

WHEN PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, HE GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER; ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES; AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER LEARNING THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, HE BECAME THE CRIME-FIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED...

The AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



WARNING!

THE EVENTS OF THIS STORY TAKE PLACE AFTER THE REVELATIONS OF **THE CLONE CONSPIRACY #2** IF YOU HAVEN'T READ IT, PROCEED AT YOUR OWN RISK!

THE JACKAL IS A MASTER GENETICIST WHO DEVELOPED A PROCEDURE TO CREATE PERFECT HUMAN CLONES. FOR YEARS, HE'S HARBORED AN OBSESSION WITH PETER PARKER, THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, AND HAS USED HIS TECHNOLOGY TO WREAK HAVOC UPON PETER AND HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

NOW, THE JACKAL HAS RESURFACED AT THE HELM OF A CORPORATE EMPIRE CALLED **NEW U**. MASQUERADING AS A PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY DEALING IN MEDICAL MIRACLES, NEW U'S PROCEDURES ARE ACTUALLY LITTLE MORE THAN THE JACKAL'S CLONING TECHNOLOGY.

BUT THE JACKAL'S SCIENCE WASN'T ALWAYS SO SOUND. YEARS AGO, HE CREATED HIS FIRST CLONE OF PETER PARKER – A MAN WHO WOULD COME TO BE CALLED **KAINE...**

"LIVE ANOTHER DAY"

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"THIS IS THE MAN CALLED **KAINE**.

"BORN A **CLONE**, AN IMPERFECT COPY OF THE SPIDER-MAN OF HIS WORLD...

"...BUT FATE HAD A GREATER PATH FOR HIM THAN ANY OTHER SPIDER-BEING.

"I KNOW THIS, FOR I AM THE **MASTER WEAVER**, ABLE TO SEE THROUGH THE WEB OF LIFE AND DESTINY..."



"...AND I KNOW IT WAS **KAINE** WHO THE UNIVERSE ITSELF CHOSE..."

"...TO BE THE LIVING VESSEL OF THE OTHER, THE GREAT SPIDER-TOTEM..."

"...THE TRUE SOURCE OF EVERY SPIDER'S POWER!"



"IN THE GREAT WAR BETWEEN THE SPIDERS AND THE INHERITORS..."

"...IMMORTAL HUNTERS WHO WERE OUT TO HUNT ALL SPIDERS TO EXTINCTION..."

"...IT WAS **KAINE** WHO STOOD ALONE AGAINST THEM.



"**KAINE** WHO SLEW **SOLUS**, PATRIARCH AND LEADER OF THE INHERITORS.



"AND **KAINE** WHO PAID FOR THAT..."

"...WITH HIS LIFE!

"HE DIED WEARING THE SHAPE OF A MONSTER, BUT LEAVING NO DOUBT THAT INSIDE HIM BEAT THE HEART OF A MAN.



"THAT WAS THE END OF KAINE'S STORY.





"THIS, HOWEVER, IS
THE START OF AN
ALL-NEW CHAPTER."

I'M...
...ALIVE?



YES, KAINE PARKER. THOUGH THE OTHER IS DEAD, IT SEEMS YOU REMAIN.

WHO-- I'LL KILL--

STAND DOWN, WARRIOR.

I AM KARN, NOW THE **MASTER WEAVER**, BOTH PROTECTOR AND PRISONER OF THE **WEB OF LIFE AND DESTINY**.



I KNOW WHAT YOU DID, WHAT YOU ACCOMPLISHED. AND YOUR FRIENDS WON THE WAR, SAVING ALL OF REALITY.

FROM THE SUBSTANCE OF THE WEB, I WEAVE YOU NEW CLOTHING... AND I WILL SEND YOU WHEREVER YOU WISH TO GO.

TO YOUR HOME REALITY... OR WORLDS OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY, WHERE YOU NEED NEVER FIGHT AGAIN. PLACES WHERE YOU CAN FIND ACCEPTANCE AND--



OH. OH, MY FRIEND, I... I AM SO SORRY.

FOR WHAT? WHAT IS THIS?



I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE, LOOKING THROUGH THE WEB... YOU'RE A CLONE, AND YOUR BODY IS FAILING.

BREAKING DOWN. CELLULAR DEGRADATION. I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE, TOO.

THE OTHER MUST HAVE KEPT ME HEALTHY, AND IT'S GONE NOW. I HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER WAY. JUST SEND ME HOME.



I FEAR IT IS NOT THAT SIMPLE.

KAINE... YOU CAN NEVER GO HOME AGAIN.

WHAT?!