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DEADPOOL



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Chosen to take part in a top-secret government program, Wade Wilson was bestowed with the ability to heal from any wound. He became a mercenary. Then, for a while, he tried to be a hero. It...well, it went pretty badly. So badly, in fact, that Wade mindwiped himself, resetting his memories to the "factory setting" of the classic chaos agent, the Merc with the Mouth, the Regeneratin' Degenerate known as...

DEADPOOL

Deadpool's trying to start up a new mercenary-for-hire business, and his first clients are the Avengers! Well, not really. They actually just wanted a weapon in Deadpool's possession to help face the cosmic threat of Groffon, a planet-destroying space god. But it sure seemed a little like maybe they could want to kinda hire him, so Deadpool ran with it and went off to face Groffon with this crazy-awesome super space weapon...that doesn't work.

Whoops.

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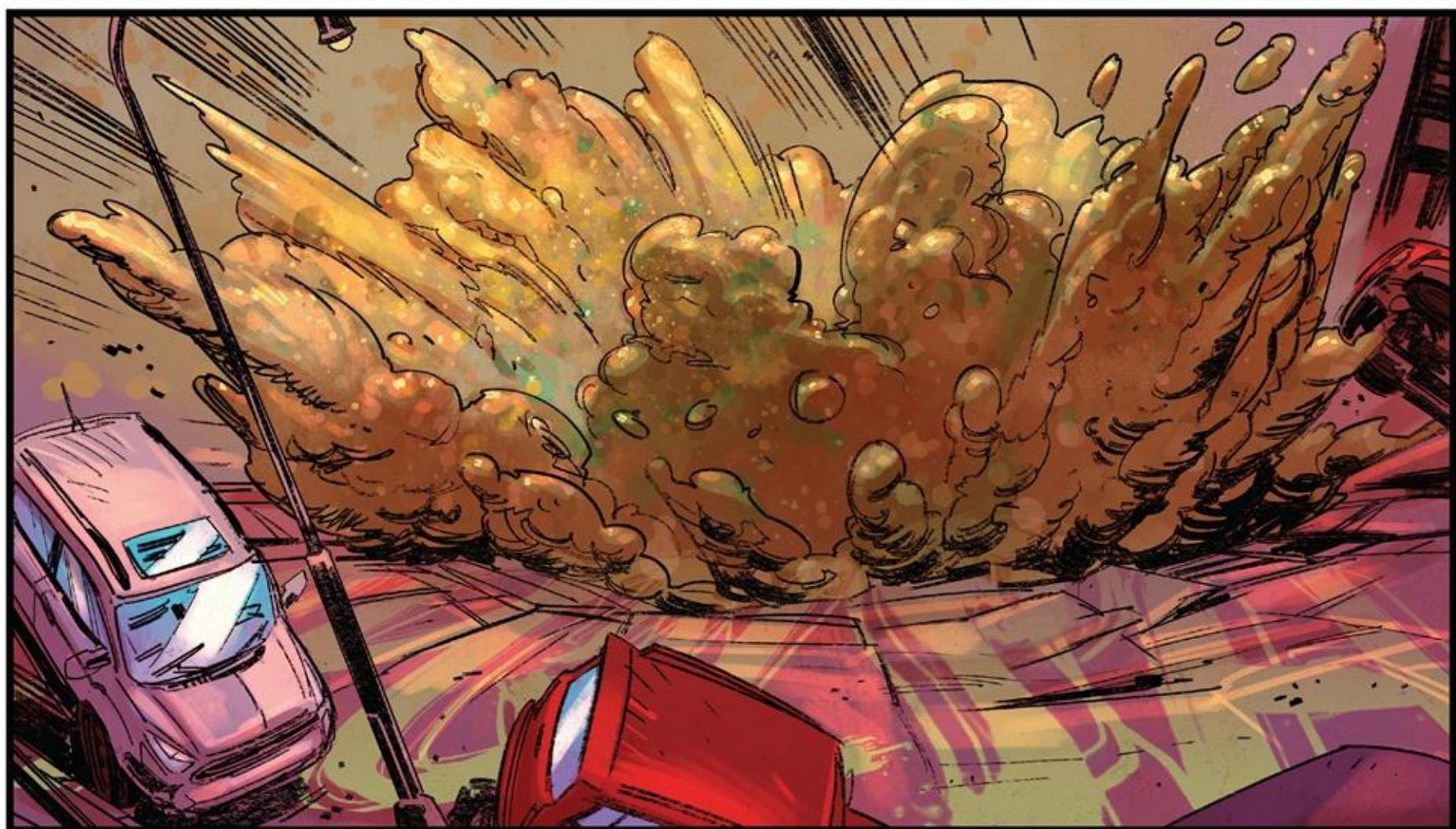
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IF YOU'RE ASKING WHETHER OR NOT I'M STILL ALIVE...



...THEN QUIT ASKING DUMB %!\$# QUESTIONS AND START ASKING THE RIGHT ONES.



FOR EXAMPLE: I BELIEVE ALL MY RIBS ARE BROKEN, DEFINITELY A FEW TOES, AND ALL TYPES OF INTERNAL BLEEDING, NOT TO MENTION I'M TAPPED LIKE A HIPSTER'S HOMEMADE NASTY-ASS CRAFT BEER KEG.



OH, AND THESE \$%#@ PUKEMEN! SO THE QUESTION SHOULD BE, DO I WANT TO STILL BE ALIVE?

I'M GONNA SAY THE ANSWER IS A SOLID NO.

YO, DWEBPOOL...

HUH???



...I'VE NEVER BEEN SO EXCITED TO BE COVERED IN GUTS THAT WEREN'T MY OWN.

WHY ARE YOU EVER EXCITED TO BE COVERED IN YOUR OWN GUTS?

SHUNK



THAT IS A VERY BIG QUESTION THAT MANY THERAPISTS HAVE TRIED TO UNPACK, BUT THEY GET PRETTY FREAKED OUT WHEN I START BRINGING UP MY--

MOTHER OF %\$&H!

LOOK AT THAT, NEGASONIC...

HUH, I FEEL LIKE THE WHOLE ALIEN-DNA-TURNS-ON-THE-ALIEN-WEAPON HAS BEEN DONE A FEW TIMES, BUT I'LL TAKE WHAT I CAN GET.









GROFFON'S DEATH SEEMS TO HAVE CAUSED HIS MINIONS TO SELF-DESTRUCT.

YES! IT IS GLORIOUS!

SOMETHING IS REALLY WRONG WITH YOU, YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?

I HAVE BEEN TOLD, YES.

THANK YOU!

YOU SAVED US ALL!

WE'D ALL BE DEAD WITHOUT THE AVENGERS!

AND SPIDER-MAN!

AND THE CHAMPIONS, X-MEN, SQUIRREL GIRL, THE GUY WHO SELLS HOT DOGS ON THE CORNER OF 49TH AND 8TH...

THANK YOU, SIR, BUT--

"BUT DESPITE ALL OF OUR SUPER-POWERS, ARMOR, SHIELDS, AND OTHER VARIOUS KNICK-KNACKS, THE ONLY PERSON ON EARTH WHO COULD STOP THE MEGA-PUKE-O-TRON WAS DEADPOOL."

"WHICH IS WHY WE HIRED HIM TO STRAIGHT-UP KILL EARTH'S BIGGEST THREAT."

"FIVE STARS. WOULD MERC AGAIN."



"...I HAVE A FEELING WE'RE GONNA BE BUSY!"

AND THAT'S THE WAY THE COOKIE CRUMBLES. SPEAKING OF CRUMBLES, NEW YORK CITY WAS UNDER ATTACK AGAIN THIS WEEK, BUT THIS TIME IT WAS NOT THE AVENGERS WHO CLEANED UP THE CRUMBS. WE HAVE MORE ON THAT FROM ROXXON NEWS' OWN KELLY KIND.

DEADPOOL, GUN-SLASH-SWORDS FOR HIRE, HOW CAN I HELP YOU?

THANKS, DAN. I'M STANDING IN FRONT OF THE REMAINS OF YET ANOTHER WOULD-BE EXTRATERRESTRIAL DESTROYER. IT WAS QUITE AN EVENT, AS EVERY HERO YOU CAN THINK OF WAS ON CALL TO TRY AND STOP THIS LATEST THREAT.

BUT A HERO ISN'T WHAT THE WORLD NEEDED. INSTEAD, SALVATION CAME IN THE FORM OF THE NOTORIOUS MERCENARY KNOWN AS DEADPOOL.

KELLY KIND
-at scene of destruction

MAKING NEWS: GIANT DWEEF DESTROYER

THAT'S HOW YOU DO IT, SON! JUST ROLL RIGHT UP ON A %\$#@ AND SQUEEZE ONE OFF! AND YES, I KNOW HOW THAT SOUNDED, BUT I DON'T CARE.

NAME ANOTHER MERC THAT CAN TAKE OUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT. YOU CAN'T! BECAUSE THE REST ARE A BUNCH OF BUSTERS!

DEADPOOL
-Idiot Superhuman

I COULD REALLY USE THIS THING DONE BY TUESDAY. I KNOW IT'S 47 PEOPLE, BUT I'M SURE HE CAN HANDLE IT, RIGHT?

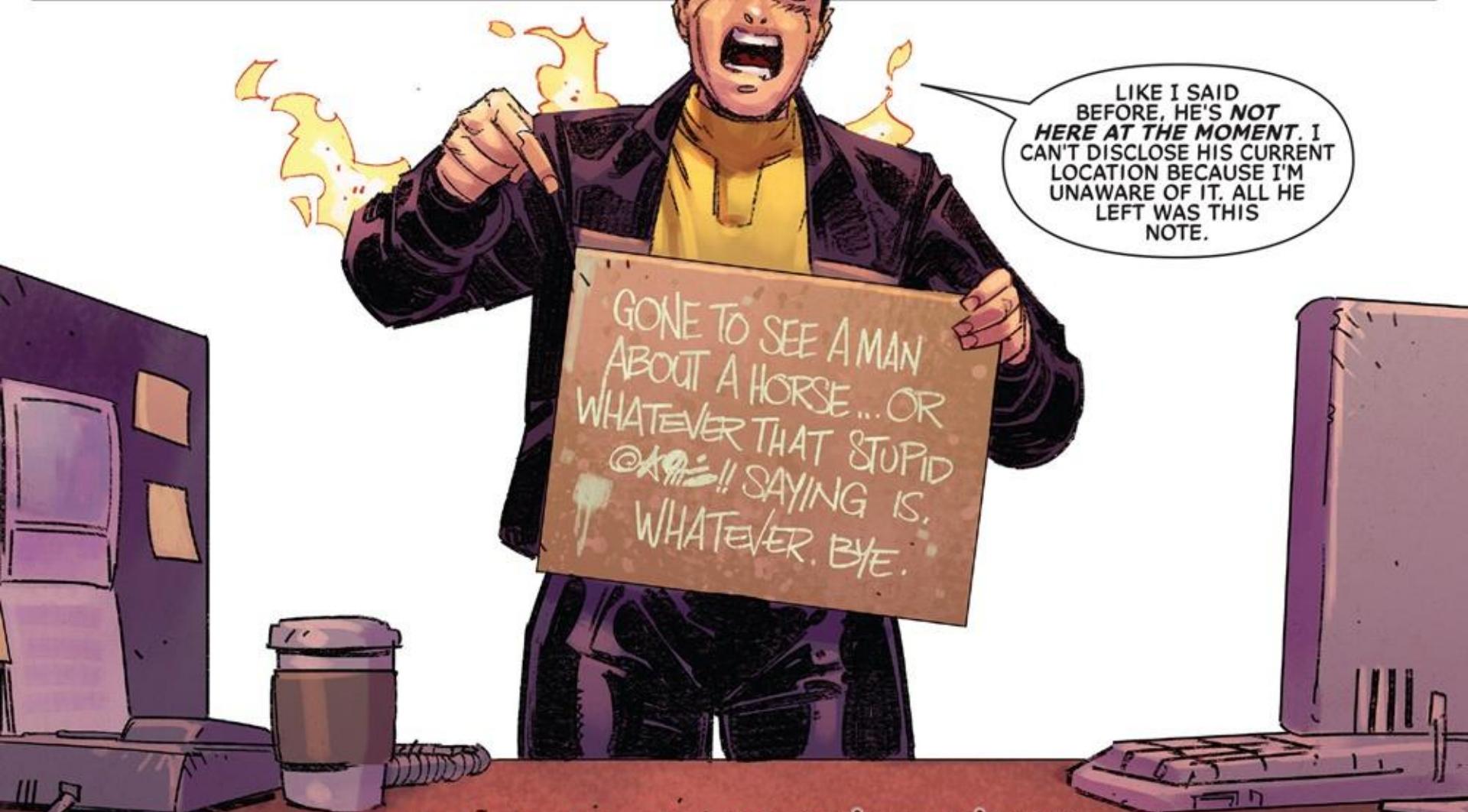
IF I CAN TAKE THAT THING DOWN, JUST THINK WHAT I COULD DO FOR YOU. CALL ME!

OKAY, YOU WANT DEADPOOL TO KILL WOLVERINE? YOU DO KNOW HE'S, LIKE...DEAD ALREADY.*

EXCUSE ME, WHY ARE YOU TALKING TO THAT MUTANT? I WAS HERE TWO HOURS BEFORE HIM!

JUST LIKE AN INHUMAN. I'VE BEEN HERE FOR DECADES, YOU'RE BRAND NEW!

*Or used to be! He's alive again! Or it's another clone or Infinity Stone or something? I had to use the bathroom during that part of the creative summit. --Ed.



SPAAAACE!

CWUZZZ

I SEARCHED FOR FO

AND

<WAKE UP,
YOU LIVING CRAP,
WE'RE HERE. AND NOW
WE'RE EVEN. IF I CATCH
YOU ON THIS SIDE OF THE
GALAXY AGAIN, I'LL FIND
WHATEVER CORPSE GAVE
BIRTH TO YOU
AND-->

*Translated from...weird space talk? --Ed.

HEY, I'M HALF
ASLEEP AND I DON'T
KNOW YOUR LANGUAGE
BUT I RECOGNIZE THE "I'M
GONNA DO SOME ILL \$#%@
TO YOUR MOM" TONE
WHEN I HEAR IT.

HOW ABOUT YOU
JUST LAND THIS JALOPY
BEFORE I CRACK THAT
FUGLY MELON OF
YOURS?

<YOU ARE
THE ONE WHO
IS FUGLY, NOT
ME.>

*Translated from...weird space talk? --Ed.

RIGHT THIS
WAY, HUMAN.
YOU HAVE KEPT
KING LOKK
WAITING.

WELL, MAYBE
IF SOMEONE I
KNEW WOULD OFFER
TO HELP ME CARRY THE
GIANT TRUNK FULL
OF SPACE BUCKS
WE'D MAKE A LITTLE
BETTER TIME.

KREEKORE,
MAKE SURE YOU
COUNT IT...



YOU KNOW,
WHILE WE'RE ON THIS
WHOLE "OPEN AND HONEST"
KICK, THERE IS ONE LITTLE
THING...A NITPICK,
IF YOU WILL.

YOU SENT
GROFFON AND THE GUN
TO KILL HIM WITH. BUT YOU
FORGOT TO TELL ME THE
LITTLE PART ABOUT HOW
TO USE IT!

YES.
AND...

AND I WAS
THINKING YOU COULD
CUT ME A LITTLE DISCOUNT.
YOU KNOW, LIKE "WE MADE A
DEAL BUT THEN WE KIND OF
ALMOST GOT YOU KILLED IN
THE PROCESS" TYPE
OF THING.

YOUR MOUTH ISN'T SAYING
WORDS BUT YOUR FACE IS
DEFINITELY TELLING ME
TO %\$&# OFF AND I
HEAR YOU LOUD
AND CLEAR.

I'M
GONNA
GET...

...6000000...



A LITTLE HARD MERCIN' NEVER KILLED ANYONE...UNLESS THE PRICE IS RIGHT, AND I AM OPEN FOR %\$&% BUSINESS.

NOW... WHO'S UP FIRST?

The end.

Heavens to Bea Arthur, you Deadites have come out in force!!! We've gotten a ton of letters, so no more jabber-jawin' from me—let's get right to them!

My name is Ali Rizvi and I am a massive fan of your DEADPOOL comic books. It seems like this new series is giving new life to the DEADPOOL comics. Congratulations on your first issue. I can't wait until issue N°2.

From Ali Rizvi, a True Marvel Fan

Thanks for the kind words, Ali! I hope you enjoyed issue N°2, and now N°3! If you liked those, we've got a lot more crazy times coming!

To Skottie,

A suggestion: How about "From the Fourth Wall"?

I look forward to Deadpool doing crazy things again. No morals. Just the original funny Deadpool.

Get it going!
Jonathan

Well, Jonathan, hopefully you found this comic sufficiently moral-free. We're like that original Seinfeld pitch: no hugging, no lessons. Nice suggestion for the letters column!

Just finished reading DEADPOOL N°1 and by Goddy Ms. Hoddy that was some classic awesome DEADPOOL, if I do say so myself, especially bringing ol' Negasonic Teenage Whatsherface in for a cameo!!! I'm a huge fan, personally call myself a Wade Head and have NEW MUTANTS N°98, "The Circle Chase," DEADPOOL N°1 '97, oh you get the point. Anyhoo, keep it fresh, keep us on our toes, and at the very end keep me laughing!

Ore Mac signing off
(it'll be cool to see this in print)
So keep it up!!!

And now, see it in print you shall, Ore Mac! Sounds like you're a dyed-in-the-wool 'Pool Fool. Hopefully we've kept you laughing! We certainly put a lot of puke in these first issues, and, as far as I'm concerned, nothing's funnier than the chuck that goes up.

This is by far the most excited I've been about a new series, and wow did it deliver. As Ryan Reynolds was born to play Deadpool on screen, I believe Skottie Young was born to write for DEADPOOL. He has a sharp and clever wit with a touch of psycho, just like Deadpool. Past works confirmed this was a perfect match. Loving the

nonlinear style of storytelling already and pumped for what's to come. Bravo to Hepburn and Klein, good details all around. Favorite spread was of Groffon on the space bike. So excited for next issue.

Tony Seaward
Seattle, WA

Mr. Seaward from Seattle, I agree with you: Skottie Young on DEADPOOL is practically a no-brainer. He's got so many absolutely gonzo ideas, talking with him on the phone about DEADPOOL plans is basically just me laughing and shaking my head. I can't wait for you to see what this madman is cooking up. And you know Nic Klein and Scott Hepburn are going to draw the ever-loving \$%#@ out of it!

Dear DEADPOOL Crew,

I really enjoyed the art in this book. Other than the great art in this book, it was really hard to get through. I love the Deadpool movies as much as anyone, but this first issue tried too hard to be like the movies and it did not translate well to comic book format. The fluidity of movie storytelling led to this comic being choppy and uneven. I enjoy Skottie's storytelling in other books (especially the ROCKET he bragged about [it really was great]), so I'll continue to give this a try, but there really needs to be some improvement in the book if I am to continue long-term. Nic Klein, Scott Hepburn, Ian Herring, Jeff Eckleberry, great job and keep up the good work.

Patrick K
North Carolina

Hey, Patrick K, sorry issue N°1 wasn't firing on all cylinders for you, but I'm glad to hear you dug the art and you're up for giving us another chance. Hopefully issues N°2 and N°3 brought you around? Regardless, there was plenty more amazing Nic Klein art to look at! That guy's killing it, right?

Hello Mr. Young,

Regarding your question of how to call us readers, how about Chimichangettes? The word was used in SPLIT SECOND N°4 and it was well received.

Best regards,
Melanie Bernt
Germany

Not a bad option at all, Melanie. Thanks for the suggestion! All the way from Germany, no less!!! So, I

suppose I should actually say danke schön!

Hey guys,

Was it me or did DP just take out a certain badass biker from a rival company? Name rhymes with Robo. No? Okay, it was just me. Liking brutality of this series and definitely want to see more of Good Night.

Thinking of names to call the Deadpool readers, I came up with "Bad Mouthers," "Dead Poet Society," "Skinny Dippers," we can steal from Gwenpool and call us the "Pool Boys" [although that would just assume only males read Deadpool (that's definitely not true)], or "The Peters." Get it? The Peters?! It has a double meaning! It's the name of the guy in the movie and...well, I think you get the point.

Unsigned Letter Writer, thanks for all those suggestions! I loved the "Pool Boys" moniker from GWENPOOL—what a fun book that was. As for the biker in issue N°1, no "Robo," just a mean-looking biker dude. Keep your eyes peeled for more Good Night, I'm guessing you haven't seen the last of him...

To Whom It May Concern:

Have to go with "Pooligans."

Regards,
Jason Jones

It concerns ME, Jason, and I LOVE it!

Well, Skottie and co., it appears you're givin' 'er all she's got! I absolutely adored DEADPOOL N°1 and I'm super excited to see where you go with the character now that he's back to his old merc roots. [Maybe the return of a certain blind elderly lady and a weasely little punk?] But I digest! Keep up the great work if you want to keep your jobs!

From,
Louie

[P.S. \$!@# CANCER!]

[P.P.S. Why do they want us to say the letters are okay to print? I mean obviously they're going to be printed so why do they need our okay?]

"But I digest" is exactly the kind of dad-joke "wordplay" that makes me laugh out loud, Louie, so first and foremost, solid work. Who knows what characters from Deadpool's past we may see! There's a particular favorite of mine showing up in N°4 –no spoilers! As to your post-postscript, they actually aren't all going to be printed! We typically

don't run a letter that DOESN'T say "Okay to Print," as sometimes people send us personal reactions or messages they don't necessarily want out in the world. So if you want your letter printed, put in that "OKAY," okay? As to your postscript, agreed. \$!@# cancer, FOR SURE.

Hi, Skottie!

Random title idea for the DEADPOOL letter column: WADE-ING POOL. Because what's more Deadpool than terrible puns? [Plenty of things, but that's some part of it, right? No? Damn.]

First issue is really funny!

Ember

Ember, first of all, your name is rad. Second of all, your suggestion for a letter column name is rad. Third of all, terrible puns are way rad, and WAY Deadpool. Ember, you are...on fire! *TERRIBLE PUN HIGH FIVE!*

Hi, I have a few suggestions for the DEADPOOL letters page name:

- 1) Merc Mouth
- 2) Deadly Letters
- 3) Wade's Wisdom
- 4) Wade's World
- 5) Chimichanga Exchange
- 6) Maximum Efforts

Nino

SOLID suggestions, Nino! As a child of the '90s, "Wade's World" holds a very particular allure for me. For N95, I'd suggest a slight alteration to "Chimichanga Exchange-a." And with that obnoxious suggestion, you now know what it's like to be edited by a Marvel editor! Feel free to commiserate with any writer I've ever worked with at a convention bar.

Skottie Young really hit it off with this first issue! I've been wanting to get into DEADPOOL for a while now. This issue was the perfect entry point and now I'm hooked! The humor, the action, and the characters all together make something pretty awesome. Keep doing what you all do best!

Jason

Jason, I'm absolutely thrilled we're your gateway into the magical realm of the Regeneratin' Degenerate! You keep reading, we'll keep the crazy coming!

I just finished reading OP N91 and I

must say it was definitely worth the cover price. I really do wish there was more story included in the pages [maybe make the panels a li'l bit smaller?]. I loved the origin stories, and it's nice to know who really killed that little boy's parents (Good Night). LOL!

Anyway, until Deadpool becomes a father of four to She-Hulk, Make Mine Marvel!!

Robert J. Laylon

Thanks for writing in, Robert! That's a delicate balance—we want to make sure you get lots of story while also giving that beautiful Nic Klein art some room to blow your mind! Hopefully you've found us hitting the right balance of art and story with the past couple of issues!

Dear Skottie,

I have never written to a comic book before, I feel all tingly inside. I feel like I know what the astronauts felt like when they landed on the moon. You did much better with your DEADPOOL than your parents did spelling your name. Where can I get a pair of Stuffiewear? Do you know Deadpool personally? Tell him I said hi, and I want to be called a "Pooligan."

Andrew

SICK NAME SPELLING BURN, Andrew, you 'Pooligan. I'm sure Skottie is crying all the way to the easily Google-able celebrity name bank. We're working on Stuffiewear, and by that I mean I'm wearing it around the office every day and no one else seems to be catching Stuffiewear fever. But they will. Oh, how they will. And while I don't think anyone can truly know Deadpool, he does send care packages of half-eaten chimichangas, DVDs of Maude, and vaguely threatening letters demanding his stories be both "awesome" and "on time with proper formatting" to all of his writers. Those are definitely from Deadpool and not their editors. DEFINITELY.

As a person who has been reading DEADPOOL for forever—every issue to date!—let me tell you, I LOVED this new take on the stories and art style. It's so hilarious! I have a feeling it's going to be my favorite RUN!

Call me a WADE WATCHER!!!

Nelson

Nelson, you are a Wade Watcher, watching Wades go by, my, my, my! Holy smokes, I HOPE we're

your favorite run—that would be AMAZING! That's certainly what we're aiming for!

Dear Mr. Pool,

What are your thoughts on the Deadpool movie and its sequel?

How do you feel about Ryan Reynolds' performance? Also, who is your least favorite super hero?

Bryant Zenher

P.S. You should kill Spider-Man more often.

Bryant, I don't normally do this, but given that you have a completely extraneous "t" in your name, the world has been hard enough on you already, so I forwarded your message along to Wade. Here's his response:

"Never saw the movies. Like renowned theater-goer Pee-wee Herman once said, 'I don't have to see it...I lived it.' I do enjoy that guy from The Proposal, though I wish he'd go back to the pizza place. The world needs more Traylor Howard! And lastly, my least favorite super hero is Blade, because he's always like 'I had swords before they were cool, Deadpool. I fought Dracula before it was cool, Deadpool. I had an R-rated super hero movie before it was cool, Deadpool.' I GET IT, BLADE, YOU'RE THE SUPER HERO HIPSTER! Go post a photo of your Bloody Mary brunch on Instagram, oh wait, you can't because you're a vampire. Or can you? What's the deal with photography and 'daywalkers' or whatever you call—you know what, who cares, this is why you SUCK, Blade!"

DEADPOOL N91 was great. I enjoyed the first story more, but the backup was fun as well. I can't wait for the next issue to come out. Overall, I am very impressed and excited.

Ryan C.

Overall, Ryan, I'm very impressed and excited about YOU! Thanks so much for writing in, we're glad to hear you're picking up what we're putting down.

That's it for this month, but tune in next-ish, when artist Scott Hepburn takes our old pal Wade on a trip to Weirdworld! What could possibly go wrong?! Until then, and this sign-off has never felt more appropriate...

Stay Weird!

Jake T.

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