

## Local Review



### Uncanny X-Men 523: Second Coming Ch. 2

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Chapter two, of what may be a long fourteen, has hit shelves and is on the coat tails of a great opening issue (*X-Men: Second Coming #1*). Matt Fraction is on point with his writing in this issue. Furthering the developments from *Second Coming #1*, we have a great interaction between Cyclops and his Alpha squad, which will test the faith and commitment of some members and the topic will surely be revisited. The best part of Fraction's writing comes when he reminds us of the innocence of Hope. Growing up in a bleak future and under the "parenting" and training of Cable; many forget that she is still just a teenage girl. There are a couple of pages that show us just how much she really is still an adolescent, and a pair of pages that really nails home that Hope's innocence has not been lost. As a "born again" X-fan (I haven't read X-men since Claremont) I'm very pleased with this issue and hope that Fraction and company can really carry this event for fourteen chapters and raise the bar back up for X-events. A good 7.5 out of 10.