

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

THE PARADISE PATIENTS SPLIT UP--SHOGUN AND JUNK REMAINED WITH THE WOLVERINES, WHILE NEURO, SKEL AND ENDO STAYED WITH MISTER SINISTER, BUT WHEN SINISTER LURED THE WOLVERINES BACK FOR REVENGE, THE ENSUING BATTLE HAD ENORMOUS REPERCUSSIONS FOR EVERYONE. WITH THE WOLVERINES' SHIP CRASHED, AND DEATHSTRIKE, X-23, SABRETOOTH AND DAKEN MANIPULATED BY THEIR CONTROL WORDS, IT SEEMED AS THOUGH SINISTER'S REVENGE WAS COMPLETE.

SHOGUN ATTEMPTED TO FREE THE WOLVERINES FROM THEIR CONTROL WORDS, AND WAS ABLE TO RELEASE X-23 AND DEATHSTRIKE, BUT NOT SABRETOOTH, WHO IN A BERSERKER RAGE MURDERED JUNK. SECRETLY RESPONSIBLE FOR BLOCKING SABRETOOTH'S CONTROL WORD RELEASE, MYSTIQUE THEN STEPPED IN AND APPEARED TO SAVE EVERYONE WITH WHAT SHE THOUGHT WAS AN APPROPRIATE DOSE OF VIOLENCE.

HOWEVER, THINGS HAVE NOT GONE AS PLANNED, AND MYSTIQUE MUST IMPROVISE IF SHE IS TO COMPLETE HER PLAN ON TIME AND RETURN HER DECEASED LOVER, DESTINY, TO LIFE.

PARADISE



SHOGUN



NEURO



ENDO



SKEL



JUNK



FANTOMELLE

THE WOLVERINES



MYSTIQUE



SABRETOOTH



LADY
DEATHSTRIKE



DAKEN



X-23

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**THE CHANGELING.
ONE HOUR AGO.**



IF ALL HAS GONE AS I HAVE FORESEEN, I SHOULD BE WITH YOU AGAIN SOON, MY DARLING...

...BUT MY VISIONS OF THE FUTURE ARE DELICATE, LIKE THE TIMESTREAM ITSELF.

I AM SENDING YOU INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS DECADES INTO MY OWN FUTURE, YEARS AFTER MY DEATH.

RAVEN, YOU CALLED ME DESTINY—BUT VERY LITTLE IS TRULY PREDESTINED. I SEE ONLY POSSIBLE FUTURES.

THE DEATH OF LOGAN IS A FIXED POINT, A TIMELINE-REALIGNING EVENT THAT WILL LET YOU EXECUTE A PLAN TO RETURN ME TO LIFE.

IT WILL NOT BE EASY, OF COURSE...BUT YOU ARE AN EXCEPTIONAL WOMAN. I PLACE MY TRUST IN YOU, BELOVED.



AS YOU APPROACH THE ENDGAME, THE PLAN WILL BE AT ITS MOST FRAGILE STAGE.

FROM THAT POINT FORWARD, MYSTIQUE...

**THE CHANGELING.
NOW.**



"...NOTHING CAN GO WRONG."



"I *KNOW* YOU, RAVEN. THE HARDEST PART OF DOING WHAT I'VE ASKED OF YOU WILL BE WORKING WITH PEOPLE LIKE CREED AND DEATHSTRIKE.

"YOU'VE ALWAYS *HATED* THEM. IT'S NOT THAT THEY'RE STUPID, OR EVEN THE VIOLENCE--IT'S THAT THEY'RE SO *UNSUBTLE*.

"BUT COMPARED TO YOU, MY SWEET, WE ARE *ALL* AS CLUMSY AS NEWBORN BABES.

"NEVERTHELESS, CREED AND THE REST ARE *CRUCIAL* TO THE FINAL PHASE.

"SO SWALLOW YOUR DISTASTE, AND UNTIL THE MOMENT COMES...



"...KEEP..."



"...YOUR..."



"...TOOLS..."

"...SAFE."

ENOUGH!

YOU
THREW A
SHIP AT ME?!
MISTER
SINISTER?!

I EXPECTED
BETTER FROM YOU,
RAVEN. IT TAKES MORE
THAN A **BLUNT**
INSTRUMENT TO
DESTROY THE LIKES
OF ME.

MY HEALING
FACTOR RIVALS
EVEN THAT OF THE
WOLVERINE
HIMSELF.

SINISTER,
PLEASE, I--

PERHAPS
YOU DIDN'T
HEAR ME,
MYSTIQUE.

I SAID
ENOUGH.