

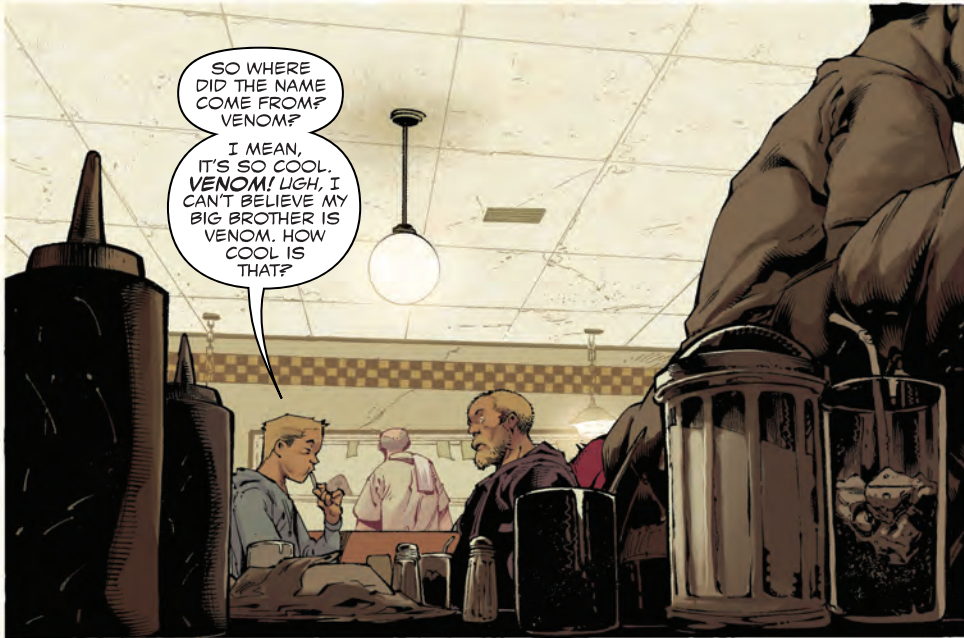
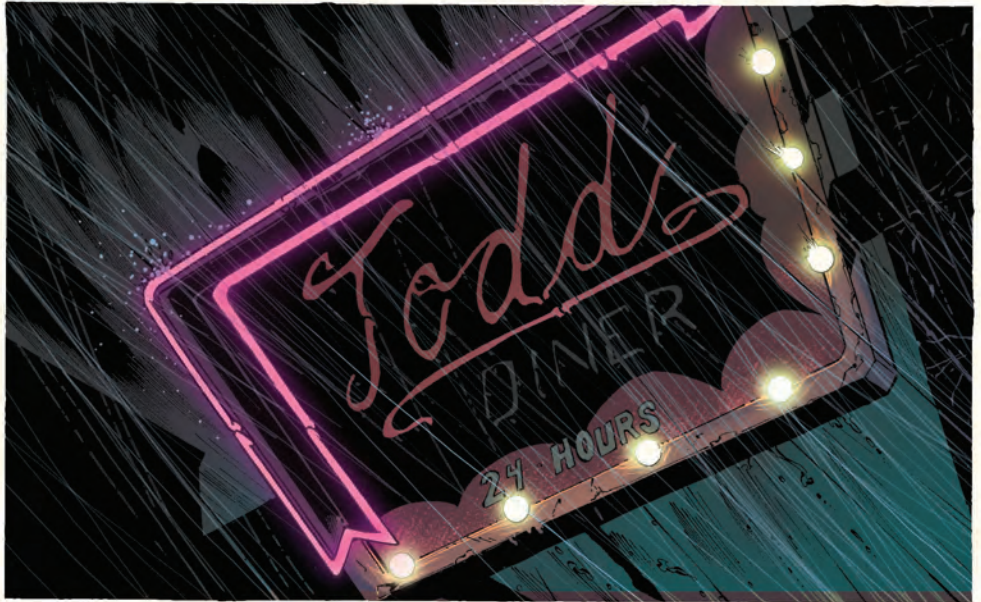
I FOUGHT A
GOD WEARING
A DAMN
DRAGON AS A
SUIT OF ARMOR
NOT A MONTH
AGO.

TRUE STORY.

SINCE THEN, I'VE
BEEN BURNED ALIVE,
HUNTED ACROSS
THE COUNTRY AND
EXPERIMENTED ON
BY A SADISTIC,
ALTERNATE-
UNIVERSE REED
RICHARDS...

ALL TO FIND OUT
THAT MY SYMBIOTE
IS BRAIN-DEAD
AND NO LONGER
CAPABLE OF
SPEECH OR
FEELINGS.

OH, AND MY
DAD PUNCHED
ME TOO.



SO WHERE
DID THE NAME
COME FROM?
VENOM?

I MEAN,
IT'S SO COOL.
VENOM! UGH, I
CAN'T BELIEVE MY
BIG BROTHER IS
VENOM. HOW
COOL IS
THAT?

I THINK ABOUT
ALL OF THAT.
ABOUT ALL OF
THAT PAIN AND
MISERY AND
HORROR...

...AND THEN I
LOOK INTO THIS
KID'S EYES.

DYLAN BROCK.
MY NEW LITTLE
HALF BROTHER...

AND ALL
I CAN
THINK...



THIS KID
AT SCHOOL, CHIP,
HE SAID THAT VENOM
ISN'T AS COOL AS
SPIDER-MAN BECAUSE
SPIDER-MAN HAS A
CLEARLY DEFINED
MORAL CODE.

WHICH,
LIKE, YEAH, HE
DOES. BUT I MEAN
YOU'RE A GOOD GUY
TOO, MOST OF THE
TIME, RIGHT?

WHERE DID
THAT COME FROM?
THE GOOD-GUY
THING?

DON'T YOU
HAVE A THING FOR
"INNOCENTS"? WHERE
DOES THAT COME
FROM?

...IS HOW
MUCH I MISS
THAT DAMN
DRAGON.



EXCUSE
ME, SIR?



WE DON'T
ALLOW ANIMALS
IN HERE.



OH, RANDY?
DON'T MIND HIM.
HE'S A SERVICE ANIMAL.
HELPS ME CALM
DOWN.



I HAVE...
ANXIETY ISSUES.
POST-TRAUMATIC
STRESS
STUFF...



I SEE.
YES, OF COURSE
THAT'S OKAY.

AND MAY
I SAY, THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SERVICE,
SIR.

OH,
HEY, THANKS,
MAN.



