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YEARS AGO, SPIDER-MAN UNWITTINGLY BROUGHT AN EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL **SYMBIOTE** TO EARTH. IN THE ENSUING YEARS, THE PARASITIC ORGANISM AND ITS MANY OFFSPRING BONDED TO DOZENS OF HEROES AND VILLAINS, TEMPORARILY AMPLIFYING THEIR SUPERHUMAN ABILITIES.

BUT THE SYMBIOTES ALSO LEFT TRACES OF THEIR GENETIC MATERIAL WITHIN THEIR HOSTS. CALLED A **CODEX**, THESE DORMANT CELLS NOW SERVE AS A BEACON, BECKONING THE DEADLY SYMBIOTE **CARNAGE** AS HE COLLECTS THE CODICES TO RESURRECT HIS GOD: **KNULL**.

AS THE ONLY PERSON TO HAVE BONDED WITH **FOUR** SYMBIOTES, DEADPOOL IS A PRIME TARGT FOR CARNAGE. THE MERC WITH THE MOUTH HAD JUST DEFEATED SEVERAL OF CARNAGE'S C-LEVEL CRONIES WHEN HE WAS ATTACKED BY A SYMBIOTE-WEARING NORMAN OSBORN!



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