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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...



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Ben Reilly has been lying low in Las Vegas. Fortunately, he has found an unlikely ally in Cassandra Mercury, owner of the MERCURY RISING casino, as he searches for a cure for Cassandra's daughter's rare medical condition.

Ben has struggled to find a balance between power and responsibility, and his behavior has grown increasingly erratic and aggressive.

Recently, he was approached by Death herself, who revealed that this struggle comes from within Ben's very soul, which has been damaged as a result Ben's multiple resurrections.

If Ben avoids death, his soul will begin to heal. But if he crosses the veil into the hereafter even once more, the damage will become permanent and Ben will have no hope of redemption!

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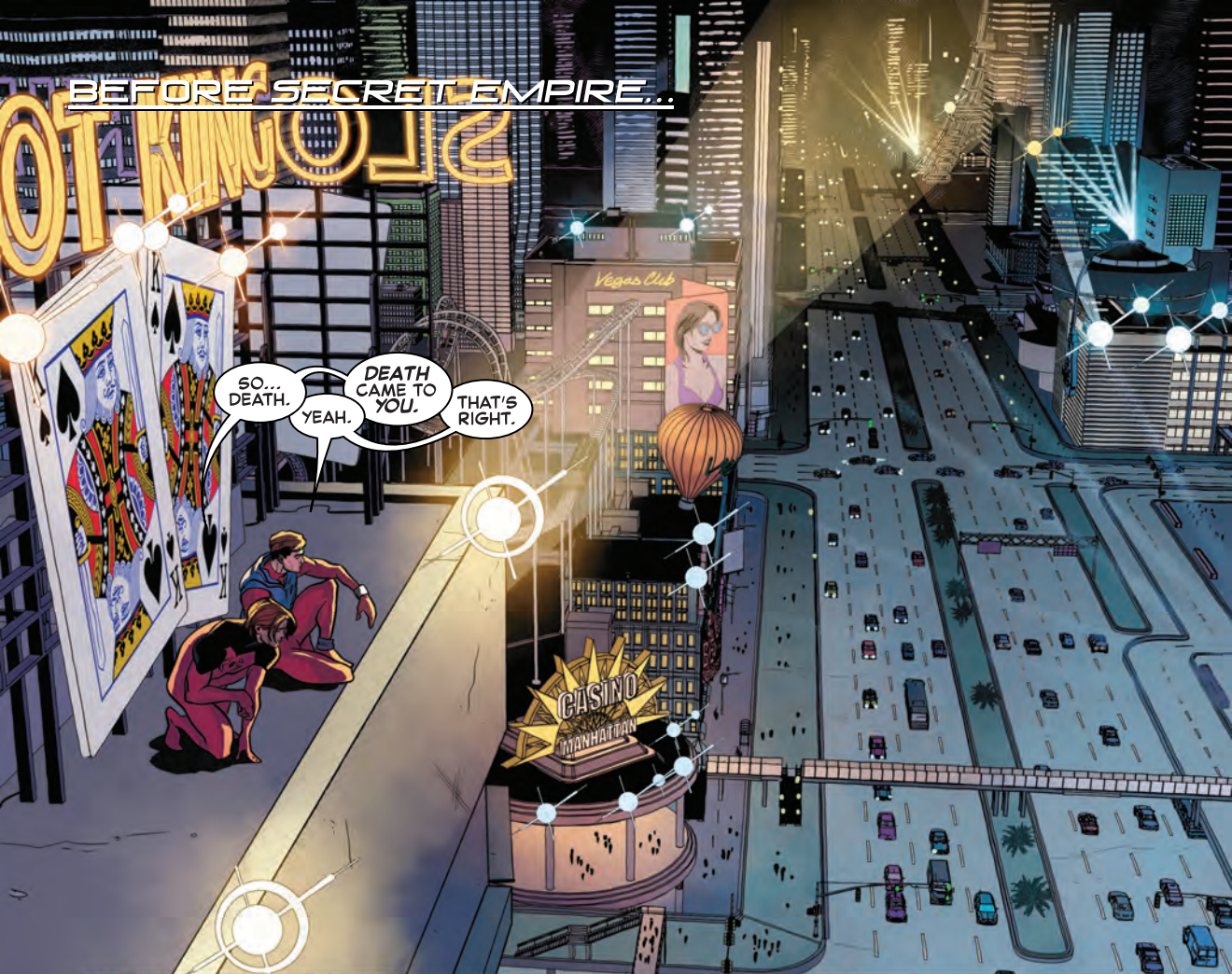
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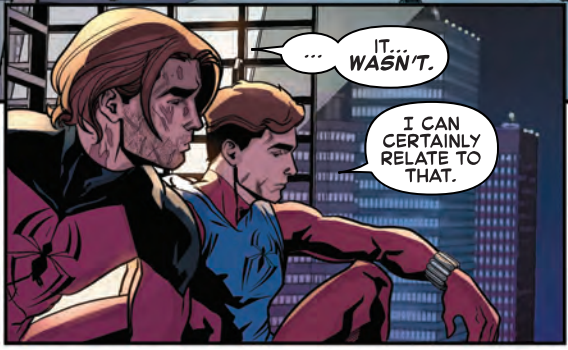
BEFORE SECRET EMPIRE...



SO... DEATH.  
DEATH CAME TO YOU.  
YEAH.  
THAT'S RIGHT.



AND KILLED ME. STONE DEAD.  
WELL, YOU WERE BEING KIND OF OBNOXIOUS.  
HOW WAS IT?



... IT... WASN'T.  
I CAN CERTAINLY RELATE TO THAT.



AND THEN YOU CONVINCED HER TO BRING ME BACK. ME AND THE LITTLE GIRL.  
I DON'T KNOW IF I'D SAY "CONVINCED." BUT YEAH, PRETTY MUCH.  
AND SHE HEALED YOUR FACE.  
YUP. SAID I MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE SOMETHING OF MYSELF.



SOMETHING OTHER THAN A LUNATIC, YOU MEAN?

**HA HA HA HA**

HE'S LAUGHING. KATANA IS LAUGHING.

I'VE NEVER HEARD HIM LAUGH. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HE COULD.

IT'S THE CREEPIEST SOUND I'VE EVER HEARD.





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**Ha Ha Ha**  
Kaine? You, uh...you okay...?

**YOU WERE THE VILLAIN!**

WHOA!



I CAME HERE TO KILL YOU! FOR THE CRIMES YOU COMMITTED AS THE JACKAL! FOR THE LIVES YOU RUINED!

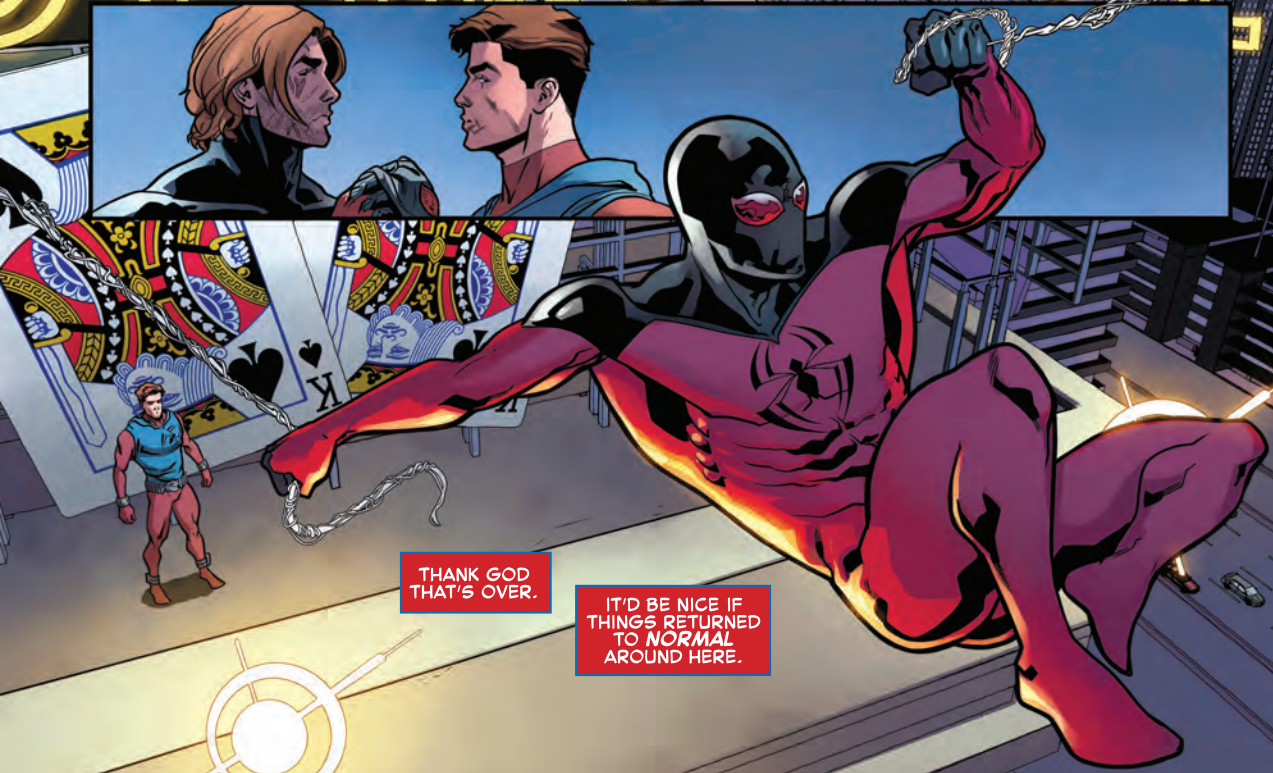
AND A COSMIC ENTITY SHOWS UP AND REWARDS YOU?!

WHERE'S MY REWARD?! MY REDEMPTION?! I'M THE GOOD GUY!

WELL, MAYBE YOU AREN'T GOOD ENOUGH!

I NEVER WANTED TO KILL ANYONE! WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE, "HERO"?

EVER THINK OF THAT?!



THANK GOD THAT'S OVER.

IT'D BE NICE IF THINGS RETURNED TO NORMAL AROUND HERE.





AFTER SECRET EMPIRE...

SO  
MUCH FOR  
NORMAL.





FREAKING HYDRA  
HELICARRIERS. ALL KINDS  
OF RUMORS ABOUT WHY THEY  
DID THIS. SUPPOSEDLY SOME  
HEROES WERE HIDING IN THE  
AREA, PLANNING TO FIGHT  
CAPTAIN AMERICA AND  
HIS PALS.

THEY COULDN'T  
HIDE OUT IN A  
DESERT? JEEZ.

I WONDER HOW  
KAINE IS HOLDING  
UP IN ALL THIS.  
DID HE GO TO  
GROUND?

IS HE  
DEAD?

HOPE HE  
DOESN'T EXPECT  
ME TO BAIL HIM  
OUT THIS TIME.

