

DEADPOOL

BACK IN BLACK



YOWZA! IT'S ME, DEADPOOL, WEB-SLINGING MY WAY THROUGH THE MARVEL UNIVERSE'S 1980s!

THAT'S RIGHT, I SAID **DEADPOOL!** YOUR EYES DO NOT DECEIVE YOU--I GOT A SWEET NEW LOOK!

THIS RADICAL OUTFIT ISN'T JUST A SNAZZY SET OF TIGHTS, IT'S ACTUALLY A LIVING ALIEN CREATURE! WE MET A WHILE BACK IN SPACE, BUT IT ENDED UP BEING PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING FOR **SPIDER-MAN** FOR A WHILE...UNTIL HE REJECTED IT, THAT ALIEN-HATING JERK!

YOU WOULD ALSO KNOW THE VILLAIN/HERO/LETHAL PROTECTOR/SPACE KNIGHT CALLED **VENOM!** BUT THIS TAKES PLACE BEFORE ALL THAT.

WHAT I DON'T KNOW (YET) IS THAT A SPACE BOUNTY HUNTER NAMED **KILLER THRILL** HAS BEEN TASKED WITH CAPTURING MY ALIEN PAL...THAT'S WHY THE SYMBIOTE CAME TO ME.

NOW IT'S TIME FOR THIS SHARP-DRESSED MAN TO HIT THE STREETS!

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DEADPOOL--THE MERC WITH A MOUTH--HAS VENTURED THROUGH THE FIRES OF TRANSFORMATION...

...AND RISEN ANEW TO CAST HIS STEELY GAZE OVER THE RESTLESS METROPOLIS.

FACE FRONT, TRUE BELIEVERS, AS WE PRESENT A BRAND-NEW CHAMPION OF JUSTICE IN THE MIGHTY MARVEL TRADITION!



NOT AN IMAGINARY STORY.
HEH.



BUT EVEN AS DEADPOOL WATCHES OVER THE CITY HE HAS CHOSEN TO PROTECT...

...HE IS, HIMSELF, BEING WATCHED!

SPIDER?



THWAP!

BEING WATCHED, YES...

...KEENLY...

...AND BY MORE THAN ONE OBSERVER!

THERE HE IS!

ALL DRESSED UP IN HIS FANCY NEW **KLYNTAR SUIT!**

AND-- LOOK AT HIM-- HE'S ACTUALLY **PATROLLING** THIS LITTLE ONE-PROTO-ATOMIC-REACTOR TOWN!

I TOLD YOU HE WAS GONNA PLAY AT BEING A **SUPER HERO!**

EVERYONE ON THIS ROCK HAS A **SPANDEX FETISH!**

SHOULD WE GO AHEAD AND BLAST HIM, KILLER THRILL? TARGETING HAS HIM LOCKED.

LET'S SEE HOW THIS PLAYS OUT, GUZZ.

AFTER ALL, IF HE PROVES HIMSELF AS A **GENUINE HERO**, HE'LL FETCH A **PRETTIER PRICE!**

IT MIGHT NOT BE **ADVISABLE** TO WAIT.

SCANNERS HAVE DETECTED **ANOTHER INTERSTELLAR TRANSPORT** ENTERING THIS SECTOR.

YOU'RE **NO FUN, COLDWAR.**

BUT I STILL SAY WE WAIT.

MAYBE THESE **OTHER VISITORS** FROM ANOTHER WORLD ARE JUST ON A **SIGHTSEEING TRIP**, IN WHICH CASE WE **IGNORE 'EM**.

OR MAYBE THEY'RE **BOUNTY HUNTERS** LIKE US, IN WHICH CASE WE **MURDERIZE** THEM.

FOR NOW, THOUGH, WE KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON OUR PREY...

"...AND SEE WHAT KIND OF **TROUBLE** HE GETS INTO!"

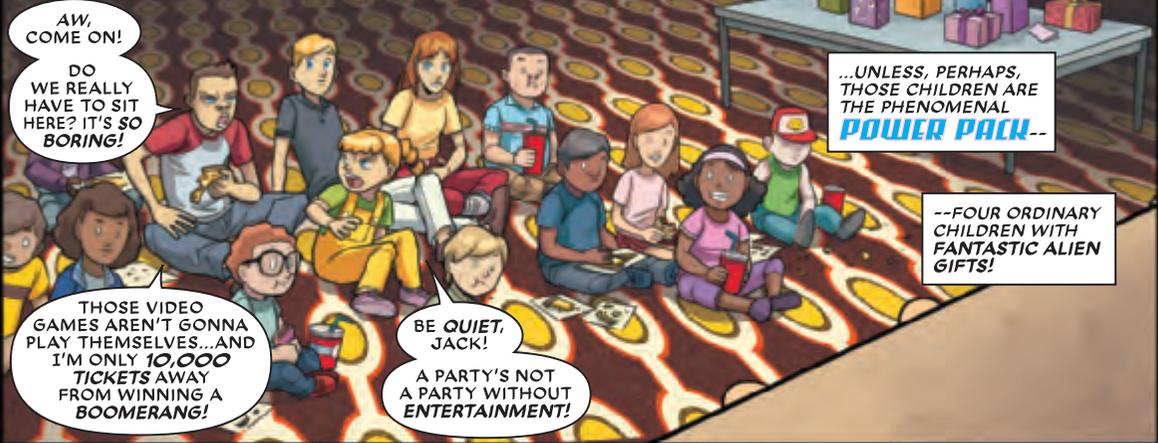
MEANWHILE, IN A POPULAR CHILDREN'S PIZZA PARLOR AND ARCADE...

...A BIRTHDAY PARTY IS IN FULL SWING...

...THE GUESTS COMPLETELY UNSUSPECTING OF THE INTERGALACTIC SKULLDUGGERY AT WORK IN THE WORLD THIS VERY NIGHT.

AND WHO CAN BLAME THEM?

EARTH CHILDREN SHOULDN'T CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH SUCH COSMIC ANXIETIES...



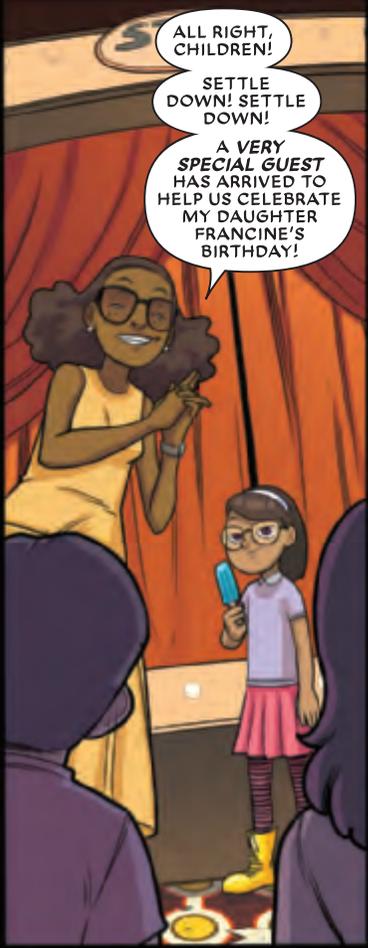
AW, COME ON!
DO WE REALLY HAVE TO SIT HERE? IT'S SO BORING!

THOSE VIDEO GAMES AREN'T GONNA PLAY THEMSELVES...AND I'M ONLY 10,000 TICKETS AWAY FROM WINNING A BOOMERANG!

BE QUIET, JACK!
A PARTY'S NOT A PARTY WITHOUT ENTERTAINMENT!

...UNLESS, PERHAPS, THOSE CHILDREN ARE THE PHENOMENAL **POWER PACK**--

--FOUR ORDINARY CHILDREN WITH FANTASTIC ALIEN GIFTS!



ALL RIGHT, CHILDREN!
SETTLE DOWN! SETTLE DOWN!
A VERY SPECIAL GUEST HAS ARRIVED TO HELP US CELEBRATE MY DAUGHTER FRANCINE'S BIRTHDAY!



UGH!
IT'S GONNA BE A CLOWN, ISN'T IT?
I HOPE IT'S NOT A-- OOF!

KNOCK IT OFF, JACK!



WELL, HELLO DERE, KIDDIES!
TIME FER SOME HI-LARIOUS HIJINKS AND GOOD-NATURED HUMOR!
WHAT... IS THAT?

**OBNOXIO
THA CLOWN**
IS HERE TA MAKE
YA LAUGH!

'CUZ THAT'S
WHUT A BLOKE
LIKE ME-OWNSLF
JUST LOVES TO
DO--MAKE KIDS
GIGGLE!

WHY, THERE'S
NO SWEETER
SOUND THAN THA
SOUND OF A
RUGRAT'S JOY!

'CEPT, O'
COURSE, FOR THE
POPPIN' OF PBR TABS
AN' THA UNSNAPPIN'
OF A DANCIN' GIRL'S
BRASSIERE, WHICH
I ALSO CALL--



EXCUSE
ME, MR.
CLOWN.

AREN'T YOU
GONNA MAKE
SOME BALLOON
ANIMALS OR
SOMETHING?



BALLOON--
I AIN'T
GOT NO
BALLOONS.



HMM.