

Michael Morbius was born with a rare blood disorder. Seeking a cure at all costs, he accidentally inflicted strange vampiric powers upon himself, complete with an all-consuming bloodlust. Desperate to finally be healthy, he struggled and experimented for years to cure his condition and his painful hunger but to no avail.

*After raiding multiple villain's bases of operations to acquire the necessary chemicals and tools to attempt to quell his vampirism, Morbius is now staring at the woman he once loved, **ELIZABETH**--who is also the sister of his dead best friend and scientific partner Emil.*

*While **THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN** is the only thing standing between Elizabeth and the monster that Morbius has become, **THE MELTER** is using Morbius' research to concoct his own twisted formula, which has transformed his henchman!*

Morbius

THE LIVING VAMPIRE

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I KILLED YOUR BROTHER, RUINED YOUR LIFE-- AND YOU ARE STILL TOO WEAK TO DO WHAT NEEDED DOING!

I ASKED MYSELF, NOT SO LONG AGO, WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A MAN--WHOSE VERY FUNCTION WAS TO BE RATIONAL--WAS FACED WITH A SITUATION THAT COULD NOT BE REASONED WITH.

I--I AM TRYING TO FIGHT IT, BUT I CAN'T... PLEASE... PLEASE, STOP ME...

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN, IN ORDER TO OVERCOME, THE ONLY RESPONSE LEFT TO A MAN IS TO ABANDON REASON?



IN MY RAVENOUS HUNT FOR A CURE, I HAVE ABANDONED THE VERY THING THAT MADE ME ABLE TO BE CALLED A MAN.

WHAT GOOD IS VIRTUE WHEN YOU ABANDON YOUR HUMANITY?



W-WHAT IS HAPPENING?

HIS NEW MUTATIONS--THEY'RE THE RESULT OF A FAILED CURE.

MY BLOOD HELPS REVERSE THE CHANGES. FOR A WHILE, AT LEAST.

HEY, THAT'S ENOUGH.

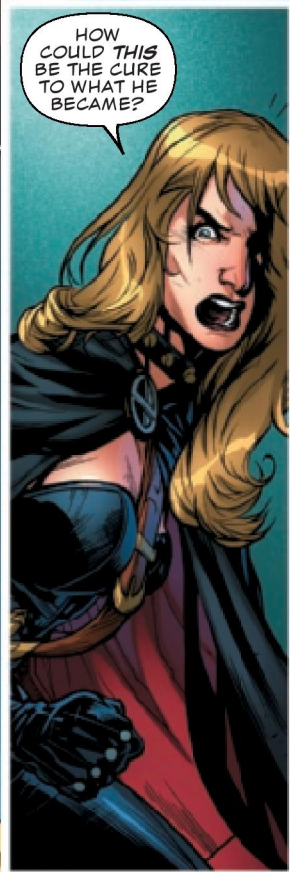
I PURSUED RESEARCH BECAUSE I WANTED TO CURE MYSELF. BUT THERE WAS MORE TO IT THAN THAT.



I SAID ENOUGH, DR. MORBIDA. BACK OFF!

A-APOLOGIES...

THANK YOU...



HOW COULD THIS BE THE CURE TO WHAT HE BECAME?



THE RESEARCH IN MY OLD LAB-- IT WAS WHAT CAUSED THIS. I-- I DIDN'T TEST MY NEW SERUM, ONLY SAW IT WAS AFFECTING MY CELLS BEFORE USING IT ON MYSELF.

ALL I WANTED WAS TO BE FREE OF THE MONSTER INSIDE OF ME, BUT I MADE HIM MORE POWERFUL.

IT SEEMS AS IF I MADE THE SAME MISTAKE THAT... THAT LED TO ME KILLING EMIL.



OH NO...

WHAT'S WRONG?



THE MAN I RETAINED TO FIGHT YOU--THIS MELTER, HE HAS TAKEN THE RESEARCH.

I DID NOT BELIEVE HE WAS CAPABLE OF USING IT, BUT IF IT IS AS POTENT AS YOU SAY...

THIS IS DOUBLE NOT-GOOD.

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE RESULTS WOULD BE ON A HUMAN, IT COULD BE NOTHING, IT COULD BE DEADLY, OR--

--THEY MAY END UP CHANGED, AS I AM, BUT WITHOUT THE ADVANTAGE OF BLOOD REPRESSING THE EFFECTS.



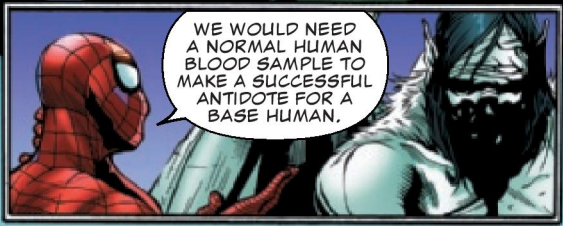
WE MUST ASSUME HE WILL ALREADY BE TESTING HIS SERUM AND USE OUR NOTES FROM THESE TRIALS TO CREATE AN ANTIDOTE.

WE? OUR?

WE MUST HAVE A TRUCE.

YEEEEAH, DEFINITELY AGREE ON ALL COUNTS, BUT...WE GOT A PROBLEM.

MY BLOOD WORKS FOR YOU BECAUSE OF SOME INTERACTION BETWEEN OUR...LET'S CALL IT ENHANCED DNA.



WE WOULD NEED A NORMAL HUMAN BLOOD SAMPLE TO MAKE A SUCCESSFUL ANTIDOTE FOR A BASE HUMAN.



WHAT? WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

SO, I HAVE AN IDEA...