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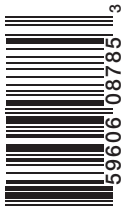
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PULLED FROM HIS OWN ERA AND RAISED IN A FAR-FLUNG FUTURE, NATHAN SUMMERS HAS TRAVERSED TIME IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE HUMAN AND MUTANT ALIKE. HE IS THE LINK BETWEEN THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE. HE IS KNOWN BY MANY NAMES, BUT TO MOST HE IS SIMPLY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

CABLE

WHEN CANDRA, A MEMBER OF THE POWERFUL AND IMMORTAL MUTANT SUBSET KNOWN AS EXTERNALS, WAS MYSTERIOUSLY KILLED, CABLE LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION INTO HER MURDER. ASSEMBLING A STRATEGIC-BUT-DISPARATE TEAM OF MUTANTS (LONGSHOT, SHATTERSTAR AND DOOP), CABLE SOUGHT TO QUESTION SELENE, AN EXTERNAL WITH A HISTORY OF KILLING THE OTHERS. SELENE DENIED KILLING CANDRA AND HAD THE REMAINING EXTERNALS BEHIND HER TO CORROBORATE THE CLAIM...

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**HELLFIRE CLUB.
MANHATTAN.
13 YEARS AGO.**

PUT
DOWN THE GUN,
CABLE.

AS MUCH AS
IT WOULD PLEASE
ME TO SNUFF
YOU AND YOUR
MERRY BAND OF
IDIOTS OUT...

...IT'S CLEAR
THAT OUR FIGHT IS
NOT WITH ONE
ANOTHER.

WHICH
MEANS THAT
MY EXTERNALS
AND I HAVE
MORE PRESSING
CONCERNS TO
SEE TO.



WE'LL DO
NO SUCH THING,
WITCH!

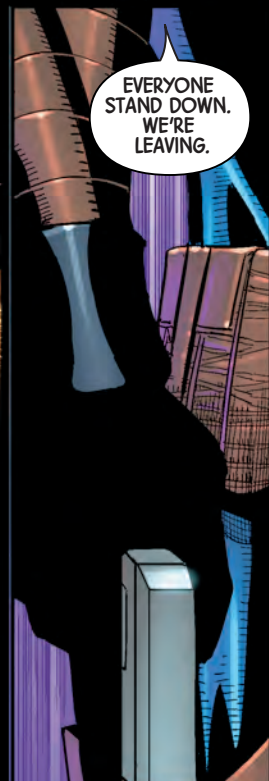
WE'VE COME
FOR ANSWERS AND
WE SHALL--



SHATTERSTAR.
SELENE'S RIGHT.



EVERYONE
STAND DOWN.
WE'RE
LEAVING.



ARE YOU
SERIOUS? AFTER
SHE JUST--

SHE
DIDN'T KILL
CANDRA.





SELENE THOUGHT WE'D KILLED CANDRA.

TELLS ME THAT SHE KNOWS ABOUT AS MUCH AS WE DO. MAYBE LESS.



NO USE BEATING UP ON THESE CLOWNS IF WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET WHAT WE NEED.

THOUGH, GIVEN YOUR HISTORY, I'M SURPRISED TO SEE NICODEMUS, CRULE AND ABSALOM BY YOUR SIDE, SELENE.



SELENE GAVE YOU THE OPTION TO LEAVE IN ONE PIECE!

BUT YOU HAD TO KEEP PUSHING!

SUITS ME! BEEN WANTING TO WHUP CABLE'S ASS FOR DECADES.

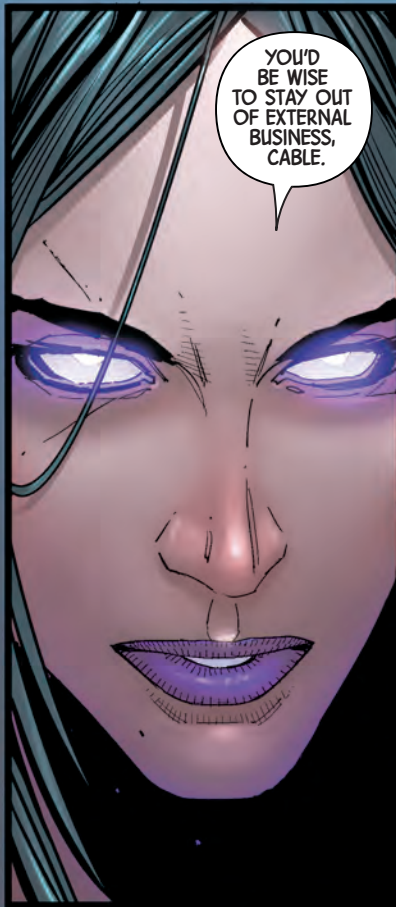


CRULE. ABSALOM. STAND DOWN!

CABLE, SHOW YOURSELF OUT BEFORE I HAVE A CHANGE OF HEART.

DON'T PUSH IT, SELENE.

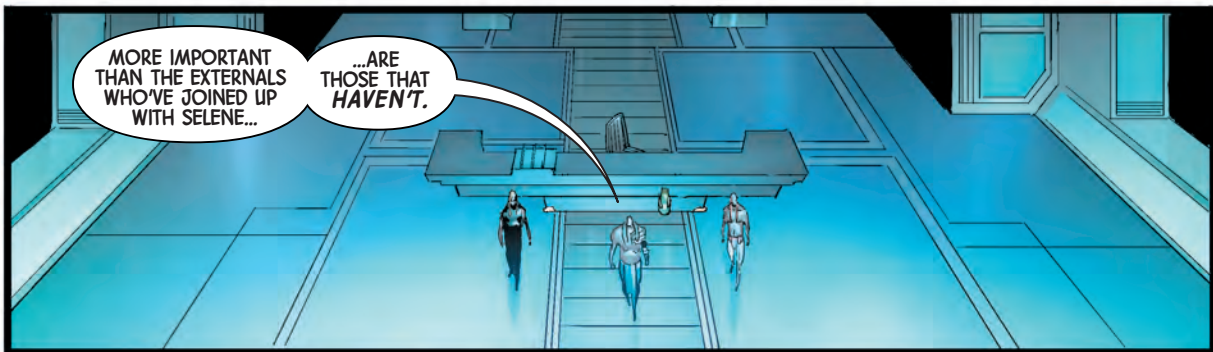
IF I THINK FOR A SECOND THAT YOU'RE INVOLVED, I'LL BE BACK.



YOU'D BE WISE TO STAY OUT OF EXTERNAL BUSINESS, CABLE.



WE CAN HANDLE OUR OWN.



MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE EXTERNALS WHO'VE JOINED UP WITH SELENE...

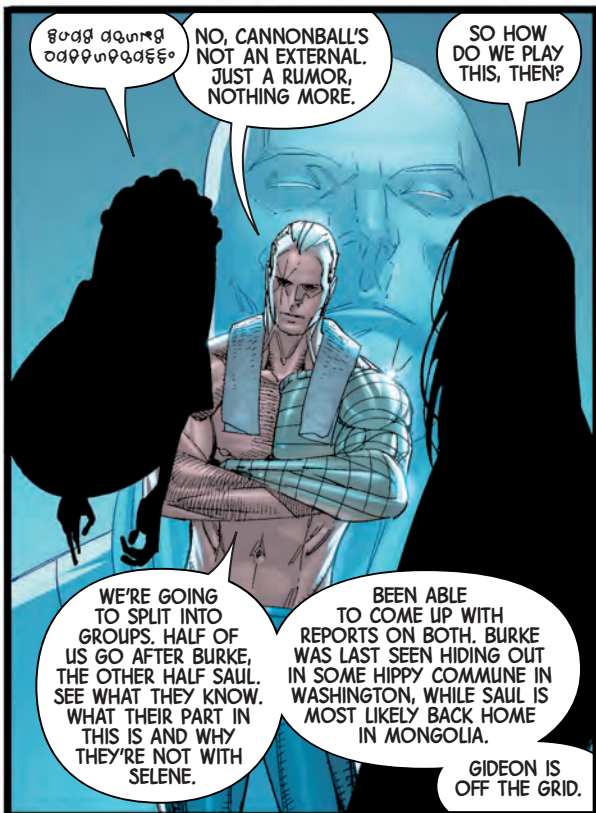
...ARE THOSE THAT HAVEN'T.



BURKE, SAUL AND GIDEON.

IF THE OTHERS HAVE COME BACK FROM THE DEAD, THEN IT'S SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THESE THREE HAVE AS WELL.

AND MAYBE, UNLIKE SELENE, THEY'LL BE INTERESTED IN TALKING.



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NO, CANNONBALL'S NOT AN EXTERNAL. JUST A RUMOR, NOTHING MORE.

SO HOW DO WE PLAY THIS, THEN?

WE'RE GOING TO SPLIT INTO GROUPS. HALF OF US GO AFTER BURKE, THE OTHER HALF SAUL. SEE WHAT THEIR PART IN THIS IS AND WHY THEY'RE NOT WITH SELENE.

BEEN ABLE TO COME UP WITH REPORTS ON BOTH. BURKE WAS LAST SEEN HIDING OUT IN SOME HIPPIY COMMUNE IN WASHINGTON, WHILE SAUL IS MOST LIKELY BACK HOME IN MONGOLIA.

GIDEON IS OFF THE GRID.



THAT SAID...

...AFTER SELENE NEARLY TOOK DOWN ALL FOUR OF US ON HER OWN...

...WE'RE GOING TO NEED SOME REINFORCEMENTS.

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I'VE GOT A COUPLE CANDIDATES IN MIND.