

RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE AFTERLIFE, NIGHTCRAWLER HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR HIS PLACE IN A WORLD FAR DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE HE LEFT BEHIND.

PREVIOUSLY IN...

NIGHTCRAWLER

FOLLOWING A RECENT BATTLE, TWO OF NIGHTCRAWLER'S STUDENTS, RICO AND ZIGGY TRASK, WERE ABDUCTED AND DELIVERED TO TULLARMORE VOGÉ'S SLAVE MARKET. FOLLOWING THE KIDNAPPERS' TRAIL, NIGHTCRAWLER AND HIS NEW ALLY BLOODY BESS CAME TO THE STUDENTS' RESCUE. WHILE NIGHTCRAWLER SUCCEEDED IN LOCATING HIS STUDENTS, THEIR HAPPY REUNION WAS SHORT-LIVED...AS VOGÉ DISPATCHED THE VILLAINOUS WARWOLVES TO TAKE THE X-MEN PRISONER!



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I HATE
WARWOLVES.

THEY WERE THE FIRST TRUE
ADVERSARIES OF EXCALIBUR
AND IN THAT BATTLE, VERY
NEARLY STOLE THE SOUL AND
BODY OF KITTY PRYDE.

THEY'RE *PREDATORS* WHO
FEED ON THE LIFE-ESSENCE
OF THEIR VICTIMS AND THEN
WEAR THEIR *SKINS* LIKE A
NEW SUIT OF CLOTHES.

THEY'RE RIGHT AT
HOME WORKING
FOR TULLAMORE
VOGE.

AND WE
ARE THEIR
LATEST PREY.





THE HEROES RISE!

WE'VE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR OUR VENGEANCE, MUTANT.

NOT HERE, WARWOLF--AND NOT IN THIS LIFETIME.

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MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE I CAME BACK TO LIFE--NOT ALL OF IT PLEASANT.

FOR TOO LONG I KEPT MY FEELINGS UNDER A TIGHT HOLD, ALMOST LIKE I WAS AFRAID OF THE CONSEQUENCES SHOULD I RELEASE THAT GRIEF AND RAGE.

AGAINST THE WARWOLVES, I CAST OFF ALL RESTRAINT.

I HAVE LOST TOO MANY OF THOSE I CARE FOR.

I WILL LOSE NO MORE.

KIDS-- TIME FOR YOU TO GO!

THE BAMFS'LL GET YOU SAFELY TO THE BLACKBIRD.

LEAVE THE BADDIES TO US!

BESS HAS GONE ASTRAL; SHE'S SPEAKING TO US TELEPATHICALLY WHILE SHE FIGHTS!

LET US STAY, WE WANT TO HELP!

THIS IS NO TIME FOR AN ARGUMENT!

THE WARWOLVES CHANGE EVERYTHING!

I NEED YOU TO TRUST ME AND DO AS YOU'RE TOLD-- NOW GO!

NO BACK TALK, RICO?

ARE YOU KIDDING, ZIGGY?

I'VE NEVER SEEN PROFESSOR WAGNER SO SERIOUS.