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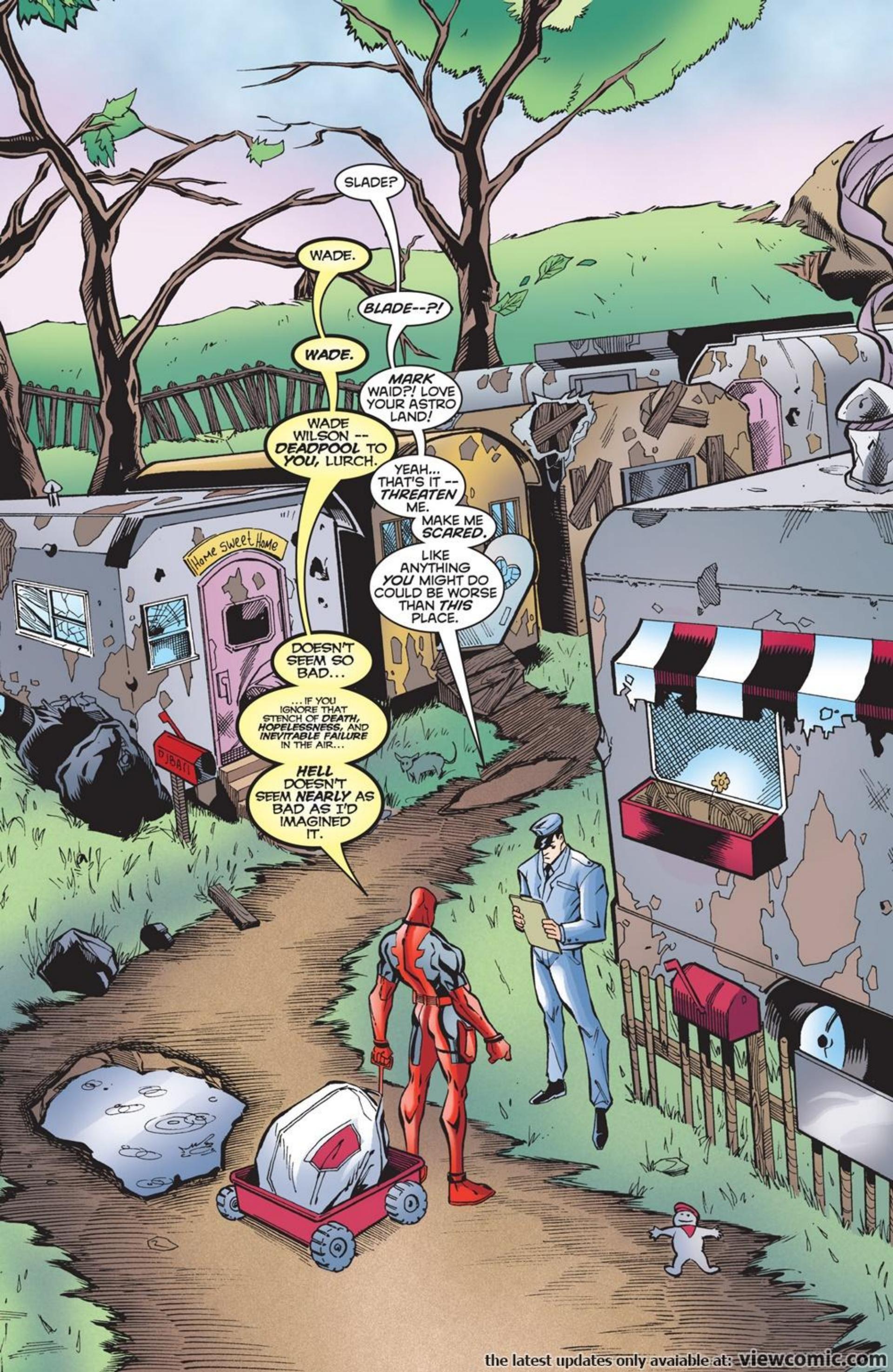
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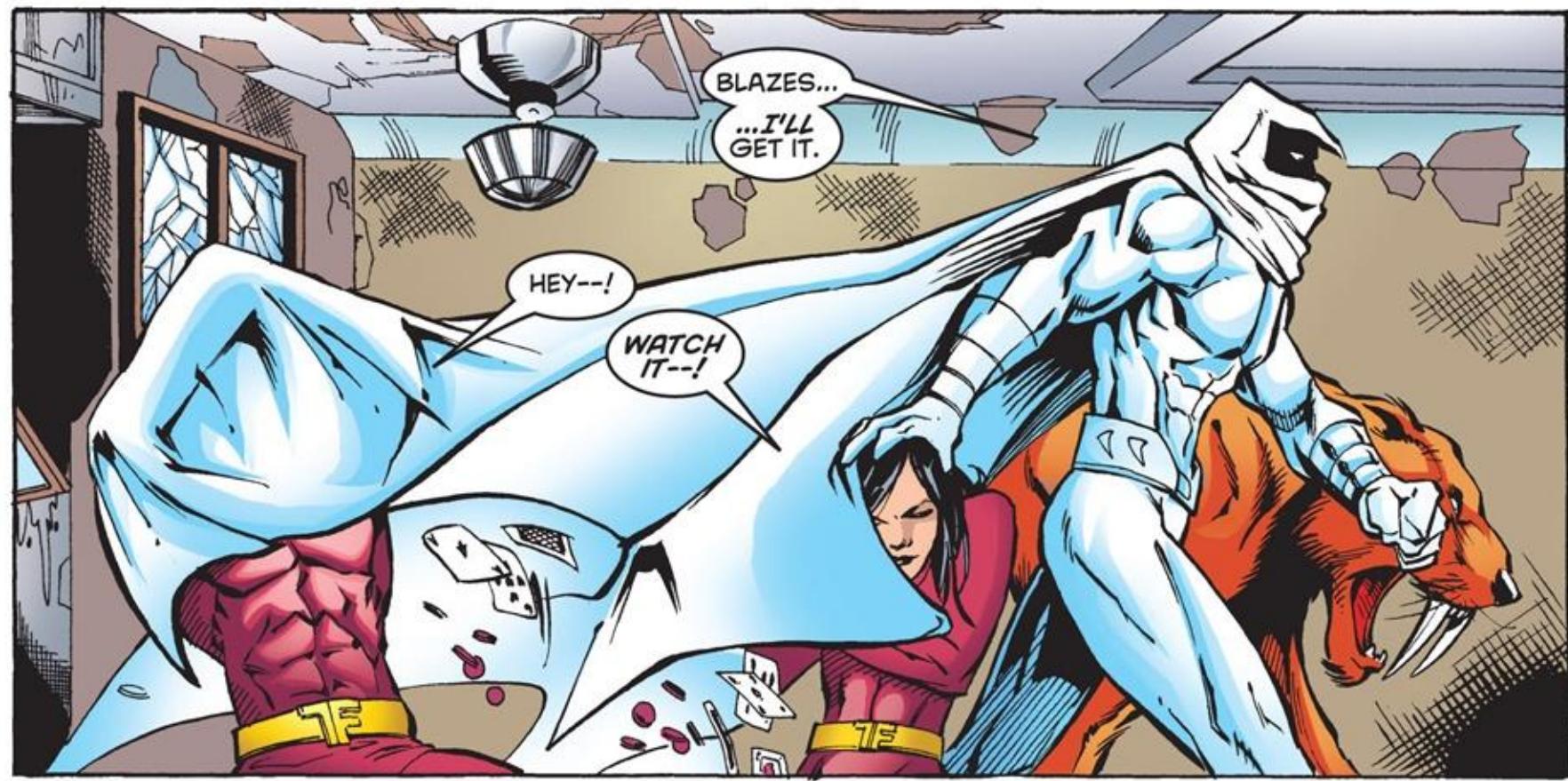


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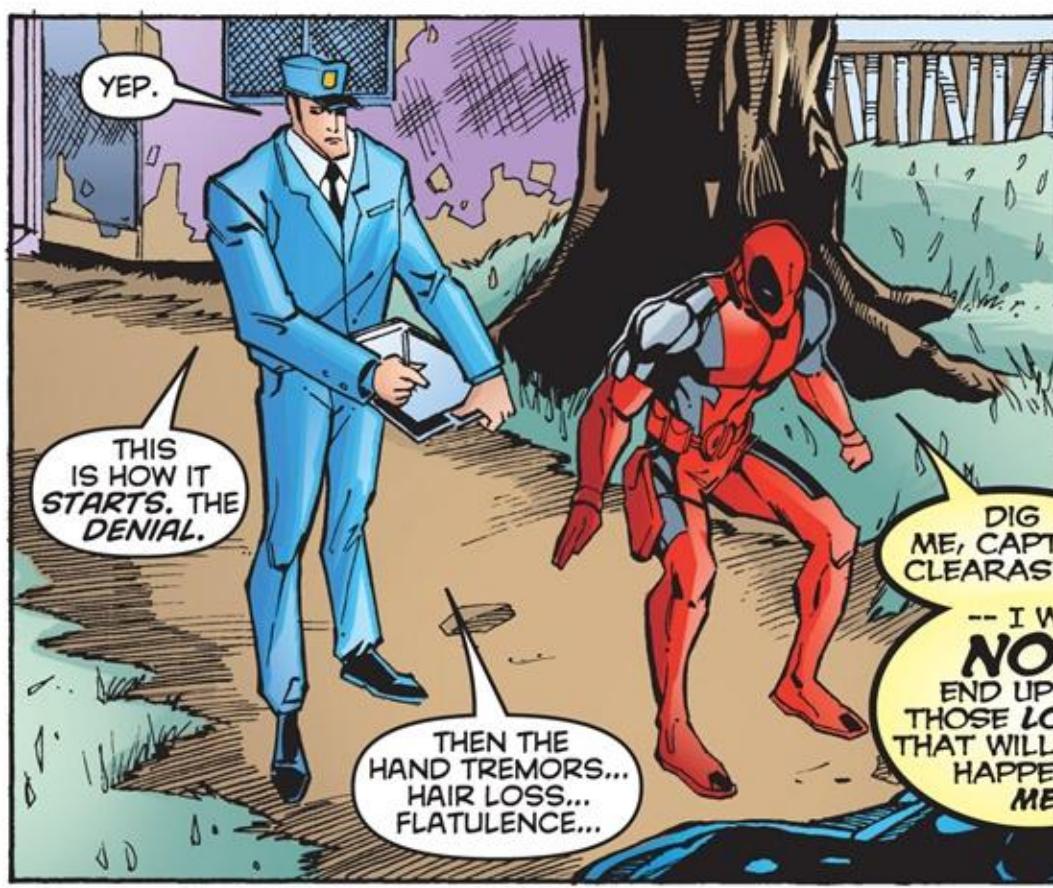
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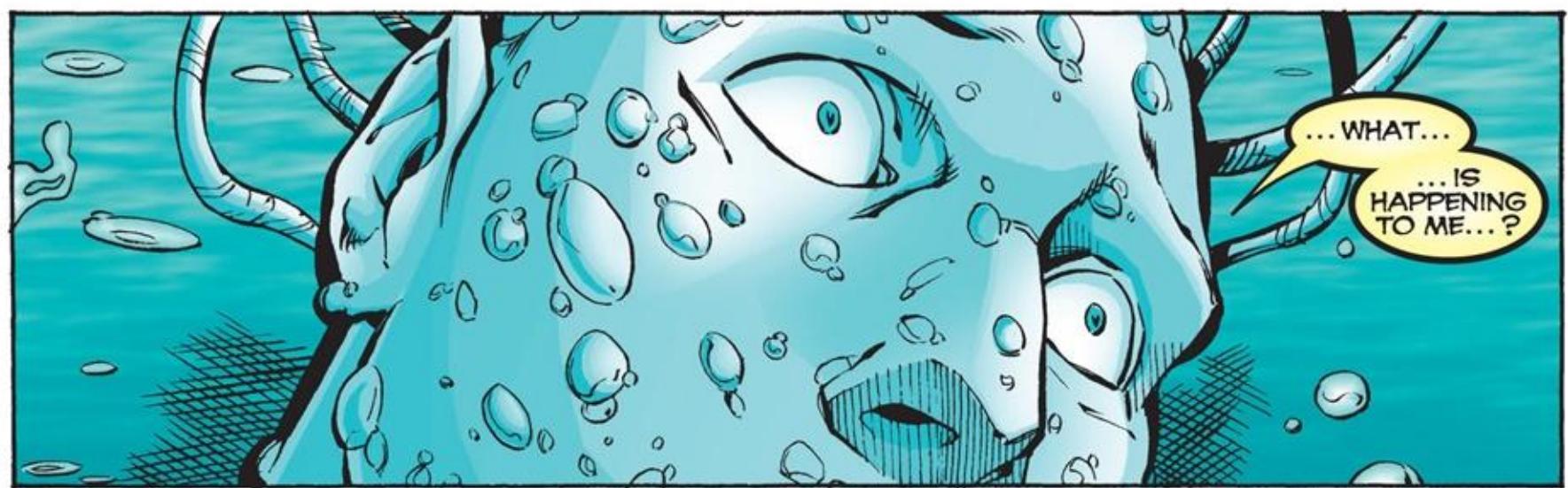














SHROUDED IN STOLEN IDENTITIES AND CLANDESTINE SECRETS, THE MERC-WITH-A-MOUTH IS A MAN OF MYSTERY. HERO? VILLAIN? SOCIOPATH? DEADPOOL MAKES HIS OWN RULES AND PLAYS BY NOBODY'S GAME. HE IS AN AGENT OF CHAOS. CONFINED TO A WORLD OF CONSTRICTING ORDER; BLASTING DOWN THE FOURTH WALL BRICK BY BRICK! STAN LEE PRESENTS:

• Chapter X Verse One •

DEADPOOL

SENDING IN THE CLOWNS

STORYTELLERS

CHRISTOPHER PRIEST & PACO DIAZ

FRAMING SEQUENCE BY
GUS VASQUEZ

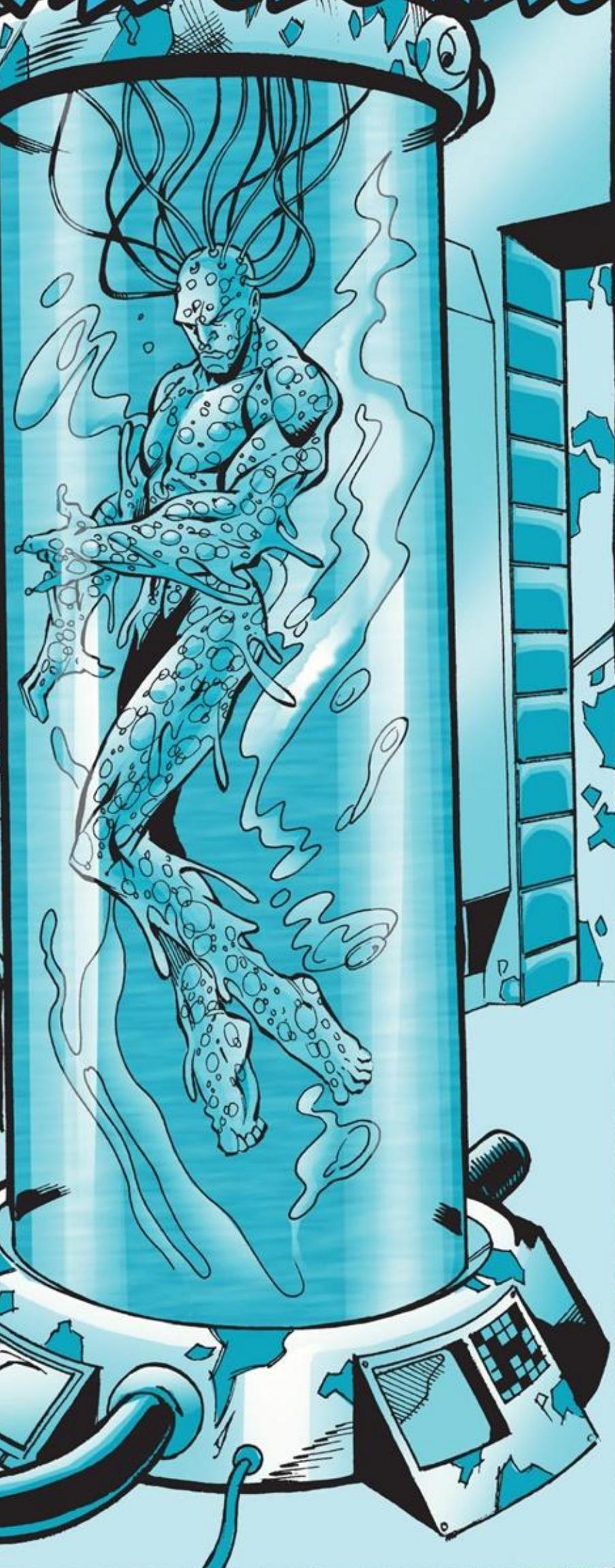
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ROD RAMOS & JOHN HOLDREDGE

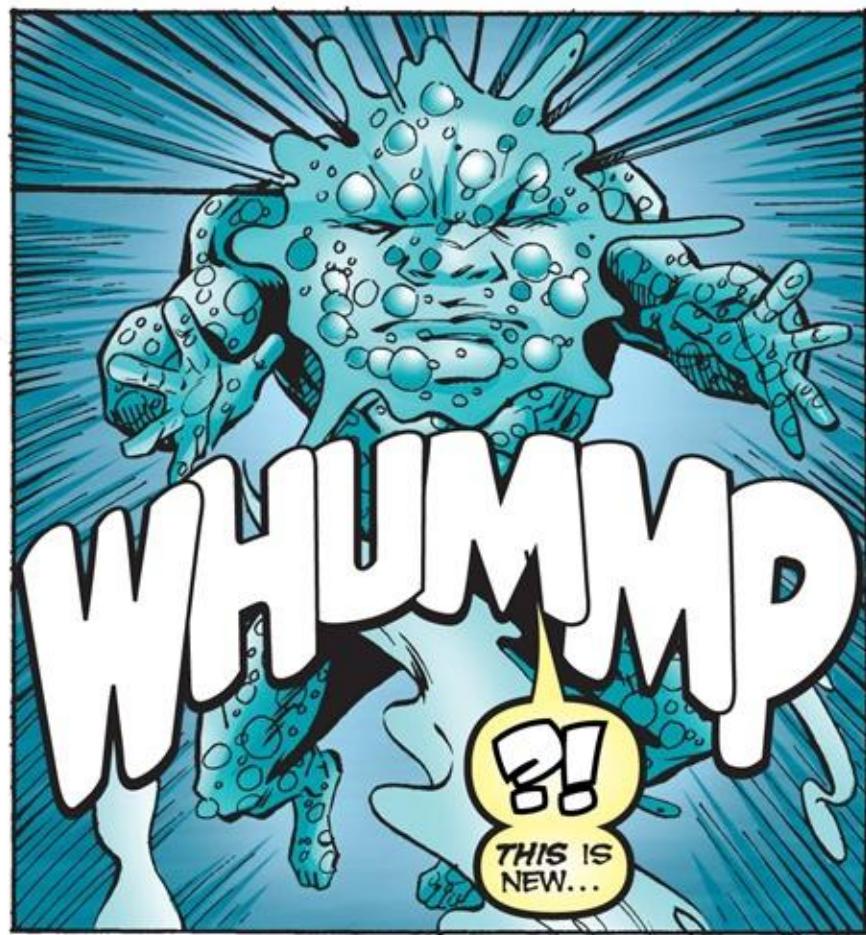
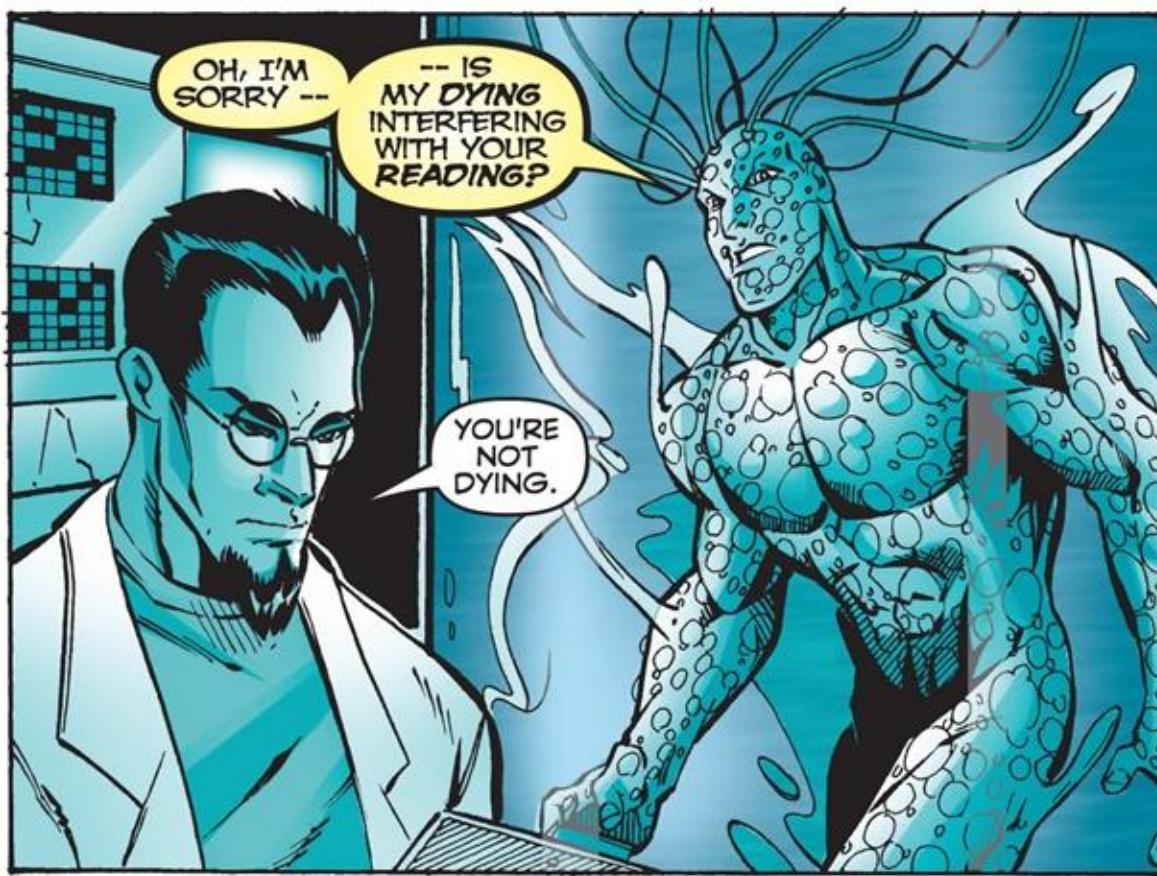
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LETTERS
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EDITOR RUBEN DIAZ CLAIMS
HE'S NOT RELATED TO PACO

EDITOR IN CHIEF BOB HARRAS
ISN'T SO SURE...







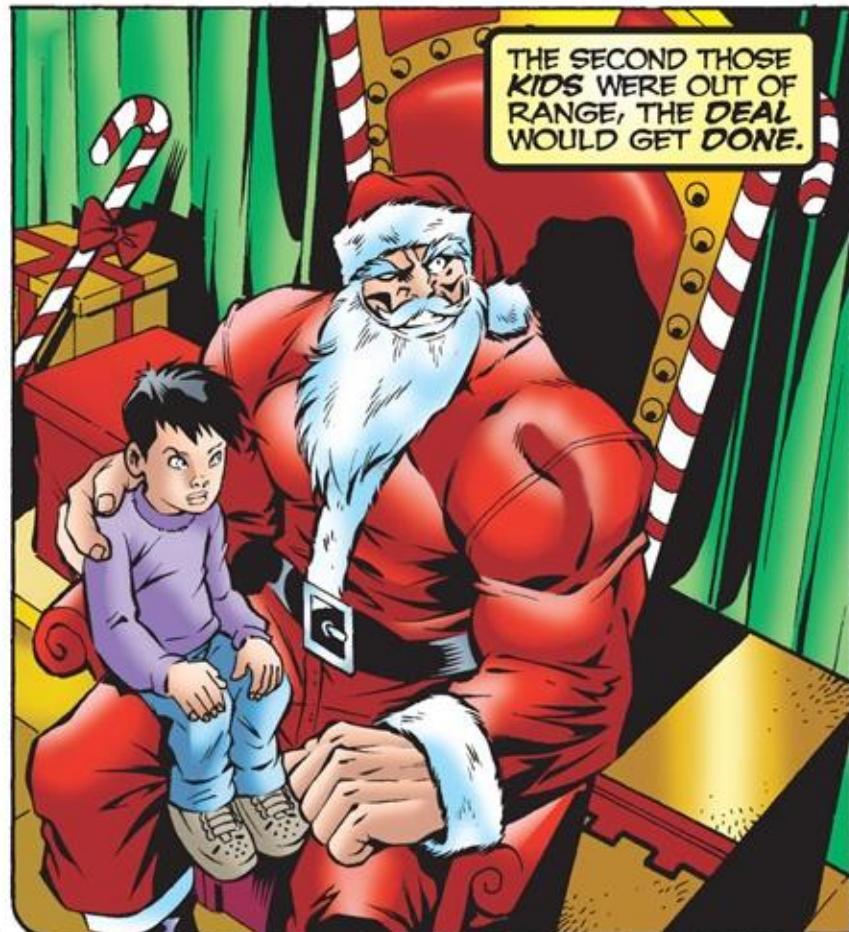
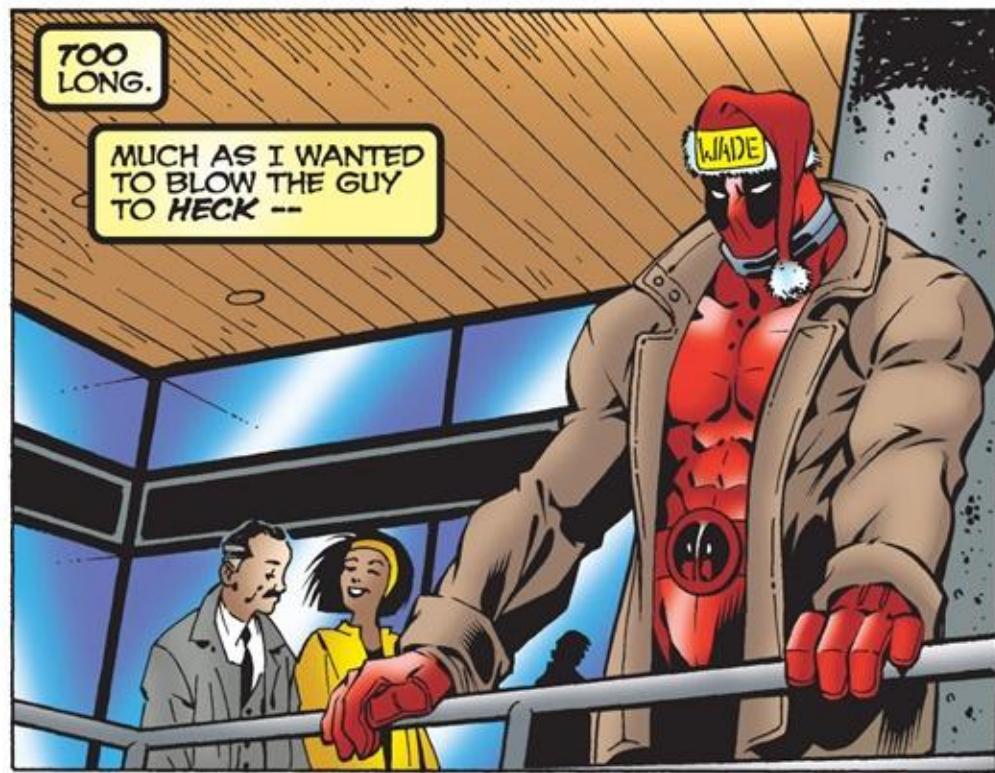


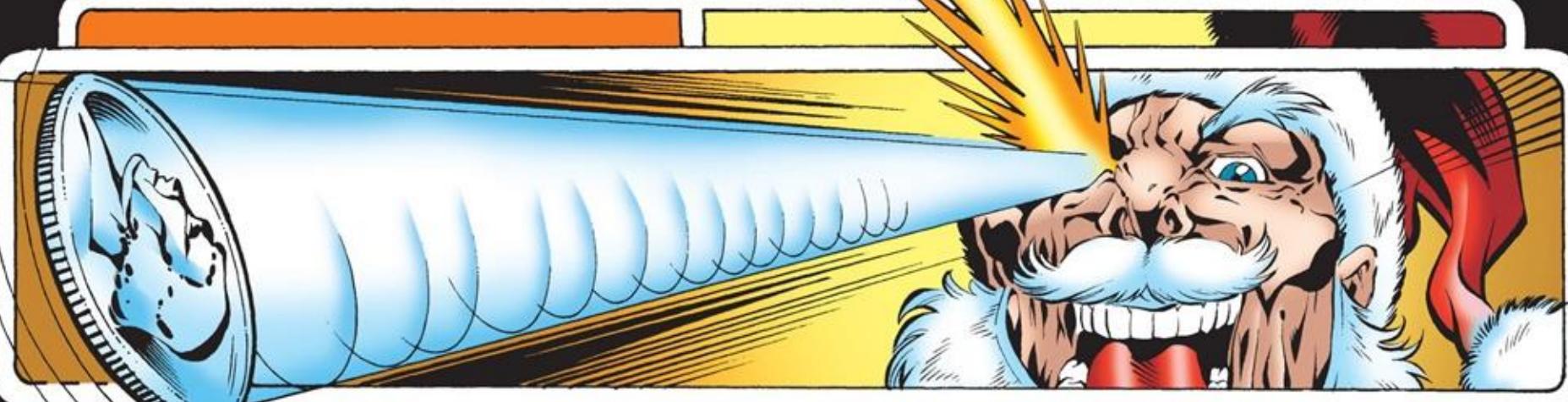
SOMETHING WAS
REALLY BOthering
ME. COULDA BEEN
THE SANTA SUIT --

-- COULDA BEEN
THE TACO BELL I
HAD FOR LUNCH...

GASP!







YES, MISTER FISK... AND ABOUT LINE ITEM 34(B) --
-- TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOR A "WEEKEND RESEARCH PROJECT"---?





**THAT
OPERATIVE.**

...NOW,
IF YOU'LL
TURN WITH ME
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LET ME EXPLAIN SOMETHING TO YOU IN *PLAIN ENGLISH*.

... WHOA... FORGOT HOW FAST FATBOY IS...

YOU'RE BECOMING A LIABILITY, WILSON. I'M NOT YET CONVINCED YOU ARE READY FOR FULL TIME --

-- "RESEARCH" --?

THE AUTHORITIES ARE *CERTAINLY* ON THEIR WAY, WHICH GIVES YOU INCREASINGLY FEWER OPTIONS.

IF YOU KILL ME, I'LL COLLAPSE AND MY WEIGHT WILL SNAP YOUR NECK.

IF YOU LEARN DISCRETION AND EFFICACY --

-- AND IF YOU CAN OUT-PERFORM THE OTHER RESEARCHER VYING FOR YOUR POSITION --
-- THEN PERHAPS I WILL RECONSIDER YOUR EMPLOYMENT.

"BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND..."

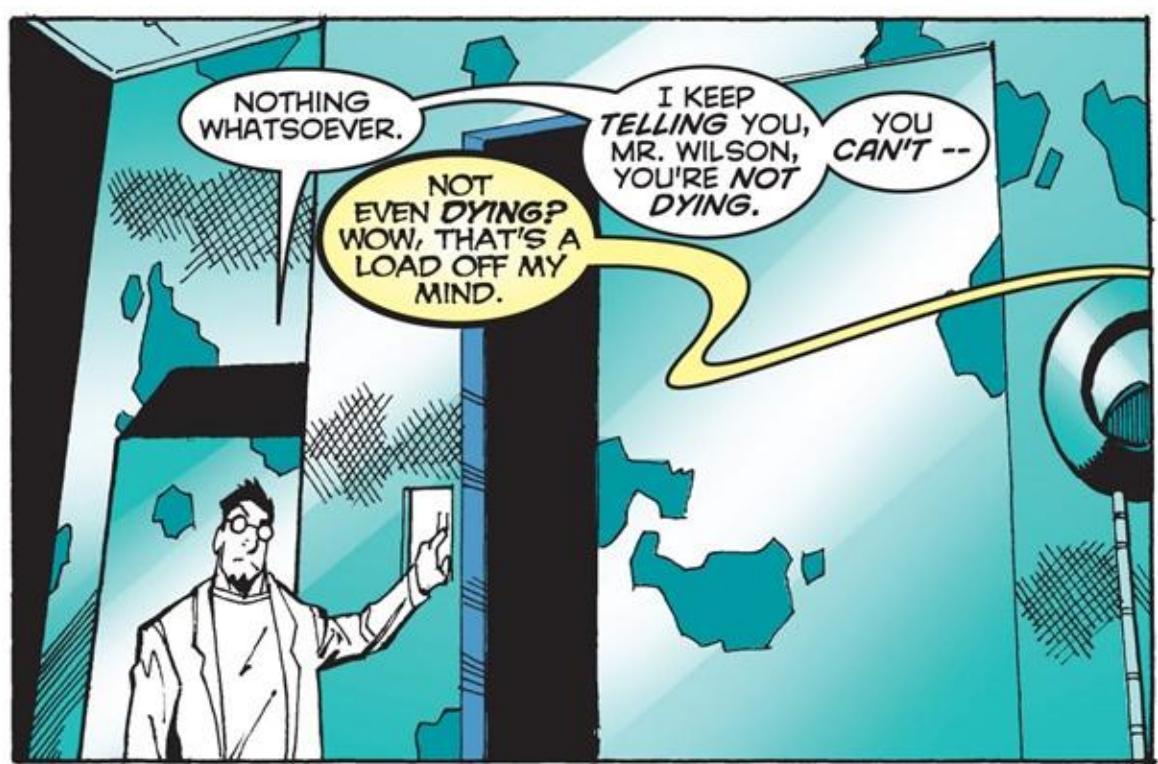
THOUGHT I'D SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE...

Y'KNOW...
... I FIND MYSELF ODDLY AROUSED.











-- I'VE
SEEN TO
IT.

DEATH IN SNOT!

CAN 'POOL SAVE DEATH? SHOULD HE?
AND WHO IS GENERIC SCIENTIST GUY?
C'MON, YOU KNOW THERE'S MORE TO
HIM THAN WE'RE TELLING YOU!