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RESISTANCE
IS FUTILE.

SUBMIT
AND BE
SPARED.

B R

R A

A V

E E

G S

S-SKIP?
W-WHAT
SHOULD WE
DO?

THIS IS
OUR WORLD
NOW.

WHAT
CAN WE DO,
KID?

THE INVASION HAS BEGUN! SHAPESHIFTING ALIEN SKRULLS HAVE INFILTRATED EARTH. COMPLETELY UNDETECTABLE, THEY HAVE ASSUMED POSITIONS IN GOVERNMENT, THE MILITARY, AND EVEN THE SUPER-HERO COMMUNITY. THEY POSSESS HIGHLY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, A MASSIVE ARMADA OF WARSHIPS, ENOUGH SOLDIERS TO OCCUPY THE PLANET AND A SECRET WEAPON – SUPER SKRULLS, WHICH CAN IMITATE THE POWERS OF MULTIPLE SUPER-HEROES.

ONE OF US

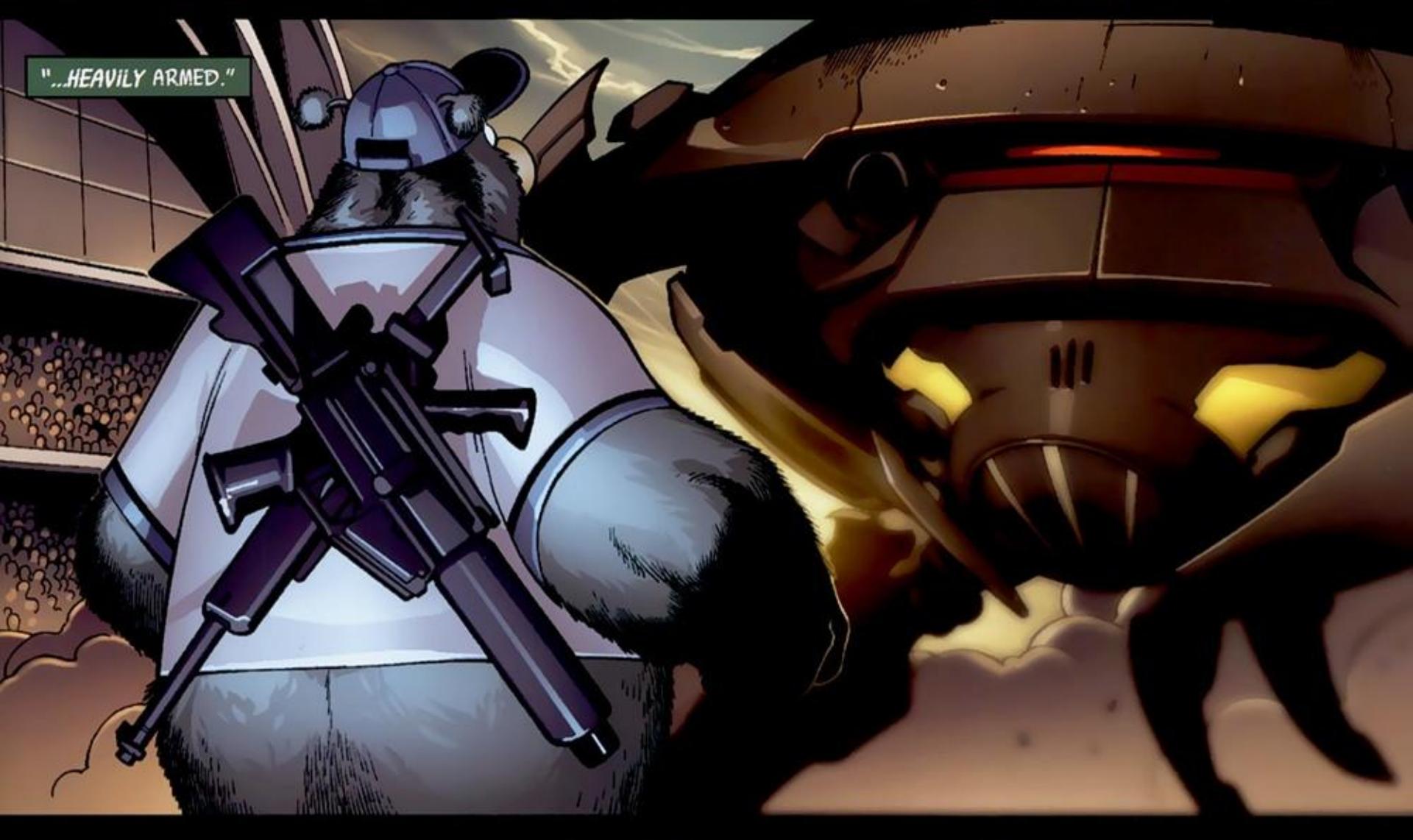
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AS IT IS
WRITTEN.







"DIRECT HIT,
SIR. TARGET
IS DOWN."

I TEND TO
VIEW THE WORLD
DIFFERENTLY THAN
OTHER PEOPLE.

How so?

LIKE, FROM A
DIFFERENT P.O.V.

A different
what?

POINT
OF VIEW.

"P.O.V." stands for
"point of view"?

WHAT
IS THAT
STUFF?

I'M SENDING
A SCAN OF IT
TO THE SCIENCE BAY
FOR EXAMINATION
RIGHT NOW.

YEAH, BUT...LET'S
TALK ABOUT THIS
LATER, OKAY? I'VE
GOT A LOT GOING
ON RIGHT NOW...

IT'S A PARA-ARAMID
SYNTHETIC FIBER OF SOME
SORT, PELLETIZED
FOR...

...HEAT
DISPERSION,
PERHAPS?

IT'S NOT
A COSTUME--IT'S
BODY ARMOR.

COMMANDER!
THE DOME IS
CLOSING ABOVE
US!



...AFTER ALL, YOU ONLY
GET ONE CHANCE
TO MAKE A FIRST
IMPRESSION.



PSST.
BOYS--

NAME'S
WADE WILSON.



BUT MOST
PEOPLE CALL ME
DEADPOOL:
"THE MERC WITH
A MOUTH."

--HOW DO
YOU SAY,
"OH, S#@!" IN
SKRULL-ESE?



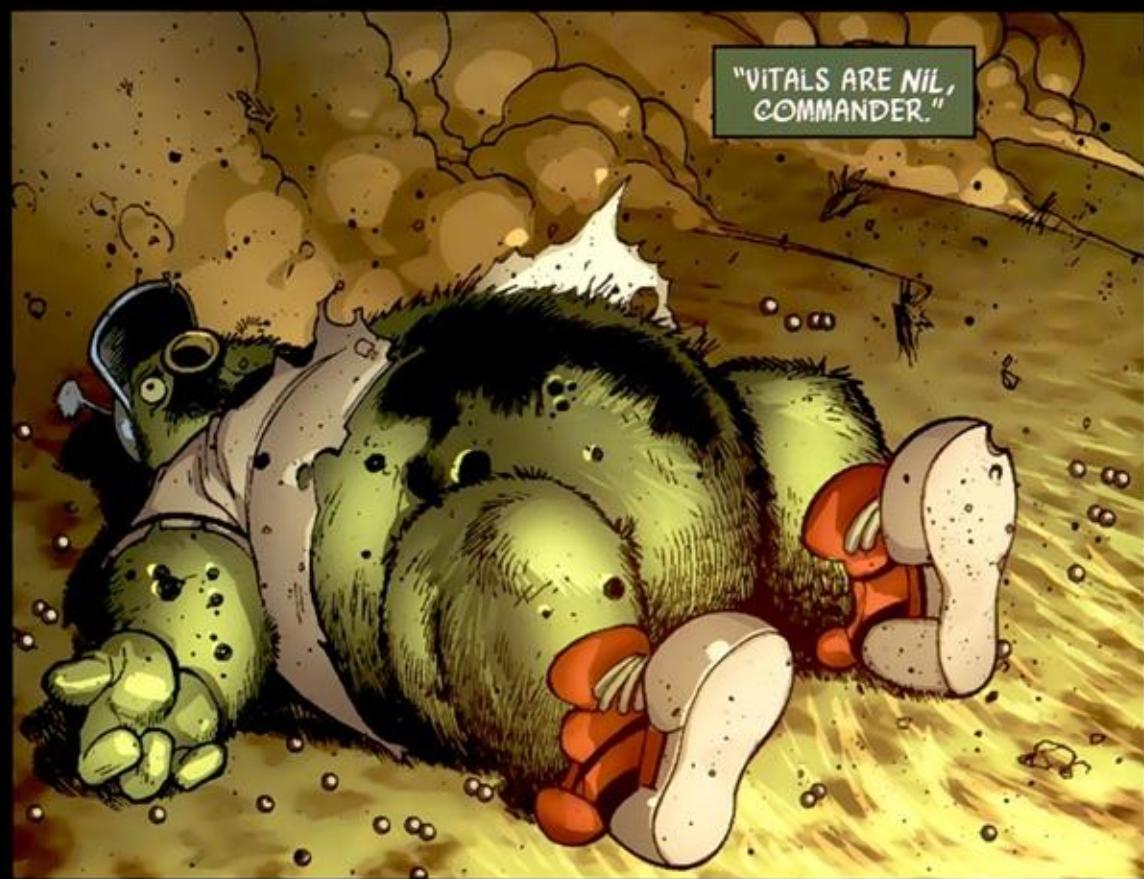
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"IT'S TIME TO END THIS SILLINESS."





THREE!

EYK
EYK EYK*

* "OH S#@!"-TRANSLATED FROM SKRULL.

THAT...
IS...IT!

COMMANDER?

EVERY SINGLE
ONE OF YOU HAS
FAILED!

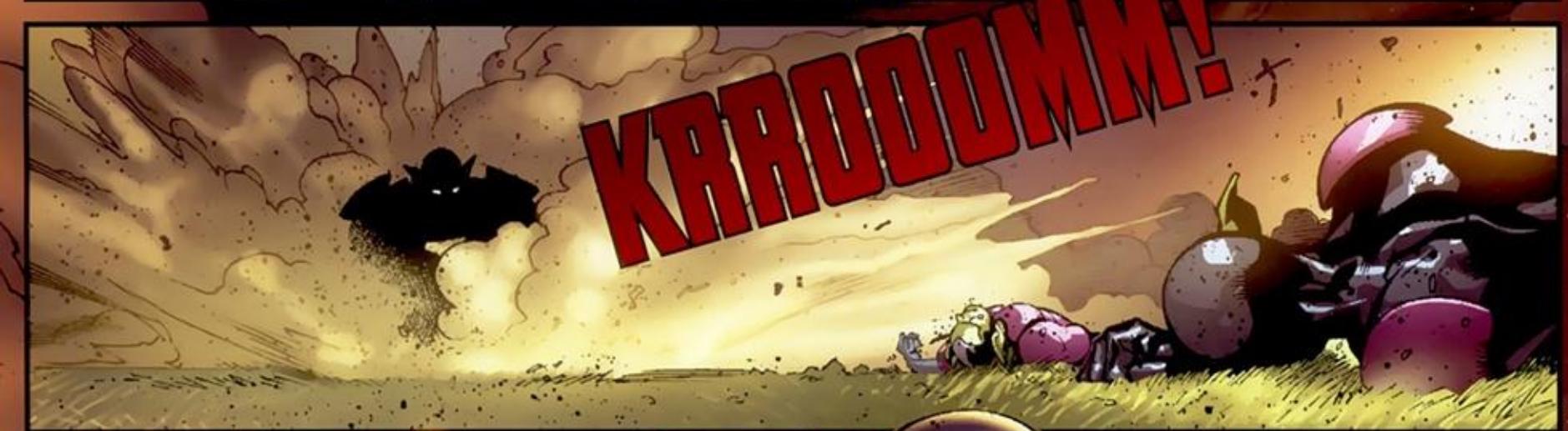
DUE
TO IGNORANCE,
INCOMPETENCE...

...AND
COWARDICE.

I THINK IT'S TIME
TO SHOW BOTH YOU
AND THIS HUMANOID
HOW A REAL SKRULL
HANDLES THEIR BUSINESS.

DEPLOY
THE SUPER-
SKRULL.

KLIK



ORDERS
ARE AS FOLLOWS:
SEARCH THE STADIUM
FOR ANY AND
ALL--

TARGET
SIGHTED! TARGET
SIGHTED!

WHERE? REPEAT,
WHERE?

THUNK!

WHAT WAS
THAT...?

HE'S
BRZZZT--!

SAY
AGAIN!

--ON
TOP OF THE
SHIP!





* "OH \$#@!"-TRANSLATED FROM SKRULL.



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So, you were saying,
“P.O.V.” stands for
“point of view”?

USUALLY.

500
points

BUT IN MY CASE, IT
STANDS FOR
“POOL-O-VISION™”.

300
points

500
points

YOU WIN!!!

500
points

500
points

What's the
little “TM” for?

IT'S SILENT.

What?

IT'S SILENT.
YOU DON'T
PRONOUNCE IT.

That doesn't
even make sense.

TO YOU,
MAYBE...

I am you!

YEAH,
BUT--

THERE'S
THE BIG
DOG.

JUST LIKE
I PLANNED.

Wait. After “crash
ship into bad guys,”
there was a plan?

THERE'S ALWAYS A
PLAN. C'MON, FASTER!
FALL FASTER!

The only way
you're going to
"fall faster" is
if you--

GOOD
IDEA.

KLIK

ANYWAY...

OOMPF

THE POINT IS, EVEN
THOUGH MY VISION'S
A BIT WARPED...

OUCH

...I'M NOT
BLIND.

AND I'M
DEFINITELY
NOT STUPID.

HOLD
IT RIGHT
THERE!

LET'S JUST HOPE
THIS GUY ISN'T,
EITHER.

TELL
ME:
DOES YOUR
SKRULL MEDICAL
PLAN COVER
MASSIVE HEAD
WOUNDS?



IF YOU EXPECT ME TO BEG
FOR MY LIFE, YOU'RE SADLY
MISTAKEN. I AM A GENERAL
IN THE SKRULL
ARMADA.

I'LL TAKE
THAT AS A
"NO."

C.D.P.L.

CLICK

BANG!

THANK YOU,
THANK YOU--
I'LL BE HERE
ALL WEEK!

HILLKI

DID
YOU REALLY
THINK...
IN THAT
PUNY LITTLE HEAD
OF YOURS...
...THAT YOU
COULD GO
TOE-TO-TOE WITH
THE MIGHT OF
THE SKRULL
EMPIRE?

CHILL
OUT, HOT
STUFF.
→GAK←
JUST WANTED
TO MAKE AN
IMPRESSION.
→GAK←
I GOT A
→GAK←
PROPOSITION!

PUT HIM
DOWN.

GOODY.
"Goody"?
HE'S NOT
STUPID.

SPEAK,
HUMANOID. WHO
ARE YOU AND WHAT
DO YOU WANT?

HERE GOES
NOTHING...

NAME'S WADE
WILSON...

...BUT MOST
PEOPLE CALL ME
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MOUTH.

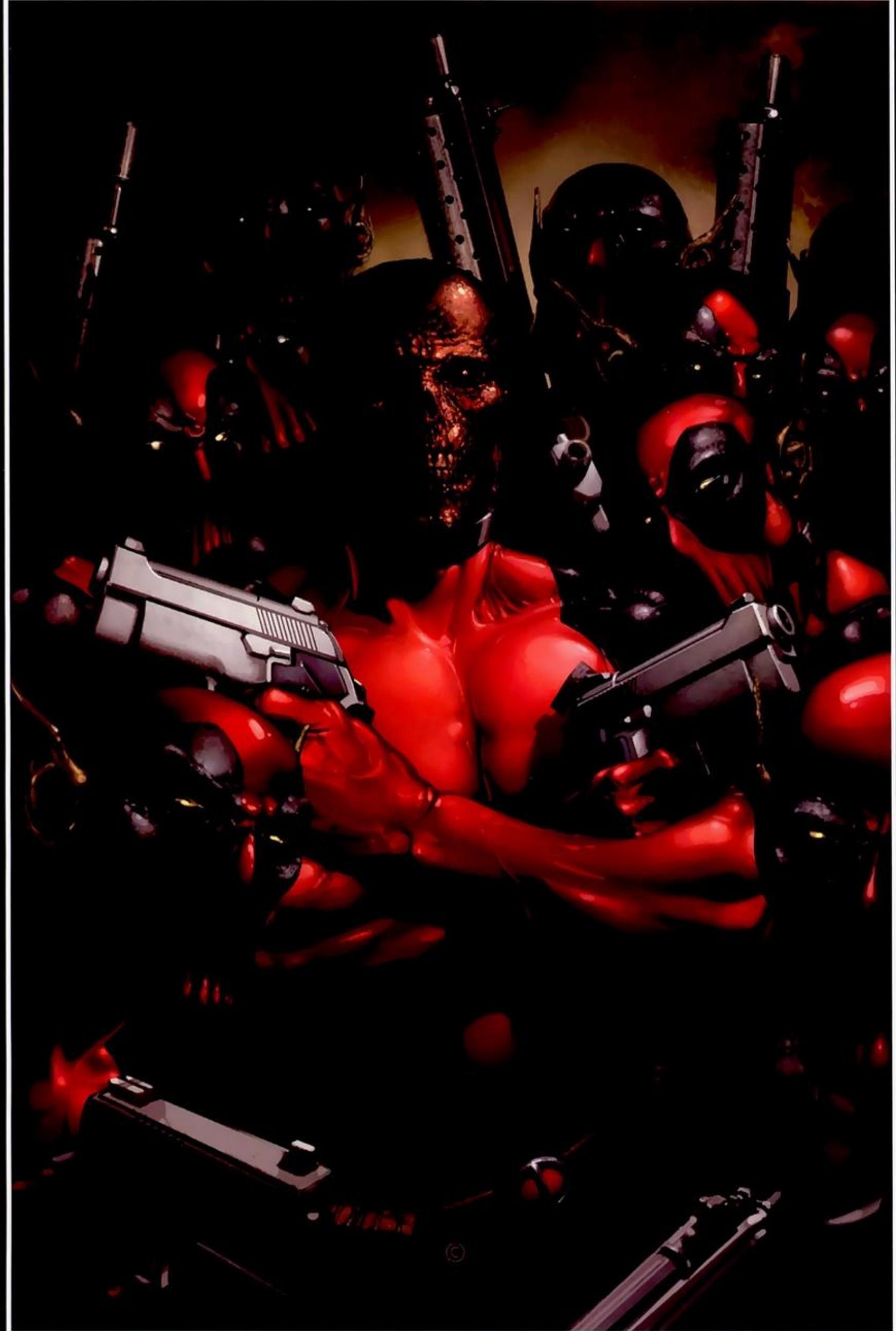
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AND I'M
REPORTING
FOR DUTY,
SIR.

WTF?! FIND OUT NEXT MONTH!

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DON'T BEAT 'EM, JOIN 'EM!

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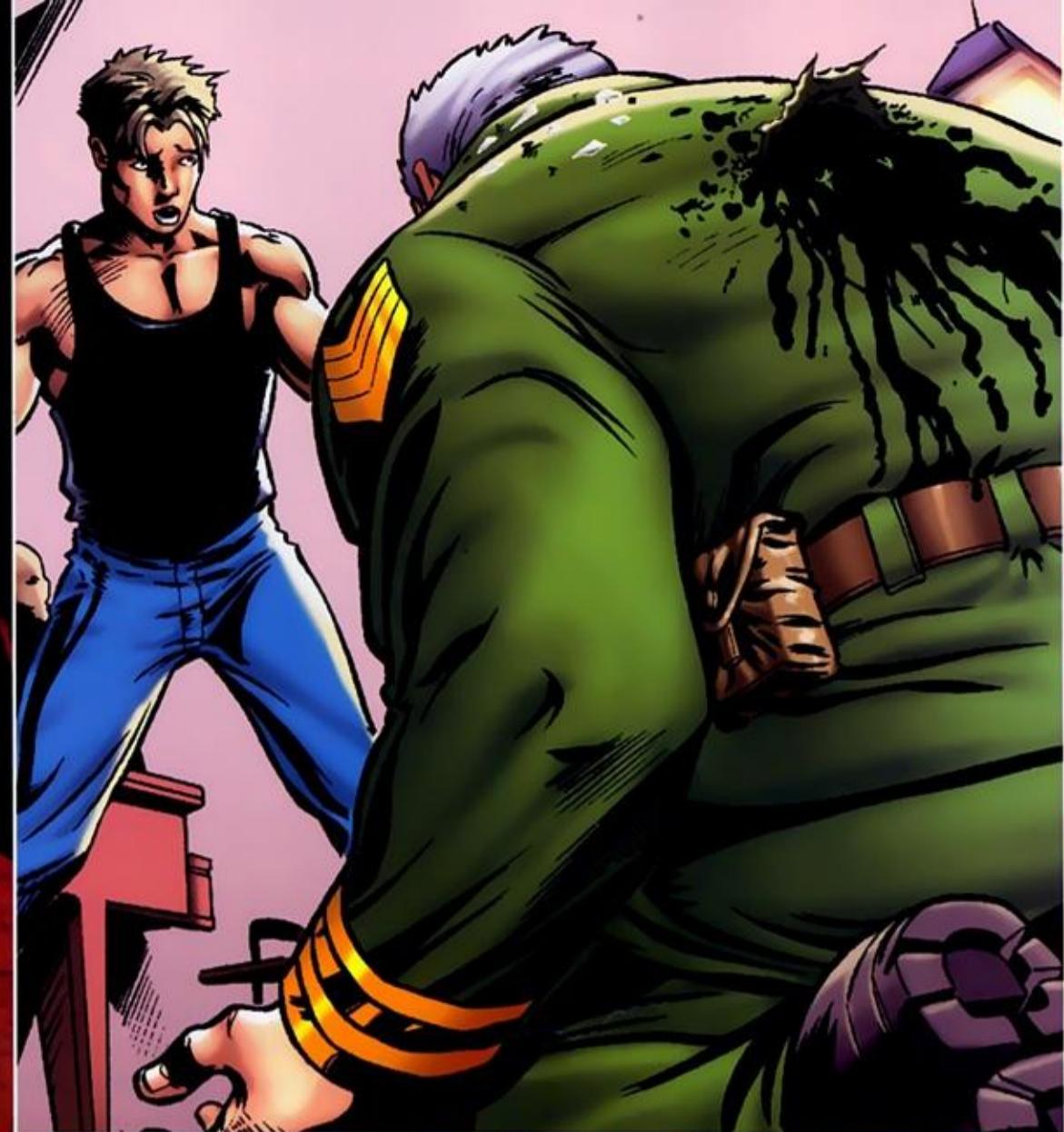


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Almost nothing is known for certain about the youth of the man called "Wade Wilson," not even if he was born with that name. He remembers a mother who died when he was five and a mother who beat him during his teen years, a father he hasn't seen since childhood and a father who was shot in a barroom altercation when his son was 17. Whatever his past, the youth who became Deadpool grew up to be a violent, conflicted man.



After serving in the military, that violent man became a teenage mercenary, taking assignments against those he felt warranted death. After failed assignments, he took new identities, and his true self, whoever that was, may have been lost in the process. A turning point came when, while on the run, he was nursed back to health by a husband and wife. Supposedly the husband's name was "Wade Wilson," and the mercenary craved that identity for himself. While trying to kill his benefactor, however, he inadvertently killed his wife Mercedes. Having broken his self-imposed rule against harming the innocent, the unhinged mercenary decided that he was Mercedes' husband, "Wade Wilson," and he mourned her before moving on.



Still a mercenary, Wilson traveled the world in the course of his assignments but never again abandoned the identity he believed was his. Eventually turning up in the USA, he fell in love with young Vanessa Carlyle, and although the couple lived their lives on the outskirts of society, they shared hopes for a better life. Unfortunately, Wilson contracted cancer, and he left Vanessa rather than force upon her what he perceived as the burden of a stricken man.



Wilson joined Canada's Department K and was mutated with a healing factor intended to cure his cancer. He worked with other operatives like Kane and Sluggo, but something went wrong. Whether due to a breakdown from his treatments or some other factor, Wilson apparently killed teammate Slayback. The government sent him to the Hospice for treatment, unaware of the sadistic experiments conducted by Dr. Emrys Killebrew. Killed for his rebellious streak, Wilson was revived by his healing factor, severely disfigured but no longer terminal. He tore the Hospice apart, freed his fellow test subjects, and proclaimed a new name for himself.



At this point Deadpool's history again turns vague as he bounced from job to job. He worked for Hammerhead's gang, fought Wolverine during the latter's years with Department H, and acted as assassin for the Kingpin, to name only a few high points.



As a costumed mercenary, Deadpool frequented the horrific hangout called Hellhouse, and he took jobs for villains like the Wizard and heroes like Doctor Druid before settling in to steady work with the mysterious Tolliver, who also employed Vanessa, now the shapeshifting Copycat. Deadpool's weapon supplier and best friend, Weasel, was also part of Tolliver's circle.

Eventually Tolliver sent Deadpool to kill Cable, another super-powered mercenary and, secretly, Tolliver's father. At the time, Cable was acting as mentor to the New Mutants, so Deadpool burst into the Xavier Institute, ready to rumble, but Cable defeated him and mailed him back to Tolliver. Deadpool could little imagine how important Cable and his cohorts would become in his later life.



Deadpool's world changed quickly when Cable changed the New Mutants into X-Force: Copycat went underground, his Department K crony Kane hunted both him and Cable for the government, Tolliver was slain, and a revived Slayback sought vengeance. In the chaos, however, Deadpool found tranquility in the friendship of Siryn from X-Force; although he came to deeply love her, Siryn never fully reciprocated his feelings.



Deadpool's life settled back to normal, or as close to normal as he wanted it, but Zoe Culloden of the mystery firm Landau, Luckman, and Lake felt Deadpool was meant for more than mercenary misadventures. Zoe claimed a heroic destiny awaited the dubious Deadpool, who was sure that, although he had worn many names, "hero" would never be one of them.



Deadpool continued moving from assignment to assignment, battle to battle, confronting Taskmaster, the Hulk, Typhoid Mary, Daredevil, and others. He grew less and less sure of what Zoe's offer might mean, but he discussed his doubts with no one save Blind Al, an elderly woman whom he inexplicably held hostage and against whom he sharpened his wits in repeat matches of pranks and sardonic barbs.



After a series of devastating defeats and conscience-facing crossroads, Deadpool took Zoe up on her offer, learning she wanted him to take the role of "Mithras" to protect an alien peace-bringing Messiah, but only by killing its enemy Tiamat. Discouraged that killing was all he seemed good for, Deadpool defeated Tiamat but recognized what others did not, that the Messiah brought not peace but mindless bliss. Deadpool killed the Messiah instead, saving the world but still wondering if he could do the same for his soul.

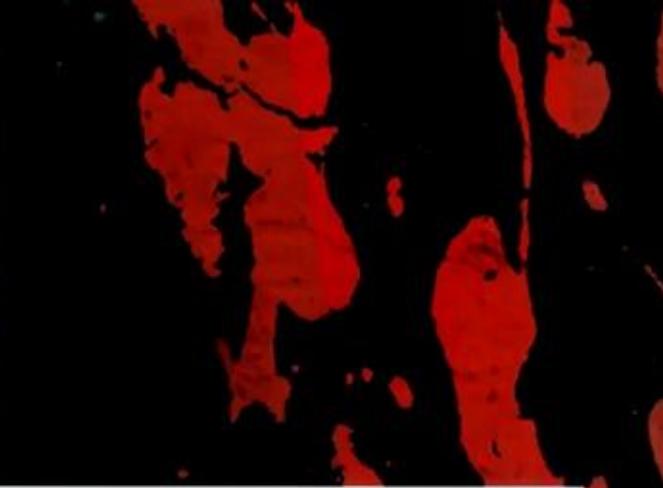
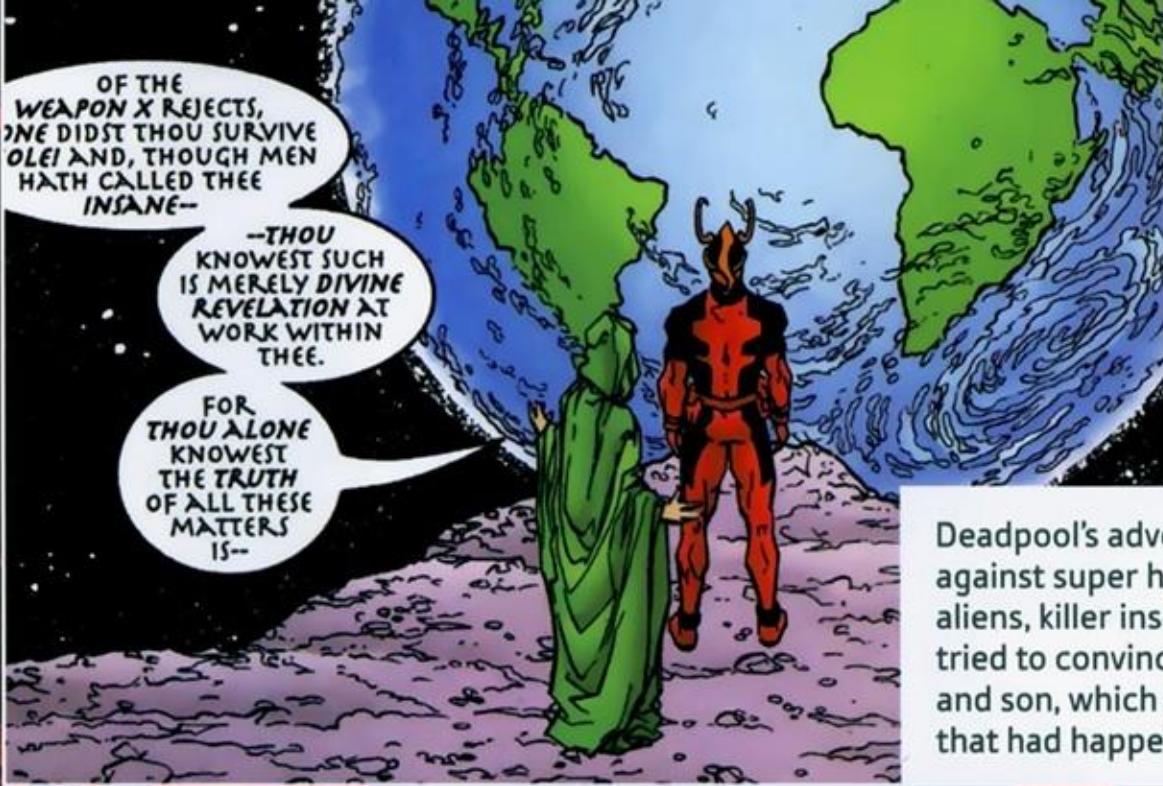


Already troubled, Deadpool was stunned when Mercedes Wilson returned from the dead, and he soon felt sure he could find redemption in her arms. However, another mercenary, the sorcerer T-Ray, revealed that Deadpool could never find peace as Mercedes' husband...because T-Ray was her husband, the man Deadpool had left for dead long ago. Overwhelmed by the revelation, Deadpool nevertheless refused to break down in defeat the way T-Ray wanted.

OF THE WEAPON X REJECTS,
ONE DIDST THOU SURVIVE
OLEI AND, THOUGH MEN
HATH CALLED THEE
INSANE--

--THOU
KNOWEST SUCH
IS MERELY DIVINE
REVELATION AT
WORK WITHIN
THEE.

FOR
THOU ALONE
KNOWEST
THE TRUTH
OF ALL THESE
MATTERS
IS--



Deadpool's adventures continued, setting him against super heroes, super-villains, werewolves, aliens, killer insects, and more. The god Loki even tried to convince Deadpool that they were father and son, which seemed as believable as anything else that had happened in Deadpool's life.

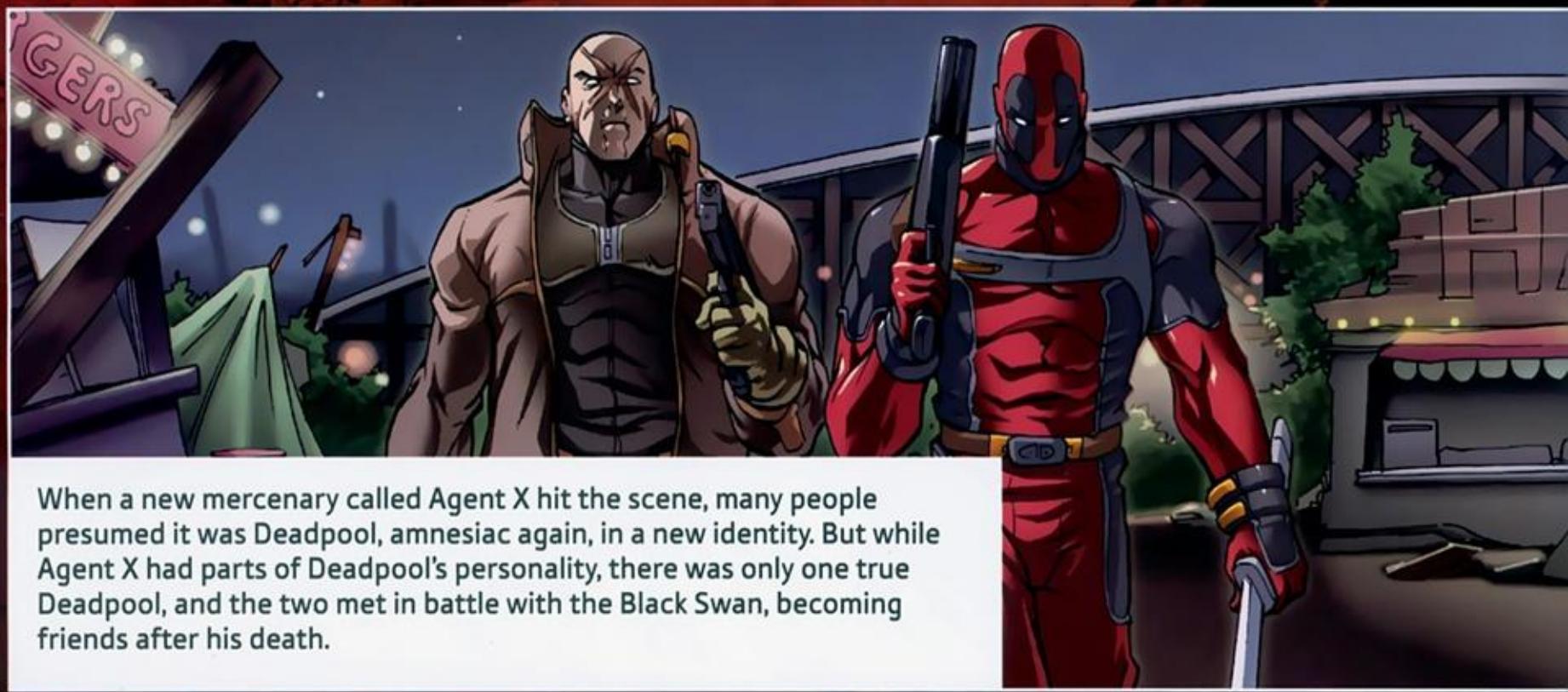
Deadpool then received an upgrade to his healing factor from Malcolm "Director" Colcord's Weapon X Program, which recruited him to oppose "the mutant menace." Joining Kane, who had turned callous while Deadpool had become more sympathetic to others, Deadpool was appalled when Kane murdered a mutant child. When Sabretooth, also in Weapon X, killed Copycat, a furious Deadpool was all but incinerated when he confronted her murderers.



To everyone's surprise, including his own, Deadpool regenerated and revived, alive but amnesiac. While he struggled to regain his memories, four mysterious men, also calling themselves "Deadpool," burst on the scene in various venues. Deadpool learned they were aspects of his own personality, created by T-Ray in a scheme that ultimately failed.



After years of killing, maiming, and destroying, Deadpool was declared a master mercenary after an especially tricky set of assassinations, which no one knew he never actually carried out. No one, that is, but the true killer, Black Swan, who apparently killed him for taking such credit.



When a new mercenary called Agent X hit the scene, many people presumed it was Deadpool, amnesiac again, in a new identity. But while Agent X had parts of Deadpool's personality, there was only one true Deadpool, and the two met in battle with the Black Swan, becoming friends after his death.



When the One World Church hired Deadpool to steal a virus that could reshape people's appearances, he had no idea he would find himself fighting Cable in the process, let alone that the two would form a psychic link during the battle.



But a lot had changed since their battle at Xavier's school years before. His mercenary days far behind him, Cable was out to save the world through intervention and example. Deadpool had heard wild talk about saving the world before, but he became one of Cable's most ardent and unstable supporters, willing to fight friend or enemy on his behalf, and he became a frequent visitor to Cable's island paradise, Providence.



When Cable vanished through dimensional barriers, Deadpool reunited with Siryn to rescue him, visiting many strange alternate Earths and alternate Cables in the bargain.

During the "Civil War," Deadpool and Cable parted over differences regarding the Superhuman Registration Act and its effects on the future. Trying to put his newfound idealism behind him, Deadpool joined the government-sanctioned Six Pack to discredit him but inadvertently improved Cable's status in the eyes of the world.



Unfortunately, Cable's dream reached an apparent end when Providence sank. Regardless of regrets over what might have been, Deadpool is now back in the mercenary game full-time, joining Weasel and other friends in Agency X. Cable may have disappeared into the future, but what future is waiting for Deadpool now?



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