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OTTO OCTAVIUS! KNOWN FOR MANY YEARS AS DOCTOR OCTOPUS, OCTAVIUS HAD A LIFE-ALTERING EXPERIENCE WHEN HE SWAPPED MINDS WITH HIS SWORN ENEMY, SPIDER-MAN! BY TAKING ON SPIDER-MAN'S MISSION, OCTAVIUS ALSO ABSORBED HIS SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY. HE REDEDICATED HIMSELF TO SELFLESS ACTS ON BEHALF OF INNOCENTS, BUT HIS SENSE OF SUPERIORITY MADE OTTO A DIFFERENT KIND OF HERO.

THOUGH OTTO HAS EXPERTLY DEFENDED HIS CITY, KNOWLEDGE OF THE PEOPLE HE COULD NOT SAVE WEIGHED HEAVILY ON HIM. BOTH THE ORIGINAL SPIDER-MAN AND OTTO'S HORIZON UNIVERSITY CO-WORKER AND UNOFFICIAL PAROLE OFFICER ANNA MARIA MARCONI ATTEMPTED TO REASSURE HIM, BUT OTTO'S CONCERN FOR OTHERS HAD TURNED INTO SELF-DOUBT--THAT HE MIGHT MAKE A FATAL MISCALCULATION. FINALLY EMMA HERNANDEZ, ANOTHER HORIZON COLLEAGUE AND ONCE A ROMANTIC INTEREST, WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE OTTO THERE'S AN UPSIDE TO BEING VULNERABLE. THEY SHARED A KISS...OBSERVED SURREPTITIOUSLY BY ENEMIES FROM ALTERNATE UNIVERSES: SPIDERS-MAN AND NORMAN OSBORN SPIDER-MAN!

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OH...
...WOW.



IS IT ALWAYS THIS...
THRILLING?

IN POINT
OF FACT, EMMA,
AT FIRST I FOUND
THIS METHOD OF
TRAVEL QUITE
ANNOYING...



...COMPARED TO
THE STABILITY OF
THE METAL ARMS I
EMPLOYED AS DR.
OCTOPUS.

BUT I
CONFESS I'VE
COME TO APPRECIATE
SOME OF THE
MORE...



...SPONTANEOUS
MOMENTS.



I'M SORRY--
WAS THAT TOO
MUCH?



IT WAS
ONE OF THE
MOST EXCITING
MOMENTS OF
MY LIFE.

ALSO,
I NEED TO
STOP NOW OR
I'LL THROW
UP.






THAT
BOY ADORES
YOU.


I AM...
FOND OF THE LAD
AS WELL.

I'M
SURPRISED
YOU NEVER HAD
KIDS. YOU'D MAKE
A WONDERFUL
FATHER.



I NEVER
SERIOUSLY
CONSIDERED
PARENTHOOD. MY
PARENTS, AS I'VE
MENTIONED,
WERE...SUB-
OPTIMAL.

BUT...
MORE AND
MORE LATELY, I
FEEL WE NEED NOT
BE BOUND BY
THE PAST.



YOU...
DO REALIZE
THAT I'M PROBABLY
TOO OLD FOR
BIOLOGICAL KIDS,
RIGHT?

I MEAN,
I CAN'T BELIEVE
WE'RE HAVING THIS
CONVERSATION AFTER
JUST A COUPLE OF
MONTHS, BUT SINCE
WE ARE--



I AM OTTO OCTAVIUS. BIOLOGY BOWS
TO MY WISHES, NOT THE OTHER
WAY AROUND.

AND
WITH YOU,
EMMA...

...I FEEL
ANYTHING IS
POSSIBLE.

