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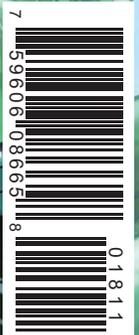
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THE SCARLET SPIDER



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

But lately, Ben's choices have been less than heroic, and after a visit from Lady Death, he learned that his very soul is in jeopardy.

To heal it, Ben has been trying to be a better man, and his efforts have centered around **Cassandra Mercury**, owner of one of the Strip's casinos. Using his natural acumen for science, Ben has been trying to help Cassandra's sick daughter, **Abigail**, but his efforts have proved fruitless...

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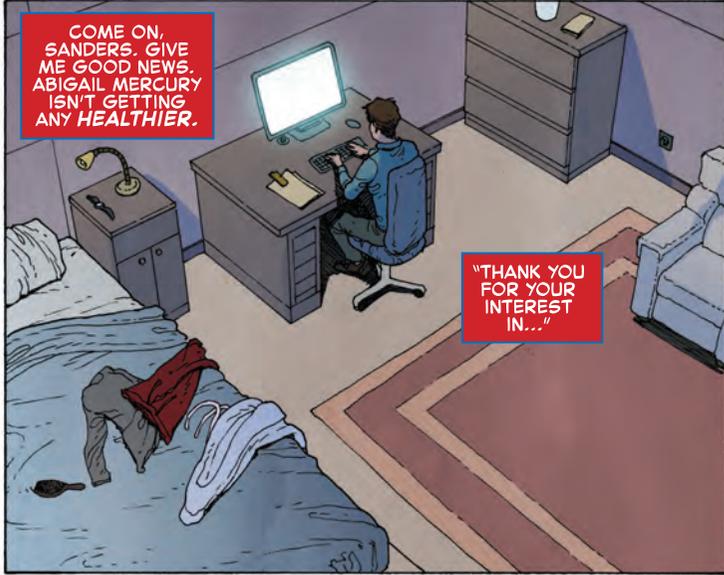
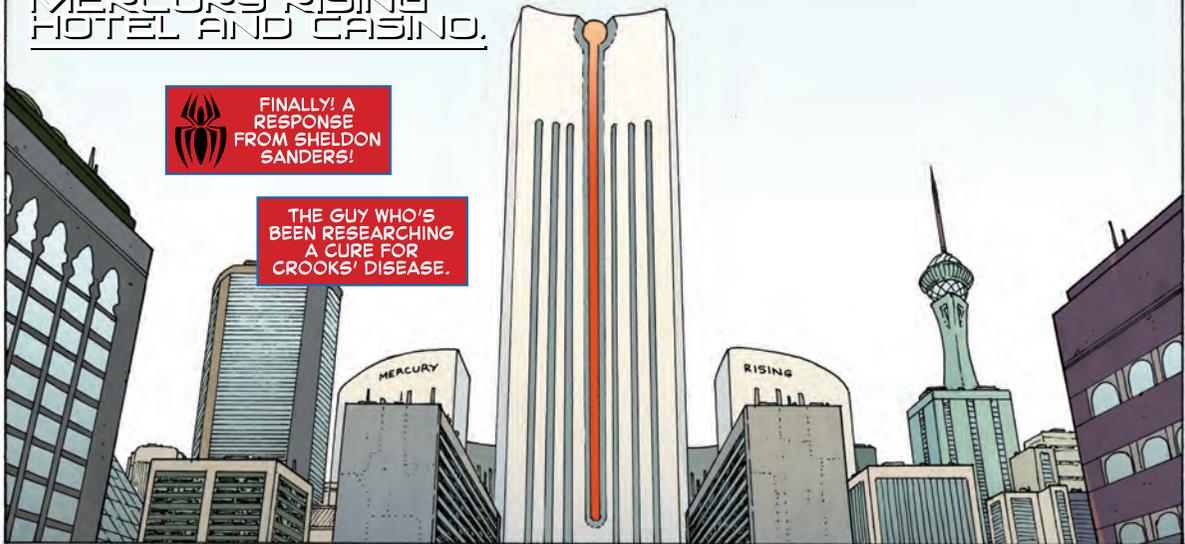
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**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.
MERCURY RISING
HOTEL AND CASINO.**



**FINALLY! A
RESPONSE
FROM SHELDON
SANDERS!**

**THE GUY WHO'S
BEEN RESEARCHING
A CURE FOR
CROOKS' DISEASE.**



**COME ON,
SANDERS. GIVE
ME GOOD NEWS.
ABIGAIL MERCURY
ISN'T GETTING
ANY HEALTHIER.**

**"THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
INTEREST
IN..."**



**WHAT THE
HELL?**

**"CURRENTLY
INVOLVED IN
GOVERNMENT
RESEARCH.
UNABLE TO..."**

**WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT A
LITTLE GIRL'S
LIFE!**



**HMM...HE'S AT NAVAL
AIR STATION FALLON
A FEW HOURS AWAY.
AT LEAST, THAT'S
WHERE THIS EMAIL
IS FROM.**

**OKAY, DOC...
YOU'RE GOING
TO BE GETTING A
PERSONAL VISIT
FROM--**



ARRRHHH...!

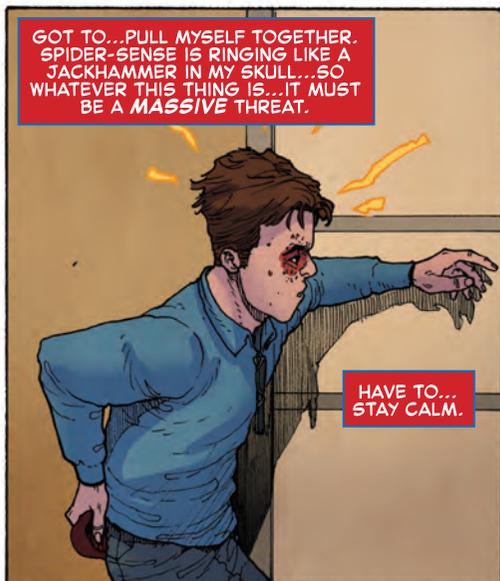
**SPIDER-
SENSE...
GOING
NUTS!**



WHAT THE HELL... IS CAUSING THIS?

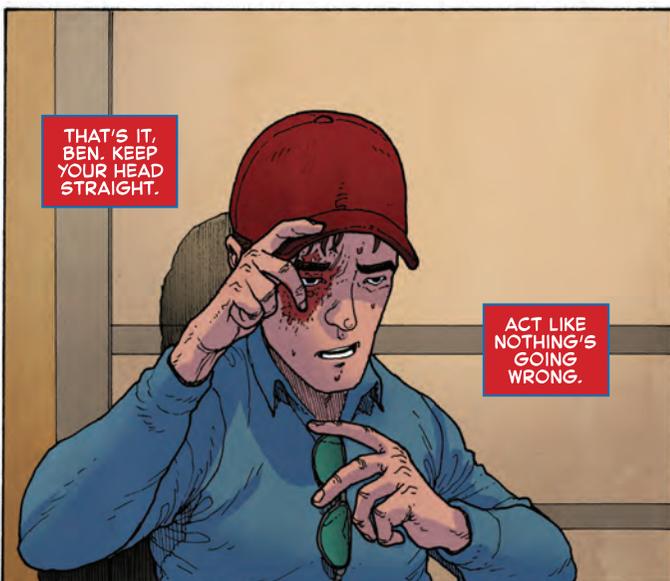
COMING FROM... CASSANDRA'S OFFICE.

IF I SHOW UP IN MY SCARLET SPIDER COSTUME... THAT'LL BE THE FINAL NAIL IN THE COFFIN OF MY SECRET IDENTITY...



GOT TO... PULL MYSELF TOGETHER. SPIDER-SENSE IS RINGING LIKE A JACKHAMMER IN MY SKULL... SO WHATEVER THIS THING IS... IT MUST BE A MASSIVE THREAT.

HAVE TO... STAY CALM.



THAT'S IT, BEN. KEEP YOUR HEAD STRAIGHT.

ACT LIKE NOTHING'S GOING WRONG.



WHATEVER IS HAPPENING IN CASS' OFFICE, I'LL BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT. HELL, CASS IS A GREAT JUDGE OF PEOPLE.

SHE'S PROBABLY ALL OVER IT.



IT'S GOING TO BE A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU.

OH, PETER! COME IN. HERE'S SOMEONE YOU'LL WANT TO MEET.

PETER,
THIS IS **MISTY
BECK**. SHE'S A
MAGICIAN.

I ACTUALLY
PREFER JUST
"MISTY." YOU
KNOW, LIKE
BEYONCÉ.

MISTY IS
GOING TO BE
PERFORMING A
HUGE MAGIC TRICK
FOR CHARITY.
SHE'S GOING
TO--

PETER,
ARE YOU
OKAY? YOU'RE
AS PALE AS A
GHOST.

OH, NO,
I'M...I'M FINE.
JUST KIND OF
HOT OUT
TODAY.

WELL, IT'S
VEGAS, SO
THAT'S PRETTY
TYPICAL.



MISTY... BECK?

I SEEM TO REMEMBER READING ARTICLES ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE NAMED BECK. WHAT WAS THE FIRST NAME?

OH, RIGHT...



QUENTIN.

QUENTIN BECK. THINK THE PAPERS USED TO CALL HIM MYSTERIO-- MASTER OF ILLUSION?

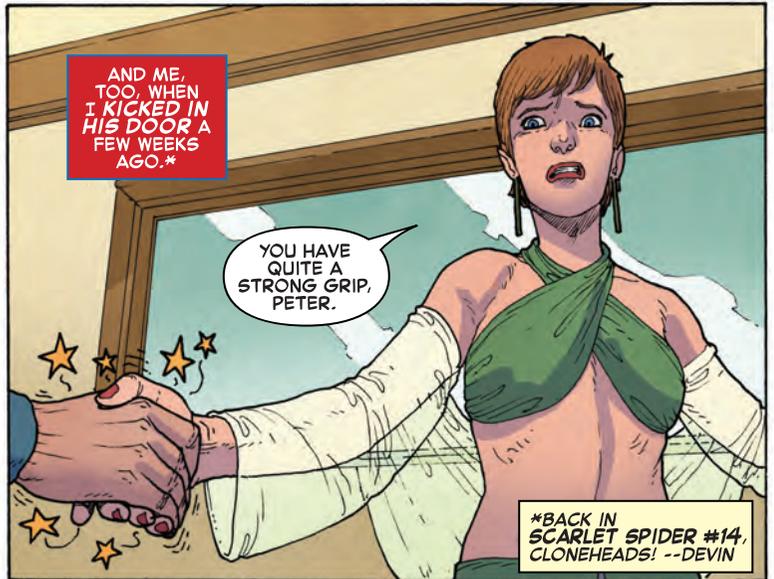
ANY RELATION?



YOU HAVE QUITE A MEMORY, PETER.

AS IT SO HAPPENS, HE'S MY FATHER. BUT HE'S...

RETIRED. AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT HE'S TOLD ME.



AND ME, TOO, WHEN I KICKED IN HIS DOOR A FEW WEEKS AGO.*

YOU HAVE QUITE A STRONG GRIP, PETER.

*BACK IN SCARLET SPIDER #14, CLONEHEADS! --DEVIN



RIGHT. SORRY.

HOPE I DIDN'T HURT YOU.

I'LL SURVIVE.



WELL, I'LL BE ON MY WAY. SEE YOU SATURDAY, CASSANDRA.

LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.