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YEARS AGO, A CHANCE ENCOUNTER LED TO DISGRACED REPORTER EDDIE BROCK BONDING WITH THE AGGRESSIVE ALIEN ORGANISM KNOWN AS A SYMBIOTE. UNITED BY THEIR SIMILAR NEED FOR JUSTICE IN THE FORM OF VENGEANCE, AND GIFTED WITH POWERS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF SPIDER-MAN (ALONG WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES), THE TWO FIGHT CRIME AS THE WICKED WEB-SLINGER VENOM. BUT BEFORE THERE WAS VENOM, THERE WAS...

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THE VENOM SYMBIOTE RECENTLY SPAWNED, AND, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF LIZ ALLAN, ALCHEMAX HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THE PROTECTION OF ITS ALIEN OFFSPRING UNTIL VENOM FEELS IT IS READY FOR THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

BUT LIZ HAS DESIGNS OF HER OWN FOR THE CREATURE, AND HAS ALREADY ALLOWED HER SCIENTISTS TO STUDY IT WITHOUT BROCK'S CONSENT, PROMPTING HIM AND HIS SYMBIOTE TO LASH OUT.

LEAVING THE ALCHEMAX HEADQUARTERS TO COOL DOWN, VENOM WAS AMBUSHED IN AN ALLEY BY A SKRULL WOMAN. ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS INTERLOPER — A KREE — STOOD AGAINST HER... BUT CLAIMED THE VENOM SYMBIOTE BELONGED TO HIM!

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OVER THE YEARS, I'VE BEEN HIT WITH A LOT OF THINGS THAT PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE KILLED ME.



FIRE HYDRANTS.
SONIC BLASTS.
THANOS' FIST.

BUT I'D NEVER BEEN HIT BY ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE.



WHATEVER IT WAS, IT TOTALLY *DISRUPTED* THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ME AND MY SYMBIOTE, MY *OTHER*. FOR A FEW MOMENTS, IT WAS LIKE THERE WASN'T ANYTHING THERE AT ALL.



AND WHEN IT CAME BACK...



...IT WAS
SCREAMING.

GOTTA HELP,
EDDIE, GOTTA
HELP!



HELP WHO?
I SEE TWO ALIENS FIGHTING. ONE THAT TRIED TO KILL US AND ONE THAT'S TRYING TO KILL HER.



NOT SURE I'M FEELING TOO FRIENDLY TO ANYBODY RIGHT NOW.



BLUE SKIN. HELP HIM!

HE'S A HERO!



AND YOU KNOW THIS HOW?

CAN'T SAY... FEEL IT.

WELL, ALL RIGHT.

NEVER LET IT BE SAID I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS.

THE HALA YOU FOUGHT FOR IS *GONE*, TEL-KAR. YOU WERE *FOOLISH* TO COME HERE. YOU COULD HAVE GOTTEN AWAY *CLEAN*.

BUT YOUR *INSANE LOYALTY* TO THAT--

WHA--?



YOU COME TO *OUR* CITY. START A *FIGHT*. TRY TO *KILL* US.

WE DON'T LIKE YOU.

LET'S SEND YOU BACK TO WHERE YOU *CAME* FROM.

