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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

After a misguided turn as a super villain, Ben Reilly has made a home for himself in Las Vegas and has been trying to become a better man.

In the process, Ben has found himself caught in the middle of a sibling rivalry between his only ally, a casino magnate named **Cassandra Mercury**, and her brother and rival casino owner, **Silas Thorne**.

Until now, their dispute has remained private, but that changed when Thorne employed the seemingly resurrected **Hornet** to thwart Cassandra's humanitarian efforts as the city rebuilds in the wake of **SECRET EMPIRE**.

As a result, two of The Hornet's former teammates on **The Slingers** – Ricochet and Dusk – have descended on Vegas, looking for answers about his mysterious resurrection.

To make matters worse, Ben, enraged at Thorne's behavior, brutally attacked him and strayed that much farther from redemption...

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WH-WHAT IS THIS?!



HOW... HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?! WHY?!



**No!**

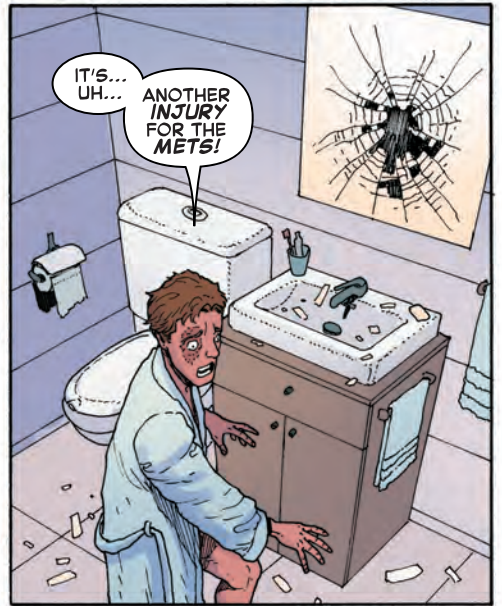
**KNOCK KNOCK**





PETER!  
WHAT THE HELL'S WRONG  
IN THERE?!

**KNOCK  
KNOCK**



IT'S...  
UH...

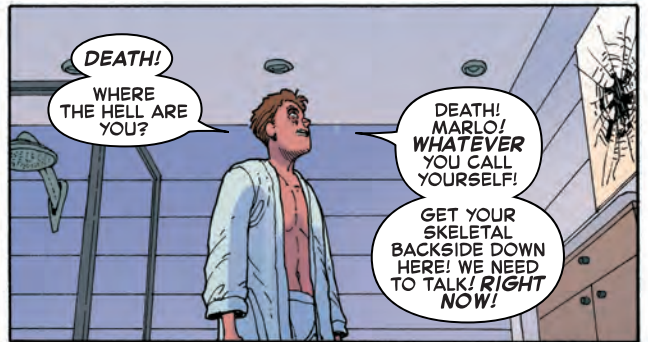
ANOTHER  
INJURY  
FOR THE  
METS!



YEAH,  
WELL...THE  
ATHLETICS  
ARE MOVING TO  
VEGAS. GOT THE  
INSIDE TRACK  
ON THAT.

SO  
SWITCH  
TEAMS.

G-GOOD  
ADVICE.



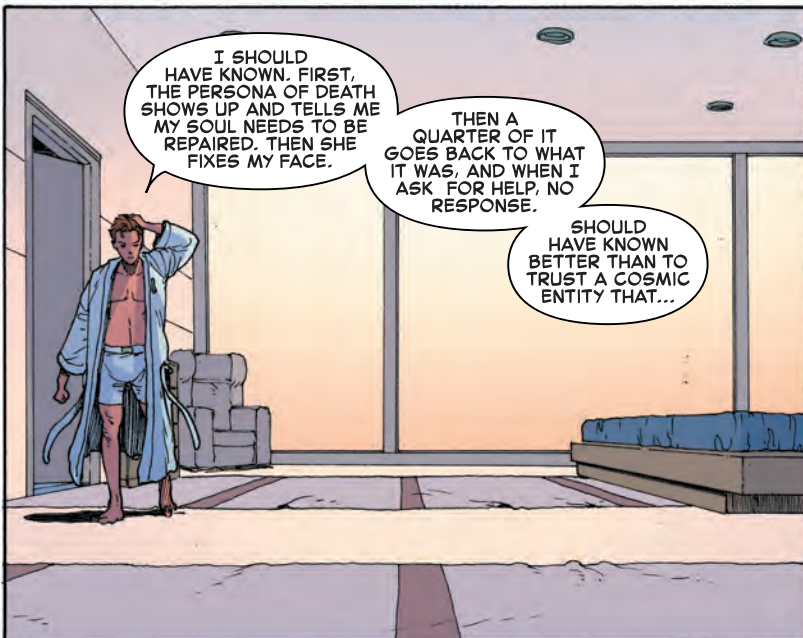
DEATH!  
WHERE  
THE HELL ARE  
YOU?

DEATH! MARLO!  
WHATEVER  
YOU CALL  
YOURSELF!

GET YOUR  
SKELETAL  
BACKSIDE DOWN  
HERE! WE NEED  
TO TALK! RIGHT  
NOW!



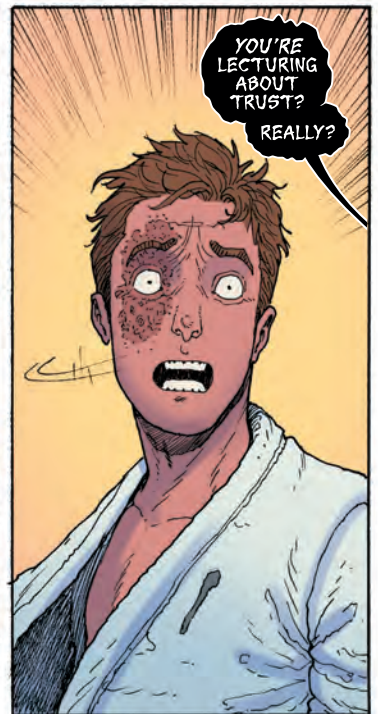
NOTHING.  
GREAT.



I SHOULD  
HAVE KNOWN. FIRST,  
THE PERSONA OF DEATH  
SHOWS UP AND TELLS ME  
MY SOUL NEEDS TO BE  
REPAIRED. THEN SHE  
FIXES MY FACE.

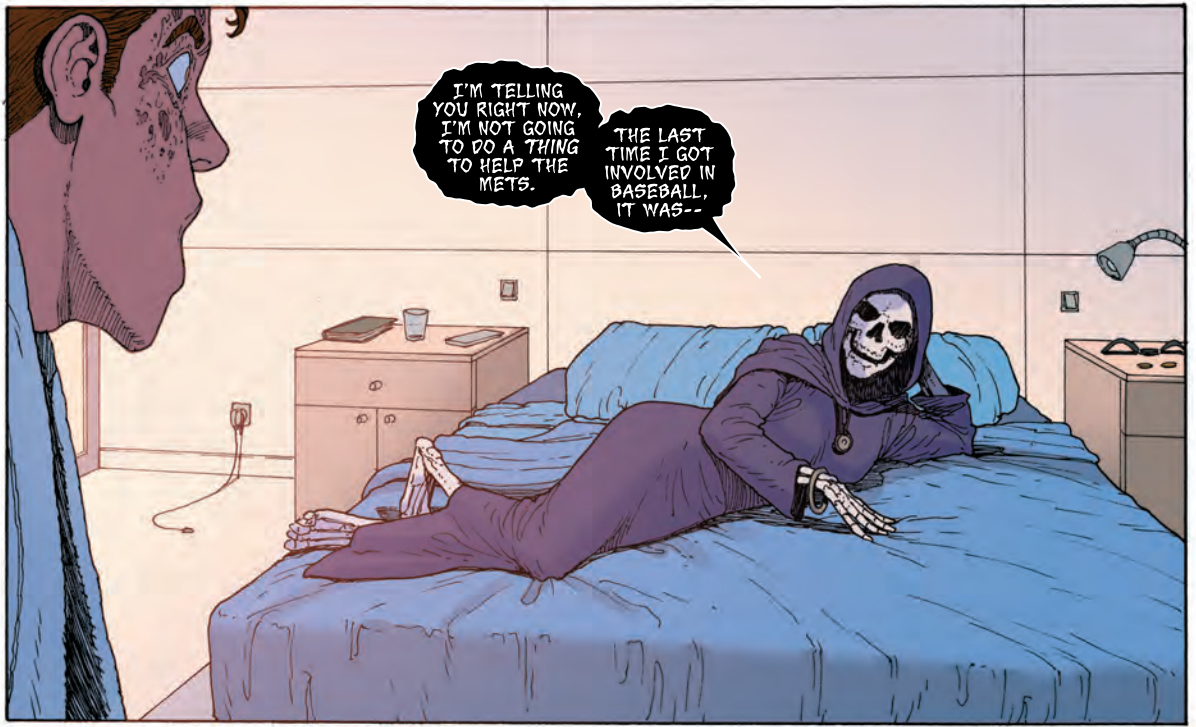
THEN A  
QUARTER OF IT  
GOES BACK TO WHAT  
IT WAS, AND WHEN I  
ASK FOR HELP, NO  
RESPONSE.

SHOULD  
HAVE KNOWN  
BETTER THAN TO  
TRUST A COSMIC  
ENTITY THAT...



YOU'RE  
LECTURING  
ABOUT  
TRUST?  
REALLY?





I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW, I'M NOT GOING TO DO A THING TO HELP THE METS.

THE LAST TIME I GOT INVOLVED IN BASEBALL, IT WAS--



Y'KNOW, FOR SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T MAKE JOKES, YOU SURE LIKE TO CRACK LIKE TO CRACK WISE!

CARE TO TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED TO MY FACE?!

WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED?

IT STARTED DETERIORATING AGAIN!



IF YOU KNOW, WHY ARE YOU ASKING?



IS THIS A GAME TO YOU?

WHY DON'T YOU JUST TAKE ME, ALREADY?!



AS YOU WISH.

**Nooooo!**





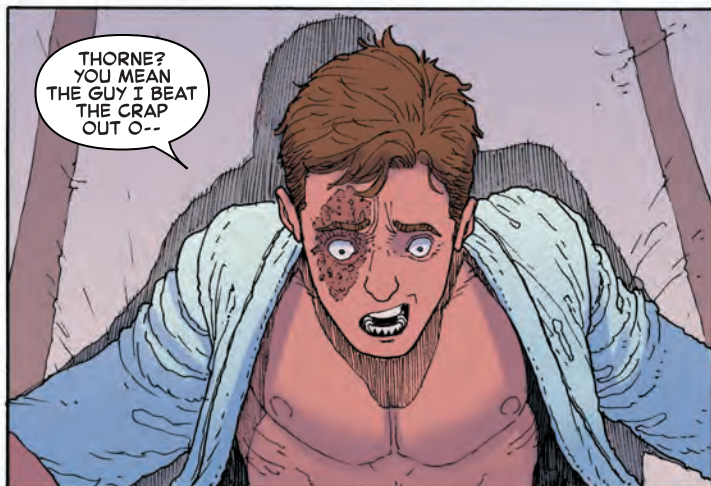
YOU REALLY NEED TO MAKE DECISIONS AS TO HOW YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE.

WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?

THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE TO ASK AT ALL SPEAKS VOLUMES.



THORNE.

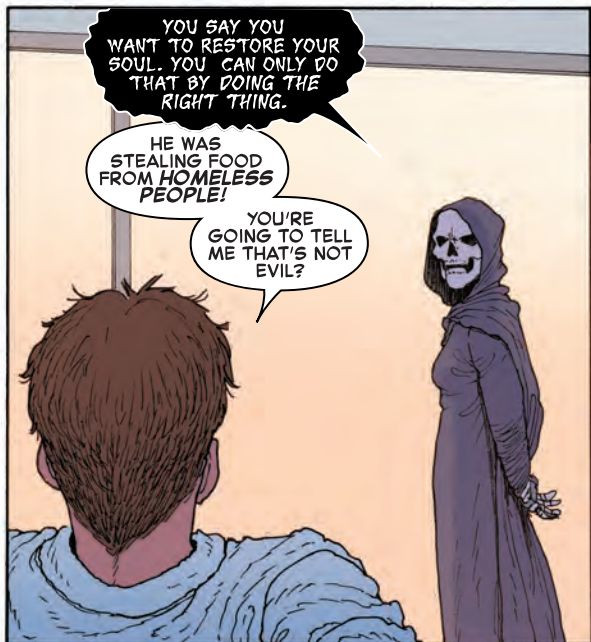


THORNE? YOU MEAN THE GUY I BEAT THE CRAP OUT O--



OH.

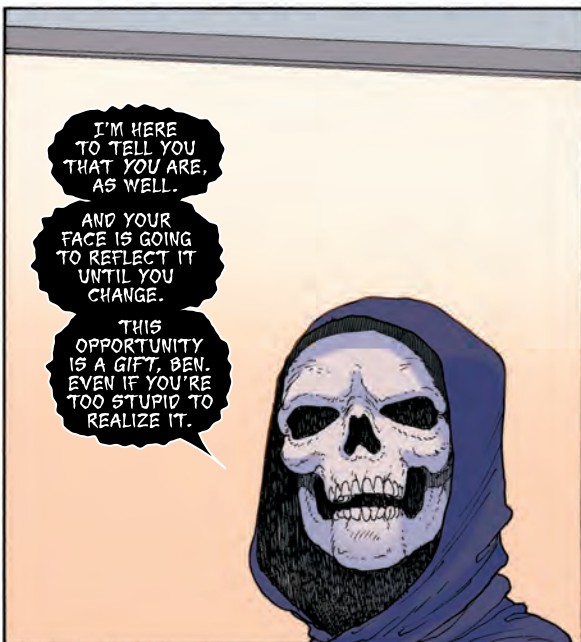
RIGHT. OH.



YOU SAY YOU WANT TO RESTORE YOUR SOUL. YOU CAN ONLY DO THAT BY DOING THE RIGHT THING.

HE WAS STEALING FOOD FROM HOMELESS PEOPLE!

YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME THAT'S NOT EVIL?



I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE, AS WELL.

AND YOUR FACE IS GOING TO REFLECT IT UNTIL YOU CHANGE.

THIS OPPORTUNITY IS A GIFT, BEN. EVEN IF YOU'RE TOO STUPID TO REALIZE IT.