

Avenger...Assassin...Superstar...Smelly person...Possibly the world's most skilled mercenary, definitely the world's most annoying, Wade Wilson was chosen for a top-secret government program that gave him a healing factor allowing him to heal from any wound. Somehow, despite making his money as a gun for hire, Wade has become one of the most beloved "heroes" in the world. Call him the Merc with the Mouth...call him the Regeneratin' Degenerate...call him...

# DEADPOOL

AW, MAN...  
MADCAP...

OH, HEY, ALL MY DEADPOLES-- IT'S ME, DEADPOOL, JUST READING ABOUT MY FAVORITE THING...ME.

LAST ISSUE WAS A DOOZY.

FIRST OFF, IT TURNS OUT THAT THE ONE WHO'S BEEN DRESSING IN MY FINE, FINE CLOTHES AND FRAMING ME FOR MURDERS IS MY OWN (SEMI-)TRUSTED EMPLOYEE, MADCAP.

TURNS OUT MADCAP IS CRAZY... AND HE'S JEALOUS OF MY LIFE AND WANTS TO RUIN IT. YOU SEE...HE USED TO LIVE IN MY HEAD WITH ME. MAYBE HE MISSES BEING ME?

WHICH IS WEIRD. EVEN I DON'T LIKE BEING ME.

ANYWAY, MADCAP IS DRIVING ALL MY FANS CRAZY TO RUIN MY REP, AND ALL THE OTHER MERCS I'VE HIRED TO BE ME (SLAPSTICK, STINGRAY, SOLO, TERROR, AND FOOLKILLER) ARE HELPING ME STOP IT. BUT I AM MAKING THEM DRESS IN DIFFERENT COLORS, BECAUSE I AM GETTING WEIRDED OUT BY PEOPLE NOT KNOWING WHICH ME IS ME.

I'VE ALSO CALLED IN SOME UNCANNY AVENGERS BACKUP. BEING CHIEF FINANCIER OF THE AVENGERS HAS ITS BENEFITS--AND I DON'T JUST MEAN TAX BREAKS.

BUT THERE ARE TAX BREAKS.

IT'S PRETTY SWEET.



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I KNOW YOU'RE *PISSED*, ELLIE. YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE.

FIRST, YOU TELL US ALL YOU WANT TO SAIL AWAY WITH US, THEN YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND AND YOU SEND US ALL AWAY.



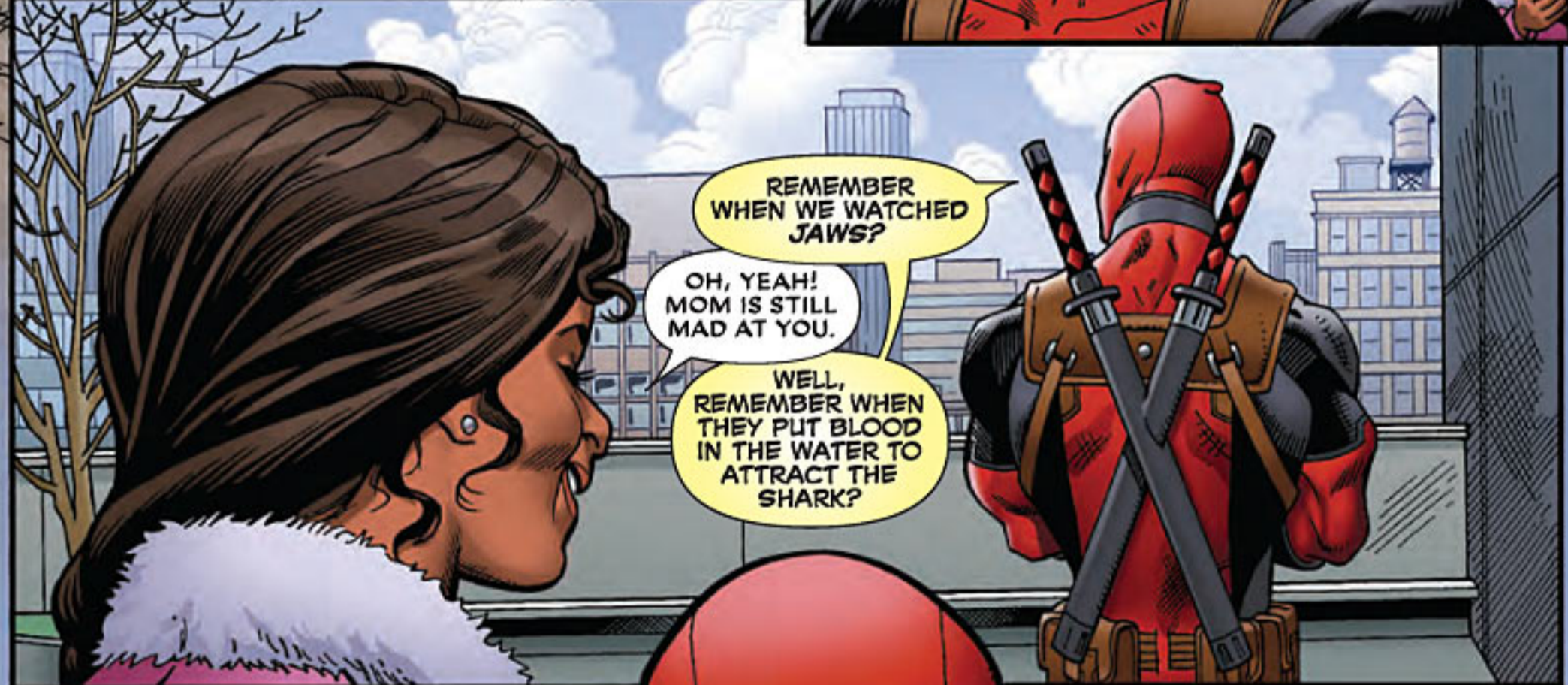
ARE-- ARE YOU MAD AT ME?



NOT AT YOU.

BUT THERE'S A VERY BAD MAN WHO WANTS TO HURT ME BY HURTING YOU.

SO LET'S HIDE!



REMEMBER WHEN WE WATCHED *JAWS*?

OH, YEAH! MOM IS STILL MAD AT YOU.

WELL, REMEMBER WHEN THEY PUT BLOOD IN THE WATER TO ATTRACT THE SHARK?



IS--IS THE BAD GUY HERE?

TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND RELAX.

**BLAM  
BLAM  
BLAM**





Rats! I missed.

MADCAP.

Finally! You notice me.



No fair inviting the Avengers to play.

This is supposed to be some *alone time* for you and me!



I HAVE AN OFFER THAT WILL EXPIRE IN TEN SECONDS.

BLAM  
BLAM

TELL ME WHY YOU'RE DOING THIS--AND I'LL MAKE YOUR DEATH RELATIVELY PAINLESS.



OOF!

You didn't want to chat when I was stuck in that disgusting head of yours, so I think I'll just take the fifth and enjoy watching the city descend into *murderly chaos*.



I made lots of *your fans* see things *my way*.

DID EVERYBODY COPY THAT?