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VENOM



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YEARS AGO, PETER PARKER (A.K.A. THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN) ACCIDENTALLY BONDED WITH AN AGGRESSIVE ORGANISM CALLED A SYMBIOTE.

AFTER DISCOVERING IT INTENDED TO MAKE THEIR UNION PERMANENT, HE REJECTED THE CREATURE, WHICH SOON FOUND A NEW HOST IN DISGRACED REPORTER **EDDIE BROCK**.

THEIR UNION GRANTED EDDIE 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

YEARS AGO, IN THE THROES OF THE VIETNAM WAR, S.H.I.E.L.D. DISCOVERED AN ANCIENT SYMBIOTE, DORMANT FOR A MILLENNIUM, AND HARVESTED SAMPLES FROM IT. USING WOUNDED SOLDIERS, INCLUDING A MAN NAMED **REX STRICKLAND**, AS LIVING TEST SUBJECTS, THE AGENCY HOPED TO BRING ABOUT A SWIFT CONCLUSION TO THE CONFLICT.

REX MADE IT OUT OF VIETNAM, BUT THE REST OF HIS PLATOON DIDN'T. HE'S BEEN TRYING TO FREE THEM FROM S.H.I.E.L.D. EVER SINCE, AND NOW HE'S ASKED VENOM FOR HELP.

BUT IN THE MIDST OF THEIR RESCUE OPERATION, VENOM DISCOVERED THAT THERE WAS NO ONE LEFT TO SAVE. REX'S SQUADMATES WERE CONSUMED BY THEIR SYMBIOTES YEARS AGO, LEAVING A PLATOON OF SYMBIOTIC SOLDIERS IN THEIR PLACE.

FREED BY VENOM, THEY RELEASED THE ANCIENT SYMBIOTE—NOW AWAKE AND REVEALED TO BE A MASSIVE KLYNTAR **DRAGON** THAT EDDIE'S SYMBIOTE REVERES.

THE CREATURE CONSUMED ITS LIBERATORS AND BURST OUT OF THE STREETS OF NEW YORK, WREAKING HAVOC ON MIDTOWN, DISRUPTING EDDIE'S CONNECTION WITH HIS SYMBIOTE AND DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF SOME OF THE CITY'S MASKED VIGILANTES...

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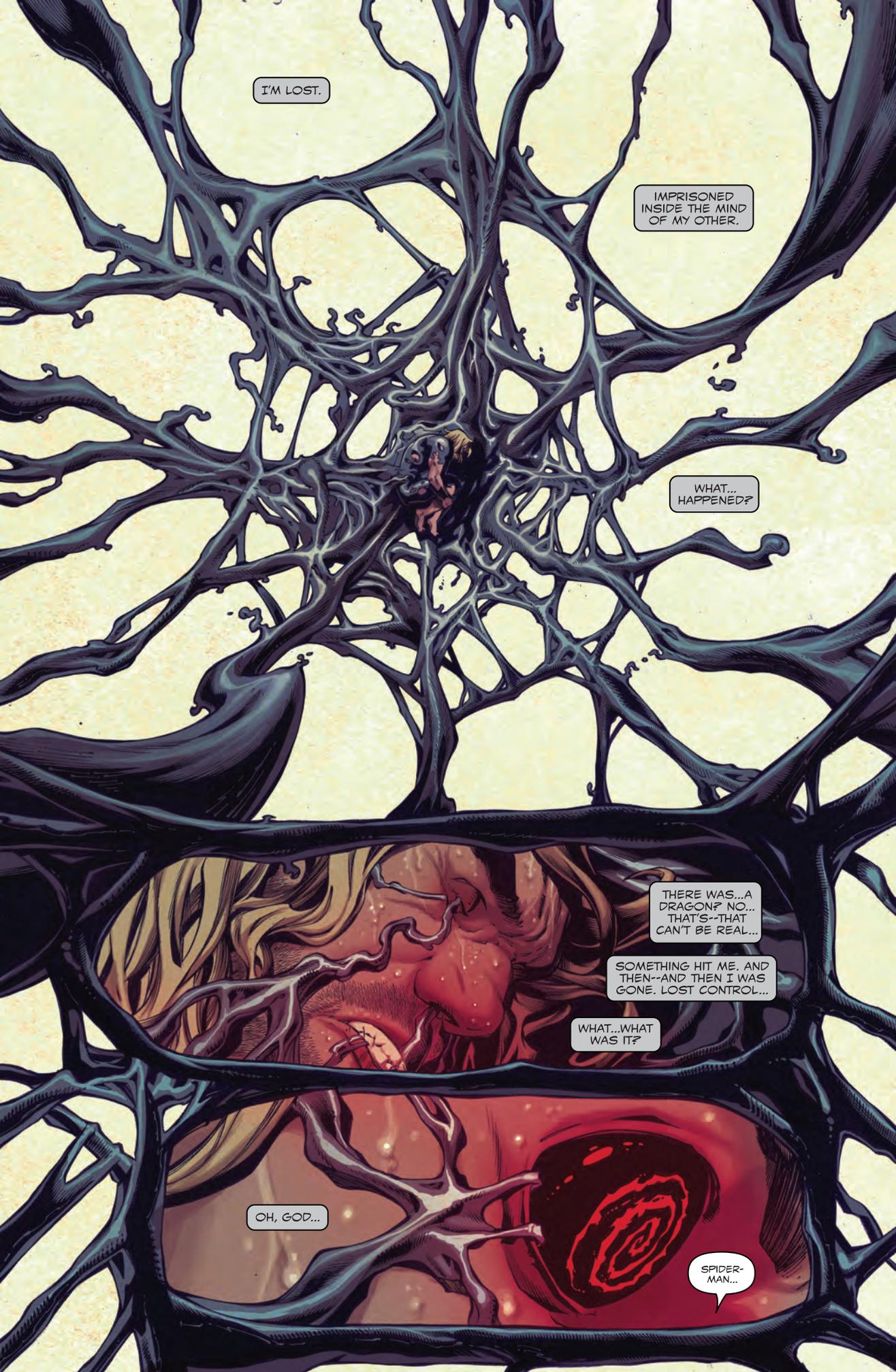
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I'M LOST.

IMPRISONED
INSIDE THE MIND
OF MY OTHER.

WHAT...
HAPPENED?

THERE WAS...A
DRAGON? NO...
THAT'S--THAT
CAN'T BE REAL...

SOMETHING HIT ME, AND
THEN--AND THEN I WAS
GONE. LOST CONTROL...

WHAT...WHAT
WAS IT?

OH, GOD...

SPIDER-
MAN...

...WE'RE KILLING
SPIDER-MAN.







...YOU ASKED FOR THIS!

AGGHH!



I...GOD, I'M SORRY...I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.

THANKS, KID. WE HAVEN'T MET, MY NAME IS--



I KNOW WHO YOU ARE!



YOU'RE A MONSTER!