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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, HOPING TO AWAKEN KNULL—GOD OF THE SYMBIOTES—AND SUMMON HIM TO EARTH.

CARNAGE HAS BEEN MONITORING FORMER HOSTS FOR WEEKS BY INFECTING SMALL ANIMALS CLOSE TO THEM WITH HIS SYMBIOTE—INCLUDING CAPTAIN MARVEL'S PET CAT/ALIEN FLERKIN, CHEWIE...



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