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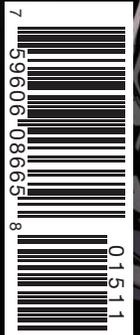


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Years ago, Miles Warren, one of Peter Parker's college professors, stole a sample of Peter's genetic material and used it to create a perfect clone of Spider-Man. With all of Peter's memories, the clone fled. Created, not born, and without an identity of his own, he gave himself a new name and made his own way in the world as...



## BEN REILLY: THE SCARLET SPIDER

Following a misguided turn as a super villain, **BEN REILLY** has made a home for himself in Las Vegas. Becoming the **SCARLET SPIDER** once more, he has been trying to be a better man. But lately, Ben's choices have been less than heroic. After a visit from Lady Death, he learned that his very soul is now in jeopardy.

The people of Las Vegas have struggled to rebuild their lives in the wake of Hydra Cap's assault during **SECRET EMPIRE**. Dr. Stephen Strange, the Sorcerer Supreme and Master of the Mystic Arts, has decided to use his mighty magical powers to repair the city. But there are forces at work that threaten to plunge Vegas into a new nightmare.

Will the city of sin be redeemed or face...

# DAMNATION

NOTE: THE EVENTS OF **BEN REILLY #15** TAKE PLACE DURING **DOCTOR STRANGE: DAMNATION #1 AND #2**.

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WHY DID I DO IT?  
WHY DID I LET  
MYSTERIO OFF THE  
HOOK SO EASILY?

INSTEAD OF KICKING IN HIS  
FRONT DOOR, I SHOULD HAVE  
CALLED THE COPS ON HIM.  
ONE ANONYMOUS TIP AND  
THEY'D HAVE JUST SHOWN UP,  
CAUGHT HIM OFF GUARD AND  
SEARCHED HIS PLACE.

AND,  
ABRACADABRA--  
MYSTERIO  
DISAPPEARS.



SCREW IT, BEN.  
YOU KNOW WHY  
YOU DID IT.

BECAUSE YOU  
IDENTIFIED WITH  
HIM. THAT'S WHY.

A GUY TRYING TO  
TURN HIS LIFE  
AROUND. AT LEAST,  
THAT'S HIS STORY.



HELL, FOR ALL I KNOW,  
HE'S SKEDADDLED OUT OF  
VEGAS TO SET UP SHOP  
SOMEWHERE ELSE.

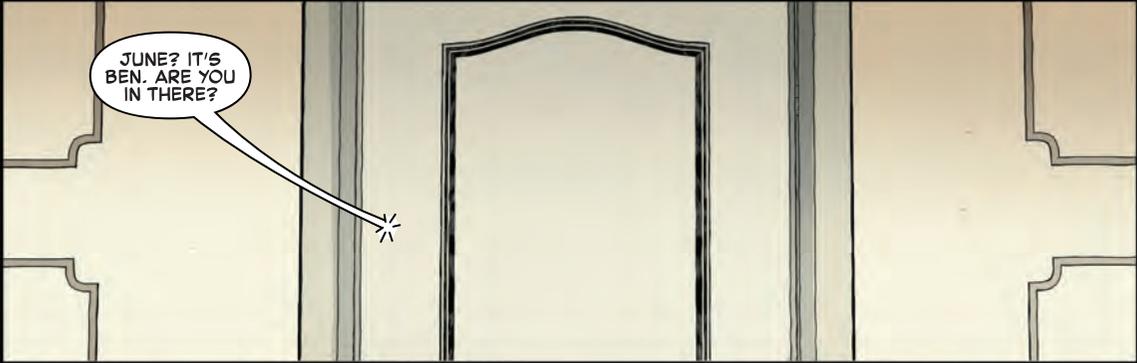
WELL, THAT'S  
GOOD, TOO, I  
GUESS. THEN HE'S  
OUT OF MY HA--



WAIT A  
MINUTE...

WHERE'S AUNT  
JUNE? THIS TIME OF  
DAY, SHE'S ALWAYS  
PLAYING THAT  
MACHINE.

BETTER GO  
UPSTAIRS AND  
CHECK ON HER.



JUNE? IT'S BEN. ARE YOU IN THERE?



JUNE? ARE YOU OKAY--?

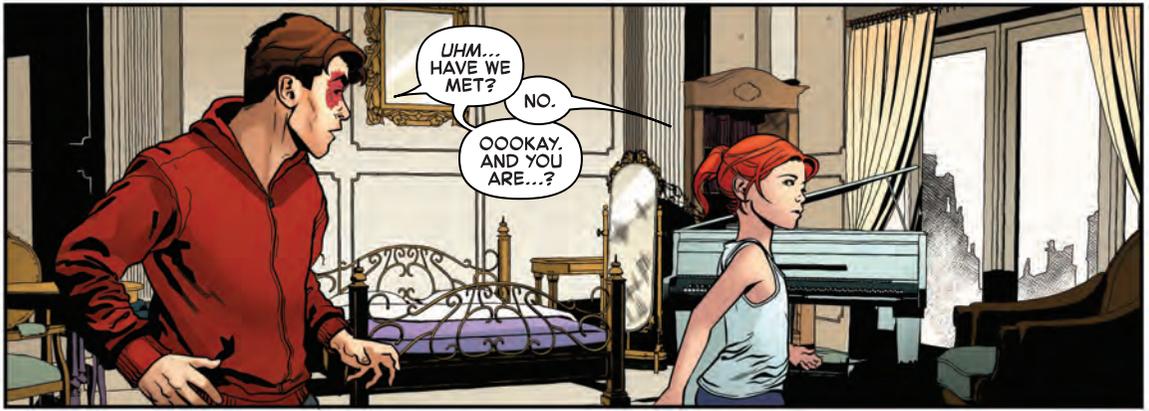


HI.

HUH?



COME IN, BEN. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.



UHM... HAVE WE MET?  
NO.  
OOOKAY. AND YOU ARE...?



I'M JEZEBEL.  
WELL, THAT'S A NAME WITH A HEL...  
HECK OF A BACKGROUND.  
OH, BELIEVE ME, I KNOW. PLEASE, SIT DOWN.



SO, ARE YOU RELATED TO JUNE OR...  
NO. AGAIN, PLEASE SIT. I NEED YOU TO SIT DOWN AND LISTEN.  
WHERE IS SHE?  
MY EMPLOYERS HAVE HER.



SHE'S... WAIT, WHAT?! YOUR EMPLOYERS?!

THAT'S CORRECT. NOW BEFORE YOU FLY OFF THE HANDLE--

FLY OFF THE HANDLE?! AN ELDERLY WOMAN IS MISSING! IS THIS SOME KIND OF DAMNED JOKE TO YOU?!



KIDDO, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHO YOU'RE SCREWING WITH!

OH, I'M PRETTY SURE I DO.



NOW... SIT--



--DOWN AND LISTEN!



WUUMF



OKAY.



I'M LISTENING.



DIVA, I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE CASINO. BETWEEN THE RESIDENTS WHO WERE DISPLACED FROM CAPTAIN AMERICA'S ATTACK LIVING IN THE GAMING HALL TO THE DONATION YOU JUST MADE TO THE LOCAL VETERANS CENTER, WE'RE LOW ON CASH.

I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, SLATE. BUT I'VE JUST BOOKED A MAGIC ACT THAT'LL GET US INTERNATIONAL HEADLINES. THE REFUGEES WILL BE BACK IN THEIR HOMES SOON ENOUGH AND THE CHECK TO THE VETERANS CENTER WAS A FAVOR FOR A FRIEND.



IS IT THE SCARLET SPIDER? IT IS, ISN'T IT?

THE CASINO CAN'T BANKROLL YOUR BOYFRIENDS.

I OWE THE SPIDER A GREAT DEBT. BUT THAT'S WHERE OUR RELATIONSHIP ENDS. NOT THAT IT'S ANY CONCERN OF YOURS.



THERE'S ONE THING THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN CONSISTENT WITH YOU, DIVA.

YOU'RE A LOUSY LIAR.

COME ON. WHAT'S--?



Whoaaaaa!

EARTHQUAKE!