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YEARS AGO, A CHANCE ENCOUNTER LED TO DISGRACED REPORTER EDDIE BROCK BONDING WITH AN 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 EDDIE ENTRUSTED THE ALIEN OFFSPRING TO ALCHEMAX'S CARE UNTIL VENOM FEELS THE BABY IS READY FOR THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

HOWEVER, THAT TIME MAY BE SOONER RATHER THAN LATER AS THE VENOM SYMBIOTE'S FIRST HOST, A KREE WARRIOR NAMED TEL-KAR, HAS KIDNAPPED THE VENOM SYMBIOTE AND FORCED IT TO BOND TO HIM.

WITH LITTLE CHOICE, EDDIE BONDED TO THE SYMBIOTE SPAWN TO SAVE VENOM AND TOOK THE NAME *SLEEPER!*

IMBUED WITH NEW AND UNIQUE ABILITIES, SLEEPER JOINED FORCES WITH SKRULL WARBRIDE M'LANZ TO RACE ACROSS THE STARS AND SAVE VENOM!

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YOU GOT ANY MUSIC ON THIS THING?



HM...

MOSTLY WAR CHANTS, USED TO STIR OUR TROOPS UP INTO A FRENZY. MOST OF THESE CHANTS ARE SEVERAL HOURS LONG. I'M ASSUMING YOU WOULDN'T ENJOY THAT...



OH! EXCELLENT!

WE'VE GOT BELLMOUTH LEVIATHAN SONGS.

THEIR SOCIAL CALLS ARE EXQUISITELY INTRICATE, AND THEIR MATING SONGS ARE PARTICULARLY MOURNFUL.



YEAH... YEAH, NO.

I WAS THINKING MAYBE THE ROLLING STONES?

YOU PREFER TO LISTEN TO ROCKS SLIDING TOGETHER RATHER THAN THE BELLMOUTH?

MAYBE LET'S DISCUSS SOMETHING ELSE. I'M WORRIED I MIGHT DIE OF SARCASM OTHERWISE.



YOU'RE VERY PROUD OF YOUR WIT, EDDIE BROCK.

BUT IT'S NOT YOUR MOUTH THAT I BROUGHT YOU ALONG FOR. I'M CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR NEW SUIT.

HAVE ROOTED AROUND YOUR HEAD, EDDIE.

I PREFER THE KINKS OVER THE STONES.

IT'S...**STRANGE** HAVING A NEW VOICE IN MY HEAD. THIS ONE'S... MUCH MORE **SHRILL**.

CONFIDENT. I WAS BORN ON EARTH, NURTURED BY MY PARENT, LEFT IN THE CARE OF A **GENIUS** WITH **GREAT TASTE** IN MUSIC.

YES, YOU'RE A VERY GIFTED CHILD. WHAT CAN WE DO **TOGETHER?**

BROCK?

BROCK, WHERE DID YOU GO? CAN THIS SUIT ACTUALLY TELEPORT YOU, OR--

I'M HERE.

GAH!

HOW DID YOU...?

THE SUIT CAMOUFLAGES ITSELF EVEN BETTER THAN ITS PARENT.

AND WE SECRET A **PHEROMONE** THAT CONFUSES THE SENSES, MAKING US ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO DETECT.



BUT HOW DID YOU HIDE FROM ME? MY BIOLOGY IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THAN THE HUMANS IT WAS SPAWNED AMONG.



IS THAT A CHALLENGE?

OBVIOUSLY IT'S A FAST LEARNER.



I'VE BEEN ABSORBING HER RESPIRATIONS, BEEN TASTING HER SWEAT FOR HOURS. IF SHE THINKS GIVING HER A BLIND SPOT IS IMPOSSIBLE--

WAIT, DON'T!



BROCK, CALM DOWN!



WHAT ARE YOU... YELLING...



WHY DID YOU DO THAT?

SHE'S ONLY ASLEEP, SHE'LL BE FINE.



DOCKING PROCEDURE INITIATED.

STATION CLASSIFIED ULTRA BLACK. SECURITY TEAM EXPECTED.



SECURITY TEAM? THAT COULD BE TROUBLE.

I WILL CREATE A STIMULANT TO WAKE HER.



JUST A MOMENT...

NO...



NO, I THINK WE SHOULD WAIT.