Spider-Man: American Son by Joe Kelly

Collects Asm #595-599: Best Spider-Man Story Arc Of The Year

Following immediately on the heels of 24/7, Spider-Man's world has become more messed-up and stressful than ever and the fact that his biggest enemy is in charge of the world - and the Avengers - is only the icing on a really dangerous cake. Now faced with hard choices about family and friendship, Spider-Man knows exactly what he has to do to save the world - it's time to take down Norman Osborn! Collects Amazing Spider-Man 595-599, plus the 8-page Harry Osborn story from Brand New Day Extra! 3.

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My Personal Review:
This collects issues 595-599 of Marvel Comics' "Amazing Spider-Man" comic book series originally published in Summer 2009. Also included in this collection is the eight-page Harry Osborn story from "ASM Extra" 3. This five-part "Dark Reign" tie-in was written by Joe Kelly and focuses on Norman and Harry Osborn. Norman, formerly the Green Goblin, has replaced Tony Stark as chief of the government-sanctioned Avengers and has assembled a new superhero team consisting mostly of former supervillains. Norman is now the Iron Patriot, inspired by former Avengers Captain America and Iron Man. His estranged son Harry has overcome his personal demons, only to learn that his fiancée Lily is actually the monster Menace.

Norman attempts reconciliation with Harry, and invites him to join his Avengers team (the "American Son" reference in the title). Suspicious of Norman's motives, Peter Parker/Spider-Man looks to protect his best friend Harry, going undercover within Norman's organization. Meanwhile, Aunt May's wedding to J. Jonah Jameson Sr. approaches. Kelly includes a few stunning reveals that made this story arc memorable. The team of artists includes Phil Jimenez, Paulo Siqueira, Marco Chechetto, and Stephen Segovia: the artwork is consistently of a high quality throughout these five
issues. Despite the recent troublesome retcons of Peter's secret identity and marriage to Mary Jane, this remains my favorite Marvel title, and this was my favorite ASM story arc of the past year.

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