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«SO-- THE PUPIL AT LAST THINKS HIMSELF THE EQUAL OF HIS MASTER.»

YUP.

WOLVIE, NO! DON'T!

SHUT UP,  
KID. STAY  
OUTTA  
THIS.

OGÜN AND I FACE OFF...

... AN' I REMEMBER THE STORY I TOLD KITTY, ABOUT THE DAY HE MET MIYAMOTO MUSASHI-- THE GREATEST SWORDSMAN IN JAPANESE HISTORY-- ON A BRIDGE TOO NARROW FOR BOTH MEN TO CROSS TOGETHER.

THE LESSER SAMURAI WOULD  
HAVE TO GIVE WAY, TO LET  
HIS BETTER PASS.

BUT NEITHER STEPPED ASIDE.

INSTEAD, THEY DREW SWORDS.

FOR ONE MINUTE, THEY STOOD  
WITH EYES LOCKED--

-- EACH TAKING  
THE FULL  
MEASURE OF  
HIS FOE...

-- REALIZING  
AT THE LAST,  
THAT THEY  
WERE IN  
EVERY  
RESPECT,  
EQUALS.

THIS TEST OF WILLS HAD BEEN THEIR DUEL,  
WHEREIN THEY LEARNED THIS WAS A  
BATTLE NEITHER COULD WIN.

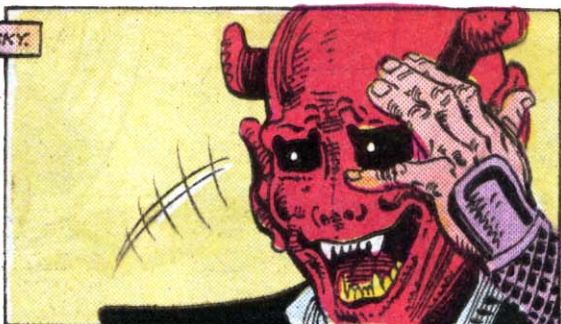
AND SO, THEY SHEATHED  
THEIR BLADES AND WENT  
THEIR SEPARATE WAYS.

NOW IT'S MY TURN.

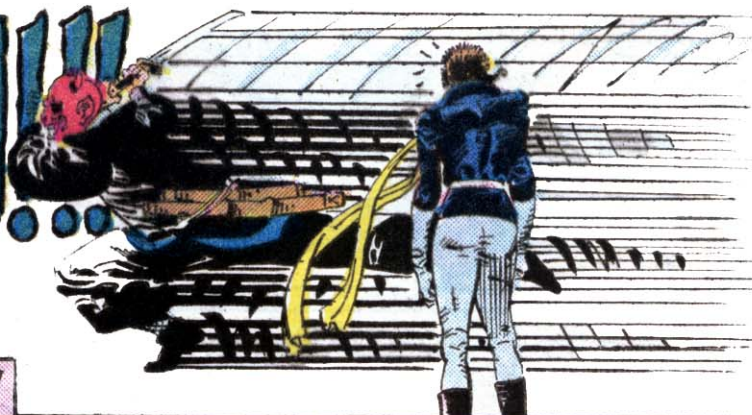




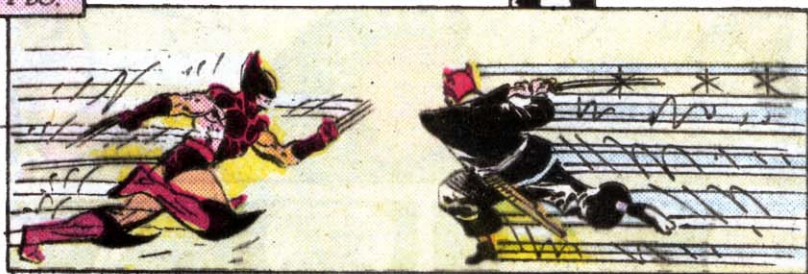
I'M NOT SO LUCKY.



KIAIIIIII!!!

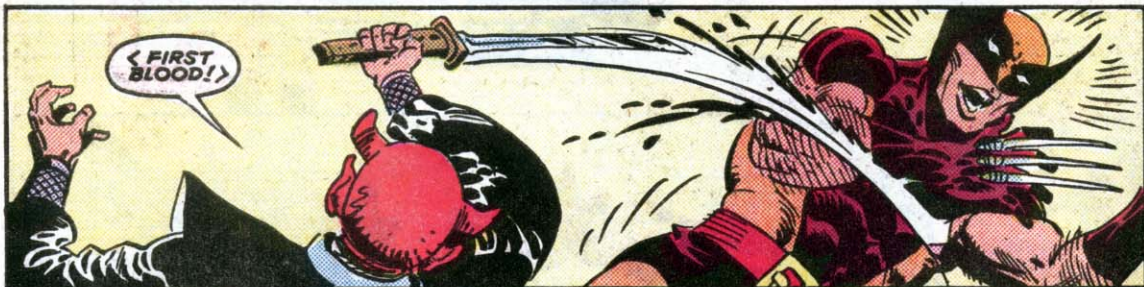
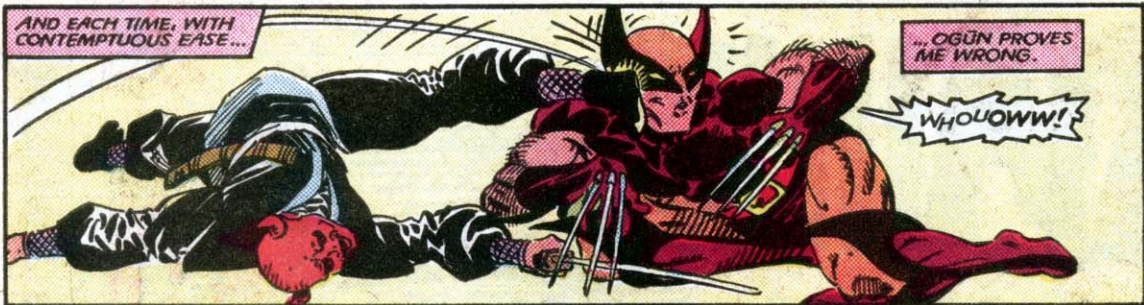
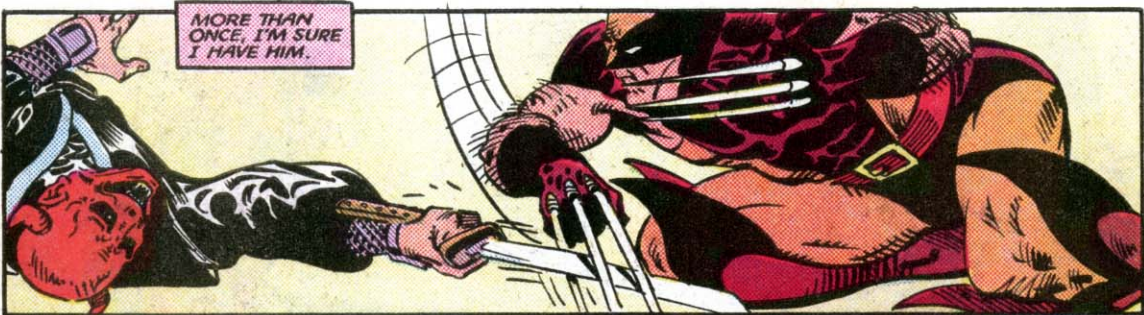


I'M THE BEST  
THERE IS AT  
WHAT I DO.



TONIGHT, THAT  
ISN'T GOOD  
ENOUGH.







MY GAMBLE IS THAT HE'LL FIGURE KITTY'S SO DONE IN SHE'S NO LONGER A THREAT-- SOMEONE HE CAN TAKE FOR GRANTED.

LOGAN--!?!

HE'LL LEAVE HER, TO CONCENTRATE ON ME.

IF I'VE GUESSED WRONG, I'VE JUST KILLED HER.

MY BEING RIGHT MAY NOT CHANGE THAT.

< I WILL RETURN, O CHILD WHO IS THE MIRROR OF MY SOUL, BEARING YOUR CHAMPION'S HEAD! >

< I TRUST, KITTY-CHAN, YOU WILL WAIT. FLEEING, HIDING, WILL NO MORE SAVE YOU THAN HIM! >

LOGAN???

HE'S GONE-- THEY'RE BOTH GONE-- BUT WHERE??!

DARN YOU, WOLVERINE, WHY DID YOU HAVE TO INTERFERE?! IT WAS HARD ENOUGH FACING MY OWN DEATH, I CAN'T BEAR TO HAVE YOURS ON MY CONSCIENCE AS WELL!

BUT WHAT CAN I DO?! WHEN I WAS IN TIP-TOP SHAPE, OGUN MADE MINCEMEAT OF ME. NOW, I'M SO BEAT I CAN BARELY STAND, MUCH LESS FIGHT.

THAT NOISE--

9-- A CAR, PULLING UP IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING! IT'S SO FAR AWAY-- AND SO DARK-- I CAN'T TELL WHOSE IT IS. I HOPE IT'S HELP, ME AND WOLVIE NEED ALL WE CAN GET!

SCREEEE!

<YUKIO!>

<LADY MARIKO!>

<WE'RE AFTER WOLVERINE!>

<MY BELOVED-- HERE?! AKIKO AND I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM, ONLY KITTY PRYDE, AND SHE WAS DEFENDING US FROM THE NINJA SORCERER, OGUN!>

<BLAST, WE'RE TOO LATE! THAT'S WHAT LOGAN WAS MOST AFRAID OF!>

MISS YUKIO, WHAT'S SHE SAYING?! I HEARD MY DAUGHTER'S NAME, IS EVERYTHING OKAY?!



<WHO IS THE AMERICAN?>

<KITTY'S FATHER, CARMEN PRYDE. HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE YAKUZA OYABUN, SHIGEMATSU, IS WHAT BROUGHT THE GIRL TO JAPAN. SHE FELL INTO OGUN'S HANDS AND HE USED HIS FOUL MAGICKS TO TRY TO REPLACE HER SOUL WITH HIS OWN-- AS A MEANS OF PROLONGING HIS LIFE IN A YOUNG, VITAL BODY.>

<UNDER OGUN'S INFLUENCE, KITTY NEARLY MURDERED WOLVERINE.>

=GASP!>

<LOGAN WAS ABLE TO BREAK OGUN'S HOLD ON HER-- BUT SHE FELT SHE HAD TO PROVE THAT TO HERSELF, BY CONFRONTING OGUN\*-->  
PRYDE, WHAT THE DEVIL?!!

LOOK OUT!!

\* A REALLY CONCISE RECAP OF THE LAST FIVE ISSUES-- AnnN.

<SO, WILD ONE, WE MEET AGAIN.>

<SHUMAI!!>

<IT GLADDENS ME THAT MY LITTLE ROCKET DID NO HARM, LADY RONIN. I WANT THE PLEASURE OF TEARING YOU LIMB FROM LIMB MYSELF.>

<MY MASTER, SHIGEMATSU-SAMA, WISHES THE YASHIDA WOMAN, MARIKO, SLAIN. WITH HER ELIMINATED, HE WILL BE LEFT AS THE PREEMINENT RULER OF THE YAKUZA CLANS, ABSOLUTE CRIMELORD OF JAPAN. THE GAIJIN PIG, PRYDE, WAS TO BE SPARED-->

<-- BUT, REGRETTABLY, AN ACCIDENT WILL HAPPEN. IN THE CONFUSION, HE TOO WILL PERISH.>

<NOT WHILE I HAVE BREATH TO STOP YOU, ASSASSIN.>

<I WAS DEARLY HOPING YOU'D SAY THAT.>

<IT IS YOUR DEATH I LOOK FORWARD TO MOST OF ALL.>



THAT FAT BLIMP'S SHUMAI--  
SHIGEMATSU'S BODYGUARD!  
AND THE OTHERS--LIT BY  
THE GLOW OF THE FIRE--

--YUKIO, LADY MARIKO  
AND HER FOSTER  
DAUGHTER, AND MY  
DAD!

I CAN'T STAY  
ON THE ROOF--  
THEY AND WOLVIE  
NEED ME! BUT  
HOW DO I REACH  
THEM?! THE  
ELEVATOR'LL  
TAKE TOO  
LONG!

WHILE WE  
FOUGHT, OGUN  
DRUGGED ME,  
SO I COULDN'T  
PHASE.\* I  
DON'T FEEL AS  
GROGGY AS I  
DID THEN,  
MAYBE IT'S  
WEARING OFF.

GREAT! I  
CAN PHASE  
THROUGH THE  
RETAINING  
WALL!

\*LAST ISH--A.

NOW, IF I  
CAN ONLY  
AIR

DON'T PANIC!

IT'S 60  
STORIES TO  
THE STREET,  
PLENTY OF  
TIME. JUST  
RELAX AND  
CONCENTRATE.  
EASY AS PIE!

HEY, I  
THINK IT  
IS OKAY, I  
CAN FEEL IT--  
MY POWER'S  
HAVING AN  
EFFECT, I'M  
STARTING TO  
SLOW!

WHOOPS???

AIYAH!!?

<SURPRISE, PORKY!  
WHAT'S'A MATTER,  
YOU NEVER SEEN  
A TEEN-AGE  
ALL-AMERICAN  
GHOST BEFORE?>

<KITTY!>

HIIYA,  
YUKIO!

BYE,  
YUKIO!

<AN ENTRANCE  
AFTER MY  
OWN HEART,  
KO-NEKO-SAN.>

ANYTIME.

BUT I'M NOT A KITTEN ANY-  
MORE, YUKIO-- I'M **SHADOWCAT!**



MY LORD-- KITTY, I  
THOUGHT YOU WERE  
DEAD FOR SURE!

HOW COULD  
ANYONE  
SURVIVE A  
FALL LIKE  
THAT?!

PRACTICE MAKES  
PERFECT, DADDY.

NEED  
A HAND,  
YUKIO?

APPRECIATE THE  
THOUGHT, KIDDO.

BUT I'M  
DOING...

**SPAK!**

...JUST  
FINE...

... ON  
MY  
OWN.

**THUD!**

KITTY, WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.  
I'LL SEE YOU ALL LATER.

I HOPE.

NO! HAVEN'T  
YOU LEARNED  
YET?! YOU DON'T  
HAVE A PRAYER  
AGAINST OGUN!

HAVEN'T YOU  
LEARNED YET,  
DAD-- WOLVIE'S  
RISKING EVERY-  
THING FOR ME.

I OWE  
HIM THE  
SAME  
CHANCE.



THEY SAY THIS IS THE MOST POPULAR GAME IN JAPAN.

# PACHINKO

ANY HOUR, DAY OR NIGHT, A BIG CITY PACHINKO PARLOR'S ALWAYS JUMPING.

I FIGURED MY BEST BET WAS TO LOSE MYSELF IN A CROWD.

IF THAT WAS RIGHT-- IF THIS WAS MY BEST HOPE--

--I'M IN A WHOLE LOT OF TROUBLE.

< HEY! WHADDYA DOING BUSTING UP MY PLACE?!>

< Tsk, tsk, tsk-- HONORED PROPRIETOR, WERE YOU NOT AWARE-->

<-- THAT SUCH WEAPONS ARE ILLEGAL IN OUR LAND?>

< WHY, ONE MIGHT ALMOST BELIEVE WE ARE IN THE WILD WEST!>

PHOOM  
PHOOM  
PHOOM

GUN'S A .44 MAGNUM--

-- AND FROM THE SOUND OF THE BULLETS, THEY'RE TEFLON-COATED ARMOR-PERCCERS. AS DEADLY AS THEY COME.

LUCKY FOR ME, MY BONES ARE LACED WITH ADAMANTIUM-- THE STRONGEST METAL KNOWN-- THEY CAN'T BE BROKEN.

MY CLAWS ARE FORGED OF THE PURE STUFF.

THERE'S NOTHING THEY CAN'T CUT...





...PROVIDED I  
MAKE CONTACT.

HE KNEW I  
WAS THERE--  
HE SET ME  
UP!

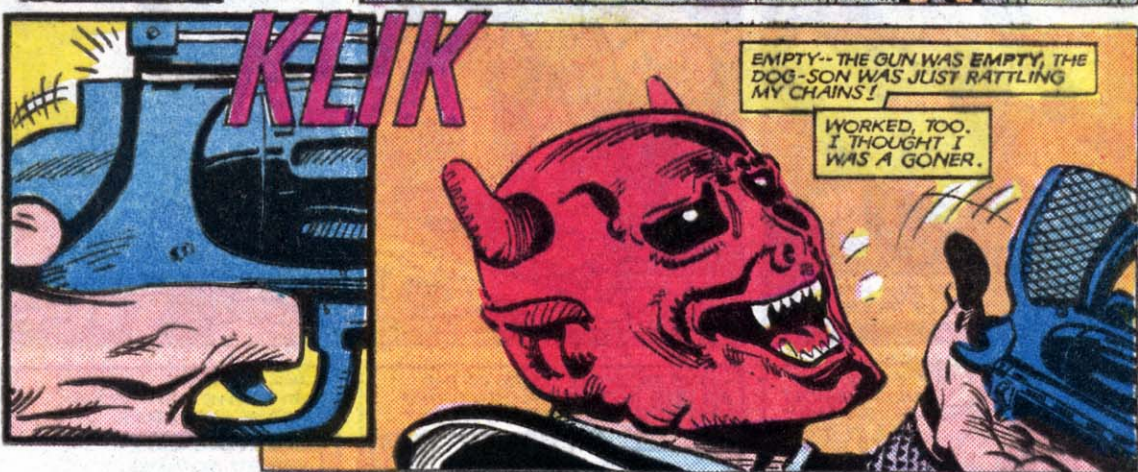
AN' HE'S FASTER'N EVER,  
FASTER'N ME.



WHAT MAKES ME A MUTANT IS MY  
BODY'S FAST-HEALING ABILITY. WITH  
IT, I CAN SURVIVE ALMOST ANY  
POISON, DISEASE OR WOUND.

OGUN  
KNOWS  
THAT.

HIS BULLET WON'T KILL, BUT A WELL-PLACED SHOT'LL  
KAYO ME LONG ENOUGH FOR HIM TO FINISH THE JOB.



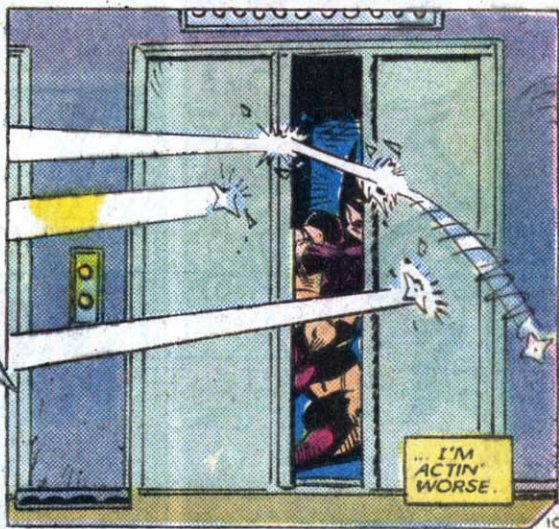
EMPTY-- THE GUN WAS EMPTY, THE  
DOG-SON WAS JUST RATTLING  
MY CHAINS!

WORKED, TOO.  
I THOUGHT I  
WAS A GONER.

CUTE. WHEN I FOLLOWED KITTY TO JAPAN, I WAS  
ANNOYED AT THE WAY SHE BLUNDERED ABOUT LIKE  
A RANK AMATEUR. FIGURED I TAUGHT HER  
BETTER'N THAT.



BAD AS SHE  
WAS, THOUGH...



I'M  
ACTIN'  
WORSE.



I START  
SHAKIN',  
AS MY  
BODY  
TUMBLES  
INTO  
FIRST-  
STAGE  
SHOCK.

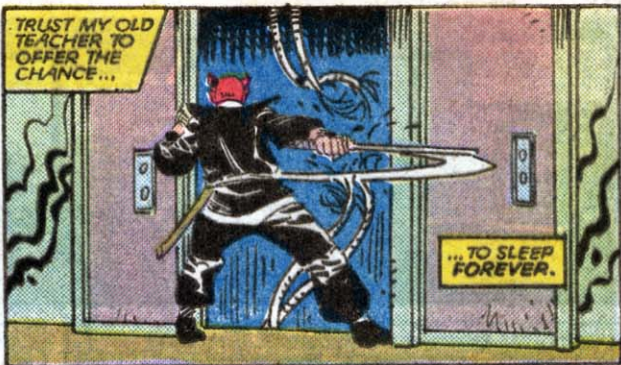
SMALL WONDER. OGŪN'S HIT  
WOULD'VE BLOWN THE SHOULDER  
OFF A NORMAL MAN. AS IT IS, I'LL  
BE SORE FOR QUITE A WHILE.

I WANT  
TO SLEEP.



TRUST MY OLD  
TEACHER TO  
OFFER THE  
CHANCE...

...TO SLEEP  
FOREVER.



HE CUTS THE CABLES  
HOLDING THE COUNTER-  
WEIGHTS.

THE CAR DROPS  
LIKE A RUNA-  
WAY ROCKET.



I PUNCH THE  
EMERGENCY STOP.

THE BRAKES,  
BLESS 'EM,  
HOLD.

BUT THE STRAIN TEARS THE  
STEEL FRAME LIKE PAPER.  
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF  
SECONDS BEFORE THE CAR  
STARTS FALLING AGAIN.

THE ANIMAL IN ME WANTS TO  
QUIT-- WHY MAKE ALL THIS  
EFFORT? NO MATTER WHAT I  
DO, THIS'LL END THE SAME.  
OGŪN'S GOT ME BEAT.



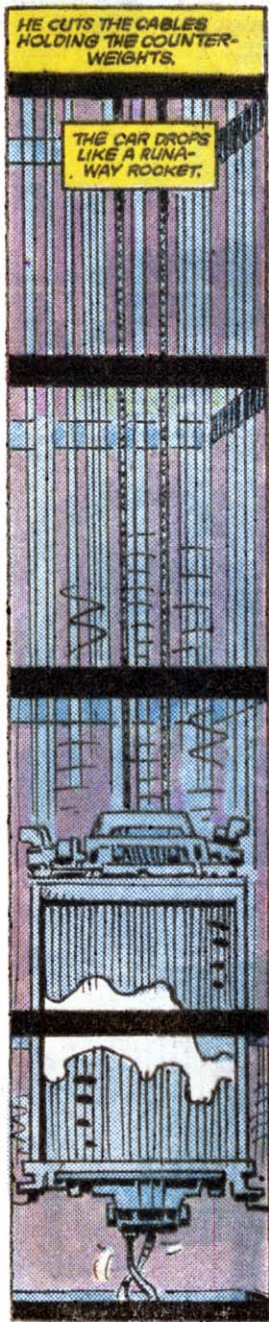
ONCE, I WOULD'VE LISTENED,

THING IS, I'M  
A MAN NOW.

I HOPE OGŪN'S WATCHING FROM  
BELOW. MAYBE I'LL GET LUCKY AN'  
THE CAR'LL SQUISH HIM.

AND TOO DARN  
STUBBORN TO QUIT.

HAH!

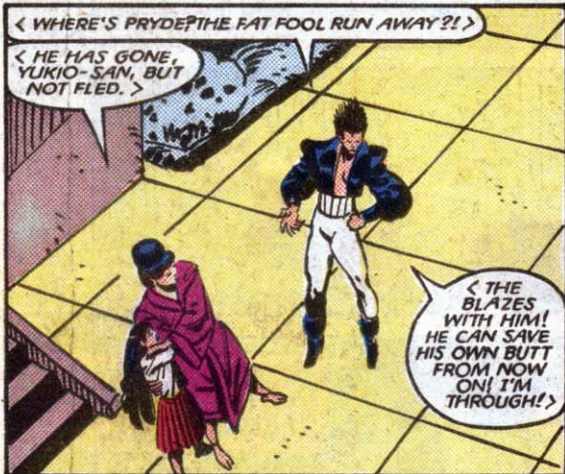






TOP FLOOR,  
EVERYBODY  
OUT.

AS GOOD A PLACE  
AS ANY FOR A  
LAST STAND.



< WHERE'S PRYDE THE FAT FOOL RUN AWAY? >

< HE HAS GONE,  
YUKIO-SAN, BUT  
NOT FLED. >

< THE  
BLAZES  
WITH HIM!  
HE CAN SAVE  
HIS OWN BUTT  
FROM NOW ON!  
I'M  
THROUGH! >



< WHY ARE YOU SO HARSH? HE IS NOT AN  
EVIL MAN, HE DESERVES BETTER AT  
THE HANDS OF HIS FRIENDS. >

< HE DESERVES,  
LADY, PRECISELY  
WHAT I GIVE  
HIM. >

< NOTHING. >

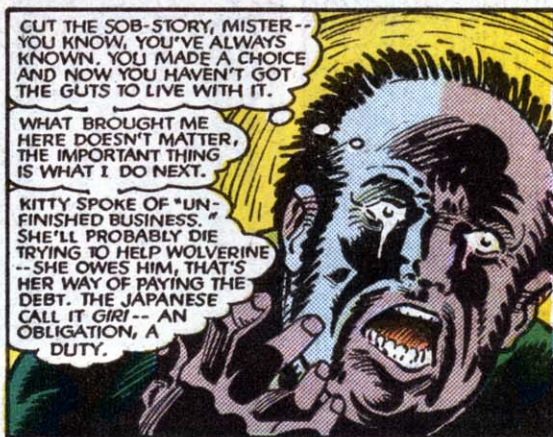
< LET'S GET OUT  
OF HERE, WE'VE A  
SAFE HOUSE TO FIND. >



I'M JUMPING AT SHADOWS-- I SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT  
YUKIO, BUT I COULDN'T STAY ANY LONGER. I'M SO SCARED,  
I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO OR WHAT TO DO, EVERY  
SECOND I EXPECT TO MEET A MAN WITH A GUN.

I ALMOST WISH  
I WOULD, IF ONLY TO  
END THE SUSPENSE.

HOW COULD THIS HAVE  
HAPPENED, WHAT DID  
I DO TO DESERVE IT?!!



CUT THE SOB-STORY, MISTER--  
YOU KNOW, YOU'VE ALWAYS  
KNOWN, YOU MADE A CHOICE  
AND NOW YOU HAVEN'T GOT  
THE GUTS TO LIVE WITH IT.

WHAT BROUGHT ME  
HERE DOESN'T MATTER,  
THE IMPORTANT THING  
IS WHAT I DO NEXT.

KITTY SPOKE OF "UN-  
FINISHED BUSINESS."  
SHE'LL PROBABLY DIE  
TRYING TO HELP WOLVERINE  
-- SHE OWES HIM, THAT'S  
HER WAY OF PAYING THE  
DEBT. THE JAPANESE  
CALL IT GIRI-- AN  
OBLIGATION, A  
DUTY.



EVERY ACTION HAS  
CONSEQUENCES AND  
AN HONORABLE  
MAN TAKES  
RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR HIS DEEDS.  
OR HE DOESN'T,  
AND IS NEITHER  
HONORABLE  
NOR A MAN.

THE CHOICE  
IS THAT  
SIMPLE...

... AND THAT HARD.

Oh, KITTY, MY  
DARLING, LOVELY  
GIRL, I WISH I HAD  
A FRACTION OF  
YOUR COURAGE.

MAY I HELP YOU, SIR?



I... NO, NOBODY  
CAN. IT'S SOME-  
THING ONLY  
I CAN DO.

BEG  
PARDON,  
SIR?

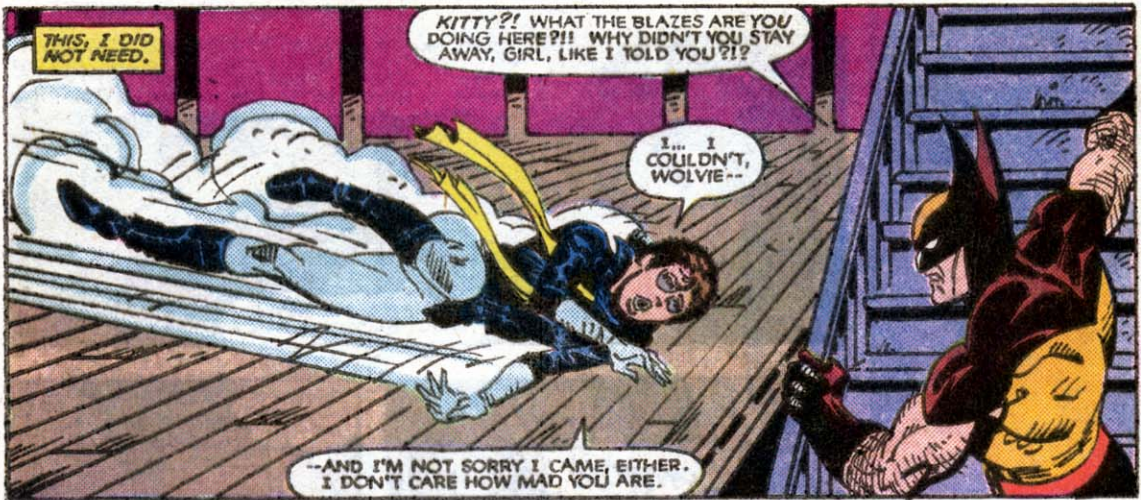
MAY I SPEAK WITH SOMEONE  
FROM THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT,  
PLEASE, AND A TREASURY  
OFFICER AS WELL.

I KNOW IT'S  
VERY LATE,  
BUT I'D LIKE  
TO REPORT A  
CRIME.





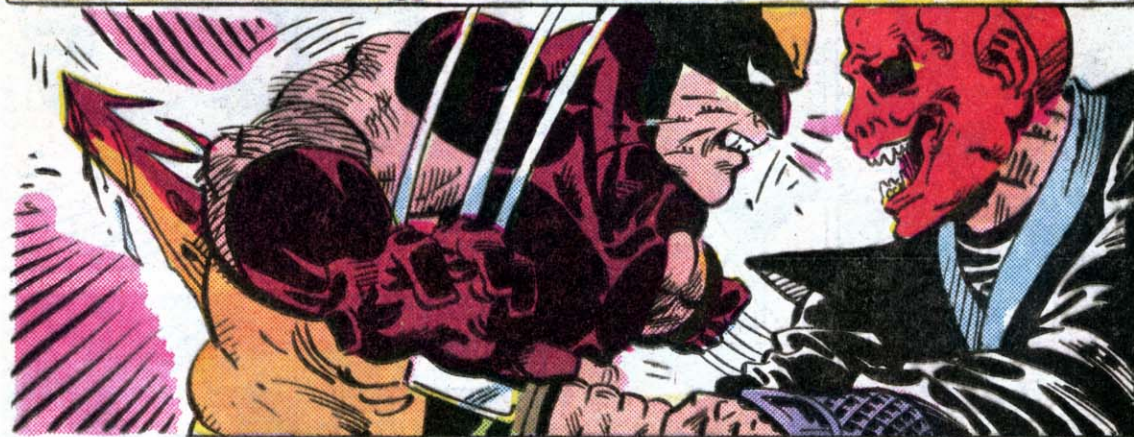








SO BE IT.



OUR  
EYES  
MEET.



OUR  
WILLS  
CROSS.

FOR THE  
LAST TIME.

I SMILE.

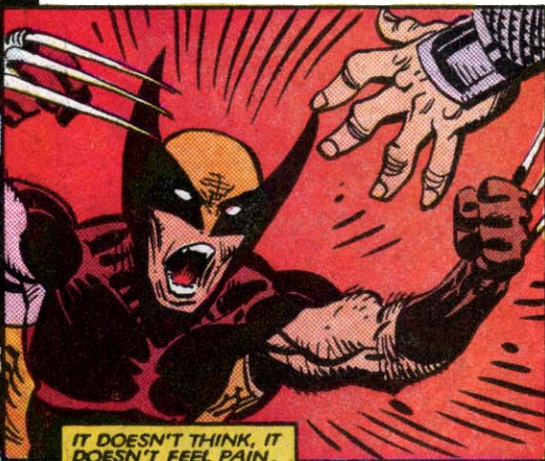


AND GO BERSERK.

THERE'S A PART OF ME THAT  
FEW PEOPLE SEE AND LIVE  
TO TELL THE TALE.



IT'S THE  
PART I CAN'T  
CONTROL  
THE PART  
THAT'S TRULY  
CRAZY.



IT DOESN'T THINK, IT  
DOESN'T FEEL PAIN.



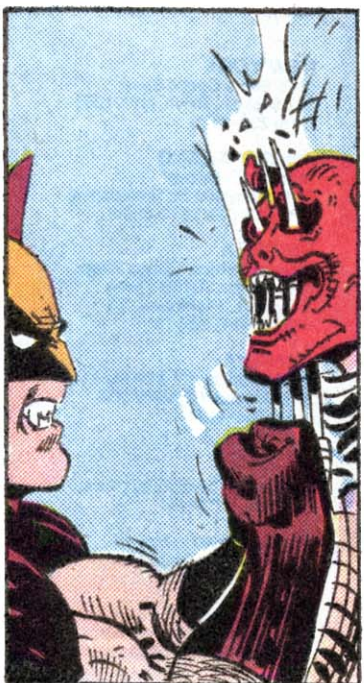
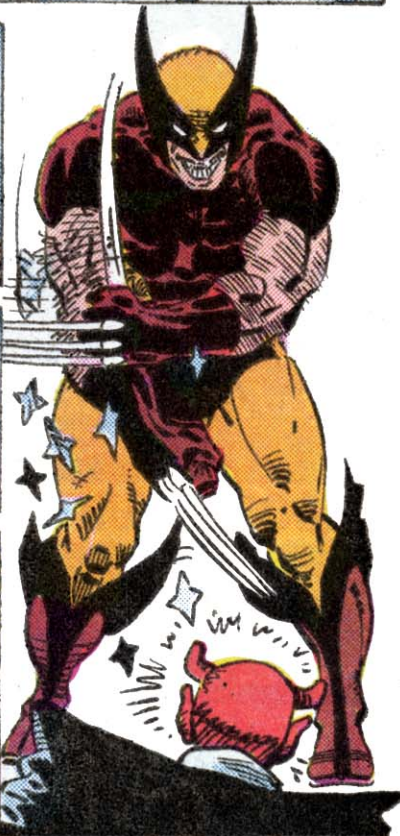
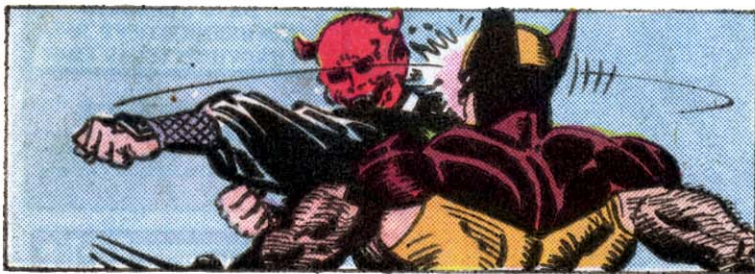
IT KILLS.

AND ONCE IT'S  
LOOSE, IT DOESN'T  
STOP TILL I'M  
DEAD--OR  
EV'RYONE ELSE  
IS.

HE FIGHTS WITH ALL HIS HEART AND DEMON'S  
SOUL, BUT FROM THE LAST MOMENT OUR EYES  
MET WE BOTH KNEW HE WAS BEATEN. THAT  
TEST OF WILLS WAS THE REAL BATTLE--AND  
I HAD WON.



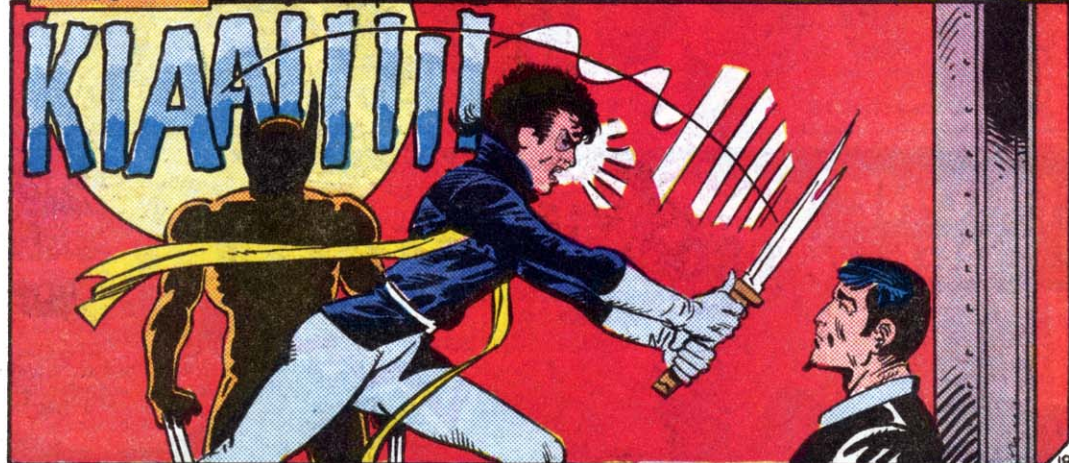
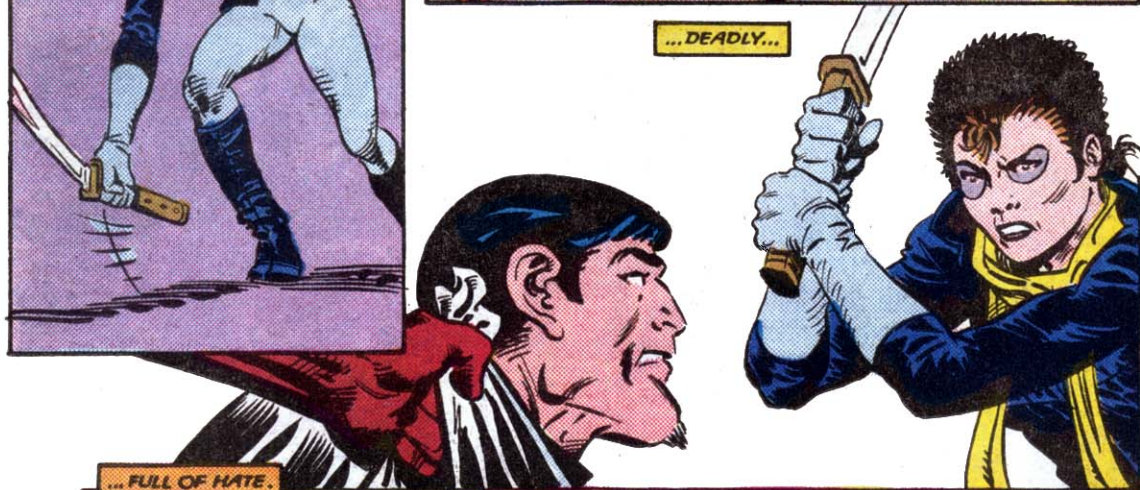




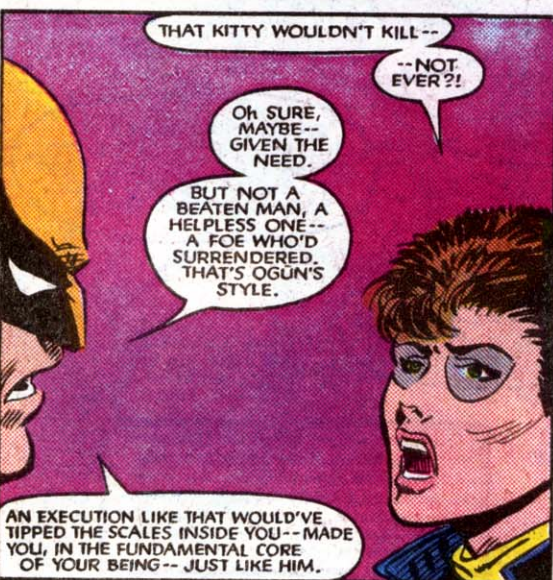
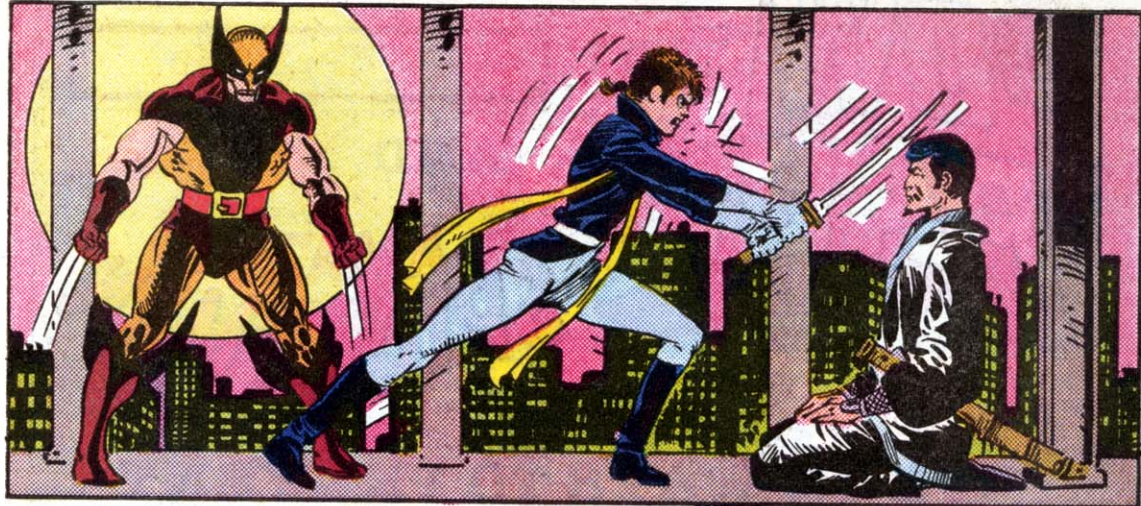




... DEADLY ...











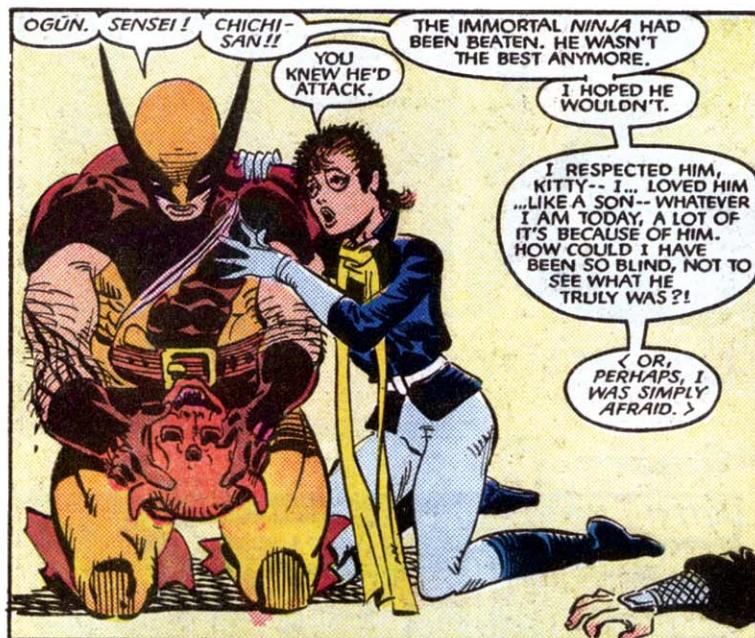




HE FORGOT ABOUT MY BONES.

HIS CUT ONLY WENT SKIN DEEP.

MINE DIDN'T.



OGUN. SENSEI! CHICHI-SAN!!

YOU KNEW HE'D ATTACK.

THE IMMORTAL NINJA HAD BEEN BEATEN. HE WASN'T THE BEST ANYMORE.

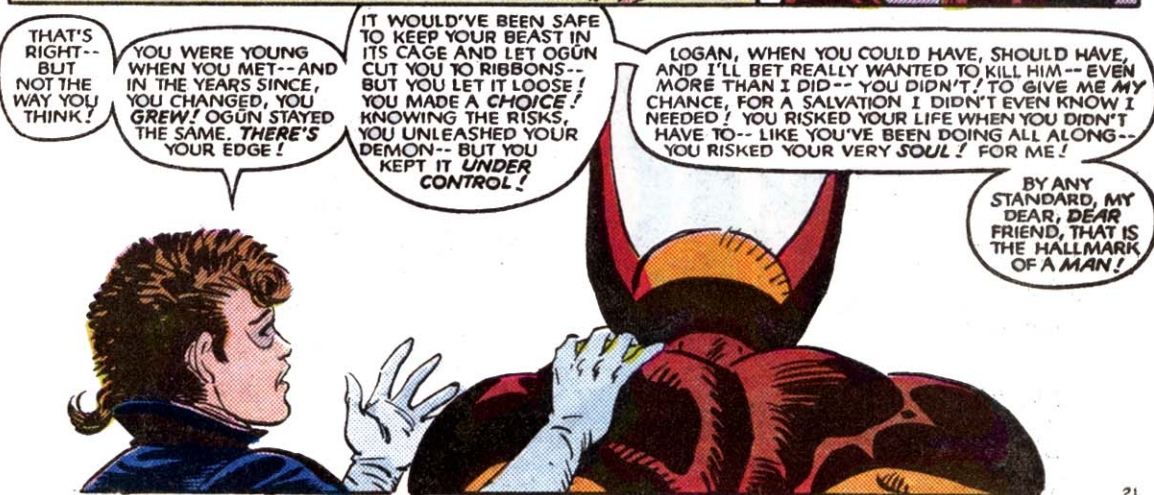
I HOPED HE WOULDN'T.

I RESPECTED HIM, KITTY-- I... LOVED HIM... LIKE A SON-- WHATEVER I AM TODAY, A LOT OF IT'S BECAUSE OF HIM. HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO BLIND, NOT TO SEE WHAT HE TRULY WAS?!

< OR, PERHAPS, I WAS SIMPLY AFRAID. >

< AND WAS IT OGUN I FEARED-- OR MYSELF? THE MAN HADN'T A PRAYER, IT TOOK THE ANIMAL-- THE PSYCHO-KILLER-- TO BRING HIM DOWN. >

< WHOSE VICTORY WAS THIS, I WONDER? HE'S DEAD-- BUT I'M FACE TO FACE WITH MY TRUE SELF. >



THAT'S RIGHT-- BUT NOT THE WAY YOU THINK!

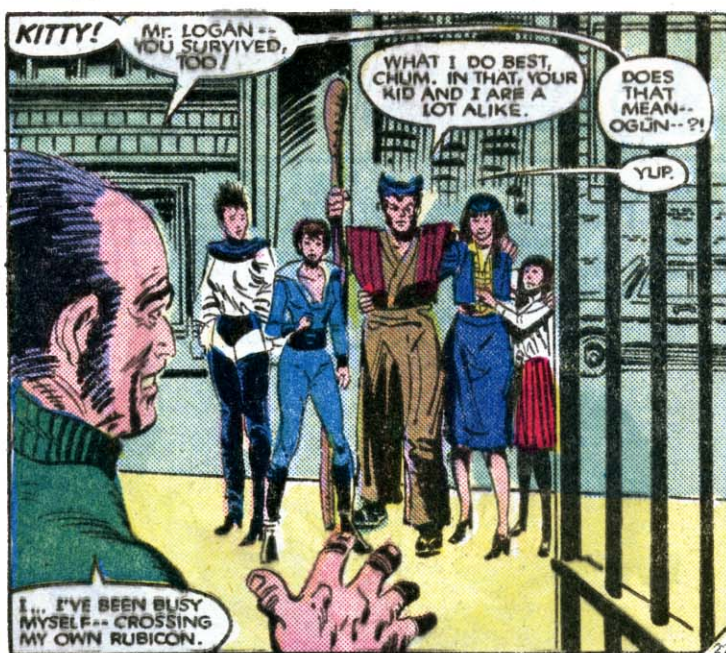
YOU WERE YOUNG WHEN YOU MET-- AND IN THE YEARS SINCE, YOU CHANGED, YOU GREW! OGUN STAYED THE SAME. THERE'S YOUR EDGE!

IT WOULD'VE BEEN SAFE TO KEEP YOUR BEAST IN ITS CAGE AND LET OGUN CUT YOU TO RIBBONS-- BUT YOU LET IT LOOSE! YOU MADE A CHOICE! KNOWING THE RISKS, YOU UNLEASHED YOUR DEMON-- BUT YOU KEPT IT UNDER CONTROL!

LOGAN, WHEN YOU COULD HAVE, SHOULD HAVE, AND I'LL BET REALLY WANTED TO KILL HIM-- EVEN MORE THAN I DID-- YOU DIDN'T! TO GIVE ME MY CHANCE, FOR A SALVATION I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I NEEDED! YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO-- LIKE YOU'VE BEEN DOING ALL ALONG-- YOU RISKED YOUR VERY SOUL! FOR ME!

BY ANY STANDARD, MY DEAR, DEAR FRIEND, THAT IS THE HALLMARK OF A MAN!









I'VE BEEN WITH FEDERAL AGENTS, TELLING THEM EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT SHIGEMATSU'S AMERICAN OPERATION. WITH A LITTLE LUCK, I MAY JUST HAVE PUT HIM OUT OF BUSINESS.

I DIDN'T CUT ANY DEALS--OR ASK FOR IMMUNITY--THERE'S A FAIR CHANCE I'LL BE ARRESTED AS SOON AS I STEP OFF THE PLANE. BUT I FIND THE THOUGHT OF JAIL DOESN'T SCARE ME LIKE IT USED TO. I'M THROUGH AS A BANKER--I'VE LOST THAT, NO MATTER WHAT--

-- BUT, AT LAST, MY CONSCIENCE IS CLEAR. I BROKE THE LAW--THOUGH I DID IT TO HELP PEOPLE IN DESPERATE NEED-- AND I'D DO IT AGAIN IF I HAD TO. I'LL PAY THE PRICE FOR MY CRIMES, BUT I'M NOT ASHAMED.

I... DON'T KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT ANYMORE, KITTEN.



OR ME. IF YOU HATE ME--FOR ALL THAT'S HAPPENED-- I'LL UNDERSTAND.



IT'S NO LESS THAN I DESERVE.

DADDY, SOMETIMES YOU ARE SO DUMB!



I AM SO PROUD OF YOU.

THIS IS MY DAD, THE DOPE I'VE LOVED AND BELIEVED IN MY ENTIRE LIFE.



I'LL BE DARNED-- A FOR REAL HAPPY ENDING! THIS CALLS FOR A CELEBRATION!



I KNOW JUST THE PLACE.



I'LL PASS.

I'M NOT IN A PARTY MOOD.

BE SEEING YOU, KID, IT'S BEEN FUN. TAKE CARE-- AND REMEMBER ME TO STORM.



<UNTIL NEXT TIME, LOGAN.>



SHE LOVES YOU SO MUCH.

< BUT I, MARIKO-CHAN, LOVE YOU. >

MY BLESSING, HER CURSE.



< WELL, YOUNG LADY, LIKE WHAT YOU SEE IN YOUR FOSTER-FATHER? >

< IT'S BEEN QUITE AWHILE SINCE WE LAST MET-- YOU WERE PRETTY BANGED UP-- DO YOU REMEMBER ME? >



< DON'T LET HIM FLUSTER YOU, AKIKO, WOLVIE ONLY LOOKS TOUGH. >

< KITTY-SAN, I'VE NEVER KNOWN ANYONE LIKE HIM! >

< ME NEITHER! >



< DO YOU APPROVE OF YOUR FOSTER DAUGHTER, MY LOVE? >

< I'VE BEEN A LONER SINCE I WAS A KID, MARIKO, NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN I'M A FAMILY MAN. TAKES SOME GETTING USED TO. >



HERE WE GO, TROOPS-- THE BEST ICE CREAM PARLOR IN TOKYO!

YOU'RE Mr. SHAPIRO?!

SO, NU, WHO ELSE WOULD I BE?!

< AKIKO HAS NO OTHER RELATIVES-- THEY WERE KILLED IN A TSUNAMI-- WE ARE ALL SHE HAS, LOGAN. >

< HER NEED FOR US IS AS GREAT AS, I BELIEVE, OURS IS FOR HER. >

< I MUST BE GETTIN' OLD, DARLIN'-- CAUSE THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT IDEA. >

< NAME THE DAY, WE'LL MAKE IT OFFICIAL. >

< I WILL NEVER LOVE ANOTHER, BUT I WILL NOT-- I CANNOT-- MARRY UNTIL I HAVE PROVEN MYSELF WORTHY OF YOU. >

I KNOW THAT TONE OF VOICE-- SOMETIMES THAT FLAMIN' WOMAN'S AS STUBBORN AS ME-- THERE'S NO POINT IN ARGUIN'. HER MIND'S MADE UP. I'LL HAVE TO LIVE WITH IT-- AN' PRAY SHE DOES, TOO.

< YUKIO TOLD ME WHAT OGUN DID TO KITTY-- oh, BELOVED, CAN SUCH A SOUL-TAINT EVER BE REMOVED? SHE HAS ENDURED AND SUFFERED SO MUCH, WILL SHE EVER AGAIN BE THE GIRL SHE WAS? >

< NO-- BUT LIFE ITSELF IS A PROCESS OF CONTINUAL CHANGE, EACH DAY WE'RE A LITTLE DIFFERENT. SHE'LL NEVER BE THE SAME... >

< ... BUT HER SOUL IS HERS. TO KITTY. IT'S LIKE WHEN SHE WAS DEATHLY ILL AS A CHILD; SHE ALMOST DIED, BUT SHE GOT BETTER. THIS IS MUCH THE SAME, A SICKNESS THAT DID ITS DAMAGE AND MOVED ON-- LIKE THAT TSUNAMI DID WITH KIKO AND HER FAMILY-- LEAVING HER FREE TO GET ON WITH HER LIFE. >

< AS FOR HOW WELL SHE'S DOING THAT, MY LOVE... >

< ... SEE FOR YOURSELF. >

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