

YEARS AGO, THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN UNWITTINGLY BROUGHT AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL SYMBIOTE TO EARTH. THE PARASITIC ORGANISM PROCREATED--AND SO DID ITS OFFSPRING, AND ITS OFFSPRING AFTER THAT. IN THE ENSUING YEARS, THESE EARTHBOUND SYMBIOTES BONDED TO DOZENS OF HEROES AND VILLAINS, TEMPORARILY AMPLIFYING THEIR SUPERHUMAN ABILITIES. BUT THE SYMBIOTES ALSO LEFT TRACES OF THEIR GENETIC MATERIAL WITHIN THEIR HOSTS. CALLED THE CODEX, THESE DORMANT CELLS NOW SERVE AS A BEACON, BECKONING THE ONE WHO HUNTS THEM--THE DEADLY SYMBIOTE KNOWN AS CARNAGE. THE HUNT FOR THE CODEXES IS ABOUT TO BRING CARNAGE TOE-TO-TOE AGAINST AN OLD OPPONENT, THE ONE HERO WHO'S A MATCH FOR HIS MADNESS--THE MERC WITH THE MOUTH...

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