

PREVIOUSLY...

PETER PARKER WAS SPIDER-MAN: HE PROTECTED NEW YORK CITY AND EVERYONE IN IT. WHEN A ROBOTIC MONSTROSITY WITH A HIDDEN HUMAN FACE, CADAVEROUS, ATTACKED, SPIDER-MAN HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO CONFRONT HIM AND HIS "CHILDREN." THE HULKING CYBORG CALLED FOR SPIDER-MAN BY NAME, AND IT WAS HIS RESPONSIBILITY. SPIDER-MAN SAVED THE CITY, BUT NOT BEFORE CADAVEROUS KILLED HIS WIFE, MARY JANE.

YEARS LATER, PETER AND MJ'S NOW TEENAGED SON, BEN, BEGAN HAVING SOME INEXPLICABLE PROBLEMS. FIRST, A BULLY HE ONLY MEANT TO PUSH OFF ANOTHER STUDENT FLEW THREW A DOOR. BEN GOT DETENTION AND WAS CHASTISED BY HIS ABSENTEE FATHER, IN TOWN FOR A LAYOVER--JUST LONG ENOUGH TO TELL BEN THAT TRYING TO HELP MAKES THINGS WORSE. THE ONE BRIGHT SPOT IN THE DAY WAS A GIRL IN DETENTION. FAYE ITO.

THAT NIGHT, BEN AWOKE FROM A NIGHTMARE TO FIND HIMSELF STUCK TO THE CEILING. HIS GREAT-AUNT MAY HELPED HIM DOWN AND POINTED HIM TO A BOX IN THE ATTIC, WHICH BEN HAD NO IDEA CONTAINED THE RED-AND-BLUE SUIT OF SPIDER-MAN.











"WHY DO YOU KEEP
DEFENING HIM?! ALL
OF THIS IS BECAUSE OF
WHAT HE DID! MOM DIED
ON THAT BRIDGE
BECAUSE OF HIM!





