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CLETUS KASADY WAS A SERIAL KILLER SHARING A CELL IN RYKER'S ISLAND WITH A MAN NAMED EDDIE BROCK, BETTER KNOWN AS VENOM. WHEN THE VENOM SYMBIOTE BROKE EDDIE OUT OF PRISON, IT SPAWNED A NEW SYMBIOTE THAT BONDED WITH KASADY, TURNING HIM INTO THE BLOOD-CRAZED CARNAGE.

MONTHS AGO, CARNAGE TOOK OVER THE SMALL TOWN OF DOVERTON, COLORADO, PROMPTING AN IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION BY SOME OF THE AVENGERS AT THE TIME: CAPTAIN AMERICA, HAWKEYE, WOLVERINE, THE THING AND SPIDER-MAN. DURING THE FIGHT, CARNAGE TOOK CONTROL OF THE AVENGERS MEMBERS, EXCEPT FOR SPIDER-MAN. WITH HELP FROM THE PEOPLE OF DOVERTON, SPIDER-MAN FREED THE TOWN AND THE AVENGERS FROM CARNAGE'S CONTROL.

NOW EMPOWERED BY THE SYMBIOTE GOD KNULL, CARNAGE IS SETTING HIS SIGHTS ON COLLECTING THE CODICES—LITTLE PIECES OF DNA LEFT IN FORMER HOSTS—TO UNLOCK KNULL FROM HIS PRISON. ACROSS THE COUNTRY, CARNAGE AND HIS HORDE ARE HUNTING DOWN ANYONE WHO HAS EVER WORN A SYMBIOTE, INCLUDING THE DOVERTON AVENGERS TEAM...

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I WAS AFRAID
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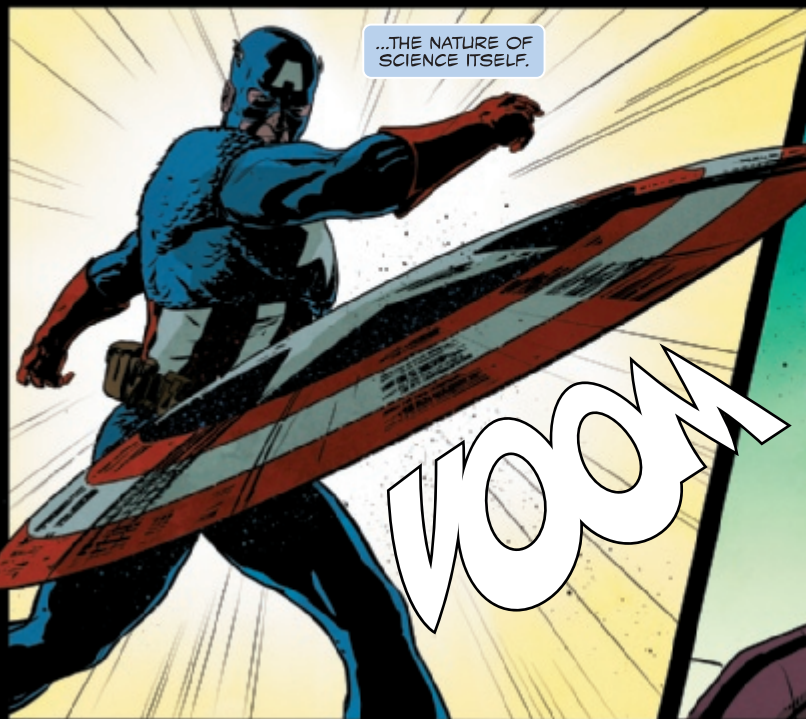
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EVEN IF WHAT YOU FIND AT THE
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MORALS, THE RULE OF LAW OR...



...THE NATURE OF
SCIENCE ITSELF.



TRUE BRAVERY MEANS
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THAT BEAUTIFUL
JAWLINE!



I SEE YOU'VE MET OUR DRIPPY RED BUDDIES, CAP.

THIS HAS CARNAGE WRITTEN ALL OVER IT BUT WHAT **EXACTLY** IS GOING ON?

HE'S HUNTING ANYONE WHO'S EVER HOSTED A SYMBIOTE.

WHICH MEANS HE'S HUNTING YOU, ME AND ALL OF US WHO WERE IN DOVERTON WHEN HE INFECTED EVERYONE THERE.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- WHY IS HE **TARGETING US?**



YOU WERE ALL **BONDED** TO HIM--AND A PIECE OF HIS SYMBIOTE GOT LEFT IN YOUR DNA. WE'RE CALLING THAT LEFTOVER PIECE A **CODEX**.



WHAT'S GOING ON, CAP? IS ANYWHERE SAFE?



THERE'S A POLICE BARRICADE SIX BLOCKS BACK ON BROADWAY.

THEY'VE GOT WATER. FOOD. THEY'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU.



TH-THANK YOU.