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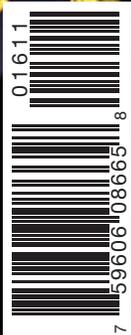
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Years ago, Miles Warren, one of Peter Parker's college professors, stole a sample of Peter's genetic material and used it to create a perfect clone of Spider-Man. With all of Peter's memories, the clone fled. Created, not born, and without an identity of his own, he gave himself a new name and made his own way in the world as...



## **BEN REILLY:** **THE SCARLET SPIDER**

Following a misguided turn as a super villain, **BEN REILLY** has made a home for himself in Las Vegas. Becoming the **SCARLET SPIDER** once more, he has been trying to be a better man. But lately, Ben's choices have been less than heroic. After a visit from Lady Death, he learned that his very soul is now in jeopardy.

Dr. Stephen Strange recently repaired the damage done to Las Vegas from Hydra Cap's attack during **SECRET EMPIRE**. But Strange's efforts summoned the **HOTEL INFERNO** along with the evil **MEPHISTO** to the strip, who has transformed many of the revived souls--and the **AVENGERS**--into his demonic minions.

Now, Ben's joined the new **MIDNIGHT SONS** to save not only Strange but all of Vegas from...

# DAMNATION

NOTE: THE EVENTS OF **BEN REILLY #16** TAKE PLACE DURING **DOCTOR STRANGE: DAMNATION #3**.

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YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, WONG?

HEADING INTO THE HOTEL INFERNO IS PRETTY MUCH GIVING MEPHISTO HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE, ISN'T IT?

LOOK AROUND YOU, THE ENTIRETY OF LAS VEGAS IS HIS HOME FIELD!

HE WOULDN'T EXPECT US TO GO CHARGING IN. WE'LL HAVE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.

YEAH, HERE'S THE THING-- THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE ALWAYS SAY BEFORE THEY CHARGE INTO A BATTLE THEY'LL LOSE...

...IN ORDER TO TRY AND CONVINCE THEMSELVES THAT THEY HAVE A HOPE IN HELL.



MOVE IT, CHEAPER CREEPER!

HELP US OUT OF THIS MESS AND I'LL THINK ABOUT IT!

IT'S "SCARLET SPIDER," OKAY, ELSA? COULD WE PLEASE JUST DROP THE PATRONIZING NICKNAMES?



SCARLET! I ACTUALLY HAVE A DIFFERENT JOB FOR YOU. I NEED YOU TO SECURE THE STRIP!

WHY? YOU THINK YOU CAN'T COUNT ON ME IN THERE?

ONCE MEPHISTO KNOWS HE'S UNDER ATTACK, HE WILL TRY TO SUMMON HELP.

DEMONS ARE ALREADY WANDERING AROUND VEGAS, BUT WHEN HE CALLS FOR THEM, THEY'LL COME RUNNING.

AND YOU WANT ME TO KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE HOTEL.

EXACTLY.

NO, I BELIEVE I CAN COUNT ON YOU OUT HERE.

YEAH, OKAY, I CAN DO THAT.



BE CAREFUL! IT MAY BE HARD TO TELL THE DEMONS APART FROM REGULAR PEOPLE!

NOT FOR ME.

DON'T BE SO SURE!



EXCEPT I  
CAN BE SURE.  
IT'S A SNAP.

IF ANYONE SETS  
OFF MY SPIDER-  
SENSE, THAT  
MEANS THEY'RE  
EVIL DEMONS.

IF THEY  
DON'T,  
THEY'RE  
NOT.



**THWIP!**



THEREE  
WE ARE.

A NICE  
BARRIER OF  
WEBBING.

I Poured it on  
thick enough that  
it should last for  
a couple hours.

I'D LIKE TO SEE  
ANYONE TRY TO  
GET THROUGH  
THAT.

NOW, I  
JUST WAIT.



AH. MY  
FIRST  
TEST.

THAT DIDN'T  
TAKE LONG.



SPIDER-MAN?!

ACTUALLY, IT'S SCARLET SPIDER.

LIKE SCARLETT O'HARA?

YEAH. JUST LIKE.



THE WHOLE TOWN HAS GONE INSANE. WHERE THE HELL DID THIS HOTEL COME FROM, ANYWAY?

ACTUALLY, YOU ASKED AND ANSWERED YOUR OWN QUESTION.

C'MON, PARTNER. LET'S GO IN AND FIND OUT WHAT'S WHAT.



YOU CAN'T GET PAST MY WEBS. TRUST ME.

WHAT WEBS?

THE ONES I SPUN AS A SAFETY MEASURE TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT.

STILL NOT SEEING 'EM.

C'MON! THEY'RE RIGHT--  
HUH?!



MY WEB WALL JUST...VANISHED!