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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 and become the **SCARLET SPIDER** once more.

In an effort to heal his damaged soul and avoid eternal damnation, Ben has been searching for a cure for a rare disease afflicting **ABIGAIL MERCURY**, the daughter of casino magnate **CASSANDRA MERCURY** – and it seems he may be closer to finding one than ever before.

Recently, Ben came face-to-face with **GABRIEL**, the leader of a shadowy organization called **THE DIOGENES INITIATIVE**, who claimed that an injection of his blood will cure Abigail.

But whether Ben, his “brother” **Kaine** – another clone of Peter Parker bearing the Scarlet Spider moniker – and Abigail’s mother will choose to trust him is another matter entirely...

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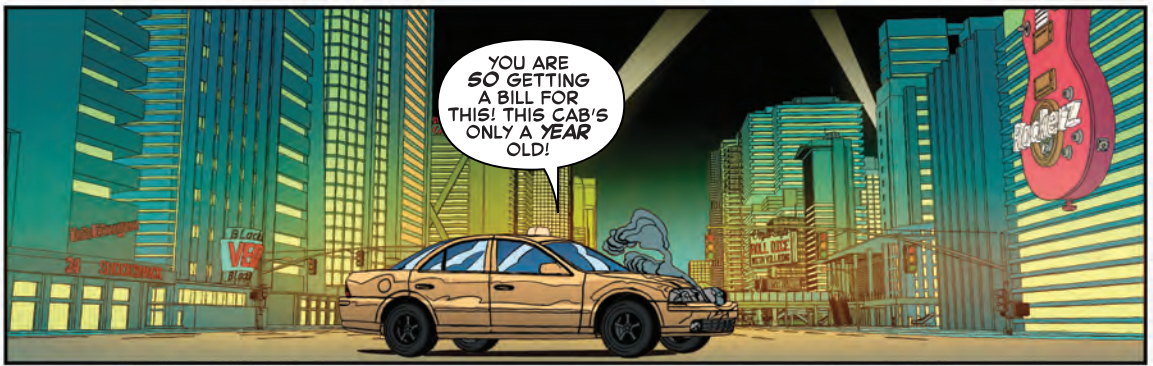
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SO SUPPOSEDLY I HAVE ABIGAIL'S CURE IN MY POCKET.

BLOOD OF AN ANGEL. WHY NOT?

ASSUMING IT WORKS... ASSUMING I CURE HER...

ARE YOU GOING TO DO IT?

DO WHAT?

KILL ME.

THAT'S WHAT YOU SWORE. YOU'D GIVE ME TIME TO CURE HER, BUT WHEN I DID, THEN YOU'D KILL ME.

WILL YOU?

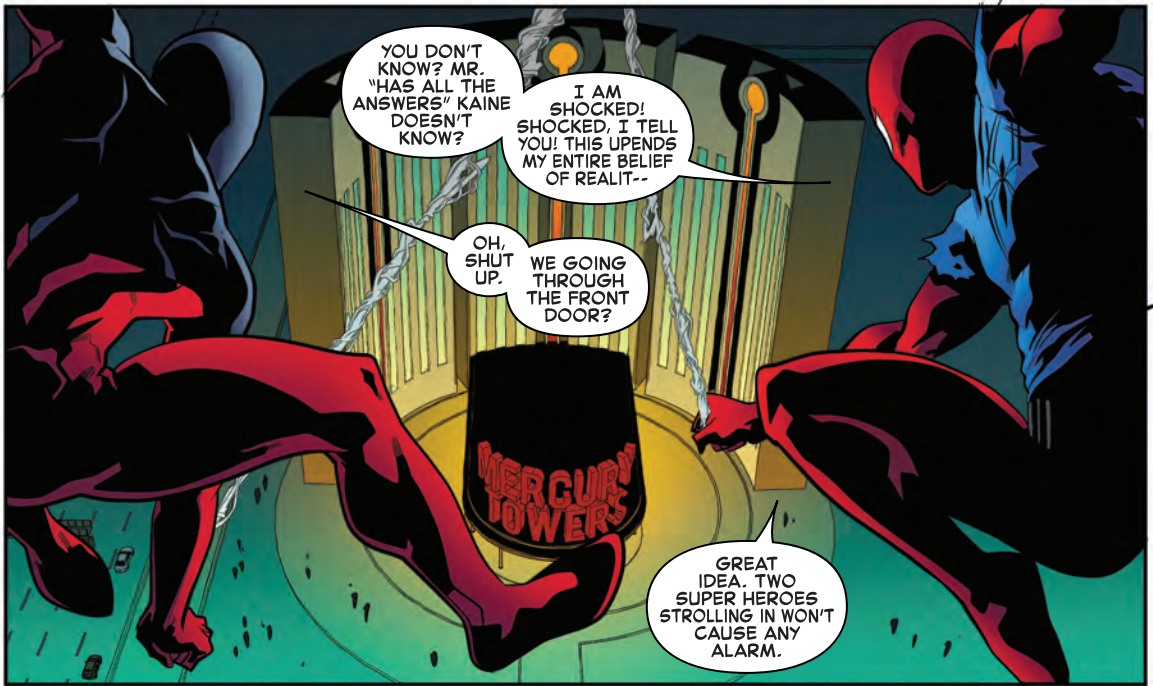




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I DON'T KNOW.



YOU DON'T KNOW? MR. "HAS ALL THE ANSWERS" KAINE DOESN'T KNOW?

I AM SHOCKED! SHOCKED, I TELL YOU! THIS UPENDS MY ENTIRE BELIEF OF REALIT--

OH, SHUT UP.

WE GOING THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR?

GREAT IDEA. TWO SUPER HEROES STROLLING IN WON'T CAUSE ANY ALARM.



YOU COULD SWITCH BACK TO YOUR STREET CLOTHES AND I CAN TURN INVISIBLE.

MUCH SIMPLER TO HEAD FOR THE ROOF. WE JUST TAKE THE STAIRWAY DOWN.

YEAH, THAT WOULD BE EASIER.

YOU ADMIT I HAD A GOOD IDEA?

EVEN A STOPPED CLOCK, ET CETERA.