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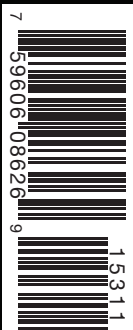
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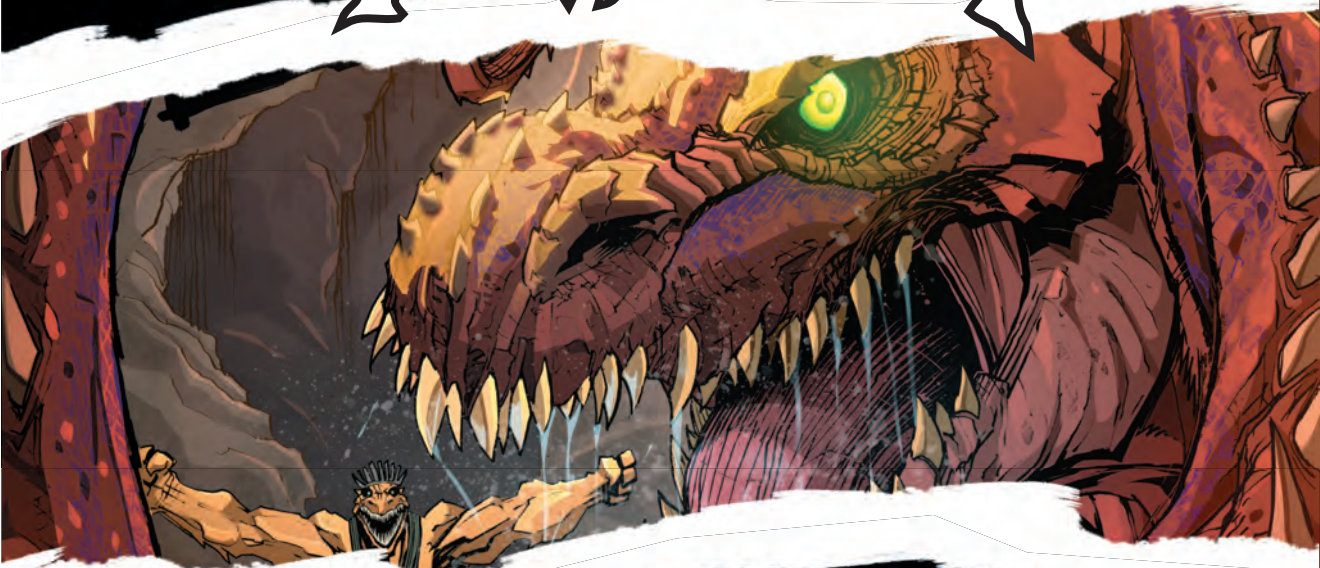
**THE
LAND
BEFORE CRIME**
CONCLUDES!



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YEARS AGO, PETER PARKER (A.K.A. THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN) ACCIDENTALLY BONDED WITH AN ALIEN BEING CALLED A SYMBIOTE. WHEN PETER REALIZED THE COSTUME WAS ACTUALLY AN AGGRESSIVE LIVING ORGANISM, HE REJECTED IT. BUT DURING THEIR TIME TOGETHER, THE SYMBIOTE HAD ACCESS TO SPIDER-MAN'S GENETIC CODE, AND NOW GRANTS WHOMEVER IT BONDS WITH SKILLS SIMILAR TO HIS: WALL-CRAWLING, THE POWER TO GENERATE BIOORGANIC WEBBING, AND UNIQUE ABILITIES TO SHAPE-SHIFT AND BECOME INVISIBLE, TURNING THEM INTO...

VENOM



EDDIE BROCK AND THE VENOM SYMBIOTE HAVE BEEN REUNITED. BUT THE SYMBIOTE IS NOT WELL. AFTER A TIME WITH AN ABUSIVE HOST, IT CANNOT CONTROL ITS VIOLENT IMPULSES AND HAS BEGUN TO HURT INNOCENTS IT PERCEIVES AS A THREAT TO ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH EDDIE.

AFTER A MONSTER ATTACK IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD, EDDIE FEARED THE SYMBIOTE WAS RESPONSIBLE. AN INVESTIGATION LED HIM TO THE SEWERS, WHERE HE FOUND A HUMANOID DINOSAUR BRANDED WITH THE ALCHEMAX LOGO. EDDIE RETURNED THE CREATURE TO ALCHEMAX'S C.E.O., LIZ ALLAN, WHO REVEALED THAT IT WAS ONCE A HUMAN WHO HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO EXPERIMENTS BY *STEGRON THE DINOSAUR MAN* WHILE IN THE COMPANY'S CUSTODY.

EDDIE AND LIZ STRUCK A BARGAIN--IN EXCHANGE FOR VENOM'S HELP CAPTURING STEGRON AND THE CREATURES IN THE SEWER, LIZ WILL USE ALCHEMAX'S RESOURCES TO FIND A CURE FOR THE AILING SYMBIOTE.

BUT WHEN HE WENT TO COLLECT STEGRON AND HIS SUBJECTS, VENOM FOUND *MOON GIRL* AND *DEVIL DINOSAUR* ALREADY ON THE CASE!

THE LAND BEFORE CRIME CONCLUSION

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-HUFF-
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HEY! HEY,
LITTLE GIRL! THIS AIN'T A
PLAYGROUND!



YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE DOWN
THERE.

IT'S
NOT SAFE
FOR LITTLE
KIDS!



YOU
GLYS HAVE
NO IDEA!

YOU'VE
GOT TO GET
OU--

ROAAAARRR!





WE PROBABLY SHOULDN'T BE HERE.

YEAH... DEFINITELY NOT SAFE.

DEVIL! IF YOU'RE STILL IN THERE, YOU'VE GOTTA STOP THIS!

IF YOU DON'T CALM DOWN, PEOPLE ARE GONNA GET HURT!

RAAAAA--



HEY!

WE TOLD YOU IT WASN'T SAFE TO BRING YOUR DINOSAUR INTO THE SEWERS!

WAIT!

ROODAR!

NO, MY PET.