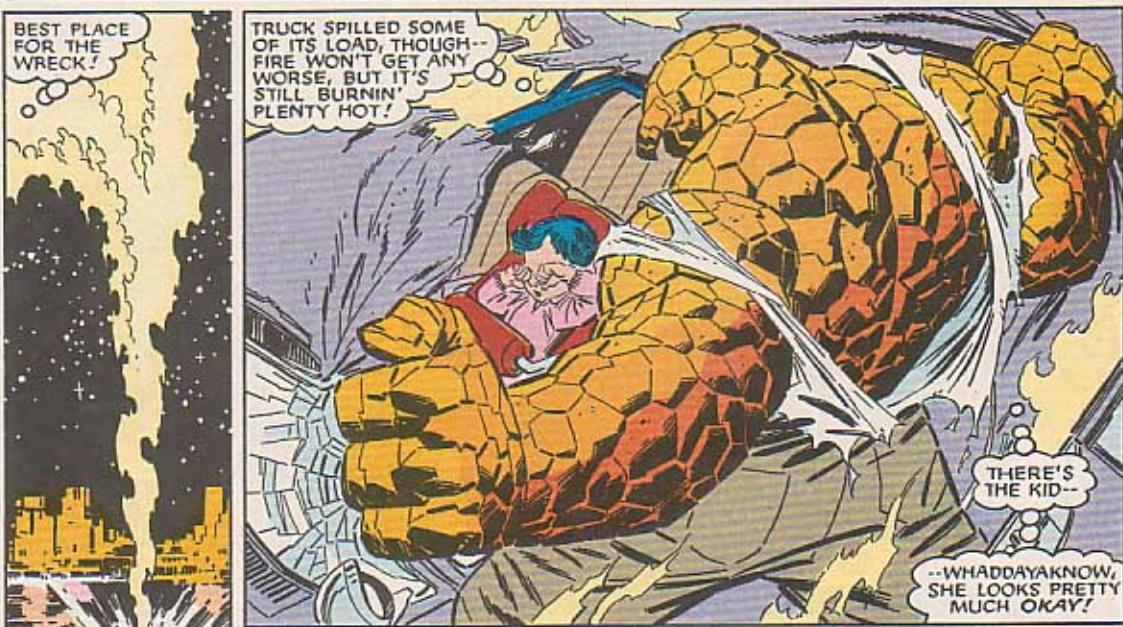
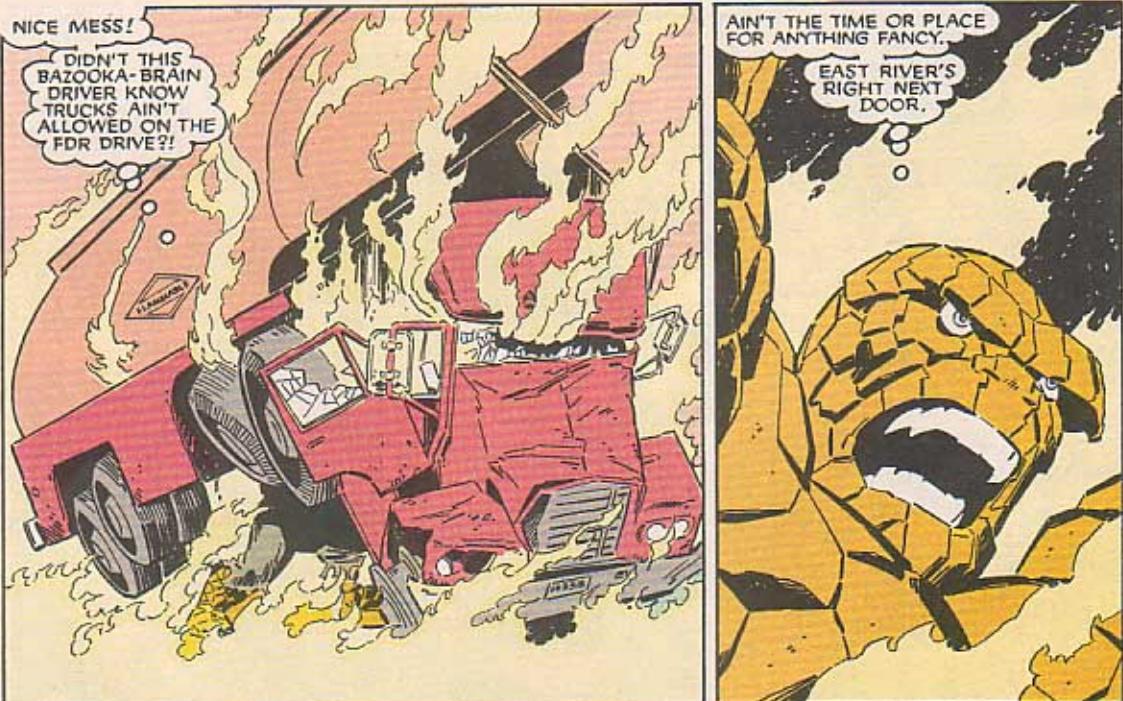
LOVED SUZIE-- BUT SHE FELL FOR REED. LOVED ALICIA MASTERS-- BUT SHE DUMPED ME FOR THE TORCH. AN' WHY NOT? HIS SKIN'S SMOOTH, AN' SOFT TO THE TOUCH. MINE'S LIKE CONCRETE. HE CAN KISS HER.

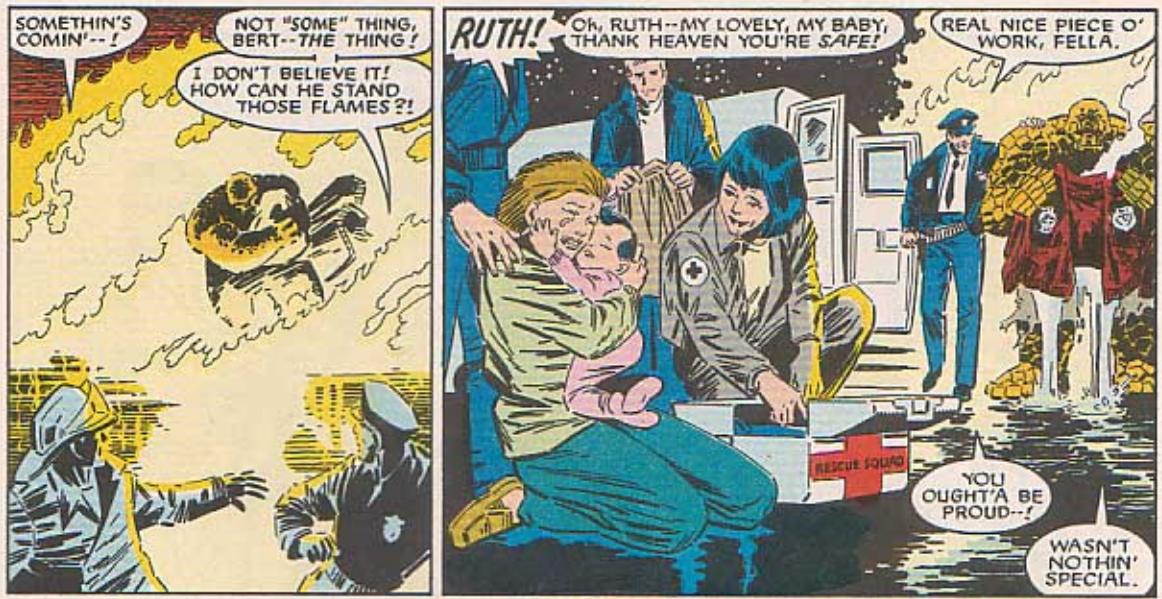
HE CAN... BE A MAN.

REED AN' SUE, THEY HAD A KID. JOHNNY AN' ALICIA COULD BE AS LUCKY. BUT NOT ME. NEVER BE A DAD, NEVER BE A GRAN'PA-- THE GRIMM FAMILY ENDS RIGHT HERE--

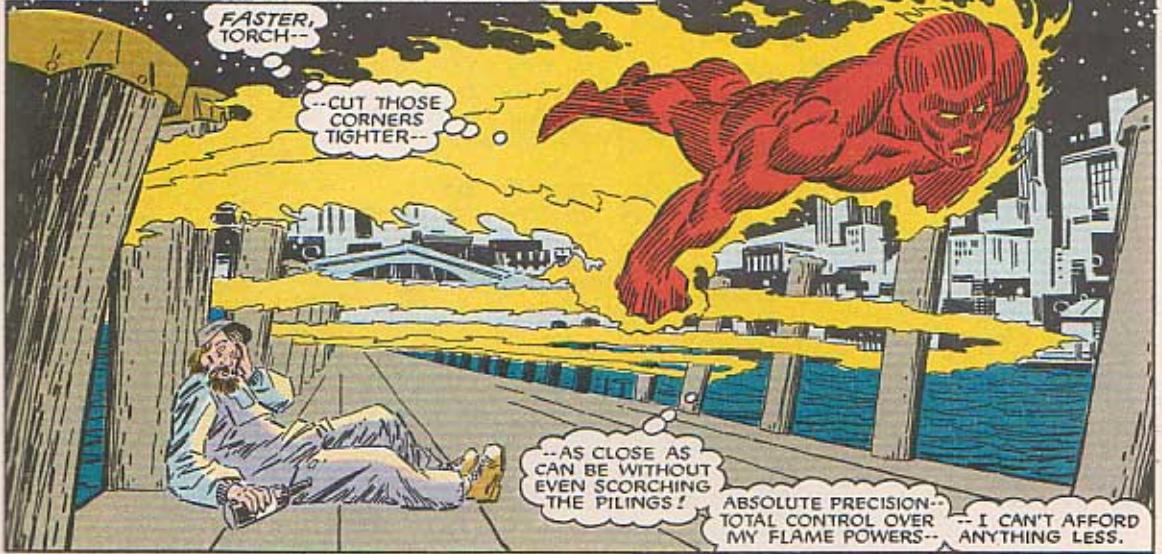


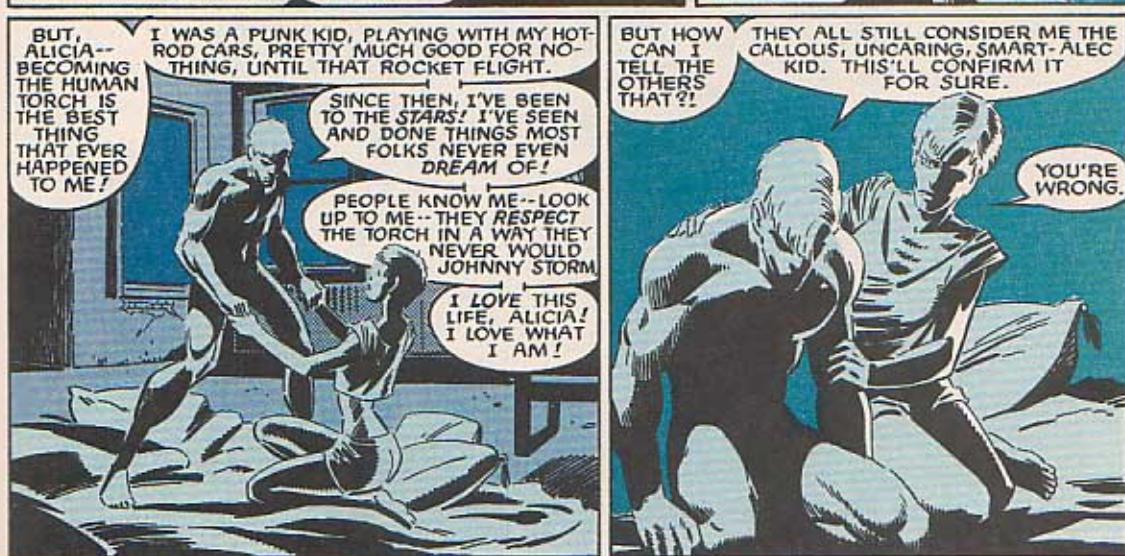
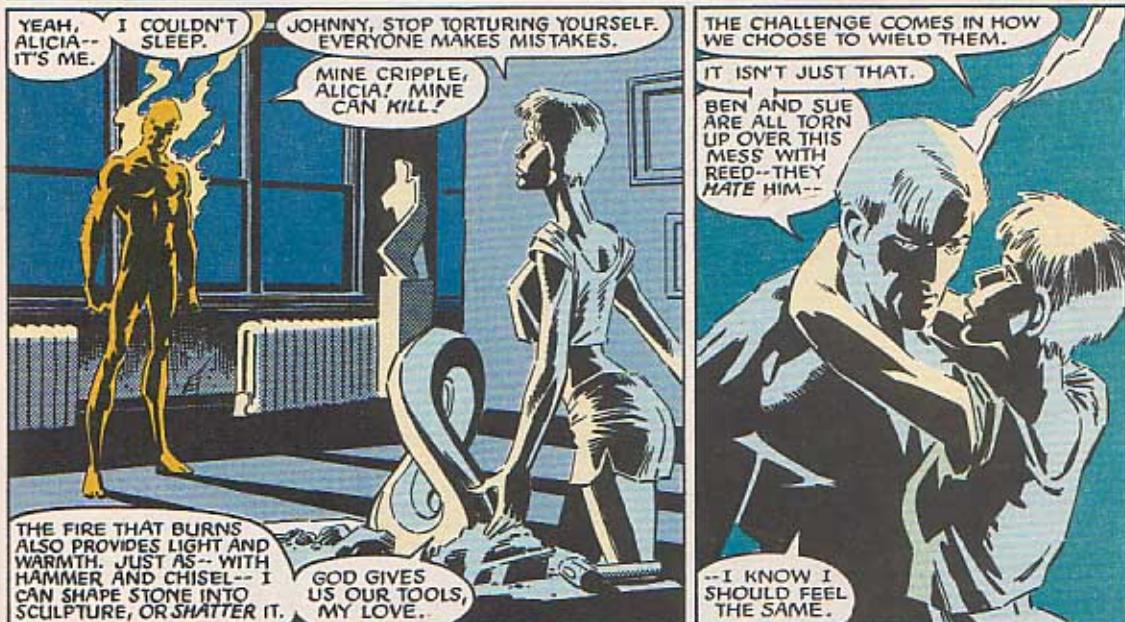
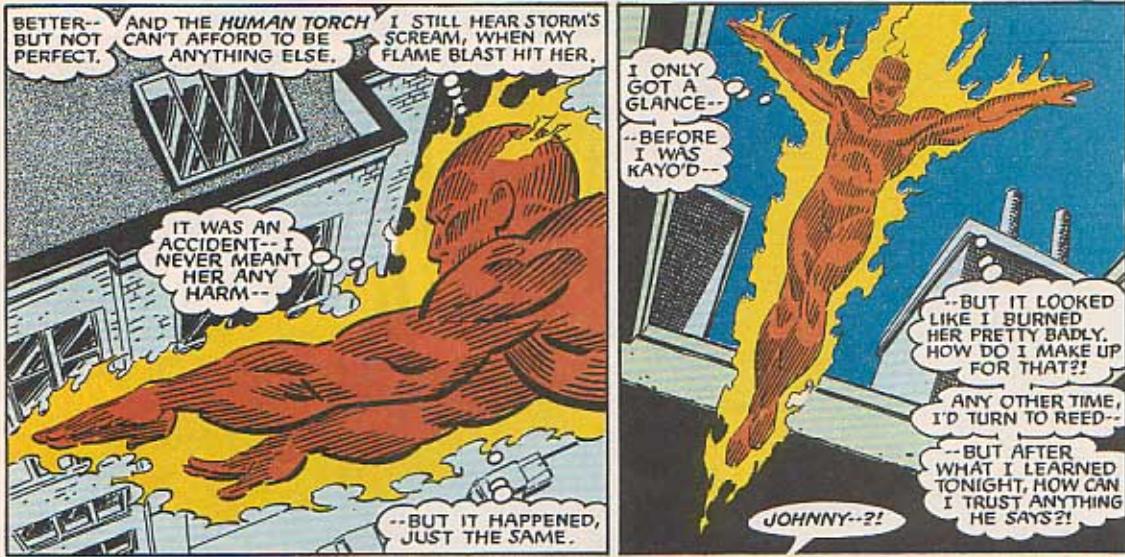


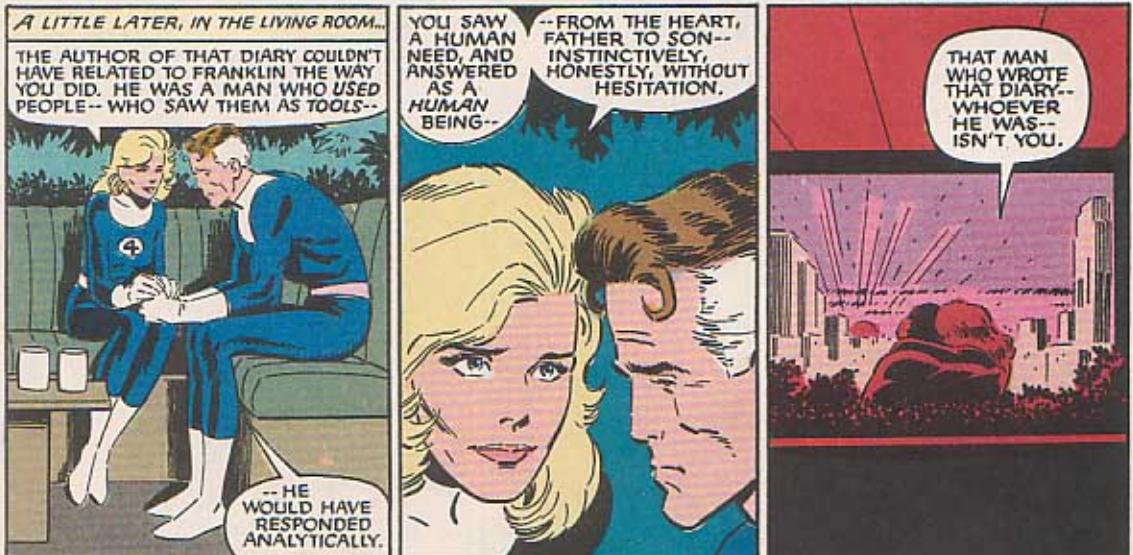
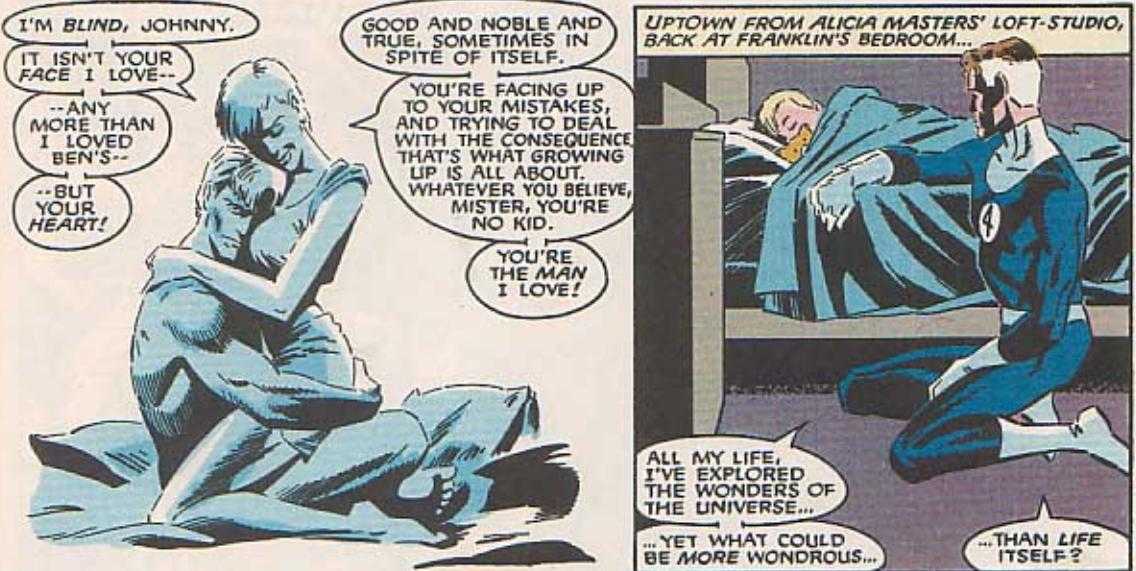




MEANWHILE, ACROSS TOWN, AT A DERELICT HUDSON RIVER PIER...







LATVERIA...

ONCE THE PROCESS IS COMPLETE, I CAN BEGIN RE-INTEGRATION.

IS THIS DEVICE NOT A WONDER OF WONDERS, X-MEN...

THIS INITIAL STAGE IS THE MOST TIME-CONSUMING.

COMPU-SCANALYSIS MUST ISOLATE AND MARK THE COMPONENT MOLECULES OF SHADOWCAT'S BODY-- DIFFERENTIATING AND SEPARATING THEM FROM ANY FOREIGN ELEMENT, SUCH AS HER CLOTHES.

--THE PRODUCT OF DOOM'S GENIUS, IMPROVING ON RICHARDS' ORIGINAL CONCEPTION AS ONLY DOOM CAN, ACTUALIZING ALL ITS INHERENT POTENTIAL ALONG PATHWAYS THAT RICHARDS, THE FOOL, QUITE NATURALLY OVERLOOKED?!

PSYLOCKE-- THE CHILD'S STATUS?

PHYSICAL DETERIORATION CONTINUING, AS EXPECTED. MY TELEPATHIC POWERS ARE HELPING MAINTAIN HER PSYCHIC COHESION-- KEEPING HER MIND AND PERSONALITY INTACT, BUT I CANNOT DO SO MUCH LONGER.

"DO NOT WORRY," DOOM REPLIES, WITH A CONFIDENCE NONE OF THE X-MEN SHARES, "LONG BEFORE THAT CRITICAL JUNCTURE IS REACHED, I WILL HAVE SAVED HER!"

THINKING?

ABOUT?

ALWAYS.



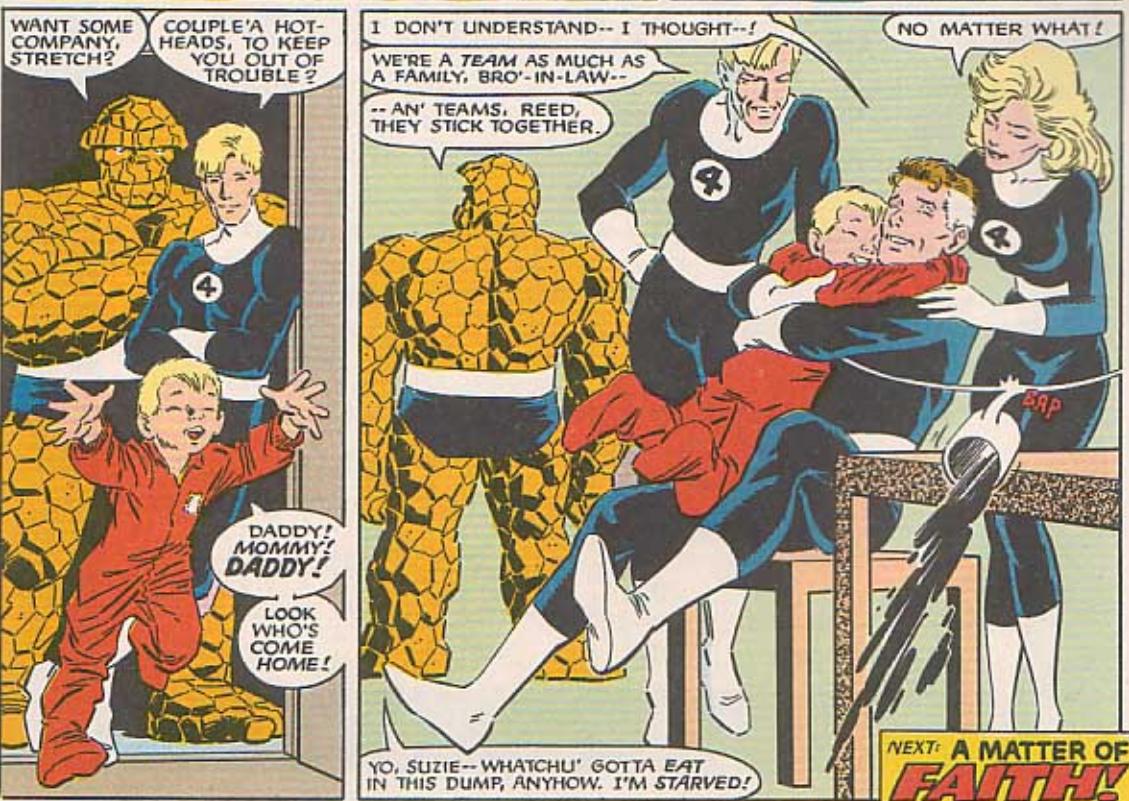
SHADOWCAT.
MAGNETO WAS
RIGHT--THE MOLECULAR
RE-INTEGRATOR APPLIES
PERFECTLY TO HER
PREDICAMENT.

AND
YOU DON'T
KNOW
WHY.
YET I
HESITATED.
I COULDN'T
BRING MYSELF
TO USE IT.

THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPALS AND DESIGN ARE SOUND, OF THAT I'M CERTAIN. ASSUMING A FLAW EXISTS, IT MUST THEREFORE BE IN THE REALIZATION OF THAT DESIGN.

YET--
ALL MY CHECKS,
ALL THE TESTS,
INDICATED NO
FAULT!





NEXT: A MATTER OF
FAITH!