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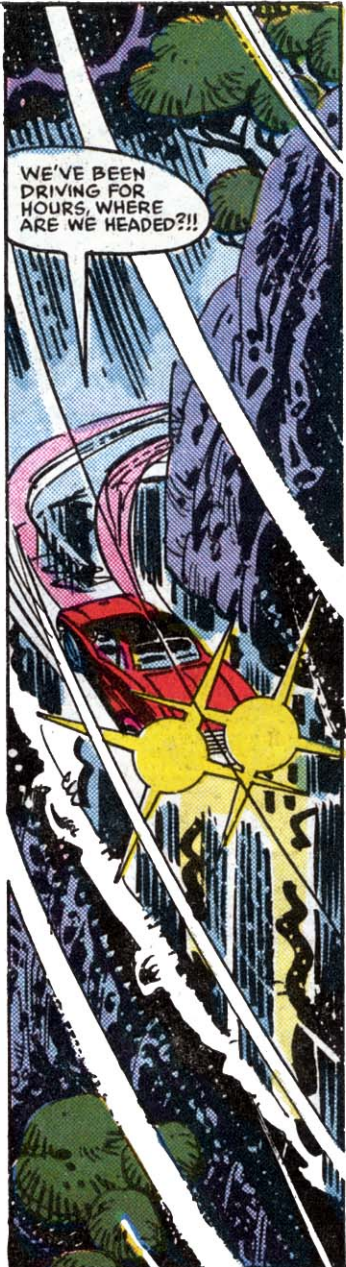
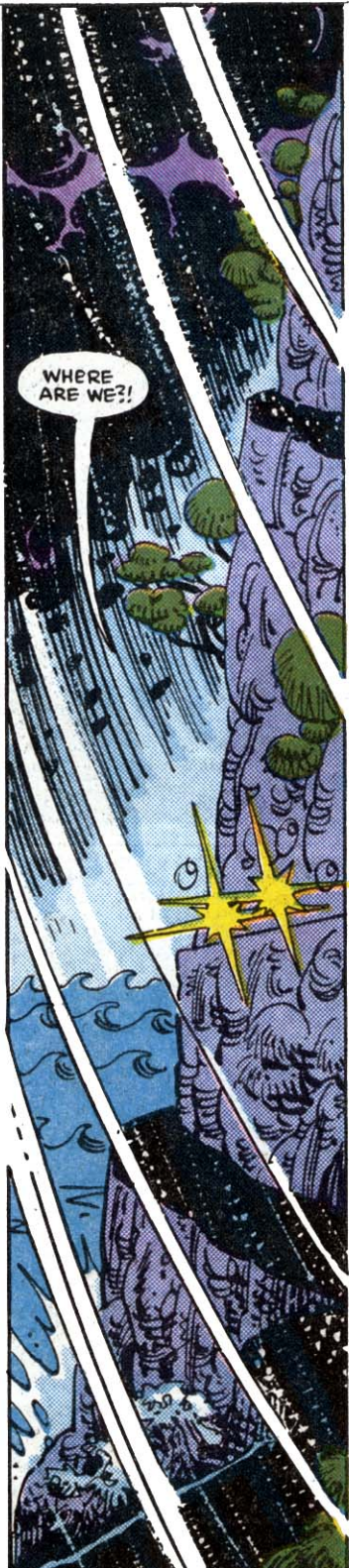
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ANSWER ME, CURSE YOU!



YOUR FRIEND WOLVERINE IS IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE, LADY.

HE'S TOO PALE-- HE'S LOST A LOT OF BLOOD-- I DON'T THINK THE BANDAGES WE IMPROVISED ARE DOING ANY GOOD.

YUKIO -- HE NEEDS A DOCTOR! BETTER YET, A HOSPITAL! THAT'S WHERE WE SHOULD BE, BACK IN TOKYO, NOT BARRELING AROUND THESE GODFORSAKEN MOUNTAINS! WITHOUT PROPER CARE, HE WON'T LAST THE NIGHT!



HE DIES, CHUM--



-- THEN SO DO YOU.



FORGET IT, LADY, I'M THROUGH BEING SCARED! I WANT SOME ANSWERS -- WHAT HAVE YOU PEOPLE DONE WITH MY DAUGHTER?!

WHY IS SHE TIED UP?!!



SCREEEE



I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU, PRYDE!

H-HEY!

YOUR ARROGANCE, YOUR STUPIDITY, YOUR FEAR-- AND MOSTLY, YOUR MOUTH!

I WILL ENDURE NO MORE!



MORE THAN ONCE, YOU'VE MADE ME REGRET SAVING YOUR MISERABLE CARCASS. IF I DIDN'T NEED AN EXTRA PAIR OF HANDS, I'D HAVE DUMPED YOU LONG AGO-- I MAY DO SO YET!

YOU'VE PUSHED ME TO MY LIMIT, GAIJIN, SO DO AS YOU'RE TOLD-- WITHOUT QUESTION OR COMPLAINT--

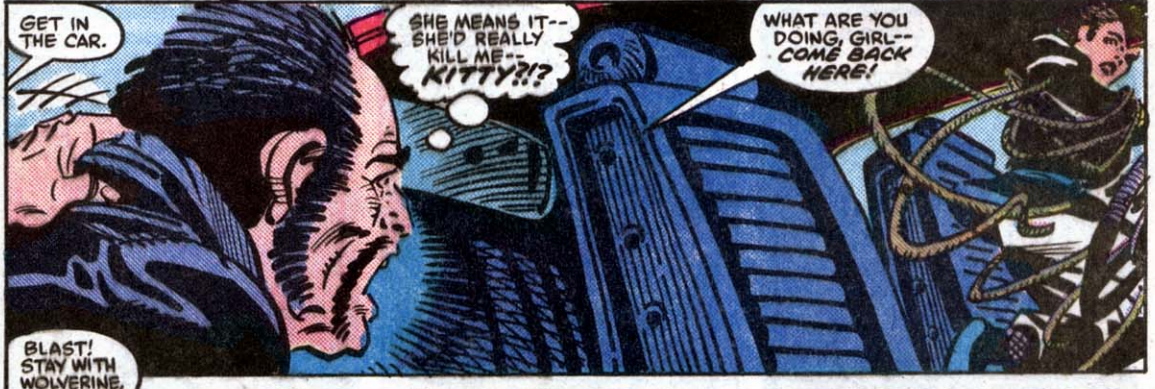
WHOWWNER!



--OR ELSE!

DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?

Y-YES.



GET IN THE CAR.

SHE MEANS IT-- SHE'D REALLY KILL ME-- KITTY!?!?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, GIRL-- COME BACK HERE!

BLAST! STAY WITH WOLVERINE, PRYDE!



<THE DRUGS SHOULD HAVE KEPT THE CHILD OUT FOR HOURS! HER ACCURSED MUTANT METABOLISM BURNED THEM OUT OF HER SYSTEM FAR FASTER THAN I ANTICIPATED.*>

<SHE MUST HAVE PHASED OUT OF HER BONDS AND THE CAR.>



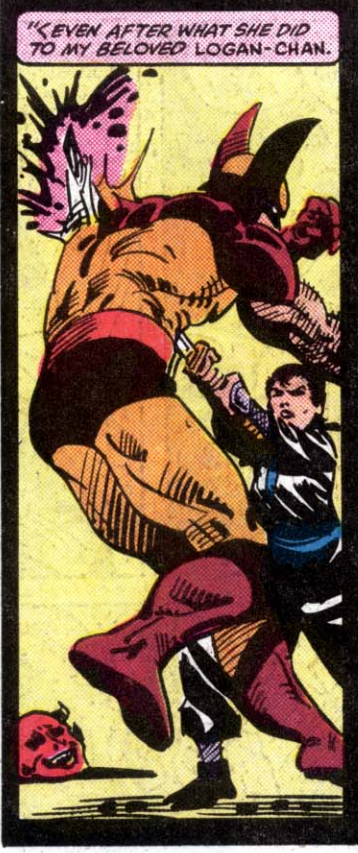
<I'M IN LUCK, SHE'S ONLY JUST RECOVERED, BY THE LOOK OF IT.>

<SHE CAN BARELY STAND, MUCH LESS RUN OR FIGHT, THAT MAKES THE ODDS EVEN.>

* TRANSLATED FROM THE JAPANESE -- ANNN.



< I DON'T WANT TO HURT HER. >



"< EVEN AFTER WHAT SHE DID TO MY BELOVED LOGAN-CHAN. >



< THAT WASN'T HER FAULT. >
< IF ANYONE'S TO BLAME, IT'S HER IDIOT FATHER! >



"< AND THE RENEGADE RONIN, OGUN, WHO POSSESSED HER. >



> AIOWW!
< GROGGY AS SHE IS, THE GIRL'S AS QUICK AS HER NAMESAKE. >

< AND SHE FIGHTS WITH OGUN'S SKILL. >



GOOD LORD!
KITTY-- CHILD -- WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!



< FORGIVE ME, LITTLE ONE. >

< YOU ARE A FOOL, YUKIO. YOUR SKILL IS NO MATCH FOR MINE! >

< KITTY'S VOICE-- BUT OGUN'S WORDS, AND HE'S RIGHT-- OR WOULD BE... >



"<...IF I FOUGHT FAIR.>"
"(< THEN, AS NOW, I HAD ONLY SECONDS TO ACT. THE SLIGHTEST WARNING AND KITTY WOULD HAVE PHASED THROUGH MY SPIKES LIKE A GHOST. I'D NEVER HAVE CAUGHT HER. >)"



< I'M KNOWN AS THE WILD ONE. >

< THAT MEANS I DO THE CRAZIEST THINGS SOMETIMES-- LIKE LEAPING OFF A CLIFF INTO THE TEETH OF A HOWLING GALE... >



KOH-KOH-KOH-KOH-KOH!



<... GAMBLING THAT THE WIND WILL PUSH ME BACK TO SOLID GROUND. >

KRAK!



"(< MY SPIKES WERE COATED WITH A POWERFUL SEDATIVE. SHE WAS UNCONSCIOUS BEFORE SHE HIT THE GROUND. >)"



< I WONDER, WHICH IS THE TRUE MERCY-- TO HAVE SPARED HER LIFE, AS I DID THEN... >



> WHOULFF! <



< ...OR TO HAVE TAKEN IT... >



< ... AND, PERHAPS, PUT HER OUT OF HER MISERY. >

< ... CAN NEVER AGAIN BE FREE. >

< I'VE HEARD STORIES OF THIS SORT OF NINJITSU MAGIC. IT'S SAID THAT A SOUL, ONCE TAINTED BY IT... >



OUSANMYAKU-- THE MOUNTAIN SPINE OF NORTHERN HONSHU, ITSELF THE MAIN ISLAND OF JAPAN--

-- SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL, THE STRONG-HOLD OF CLAN YASHIDA.



IT'S WHERE I RECOVERED...

I'LL TAKE MY DAUGHTER.

I HAVE HER.



... DURING MY LAST TRIP.

WOLVERINE! YOU'RE-- ALIVE?!!

YUP!

LET ME HELP.



I CAN MANAGE.

I'M WOLVERINE. THIS IS MY STORY.





...OF OGUN-- WHO IS BOTH MAN...

... AND DEMON.

WHO TAKES HER INNOCENT SOUL AND RESHAPES IT INTO HIS OWN TWISTED IMAGE.





WHAT D'YOU MEAN, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!!

FACE THE TRUTH, KITTY, THAT'S YOUR ONLY HOPE.

SEE THINGS AS THEY ARE, NO MATTER HOW MUCH IT HURTS.



WE... FOUGHT.



I... I REMEMBER-- I WAS ME AND YET, I WASN'T.



I HAD A BLADE. AND WHEN I THRUST IT HOME-- INTO YOUR HEART--



-- I WAS SO PROUD, SO GLAD--!!



I'M SO SORRY, LOGAN, FOR BEING SUCH A BABY JUST NOW, FOR...

...EVERYTHING.

NOTHIN' T' FORGIVE, KIDDO. I UNDERSTAND, AN' I FIGURE THE LEAST YOU'RE ENTITLED TO...

... IS A GOOD CRY.

NOW, HOW 'BOUT SOME BREAKFAST?



I'M NOT HUNGRY, THANK YOU.

SUIT YOURSELF. ME, I'M STARVED.



WHAT BROUGHT YOU OUT HERE, ANYWAY? LAST ANY OF US HEARD, YOU WERE SAFE AT HOME IN CHICAGO.

WISH I'D STAYED THERE.

ME, TOO.



THAT LOOKS REAL GOOD.

YUP.



MY DAD'S INVOLVED WITH A CRIMELORD -- A YAKUZA -- OYABUN -- NAMED SHIGEMATSU.

I THOUGHT HE WAS BEING FORCED INTO IT. I WANTED TO HELP.



WHY GO IT ALONE?

IT WAS A FAMILY MATTER.

I WANTED TO KEEP IT PRIVATE.



ESPECIALLY IF HE TURNED OUT TO BE A REAL CROOK--WHICH HE DID-- OH, LOGAN, HOW COULD HE?!!

DON'T JUDGE, KIT...



...TILL YOU GET ALL THE EVIDENCE. WHERE'S OGUN FIT INTO THIS?

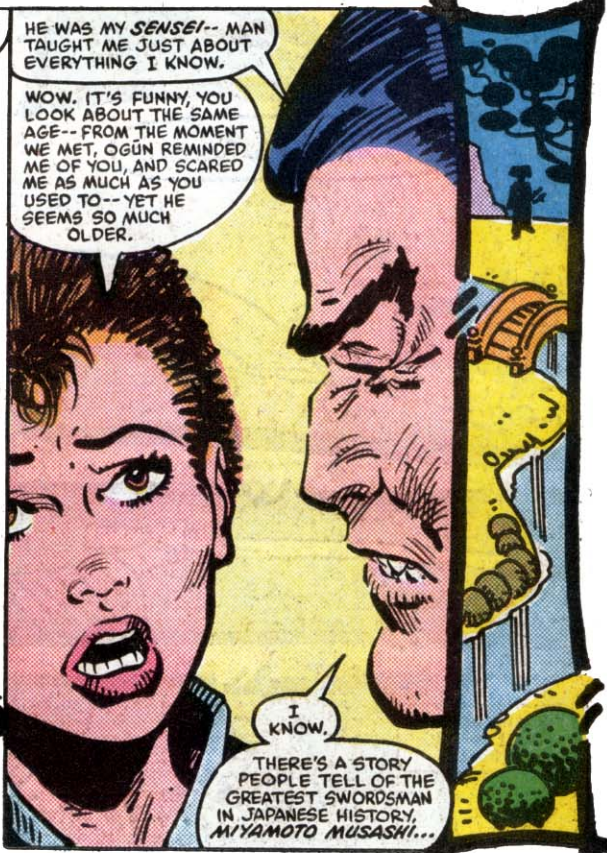
HE WAS SHIGEMATSU'S CHIEF GOON OR SOMETHING, HE SAID I'D BEEN GIVEN HIM AS PAYMENT IN FULL FOR HIS SERVICES.

WHY, LOGAN? WHAT DOES HE WANT FROM ME?!

OGUN HAD YOU THE BETTER PART OF A WEEK, WHAT HAPPENED?!

I'M NOT SURE, THOSE MEMORIES ARE ALL HAZY AND JUMBLED UP.

YOU TALK LIKE YOU KNOW HIM.



HE WAS MY *SENSEI*-- MAN TAUGHT ME JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING I KNOW.

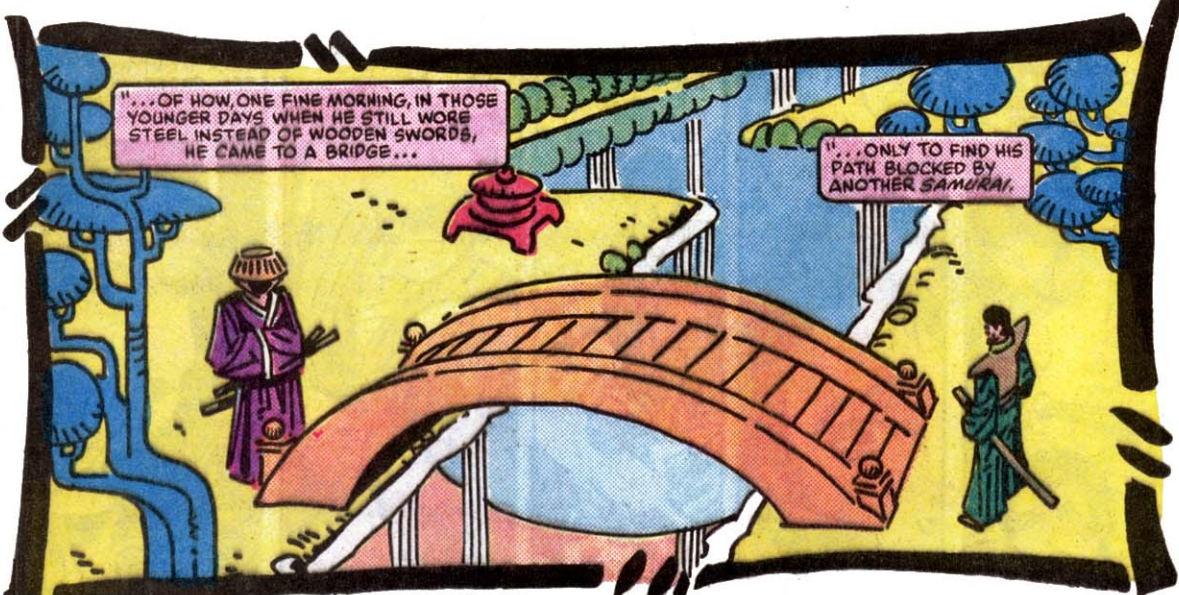
WOW. IT'S FUNNY, YOU LOOK ABOUT THE SAME AGE-- FROM THE MOMENT WE MET, OGUN REMINDED ME OF YOU, AND SCARED ME AS MUCH AS YOU USED TO-- YET HE SEEMS SO MUCH OLDER.

I KNOW.

THERE'S A STORY PEOPLE TELL OF THE GREATEST SWORDSMAN IN JAPANESE HISTORY. MIYAMOTO MUSASHI...

"...OF HOW, ONE FINE MORNING, IN THOSE YOUNGER DAYS WHEN HE STILL WORE STEEL INSTEAD OF WOODEN SWORDS, HE CAME TO A BRIDGE..."

"...ONLY TO FIND HIS PATH BLOCKED BY ANOTHER SAMURAI."



< THE WAY, HONORED SIR, IS WIDE ENOUGH ONLY FOR ONE. >

< IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT THE LESSER MAN STEP ASIDE TO LET THE BETTER ONE PASS. >

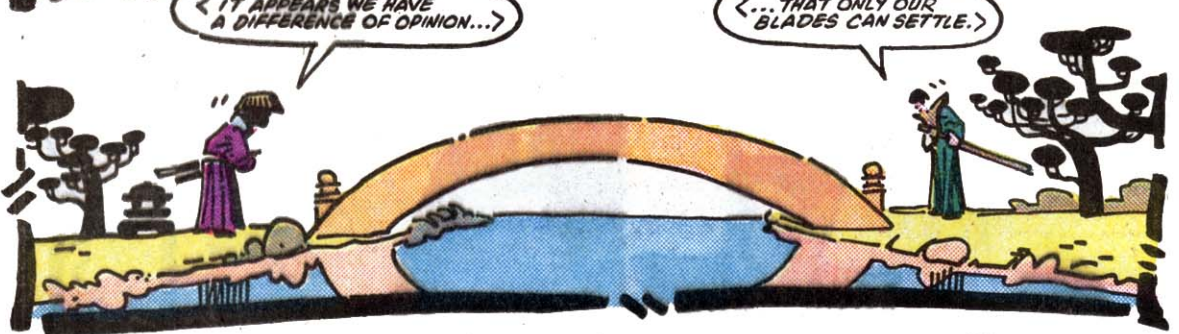
< AGREED, MY FRIEND. IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO DO SO... >

< ... I SHALL BE ON MY WAY. >



< IT APPEARS WE HAVE A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION... >

< ... THAT ONLY OUR BLADES CAN SETTLE. >



"OGUN THREW DOWN THE GAUNTLET..."



"...AND AS ONE, WITH BLINDING SPEED..."

"...TWO GLEAMING KATANAS LEAPT FROM THEIR LACQUERED SCABBARDS."





"FOR ONE MINUTE, THE MEN STOOD POISED, THEIR EYES LOCKED..."



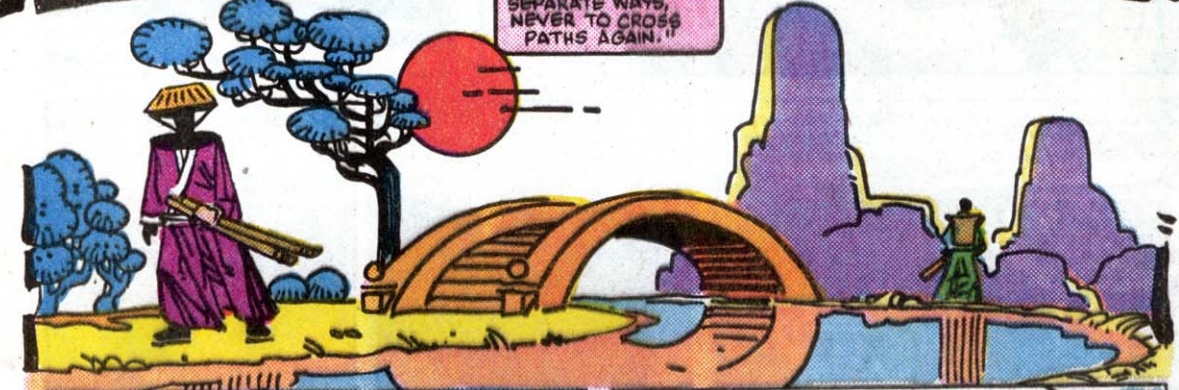
"... AND THEN..."

"... THEY SHEATHED THEIR STEEL..."



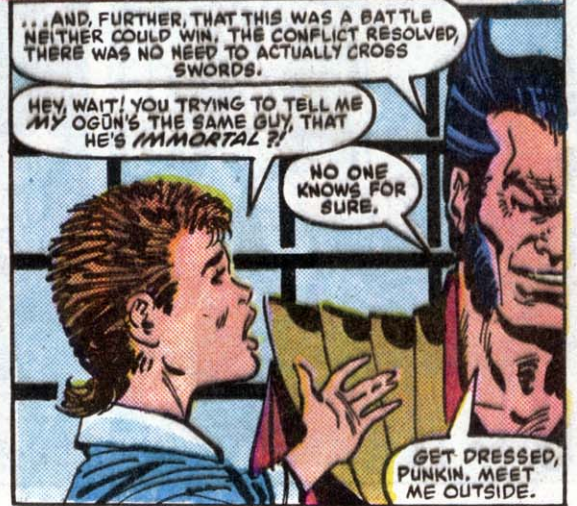
"... BOWED..."

"... AND WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS, NEVER TO CROSS PATHS AGAIN."



I DON'T GET IT.

THAT EYE CONTACT WAS THE DUEL, KITTEN, WHEN EACH TOOK THE FULL MEASURE OF HIS FOE AND REALIZED THAT THE OTHER WAS HIS EQUAL IN EVERY RESPECT...



... AND, FURTHER, THAT THIS WAS A BATTLE NEITHER COULD WIN. THE CONFLICT RESOLVED, THERE WAS NO NEED TO ACTUALLY CROSS SWORDS.

HEY, WAIT! YOU TRYING TO TELL ME MY OGDON'S THE SAME GUY, THAT HE'S IMMORTAL?!

NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE.

GET DRESSED, PUNKIN, MEET ME OUTSIDE.



IT'S A GARDEN.

VERY GOOD.

DON'T MAKE FUN, WOLVIE. I'M NOT IN THE MOOD.

SORRY, I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER.

TAKE AN HOUR AND THIS RAKE.



AND DO WHAT?

ANYTHING YOU LIKE.



I'LL BE BACK.

THIS IS SILLY.

DO AS YOU'RE TOLD.



< ARE YOU TOTALLY ROUND THE BLOODY BLUE BEND, LOVER?! IT'S BARELY A DAY SINCE SHE CUT YOU TO RIBBONS, YOU'RE INSANE TO BE OUT OF BED! >

IT'S GOT TO BE DONE, YUKIO. IF I DON'T ACT AT ONCE, IT'LL BE TOO LATE.



< IT ALREADY IS-- BUT YOU'RE TOO BLIND TO SEE! LOGAN-SAN, IF THE STORIES TOLD ABOUT OGUN ARE EVEN ONLY HALF-TRUE... >

< ... HIS HOOKS ARE SUNK SO DEEPLY INTO KITTY, SHE'LL NEVER BE FREE! >



< PERHAPS, BUT I HAVE TO TRY-- >

< -- FOR MY SAKE, AS MUCH AS HERS. >

YUKIO'S RIGHT--I FEEL WORN OUT, OLD --I'M PUSHING TOO HARD, TOO SOON. WHAT MAKES ME A MUTANT IS MY BODY'S ABILITY TO HEAL VIRTUALLY ANY WOUND, BUT IT NEEDS A DECENT CHANCE TO DO SO.

TROUBLE IS, KITTY NEEDS ME MORE.



HIYA, WOLVIE!



MEDITATING, KIDDO?

SEEMED LIKE THE THING TO DO, ONCE I WAS FINISHED.



WHADDYA THINK OF MY HANDIWORK?

NOT TOO SHABBY, HUH?

YOU TELL ME.

I THOUGHT I JUST DID.

REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU, GIRL --



-- LOOK AT IT!



THAT... ISN'T ME.

IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL-- IT'S PERFECTION.



THE IDEAL BLEND OF ELEMENTS.

THE KIND OF GARDEN A ZEN MASTER SPENDS A LIFETIME CRAFTING, IN MIND AS MUCH AS SUBSTANCE.

BUT NOT A TEEN-AGER FROM CHICAGO. I WOULDN'T--I SHOULDN'T--KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN.

WOLVERINE, WHAT DID OGUN DO TO ME?!!





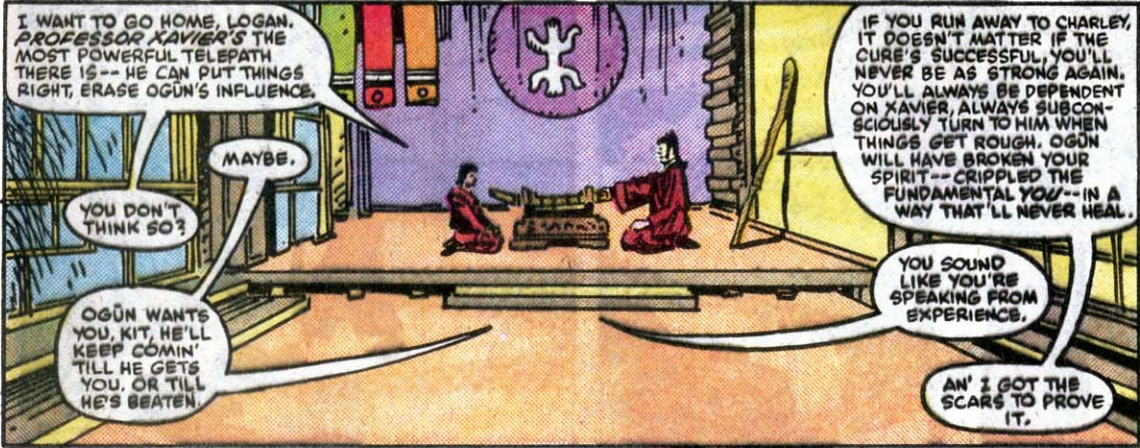
MAGIC-- OR SOME FORM OF PSI-POWERS. HE IMPRINTED HIS PSYCHE ONTO YOURS, CREATED A SORT OF PSYCHIC CLONE OF HIMSELF INSIDE YOUR SKULL. EVENTUALLY, IT'LL OVERWHELM YOUR PERSONALITY COMPLETELY.

YOU'LL HAVE THE FEATURES OF KITTY PRYDE-- YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MIMIC HER PERFECTLY-- BUT AT HEART, YOU'LL BE OGUN.

THIS PROCESS IS FORBIDDEN KNOWLEDGE. ONLY THE MOST GIFTED--OR CURSED--OF NIKKA MASTERS WERE REPUTED CAPABLE OF SUCH THINGS, AND THAT ONLY IN LEGEND.

BUT YOU SAID OGUN WAS A FIGURE OUT OF LEGEND.

YUP.



I WANT TO GO HOME, LOGAN. PROFESSOR XAVIER'S THE MOST POWERFUL TELEPATH THERE IS-- HE CAN PUT THINGS RIGHT, ERASE OGUN'S INFLUENCE.

MAYBE.

YOU DON'T THINK SO?

OGUN WANTS YOU, KIT, HE'LL KEEP COMIN' TILL HE GETS YOU. OR TILL HE'S BEATEN.

IF YOU RUN AWAY TO CHARLEY, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THE CURE'S SUCCESSFUL, YOU'LL NEVER BE AS STRONG AGAIN. YOU'LL ALWAYS BE DEPENDENT ON XAVIER, ALWAYS SUBCONSCIOUSLY TURN TO HIM WHEN THINGS GET ROUGH. OGUN WILL HAVE BROKEN YOUR SPIRIT-- CRIPPLED THE FUNDAMENTAL YOU--IN A WAY THAT'LL NEVER HEAL.

YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE.

AN' I GOT THE SCARS TO PROVE IT.



WHAT... WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

TAKE THIS.

IT'S THE HONOR SWORD OF CLAN YASHIDA, FORGED 800 YEARS AGO BY THE SUPREME SWORDSMITH MASAMUNE. THIS SACRED BLADE REPRESENTS ALL THAT IS BEST AND MOST NOBLE IN THE FAMILY--AND THE SAMURAI, THE LORD'S CHAMPION, WHO WIELDS IT. ME.



I WANT YOU TO HOLD IT...



...AT ARM'S LENGTH...



...FOR AS LONG...



...AS YOU CAN.



HOW... HOW MANY HOURS?

NOT EVEN FIVE MINUTES.

YOU'RE KIDDING?!!

NOPE.



WHAT'S THE POINT?!

TO HOLD IT UNTIL YOU'RE TOLD TO STOP, WITHOUT EFFORT OR STRAIN.

IMPOSSIBLE.



IF THAT'S WHAT YOU BELIEVE, GIRL, THEN IT ALWAYS WILL BE.

GIMME A BREAK!

YOU'RE TOO TALL-- AN' TOO DARN UGLY-- TO BE YODA.



NEXT MORNING, WE'RE UP BEFORE DAWN...

...HIKING ALONG THE RIDGE BEHIND THE HOUSE.

THE WATER LOOKS LOVELY, THIS HIGH IN THE MOUNTAINS, THOUGH, IT MUST BE BITTER COLD-- BRRRRR!



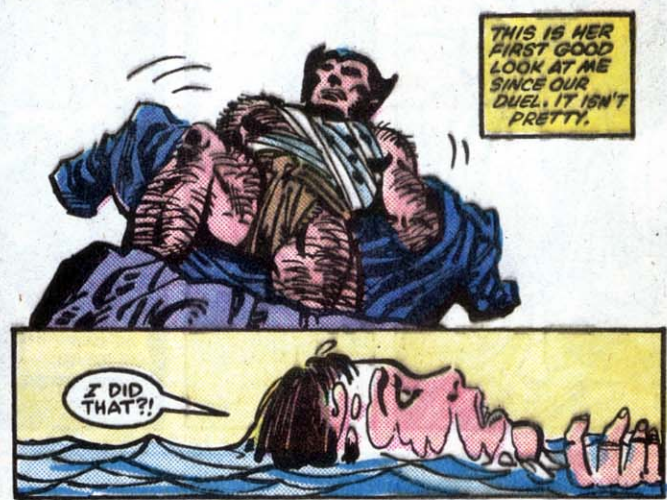
WHY NOT FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF?

BOZZ-WHUUU--!!



IT'S--FREEZING!!!

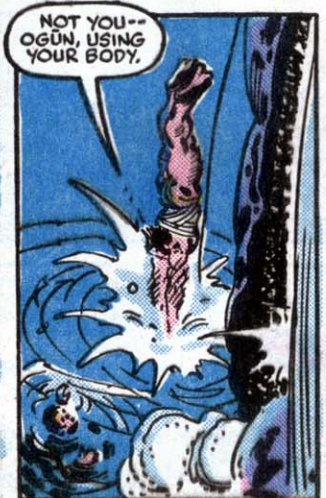
GASP?!E



THIS IS HER FIRST GOOD LOOK AT ME SINCE OUR DUEL. IT ISN'T PRETTY.



I DID THAT?!



NOT YOU-- OGUN, USING YOUR BODY.



NOW, QUIT BABBLING-- SWIM! I WANT YOU MATCHIN' ME STROKE FOR STROKE!

DAYS PASS.

WE BOTH GROW STRONGER--
KITTY STOPS HAVING NIGHT-
MARES ABOUT OGUN, OR AT
LEAST STOPS TELLIN' ME
ABOUT 'EM--



--BUT
THERE'S
STILL A
LONG
WAY TO
GO.



TRY AS THE KID
MIGHT...



...AS HARD
AS SHE CAN...



...SHE CAN'T
HOLD THE
SWORD.

I WONDER
IF SHE
EVER WILL.



MAYBE YUKIO WAS RIGHT.
BUT IF SHE IS, WHAT THEN?
I WON'T LET OGUN HAVE HER.

< LOGAN-- A
PHONE CALL,
FROM AMERICA,
PROFESSOR
XAVIER. >



HIYA,
CHARLEY.

I WAS WONDERIN' WHEN YOU'D
TRACK US DOWN. I ASSUME
THIS ISN'T A SOCIAL CALL.

NO, WE HAVEN'T BEEN
EASY TO FIND, THAT'S
DELIBERATE.

NO, I WON'T EXPLAIN.
THIS IS A PRIVATE
MATTER.

I'LL RESPECT YOUR JUDGE-
MENT, WOLVERINE-- FOR THE
PRESENT.

HOWEVER, THERE
HAVE BEEN SOME
SERIOUS DEVELOP-
MENTS HERE, IN-
VOLVING BOTH THE
X-MEN AND YOUR
FORMER COLLEAGUES
IN ALPHA
FLIGHT.



STORM HAS BEEN
AMBUSHED BY FEDER-
AL AGENTS. SHE WAS
STRUCK BY SOME
FORM OF ENERGY
WEAPON*--IT STRIPPED
HER OF ALL HER
POWERS, I FEAR
PERMANENTLY.

*IN X-MEN #185-- ANN.





WOLVIE, I HEARD-- I'M SORRY FOR...

CHANGE THE SUBJECT, KID.

I CRIED, TOO, Y'KNOW. STORM WAS MY FRIEND!

SHE'S TOUGH, SHE'LL SURVIVE-- YOU DO THE SAME.

SOME WEATHER, HUH? YUKIO SAYS IT'S SNOWING ALL OVER THE WORLD-- SOME SORT'A MAGIC THING INVOLVING THOR.*

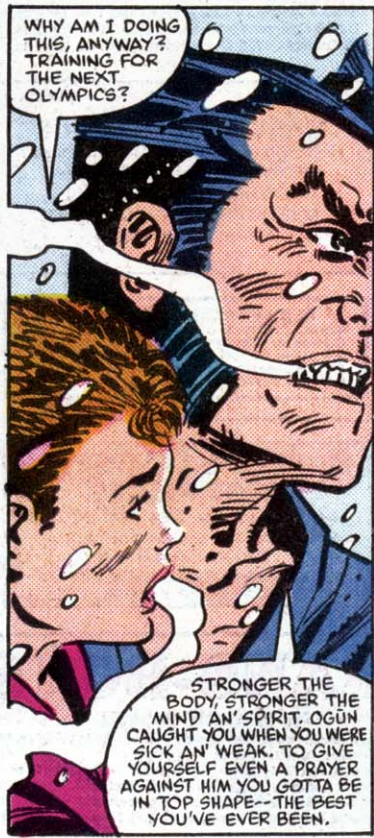
*THE CASKET OF ANCIENT WINTERS-- SEE RECENT ISSUES OF THOR FOR DETAILS-- AGAIN.



IT'S AWFUL COLD-- SNOWING HARDER, TOO-- MAYBE WE BETTER HEAD BACK?

ROAD'LL TAKE US HOME EVENTUALLY.

YEAH, SO LONG AS WE CAN SEE IT.



WHY AM I DOING THIS, ANYWAY? TRAINING FOR THE NEXT OLYMPICS?

STRONGER THE BODY, STRONGER THE MIND AN' SPIRIT. OGUN CAUGHT YOU WHEN YOU WERE SICK AN' WEAK. TO GIVE YOURSELF EVEN A PRAYER AGAINST HIM YOU GOTTA BE IN TOP SHAPE-- THE BEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN.



SUPPOSE, EVEN AFTER ALL THAT, I LOSE?

IF YOU GOT BREATH TO TALK, WE AIN'T RUNNIN' FAST ENOUGH.

SLAVE-DRIVER!

YOU CAN QUIT ANY-TIME, GIRL, IT'S NOTHIN' TO ME.



BA-- AIOUWWW!!



GIMME... A HAND.

YOU GOT TWO O'YOUR OWN.

MY ANKLE'S TWISTED-- WOLVIE, I'M HURT!

NO, YOU'RE NOT.

HELP ME!

HELP YOURSELF!

I TRIED, I REALLY TRIED. I'M TRYING NOW-- BUT I CAN'T GO ON.

THEN DON'T.

I'LL FREEZE HERE, LOGAN, I'LL DIE!

THEN GET UP.

I CAN'T!

YOU WON'T.

YOUR CHOICE, GIRL. LIVE OR DIE, STRUGGLE OR SURRENDER.

MAYBE IT'S BETTER THIS WAY-- JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES AND GO TO SLEEP-- A QUICK, CLEAN FINISH RATHER THAN A LIFE-TIME SPENT SCARED STIFF THAT OGU'LL COME TO CLAIM YOU..

IT ISN'T FAIR!

NEVER IS.

NOT FOR STORM, NOT FOR JAMIE-- WHAT MADE YOU THINK THINGS'D BE DIFFERENT FOR YOU?

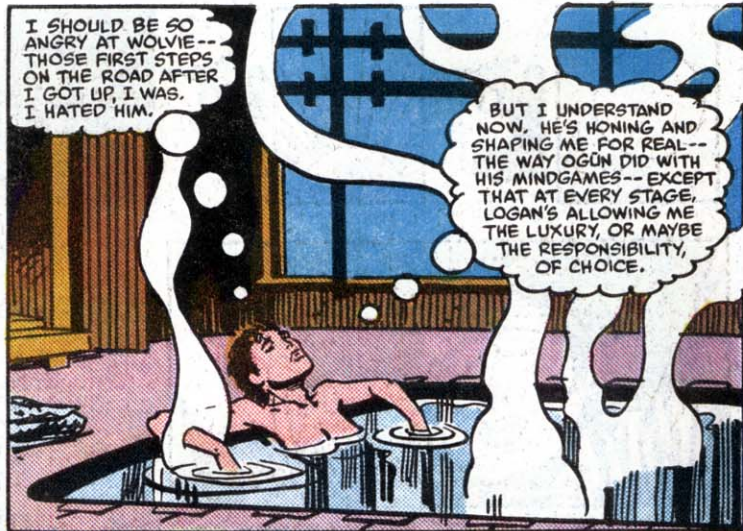
THE TRICK IS TAKING THE HAND YOU'RE DEALT AN' WINNING ANYWAY. IT'S A DECISION ONLY YOU CAN MAKE, KATHERINE, THE MOST IMPORTANT YOU'LL EVER FACE...

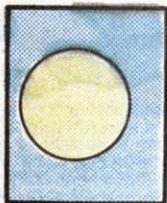
...THE ONLY ONE THAT MATTERS.

WOLVERINE!!!

PLEASE!



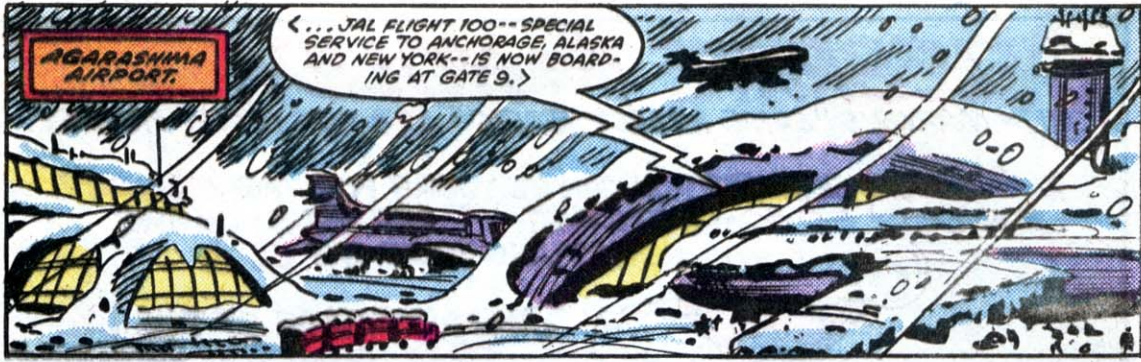




I WON, WOLVIE.

BUT I'VE LOST, AS WELL.

GOOD-BYE.



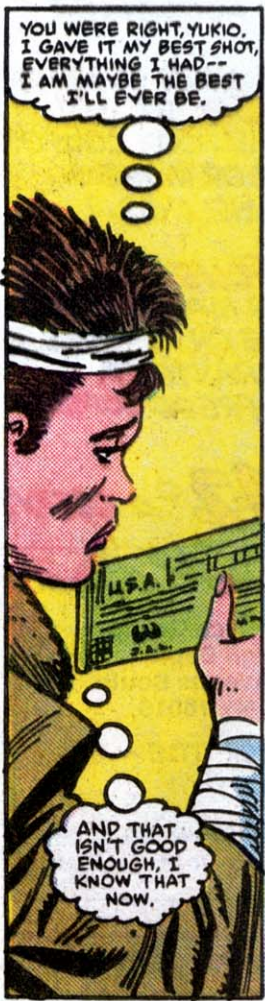
AGARASHIMA AIRPORT.

<... JAL FLIGHT 100-- SPECIAL SERVICE TO ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AND NEW YORK-- IS NOW BOARDING AT GATE 9.>



< AIR NIPPON 5618 SERVICE TO TOKYO IS NOW BOARDING AT GATE 17.>

THIS TIME TOMORROW, I'LL BE WITH THE X-MEN, AND WITH LUCK, THE PROF'LL BE ABLE TO WORK ONE OF HIS PATENTED MINOR MIRACLES.



YOU WERE RIGHT, YUKIO. I GAVE IT MY BEST SHOT, EVERYTHING I HAD-- I AM MAYBE THE BEST I'LL EVER BE.

AND THAT ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH, I KNOW THAT NOW.



OR... IS IT JUST THAT I'M SCARED? NO LAW AGAINST THAT.

BUT IS THIS A SENSIBLE, LOGICAL DECISION-- OR AM I SIMPLY RUNNING AWAY?



LIKE I DID WHEN PETER AND I BROKE UP, AND WHEN I LEARNED THE "TRUTH" ABOUT DAD. HE WAS AT THE YASHIDA HOUSE BUT I HAVEN'T SAID A WORD TO HIM. HE CARED, HE WANTED TO HELP, BUT I WOULDN'T LET HIM.

I PRETENDED HE DIDN'T EXIST.

HE HURT ME, THAT WAS MY WAY OF HURTING BACK.



SO WHAT IF THE X-MEN CAN PROTECT ME FROM OGUN-- HOW DO I HIDE FROM MYSELF?

THE IMPORTANT THING ISN'T ERASING HIS INFLUENCE, IT'S FACING HIM-- AND THROUGH HIM, MY FEAR OF HIM.

THAT'S WHAT HAS TO BE BEATEN-- AND THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE, ONE WAY, TO DO IT.

NEXT: **COURAGE**