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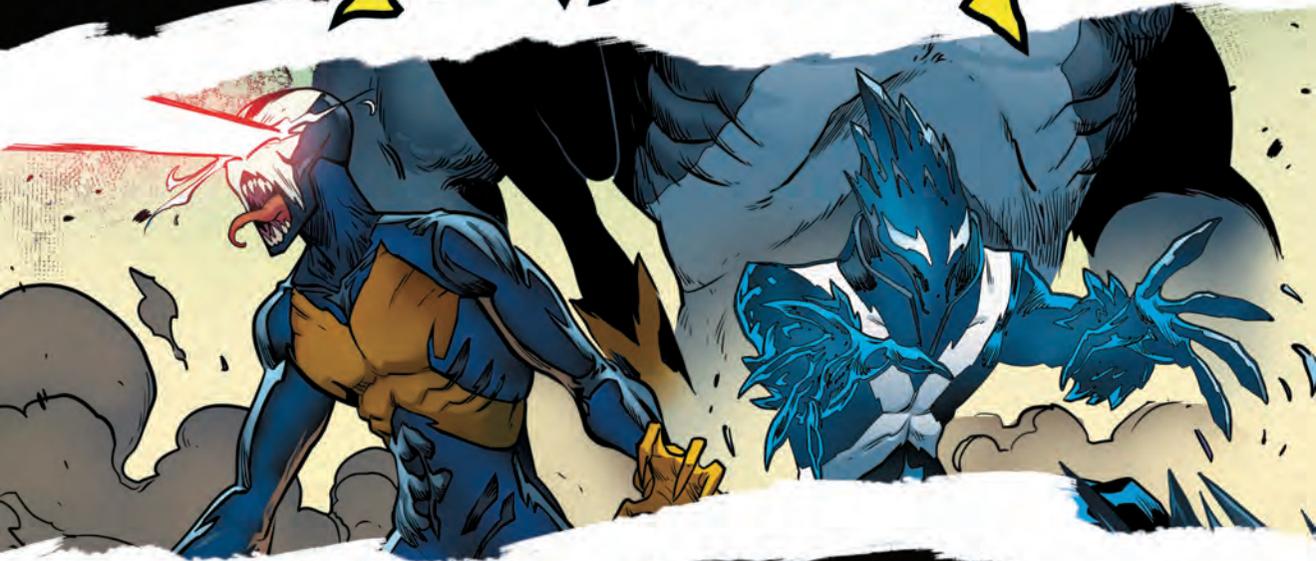
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YEARS AGO, PETER PARKER (A.K.A. THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN) ACCIDENTALLY BONDED WITH AN ALIEN BEING CALLED A SYMBIOTE. WHEN PETER REALIZED THE COSTUME WAS ACTUALLY AN AGGRESSIVE LIVING ORGANISM, HE REJECTED IT. BUT DURING THEIR TIME TOGETHER, THE SYMBIOTE HAD ACCESS TO SPIDER-MAN'S GENETIC CODE AND NOW GRANTS WHOMEVER IT BONDS WITH SKILLS SIMILAR TO HIS: WALL-CRAWLING, THE POWER TO GENERATE BIOORGANIC WEBBING AND UNIQUE ABILITIES TO SHAPE-SHIFT AND BECOME INVISIBLE, TURNING THEM INTO...

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CYCLOPS' FATHER, CORSAIR, HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED BY THE MERCENARY **KILLER THRILL** AND HER GANG OF CRIMINALS, ALL SPORTING ALIEN SYMBIOTES! WITH FEW OPTIONS, THE X-MEN ABDUCTED VENOM AND BROUGHT HIM TO THE REMOTE KARITETH SPACEPORT, THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF CORSAIR'S SHIP.

THERE, VENOM AND THE X-MEN WERE AMBUSHED, AND CYCLOPS WAS CRITICALLY WOUNDED IN THE ENSUING BRAWL.

MEANWHILE, VENOM CONDUCTED A BRIEF--AND VIOLENT--INVESTIGATION, AND LEARNED THAT THRILL'S GANG ACQUIRED THEIR SYMBIOTES FROM AN ARMS DEALER NAMED **HAZE MANCER** OPERATING OUT OF ONE OF THE STATION'S SEEDIER DISTRICTS.

BUT WHEN VENOM AND THE X-MEN CONFRONTED HAZE MANCER, THE CONFLICT QUICKLY GOT OUT OF HAND, AND A NUMBER OF SYMBIOTES BROKE FROM CONTAINMENT AND BONDED WITH THE X-MEN!

*NOTE: THE EVENTS IN THIS ISSUE TAKE PLACE AFTER **X-MEN BLUE #21**. IF YOU HAVEN'T READ IT, PROCEED AT YOUR OWN RISK.*

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IF THEY HAD BOTHERED ASKING ME, I COULD'VE TOLD THEM WHAT TO EXPECT.



THE PRESSURE...



...CONSTRICTING...



...SUFFOCATING...



MY VISOR!
MY...MY EYES!

EVERYTHING CHANGING.



BUT I CAN STILL SEE...
...WITH EVERY CELL...

THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD RUSHING IN SO FAST YOU CAN'T CATCH YOUR BREATH.



I CAN SEE!

THE X-MEN ARE KIDS, THOUGH...



SO, THEY THINK THEY KNOW EVERYTHING.

INCLUDING HOW TO CONTROL SYMBIOTES.



THIS IS WHY I DON'T USUALLY RUN AROUND WITH HOT-HEADED MUTANTS LIKE THE X-MEN.



ALL THESE... EYES...

...ALL THESE BLASTS...

...ALMOST TOO MUCH.



AND, EVEN THOUGH MY LONGTIME PARTNER IS A SUIT OF EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL SYMBIOTE FLESH...

...WE DON'T OFTEN GO GALLIVANTING THROUGH SPACE, EITHER.

SKREAAAAAK



BUT THEY DIDN'T ASK ME.



TWO MINDS NOW...

...DIVIDING AGAIN AND AGAIN...

...BECOMING MANY...

...AND ALL OF THEM MINE.



THE X-MEN KIDNAPPED US.

EEEEEEEEE

THEY NEEDED US AS SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS WHEN IT CAME TO THE KLYNTAR.

FOR ALL THE GOOD WE'VE DONE THEM.



IS THIS THING...

...OH, NO...

...IS THIS THING INSIDE ME?



THE GUY WE'RE FIGHTING...HAZE MANCER...IS A SYMBIOTE HUNTER.

WELL, WELL, WELL.
THE SYMBIOTE THAT GOT AWAY.
I ALWAYS WONDERED WHEN OUR PATHS MIGHT CROSS AGAIN.

SAYS HE KNOWS US, EDDIE! DON'T REMEMBER HIM!



AHH--



WARREN ARE YOU--

I'M FINE, JEANNIE.

THE SUIT... IT TOOK THE WORST OF IT... BUT I COULD FEEL WHAT IT FELT.

AND IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN AFRAID OF FIRE.



HRAAAGH!

SUBJECT DETAINED.



HANG ON, HANK.



I'VE GOT YOU.



SHRAKOW

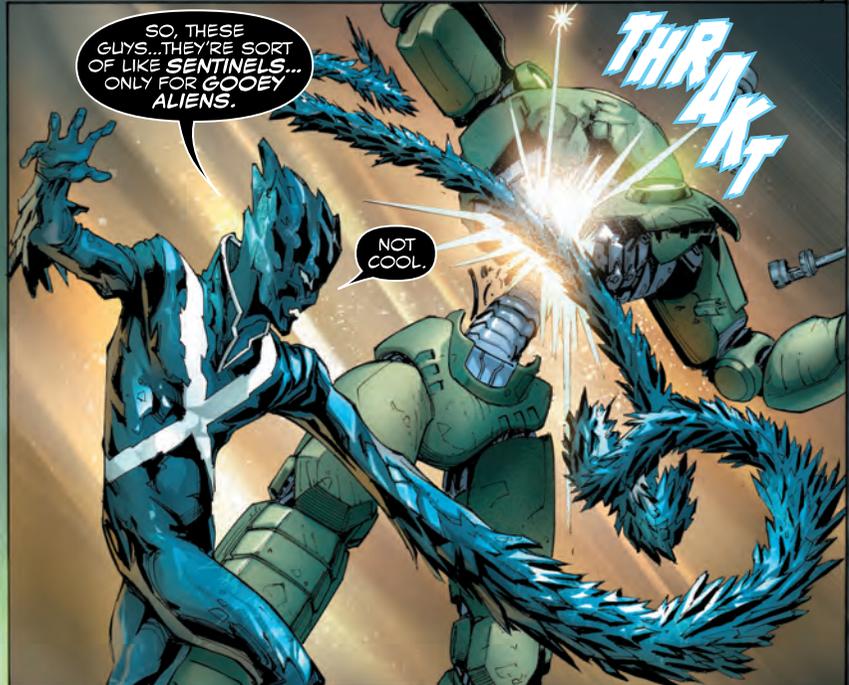


OH, YEW BROUGHT ME SOME TREATS, DIDN'T YEW?

THOSE KLYNTAR...THEY'RE ALREADY PICKING UP ON THEIR HOSTS' POWERS.

HRAGH!

EEEEEE--
SHRAK



SO, THESE GUYS...THEY'RE SORT OF LIKE SENTINELS... ONLY FOR GOOEY ALIENS.

NOT COOL.

THRAKT



NOW THAT THOSE SUITS ARE ADAPTING TO ALL THESE SPECIAL FEATURES, THEY'RE GONNA FETCH A PREMIUM.

EEEEEE--
SHRAK

AFTER I PEEL THEM OFF THA CARCASSES OF YER FRIENDS, OF COURSE.



MANCERA'S CUSTOMERS HAVE BOLTED.

FORGET THEM, FOCUS ON THE MAIN JERK HIMSELF.