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DEADPOOL



During the Secret Invasion, Deadpool was hired by Nick Fury to steal vital Skrull bio-data. But Norman intercepted the transmission of the data and used it to take down the Skrull Queen--which made him famous, and Deadpool one miserable (and unpaid) merc.

Deadpool then hired the reformed villain, Taskmaster, to help him take on Norman's covert strike force, the Thunderbolts, and squeeze the cash out of Osborn. Not only did Deadool and Taskmaster defeat the Thunderbolts, but by the end of the battle, Deadpool managed to steal Osborn's gold card...and finally got paid! Well...at least enough to cover the money he owed Taskmaster. But Wade's expecting a payday all his own and he's not finished with Norman... not by a long shot...

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DIRECTOR OSBORN...

...THANK YOU FOR AGREEING TO THIS INTERVIEW.

OF COURSE. UNLIKE ITS PREDECESSOR, H.A.M.M.E.R. WELCOMES PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

WELL, SPEAKING ON A PURELY PERSONAL LEVEL, I'D LIKE TO SAY--

AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHERE I FEEL WE NEED TO CONNECT WITH THE PUBLIC--ON A PERSONAL LEVEL.

AFTER THIS INTERVIEW, I WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW IN THEIR HEARTS THAT H.A.M.M.E.R. WILL DO EVERYTHING IN ITS CAPACITY TO ENSURE BOTH THEIR SAFETY, AND THE SAFETY OF GENERATIONS TO COME.

ASSURANCES ARE EASY TO MAKE--WE SHALL ENDEAVOR TO INSPIRE FAITH.

WOW, THAT'S... THAT'S GREAT STUFF. TOO BAD WE'RE NOT ROLLING YET...

OH, THAT REMINDS ME--BEFORE WE GET STARTED, MY PRODUCER HASN'T HEARD BACK FROM YOUR PEOPLE ABOUT THE QUESTIONS WE SUBMITTED? DOES THAT MEAN WE'RE GOOD TO--?

I'VE BROUGHT MY OWN QUESTIONS, ACTUALLY.

I'M... SORRY...?

TEN SECONDS!

THE ONLY QUESTIONS I WILL ANSWER ARE THE ONES WRITTEN ON THAT SHEET OF PAPER.

HOW'S MY HAIR LOOK?





"WHAT'S
THE PROBLEM,
BOSS?"





AVENGERS TOWER:

MOONSTONE

I THOUGHT
YOUR NEW
THUNDERBOLTS
TOOK THAT
JOKER OUT?

AS DID I,
BUT--AS YOU
CAN SEE--WE WERE
BOTH OBVIOUSLY
MISTAKEN.

AND, TO
MAKE MATTERS
WORSE, HE STILL HAS
MY TELEPORTER
PROTOTYPE.

VENOM

CAPTAIN
MARVEL

SO...NOW YOU
WANT US TO TAKE
HIM OUT? SEEMS LIKE
AN AWFUL LOT OF
FIREPOWER FOR SUCH A
SMALL PROBLEM...

I
AGREE.

THAT'S WHY
I'M ONLY GOING
TO SEND ONE OF
YOU TO TAKE
HIM OUT.

SENTRY

SOMEONE
WITH WHOM HE
SHARES SOME
HISTORY.

SORRY,
CAN'T. HAVE
TO WASH MY
HAIR.

HE AIN'T
TALKIN' ABOUT
YOU, JUNIOR...

DAKEN

...HE'S
TALKIN' ABOUT
ME.



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"HAPPEN TO KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND HIM, BY ANY CHANCE?"

"I WILL SOON--I'VE ALREADY STARTED A MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO FLUSH HIM OUT. THAT IS, IF THE FBI DOESN'T PICK HIM UP FIRST. THAT BROKE IDIOT'S BEEN PIMPING HIMSELF OUT ON CRAIGSLIST AS A GUN-FOR-HIRE!"

I TOLD YOU--I DIDN'T ORDER A PIZZA!

LOOK, PAL--I'M NOT PAYIN' FOR THIS PIE, UNDERSTAND? I'M NOT EXACTLY IN GREAT FINANCIAL HEALTH RIGHT NOW, Y'KNOW WHAT I'M SAYIN'?



SO YOU BETTER PAY UP, OR I'M JUST GONNA KEEP PUSHIN' THIS--

DING-DONG!
DING-DONG!
DING-DONG!

OH, FOR--!

FINE, I'LL TAKE THE DAMN PIE!

BUT I DID NOT ORDER--

I KNOW YOU DIDN'T.



I DID.

PINEAPPLE
AND BLACK OLIVE,
RIGHT?

Y-YEAH...

DID THEY
BURN THE
CRUST?

NO!



I SPECIFICALLY
TOLD THEM TO
BURN...

THE
DAMN...

...CRUST.

GET IN
HERE.

CLICK!



BUT...
B-BUT
WHY...?

TANYA
PATTERSON.

NAME
RING ANY
BELLS?

LET ME
REFRESH YOUR
MEMORY:

BACK IN HIGH
SCHOOL, WHEN YOU
WERE ALL "MR. POPULAR
SUPER-JOCK", YOU STARTED
A PARTICULARLY HEINOUS
RUMOR ABOUT YOUNG MS.
PATTERSON...A RUMOR THAT
HAD ABSOLUTELY NO
BASIS IN FACT.

THAT RUMOR
WAS SO HEINOUS
THAT HER BOYFRIEND,
LEE--WHO WAS A
REALLY GREAT GUY--
DUMPED HER
IMMEDIATELY.

NONE OF THE
OTHER GUYS WOULD
DATE HER BECAUSE OF
WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT
HER, AND NONE OF THE
OTHER GIRLS WANTED TO
BE ASSOCIATED WITH
HER BECAUSE
OF IT.

I'M SORRY
TO INTERRUPT,
BUT...

...WHAT
WAS THE
RUMOR?

IT WAS
THAT SHE...
C'MERE.

DUDE.
YOU'RE A
#\$%?%?&
#\$%?%?&

THAT WAS,
LIKE, NINE
YEARS AGO!

THAT RUMOR
HAUNTS HER TO THIS
VERY DAY--PEOPLE
STILL SNICKER ABOUT
IT BEHIND HER BACK. AT
THE GROCERY STORE,
AT THE GAS
STATION...

NO DECENT
MAN WANTS HER--
THE GUY SHE ENDED
UP MARRYING IS A TOTAL
LOSER THAT NO ONE
ELSE WOULD TAKE AND
THE KIDS HE STUCK HER
WITH ARE EVEN WORSE
THAN THEIR DAD!

YOU RUINED
THAT GIRL'S
LIFE, GAVIN.

AN' I'M...
I'M SORRY
ABOUT THAT,
OKAY?! BUT
C'MON!

THAT BITCH
NEEDS TO GET
THE HELL
OVER IT!

SHE'S
ABOUT
TO.

BLAM!



SOON...











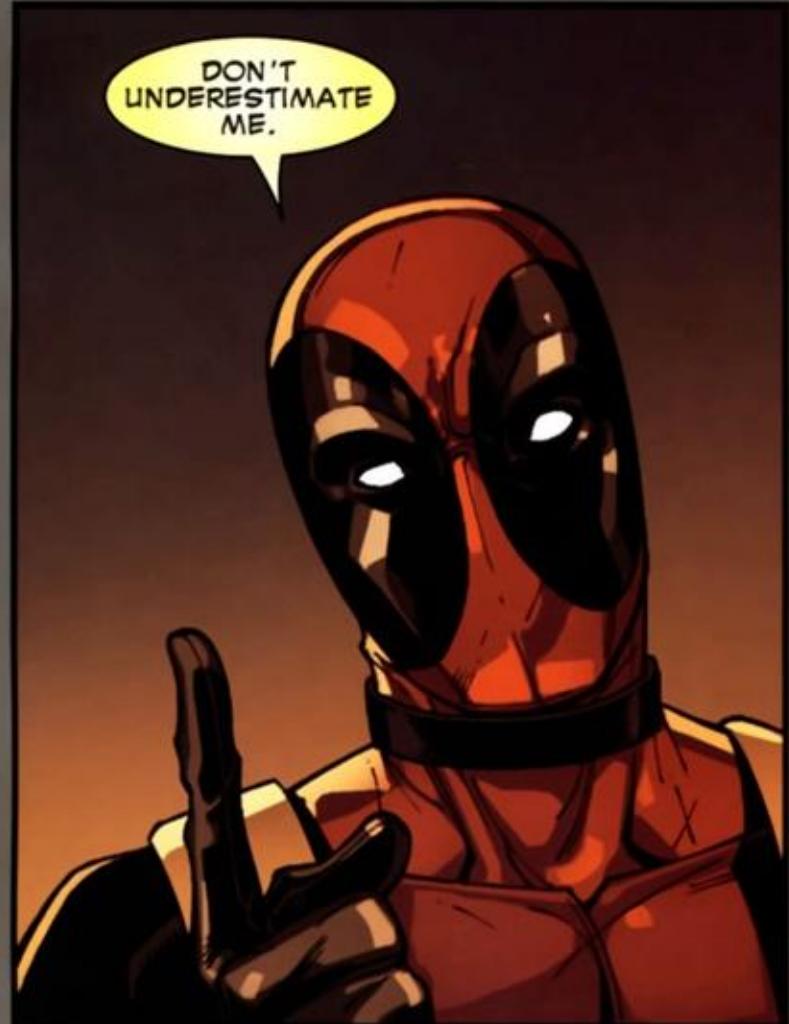
I MEAN,
WHY'D YOU
EVEN BOther
COMING INTO
THE HOUSE?

THAT WAS
STUPID...









Y'KNOW
WHAT, MAN?

I'M
DISAPPOINTED.

FWAHH!

I EXPECT MORE
FROM YOU, Y'KNOW?
WHERE'S THE
IMAGINATION?

WHERE'S
YOUR SENSE OF
HUMOR?

UNBELIEVABLE!

WHAT, THAT
I'M BEATIN'
YOU LIKE YOU'RE
MY STEPSON?

BELIEVE
IT, DUDE.

KRAK!

TINK

NO...



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