

THE WOLVERINE IS DEAD. HIS LEGACY REMAINS.

LOGAN MET HIS END WHILE DESTROYING A REVAMPED VERSION OF THE WEAPON X PROJECT LOCATED IN A FACILITY KNOWN AS PARADISE.

LOGAN COULD NOT ESCAPE, BUT OTHERS DID--FIVE TEST SUBJECTS, ALL GRANTED STRANGE NEW POWERS. NONE WERE EVER INTENDED TO SURVIVE OUTSIDE THE PROGRAM, AND ALL HAVE BEEN INFUSED WITH A TICKING CLOCK IN THEIR DNA THAT WILL KILL THEM UNLESS IT CAN BE DEACTIVATED.

THESE LOST WEAPONS KIDNAPPED A GROUP OF FIVE OF WOLVERINE'S DEADLIEST ASSOCIATES IN THE HOPE THAT THEIR HEALING FACTORS MIGHT HOLD THE ANSWER TO SAVING THE TEST SUBJECTS' LIVES. THE REFUGEES FROM PARADISE HOLD SIGNIFICANT LEVERAGE OVER THE FIVE KILLERS--SECRET "CONTROL WORDS" THAT CAN MANIPULATE, SEDATE OR EVEN KILL EACH OF THEM.

ALL IS LOST FOR OUR TWO TEAMS--THE X-MEN INFILTRATED MR. SINISTER'S LAIR AT THE LAST SECOND AND ESCAPED WITH THE REMAINS OF WOLVERINE. NOW, ANY HOPE OF THE PARADISE SURVIVORS LIVING ANOTHER DAY HAS VANISHED ALONG WITH LOGAN'S BODY, YET THEIR GRIP ON THE WOLVERINES HAS TIGHTENED. MYSTIQUE HAS HAD ENOUGH OF LIVING LIKE A CAGED ANIMAL, AND FINALLY HAS BROKEN FREE OF HER CHAINS...

PARADISE



SHOGUN



NEURO



ENDO



SKEL



JUNK



FANTOMELLE

THE WOLVERINES



MYSTIQUE



SABRETOOTH



LADY
DEATHSTRIKE



DAKEN



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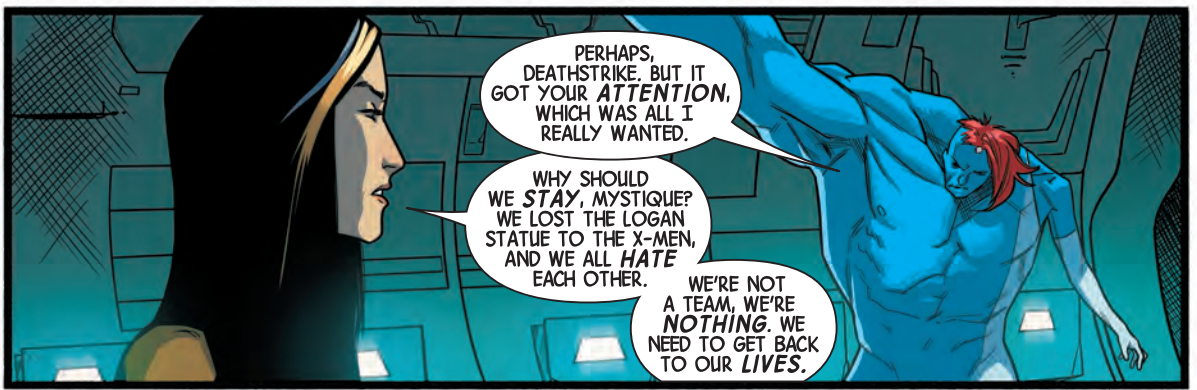
NONE OF
YOU ARE GOING
ANYWHERE.

HOW DO
YOU SUPPOSE YOU
WILL STOP US,
DARKHOLME?

MAKE
YOURSELF AS
LARGE AS YOU LIKE,
BUT WE KNOW YOU,
AND WE KNOW YOUR
ABILITIES.

JUST
BECAUSE YOU ARE
LARGER DOES NOT
MEAN YOU ARE
STRONGER.







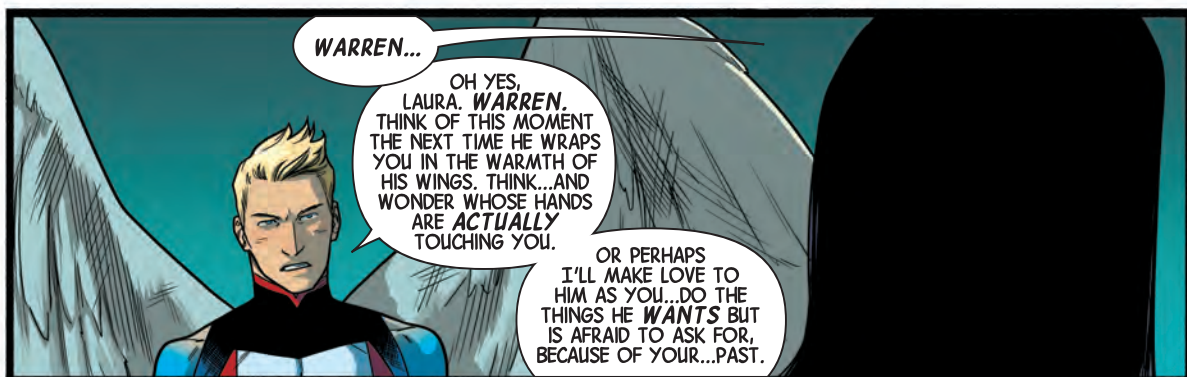
HAVE YOU ALL FORGOTTEN HOW I BEAT THE **WRECKING CREW**? PERHAPS A REMINDER, THEN.

HERE IS WHY YOU WILL STAY. BECAUSE I AM **MYSTIQUE**, AND BECAUSE I **WANT** YOU TO.



MY HONORED FATHER? YOU DARE?

I DO, YURIKO.



WARREN...

OH YES, LAURA. **WARREN**. THINK OF THIS MOMENT THE NEXT TIME HE WRAPS YOU IN THE WARMTH OF HIS WINGS. THINK...AND WONDER WHOSE HANDS ARE **ACTUALLY** TOUCHING YOU.

OR PERHAPS I'LL MAKE LOVE TO HIM AS YOU...DO THE THINGS HE **WANTS** BUT IS AFRAID TO ASK FOR, BECAUSE OF YOUR...PAST.



YOU MAY ALL DISOBEY ME AND **LEAVE**, WHICH WOULD MAKE MY LIFE **MARGINALLY** MORE BUSY AND YOURS INTO A LIVING **HELL**...

...OR YOU CAN STAY, **STOP YOUR LUDICROUS SQUABBLING**, DO AS I TELL YOU TO DO, AND PERHAPS I WILL EVENTUALLY GIVE YOU EACH YOUR HEART'S **DESIRE**.



THIS TEAM WAS **ALWAYS** MINE, PEOPLE. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT NOW YOU **KNOW** IT.