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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 and has been trying to become a better man. In his quest for redemption, Ben was caught in the middle of a sibling rivalry between his ally, a casino magnate named **CASSANDRA MERCURY**, and her brother **SILAS THORNE**.

Fellow clone and Scarlet Spider **KAINE PARKER** followed Ben to Vegas and became the unofficial protector of a veterans' shelter struggling to stay open in the fallout of **SECRET EMPIRE**. When the landlord threatened to sell the property, Kaine hatched a plan to save his new friends.

After Ben brutally attacked Thorne, the reunited **SLINGERS** sprang into action and kidnapped Cassandra in order to force Ben's surrender to the police. But the Scarlet Spiders have discovered that one of the Slingers, the resurrected **BLACK MARVEL**, is not exactly what he seems...

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HOW THE HELL DID THAT PRODIGY GUY KNOW ABOUT THE DIOGENES INITIATIVE?

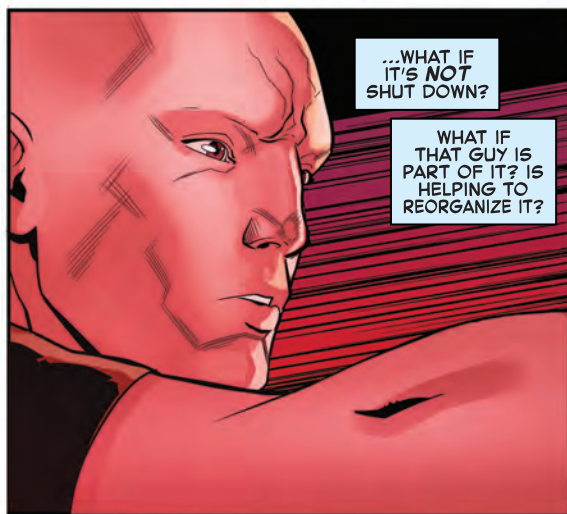
NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT THAT, IT WAS TOP SECRET.

IT'S CLOSED DOWN AND EVERYBODY ASSOCIATED WITH IT IS DEAD.



I MEAN, YEAH, CASSANDRA KNOWS, BUT SHE WOULDN'T SPREAD IT AROUND.

WHAT IF...



...WHAT IF IT'S NOT SHUT DOWN?

WHAT IF THAT GUY IS PART OF IT? IS HELPING TO REORGANIZE IT?



IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN HE'S GOTTA GO. I JUST HAVE TO END HIM.

WHICH I REALLY SHOULD DO ANYWAY SINCE HE KIDNAPPED THE DIVA.

THEN AGAIN, MAYBE IT'D BE SMARTER TO KEEP HIM AROUND. TORTURE HIM TO FIND OUT WHAT HE KNOWS, AND THEN KILL HIM.



CAN'T THINK ABOUT THAT NOW. GOTTA MAKE A CALL.

CICCONE? THIS IS SLATE.

SLATE?! I TOLD YOU NEVER TO CALL ME WHEN I'M ON THE JOB--AND WHY THE HELL ARE YOU CALLING ME ON A POLICE CHANNEL?!



BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO NEED TO SEND SOME COPS TO THE THORNE THEATER, TO CLEAN UP THE MESS....THAT I'M ABOUT TO MAKE.



THE BLACK
MARVEL IS BACK.
FIGURES. I
MEAN I *SHOULD*
BE SURPRISED...

...BUT I'M THE
POSTER BOY FOR
RESURRECTION, SO
WHATEVER. MAYBE I
SHOULD ASK HIM
HOW PRINCE IS.

CYBER IS
DEAD. ALL THE
RECORDS
SHOW--

CAN'T
TRUST THE
RECORDS, PRODIGY.
EVERYBODY
KNOWS THAT.

HE'S NOT
ALIVE IN THE SAME
SENSE THAT THE
BLACK MARVEL IS.
CYBER AT LEAST
HAS A SOUL...

...BLACKENED
AND SCARRED AS
IT MAY BE.

BUT THE
MARVEL IS A
SOULLESS
ABOMINATION.

THAT'S IT.
NOW YOU'VE
HURT MY
FEELINGS.



