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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

As everyone knows, you're only as good as your origin story. A while back, Deadpool wanted to tweak his, make it a little more sympathetic. Y'know, add a dead uncle or something. What would have been TRULY ideal, though, would be if Deadpool's parents got murdered in front of him on his birthday by a man in a black-and-red suit who told him not to become a cliché seeking vengeance.

But unfortunately that isn't what happened to Deadpool. That's what Deadpool did to some poor, unsuspecting adolescent years ago. But I'm sure that kid's gotten over it. I mean, who holds onto a grudge like that...?

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I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PROBLEM IS. I HIRED YOU TO TAKE OUT RUSSO'S GOON SQUAD, RIGHT?

YES.

AND YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT RUSSO'S GOON SQUAD IS CURRENTLY DEAD, YES?



YEAH, THEY'RE DEFINITELY DEAD.

OKAY, SO YOU DID YOUR JOB AND I WILL PAY YOU. WHY IS THIS CONCEPT SO DIFFICULT?

THE THING IS, THEY ARE DEAD...



...I'M JUST NOT THE ONE WHO MADE THEM BE DEAD.

AND THE WEIRD THING IS, THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME IT'S HAPPENED THIS WEEK.



SO YOU FEEL GUILTY FOR TAKING MONEY FOR YOUR JOB THAT IS DONE BECAUSE YOU'RE SAYING YOU DIDN'T DO THE JOB.

UGH! I HATE HEARING YOU SAY IT OUT LOUD, BUT KIND OF, YES.

HERE'S THE THING. I'D LIKE TO BE DONE TALKING TO YOU NOW. SO I'M GOING TO PAY YOU LIKE I SAID I WOULD.



IF YOU WANT TO FIND WHOEVER IS STEPPING ON YOUR GIGS AND GIVE THEM THE MONEY, BY ALL MEANS, HAVE AT IT.



"LET'S JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T KEEP SWOOPING IN AND STEALING MY JOBS. I HAVE A REP TO PROTECT."



A few days later.





STAN'S SOAPBOX · SEPTEMBER 1967

STAN'S SOAPBOX!

Many Keepers of the Faith have demanded that we take a more definite stand on current problems such as Viet Nam, civil rights, and the increase in crime, to name a few. We've a hunch that most Marvel madmen pretty well know where we stand on such matters—and we've long believed that our first duty is to entertain, rather than editorialize. Of course, you've probably noticed that it's not too easy to keep our own convictions out of the soul-stirring sagas we toss at you—but, in our own bumbling fashion, we do try. Anyway, since it's YOU who are the true editors of Marveldom, it's time for another impassioned poll! Should we editorialize more—or less—or keep things in their present fouled-up form? We'll announce the verdict as soon as one of us learns to count so we can tabulate the votes. But, till then, in case you haven't noticed, we've got a little suggestion for you. Namely—THINK MARVEL! That's it, Believer!



**STAN LEE
FOREVER**







"...THEN YOU SET UP A DECOY WHILE YOU WAIT IN THE WEEDS. WHEN HE SHOWS UP, YOU TAKE HIM OUT. DUCK HUNT."

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHAT AM I WEARING?"

YOU SAID WE'RE GOING ON A DUCK HUNT.

NO, IT'S A THING WITH A DECOY AND WEEDS...YOU KNOW WHAT, NEVER MIND.

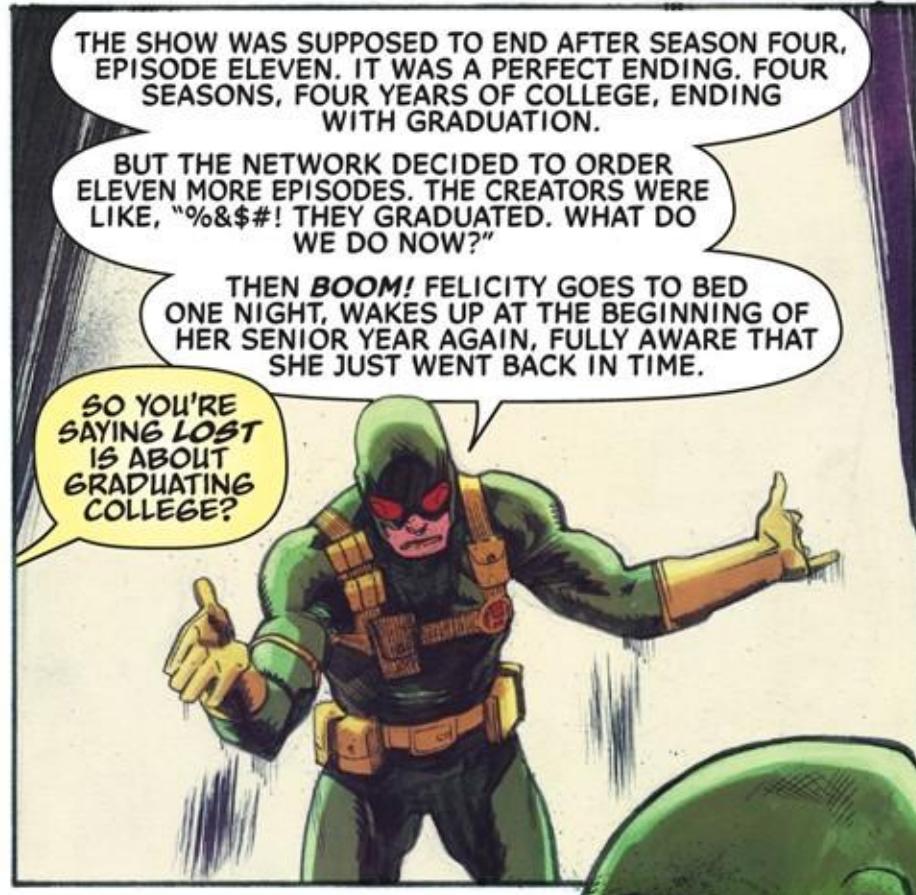
I'M SETTING UP A TRAP. YOU'RE THE BAIT.

WHEN GOOD NIGHT GETS HERE TO TAKE YOU OUT, I'LL JUST TAKE HIM OUT FIRST.

I'M NOT SURE I LIKE THIS IDEA THAT MUCH NOW. WHAT IF HE KILLS ME BEFORE YOU KILL HIM?

IF HE KILLS YOU, I'LL STILL BE RIGHT HERE TO SHOOT HIM, SO I'LL TOTALLY AVENGE YOUR DEATH OR WHATEVER. THAT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE, BUT I'D LEARN TO LIVE WITH IT.

WIN-WIN FOR ME, REALLY.



Ten hours later.

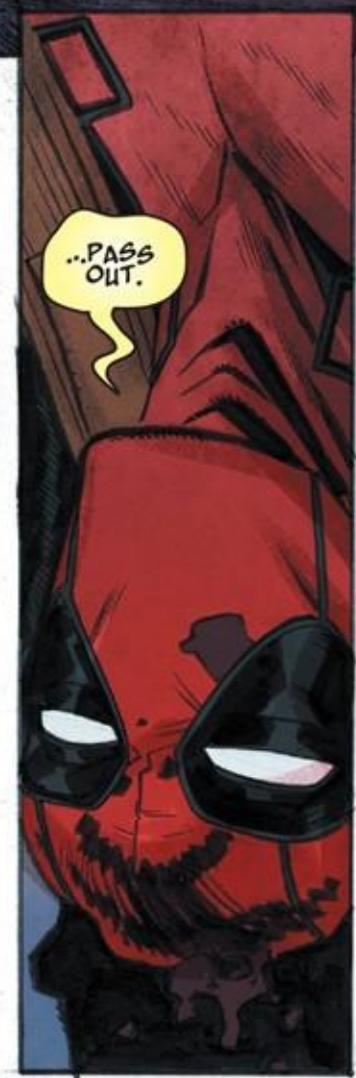




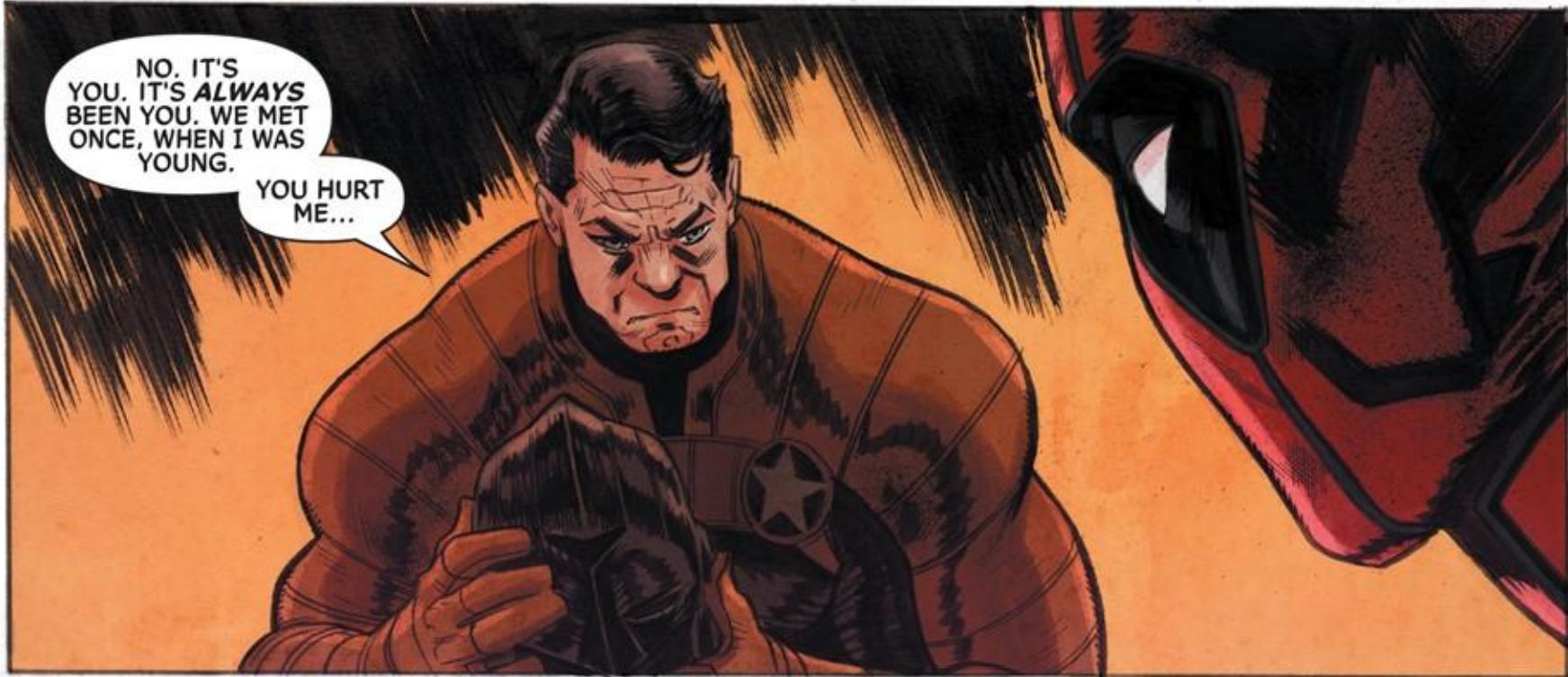














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