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# WOLVERINE

## DAYS OF FUTURES PAST



Little is known about the X-Man whose past remains shrouded in mystery—save that it is fraught with pain and loss. Long ago, he was trained as a samurai in Japan; later, became **Weapon X**—a covert operative for the Canadian government. It was from there that **Professor Charles Xavier** recruited Wolverine for his second team of **X-Men**.

Also called **Logan**, he is genetically endowed with animal-keen senses of smell, sight and hearing—as well as a healing factor that mends almost any wound quickly, and even retards his aging. Possessing a skeleton fused with the super-strong metal, **adamantium**, Wolverine's bones are unbreakable. However, along with these gifts there comes a curse—a berserker rage which he must forever struggle to control. His deadliest weapons are his razor-sharp, extendable claws, composed of the same unbreakable adamantium as his skeleton.

Now, Wolverine is a man whose greatest fear is himself a man who must contain the beast within while he battle to protect a world that fears and hates him!

### MAGNETO

As a boy, he saw his family persecuted, and eventually killed, because of their heritage. As a young man, his wife fled from him in terror. In time, he became the X-Men's greatest foe. With his mutant ability to manipulate the magnetic fields of the Earth, he made many attempts to take over the world and remake it in his image—one in which mutantkind ruled supreme. Now, he is perhaps the most powerful mutant on the planet and the most-hunted.



### JUBILEE

As a member of the X-Men and Generation X, Jubilation Lee was ever known as the fun-loving mall rat with an attitude. During her adventures with fellow X-Man, Wolverine, Jubilee honed her fighting skills as well as her mutant ability—to generate explosive bursts of energy! A rebel at heart, Jubilee is as comfortable on her own as she is with her teammates.



### SYNCH

Everett Thomas possesses a synchronistic aura—an energy field that allows him to become genetically “in synch” with any mutant in close physical proximity to himself. In essence, he has the ability to utilize aspects of other mutants' powers-on a limited basis.



### HELMUT ZEMO

Son of a Nazi scientist, Helmut Zemo became the criminal leader known as Baron Zemo. After years of unsuccessfully challenging heroes such as Captain America and the Avengers, Zemo disappeared and returned in the guise of a hero — Citizen V. As Citizen V and leader of the Thunderbolts, Zemo parlayed his power and was able to gain a position within the Sentinel-controlled government. Zemo is responsible for maintaining order over the territories that once comprised the United States of America.



### SHINOBI SHAW

Son of the long-time enemy of the X-Men Sebastian Shaw, Shinobi has faced off against the mutant group repeatedly himself. Following in his father's footsteps, Shinobi has taken control of the Hellfire Club's Inner Circle and now serves as it's King. Using his power to create a device capable of destroying the Earth by invoking natural disasters, Shaw's ultimate desires remain shrouded in mystery.



### WHITE QUEEN

a.k.a. Emma Frost. A telepath of enormous power and questionable morals—a mutant who is more than willing to use her ability to read and control the minds of others. Emma Frost once served as the White Queen of the Hellfire Club's Inner Circle. For a time, she was even the headmistress of Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters. Now her whereabouts and motivations are unknown.



### PSYLOCKE

a.k.a. Betsy Braddock. Psylocke possesses strong telepathic powers and the ability to create psychic “knives” with which to stun and even injure opponents. Once a member of the X-Men, and teammate of Wolverine, Braddock now serves alongside Shinobi Shaw as the Red Queen of the Hellfire Club's Inner Circle.



### AMIKO

She became the adopted daughter of Logan nearly twenty years ago. But when she was still a child, she was apparently killed. Now, she has returned, seemingly in the service of the Hellfire Club's Inner Circle. Fighting as an assassin, Amiko is a match, even against her step-father, Logan.





PREVIOUSLY  
IN...

# WOLVERINE

## DAYS OF FUTURE PAST

In the late twentieth century, humankind's fear of its genetic brethren exploded into full-blown hysteria. As an answer to the perceived "mutant threat", government agencies created an army of mutant hunting androids called Sentinels. Built to protect humanity, the Sentinels reign led not only to mutants being hunted but also to humans being subjugated under the strict Sentinel rule. Now, in the early twenty-first century, the United States are little more than a confederation of local puppet regimes controlled by the Sentinels. Even those few mutants lucky enough to avoid capture and hold on to their freedom are forced to scavenge for the barest essentials of survival.



Now, the mutant group known as the Inner Circle of the Hellfire Club have set into motion a series of natural disasters that threatens the safety of every person on the planet. Led by it's King, Shinobi Shaw and it's Queen, Psylocke, the Inner Circle's reasons for its attacks are unknown.



Brought together in spite of their past by former X-Man, Jubilee--Magneto and Wolverine have descended upon the Inner Circle's secret base in hopes of stopping them and their machine. But each holds another agenda, Magneto wishes to free his daughter, the Scarlet Witch, from captivity and Wolverine seeks the truth behind his own long-lost adopted daughter, Amiko...





**MU** WELCOME TO LIFE IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY.

IF YOU'RE MERELY HUMAN, THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT THE AMERICA YOU'VE READ ABOUT IN THE HISTORY BOOKS.

FAR FROM IT. THIS IS A DARK, OPPRESSIVE AMERICA...NOT QUITE THE GREATEST NATION ON EARTH.

IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE A MUTANT -- ONE BORN HOMO SAPIENS SUPERIOR -- YOU'VE GOT TWO CHOICES; LIFE IN THE "RELOCATION CAMPS"...

...OR A LIFETIME OF STAYING ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE SENTINELS PROGRAMMED TO HUNT YOU, THAT HAVE TAKEN CONTROL OF NORTH AMERICA.

HOWEVER, IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS -- AS HARD AS IT IS TO BELIEVE -- THINGS HAVE GOTTEN DECIDEDLY WORSE.

THE EARTH ITSELF HAS BEEN IN A STATE OF CONSTANT UPHEAVAL AS NATURAL CATASTROPHES AND GLOBAL DISASTERS THREATEN TO TEAR THE WORLD APART.

THE END OF THE WORLD DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE HUMAN, MUTANT, OR SENTINEL...EACH IS EQUALLY MORTAL DANGER.

AND THE CAUSE...



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...IS THIS MAN -- SHINOBI SHAW -- BLACK KING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CHOSEN AND AUTHOR OF THIS INSIDIOUS SCHEME.

A-Ah! WASHINGTON, D.C.! NEW YORK CITY! SENTINEL COMMAND! ONE BY ONE, THESE OUTDATED INSTITUTIONS OF SOCIETY WILL BOW TO THE NATURAL FURY IN MY CONTROL!

NORTH AMERICA WILL BE LAID TO WASTE AND THEN WE WILL RULE ALL THAT REMAINS!



YES, FATHER! WATCH ME FROM THE HELL IN WHICH YOU SURELY BURN ETERNAL! WATCH AS YOUR ONLY SON ACCOMPLISHES WHAT YOU COULD ONLY DREAM OF!



AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMEONE, SHINOBI..?

OF COURSE NOT. I FORGET NOTHING. THE NAME ELISABETH BRADDOCK IS NEVER FAR FROM MY THOUGHTS.

YOU HAVE TRULY PROVEN YOURSELF WORTHY TO BE MY RED QUEEN.

AND, LASTLY, OUR ESTEEMED HOUSE GUEST... THE PATHETIC WENCH, WANDA MAXIMOFF --

-- ONCE KNOWN AS THE SCARLET WITCH, WHOSE MUTANT HEX POWER FUELS OUR CATACLYSM ENGINE...



SPEAKING OF WHICH, WE MUST REMAIN CAUTIOUS. OUR "BATTERY" COULD BE REACHING ITS LIMIT.

LOOK AT HER...



PLEASE... DON'T... I'M BEGGING YOU...





FEAR NOT, MY QUEEN. SHE WILL SERVE HER ULTIMATE PURPOSE. IT WAS OUR GOOD FORTUNE TO HAVE FOUND HER *STILL ALIVE* AMID THE RUINS OF FABLED *WUNDAGORE*..

YOU SPEAK OF *FORTUNES*, SHAW? LET US NOT FORGET HOW YOUR *FORTUNES* CHANGED THE DAY YOU MET ME



AGREED. TOGETHER WE HAVE RESURRECTED THE GLORY OF THAT WHICH THE *INNER CIRCLE* OF THE *HELLFIRE CLUB*. THE ENTIRE *WORLD* WILL SOON BE *OURS*.

THERE IS NO ONE LEFT TO *OPPOSE* US --



HUSH, MY LIEGE. IT IS UNWISE TO CLAIM VICTORY WHEN YOUR ENEMIES *STILL LIVE*.



QUITE TRUE. BUT AT LEAST WE HAVE CAUSE TO CELEBRATE THE DEATH OF *ONE ENEMY*...PERHAPS THE MOST *DANGEROUS* OF ALL.

YOUR FORMER *TEAMMATE* --



Stan Lee  
presents!  
WOLVERINE

# CHAIN REACTIONS

"...WOLVERINE!"

IT'S BEEN A LONG ROAD THAT HAS BROUGHT HIM HERE... FLOATING NEAR DEATH IN ONE OF HOOVER DAM'S DRAINAGE SHAFTS.

IT BEGAN IN MOSCOW WITH A SEARCH FOR SOMEONE HE'D BELIEVED TO BE LONG DEAD. SOMEONE WHO WAS AS CLOSE TO FAMILY AS HE'D EVER KNOWN.

HE WAS RECENTLY CONVINCED SHE WAS ALIVE.

BUT MOSCOW HELD OTHER SURPRISES. HIS MIND -- HIS IDENTITY -- WAS WIPED.

JUST AS TWO MORE SURPRISES FROM HIS PAST -- THE X-MAN JUBILEE AND MAGNETO, MASTER OF MAGNETISM -- FINALLY LOCATED HIM, WOLVERINE HAD BEEN REDUCED TO AN ANIMAL-LIKE STATE.

IT WAS THEIR ACTIONS THAT BROUGHT HIM BACK TO SANITY BY DELIVERING HIM TO THE TELEPATHIC EMMA FROST. SHE, IN TURN, DELIVERED WOLVERINE TO HIS SENSES.

AFTER A QUICK PIT-STOP IN CANADA, THE TRIO ARRIVED HERE, INTENT UPON RESCUING WANDA -- MAGNETO'S DAUGHTER -- FROM OF SHINOBI SHAW AND HIS REBORN COUNCIL OF THE CHOSEN.

SEPARATED FROM HIS COMPANIONS, THE MAN ALSO CALLED LOGAN FOUND ONE LAST, TERRIBLE SURPRISE --

-- HIS ADOPTED DAUGHTER AMIKO, THE OBJECT OF HIS QUEST --

-- AND HIS KILLER.

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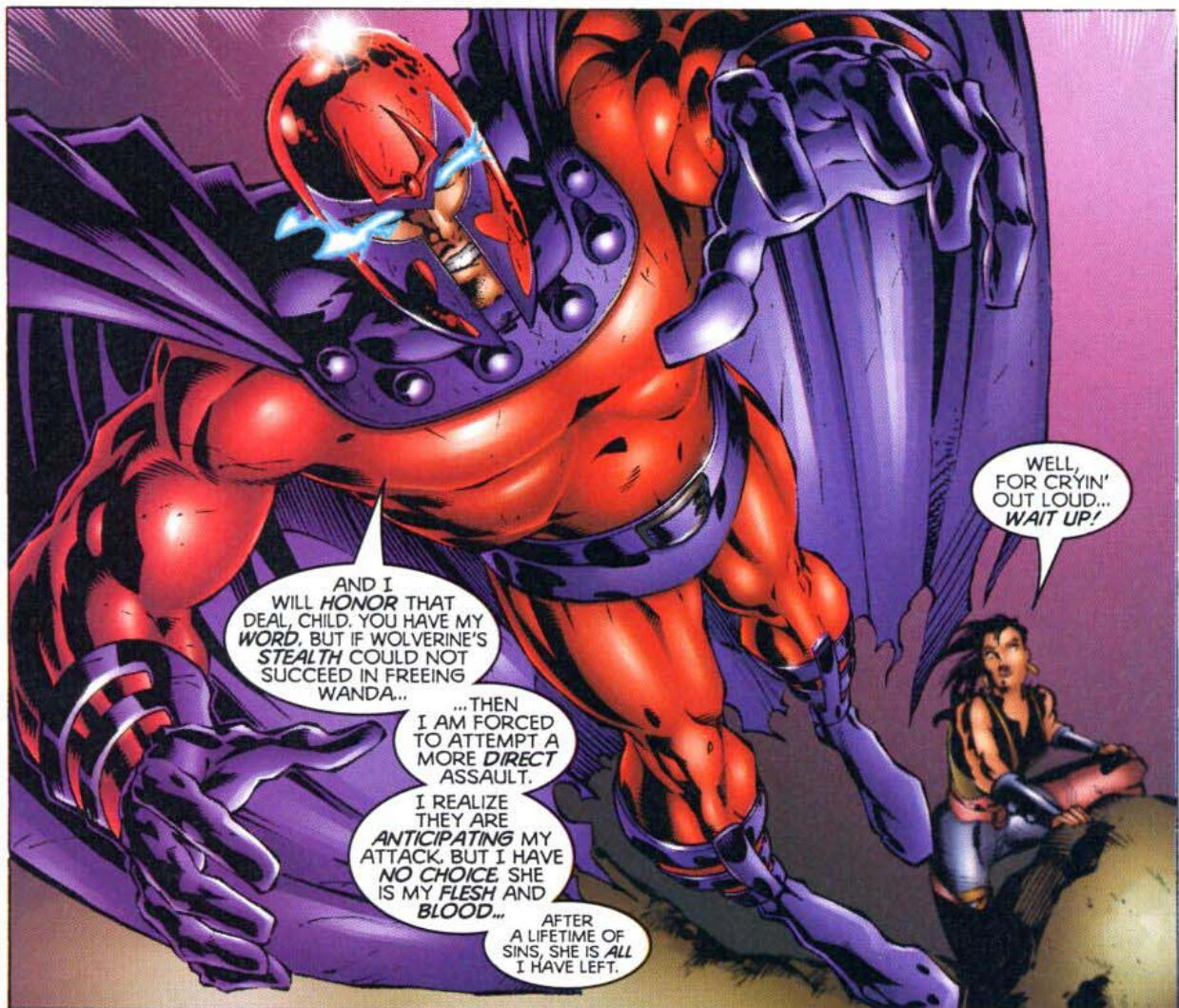
























ELSEWHERE, AT THE CATAclysm ENGINE...

ZEMO... JUST IN TIME...

GREETINGS, COMRADES. EXACTLY WHAT HAVE I ARRIVED IN TIME FOR..?

SPECIFICALLY AT NEW YORK CITY AND SENTINEL COMMAND IN WASHINGTON. I'M SURE YOU CAN APPRECIATE THAT...



INDEED I DO. MY PATIENCE WITH THOSE TIN-PLATED DESPOTS WEARS THIN. I DESPISE TAKING ORDERS FROM ANYONE...

I'M SURE. WELL, THEN...LET US COMMENCE WITH WHAT I'M POSITIVE WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF OUR COMPLETE DOMINATION OF --



RRRRR

THE ROOM... SHAKING --

GENTLEMEN... IT APPEARS WE HAVE COMPANY...



THAT, MY DEAR, IS A GROSS UNDER-STATEMENT!

YOU HAVE MY DAUGHTER. RELEASE HER NOW... AND YOUR DEATHS WILL BE MERELY SWIFT.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN SUFFERING THAT YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY BEGIN TO FATHOM!





WANDA!

DEAR GOD...WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO YOU?!



DAMN YOU, SHAW!



YOU WILL PAY FOR THIS!

SHINOBI! HE MEANS IT! DO SOMETHING!

SHRRAKK

STAND FAST, ELISABETH! ANY MOMENT NOW, THE COMPUTERIZED DEFENSE PROGRAM WILL AUTOMATICALLY ACTIVATE --



-- AND PROPERLY DEAL WITH OUR UNINVITED GUEST!



FOOL! DID YOU HONESTLY THINK THAT I HADN'T PLANNED FOR YOUR ARRIVAL? I HAD MAGNETIC GENERATORS BUILT INTO THE WALLS OF THIS FACILITY!

IT PRODUCES A FIELD THAT MATCHES THE POLARITY OF YOUR MUTANT ENERGY SIGNATURE!

HHNNNGG!

YOU'RE TRAPPED LIKE A FLY IN AMBER -- UNLESS YOU CHOOSE NOT TO USE YOUR POWER.

OF COURSE, THAT WOULD LEAVE YOU VULNERABLE, WOULDN'T IT?





YOU'RE COMPLETELY HELPLESS, OLD MAN!

NOT THE DISTRACTION WE WOULD'VE HOPED FOR, HUH, MAGGIE..?

HANG ON, WANDA...



NOW, IF I CAN JUST FIGURE OUT HOW TO WORK THE CONTROLS OF THIS "CATACLYSM ENGINE" --

-- WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE HERE.



THAT TECHNICIAN...

Uh-oh...

I SENSE TREACHERY FROM MORE THAN MAGNETO...



WAIT --! **YEEAARRG**

STRIKING LIKE LIGHTNING, THE WOMAN ONCE KNOWN AS PSYLOCKE LETS LOOSE WITH A PSIONIC DAGGER, PLUNGING IT INTO THE BASE OF HER VICTIM'S SKULL.

AS ITS NAME IMPLIES, THE DAGGER CUTS DEEP INTO THE VICTIM'S PSYCHE. THE PAIN IS EXCRUCIATING.



AND NOW LET'S SEE WHO WE HAVE HERE...

JUBILEE... MY FORMER TEAMMATE. HOW FITTING.  
Y-YEAH... GOOD TO SEE YOU TOO, BETSY...



ENOUGH OF THIS PRATTLING!

WE HAVE NO TIME FOR THIS NONSENSE. KILL HER!





YES, BRADDOCK, KILL THE GIRL! I SHALL ENJOY WATCHING YET ANOTHER X-MAN PERISH BY OUR HAND --



I DON'T THINK SO, ADOLF!

HHNNNGG!



NOT WHILE I CAN MIRROR PSYLOCKE'S POWER AND ADMINISTER A LITTLE PSIONIC ACUPUNCTURE. TOO BAD YOU COULDN'T STAY CONSCIOUS LONG ENOUGH TO ENJOY IT.



POOR, DELUDED WHELP! YOU MAY FIND YOURSELF ABLE TO MIMIC MY MUTANT ABILITY --

-- BUT YOUR CONTROL OVER IT IS ANOTHER MATTER ENTIRELY. WATCH AND LEARN...



NO!

WHAT --?

YOU'RE GROUNDED, TRAITOR! I JUST SHUT DOWN YOUR POWER! THEY DON'T CALL ME "LEECH" FOR NOTHING!



NICE ONE, LEECH! GLAD YOU TWO MADE IT FOR THE PARTY! NOW THAT I'VE RECOVERED, YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR THE FIREWORKS!

SHOOOM AAAAAA!

THAT'S FOR YOUR BETRAYAL, BETTS!





DO YOUR WORST! IT WILL NOT BE ENOUGH! DO YOU HONESTLY THINK YOU'LL BE LEAVING HERE ALIVE, X-MEN?

I'M COUNTIN' ON IT, BUB!



THAT'S HOW THIS WORLD'S GOTTA START WORKING AGAIN...THE GOOD GUYS LIVE.

THE BAD GUYS DON'T.

LOGAN! ATTEND TO YOUR TRAITOROUS TEAMMATE! SHE HAS RECOVERED FROM YOUR FRIEND'S ATTACK!



NO PROBLEM. I'M ON IT, KID.

YOU FORGET, LOGAN... I AM NOT THE YOUNG, FRAIL ENGLISH GIRL YOU ORIGINALLY FOUGHT ALONGSIDE.

THIS IS THE BODY OF A JAPANESE ASSASSIN! MORE THAN A MATCH FOR YOU...

Uh Huh --



...WHATEVER YOU SAY.

WHAP

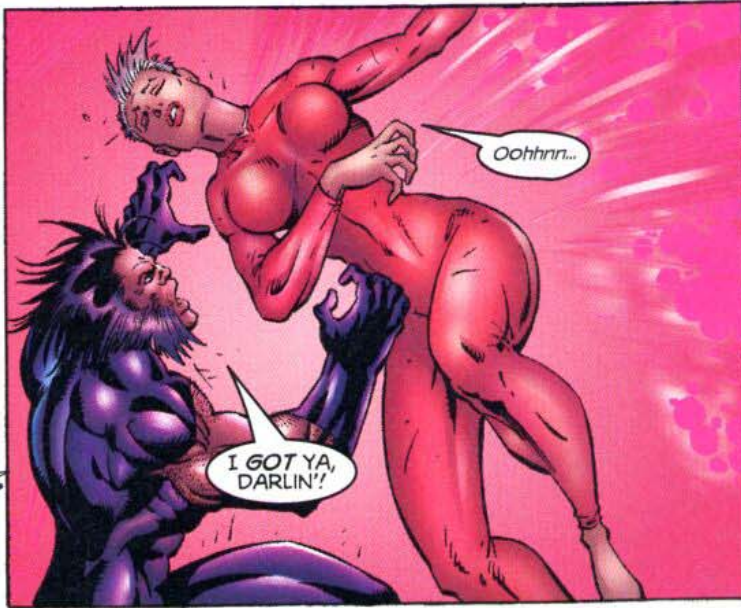


YOU'RE A LITTLE RUSTY, DARLIN'.

HERE'S WHAT I OWE YOU FOR SCRAMBLING MY BRAIN IN MOSCOW...

KRAK









ARE YOU MAD? DO YOU HAVE ANY INKLING ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE? THE COLLAPSE OF SENTINELS' RULE WAS WITHIN MY GRASP!

YOU WANT TO PREVENT THAT?

IF I HAD TO MAKE A CHOICE, BUB, I'D TAKE A SENTINEL OVER YOU ANY DAY.



NOW IT'S TIME TO SETTLE THE SCORE...



HHNNNGG!

FROM SEEMINGLY OUT OF NOWHERE, SHAW IS THROWN FROM HIS FEET BY A POWERFUL BLAST -- -- A MAGNETIC BLAST.



THE WOMAN YOU CALL MIDNIGHT DISABLED YOUR MAGNETIC FIELD GENERATORS...

...NOW YOU FACE ME!



LOGAN... IS THAT MY FATHER.?

YEAH, DARLIN'...IT SURE IS.

T-TELL HIM...





...NOT TO GIVE UP...



USING THE VERY LAST OF HER MUTANT HEX POWER, WANDA MAXIMOFF UNLEASHES HER ANGER TOWARD THE DEVICE THAT HAS BEEN HER PRISON FOR WEEKS...

WHOA!

...ALTHOUGH, IN HER EXTREMELY WEAKENED STATE, HER POWER CANNOT BE CONTAINED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF MERELY THE CATAclysm ENGINE...



Uh-Oh! I THINK THE WHOLE DAM'S COMING DOWN!

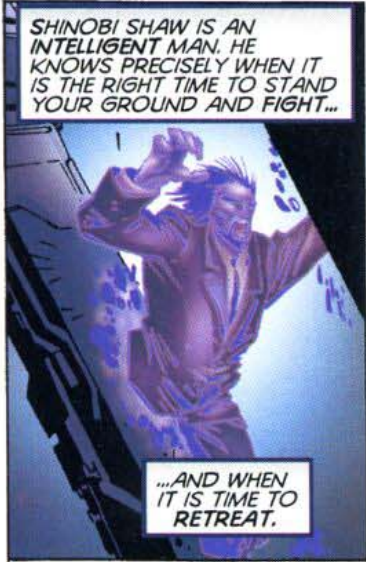
I NEVER REALIZED THE SCARLET WITCH WAS SO POWERFUL...

WE BETTER GET OUTTA HERE NOW!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR STORY IS, BUT WE AREN'T LEAVING YOU HERE

Uhh... WHAT ABOUT... S-SHAW..?!



SHINOBI SHAW IS AN INTELLIGENT MAN. HE KNOWS PRECISELY WHEN IT IS THE RIGHT TIME TO STAND YOUR GROUND AND FIGHT...

...AND WHEN IT IS TIME TO RETREAT.



LOGAN, GET MY DAUGHTER TO SAFETY. I'LL MEET YOU MOMENTARILY... ON THE OUTSIDE...

YOU AIN'T COMING WITH US? WE GOT WHAT WE CAME FOR --



NOT QUITE.

I'M GOING AFTER SHAW.





**SHAW!**  
IT'S TIME TO SETTLE ACCOUNTS!

I PROMISED YOU WOULD PAY FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO MY DAUGHTER, AND TO MANY OTHERS.

YOU WOULD DARE SPEAK TO ME IN SUCH A SELF-RIGHTEOUS TONE?

**KERRASSH**



YOU -- A MASS MURDERER? YOU -- THE MOST HATED AND DESPISED MAN ON THE PLANET?

DO YOU REALLY THINK OPPOSING ME WILL REDEEM YOUR PAST SINS?



DO YOUR WORST. IT WILL BE TO NO AVAIL! I'M INTANGIBLE!



**COME ON, MAGNUS!**  
**DO IT!**



POOR FOOL... EVEN INTANGIBLE, YOUR ATOMS ARE STILL GOVERNED BY ELECTROMAGNETIC FORCES... FORCES WHICH I ALONE COMMAND!

GOOD RIDDANCE, LITTLE SHAW.

**ARRRGH!**

FATE CAN WORK IN FITTINGLY MYSTERIOUS WAYS...



CASE IN POINT...

**WUNK**  
**YEARGH!**



...W-WANDA...



**M**IGHT OUTSIDE, ON THE TARMAC...

LOOKS LIKE ZEMO'S 'COPTER IS GONNA COME IN HANDY AFTER ALL...

OUTTA THE WAY, BOYS. WE NEED THIS RIDE.



EVERYBODY IN...

I'VE GOT PSYLOCKE. DON'T KNOW WHY WE HAD TO BRING HER...



TRY TO UNDERSTAND, LEECH... SHE WAS ONCE ONE OF US. WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HER TO DIE.

...WHAT ABOUT MY FATHER...?



DON'T WORRY, SWEETHEART, I'LL FIND HIM.

HEY! WAIT A MINUTE... YOU KNOW MAGNETO CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF. YOU DON'T HAVE TO --



Oh, YEAH, I DO.

NOW, I WANT YOU TO GET THE BLAZES OUT OF HERE AND DON'T LOOK BACK!







EVEN ADMIDST THE CHAOS OF HIS SURROUNDINGS, LOGAN'S ANIMAL-SHARP SENSES STILL LEAD HIM DIRECTLY TO --

MAGNETO!

W-WOLVERINE, YOU FOOL! DON'T --Uhhhhrrrr-- WASTE YOUR TIME HERE! I T-TOLD YOU TO GET WANDA OUT --



WHO DO YOU THINK I'M DOING THIS FOR...?

UNGH!

...COULDN'T LET HER DOWN.



OKAY, IT'S OFF. LET'S SEE WHAT THE DAMAGE IS...

Oh CRIPES!

MAGNUS --

SAVE YOUR PITY. WE MUST ENDEAVOR OUR ESCAPE BEFORE --



**KER-Whoooo!**

MAGNETO HAS NO TIME TO FINISH HIS SENTENCE, ALTHOUGH HIS INTENDED WARNING WAS NO IDLE MUSING --

-- FOR JUST AS HE PREDICTED, THE DAM FINALLY BURSTS -- UNLEASHING A FURY OF WATER AND MASONRY THAT SENDS THEM REELING...





HOLY --!  
THIS 'LL FLOOD  
THE WHOLE  
VALLEY!

# RROOAR



OMIGOD!  
MAGNETO... AND  
WOLVERINE! THEY  
WERE STILL *INSIDE!*

NO WAY  
THEY COULD'VE  
SURVIVED *THAT!*

DON'T BE  
SO SURE --



-- LOOK --  
-- *THERE!*



COME ON  
MAN! YOU CAN  
MAKE IT!

THE *PAIN...*  
EXCRUCIATING...  
DON'T KNOW HOW  
MUCH LONGER... I  
CAN MAGNETICALLY  
HOLD US  
ALOFT...

YOU CAN  
DO IT! I SEE  
OUR WAY  
OUT --



-- *JUBILATION!*  
KEEP THAT  
DOOR OPEN AND  
GIMME A HAND  
*INSIDE!*

*C'MON!*  
MAGNETO'S  
HURT BAD!

I GOTCHA  
*BOTH, WOLVY!*  
WE'RE *OUTTA*  
HERE!



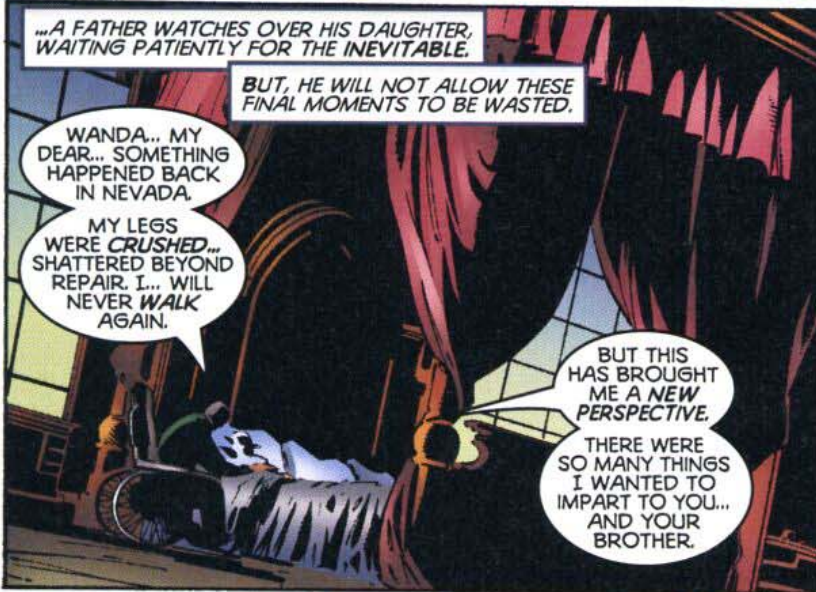


**10** DAYS PASS...

...REFUGE IS SOUGHT --  
AND FOUND --

-- ON EMMA FROST'S  
SECLUDED ISLAND, OFF  
THE COAST OF INDIA.

AND, INSIDE, IN A  
QUIET BEDROOM...



...A FATHER WATCHES OVER HIS DAUGHTER,  
WAITING PATIENTLY FOR THE INEVITABLE.

BUT, HE WILL NOT ALLOW THESE  
FINAL MOMENTS TO BE WASTED.

WANDA... MY  
DEAR... SOMETHING  
HAPPENED BACK  
IN NEVADA.

MY LEGS  
WERE CRUSHED...  
SHATTERED BEYOND  
REPAIR. I... WILL  
NEVER WALK  
AGAIN.

BUT THIS  
HAS BROUGHT  
ME A NEW  
PERSPECTIVE.

THERE WERE  
SO MANY THINGS  
I WANTED TO  
IMPART TO YOU...  
AND YOUR BROTHER.



I NEVER TOLD YOU BOTH  
HOW PROUD I WAS... HOW  
MUCH I RESPECTED THE  
CHOICES YOU MADE...  
THE LIVES YOU  
LEAD.

ALL MY  
REGRETS... I-I  
NEVER TOLD  
EITHER OF  
YOU...

FATHER...



...YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO BE...  
TRAPPED BY THE  
PERSON YOU  
ONCE WERE. THE  
PAST IS OVER...

... YOU HAVE  
A CHANCE TO START  
ANEW. YOU CAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE NOW...



...FOR ME...

I...



... YOU  
CAN... MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE...  
... YOU CAN... <-







ELSEWHERE, IN AN ADJACENT GREEN HOUSE, ANOTHER RECKONING TAKES PLACE...

I KNOW YOU'RE *THERE*, AMIKO. I'LL ALWAYS BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE YOUR SCENT...

LOGAN...

YOU HERE TO TELL ME WHY YOU KEPT ME THINKIN' YOU WERE *DEAD* ALL THESE YEARS...?



YES... YOU DESERVE TO KNOW THE *TRUTH*... FINALLY.

AS A YOUNG CHILD -- AS YOUR WARD -- YOU *KNOW* I WAS A TARGET FOR YOUR *ENEMIES*...



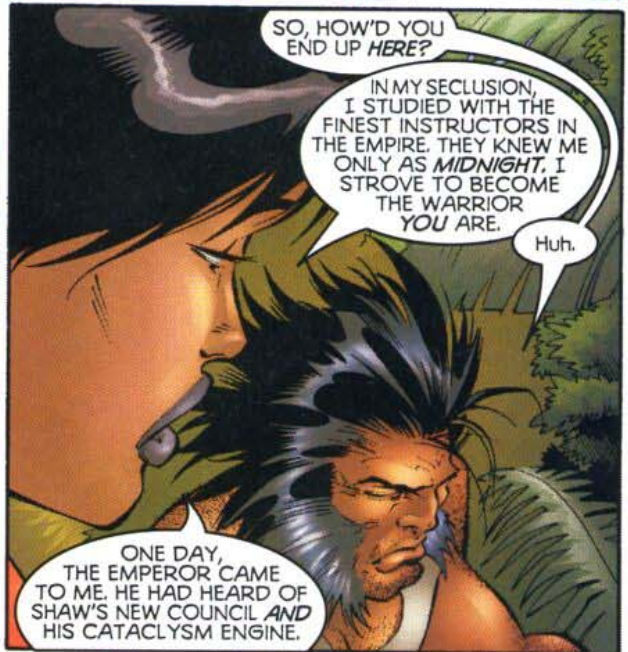
I KNOW... I ASKED THE *SILVER SAMURAI* TO TAKE CARE OF YOU. HARDEST THING I EVER DID...

YOU REMEMBER THE SAMURAI BECAME *EMPEROR* SOME YEARS LATER.

HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE *SAFER* FOR EVERYONE CONCERNED IF I WERE THOUGHT *DEAD*.

EVEN YOU WERE MEANT TO BELIEVE IT.

WELL, I *DID*. HURT MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW.



SO, HOW'D YOU END UP *HERE*?

IN MY SECLUSION, I STUDIED WITH THE FINEST INSTRUCTORS IN THE EMPIRE. THEY KNEW ME ONLY AS *MIDNIGHT*. I STROVE TO BECOME THE WARRIOR YOU ARE.

Huh.

ONE DAY, THE EMPEROR CAME TO ME. HE HAD HEARD OF SHAW'S NEW COUNCIL AND HIS CATACLYSM ENGINE.



I WAS SENT HERE TO *INFILTRATE* THE CLUB AND *DESTROY* IT FROM WITHIN.

I AM SO SORRY TO HAVE *DECEIVED* YOU, LOGAN-SAN...

HEY, AMIKO... WHEN I THOUGHT YOU WERE *DEAD*, A PART OF ME DIED, TOO...



I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE *BACK*, KID.





SO, EMMA, WHAT'S THE WORD ON PSYLOCKE..? YOUR TURNCOAT FRIEND HAS BEEN SEVERELY TRAUMATIZED. I'VE TALKED WITH HER BROTHER, BRIAN. HE'S WILLING TO TAKE HER BACK TO ENGLAND, ONCE HER REHABILITATION IS COMPLETE...

HEY, JUBILEE... IF YER STILL RECRUITING...



...I GOT SOMEONE HERE WHO'S LOOKIN' TO SIGN UP.

I HAVE FULFILLED MY DUTY TO THE JAPANESE EMPIRE. IF YOU NEED ME, I WOULD JOIN YOUR FIGHT AGAINST THE SENTINELS.

SHE AIN'T A MUTANT. PROBABLY BE A BIG HELP --



SHE IS NOT THE ONLY ONE LOOKING TO STAY...

...IF YOU'LL HAVE ME. IT'S WHAT MY DAUGHTER WOULD'VE WANTED. IT... IS WHAT I WANT, AS WELL.



MY...

...THE WORLD IS BECOMING A VERY INTERESTING PLACE INDEED.



YA CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!

WELCOME TO THE PARTY, MAGNUS. JUST REMEMBER, YOU ASKED FOR IT.

THIS BAND O' REBELS HAS ITS WORK CUT OUT FOR 'EM!

**THE BEGINNING!**