

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 WOLVERINE'S DEADLIEST ASSOCIATES IN THE HOPE THAT THEIR HEALING FACTORS MIGHT HOLD THE ANSWER TO SAVING THE TEST SUBJECTS' LIVES.

THE LINE BETWEEN THE CONTROLLERS AND THE CONTROLLED BLURRED WHEN THE WOLVERINES REALIZED HOW THOROUGHLY THEY HAD BEEN MANIPULATED BY MYSTIQUE. TO MYSTIQUE, THE WOLVERINES AND THE PARADISE SURVIVORS WERE MERE PAWNS IN A GREATER PLAN TO BRING HER DEAD LOVER, DESTINY, BACK TO LIFE. WITH THE HELP OF PORTAL, A MAN GIFTED WITH TELEPORTATION POWERS, MYSTIQUE TRAVELED TO THE NEXUS OF ALL REALITIES AND TRAPPED THE WOLVERINES AND SHOGUN WITH SIPHON, A CREATURE THAT FEEDS ON HEALING POWERS.

AND NOW, WITH ALL OF HER PAWNS IN POSITION, MYSTIQUE'S MOMENT OF TRUTH HAS COME...

PARADISE



SHOGUN



NEURO



ENDO



SKEL



JUNK



FANTOMELLE

THE WOLVERINES



MYSTIQUE



SABRETOOTH



LADY
DEATHSTRIKE



DAKEN



X-23

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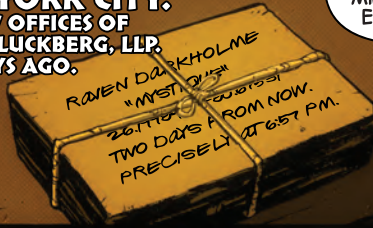
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TWO DAYS AGO.



SIR, ARE THOSE
COORDINATES?

YES. **FLORIDA.**
RIGHT IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE
EVERGLADES.

A CLIENT
LEFT A LOCKED BOX
WITH US MANY YEARS AGO,
WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO
OPEN IT ON THIS EXACT DATE.
THIS PACKAGE WAS INSIDE.
CAN YOU DELIVER
IT ON TIME?

IT
SHOULDN'T BE
A PROBLEM.

GOOD.
NOW GO.

WE DON'T
UNDERSTAND THE
WHY OF ALL THIS,
BUT IT'S BEEN IN
THE WORKS FOR
DECADES...



THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES.
NEAR CITRUSVILLE, NOW.

"...IT'S BOUND TO BE
SOMETHING **BIG**."

PORTAL!
WHAT THE
HELL IS THIS
THING?

I **TOLD**
YOU THE NEXUS
OF ALL REALITIES
WAS WELL GUARDED,
MYSTIQUE. THAT IS
NO **ORDINARY**
THING.

THAT IS THE
MAN-THING!



GRAAAH!

WHAT CAN THIS BEAST DO, PORTAL? I NEED TO KNOW WHAT IT'S CAPABLE OF!

IT'S VERY STRONG--VERY SENSITIVE TO EMOTIONS. POSITIVE EMOTIONS CALM IT DOWN. FEAR AND ANGER ENRAGE IT...MAKE IT SECRETE ACID FROM ITS SKIN.

IF IT TOUCHES YOU, YOU'LL BURN.

SPLTCH

FINE--HELP ME FIGHT IT. I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME.

YOU DIDN'T HIRE ME TO FIGHT, MYSTIQUE. UNLESS YOU'VE FORGOTTEN, YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING ELSE TO DO.

I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS IT'S DONE. BESIDES, YOU SHOULD BE FINE...

...YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE YOU'RE AFRAID OF ANYTHING.

PORTAL!

NYAAAARGH!

POW

SSSSSS

SSSSSS

ELSEWHERE IN THE SWAMP.

WHERE DID PORTAL SEND US?

SMELLS LIKE A SWAMP, DAKEN.

BETTER HERE THAN BACK WITH MISTER SINISTER.

SINISTER'S DEAD. I CUT HIS HEAD OFF.

SHOGUN? HOW ARE YOU ALIVE? YOU WERE SICK, AND OGUN--

SINISTER FIXED ALL OF THAT. OGUN'S LOCKED AWAY AGAIN.

BLAH BLAH, WELCOME BACK, WHATEVER. OPEN YOUR EYES, PEOPLE.

MYSTIQUE PUT SIPHON IN HERE WITH US.



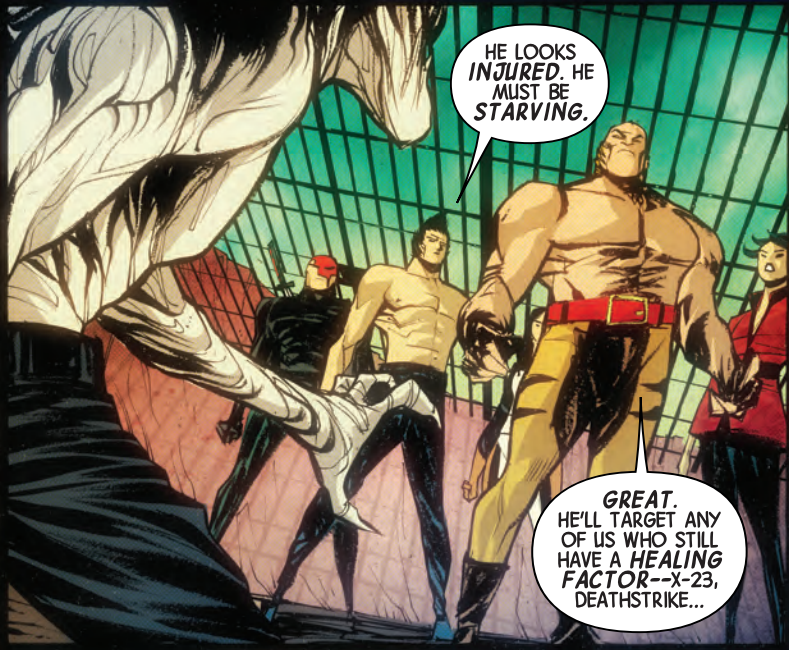
AND HE LOOKS HUNGRY.

HE'S BONE WHITE.



FFFFFFFFEEDDDDDDD...

HE LOOKS INJURED. HE MUST BE STARVING.



GREAT. HE'LL TARGET ANY OF US WHO STILL HAVE A HEALING FACTOR--X-23, DEATHSTRIKE...

...AND ME.





OH...YOU BASTARDS.



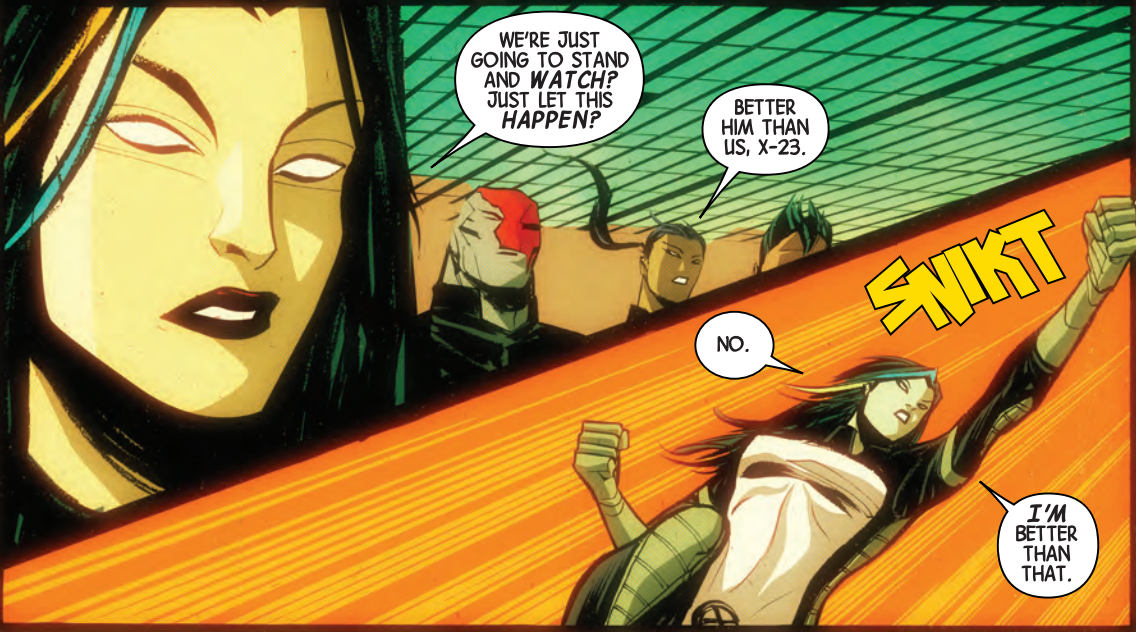
NNNNGH!



YOU TWO SHOULD PRAY HE GETS ENOUGH ENERGY FROM SABRETOOTH TO CALM DOWN. HE CAN THINK ONCE HE'S FED.

AND IF HE DOES NOT GET ENOUGH, DAKEN?

LIKE I SAID, YOU SHOULD PRAY.



WE'RE JUST GOING TO STAND AND WATCH? JUST LET THIS HAPPEN?

BETTER HIM THAN US, X-23.

NO.

SWIKT

I'M BETTER THAN THAT.