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CHAPTER 3

PULLED FROM HIS OWN ERA AND RAISED IN A FAR-FLUNG FUTURE, NATHAN SUMMERS HAS TRAVERSED TIME IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE HUMAN AND MUTANT ALIKE. HE IS THE LINK BETWEEN THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE. HE IS KNOWN BY MANY NAMES, BUT TO MOST HE IS SIMPLY THE MAN CALLED...

CABLE

AFTER REUNITING WITH HIS ESTRANGED DAUGHTER, HOPE, CABLE SET OUT TO FIGHT A TECHNO-ORGANIC MONSTER THAT'S BEEN TORMENTING HIM FOR YEARS. DURING THE CONFLICT, THE MONSTER DUG INTO CABLE'S MIND, FORCING HIM TO CONFRONT THEIR LONG AND SORDID HISTORY. FIRST, REVISITING THEIR CONFLICT DURING THE MESSIAH WAR, THE MONSTER TRIED TO STEAL YOUNG HOPE AWAY FROM CABLE. THEY ONLY NARROWLY ESCAPED...

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**HELL'S KITCHEN, NEW YORK CITY.
A FEW YEARS AGO.***

*THIS ISSUE TAKES PLACE AFTER
CABLE (1993) #54! --DS

EVERYONE IS
GIVEN A FAMILY
AT BIRTH.

CABLE'S SAFE HOUSE.

THEY ARE
IRREVOCABLY PART
OF YOU, MADE FROM
THE SAME GENETIC
INFORMATION.


BLOOD IS BLOOD.
FAMILY IS FAMILY.

THAT'S ONE
THING THAT YOU
CAN'T ESCAPE.

BUT SOMETIMES
YOU FIND
FAMILY ALONG
THE WAY.

AND SOMETIMES
THEY FIND YOU.





MY HALF-BROTHER
NATE GREY,
GENETICALLY ENGINEERED
BY MISTER SINISTER.
HE'S ME FROM AN
ALTERNATE REALITY.

HE CAME FOR A
REASON. TO TELL
ME SOMETHING.



HIS HEART RATE IS
ERRATIC. HIS VITALS
ARE ALL OVER
THE PLACE.

I'VE TRIED READING HIS MIND,
BUT IT'S A MESS. THE ONLY
CONSTANT IS **FEAR**.



HE SHARES
MY GENETIC
SIGNATURE
AND MY
MUTANT
ABILITIES.

WHAT HE DOESN'T
SHARE IS MY TECHNO-
ORGANIC VIRUS.

CABLE, I'VE
WARNED YOU
ABOUT THIS TIME-
LOST BOY. YOU
SHOULD HAVE
KILLED HIM WHEN
YOU HAD THE
CHANCE.*

*SEE *CABLE* (1993) #30 --DS



HE'S A GOD
WHO SHOULDN'T
KNOW FEAR...

DO YOU HEAR ME, ASKANI'SON? HE
IS IMPEDING YOUR DESTINY.

SHUT UP AND FINISH
MIXING THE PALLIATING SALVE,
BLAQUESMITH.

HE'S NOT
MY ENEMY. HE'S
FAMILY.

...BUT HE'S
ALSO A
CONFUSED
KID.



AND I KNOW
EXACTLY WHAT
THAT FEELS
LIKE.

NOT EVERYONE WHO
SHARES YOUR GENETIC
CODE IS FAMILY.

THIS COULD BE
A WORM DANGLING
ON A HOOK FROM
APOCALYPSE.

IT'S NOT.
I KNOW WHAT
DID THIS.

ARE YOU
DONE MIXING
YET?



I NEED YOU TO PULL THROUGH, NATE.

...



KRAK



RUN!
IT'S COMING FOR YOU!!!



CALM DOWN. WE'RE SAFE HERE.

BEHIND YOU!



WHICH OF YOU IS REAL...

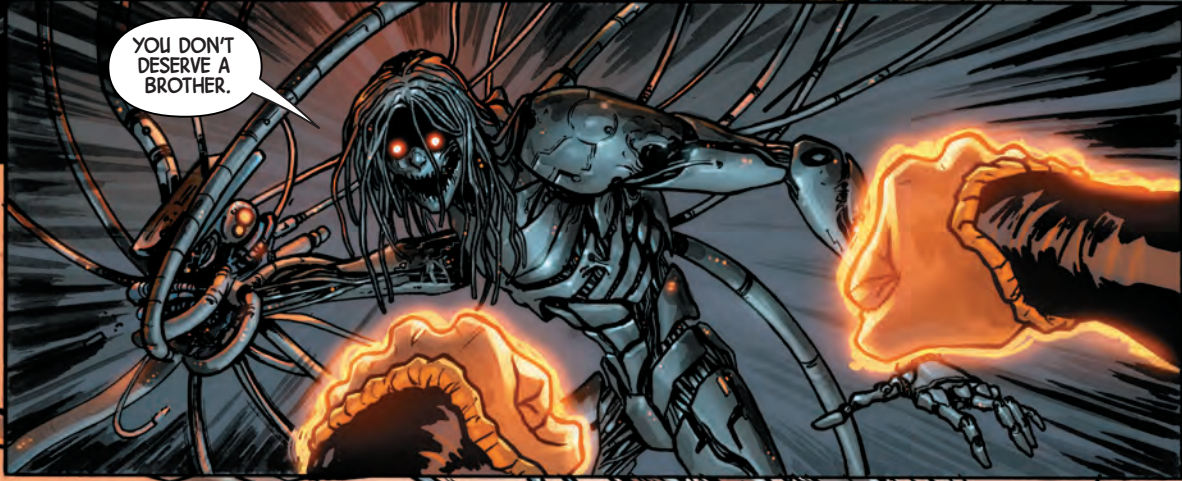
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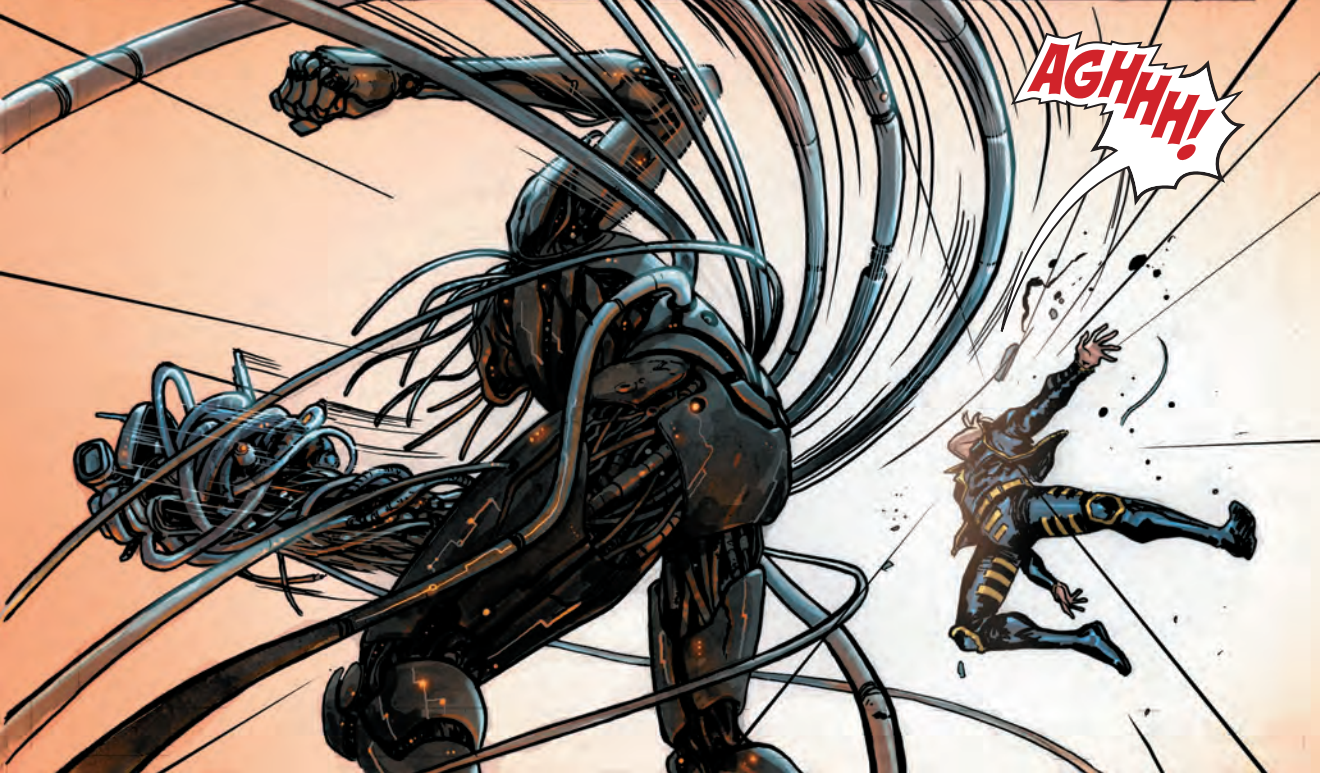
STAY BACK!
YOU'RE TOO
WEAK!

THIS
THING WAS
COMING FOR
YOU!

I TRIED
TO WARN
YOU AND
FAILED.



YOU DON'T
DESERVE A
BROTHER.



AGHHH!