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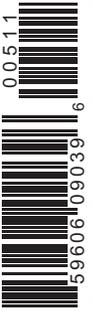
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YEARS AGO, A CHANCE ENCOUNTER LED TO DISGRACED REPORTER EDDIE BROCK BONDING WITH AN AGGRESSIVE ALIEN ORGANISM KNOWN AS A SYMBIOTE. UNITED BY THEIR SIMILAR NEED FOR JUSTICE IN THE FORM OF VENGEANCE, AND GIFTED WITH POWERS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF SPIDER-MAN (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'S FIRST HOST, A KREE WARRIOR NAMED TEL-KAR, RETURNED TO CLAIM THE SYMBIOTE FOR HIS OWN. THREATENING TO BOND WITH ITS MOST RECENT OFFSPRING, TEL-KAR KIDNAPPED VENOM AND USED IT TO STEAL A SKRULL WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

WITH NO OTHER CHOICE, EDDIE BONDED TO THE SYMBIOTE'S NEWEST SPAWN, SLEEPER, AND PARTNERED WITH SKRULL WARBRIDE M'LANZ TO STOP TEL-KAR AND RESCUE VENOM.

THE TRIO WERE ABLE TO INTERCEPT TEL-KAR AT A SECRET SKRULL MILITARY SITE, BUT NOT BEFORE TEL-KAR GOT HIS HANDS ON THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPON AND CALLED IN REINFORCEMENTS!

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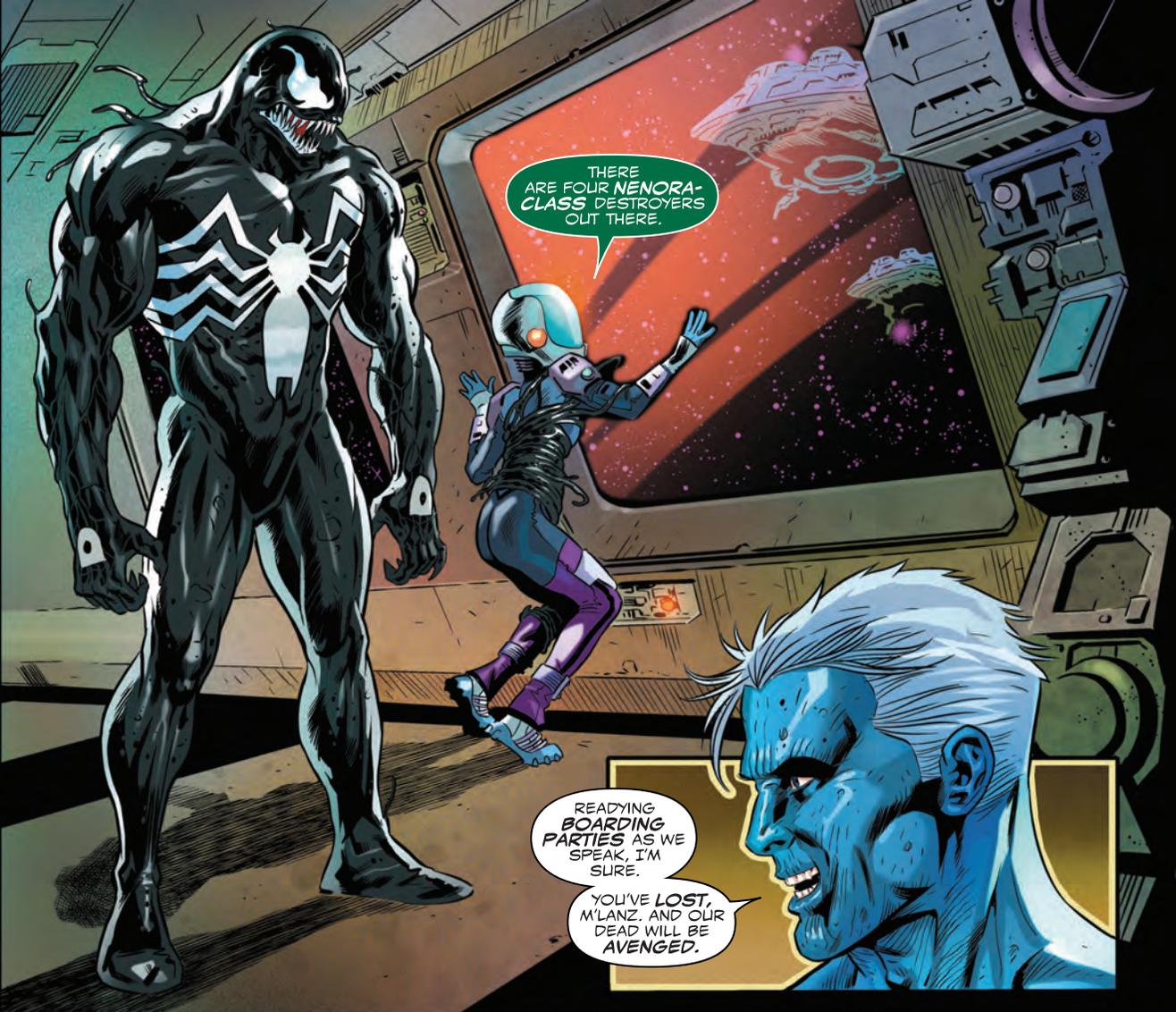
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THERE ARE FOUR **NENORA-CLASS** DESTROYERS OUT THERE.

READYING **BOARDING PARTIES** AS WE SPEAK, I'M SURE.

YOU'VE LOST, M'LANZ. AND OUR DEAD WILL BE AVENGED.



GOOD THEORY, TEL-KAR. BUT THEY AREN'T SENDING **BOARDING CRAFTS**.



THEY'RE **OPENING FIRE**.

WHAT ARE YOU--





WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
COMPUTER, OPEN ALL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS!



THIS IS TEL-KAR OF THE LESSER MEGELLANIC SPECIAL TACTICS DIVISION!
CEASE FIRE! THIS INSTALLATION HAS BEEN **SUBDUED!**



SLUIT, ARE YOU STRONG ENOUGH TO TRICK TEL-KAR INTO LOSING TRACK OF US?

I...CAN TRY...



RUN! GET OUR SPAWN OUT.

WE WILL PREVENT TEL-KAR FROM FOLLOWING!

LIKE HELL!



WE CAME ALL THIS WAY TO SAVE THAT DAMN SYMBIOTE--NOT TO WATCH IT DIE IN A GRUDGE MATCH.



BUT...

NO, EDDIE! DON'T WANT TO TOUCH HIM!

DON'T WANT TO RISK BEING A SLAVE AGAIN!



YOU WERE HANDED TO THE SKRULLS AS A TRAITOR AND A WAR CRIMINAL, TEL-KAR. DID YOU THINK THAT WOULD CHANGE?



BUT I'VE FOUND THE BIOWEAPON! I HAVE IT IN MY GRASP! I'VE BROUGHT YOU VICTORY!



THE KREE LOST THEIR STOMACH FOR DOOMSDAY WEAPONS WHEN WE LOST HALA.

WE THANK YOU FOR DISCOVERING IT FOR US SO THAT IT CAN BE DESTROYED.



BUT I'VE GOT VALUABLE HOSTAGES. A SKRULL WARBRIDE. A PAIR OF KLYNTAR SYMBIOTES WORTH--

WHAT--?



NO!



NO.

THE KREE
EMPIRE HAS LITTLE
USE FOR A THIEF AND A
TRAITOR, TEL-KAR. THE WAR
IS OVER, AND WITH IT SO
TOO DIE THE TALES OF
YOUR VICTORIES.

TAKE COMFORT
IN KNOWING THAT
YOUR **CRIMES** WILL LIVE
ON IN THAT SAME
SILENCE.

GOOD
JOURNEY.

