

YEARS AGO, PETER PARKER (A.K.A. THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN) ACCIDENTALLY BONDED WITH AN ALIEN BEING CALLED A SYMBIOTE. WHEN PETER REALIZED THE COSTUME WAS ACTUALLY AN AGGRESSIVE LIVING ORGANISM, HE REJECTED IT. BUT DURING THEIR TIME TOGETHER, THE SYMBIOTE HAD ACCESS TO SPIDER-MAN'S GENETIC CODE, AND NOW GRANTS WHOMEVER IT BONDS WITH SKILLS SIMILAR TO HIS: WALL-CRAWLING, THE POWER TO GENERATE BIOORGANIC WEBBING, AND UNIQUE ABILITIES TO SHAPE-SHIFT AND BECOME INVISIBLE, TURNING THEM INTO...

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WHEN THE VENOM SYMBIOTE RETURNED TO EARTH IT WAS SEPARATED FROM ITS HOST, FLASH THOMPSON. IN ITS FRIGHTENED AND WEAKENED STATE, THE CREATURE FOUND A NEW HOST -- A FORMER ARMY RANGER NAMED LEE PRICE.

THANKS TO HIS RANGER TRAINING, LEE HAS BEEN ABLE TO DOMINATE AND CONTROL THE SYMBIOTE, AND HAS USED IT TO COURT THE FAVOR OF BLACK CAT, NEW YORK'S LATEST KINGPIN OF CRIME.

FOR A TIME, HE WAS ABLE TO KEEP THE SYMBIOTE A SECRET, BUT WHEN ONE OF BLACK CAT'S STRONGMEN, MAC GARGAN AKA SCORPION, DOUBLE-CROSSED HIM ON A ROUTINE JOB, THE TRUTH CAME OUT. LEE HAS BEEN ON THE RUN FROM CAT AND HER CREW EVER SINCE.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, LEE CROSSED PATHS WITH NONE OTHER THAN *THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN* AND THE TWO FOUND THEMSELVES EMBROILED IN A FIGHT ACROSS MANHATTAN. NOW, LEE IS TRYING TO MAKE A BREAK FOR IT, WITH SPIDER-MAN AND THE FBI ON HIS TAIL, INCLUDING THE LEADER OF THE BUREAU'S ANTI-SYMBOTIC TASK FORCE, EDDIE BROCK.

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ALL RIGHT, BROCK. HERE'S THE SITUATION.

LESS THAN TEN MINUTES AGO, AN INCIDENT OCCURRED INVOLVING ONE OF MY AGENTS AND A SYMBIOTE-ENHANCED SUBJECT DURING A ROUTINE MEETING WITH AN INFORMANT.



A TACTICAL CHOPPER WAS COMMITTED WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION TO THIS GRID OF THE BRONX.



THIS IS THE LAST FOOTAGE WE WERE ABLE TO CAPTURE FROM THE ONBOARD CAMERAS BEFORE THEY WENT DARK, AND YOU'RE THE ONLY AGENT AT THE BUREAU WITH ANY KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HOW TO STOP THESE DAMN THINGS.



WHAT'S THE STATUS ON THE HELICOPTER?



WE DON'T KNOW. WE LOST OUR EYES ON ITS SYSTEMS THE SAME TIME WE LOST THE CAMERA FEED. WE'VE GOT GROUND UNITS ON-SITE HELPING CLEAR OUT CIVILIANS AND TRYING TO GET A SITREP. A SYMBIOTE CONTAINMENT UNIT IS INBOUND AS WELL.

BUT IF THAT THING IS STILL IN CONTROL OF OUR CHOPPER...





"...THERE'S NO TELLING
THE DAMAGE IT COULD DO."

NEVER
THOUGHT I'D
BE FLYING ONE
OF THESE
AGAIN.



YOU FLY
HELICOPTERS,
LEE?

IN THE
RANGERS. AND
NOT WELL.



BUT IT'S
THE FASTEST WAY
TO GET OUT OF
HERE.

WE'LL HEAD
UP THE HUDSON
AND DITCH IN THE
WATER BY--



FLASH?
ISSAT YOU IN
THERE?

ANY CHANCE
I COULD HITCH
A RIDE?



NEW
PLAN.




WE KILL SPIDER-MAN!

LEE, NO!
NO MORE KILLING!

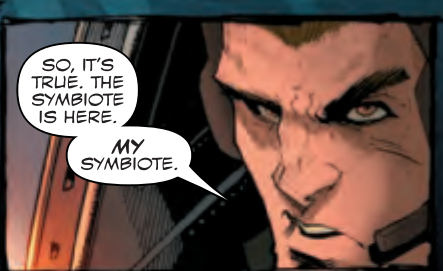
YOW!
DEFINITELY NOT FLASH,
THEN!



THE VENOM I KNOW WOULD NEVER--



--RISK HURTING INNOCENT PEOPLE!



SO, IT'S TRUE. THE SYMBIOTE IS HERE.
MY SYMBIOTE.



MY DARLING.