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Some jobs are just too tough for your average fast-talkin' high-tech gun-for-hire. Sometimes...to get the job done right...you need someone crazier than a sack'a ferrets. You need Wade Wilson. The Crimson Comedian. The Regeneratin' Degenerate. The Merc with a Mouth...

DEADPOOL



Tired of being feared and hated as a mercenary, recently Wade has been touring the country trying to figure out what it takes to be a hero. Needless to say, things haven't been going well. In San Francisco Deadpool tried to join the X-Men but was only offered "probational membership" and after a publicity stunt gone wrong, no membership at all. In New York his plans to learn from Spider-Man were thwarted by a mercenary-hunting primate known only as Hit-Monkey. In Las Vegas his attempt to become the protector of the city ended abruptly when his employers made the mistake of offering a job with "responsibilities." Later it seemed Wade finally found a place on the Secret Avengers with Steve Rogers, Black Widow, and Moon Knight, only to discover that his fellow heroes were only clones. Most recently he saved a clan of peace-loving vampires from their bloodthirsty counterparts but in the end failed to get the girl. And when you think about it, what's the point of being a hero if you don't get the girl?

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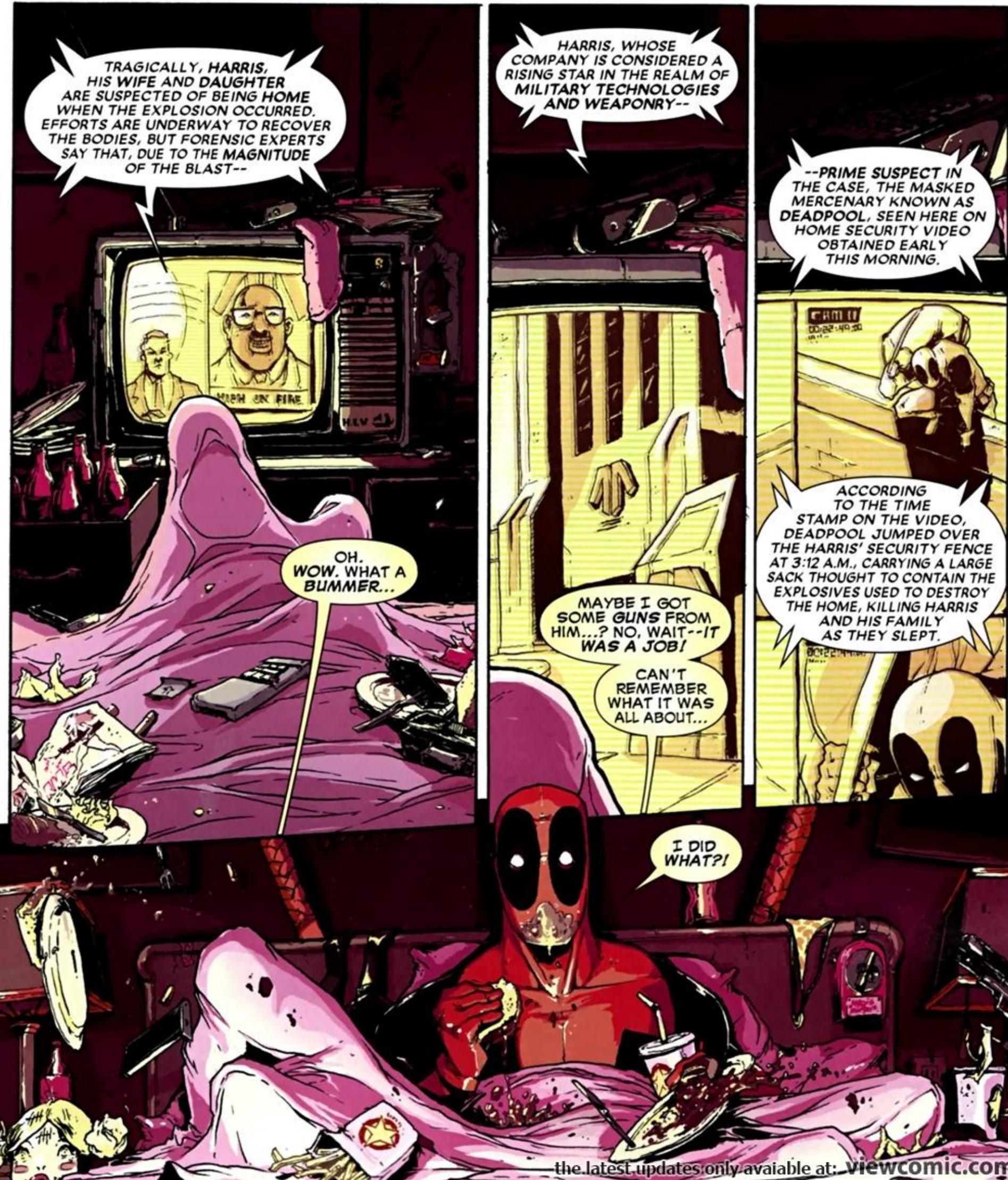
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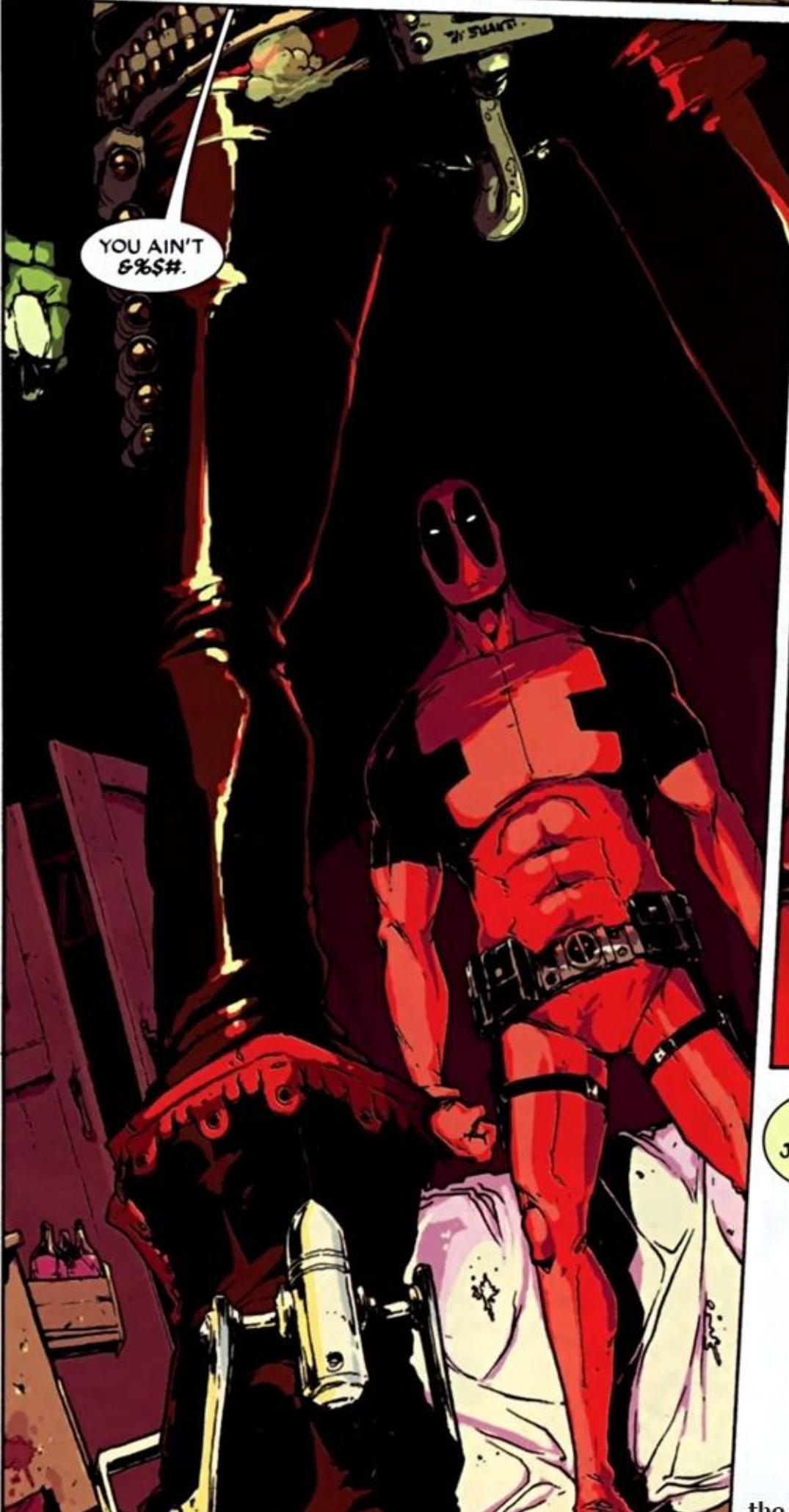
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AND F.Y.I.? WHERE I COME FROM?

I AM 8%\$#.

BADASS

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That... **wasn't** quite the awesome burn you **think** it was.

WHOA!

SWEET RIDE!

IT IS PRETTY SWEET--

--HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?! WE SHOULD FINISH HIM!

Yeah! Do the finishing move!

NO MORE FINISHING MOVES-- I'M DOING THE HERO THING NOW. BESIDES, I GOT MORE IMPORTANT STUFF TO DO.

Like what?

That could take a while.

IT COULD BUT THIS IS ONLY A SINGLE-ISSUE STORY SO WE'RE PROBABLY GONNA FIND OUT PRETTY QUICK.

DADDY,
WHEN ARE WE
GOING BACK
HOME? I MISS
MY ROOM.

I DON'T
QUITE KNOW,
BABY. SOON,
I HOPE.
G'NIGHT.

REGGIE?

KLK.

IT'S TIME WE
TALKED ABOUT
THIS, DON'T YOU
THINK?

SO...OKAY, REMEMBER WHEN I WAS
WORKING WITH THE GOVERNMENT
AS A CONSULTANT OUT IN NEW
MEXICO ON THAT PROJECT
THAT I COULDN'T TELL
YOU ABOUT?

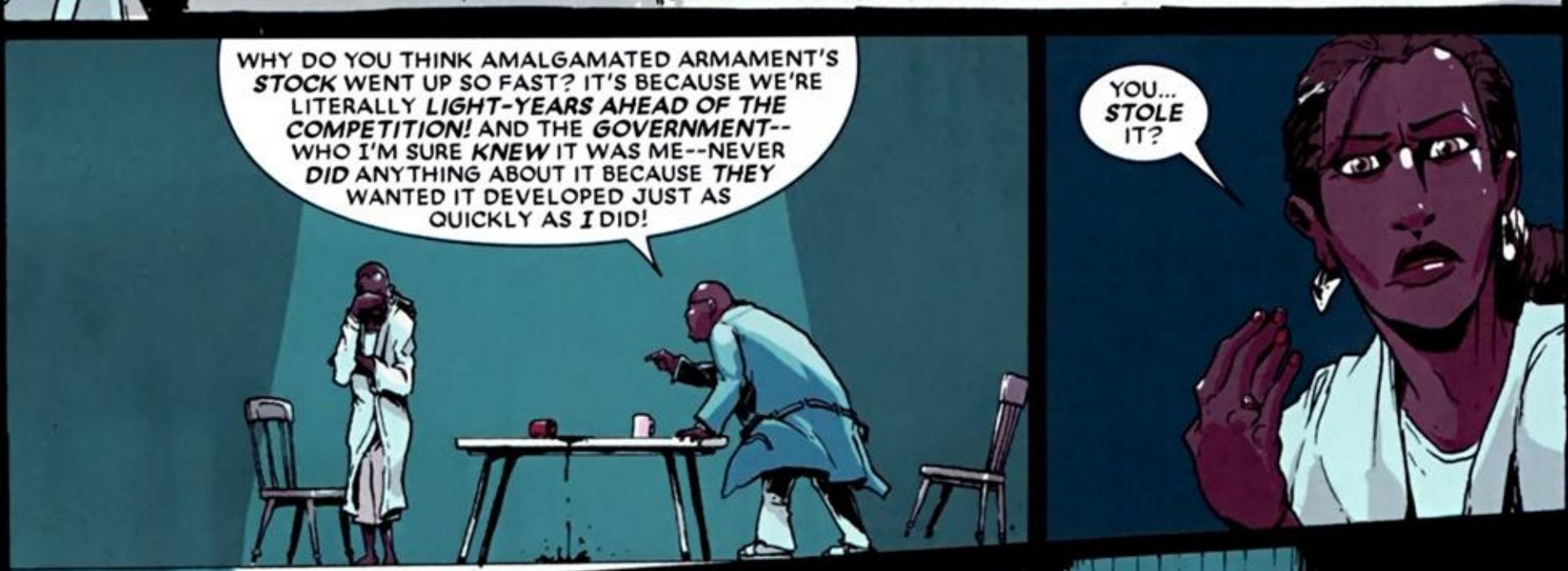
YOU MEAN
THE ONE THAT WAS
SABOTAGED?

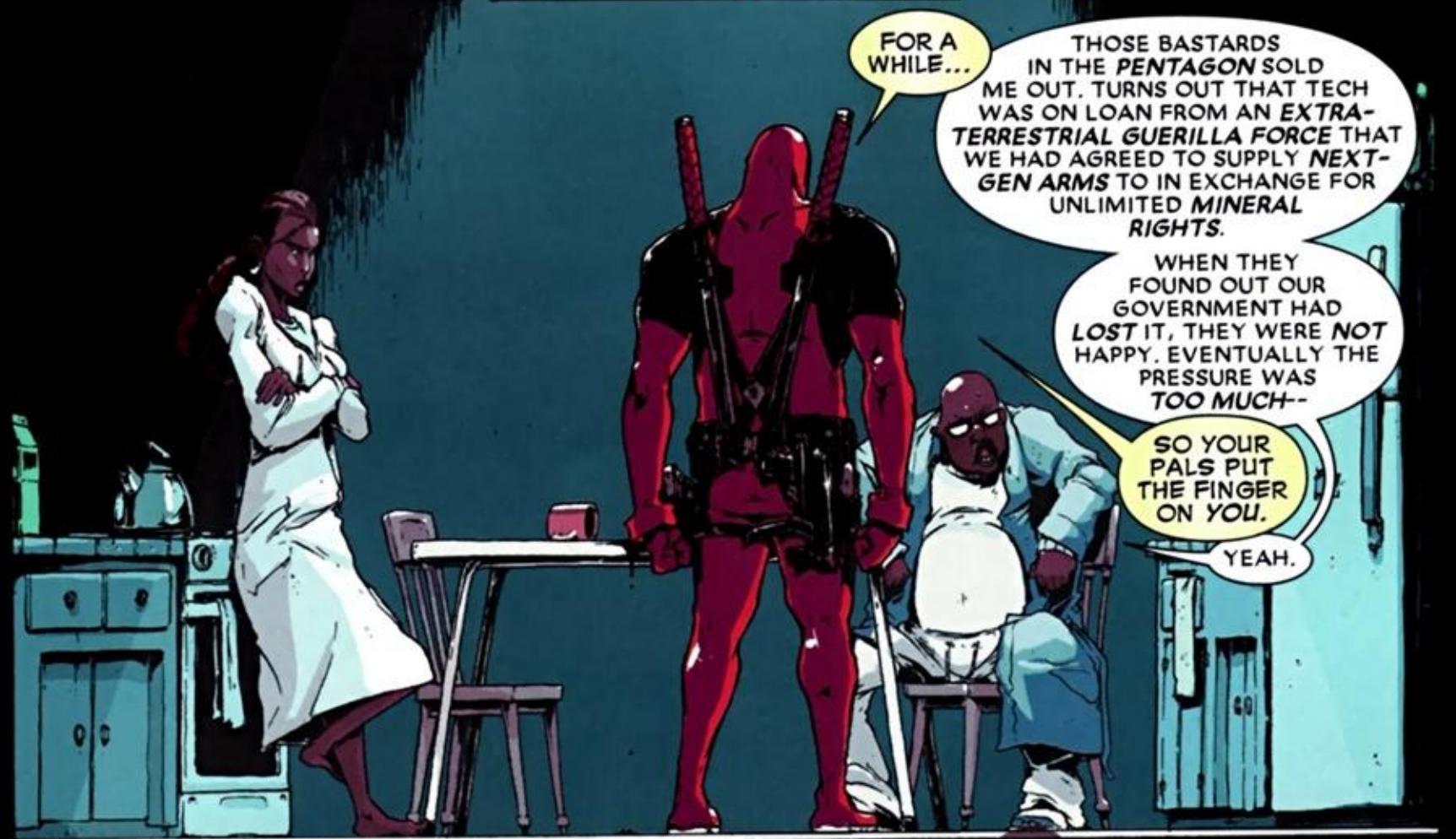
UHH... YEAH.
WELL, THE REASON
I COULDN'T TALK ABOUT
IT IS BECAUSE IT INVOLVED
SECRET TECHNOLOGY.
WEAPONS
TECHNOLOGY.

"ALIEN WEAPONS
TECHNOLOGY."

"AND, UH, IT WASN'T
REALLY SABOTAGED...
OKAY, YEAH, IT WAS
SABOTAGED."

BY ME.





DON'T
SHOOT MY
DADDY!



LOOK...I'LL
PAY YOU, OKAY?
I'LL PAY YOU
WHATEVER
YOU WANT.

I'M NOT
INTERESTED
IN YOUR HUSH-
MONEY. JUST...
STAY DEAD,
OKAY?

IT'S NOT
HUSH-MONEY,
DEADPOOL--I
WANNA HIRE
YOU AGAIN.



I NEED YOU
TO KILL MACHO
GOMEZ.



OKAY, USUALLY I'M THE DUMB ONE IN THE CONVERSATION, SO... BEAR WITH ME HERE. HOW IS THAT GONNA HELP YOU? THEY'LL JUST SEND SOMEBODY ELSE!

NO! THEY WON'T!

MACHO GOMEZ IS THE BADDEST, MOST FEARED OPERATOR IN THE GALAXY! IF YOU TAKE HIM DOWN, NO ONE'S GONNA EVEN THINK ABOUT COMING AFTER ME AND MY FAMILY AGAIN!

WAIT--WE'RE TALKIN' ABOUT THE GUY WITH THE HAT?

YEAH.

HE'S CONSIDERED TO BE THE BEST?!

OH, YEAH. HELL YEAH.

UHHH...HATE TO BREAK THIS TO YOU? BUT THAT GUY'S A %&#\$% CLOWN.

THAT RIGHT?

CH-CHAK

THEN WHY AIN'T YOU LAUGHIN'?







TO GET
A BIGGER
GUN.

WBOORRI PRRRRR

OH.

I'M
GONNA
RUN AWAY
NOW.

BRROOOO

SPAK AKAK SPAK AK
AK

ZUUP ZUUP



BRROS COAARRR

VROOO-

LOOK, SON,
THERE'S SOMETHIN'
YA NEED TO REALIZE-- YER
OUTTA YER LEAGUE. REGINALD
HARRIS AN' HIS FAMILY ARE GONNA
DIE, I'M GONNA BE THE ONE THAT
KILLS 'EM AN' THERE AIN'T A
THING YER GONNA BE ABLE
TO DO ABOUT IT.

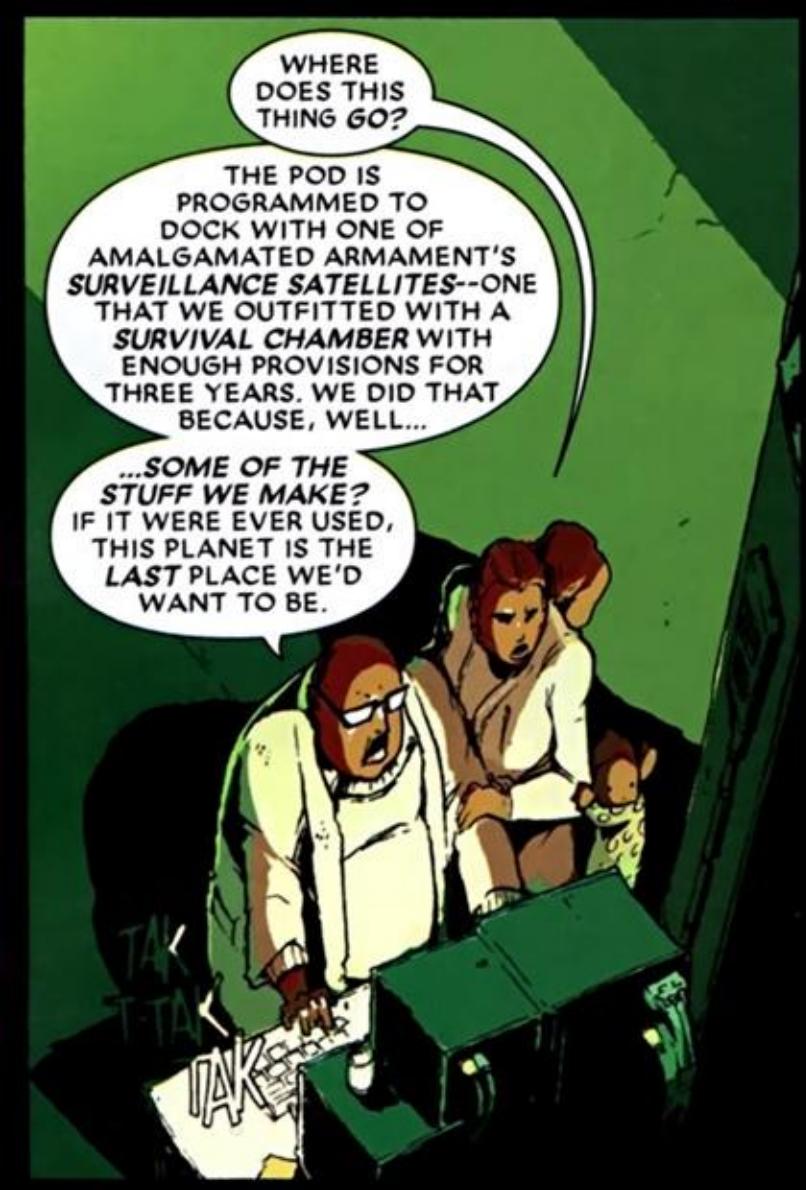
CUZ EVEN
WITH YER FUNNY
LI'L COSTUME AN' ALL
YER LI'L PEA-SHOOTERS,
YOU AIN'T NOTHIN'
BUT A...

HUMAN...

I STOPPED
BEIN' HUMAN
A LONG TIME
AGO, DUDE.









TWO...

WHEN IT LOOKS
LIKE I'M DONE FOR,
INITIATE LAUNCH BUT
DON'T GET IN POD.
TRUST ME.

-DP.
XOXO

ONE...

BNNG

ADIOS,
MACHO
GOMEZ.

IGNITION.

BLAST-
OFF.

FooR
AA

HMM...

I KNOW THAT
LOOK-- "I CAN'T
BELIEVE HE DID IT!"
BUT IT'S NOT, LIKE, "OH MY
GOD, HE'S SO UNBELIEVABLY
GOOD." IT'S, "OH MY GOD
HOW DID THAT IDIOT
PULL IT OFF?!"

BUT Y'KNOW
WHO NEVER GAVE ME
THAT LOOK? THE PEOPLE
WHO PAID ME. THEY DIDN'T
CARE HOW IT GOT DONE,
SO LONG AS IT GOT
DONE. AND I ALWAYS
GOT IT DONE.

WE'RE DONE
BEING A HERO?

DAMN
STRAIGHT.

We're going
back to being
a merc?

DAMN
STRAIGHTER.
BUT BEFORE I CAN
DO THAT, I GOTTA
REPAIR MY REP.

"THEY SAY
THAT GUY IS
THE BEST?"

BRANG!

"WELL GUESS
WHAT."

PoOM



BWOG

I JUST BEAT
HIS SILLY ASS
WITH ONE ARM
TIED BEHIND
MY BACK.



"IT'S TIME EVERYBODY RECOGNIZED THE SKILLS--ON THIS PLANET AND EVERY OTHER. THE MERC WITH A MOUTH IS BACK, AND HE'S PUTTIN' ALL SUCKERS ON NOTICE."

"DING, DING.
HERE COMES
THE KING."

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