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the Body Shop

WE'LL MAKE A NEW YOU

RIPPING
TEARING
BURNING
SCREAMING
PLEADING

WHY ME
ICE HEART
FIRE BREATH
SOUL MIND
THOUGHTS
I - AM!

WHO
WHAT
SHEDDING
FORMING
CHANGE
SAME
DIFFERENT

RAIN

JOY

RAGE

GLORY

TRIUMPH
DESPAIR
OBLIVION
BLESSED

AWA'RENESS

SIGHT

ME

SOUND

WHAT HAVE I
DONE?!

BLOOD TASTE--ACRID.
METALLIC--FLESH BONDED TO
STEEL--EVER LIVING FOREVER
DEAD--IMAGES CRASH.
THOUGHTS RACE, REALITY
PERCEPTIONS TWISTING
SLOWLY, SLOWLY INTO PLACE.

HER EYES SPARKLE
WITH HATRED.



SHE IS A SHARK--
HUNTRESS AND
PREDATOR, AS I
LEARN TO BE, MUST
BE, SHALL BE, AM--
HER JAGGED TEETH
SAVAGE MY SOUL.
I AM NO MORE.

I AM
SPIRAL.

REGAIN YOUR
CENTER. BREATHE--
RESTORE ORDER TO
THOUGHTS AND
BEING.

THE NUTRIENT
BATH WAS THE
FINAL STAGE.
YOUR BIOMED
TRANSMUTATION
HAS BEEN COMPLETELY
SUCCESSFUL.

SHE'S A CYBORG.
THEN, LIKE US?

CYBERNETIC
ORGANISM,
REESE, YES.



BUT LADY
DEATHSTRIKE
IS NOTHING
LIKE YOU AND
YOUR MEN.



SHE IS A LIVING
WEAPON.

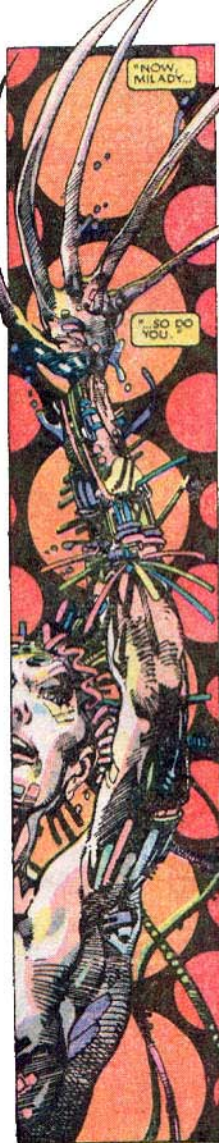
THE TRUE
AND ULTIMATE
WOMAN OF
WAR!

SHE MOCKS
ME...

... BUT I DO NOT CARE.



MY FOE--THE X-MAN,
WOLVERINE--HAS UNBREAKABLE
BONES, AND CLAWS THAT WILL
CUT THROUGH ANYTHING.



"NOW, MILADY...

"...SO DO YOU."



BUT THE PROCESS CAN BE REVERSED?

SPIRAL-- WHEN MY MISSION IS COMPLETE, YOU AGREED NOT ONLY MY HUMANITY, BUT THAT OF MY ASSOCIATES AS WELL!

THE BODY SHOP...

...GUARANTEES SATISFACTION...



"OR YOUR MONEY BACK."

GREAT DEAL.

TOO GREAT.

HEY, REESE, THIS ONNA LEVEL?

DOES IT MATTER?



WHATEVER HAPPENS, WE'LL BE NO WORSE OFF THAN WE ARE. ALL WE HAVE TO DO-- TO EARN A HEFTY CHUNK OF CHANGE AN' MAYBE A WHOLE LOT MORE BESIDES-- IS TRACK DOWN AN MOST LIKELY KILL...

THE MAN WE HATE MOST IN THE WORLD.

HOW AMUSING-- TO DESIRE THAT WHICH WAS NEVER REALLY YOURS, THIS SO-CALLED "HUMANITY," TO DREAM OF REGAINING IT THROUGH THE MURDER OF ANOTHER.



AND, LASTLY, TO DANCE WITH THE DEVIL, BELIEVING YOU WILL SPIN AWAY WITH YOUR SOUL INTACT AND UNTAINED.

DOMO ARIGATO, SPIRAL...

FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE THIS NIGHT...

...OYAMA YURIKO IS ETERNALLY GRATEFUL.

LADY YURIKO, IT WAS MY...

... PLEASURE.

SOUTH STREET SEAPORT--

ON THE LOWER EAST RIVER SHORE OF MANHATTAN ISLAND...

WHEN MY FATHER WAS MY AGE, HE FLEW ON A KAMIKAZE-- A SUICIDE MISSION-- AGAINST OUR COUNTRY'S ENEMIES. BUT HE FAILED, RETURNING HOME IN DISGRACE.

FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE, HE SOUGHT TO ATONE FOR THAT SHAME. HERE TOO, HE FAILED-- BECAUSE OF ME. AND HIS DEBT, HIS TASK, FELL UPON MY UNWORTHY SHOULDERS.

THE KEY IS WOLVERINE AND THE SECRETS LOCKED WITHIN HIS GAIJIN BRAIN. HIS WILL IS THE IMMOVABLE OBJECT, BUT MINE IS AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE THAT SHALL NOT BE DENIED. HE WILL BREAK OR BE DESTROYED.

OR I SHALL.

BETTS-- KIDS, C'MON!

HURRY UP, SLOWPOKES-- WE'LL MISS THE EVENING CAROLS!

HOW ARE WE DOING, KATIE? ALL WASHED UP? NEED ANY HELP?

YES, MISS RANDOLPH. NO, MISS RANDOLPH.

WHAT DOES SHE THINK I AM, A BABY?

I'M FIVE YEARS OLD!

OH!

I WANT TO DRY MY HANDS...

BUT THE STUPID MACHINE'S TOO HIGH!

Unbanded Wolf

A SOLO ADVENTURE,
STARRING WOLVERINE OF
THE UNCANNY X-MEN

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RUN WHERE YOU LIKE, WOLVERINE--
--I SHALL FOLLOW.

MR. LOGAN, IS IT REALLY YOU--
ALRIGHT!

YOUR DEATH WILL HELP AVENGE MY FATHER. MINE WILL BE A WELCOME RELEASE. EITHER WAY, I WIN.



THE CLAWS--

--THEY'RE PART OF YOU!

Mr. LOGAN...

... ARE YOU GOING TO HURT ME?



LEGGOO!

POLICE-MEN!



THEY'LL HELP ME--

-- BUT WHAT ABOUT MR. LOGAN? HAS HE DONE SOMETHING WRONG?!

WILL THEY ARREST HIM?!!



OKAY, BUDDY-- STEP AWAY FROM THE GIRL.



HEY! LEGGO!!!

PUT HER DOWN!

TAKE IT EASY, FELLA. NO ONE'S GONNA HURT--!

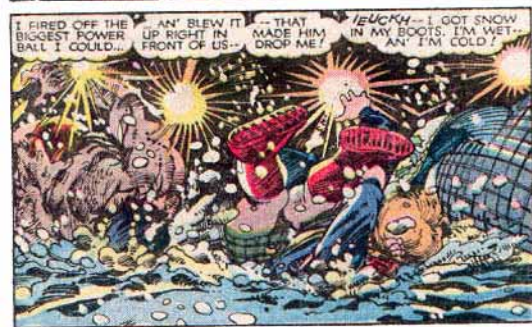
HE'S RUNNING! ANY CALL FOR BACK-UPS!



Mr. WOLVERINE, WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

THIS IS WRONG! THOSE POLKEMEN WERE FRIENDS!!

YOU'RE HOLDING TOO TIGHT-- IT HURTS! PUT ME DOWN!!!





HE'S COVERED IN BLOOD!

HE'S BEEN HURT!

WAS IT THOSE GUYS WHO HIT ME AN' MISS RANDOLPH? DID THEY BEAT YOU UP, Mr. WOLVERINE?!



C'MON -- WE GOTTA FIND SOMEBODY TO HELP US...

...OR A PLACE TO HIDE.

IT'S SNOWING SO HARD I CAN BARELY SEE! WHAT STREET IS THIS?!

I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE, OR WHICH WAY TO GO!!



HE WON'T ANSWER ME. ALL HE DOES IS MAKE GROWLY NOISES...

...LIKE AN ANIMAL.

HOW CAN ANYONE BE HURT SO BAD...

APP

...THEY EVEN FORGET HOW TO TALK?!

OH!



WOLVERINE SNARLED-- THOSE MUST BE THE BAD GUYS!

THEY'LL CATCH US IF YOU KEEP CRAWLING, Mr. LOGAN!

YOU GOTTA GET UP!

PLEASE! TRY!!



THAT'S IT!!

WHAT IF HE FALLS?

HE'S TOO HEAVY FOR ME TO LIFT, OR DRAG AWAY!!



THEY'RE COMING CLOSER!

*HAVE THEY SEEN US?!



LET'S GO!

WHERE'S A TELEPHONE?!
IF I FOUND ONE, I COULD
CALL POWER PACK TO
RESCUE US, OR WOLVERINE'S
TEAMMATES, THE X-MEN.

SHOULD I LEAVE
HIM...

AND
GO LOOK
FOR ONE?

SUPPOSE I
GET LOST FROM
WOLVERINE
THEN, AND CAN'T
FIND MY WAY
BACK?



I BET I MISSED
THE CAROL
SINGING.

DARN
IT!

I PRACTICED SO
HARD. THIS IS YOUR
FAULT, MR. WOLVERINE!!

EVERYBODY
MUST'A GONE
HOME 'CAUSE
OF THE STORM.
THE WHOLE
CITY'S
PROBABLY
EMPTY.

A TAXICAB?!
WE'RE SAVED!!
MISTER,
WAIT!
PLEASE--

YO, SWEET
HEART! THIS
AIN'T THE
NIGHT FOR
A STROLL.

STOP!

PLEASE-- MY UNCLE--
SOME NASTY PEOPLE
BEAT HIM UP!

DID A PRETTY
FAIR JOB, TOO...

...BY THE
LOOK 'A
HIM, POOR
DEVIL.



HE IS
NOT A
DEVIL!

EVEN IF HE'S AS
SCARY AS ONE.

JUST AN EXPRESSION, YOUNGSTER,
DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT.

ROADS ARE THE
PITS TONIGHT, BUT
I'LL GET HIM TO
A HOSPITAL.



THANK
YOU.

PLEASE
HURRY! I
THINK THEY'RE
FOLLOWING!



RELAX, MR. LOGAN--
EVERYTHING'S GONNA
BE ALL RIGHT.



SNIK!

WOLVERINE??!



**TAKI!
RUUT!
HI!**

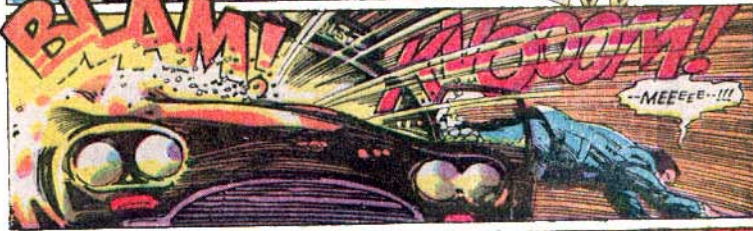
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HEY! YOU CRAZY,
MAN! WHAT'RE
YOU--? TAKE YOUR
HANDS OFF--



WOM!



BLAM!!

WOOOM!

--MEEEEE--!!!

WOLVERINE!



HE THREW
THE DRIVER
OUT-- HE SAVED
HIM-- BUT
HE'S STILL..!

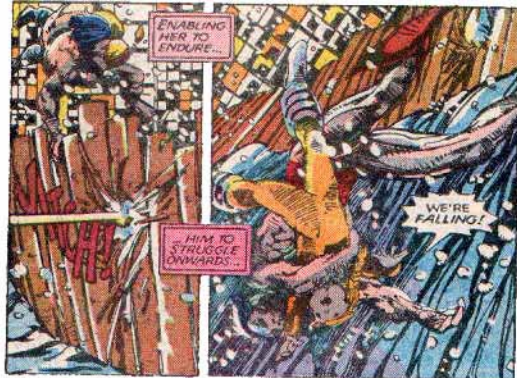
HER FIRST-- AND ONLY--
REACTION IS TO CRY. TEARS
COME UNBIDDEN-- FLOW UN-
STOPPED-- ROUGH SURROGATES
FOR EMOTIONS TOO GREAT
FOR VOICE OR GESTURE.



IN THAT AWFUL
INSTANT, HIS PAIN
BECOMES HERS.



BUT, STRANGELY,
STRENGTH IS
SHARED AS WELL.



ENABLING HER TO ENDURE...

...HIM TO STRUGGLE ONWARDS...

WE'RE FALLING!



SOME KIND OF HOLE-- OUCH--

--IN THE GROUND-- WHUNF--



--WHUG! NPGH!



OWW! MY NOSE IS BLEEDING

I HATE THIS-- I HATE YOU, Mr. WOLVERINE-- I WISH WE'D NEVER MET!



OK, NO I DON'T! THAT ISN'T SO.

<BOKU WA DARE?>

I DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY SUCH A ROTTEN THING-- I'M A ROTTEN LITTLE GIRL-- I'LL GET YOU HOME SAFE, I PROMISE!

WHAT'D YOU SAY?

Mr. LOGAN-- YOU SAID A WORD!



I THINK...

Mr. LOGAN, CAN'T YOU SPEAK LIKE ME?

SWIKT!

<WHAT-- AM I?>



<I... KNOW YOU, GIRL.>



<WHY DO I NOT KNOW...>

<...MYSELF?>



AGAIN, KATIE'S EYES BURN WITH TEARS.



HOT THIS TIME, FOR THE PAIN OF HIS BODY...

BUT FOR THE TERRIBLE ANGER IN HIS VOICE.

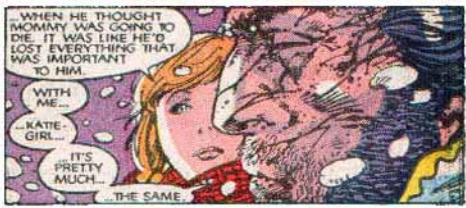
COSTUME OFF.



... I HOPE THIS MAKES YOU A LITTLE WARMER.

DOMO... DOMO ARIGATO.

MY DADDY HAS THE SAME LOOK IN HIS EYES...



WHEN HE THOUGHT MOMMY WAS GOING TO DIE, IT WAS LIKE HE'D LOST EVERYTHING THAT WAS IMPORTANT TO HIM.

WITH ME...

...KATIE-GIRL...

IT'S PRETTY MUCH...

...THE SAME.



Mr. LOGAN!

YOU REMEMBER! YOU'RE YOURSELF!

NOT YET-- NOT BY A LONG SHOT...

BUT I'M GETTIN' THERE...

...THANKS TO YOU!

THE SAME WAY MY HEALING FACTOR REPAIRS MY BODY, IT'S RESTORIN' MY MIND.



Uh-oh-- THE PARTY ISN'T OVER.

WE NEED COVER!

NOT SO FAST! I CAN'T KEEP UP!

YOUR LEGS ARE LONGER!



REESE-- DON'T SHOOT!

I CAN NAIL HIM, EASY!

I WANT THAT PLEASURE FOR MYSELF.

HE'S TOO DANGEROUS!

HE'S BADLY WOUNDED, LITTLE BETTER THAN AN ANIMAL.



"LADY, THAT MAKES IT WORSE."

THEY'RE FOLLOWING!

I'LL DISINTEGRATE SOMETHING REAL BIG AN' FRY EM WITH POWER BALLS! OR MAYBE DISINTEGRATE THEM!



YOU WILL NOT!

BUT THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL YOU!

THAT'S MY LOOK-OUT.

I WANT TO HELP!

YOU'VE DONE SO-- BUNYIN' TIME FOR ME TO HEAL.

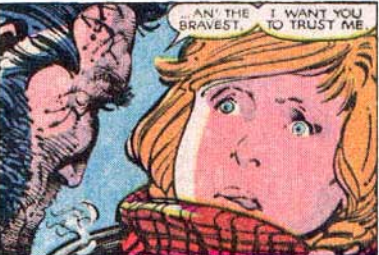


THESE ARE OLD FOES OF MINE, KATIE...

...WITH OLD SCORES TO SETTLE, THIS IS A GRUDGE FIGHT, LEAVE THEM TO ME.

BUT WHAT'LL I DO?!

MAYBE THE HARDEST THING YOU'VE EVER DONE...



...AN' THE BRAVEST, I WANT YOU TO TRUST ME.



STUPID BROAD SHOULD'A LET YOU ICE HIM, REESE. YOU ASK ME, SHE'S A PSYCHO.

SO'RE WE, BUDDY.

SNKKT



THAT'S DIFFERENT. IT'S WOLVERINE'S FAULT WE'RE CYBORGS. WHAT'S HER EXCUSE?

REESE-- PROXIMITY A-I-A

bip bip bip



HARRGGGG

SKUKT!



DEATHSTRIKE, COLE'S BEEN HIT!

HIS MEDSTATS SAY HE'S HURT...

...AND OUT OF ACTION-- JUST LIKE MACON.



ODDS ARE SHIFTING, LADY. WE GO, OR STAY?

DO AS YOU WISH, REESE. MY PLACE IS HERE.

YOUR FUNERAL.

"AN' PROBABLY
MINE AS WELL..."

"REESE-- THE
GIRL MAKES
WOLVERINE
VULNERABLE."

FIND HER--
TAKE HER
HOSTAGE--
AND OUR
BATTLE
IS WON

IT'S NEVER
THAT EASY--
PROXIMITY
WARNING!

HE'S AFTER ME!

NICE
TRY
MUTIE!

THAT WAS
POINT-
BLANK

NO WAY COULD HE
HAVE SURVIVED.

GUESS
AGAIN,
CLUMP.





REESE!

ACKNOWLEDGE,
REESE!

< YOU'RE WASTING
YOUR TIME. >

< HE'S
DONE... >



< AM
SO, ARE
YOU >

< I HOPED-- PRAYED-- I
KNEW-- OUR DUEL
WOULD END LIKE THIS. >

< HUNTER
AND HUNTED
WARRIORS
BOTH-- FACE
TO FACE--
ALONE-- >

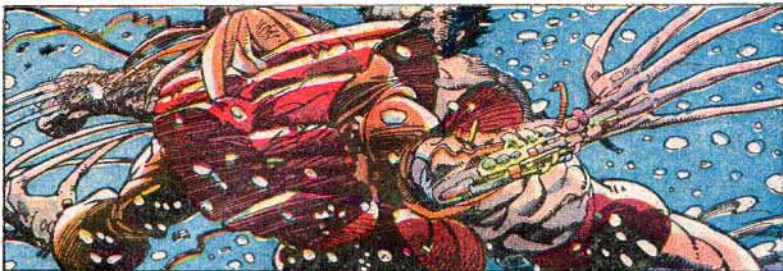
<-- BURNING
THEIR SINS AWAY
WITH BLOOD-- >

<-- WITH ONLY THEIR
SKILL AND COURAGE
AND STEEL TO
SAVE THEM! >

< OF WE
TWO-- ONLY
THE BEST
SHALL
SURVIVE! >









MY GOD

YURIKO???

IT... WAS NECESSARY...
...TO BECOME LIKE YOU...



THE BETTER TO SLAY ME?!

MY HEALING FACTOR MAKES ME A MUTANT. LACING MY BONES WITH ADAMANTIUM AND GIVING ME THESE CLAWS-- THAT WAS DONE TO ME.

BUT-- YOU ASKED TO BE CHANGED. YOU DID THIS TO YOURSELF. THREW AWAY A HUMANITY I'D GIVE PRETTY NEAR ANYTHING TO POSSESS.

YOUR OLD MAN'D BE PROUD. YOU'RE A CARBON COPY. WHAT A WASTE.



I HAVE LOST. WORSE. I HAVE FAILED.

MY LIFE IS FORFEIT.

THAT'D SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS, WOULDN'T IT?

BUT IT WON'T
BE THAT EASY.

YOU MADE ME AN
ANIMAL AGAIN,
DEATHSTRIKE —

-- TOOK ME
BACK TO
A TIME IN
MY LIFE...

... I
THOUGHT
I'D PUT
BEHIND
ME.

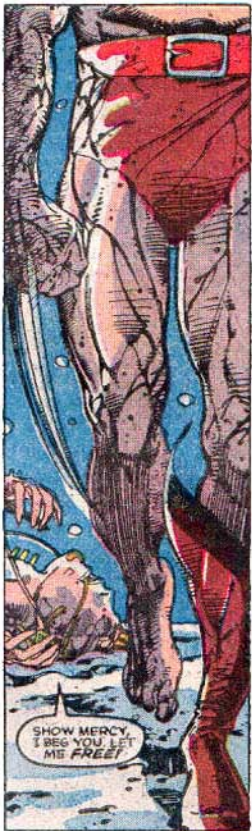
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BY A DEATH.

FATHER--
SO LONG AS
YOU BLOCK
MY PATH...

...MY
SPIRIT
REMAINS
TRAPPED,
STILL-
BORN!



SHOW MERCY,
I BEG YOU, LET
ME FREE!



EARN
IT.

Spans
Kant

