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FOR YEARS, THE SYMBIOTES OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE HAVE BEEN LEAVING TRACES OF GENETIC MATERIAL--CALLED CODICES--WITHIN THE SPINES OF THEIR HOSTS.

CLETUS KASADY, A.K.A. THE SYMBIOTIC SERIAL KILLER CALLED CARNAGE, HAS RESURFACED, LOOKING TO EXTRACT THE CODICES THROUGH BLOODY AND BRUTAL MEANS TO AWAKEN KNULL--GOD OF THE SYMBIOTES--AND SUMMON HIM TO EARTH.

SINCE LEARNING OF CARNAGE'S RETURN, EDDIE BROCK, A.K.A. VENOM, HAS WORKED TO DESTROY THE CODICES IN AS MANY PEOPLE AS HE CAN; THANKS TO A MACHINE DEvised BY THE MAKER (AN EVIL REED RICHARDS FROM A PARALLEL UNIVERSE), HE'S BEEN ABLE TO DO JUST THAT.

BUT TIME WAS NOT ON THEIR SIDE.

AFTER BRUTALLY KILLING SEVERAL PAST SYMBIOTE HOSTS, CARNAGE TARGETED VENOM AND HIS ALLIES. WITH NO OTHER CHOICE, THE VENOM SYMBIOTE BONDED TO THE HULK, BUT CARNAGE PROVED TOO POWERFUL EVEN FOR THE GAMMA GOLIATH AND STRIPPED HIM OF THE VENOM SYMBIOTE BEFORE ABSORBING IT FOR GOOD.

BUT THE MAKER'S MACHINE WAS NOT AS IT APPEARED; IT WAS STORING THE EXTRACTED CODICES INSTEAD OF DESTROYING THEM! THROUGH THE CHAOS, EDDIE WAS ABLE TO BREAK INTO THE MACHINE, REUNITING THE CODICES HELD WITHIN AND BONDING TO THEM.

NOW VENOM IS LEGION--AN AMALGAMATION OF DOZENS OF HOSTS, SYMBIOTES AND VOICES, ALL OF THEM SCREAMING THE SAME THING:

IT'S TIME TO STOP CARNAGE. ONCE AND FOR ALL.



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HAHAHA!!!

IT'S ALL SO WONDERFUL, ISN'T IT, DADDY?! IT'S ALL HAPPENING!

CAN YOU HEAR HIM... BREATHING?! HE'S ALMOST AWAKE!



KRIMP

HE'S RIGHT.

HE'S ALMOST HERE! HAHA-- AGH!

SHUT UP AND DIE!



SINCE I ABSORBED THE CODICES,
I CAN...I CAN **SENSE** THE HIVE.

NEVER...NEVER FELT
ANYTHING LIKE IT. I CAN
HEAR THEM ALL...

AGH!



I CAN
HEAR THEM
SCREAMING.

YOU KNOW,
WE CAN HEAR
YOU TOO!

WH-WHAT?!



WE...
ARE...
...EVERYWHERE!

HNNF!



BOOM
KRUNG



I CAN
SEE THROUGH
THE EYES OF
EVERY ONE OF
MY HORDE,
EDDIE...



...DO YOU
KNOW WHAT
I SEE?



"I CAN SEE ALL OF YOUR LITTLE FRIENDS CHOKING AND FALLING..."

THERE'S TOO MANY, CAP!

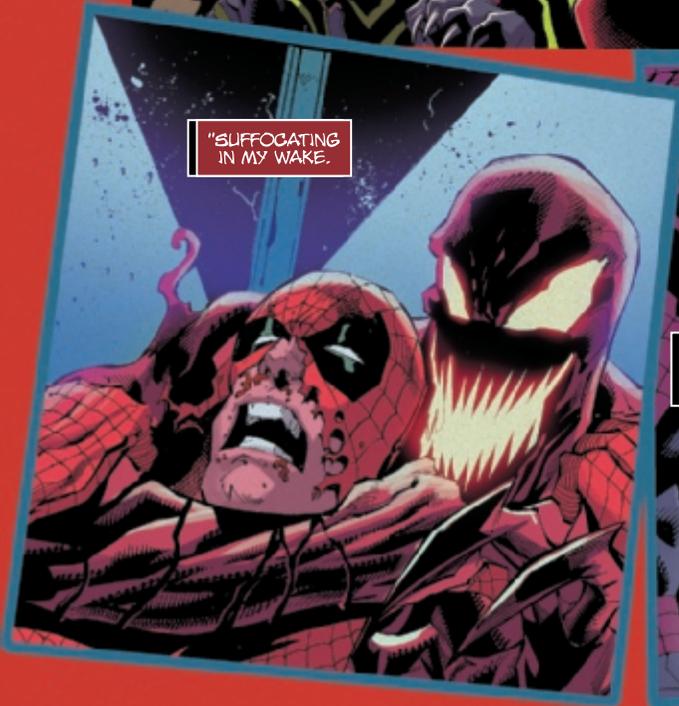
HOLD 'EM BACK! WE JUST NEED TIME!

"...DROWNING IN RED."



AGHH! TIME FOR WHAT? IS THOR GONNA MAKE IT, OR...

"SUFFOCATING IN MY WAKE."



"YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, DON'T YOU?"

COME ON, EDDIE...WHERE ARE YOU?