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CLONED FROM WOLVERINE, LAURA KINNEY BEGAN HER LIFE AS A WEAPON CALLED X-23. AFTER SHE ESCAPED THOSE WHO CREATED HER, SHE LOCATED ANOTHER CLONE, GABBY. TOGETHER, THE SISTERS BEGAN TO FIGHT FOR A BETTER FUTURE.

WHILE TRACKING PROJECTS SIMILAR TO THE ONE THAT CREATED HER, LAURA DISCOVERED THAT THE POWERFUL PSYCHIC QUINTET TURNED TRIO KNOWN AS THE STEPFORD CUCKOOS HAD KIDNAPPED A GENETIC SCIENTIST AND FORCED HER TO REANIMATE THEIR TWO DEAD SISTERS. ESME SURVIVED IN A MUCH-WEAKENED STATE, AND SOPHIE DID NOT SURVIVE THE PROCESS...OR SO THEY THOUGHT.

THE CUCKOOS HAVE SUCCEEDED WITH THEIR PLAN TO TRANSFER ESME'S CONSCIOUSNESS INTO GABBY'S BODY. BUT NOW, SOPHIE'S CONSCIOUSNESS HAS TAKEN ROOT IN LAURA'S HEAD...AND THE PROSPECT OF GETTING GABBY BACK HAS BECOME MORE DANGEROUS THAN EVER!

TWO BIRTHDAYS AND THREE FUNERALS PART 5

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THE PHRASE "YOU CAN'T TRUST ANYONE" DEFINITELY APPLIES TO THE CLONE LIFE.

I NEVER HATED WHO WE WERE. I DIDN'T HATE BEING A CLONE. I **LOVED** MY SISTERS.

ESME HATED WHO WE WERE.

IT IS POSSIBLE SOPHIE KNOWS THIS BETTER THAN ANYONE.

I KNEW THAT.

I DIDN'T THINK SHE WOULD EVENTUALLY HATE **US**.

I WAS WRONG.

SOPHIE, I'M SO SORRY. I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW!

STUPID ESME!

THAT COW!

WE'RE THE ONLY PEOPLE WE CAN TRUST--AND WE CAN'T TRUST OURSELVES.

BECAUSE...

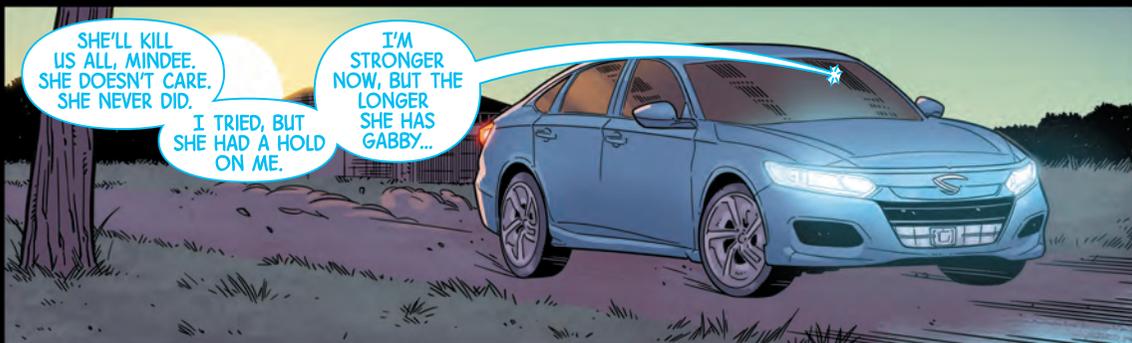
I WAS WRONG SO MANY TIMES. OVER MANY LIVES.

AND IT COST ME.

AND NOW IT'S COST YOU.

YEAH, I GOT THAT.

...WE'RE KILLERS.



"...THE HARDER
IT WILL BE TO
GET HER BACK."

THIS--THIS
IS HOW I SHOULD
HAVE BEEN LIVING
ALL ALONG.

WHAT A WASTE!
STUPID X-MEN! STUPID
FIGHTING FOR STUPID
HUMANS!

THIS TIME,
THEY WILL
KNOW ME.

I'M
GOING TO BE
FAMOUS.

THE PLAN. THE
PLAN WILL WORK.
THERE'S ONLY ONE
WEAK LINK.

MINDEE.

NO. NO
WAY.