

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.

FANTOMELLE AND CULPEPPER--TWO PARADISE REFUGEES--HAVE BECOME ESTABLISHED DEALERS FOR STOLEN SUPER-HERO MEMORABILIA, AND THEIR MOST RECENT CLIENT SEEMS VERY INTERESTED IN ANYTHING WOLVERINE-RELATED. AFTER ALL, WITH WOLVERINE DEAD, A POWER VACUUM HAS BEEN CREATED--ONE THAT CAN ONLY BE FILLED BY SOMEONE WITH A VERY SPECIAL SET OF SKILLS...

PARADISE



SHOGUN



NEURO



ENDO



SKEL



JUNK



FANTOMELLE

THE WOLVERINES



MYSTIQUE



SABRETOOTH



LADY
DEATHSTRIKE



DAKEN



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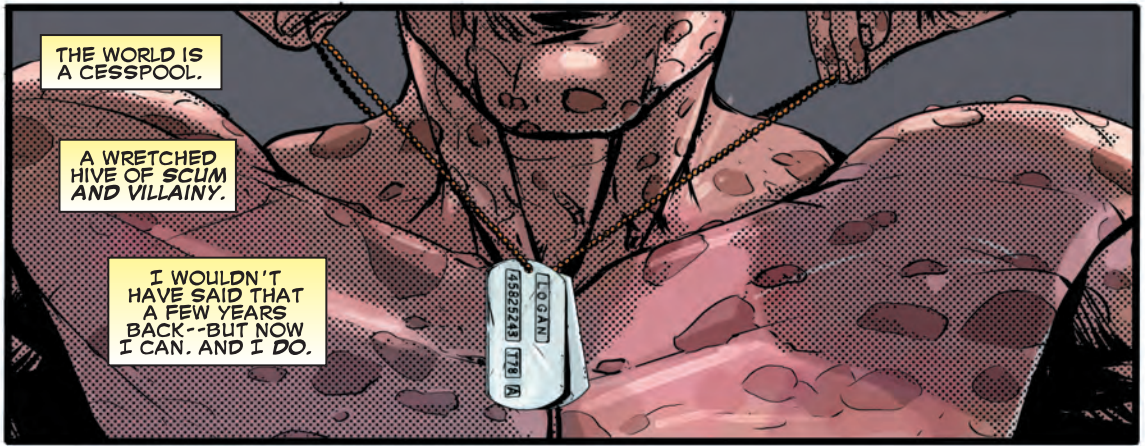
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THE WORLD IS
A CESSPOOL.

A WRETCHED
HIVE OF SCUM
AND VILLAINY.

I WOULDN'T
HAVE SAID THAT
A FEW YEARS
BACK--BUT NOW
I CAN. AND I DO.



THE WORLD NEEDS A HERO
TO SAVE IT FROM ITSELF. A
PARTICULAR KIND OF HERO.

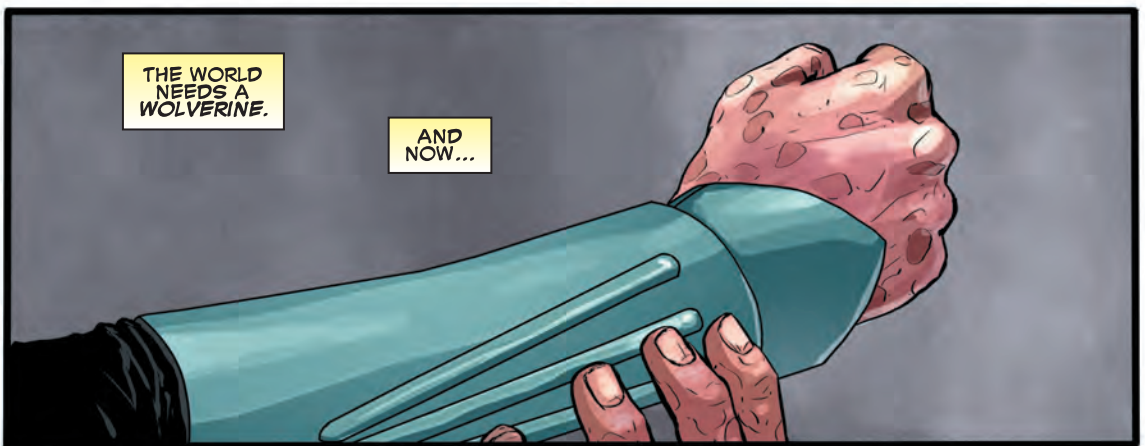
ONE WHO CAN FIGHT.
ONE WHO CAN--WHEN
NECESSARY--KILL.



A HERO WHO CAN
BOUNCE BACK
FROM EVERY HIT.
ONE WHO CAN HEAL.

A CANADIAN.

GOD, THEY'RE
AWESOME.



THE WORLD
NEEDS A
WOLVERINE.

AND
NOW...

...IT'S
GOT ONE.

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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.

WHY ARE WE BACK HERE, FANTOMELLE? THIS IS MYSTIQUE'S SHIP, THE CHANGELING.

DAKEN, SABRETOOTH, DEATHSTRIKE... THEY'RE ALL PROBABLY STILL WITH HER. THESE PEOPLE ARE KILLERS. WE NEED TO BE DONE WITH THEM.

I KNOW, CULPEPPER. THIS WILL BE QUICK. I PROMISE.

DOES THIS HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE WOLVERINE COSTUME WE STOLE BUT DIDN'T SELL TO DEADPOOL?

MY, MY, AREN'T WE PERCEPTIVE?

WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE HE WANTED ALL OF THAT, ANYWAY?

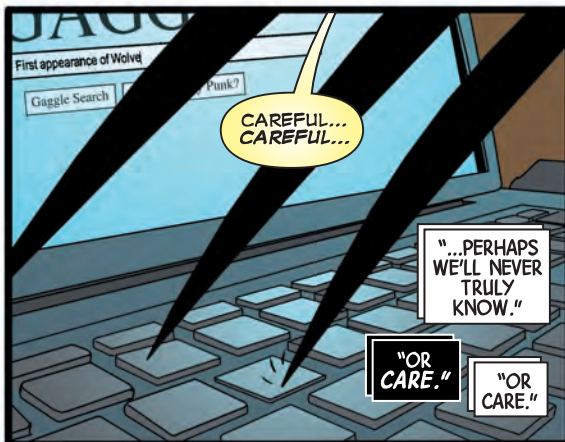


UH...

TKINS!



HMM...



CAREFUL... CAREFUL...

"...PERHAPS WE'LL NEVER TRULY KNOW."

"OR CARE."

"OR CARE."