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STEPHEN STRANGE was a preeminent surgeon until a car accident damaged the nerves in his hands. His ego drove him to scour the globe for a miracle cure, but instead he found a mysterious wizard called the ANCIENT ONE who taught him magic and that there are things in this world bigger than himself. These lessons led Stephen to become the Sorcerer Supreme, Earth's first defense against all manner of magical threats. His patients call him...

DOCTOR STRANGE

While the state of magic in our realm recovers from near-total annihilation, anything mystical is hard to come by. Stephen Strange and his new apprentice, Zelma Stanton, are hunting for remnants of power. But any magic that has thus far escaped detection won't be easy to find...

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EONS AGO.

WUB-WUUB WUB-WUUB WUB-WUUB WUB-WUUB WUB-WUUB WUB-WUUB

IT'S FOLLOWING!
I CAN HEAR ITS HEARTBEAT!

OF COURSE
IT'S FOLLOWING.
WE INTRUDED ON
ITS DOMAIN AND IT
WANTS US OUT.



THE DESIRES
OF THIS ENTITY
ARE MORE PRIMAL.
IT WANTS
RETRIBUTION.

AND I'M
AFRAID I DON'T
HAVE IT IN ME TO
DENY THE MONSTER
ITS DUE.

DON'T
TALK LIKE THAT,
VARKATH.



WUB-WUUB WUB-WUUB

BOTH OF
YOU, SHUT UP
AND MOVE. I NEED
THAT TORCHLIGHT
IF I DON'T INTEND
TO DIE HERE.

WHICH I
DO NOT.

GO WITHOUT
ME. I'M DEAD
WEIGHT.

YOU'RE
ONE OF US.
NOW MOVE. WE'VE
BEEN THROUGH
WORSE THAN THIS.



WUB-WUUB WUB-WUUB WUB-WUUB WUB-WUUB

AND WE'LL
BE THROUGH
WORSE
AGAIN.

NOW,
HURRY. WE'RE
NEARLY TO
THE--



--SURFACE.

WOB-WUUB WOB-WUUB



WOB-WUUB

WOB-WUUB

WOB-WUUB

NO...

...VARKATH IS RIGHT. THIS IS HOPELESS.



THE TORCH!

WOB-WUUB WOB-WUUB



IT WAS DEAD ALREADY, MAARIKA.

THE BEAST'S HEARTBEAT GROWS CLOSER.

WOB-WUUB WOB-WUUB



THIS ISN'T RETRIBUTION...THIS WAS A TRAP. AND WE FELL INTO IT.

WOB-WUUB WOB-WUUB WOB-WUUB WOB-WUUB

THEN WE SHALL FACE OUR FATE AS WE FACED ALL OUR DAYS...

...TOGETHER.

**TODAY,
NEAR THE ABANDONED
76TH ST. SUBWAY STATION,
QUEENS.**

AND NOW
WE'RE GOING
THERE?

INDEED WE
ARE, ZELMA--THERE
COULD BE VALUABLE
MYSTICAL ARTIFACTS.
TODAY, MORE THAN EVER,
THOSE ARE A SCARCE
RESOURCE.

ANYWAY--THE
APPRENTICE
ISN'T MEANT TO
QUESTION THE
SORCERER
SUPREME.

THIS IS AN
OLD SUBWAY LINE,
NOT ANCIENT HYRULE
OR WHATEVER. EVEN IF
YOUR STORY IS TRUE, I
DON'T GET WHAT WE'RE
DOING HERE.

NOT
LISTENING, FOR
ONE THING.

WHAT?

I TOLD YOU EARLIER,
NOTIONS OF
LOCATION AND
DISTANCE ARE NOT
AS CUT-AND-DRIED
AS THE MUNDANE
WORLD MIGHT LEAD
YOU TO BELIEVE.

IN THE
TIME BEFORE TIME,
MANY PLACES EXISTED IN
MULTIPLE POINTS ON
THIS PLANE. ONLY WITH
THE SO-CALLED REASON
OF LATER AGES WERE THEY
FORCED TO CHOOSE A
PERMANENT VENUE.

OH,
CRAP.

I GUESS
SOMETIMES
I DON'T.

I THOUGHT
YOU'D SAY
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

PARDON?

I SAID,
YOU'RE SURE
FULL OF WISDOM,
DOCTOR STRANGE.
HOW MUCH FARTHER
ARE WE GOING? I
HEAR THERE'S MOLE
PEOPLE.

YOU
HAVE NO
IDEA.



SOMEBODY BUILT AN ANCIENT TEMPLE UNDER QUEENS?

AS I SAID-- SOMEONE BUILT IT SOMEWHERE, AND EVENTUALLY THAT SOMEWHERE WOUND UP BEING--

UNDER QUEENS.



EXACTLY.



SMELLS LIKE...I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS.

BREATH FROM EONS AGO. FROM A REALITY THAT IS BARELY THIS ONE.

KIMCHI AND TENNIS BALLS. THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING OF.

THIS IS SUPER WEIRD. I MEAN, EVERYTHING IS, AND I'M USED TO IT, BUT THIS SHOULDN'T BE HANGING OUT UNDER THE CITY.

YOU SURE IT'S ABANDONED?



I'VE BEEN AROUND TOO LONG-- SEEN AND DONE FAR, FAR TOO MUCH--TO BE SURE OF ANYTHING.

GREAT.



LOOKS LIKE THOSE ANCIENT SORCERERS OF YOURS WANTED TO LEAVE PRETTY BAD.

HM. I'M AFRAID THEY MAY HAVE HAD THE RIGHT IDEA.



YOU HEAR THAT?

WUB-WUB WUB-WUB

YES, I DO. BE READY.