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WHEN GAMBIT MET ROGUE, SPARKS FLEW.

THE FLIRTATIOUS CAJUN THROWING HIS KINETICALLY CHARGED CARDS AND THE HOTHEADED MISSISSIPPI GIRL UNABLE TO TOUCH ANYONE WITHOUT INFLECTING PAIN—THEY FELL IN LOVE.

AND OUT OF LOVE. AND IN LOVE. OVER AND OVER AGAIN, UNTIL THE TIME WAS RIGHT. POSING AS HUSBAND AND WIFE FOR A DANGEROUS MISSION, ROGUE AND GAMBIT RECENTLY REUNITED.

WHEN THE WEDDING OF THEIR FRIENDS KITTY AND PIOTR DERAILED, THE COUPLE SAW THEIR CHANCE—TO GET MARRIED. TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL. TO BECOME:

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GAMBIT'S FATHER ALERTED HIM TO UNREST AMONG THE THIEVES GUILD OVER GAMBIT'S POSITION AS THE KING OF THIEVES. AIMING TO QUELL THE REBELLION QUIETLY, GAMBIT SECRETLY TRAVELED TO NEW ORLEANS, ONLY TO ENCOUNTER OPPOSITION FROM AN UNLIKELY ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE THIEVES AND ASSASSINS GUILDS—AN ALLIANCE LED BY NONE OTHER THAN HIS EX-WIFE, BELLA DONNA, AND THE RECENTLY RESURRECTED CANDRA!

LUCKILY FOR GAMBIT, ROGUE FOLLOWED HIM AND LAUNCHED A RESCUE ATTEMPT. UNLUCKILY FOR THEM BOTH, THIEVES DON'T FIGHT FAIR, AND THEY BOTH FOUND THEMSELVES QUICKLY OVERWHELMED. NOW, WITH ROGUE AND GAMBIT CHAINED UP AND OUTFITTED WITH POWER-DAMPENING COLLARS, THE ODDS AREN'T LOOKING TOO GOOD FOR THE NEWLYWEDS...

**THE LADY &
THE TIGER**
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THIEVES GUILD CATACOMBS.

COMING HOME
USED TO TEAR
ME TO PIECES.



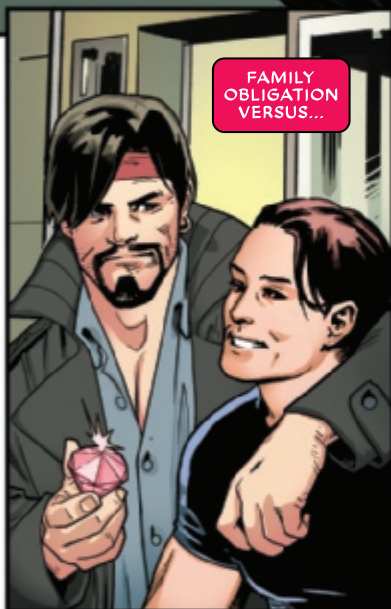
MEMORIES
OF OLD LOVE...



...FIGHTING WITH
THE REALITIES
OF NEW LOVE.



FAMILY
OBLIGATION
VERSUS...



...FAMILY
OBLIGATION.



TOO OFTEN A SENSE OF
"GOOD" VERSUS "BAD"...
THOUGH I NEVER WHOLLY
SUBSCRIBED TO EITHER 'A
THOSE WORDS.

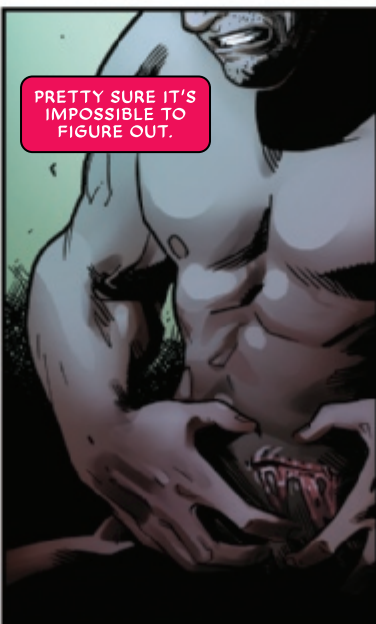


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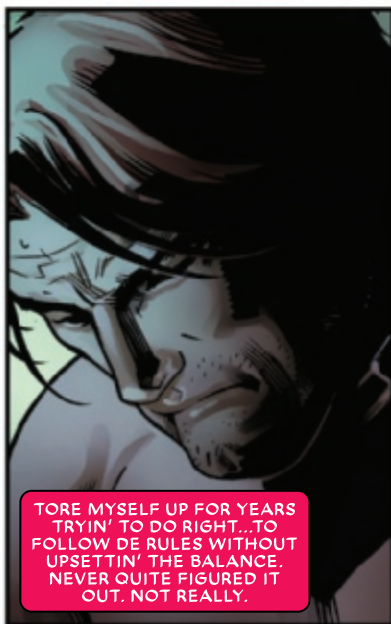
'COURSE, THAT DOESN'T
MEAN IT STOPS ASKIN'
YOU TO FIGURE IT OUT.



PRETTY SURE IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE TO
FIGURE OUT.



TORE MYSELF UP FOR YEARS
TRYIN' TO DO RIGHT...TO
FOLLOW DE RULES WITHOUT
UPSETTIN' THE BALANCE.
NEVER QUITE FIGURED IT
OUT. NOT REALLY.



ALSO, DIS TIME THE "TEARING APART"
IS FEELIN' A BIT MORE LITERAL. AND I
GOTTA SAY...I'M NOT LOVING IT.

NEARLY AN HOUR AGO.

I HAVE MADE PROMISES TO THE THIEVES AND ASSASSINS WHO FOUND AND CARED FOR ME UNTIL THIS FORM BECAME STRONG ENOUGH TO CARE FOR ITSELF.

TO HONOR THOSE PROMISES I HAVE UNITED THE THIEVES AND ASSASSINS GUILDS AND WILL BESTOW THEM WITH GIFTS OF INCREDIBLE POWER, AS WE HAVE DONE FOR CENTURIES.

BUT I HAVE A SMALL PROBLEM, AND IT SEEMS YOU, REMY LEBEAU, AND ALL YOUR CONTRADICTIONS ARE THE ANSWER TO THAT PROBLEM.

WHAT A SURPRISE.



YOU CAN CHOOSE TO SACRIFICE YOUR SHINY NEW WIFE, THUS ENDING YOUR LIFE WITH THE X-MEN.

AND AS A REWARD I WILL BESTOW ON YOU GREAT POWER AND ENSURE THAT THIEVES AND ASSASSINS BOTH WILL EMBRACE YOU AS THEIR ONE TRUE KING FOR NOW AND ALWAYS.

OR?





MY
RESURRECTION
INTO THIS INFERIOR
SHELL LEAVES
SOMETHING TO
BE DESIRED.

I CANNOT
ACCESS ALL OF MY
ABILITIES, AND IT WILL
TAKE A SACRIFICE OF ONE
WITH GREAT POWER IN
ORDER TO REMEDY
THAT SITUATION.



YOUR
"ROGUE" WILL
DO NICELY.

BUT I WILL
ALLOW YOU
THE HONOR OF
CHOOSING.



OR YOU CAN CHOOSE TO SACRIFICE
YOUR EX-WIFE, BELLA DONNA, IN
WHICH CASE YOUR "REWARD" WILL
BE PERMANENT EXILE FROM YOUR
FAMILY, THE GUILDS AND
NEW ORLEANS.

WHAT?!

YOU
TRAITOROUS
WITCH!

OH, HUSH,
BELLA DONNA.
WE'RE ALL TRAITORS
HERE. STOP BEING
SO DRAMATIC.



YOUR CHOICE,
LEBEAU.

YOU
HAVE AN
HOUR.



PUT HIM IN A
CELL, BUT BE
SURE TO STRIP HIM
OF ALL HIS TRICKS...
LITERALLY IF
NECESSARY.



I'VE BEEN MADE
AN "OFFER" LIKE
CANDRA'S B'FORE.



SABRETOOTH ONCE MADE
ME CHOOSE BETWEEN MY
BROTHER, HENRI, AN' A
YOUNG WOMAN NAMED
GENEVIEVE.*


DIDN'T 'PRECIATE
IT THEN, DON'T
'PRECIATE IT NOW.

*SEE X-MEN
(1991) #33! --DS



DE WAY IT WENT BACK THEN
WAS... BAD. GENEVIEVE DIED,
AN' IT'S FAIR T' SAY IT'S
HAUNTED ME EVER SINCE.

ARGH.



BUT I'M NOT DE MAN I
ONCE WAS. AN' I WON'T
ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN
AGAIN. NOT TODAY.



I KNEW I WAS WALKING
INTO A TRAP AND I MADE
SURE TO STACK MY DECK
ACCORDINGLY.