



MOM, DAD, YOU REMEMBER MICHAEL HAWTHORNE, MY ON-AGAIN, OFF-AGAIN BOYFRIEND. WELL LATELY WE'VE REALLY BEEN "ON."

LISTEN, DAPHNE, THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW: I SAW STEVE THE OTHER DAY AND HE SAID HE'D CONSIDER TAKING YOU BACK.

NOT A BAD IDEA, IF YOU ASK ME.

NOBODY ASKED YOU, SIR.



MICHAEL, YOU KNOW WE ADORE YOU, IT'S JUST THAT--WELL, YOUR LIFESTYLE MAKES US NERVOUS.

YOUR FOOFY VEGETARIANISM.



WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THE MAGIC AND THE MURDER AND ALL THE DEADPOOL THAT SEEMS TO FILL YOUR LIFE.



WE'RE HERE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING ELSE...

CAN WE NOT TALK ABOUT DEADPOOL EVERY TIME WE'RE TOGETHER?

I LIKE DEADPOOL. THE FACT CHANNEL HAD A STORY ON HIM. HE SEES A PROBLEM, THEN HE FIXES IT.

THOUGH, HIS COLOGNE DID GIVE ME A RASH.

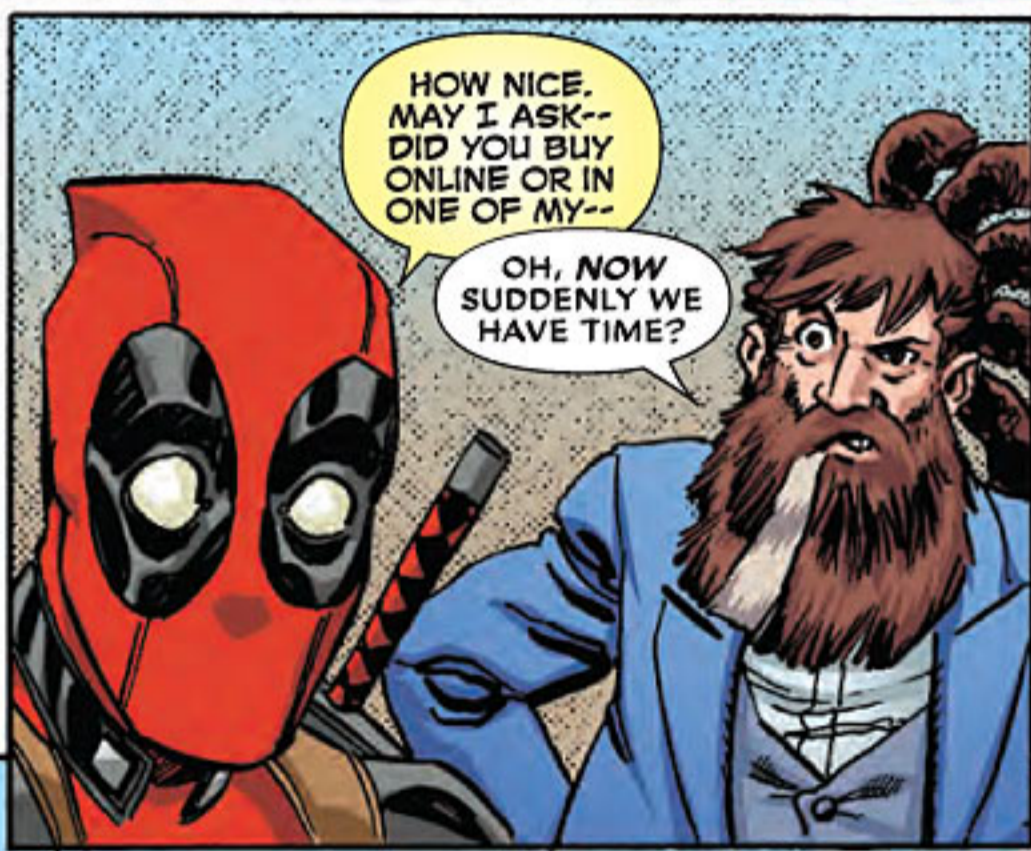
I DON'T EVEN SEE HIM MUCH ANYMORE NOW THAT HE'S A BIG STAR--



AND WE HAVE SOME BIG NEWS!

MICHAEL! HURRY!







WHO-O-AAA!
WOMP WOMP WOMP

YOW! MY DEADPALS!

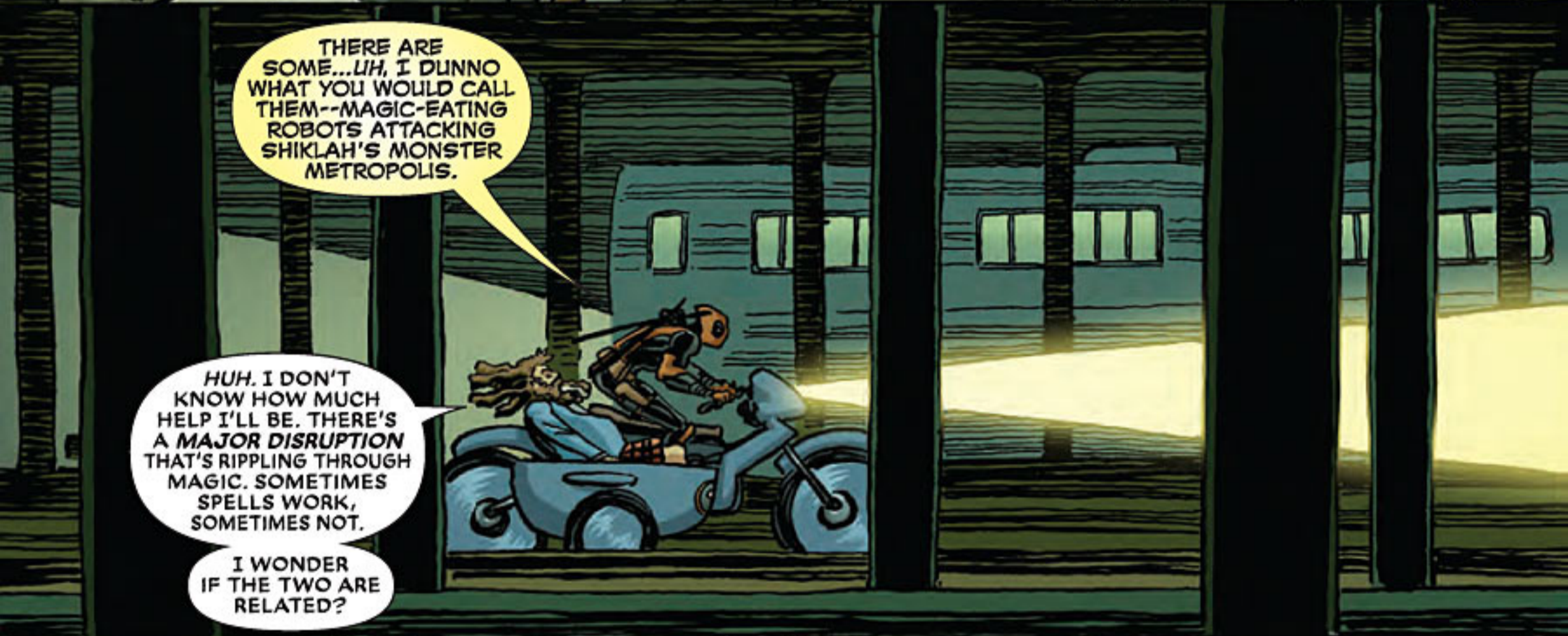


LONG TIME NO SEE, HUH, PAL?

YEAH, SORRY ABOUT THAT. THE TRUTH IS, ALL THE ATTENTION AIN'T DONE ME ANY FAVORS.

BEIN' FAMOUS SUCKS. BEING RICH IS PRETTY NOT-SUCKY, THOUGH.

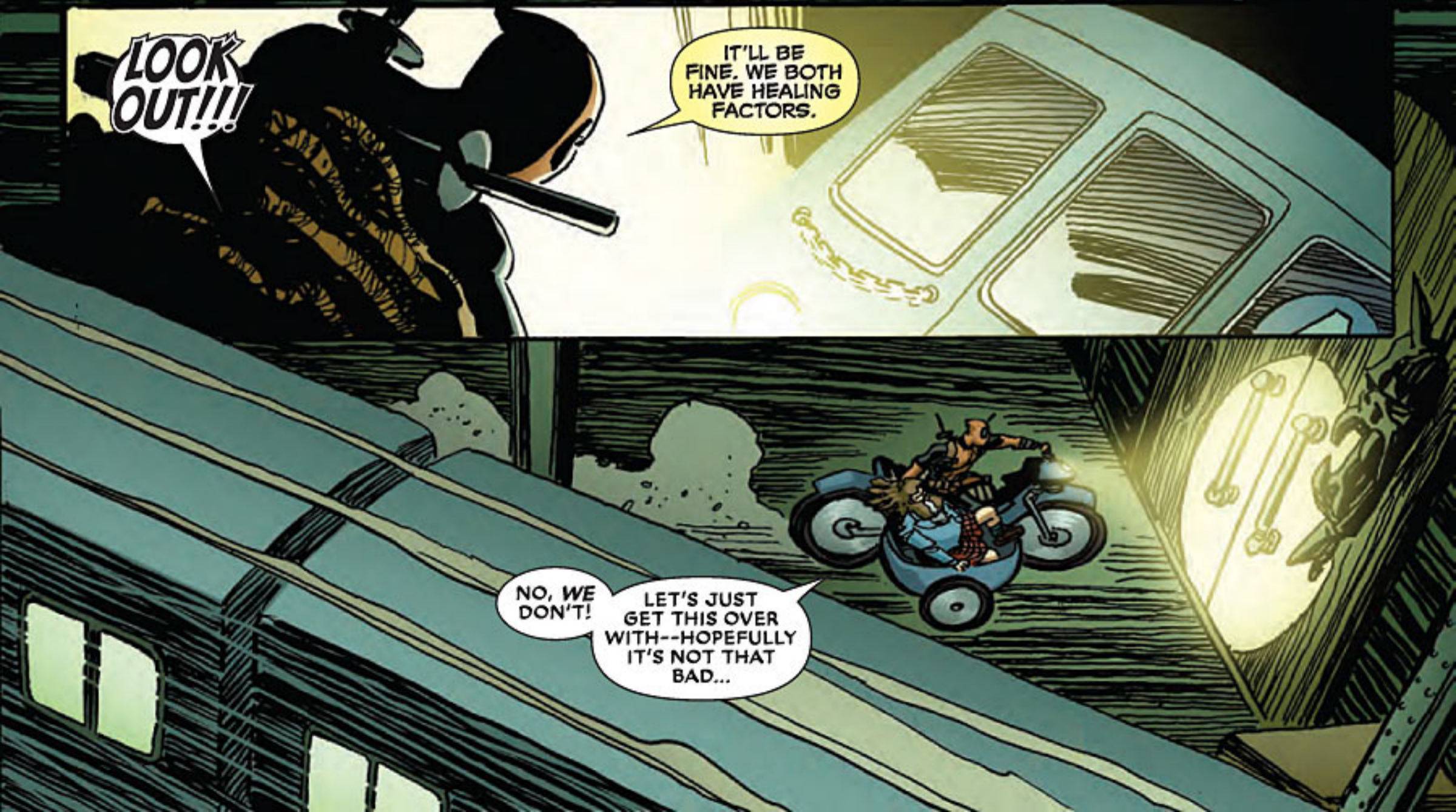
I BET. WHAT'S THE SITUATION?



THERE ARE SOME...UH, I DUNNO WHAT YOU WOULD CALL THEM--MAGIC-EATING ROBOTS ATTACKING SHIKLAH'S MONSTER METROPOLIS.

HUH. I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH HELP I'LL BE. THERE'S A MAJOR DISRUPTION THAT'S RIPPLING THROUGH MAGIC. SOMETIMES SPELLS WORK, SOMETIMES NOT.

I WONDER IF THE TWO ARE RELATED?



LOOK OUT!!!

IT'LL BE FINE. WE BOTH HAVE HEALING FACTORS.

NO, WE DON'T!

LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH--HOPEFULLY IT'S NOT THAT BAD...



HOARY HOSTS OF HOGGOTH!

MEET THE EMPIRIKUL.

THESE GUYS HATE MAGIC LIKE AMERICANS HATE SCIENCE.

THESE GUYS HAVE A LOT OF BALLS. ON THEIR HEADS.

THERE'S SHIKLAH NOW-- DON'T LET HER FOOL YOU--SHE'S LOVING THIS.



BLAM BLAM

UH. WOW. THOSE ARE WORDS I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR SHIKLAH SAY.

MBTERIYX
FIEDRZITRFF
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OH, CRAP! THAT SPELL'S A DUD.



**FALL
BACK TO THE
PROMENADE!**



GOT ANY IDEAS?

YEAH.
CALL DOCTOR
STRANGE.



I'M
SERIOUS.

I AM,
TOO. THIS
IS BEYOND
ME.

SORRY
I'M LATE.