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**PAST FEARS**  
CHAPTER 2

PULLED FROM HIS OWN ERA AND RAISED IN A FAR-FLUNG FUTURE, NATHAN SUMMERS HAS TRAVERSED TIME IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE HUMAN AND MUTANT ALIKE. HE IS THE LINK BETWEEN THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE. HE IS KNOWN BY MANY NAMES, BUT TO MOST HE IS SIMPLY THE MAN CALLED...

## CABLE

AFTER REUNITING WITH HIS ESTRANGED DAUGHTER HOPE, CABLE SET OUT TO FIGHT A TECHNO-ORGANIC MONSTER THAT'S BEEN TORMENTING HIM FOR YEARS. DURING THE CONFLICT, THE MONSTER DUG INTO CABLE'S MIND, FORCING HIM TO CONFRONT THEIR LONG AND SORDID HISTORY. AS A RESULT OF THE FIGHT, CABLE'S BODY MAY HAVE BEEN IRREPARABLY DAMAGED. STEP BACKWARD IN HISTORY TO TRULY UNDERSTAND THE MUTANT OUT OF TIME'S FATE... REVISIT CABLE'S PAST TO UNDERSTAND HIS FEAR!

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## THE NEAR FUTURE.\*

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BACK IN THE WASTELANDS AGAIN WITH NO DESTINATION BUT FORWARD.

DESPAIR IS THE ONLY THING INTACT IN THIS FUTURE. BUT IT'S SAFER THAN THE ONE WE JUST LEFT BEHIND. A HORRID WORLD RULED BY MY INSANE CLONE, STRYFE.

HOPE WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND WHY WE HAD TO COME BACK HERE AND LEAVE X-FORCE.

THEY'RE THE CLOSEST THING SHE'S EVER HAD TO FRIENDS.

SHE'S TOO INNOCENT TO BE AFRAID, SO I CARRY THE FEAR FOR HER.

HHRUK

HRUK

USING TELEKINESIS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS DRAINED ME. IT WEAKENED MY RESOLVE AGAINST THE TECHNO-ORGANIC VIRUS, AND IT WANTS TO TAKE OVER.

WE NEED TO KEEP MOVING, BUT MY BODY CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER TIMESLIDE. NOT YET.

NATHAN, ARE YOU OKAY? YOU NEVER GET SICK...

I'M FINE.

THIS IS GROSS. I WANNA GO BACK TO JAMES. AND LAURA. AND LOGAN.

I'M SORRY. X-FORCE WERE THE ONES THAT TOLD US TO GO. THEY KNOW YOU'RE SAFER WITH ME.

I DON'T FEEL VERY SAFE.

I WANNA BE WITH OTHER MUTANTS.

I PROMISE, ONE DAY YOU WILL BE. FOR NOW, YOU'RE STUCK WITH YOUR OLD MAN, LIKE IT OR NOT. THAT'S THE END OF IT.





NATHAN?

YES, HOPE?

DOES EVERYONE HAVE SOMEONE WHO LOOKS JUST LIKE THEM?

NO. **STRYFE IS MY CLONE.** AN IDENTICAL COPY OF ME ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT NOTHING LIKE ME ON THE INSIDE.

THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. IS THERE ONE OUT THERE WHO IS **EXACTLY** LIKE YOU?

YOU HAVE A BROTHER?!

NO. BUT MY HALF-BROTHER AND I ARE SIMILAR.

HIS NAME IS **NATE GREY.** I'M SURE YOU'LL MEET HIM SOME DAY.

DOES HE HAVE POWERS LIKE YOU? DO ALL MUTANTS HAVE POWERS LIKE YOU? WILL I? WHAT WERE THOSE COOL THINGS THAT CAME OUT OF LOGAN'S HANDS?

MUTANTS, LIKE ANY OTHER LIVING CREATURE, ARE ALL UNIQUE WITH DIFFERENT POWERS. THERE'S NO ONE OUT THERE LIKE ME, AND THERE'S NO ONE OUT THERE LIKE YOU.

BUT YOU JUST SAID STRYFE--

QUIET.



HOW LONG 'TIL I GET TO USE MY POWERS?

HOPE, PLEASE STOP. YOU'LL GET ALL THE ANSWERS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IN TIME. RIGHT NOW, WE NEED TO LISTEN SO--

I KNOW. I KNOW. SO WE CAN BE AWARE OF OUR SURROUNDINGS.



WE NEED TO GET SOME REST AND FIND FOOD.

OPEN SPACES BREED PARANOIA. **BISHOP** CAN'T BE FAR BEHIND. HE'S CONVINCED THAT HIS MISSION TO KILL HOPE IS THE ONLY RECOURSE. HIS MIND'S SLIPPING FURTHER INTO DESPERATION.

LOOK!

IT SHOULD BE NORMAL. HE'S BEEN ON OUR TAIL FOR YEARS. BUT I CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING THAT THIS TIME...





...IT'S  
SOMETHING  
WORSE.

PEOPLE!

I BET  
THEY HAVE  
FOOD!

HOPE,  
GET BACK  
HERE!







OI, STRANGERS!  
APPROACH SLOWLY  
SO WE CAN SEE THOSE  
HANDS.

DON'T GET  
MANY 'ROUND HERE.  
CAN'T NEVER BE  
TOO PRUDENT.

HOPE,  
STAY BEHIND  
ME.

HOLD  
UP, NOW. IF  
YA PLAN ON STAYIN'  
THE NIGHT, YER GONNA  
HAFTA PLACE THOSE  
GUNS DOWN ON THE  
GROUND WHERE WE  
CAN SEE 'EM.

AND  
WE'RE GONNA  
HAFTA SEARCH  
THE GIRL.

WELL, THEN OFF  
WITH YAS. GET  
GOIN'.

HOLD ON,  
EDMUND. AT  
LEAST LET 'EM  
HAVE A  
TASTE.

Y'ALL  
MUST BE HALF-  
STARVED.

GO ON,  
DARLIN'.

HOPE, FALL  
BACK. THAT  
ISN'T FOR US.

WHY  
NOT?

WE  
WON'T BE  
STAYING.