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WHEN SPIDER-MAN DISCREDITED ONE OF HIS STORIES, REPORTER EDDIE BROCK LOST EVERYTHING – EXCEPT A BURNING HATRED FOR THE WALL-CRAWLER. AFTER BONDING WITH A SENTIENT AND AGGRESSIVE ALIEN THAT SHARED A SIMILAR DISDAIN OF SPIDER-MAN, THE TWO BECAME THE WICKED WEB-SLINGER CALLED

VENOM

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A NEW SPECIES CALLED **POISONS** HAVE BEEN HUNTING A SMALL BAND OF SYMBIOTIC HEROES, STEALING THEIR ABILITIES AND CONSUMING THEM IN THE PROCESS.

AFTER TWO SEPARATE POISON AMBUSHES, BOTH CAPTAIN AMERICA AND SPIDER-MAN HAVE BEEN TURNED, LEAVING **EDDIE BROCK/VENOM** TO LEAD THE GROUP. FOR HIS FIRST ACT IN COMMAND, BROCK ORDERED DOCTOR STRANGE TO SUMMON THE BLOODTHIRSTY SERIAL KILLER CARNAGE AS A SECRET WEAPON. IN HIS FIRST CONFLICT, CARNAGE PROVED EFFECTIVE AGAINST THE POISONS, BUT THEY WERE ABLE TO KIDNAP DOCTOR STRANGE AS THEY RETREATED.

MEANWHILE, DEADPOOL WILLINGLY OFFERED HIMSELF TO THE POISONS ON THE OFF CHANCE THAT HIS UNIQUE PERSONALITY MIGHT SURVIVE THE BONDING PROCESS. HIS GAMBLE PAID OFF, AND HE LEARNED THE TRUTH: THANKS TO STRANGE'S SUMMONING OF THE VENOMS, THE POISONS KNOW OF THE EXISTENCE OF A MULTIVERSE – ONE WITH MORE POWERED BEINGS RIPE FOR CONSUMPTION THAN THEY COULD HAVE EVER DREAMED!

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HE KNOWS THE SONIC RESTRAINTS WILL TORTURE HIM, BUT STILL HE STRUGGLES.

CARNAGE ISN'T ONE TO GIVE UP WITHOUT A FIGHT.



SOON WE WILL HAVE ALL THE SYMBIOTES WE WILL EVER NEED.

THEN WE'LL PEEL HIM APART AND DISCOVER HOW WE MIGHT USE HIS SYMBIOTE AS WELL.



WE'LL FIND A WAY TO COUNTER OUR VULNERABILITY TO THOSE LIKE HIM.

PERHAPS WE WILL EVEN DISCOVER A MEANS TO ADD HIM TO OUR ARSENAL.



BITE OFF MORE THAN YOU CAN CHEW AND YOU'LL CHOKE ON--



YEEEEARRGH!



LOUD, HUH?

THAT'S GOOD.

IT COVERS THE SOUND--



**REEEET!
REEEET! REEEET!**

THAT'S
OUR
SIGNAL.



THERE'RE
A LOT OF
BABY POISONS
DOWN THERE. TOO
MANY FOR MY
TASTES.

WE
GOTTA BE
CAREFUL.

ONE
TOUCH AND
WE'RE
TOAST.

DON'T
SWEAT IT,
ROCKET...



"...I'VE GOT IT
COVERED."



DAMN.
WE'VE
SEEN SOME
NASTY THINGS
IN OUR
TIME...

...BUT
ANTS?



I KNOW.
AWESOME,
RIGHT?

THAT'S
ONE WORD
FOR IT.
ANOTHER IS
"YEEEEEECH!"

ALL RIGHT. TIME TO SHAKE THINGS UP.

MJ, LOGAN--STAY WITH THE RACCOON AND THE ANT. KEEP UNFRIENDLIES OFF THEIR BACK.

PANTHER, WOLVERINE, MANIA--YOU'RE WITH US. WE FIND STRANGE BEFORE ROCKET BRINGS THIS PLACE DOWN AROUND OUR EARS.

YOU GOT THIS?

EH, Y'KNOW. THIS WHOLE PLACE IS A SHIP.

SHIPS HAVE ENGINES...AND REACTORS...AND FUEL...

THAT MAKES FOR A FUN RECIPE.

CARNAGE AND DEADPOOL ARE DOING THEIR PART.

IT WON'T TAKE LONG, THOUGH, BEFORE THE POISONS SEE THROUGH THE MISDIRECTION.

LET 'EM.

THOSE TWO PSYCHOS AREN'T THE ONLY DISTRACTIONS WE HAVE PLANNED.

WAY I SEE IT, THESE POISONS MIGHT BE HARD CASES NOW, BUT THAT WASN'T ALWAYS THE WAY.

BEFORE THEY FOUND OUT THAT VENOM SYMBIOTES WOULD TURN THEM INTO MONSTERS, THEY WERE WEAK, COWARDLY.