

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. 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 ENABLED STEPHEN TO BECOME THE SORCERER SUPREME, EARTH'S FIRST DEFENSE AGAINST ALL MANNER OF MAGICAL THREATS. HIS PATIENTS CALL HIM ...





THOUGH LOKI HAS BEEN AN ADMIRABLE SORCERER SUPREME SINCE HE WON THE TITLE, STEPHEN STRANGE DECIDED HE WAS GETTING TOO CLOSE TO FINDING THE EXILE OF SINGHSOON—A SPELL THAT TRANSFERS ALL THE WORLD'S MAGIC TO ITS CASTER, AND THAT STRANGE HAD HIDDEN IN THE SOUL OF HIS FRIEND, ZELMA STANTON, APPRENTICE TO THE SORCERER SUPREME. HE FEARED LOKI WOULD REMOVE THE EXILE ... KILLING ZELMA.

STRANGE STORMED ASGARD AND RECEIVED A GIFT OF MAGIC FROM THE WORLD TREE, RECRUITED THE ALL-POWERFUL SENTRY TO PAY THE PRICE FOR IT AND, THUS ARMED, ATTACKED LOKI. STILL, THE GOD OF LIES WAS NEARLY VICTORIOUS. BELIEVING THE FATE OF THE WORLD (AND ZELMA) TO BE ON THE LINE, STRANGE **RELEASED THE VOID-THE SENTRY'S** DARK OPPOSITE-FROM ITS PRISON IN THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM, AND HELD STILL WHILE IT POSSESSED HIM.

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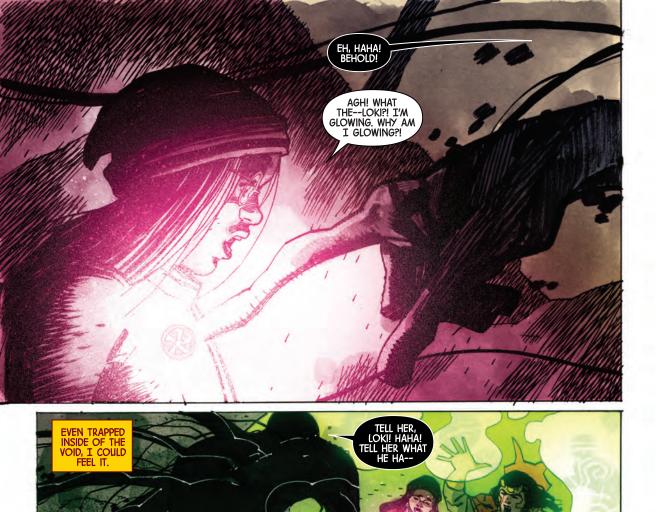
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