

DEADPOOL

CHARACTER DESIGN ANALYSIS

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Original Character

- ❑ The original character design of Deadpool, a.k.a. Wade Wilson, inspired the creation of many alternate versions of the character, many of which are shown on the following slide
- ❑ I chose to base my character design analysis on the original version of Deadpool because its design influenced the designs of all the other versions





WOLVERINEPOOL



VENOMPOOL



DEADPOOL



LADY
DEADPOOL



EVIL DEADPOOL



DINOSAUR DEADPOOL



HEADPOOL



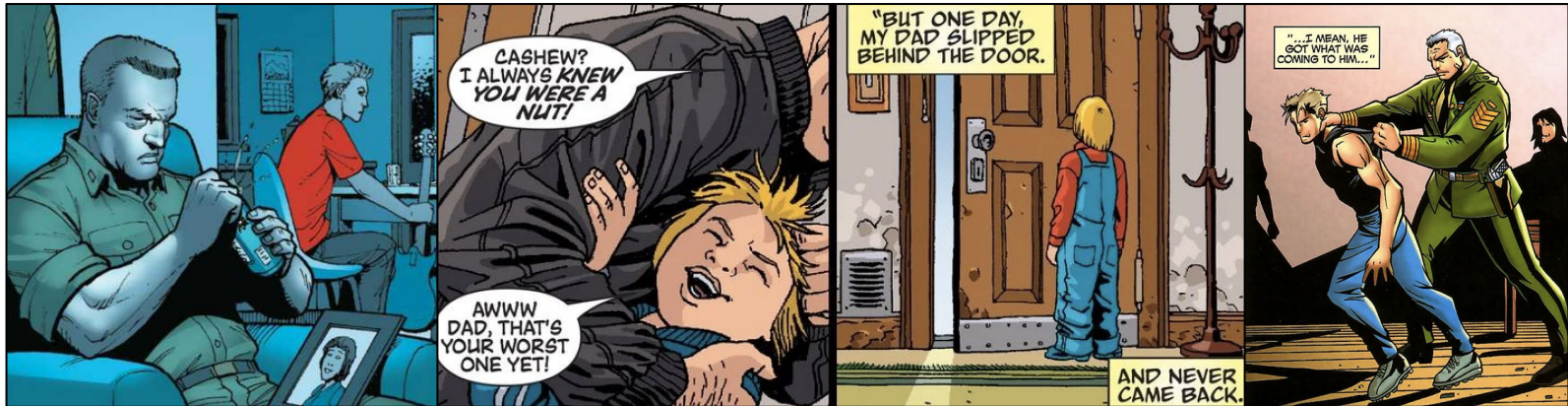
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Core Memories: Childhood

- ❑ Before becoming Deadpool, Wade Wilson was just a troubled young man who had a difficult childhood, and found a career in being an assassin after he was kicked out of the army
- ❑ Wade always told conflicting stories about his childhood; sometimes claiming that his mother died when he was just a boy and he was raised by his abusive father, and other times saying that his father abandoned his mother while she was pregnant with Wade
- ❑ The truth was, however, that Wade was born in Canada as the product of an affair between his mother, Hailey Wilson, and her brother-in-law at the time, Slade Wilson, but was raised by his mother and uncle, Mickey, whom he thought was his biological dad

Core Memories: Childhood

- ❑ wade's conflicting memories about his childhood are likely due to his mind being altered and made more unstable after being a test subject in the weapon X project, or simply just him lying and joking about it



visual representations of the conflicting reports wade has made about his childhood

Core Memories: Becoming a Mercenary

- ❑ At age 17, Wade left home to join the army, and quickly became a member of the army's Special Forces due to his superior skills in hand-to-hand combat and other forms of unarmed fighting
- ❑ Despite his impressive abilities, however, Wade was forced to leave the army due to him refusing to follow orders that compromised his morals
- ❑ Wade tried to kill himself just before he turned nineteen, but was unsuccessful
- ❑ Following his failed attempt, Wade was offered the opportunity to join a secret CIA-sponsored group of mercenary assassins

Core Memories: Becoming a Mercenary

- ❑ During his time with this group, Wade was hired by a Japanese crime lord, named the Boss, to kill the Boss's rival
- ❑ Wade refused to kill the man, however, because he had formed a romantic relationship with the rival lord's daughter, Sazae
- ❑ Never before having failed to complete a mission, Wade decided to leave Sazae behind and moved to the United States



wade while in the Special Forces

Sazae

Core Memories: Getting Cancer

- ❑ while living in America, Wade became a formidable mercenary and found a new love interest, a teenage mutant prostitute named Vanessa Carlyle
- ❑ Despite being in love with Vanessa, Wade ended his relationship with her after finding out that he had cancer
 - ❑ He didn't want her to be forced to stay with someone terminally ill
- ❑ Wade made the decision to stop his chemo treatments as well, wanting death to come quickly

Core Memories: Weapon X

- ❑ Moving back to Canada, Wade was recruited by his father, Colonel Slade Wilson, to become a test subject in Weapon X, a project sponsored by a special branch of the Canadian government known for dealing with superhumans and weapons
- ❑ As a test subject, Wade was injected with the same serum that was used on Wolverine
- ❑ The serum gave Wade the superhuman ability to heal quick and cured him of his cancer



one visual rendition of Wade in Weapon X being cured

Core Memories: The Hospice

- ❑ while on a mission, wade's healing abilities began to diminish, causing his cancer to re-metastasize and his flesh to mutilate
- ❑ The weapon X program consequently sent him to the Hospice
- ❑ wade was meant to be treated at the Hospice, but was instead tortured and experimented on by Doctor Killebrew and his sadist of an assistant, Ajax



visual representations of wade's experience in the Hospice

Core Memories: Becoming Deadpool

- ❑ wade's time in the Hospice caused him to form a romance with Death, so much so that he would tease Ajax in hopes that he would kill him and thus unite him with Death
- ❑ Instead of killing wade, however, Ajax retaliated by giving wade's friend, worm, a lobotomy
- ❑ wade, wanting to to put his friend out of misery, killed worm despite Killebrew's rule that a patient who kills another patient will be subject to execution
- ❑ And thusly, Ajax ripped out wade's heart for breaking the rule

Core Memories: Becoming Deadpool

- ❑ wade's anger about the situation was so strong that his regenerative healing abilities were jump started, allowing him to heal his heart
- ❑ wade killed Ajax and was able to escape, setting his fellow patients free as well
- ❑ And from that moment, wade became Deadpool
- ❑ The name being inspired by the bet that the patients had to see how long each subject would live



Who He Is

- ❑ Deadpool is a chatty and mentally unstable antihero, known for his goofy personality and dark, sarcastic, inappropriate and often offensive humor
- ❑ The experimentation that he went through in Weapon X, in attempt to cure his cancer, not only put him in remission and gave him his powers, but also altered his mind and physical appearance
 - ❑ He gained the superhuman ability of regenerative healing, an elongated lifetime, an immunity to all diseases and infections, and superhuman strength, agility and reflexes
 - ❑ But his skin became forever scarred and mutilated, and his mental stability worsened
 - ❑ His mind was made twisted, filled with terrifying visions and secrets about the universe that no one should know
 - ❑ The experimentation broke his mind into fragments, which is the reason behind his unpredictable, spirited, unseemly, and often manic personality and humor



His disfigured and mutilated appearance after weapon x



His damaged and chaotic mental state after weapon x



Example images of Deadpool regenerative healing power, allowing him to survive fatal injuries

How He Is Designed

- ❑ As Deadpool, Wade became a freelance mercenary and started dressing himself in his signature red and black full-body coverage suit that gave him easy access to his weapons and hid his severely unpleasant appearance
- ❑ Deadpool's physical appearance and the manner in which he is illustrated reflects who he is as a person and his nature as a mercenary

Twin katana blades strapped across his back, used to deflect attacks from bullets, explosives, etc.

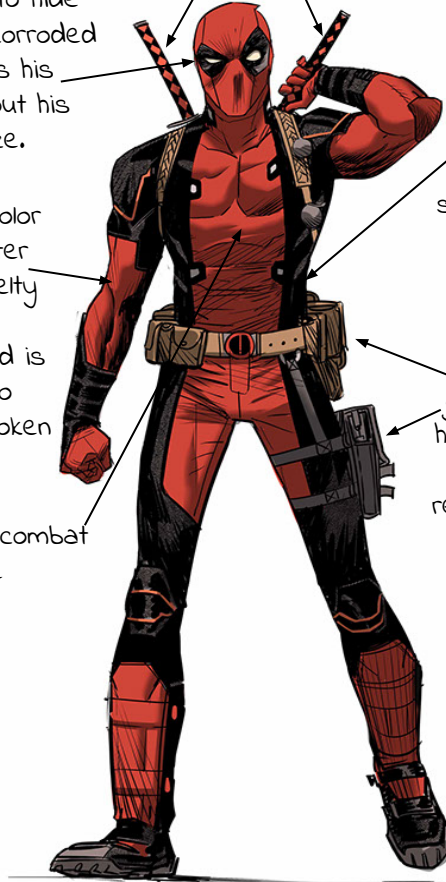
Full body suit to hide disfigured and corroded skin. Reflects his insecurity about his appearance.

The suit is primarily red. The red color symbolizes Deadpool as a character because red symbolizes blood, cruelty and lust, which are all defining characteristics of Deadpool. The red is attention grabbing, which relates to Deadpool because he is very outspoken and fiery.

Strong athletic combat physique

The black accents on the suit symbolize the dark, powerful, confident, and rebellious aspects of Deadpool's personality. Black also symbolizes death, which is a common theme associated with Deadpool.

Suit consists of multiple compartments that hold his assortment of weapons, including grenades, knives and guns. Deadpool having a multitude of weapons on him at all times is a reflection of his reckless, brutal and violent personality, as well as his desire to kill people.



Physical Design

Behavior

- ❑ How Deadpool is designed provides insight into his personality, specifically through the way his facial expressions and physical mannerisms and gestures are drawn, as well as the thoughts he communicates
- ❑ Deadpool is depicted as being very jovial and silly in times of bloodshed, either through his happy facial expressions or theatrical and childlike actions
- ❑ one of Deadpool's most distinct characteristics is his outlandish humor and tendency to make playful and joking commentary in times of violence or just inappropriate moments
- ❑ Wade's crude humor and behavior is a result of the experimentation and torture he went through during his time in Weapon X and the HoSpice that permanently mangled his mind

The way he is swinging his arms while holding the knives, in a goofy manner similar to the way a child would, represents his comfort in situations such as this



Deadpool smiling while in this atmosphere, and carrying weapons, illustrates the pleasure he gets from fighting

Demolished and chaotic background. Representative of Deadpool's reckless and brutal personality

Example of how the manner in which Deadpool is illustrated depicts his enjoyment of fighting and causing destruction



Example of how Deadpool makes insensitive jokes about his own violent actions

Present

- ❑ After becoming Deadpool, Wade's life has been an endless series of bloodshed and fighting
- ❑ Wade has been hired as an assassin by the genius convict known as The Wizard, the Kingpin of crime, Francis Talbot, a time-traveling arms merchant named Tolliver, the Genesis Coalition, and so many more
- ❑ He has fought Wolverine, the Avengers, Cable, Machine Man, Daredevil, Juggernaut, and more

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Deadpool fighting Black Panther



Deadpool fighting Cable



Deadpool fighting Logan



Deadpool fighting Hulk



Deadpool fighting Captain America



Deadpool fighting wolverine

Love Interests

- ❑ Deadpool has had a lot of love interests over the years, but many of these relationships were relatively short-lived
- ❑ Deadpool has been involved with Copycat a.k.a. Vanessa Carlyle, Sirena a.k.a. Theresa Cassidy, Death, Mercedes Wilson, Anastasia, and so many more
- ❑ His romances have ranged from brief flings to passionate and loving relationships to ones that end in betrayal or even death

Partnerships

- ❑ Deadpool has been partnered up with many different criminals for different jobs over the years, and similar to his romantic relationships most were short-lived
- ❑ Deadpool was a part of a version of the Frightful Four that only existed for a short time and consisted of the Taskmaster and the Constrictor a.k.a Frank Schlichting
- ❑ He temporarily joined the Heroes for Hire group for a mission
- ❑ Deadpool also worked on and off again with Sluggo and one of his prolonged love interests, Copycat
- ❑ All of his partnerships ended because he was constantly moving on to his next mission, never getting too attached

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FOR YOU... ♪

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Motivations/Desires

- ❑ Deadpool is motivated to continue to live the life of a vigilante because he doesn't believe that he can become a better version of himself
- ❑ Despite having the desire to want to change, the experimentation that Wade went through permanently changed his mind and gave him this inherent need to be violent
- ❑ Wade is also driven by his deep desire to have love in his life
- ❑ A lot of the reasons behind Wade's actions are linked to his desire for connection but inability to maintain it due to his unconventional personality
- ❑ In the end, what ultimately drives Wade to do the things that he does is his blighted mind, which he has little control over

Place in Society

- ❑ Deadpool is an outsider in the world
- ❑ Deadpool often isolates himself from society because of his embarrassment regarding his mutilated skin
- ❑ Society does not respond well to Deadpool's offbeat personality, specifically his unorthodox jokes and commentary
- ❑ Deadpool's tendency to respond to conflict with a sarcastic quip and violence is another reason why he does not interact with society well and his relationships with people are often short-lived

Future

- ❑ Deadpool's future is unclear
- ❑ Despite being aware of the reasons why he cannot exist in society like everyone else, and wanting to change, he seems to be unable to do so
- ❑ Engaging in combat has been an aspect of Wade's life since he was a teenager, and I don't see that going away any time soon
- ❑ Wade will likely continue to be Deadpool for as long as possible, but he will likely improve in being able to be a part of society