



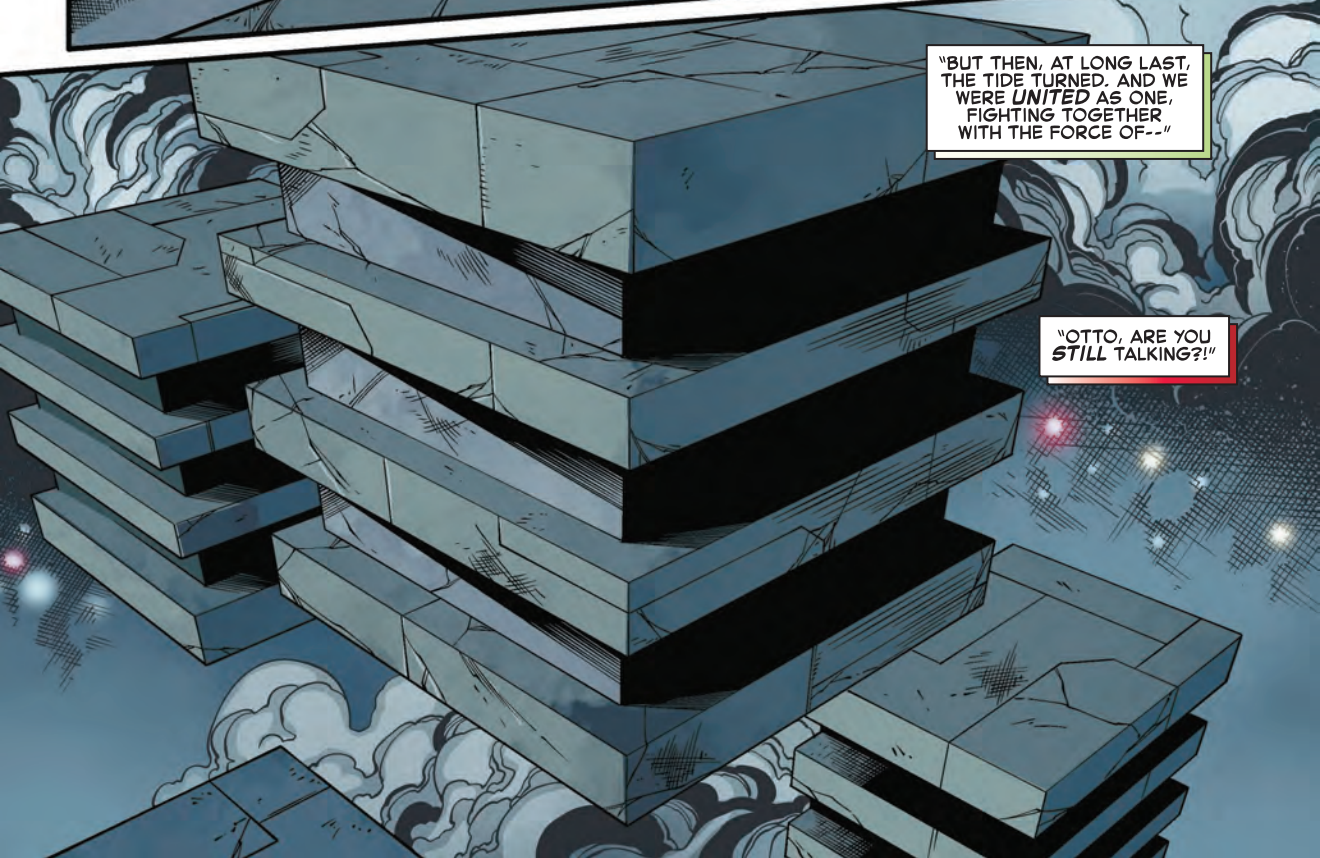
"WE HAD BEEN BOUND.



"LEFT FOR DEAD.



"THE MANIPULATOR PLAYED WITH US, AS IF WE WERE MERELY TOYS.



"BUT THEN, AT LONG LAST, THE TIDE TURNED. AND WE WERE UNITED AS ONE, FIGHTING TOGETHER WITH THE FORCE OF--"

"OTTO, ARE YOU STILL TALKING?!"

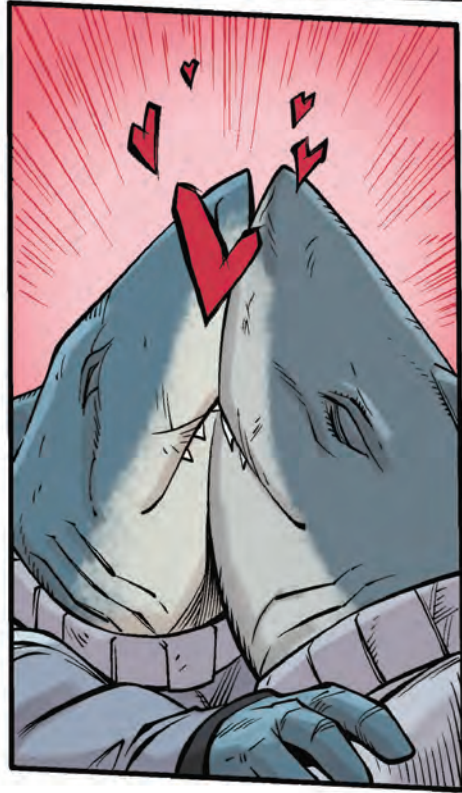




SHUT UP AND FIGHT ALREADY!



DADS!



LOVE SEEING YOU KIDS BACK TOGETHER.

YES. NOW LET'S DESTROY EVERYTHING IN SIGHT!

GODS, I LOVE YOU.



THANKS FOR FREEING US, DEADPOOL.

CLEARLY MY PLEASURE. AND HEY...

...WE'RE **FINALLY** ON THE SAME TEAM. ALL TOGETHER UNDER THE SAME BANNER. WE'RE--

%\$#@! THAT WAS A **GREAT** META-JOKE, AND I CAN'T SEE IF ANYONE GOT IT!



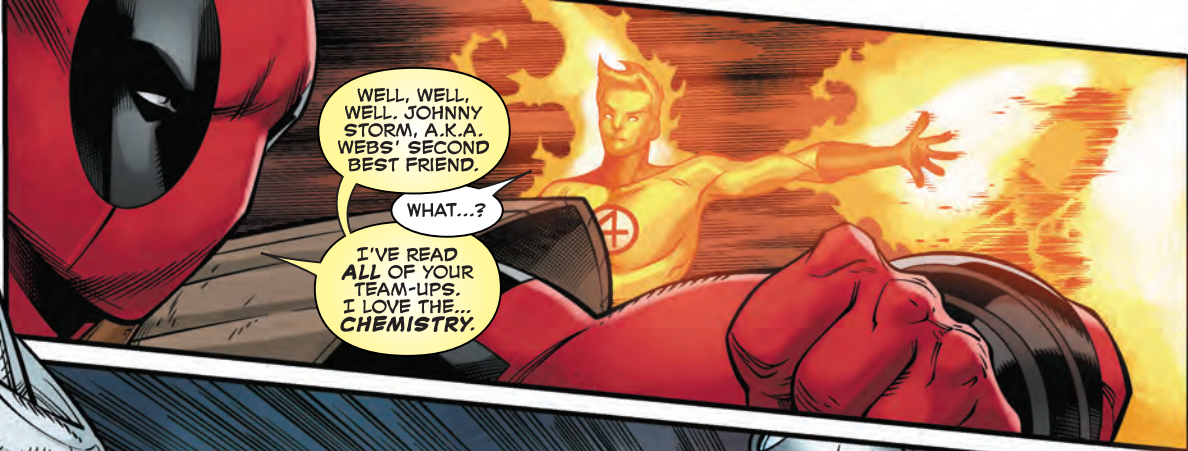
GLAD TA SEE YER STILL A MESS, POOL BOY.

BEN, FOCUS. THERE **HAS** TO BE A WAY TO DEFEAT THIS MONSTER.



FIRE WORKS FOR THE ROBOT DUDES BUT NOT SO MUCH ON THE MEGA-DUDE.





WELL, WELL, WELL. JOHNNY STORM, A.K.A. WEBB'S SECOND BEST FRIEND.

WHAT...?

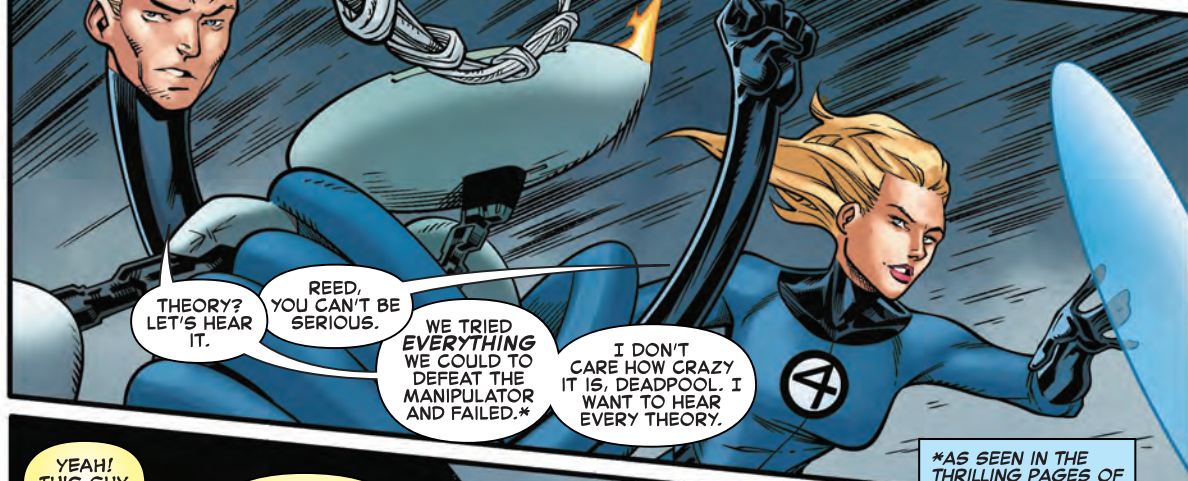
I'VE READ ALL OF YOUR TEAM-UPS. I LOVE THE... CHEMISTRY.



WADE HAS A THEORY, JOHNNY.

ABOUT OUR CHEMISTRY?

WOULD THAT IT WERE SO SIMPLE.



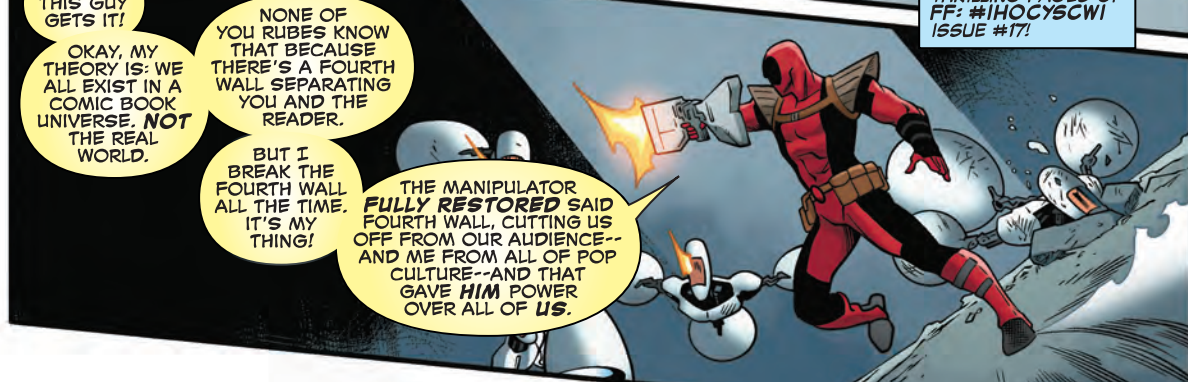
THEORY? LET'S HEAR IT.

REED, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.

WE TRIED EVERYTHING WE COULD TO DEFEAT THE MANIPULATOR AND FAILED.*

I DON'T CARE HOW CRAZY IT IS, DEADPOOL. I WANT TO HEAR EVERY THEORY.

*AS SEEN IN THE THRILLING PAGES OF FF: #110CYSWI ISSUE #17!



YEAH! THIS GUY GETS IT!

OKAY, MY THEORY IS: WE ALL EXIST IN A COMIC BOOK UNIVERSE. NOT THE REAL WORLD.

NONE OF YOU RUBES KNOW THAT BECAUSE THERE'S A FOURTH WALL SEPARATING YOU AND THE READER.

BUT I BREAK THE FOURTH WALL ALL THE TIME. IT'S MY THING!

THE MANIPULATOR FULLY RESTORED SAID FOURTH WALL, CUTTING US OFF FROM OUR AUDIENCE-- AND ME FROM ALL OF POP CULTURE--AND THAT GAVE HIM POWER OVER ALL OF US.

