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DISGRACED REPORTER EDDIE BROCK STUMBLED UPON AN AGGRESSIVE ALIEN ORGANISM CALLED A **SYMBIOTE** DURING ONE OF THE LOWEST POINTS OF HIS LIFE. SHARING A SIMILAR NEED FOR JUSTICE IN THE FORM OF VENGEANCE, THE SYMBIOTE BONDED WITH EDDIE AND THEIR UNION GRANTED HIM POWERS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF SPIDER-MAN, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF OTHER UNIQUE ABILITIES. TOGETHER, THEY NOW FIGHT CRIME AS THE WICKED WEB-SLINGER CALLED

VENOM

VENOM ATTEMPTED TO HELP REX STRICKLAND, A VIETNAM VETERAN AND FORMER S.H.I.E.L.D. LAB RAT, RESCUE HIS OLD PLATOON MEMBERS FROM A DECADES-LONG S.H.I.E.L.D. IMPRISONMENT FOLLOWING A TOP-SECRET SYMBIOTE EXPERIMENT. THEIR RESCUE MISSION WENT SIDeways AS THEY DISCOVERED THAT REX'S SQUADMATES HAD BEEN CONSUMED BY THEIR SYMBIOTES AND WHAT THEY HAD UNLEASHED WAS AN ANCIENT SYMBIOTE—A MASSIVE KLYNTAR DRAGON!

VENOM JOINED FORCES WITH SPIDER-MAN, A.K.A. MILES MORALES, IN ORDER TO TAKE DOWN THE CREATURE WREAKING HAVOC ON THE STREETS OF MANHATTAN AND ON EDDIE'S CONNECTION TO HIS SYMBIOTE. USING SPIDER-MAN'S VENOM BLAST, THEY WERE ABLE TO TEAR THE BEAST ASUNDER—ONLY TO REVEAL SOMETHING MUCH SCARIER THAN A MONSTER UNDERNEATH...A GOD.

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"IN THE BEGINNING, THERE WAS NOTHING."



"AND THEN..."



"...WAR."

"THE LIGHT OF BEING EXPLODED INTO MY REALM."



"BLINDED, I FELL FOR EONS IN THE BRIGHT."



"AND INSIDE OF THAT LIGHT..."

"...SOMETHING ELSE..."

"GODS."



"THOSE THAT SAW MY HOME AS...INCOMPLETE, AS CLAY FOR THEIR UNWANTED DESIGNS..."



"...THAT BANISHED MY ABYSS FURTHER INTO THE DEEPEST CORNERS OF THEIR CREATION."



"THEY WOULD COME TO CALL MY KINGDOM 'SPACE.'"



"AS IF IT WERE AN EMPTY THING THAT NEEDED TO BE FILLED."

"BUT MY KINGDOM
WAS NOT EMPTY.

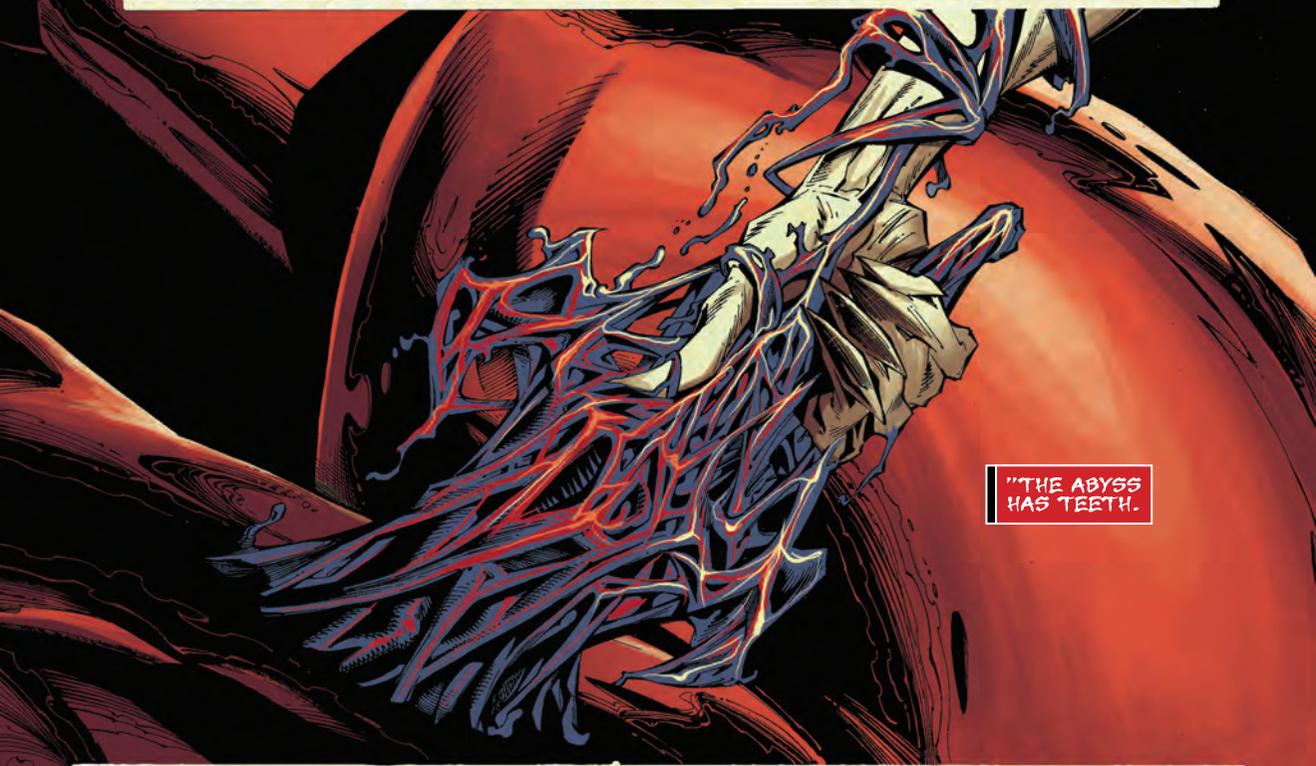
"MY ABYSS WAS NOT
DEAD. NOT HOLLOW.



"THE ENDLESSNESS OF
MY LANDS WAS NOT
THEIRS TO RAZE AND
REFORM AND REMAKE!



"NO. THE VOID BREATHES.



"THE ABYSS
HAS TEETH.



"AND SHADOWS ONLY
GROW IN THE LIGHT.

"THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I TASTED THE BLOOD OF THE LIGHT."



"AND FOR THAT CRIME, I WAS... BANISHED."

"BUT THE GODS, THEY DID NOT KNOW WHAT THEY HAD DONE."



"THE FOOLS HAD SENT ME HOME."

"TO MY VOID."

"...THERE MY WORK BEGAN."



"THE FIRST OF THE RACE YOUR KIND CALLS SYMBIOTES BEGAN LIFE AS A BLADE."

"I PULLED ITS SHAPE FROM MY OWN AND CAST ITS LIVING EDGE IN THE FIRE OF THE FIRST CREATOR I FELLED."

"THERE, SHROUDED IN MY DARKNESS, THE GOD OF A FORGOTTEN IDEA..."



"...BECAME THE GOD OF THE FORGE."

