

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 OF CORNELIUS' TEST SUBJECTS, ALL GRANTED STRANGE NEW POWERS. NONE WERE EVER INTENDED TO SURVIVE OUTSIDE THE PROGRAM, AND 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 KEY 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.

BOTH GROUPS WANT THEIR FREEDOM, AND HEAD INTO THE WRECKAGE OF PARADISE TO RETRIEVE THE POSSIBLE SOURCE OF SALVATION--THE BODY OF WOLVERINE. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY'RE ATTACKED BY THE WRECKING CREW, WHO HAD BEEN HIRED TO DO THE SAME THING BY MR. SINISTER. JUST AS DAKEN, X-23 AND JUNK LOCATED THE ADAMANTIUM STATUE THAT IS ALL THAT IS LEFT OF LOGAN, THE EVIL GENETICIST APPEARED, RIPPED OFF DAKEN'S ARM, TORE OUT HIS EYE, AND DISAPPEARED WITH THE STATUE. SINCE DAKEN HAS LOST HIS HEALING FACTOR, HIS SURVIVAL IS ANYTHING BUT ASSURED...

PARADISE



SHOGUN



NEURO



ENDO



SKEL



JUNK

THE WOLVERINES



MYSTIQUE



SABRETOOTH



LADY
DEATHSTRIKE



DAKEN



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NEVADA.

DAKEN IS
DOWN! HE'S
BLEEDING
OUT...

...THERE'S
BLOOD
EVERYWHERE...
I...I CAN'T...

...OH, GOD,
SOMEBODY
HELP US...

...CAN
ANYBODY
HEAR ME?

RAVEN. YOU'VE
GOT ALL THE RIGHT
PIECES IN *PLAY*.

SHOGUN AND
SABRETOOTH ARE
OFFLINE.

NO SIGN
OF DEATHSTRIKE
OR SKEL.

I THOUGHT
YOUR PEOPLE
WERE SUPPOSED TO BE
PROFESSIONALS,
MYSTIQUE.

BUT IF WE HAVE
ANY CHANCE TO
SUCCEED, YOU NEED
THEM **PREPARED**.

MYSTIQUE?
WE'RE LOSING
EVERYBODY!

WHAT
SHOULD WE
DO?

YOU NEED TO
KEEP THEM ON
THE **BOARD**.



AW, MAN,
I GOT HAIRY
PSYCHO SMEARED
ALL OVER MY
STEEL.



HEY,
BULLDOZER. I
THINK THIS ONE
MIGHT BE
DEAD.

HOLD STILL,
FREAKSHOW!



WE DON'T EVEN NEED TO BE HERE ANYMORE. SINISTER GOT WHAT HE WANTED... WHICH MEANS WE'RE GETTING PAID.

BUT I TELL YA... WHEN SOMEBODY ELSE STARTS A FIGHT WITH ME, I GOTTA FINISH IT.

AARRRGHH!

SINISTER! COME OUT AND FIGHT!

HE'S GONE, X-23, OKAY? TELEPORTED OR WHATEVER!

HE TOOK WOLVERINE'S BODY AND... AND DAKEN'S ARM...

DAKEN! YOU HAVE TO STOP MOVING AROUND!



ALL RIGHT, NEURO, YOU GET READY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND EVAC.

I'M NOT A DOCTOR, MYSTIQUE.



ENDO, YOU'LL HAVE TO GO IN THERE AND CHECK ON DAKEN. I DON'T WANT HIM ATTACKING THE WRECKING CREW WHILE I DEAL WITH THEM.

WHAT? NO WAY!

I CAN'T GO IN THERE! I'M NOT A FIGHTER!



THEN YOU BETTER RUN FAST.

BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING IN. IF HE CAN'T STAY COOL ONCE HE HEALS, PEOPLE WILL DIE.

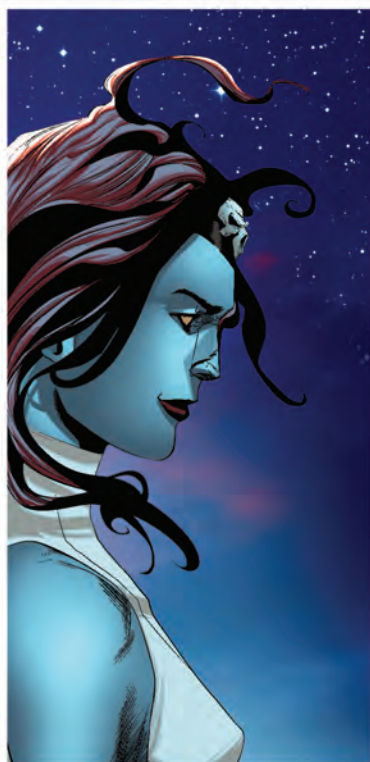
AW, NO... DON'T SAY THAT...



I'LL HANDLE THE ENEMY.

YOU WILL, MYSTIQUE?

AND HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO DO THAT?



WHAT THE...