

Once Eugene "Flash" Thompson got his chance to be a hero, he refused to give it up. When he lost both legs serving his country, Flash formed a symbiotic bond with a body-morphing alien parasite that enabled him to continue serving others. Later, as one of the Guardians of the Galaxy, his Klyntar symbiote was purified on its home planet and Flash was drafted to serve as an Agent of the Cosmos, answering prayers for help from across the universe.

Now, Flash is swashbuckling his way across the universe as

VENOM

SPACE KNIGHT

Duty to his friends has brought Flash back to Earth. His former student Andrea Benton is the bearer of a part of the Venom symbiote known as Mania, who is the bearer of a Hell-Mark. Mania needs to be cleansed so Venom can master his rage, and so Andi can regain control of her life. Across the galaxy, 803, Tama, Iqa, and Pik and Hilla Rollo found a restorative elixir to cure Andi, as well as some new allies in the Space Knights. Hopefully they'll reach Earth soon; Spider-Man helped separate Mania and Andi, but Flash has just realized the Hell-Mark isn't only affecting Mania...it also has Andi under its control!

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**PHILADELPHIA.
BEFORE.**

SO...WHEN
WILL YOU BE
BACK?

HONESTLY?
I DON'T
KNOW.

CAP WANTS
ME TO KEEP
AN EYE ON THE
GUARDIANS. AND
WHEN CAP
CALLS...

...YOU
SCREEN
IT?

WE'VE DUG
THROUGH EVERY
LORE BOOK--THERE'S
NOTHING ON "THE
DESCENT."

BUT YOU'VE
BEEN KEEPING
THE HELL-MARK
ON MANIA IN
CHECK.

MAYBE...
MAYBE THINGS
ARE GONNA BE
OKAY.

YEAH. I
MEAN...I'VE
BEEN GOOD.
IT'S BEEN
GOOD.

MAYBE
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

MAYBE
THINGS WILL
BE OKAY,
COACH.

**PARKER INDUSTRIES,
PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.
NOW.**



WELCOME
HOME...
COACH.



AND,
STOP, THIS
ISN'T--

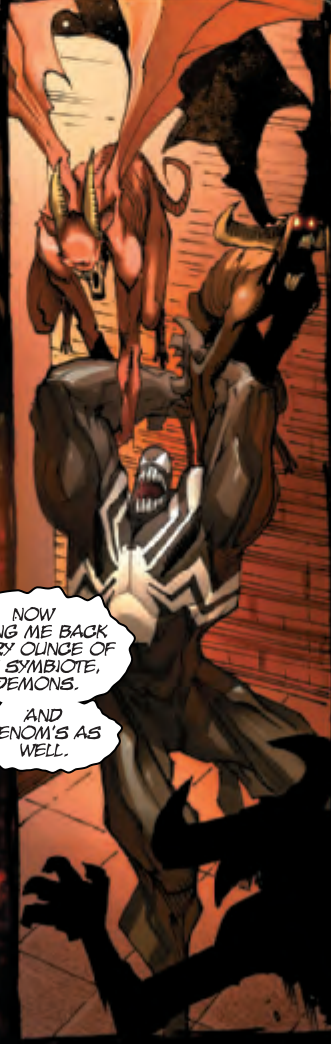


THE
HELL-MARK
MADE ITS
CHOICE...

...BURNED
THROUGH THE
SYMBIOTE...

...TO
WHERE IT
BELONGS...

...WITH
ME!



NOW
BRING ME BACK
EVERY OUNCE OF
MY SYMBIOTE,
DEMONS.

AND
VENOM'S AS
WELL.



BOOM!

I TOLD HER
EVERYTHING WAS
GOING TO BE OKAY.

I LIED
TO ANDI.

BUT MOST OF ALL
I LIED TO MYSELF.

I NEVER SHOULD
HAVE LEFT HER
ON HER OWN.

I NEVER SHOULD
HAVE LEFT,
PERIOD.

I CAN MAKE
THIS RIGHT.

I CAN
MAKE THIS--

AAARGH!

SLAM!