

IT'S JUST ANOTHER TYPICAL NIGHT FOR THIS OLD, BUSTED-UP MERC WITH A MOUTH.



THE KIND OF NIGHT WHERE I'M TRYING TO BURN AWAY THE PAIN WITH THE ONLY THING THAT FEELS GOOD IN MY LIFE.



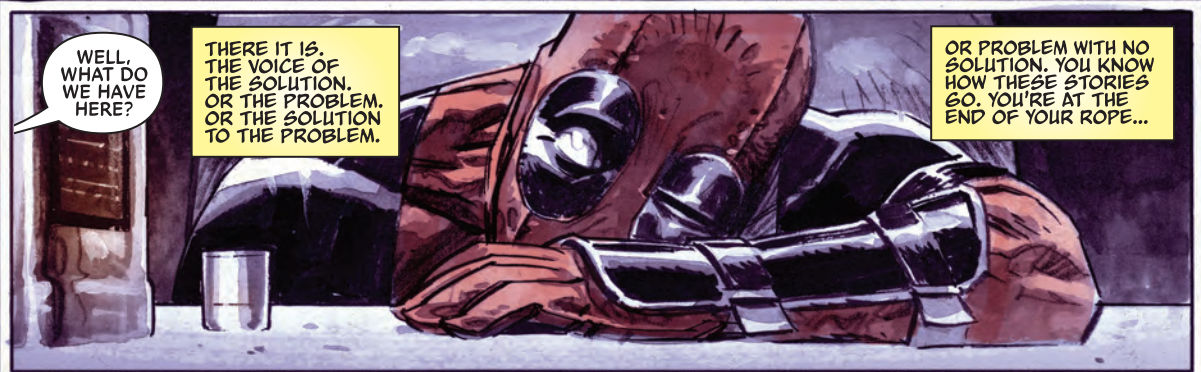
BUT IT WON'T FIX ME. NOT THIS TIME. THE HOLE WHERE MY HEART WAS IS TOO BIG TO BE FILLED WITH THIS CHEAP, ROTGUT HOOCH.



WELL, WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?

THERE IT IS. THE VOICE OF THE SOLUTION. OR THE PROBLEM. OR THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

OR PROBLEM WITH NO SOLUTION. YOU KNOW HOW THESE STORIES GO. YOU'RE AT THE END OF YOUR ROPE...



...AND A DAME WALKS IN.



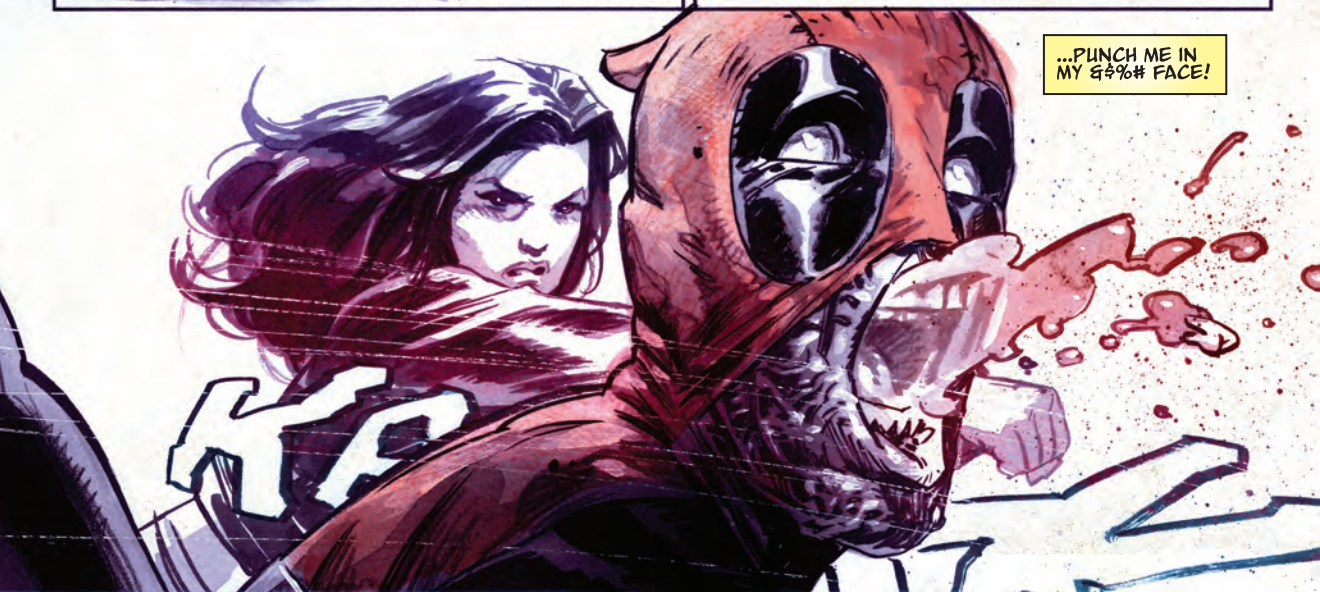
HER TOUCH FEELS LIKE SHE'S BEEN WAITING FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME. SHE DOESN'T KNOW THIS YET, BUT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR HER, TOO.



THOSE EYES SAY SOMETHING, BUT I CAN'T HEAR CLEARLY. DOES SHE WANT TO WIPE THIS DECK CLEAR AND THROW ME ON IT, MAKING ME WISH I STRETCHED A BIT MORE EARLIER, OR...



...PUNCH ME IN MY 94%# FACE!





HEY,
JESSICA!



YOU SAW
THE DOOR, RIGHT?
DOES IT SAY **MORALLY
AMBIGUOUS PIECE OF
%\$&# DETECTIVE
AGENCY** ON IT?

NO! IT
DOESN'T.



SO,
TELL ME WHY
YOU'RE IN **MY**
OFFICE BEFORE
I REACH INSIDE
YOUR CHEST AND
RIP YOUR HEART
OUT.



WELL,
YOUR WEIRD
DESIRE TO EXTRACT
VITAL ORGANS IS GOING
UNFULFILLED TONIGHT
BECAUSE, ODDLY, THAT'S
WHY I'M HERE TO
SEE YOU.

I
NEED YOU
TO HELP ME
FIND SOME-
ONE...



...THE PERSON WHO STOLE MY HEART.

HEUK.

DEADPOOL

Heartless

HOW DID SOMEONE STEAL YOUR HEART WITHOUT YOU KNOWING?

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE. I FINISHED A JOB LATE LAST NIGHT, CRASHED, AND WOKE UP WITH A HOLE IN MY CHEST AND NO HEART.

CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, BUT CAN'T YOU JUST GROW IT BACK?

IN FACT, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S ALREADY STARTING.

EW...SO GROSS.

THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE. THIS TYPE OF THING HAS HAPPENED BEFORE. IT'S ALWAYS SOME PLAN TO CLONE ME OR COPY MY BLOOD FOR SOME SORT OF HEALING FACTOR SERUM.

I MAY NOT BE THE GUY YOU BRING HOME TO MOM, BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE THE REASON SOME BADDIE TAKES OVER THE PLANET WITH AN ARMY OF SUPER-WITTY UNKILLABLE KILLERS. I'M NOT COMPLETELY HEARTLESS...

PLAN NOT INTENDED BUT FULLY ACCEPTED!

I HATE THAT YOU HAVE A GOOD POINT. %\$&#.

OKAY. I'LL HELP YOU. YOU'RE PAYING ME. A LOT.

NOW, I LOOKED INTO YOU LAST TIME WE PARTNERED UP. FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND ABOUT YOUR ABILITIES, YOUR HEART SHOULD STILL BE BEATING.

YEAH. THAT'S ABOUT RIGHT.

GOOD. EVERYONE'S HEART HAS ITS OWN UNIQUE SOUND WHEN IT BEATS. LIKE A FINGERPRINT. WHEN IT COMES TO SOUNDS, THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WE NEED TO GO SEE...