

In every age, there is one person who possesses greater magical skill and power than any other being. This person is the **SORCERER SUPREME**, and they are this dimension's protector against any mystical mayhem that threatens it.

# DOCTOR STRANGE

AND THE SORCERERS SUPREME

PREVIOUSLY...

Merlin, the Sorcerer Supreme of the Middle Ages, traveled through time to recruit Sorcerers Supreme from various eras, including Doctor Strange, to defeat a powerful foe called the Forgotten. A trip to the dungeon where the Forgotten was born taught the sorcerers that the beast was actually comprised of hundreds of magicians who had been imprisoned...by Merlin! Sir Isaac Newton used the Word of God — forbidden magic — to defeat the Forgotten and free the imprisoned magicians, but then he turned on the Sorcerers Supreme, stealing the Demon Rider spirit from Kushala and Yao's arm (tattooed with a map to the fountain of youth) before locking them all in the Forgotten's cell.



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AT LAST, I AM TRULY FREE.



NOT TO SOUND UNGRATEFUL, BUT... WHY DIDN'T NEWTON JUST KILL US?

PERHAPS BECAUSE HE IS A SADIST?

YAO, SIT STILL, I'M TRYING TO STOP--



HE TOOK MY ARM!

I WILL BATHE IN NEWTON'S BLOOD!



KUSHALA, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I WANTED THE DEMON RIDER TO BE GONE FOR SO LONG, NINA.

BUT NOW I FEEL EMPTY WITHOUT IT.



MAGIC DOESN'T WORK IN HERE. BUT... THERE HAS TO BE A WAY OUT.

TELL THAT TO THE FORGOTTEN.

THEY WERE STUCK HERE FOR CENTURIES.



THERE IS ALWAYS A WAY OUT.

JOAO!

NO MORE BARS. NO MORE DOORS. NO MORE LOCKS. FREEDOM.





NUMBERS  
WERE MY FIRST  
PRISON.



THEY  
GAVE ME  
ORDER.



THEIR  
CERTAINTY  
CONSUMED  
ME.



THAT CERTAINTY  
WAS MY PRISON.

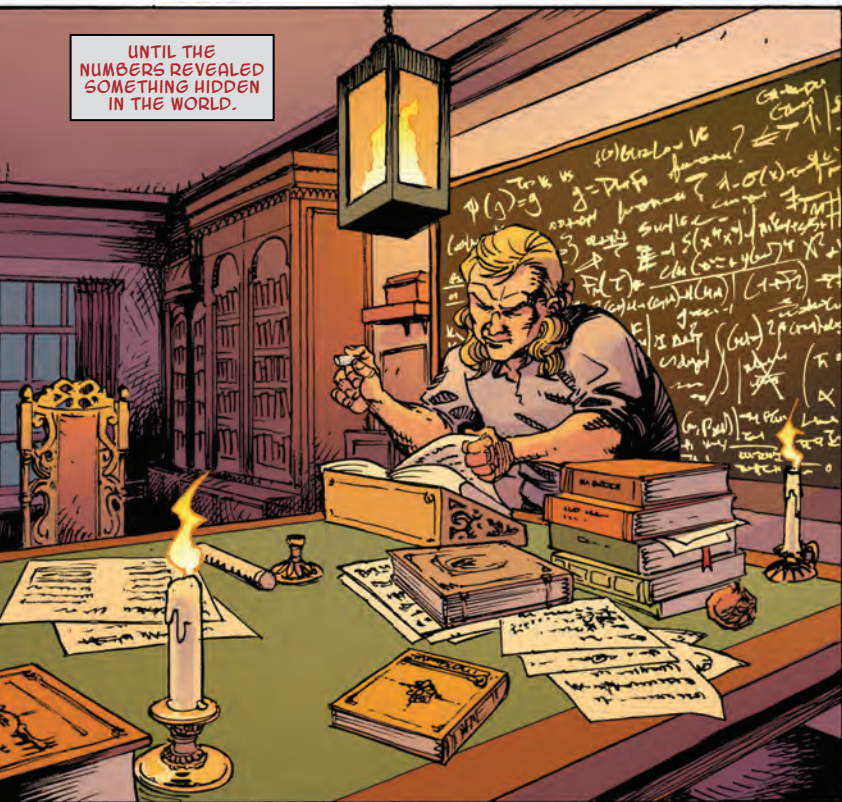


BUT I  
WOULD NOT  
BE CAGED.

STRUCTURE.



UNTIL THE NUMBERS REVEALED SOMETHING HIDDEN IN THE WORLD.



MAGIC.



AND FOR A TIME, I  
WAS KNOWN AS...

**...SORCERER  
SUPREME!**

THE GREATEST  
PRACTITIONER OF MAGIC  
OF MY ERA. OR AT LEAST OF  
THE TIME WHEN THE ANCIENT  
ONE WAS PRESUMED DEAD.



I DEFENDED EARTH  
FROM MAGICAL  
ENTITIES.

AGAIN I HAD  
STRUCTURE.  
AND ORDER.

AGAIN  
I WAS IN  
PRISON.

WAS EVERYTHING IN  
LIFE TO BE SIMPLY  
PREORDAINED? WAS  
EVERYTHING ONLY THE  
ILLUSION OF CHOICE?

BUT THEN  
I FOUND IT.

THE FIRST  
GLIMPSE OF  
FREEDOM...