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THE POISONS--A MULTIVERSAL SPECIES THAT HARVESTS SYMBIOTES AND CONSUMES THEIR SUPERHUMAN HOSTS--HAVE LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON PRIME EARTH.

CAPTAIN AMERICA LED A DARING COUNTEROFFENSIVE AGAINST THE INVADERS, BUT THE SCOPE OF THE SITUATION QUICKLY GREW BEYOND HIS CONTROL. DOZENS OF HEROES HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY BONDED TO SYMBIOTES, AND SOME HAVE BEEN CONSUMED ENTIRELY BY THE POISONS, INCLUDING THE PSYCHOTIC KILLER CLETUS KASADY AND THE YOUNG X-MAN JEAN GREY.

DURING A RESCUE OPERATION TO SAVE MOON GIRL AND DEVIL DINOSAUR, VENOM AND SPIDER-MAN DISCOVERED THAT THE SECRET TO STOPPING THE POISONS COULD BE ANTI-VENOM'S UNIQUE ANTI-SYMBIOTE PROPERTIES.

BUT THE CLOCK IS TICKING. THE POISONS ARE HELL-BENT ON FINDING KID KAIJU, WHOSE INHUMAN ABILITY TO CREATE MONSTERS COULD GIVE THE HIVE THE POWER IT NEEDS TO CONSUME ALL LIFE ON EARTH.

NOTE: THE EVENTS OF VENOMIZED TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE MIGHTY THOR #700.

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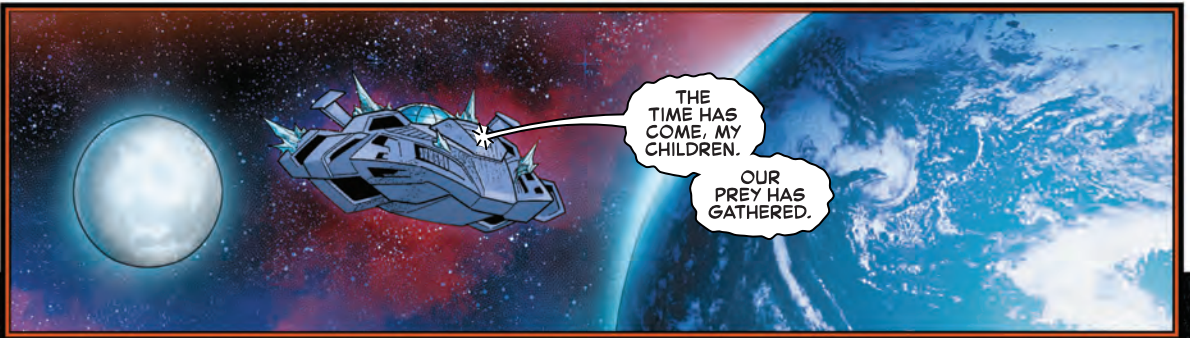
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THE TIME HAS COME, MY CHILDREN.

OUR PREY HAS GATHERED.



THE ANOMALIES ARE WITH THEM.

ONE SHALL BE DESTROYED. ONE SHALL BE BROUGHT INTO THE SERVICE OF THE HIVE.



YOU, THANOS MY LOVE.

YOU WILL BRING THE CHILD KNOWN AS KID KAIJU TO ME.



AND, YOU, VICTOR, MY SON.

YOU SHALL STAY HERE WITH ME.

IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY SEEK ME OUT AND TURN THEIR WEAPONS AGAINST US.



YOU WILL STAY WITH ME, TOO, JEAN.

YOUR GIFTS WILL ENHANCE MY OWN.

WHEN THEY COME TO US, WE WILL CRUSH THEM TOGETHER.



AND YOU, CARNAGE--

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.



I'LL DO WHAT I DO BEST.



SCOTT...  
CAN YOU HEAR ME?



COME TO ME.



SET US DOWN OVER THERE!  
WE NEED TO REGROUP!



NEED A BETTER IDEA OF WHERE WE STAND!



KID KAIJU--BACK THERE...ON THE BRIDGE...YOU DID WELL.

YOU PULLED OUR FAT OUT OF THE FRYER, SON.



BUT THE CREATURES WHO WERE ATTACKING... WE CAN'T JUST LET THEM RUN RAMPANT.

NOVA-- WHAT DO YOU SEE?

THEY'RE GONE, CAP!



LOOKS LIKE THEY JUST TELEPORTED OUT AS SOON AS WE LEFT.

YOU THINK THEY JUST TOOK THEIR BALL AND WENT HOME?

WE'RE NOT THAT LUCKY. YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED TO D-MAN AND RAGE.



THEY'RE NOT INTERESTED IN MASS DESTRUCTION... UNLESS IT DRAWS PEOPLE WITH ENHANCED ABILITIES INTO THEIR CROSSHAIRS.

THEY'RE USING ALIEN SYMBIOTES TO PREP THEIR TARGETS FOR SOME SORT OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TAKEOVER.

KID, IT'S TIME TO PUT THOSE MONSTERS OF YOURS TO USE AND DO A LITTLE SURPRISE ATTACKING OF OUR OWN.



"WE TRACK THE PREY AND WE'LL CATCH THE PREDATORS."

I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE!

I'M SORRY, CYCLOPS, BUT I'M NOT SURE THIS IS THE TIME OR PLACE.  
THERE ARE OVER A DOZEN SUPERHUMAN IN SYMBIOTES A FEW FLOORS BELOW US, AND WE'RE TRYING TO--

JEAN'S STILL ALIVE-- SHE'S ON A POISON SHIP IN ORBIT!

SHE'S COMMUNICATING WITH ME!

SHE'S CALLING OUT!



KID...WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS.

JEAN GREY IS GONE.

SHE'S DEAD.



MAYBE SHE'S BEEN ABLE TO RESIST THE INFLUENCE OF THE POISONS!

MAYBE SHE'S FIGHTING THEM OFF.

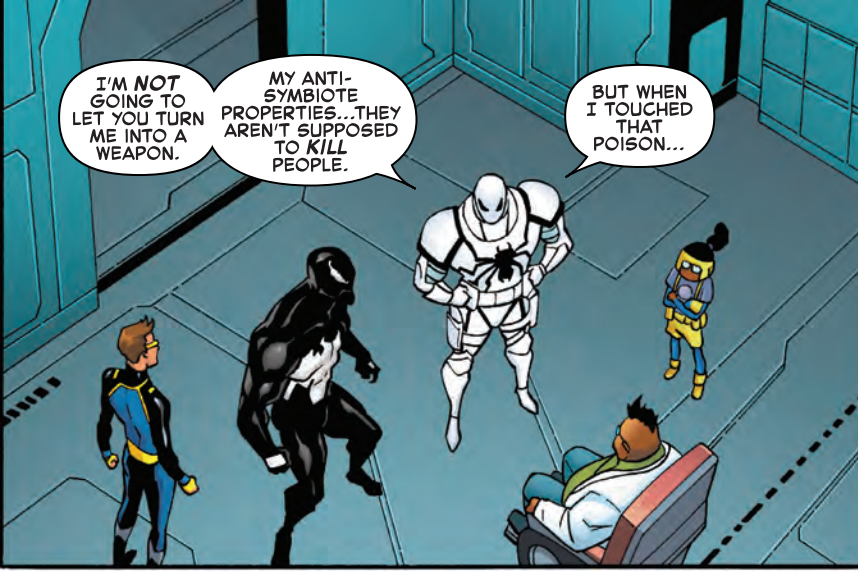


THE POISONS USE PSYCHIC LURES TO HELP THEM GRAB THEIR VICTIMS.

THEY MIGHT BE USING YOUR PSYCHIC CONNECTION TO JEAN--TRYING TO DRAW US OUT.

AND IF THEY ARE IN COMMUNICATION, WE MAY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE THE ANTI-VENOM TO--

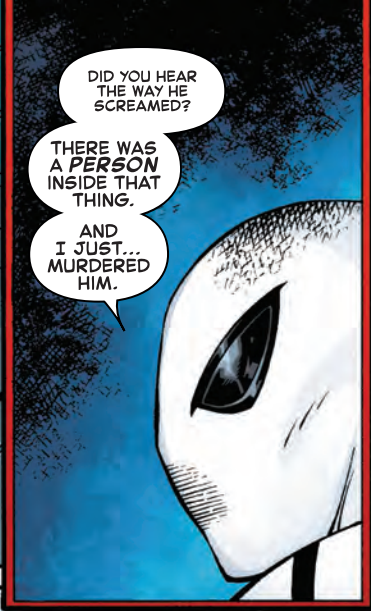
NO WAY.



I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU TURN ME INTO A WEAPON.

MY ANTI-SYMBIOTE PROPERTIES...THEY AREN'T SUPPOSED TO KILL PEOPLE.

BUT WHEN I TOUCHED THAT POISON...



DID YOU HEAR THE WAY HE SCREAMED?  
THERE WAS A PERSON INSIDE THAT THING.  
AND I JUST... MURDERED HIM.



HAVEN'T YOU BEEN LISTENING?

WHOEVER WAS INSIDE THE POISON, HE WAS ALREADY DEAD.

ONCE THE POISONS TAKE OVER...THE SYMBIOTE...THE HOST...THEY CEASE TO EXIST.

I KNOW YOU'VE FACED THESE THINGS BEFORE, VENOM...

...BUT CAN YOU BE ABSOLUTELY SURE ABOUT THAT?



WE'RE SURROUNDED BY SOME OF THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC MINDS IN THE WORLD.

ARE YOU SO SURE THEY CAN'T FIGURE SOMETHING ELSE OUT?



I'M SURE WE DON'T HAVE TIME.

THE POISONS ARE COLLECTING WEAPONS.

THEY'VE BEEN JUMPING THROUGH REALITY, GATHERING UP TOUGH CUSTOMERS TO BOLSTER THEIR RANKS.



IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THEY GET SOMEONE LIKE THE KID HERE...

...SOMEONE WHO CAN CONTROL MONSTERS...

...AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS... WELL--



SKRA-BOOM!

UH-OH. YOU GUYS HEAR THAT? I THINK MAYBE...