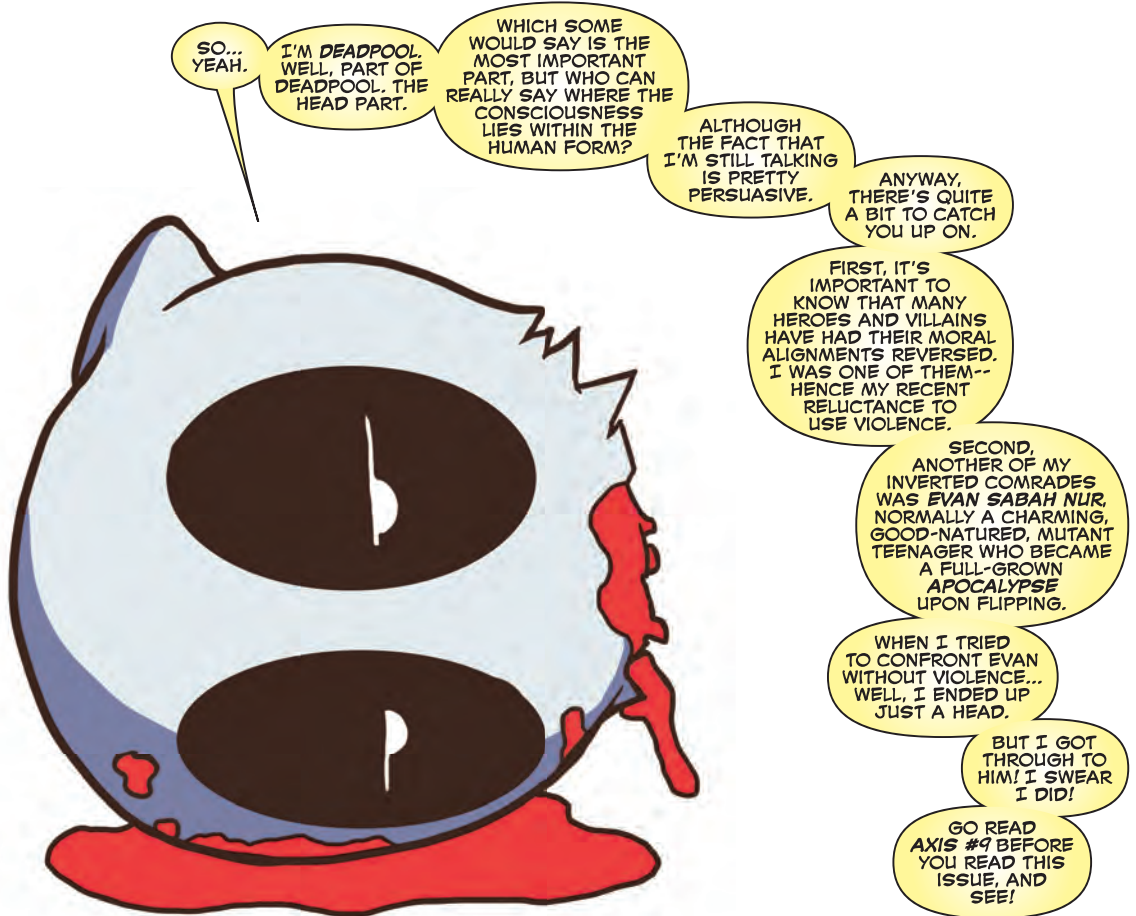


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DEADPOOL



SO... YEAH.

I'M DEADPOOL. WELL, PART OF DEADPOOL. THE HEAD PART.

WHICH SOME WOULD SAY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART, BUT WHO CAN REALLY SAY WHERE THE CONSCIOUSNESS LIES WITHIN THE HUMAN FORM?

ALTHOUGH THE FACT THAT I'M STILL TALKING IS PRETTY PERSUASIVE.

ANYWAY, THERE'S QUITE A BIT TO CATCH YOU UP ON.

FIRST, IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT MANY HEROES AND VILLAINS HAVE HAD THEIR MORAL ALIGNMENTS REVERSED. I WAS ONE OF THEM-- HENCE MY RECENT RELUCTANCE TO USE VIOLENCE.

SECOND, ANOTHER OF MY INVERTED COMRADES WAS EVAN SABAH NUR, NORMALLY A CHARMING, GOOD-NATURED, MUTANT TEENAGER WHO BECAME A FULL-GROWN APOCALYPSE UPON FLIPPING.

WHEN I TRIED TO CONFRONT EVAN WITHOUT VIOLENCE... WELL, I ENDED UP JUST A HEAD.

BUT I GOT THROUGH TO HIM! I SWEAR I DID!

GO READ AXIS #9 BEFORE YOU READ THIS ISSUE, AND SEE!

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I WILL CAST ORDER.

AND I, CHAOS.

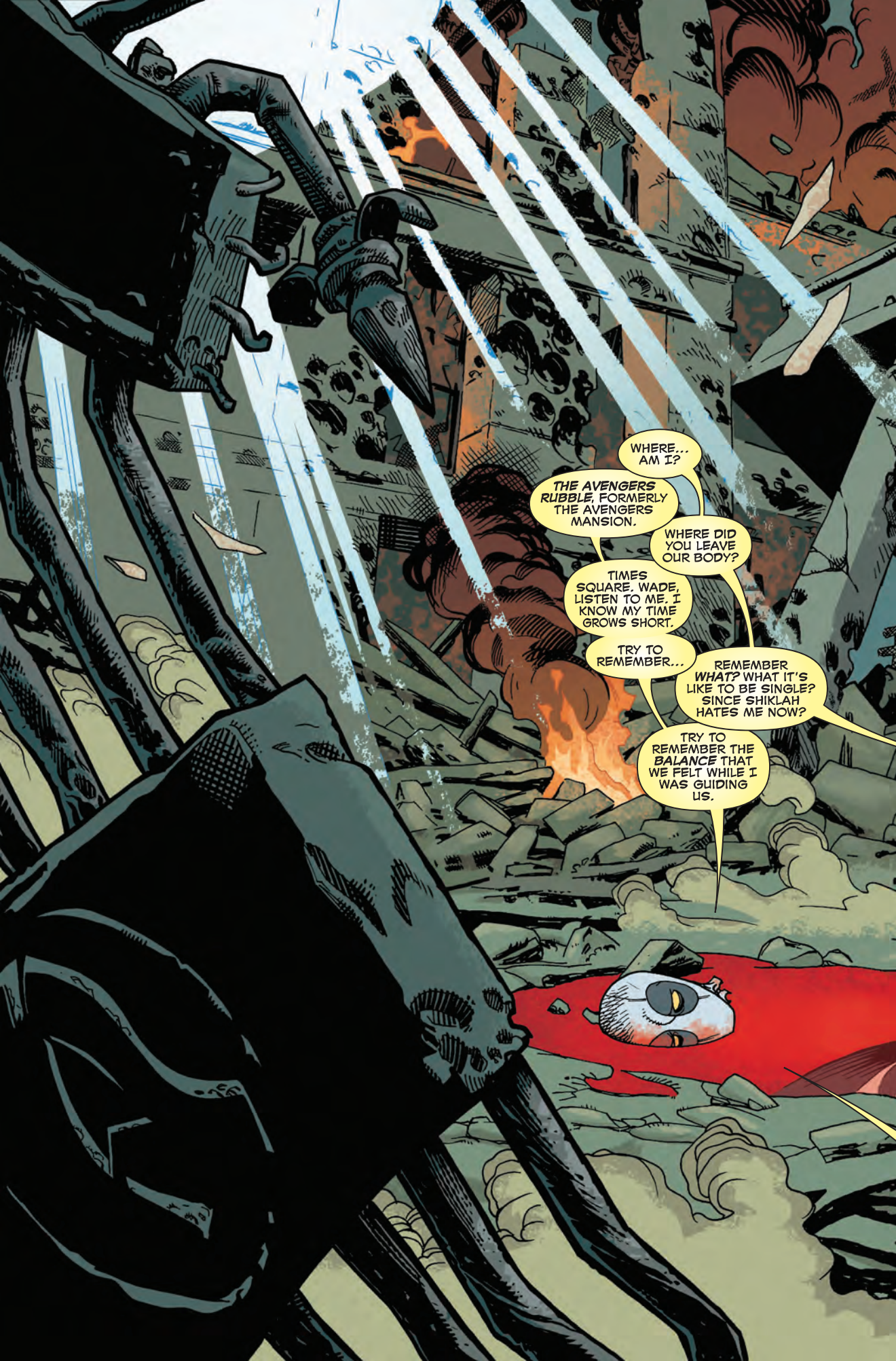
I WILL BROADCAST YOUR SPELL OF INVERSION TO THOSE AFFECTED.

A SHAME THAT WE MUST REVERT EVERYONE BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE... THERE ARE THOSE AMONGST US THAT ARE MUCH BETTER PEOPLE NOW.

IT IS OUR SACRIFICE, TO RESTORE THE AVENGERS AND X-MEN.

I HOPE THOSE THAT MUST BE CORRUPTED AGAIN FORGIVE THEMSELVES... AND US.

IT IS DONE.



WHERE...
AM I?

THE AVENGERS
RUBBLE, FORMERLY
THE AVENGERS
MANSION.

WHERE DID
YOU LEAVE
OUR BODY?

TIMES
SQUARE, WADE,
LISTEN TO ME, I
KNOW MY TIME
GROWS SHORT.

TRY TO
REMEMBER...

REMEMBER
WHAT? WHAT IT'S
LIKE TO BE SINGLE?
SINCE SHIKLAH
HATES ME NOW?

TRY TO
REMEMBER THE
BALANCE THAT
WE FELT WHILE I
WAS GUIDING
US.



LISTEN, PSYCHPOOL, I'M NOT PAYING YOU FOR THIS SESSION.

I'LL ADMIT THAT IT WAS INTERESTING TO DO THIS "GUN CLEANSE" OF YOURS.



BE AS GOOD TO YOURSELF... AS YOU ARE TO YOUR FRIENDS. GOODBYE, WADE.

WELL, SEE YOU AROUND. STAY GOLD, ZENPOOL.