

## SCARLET WITCH'S



## A WHISPER

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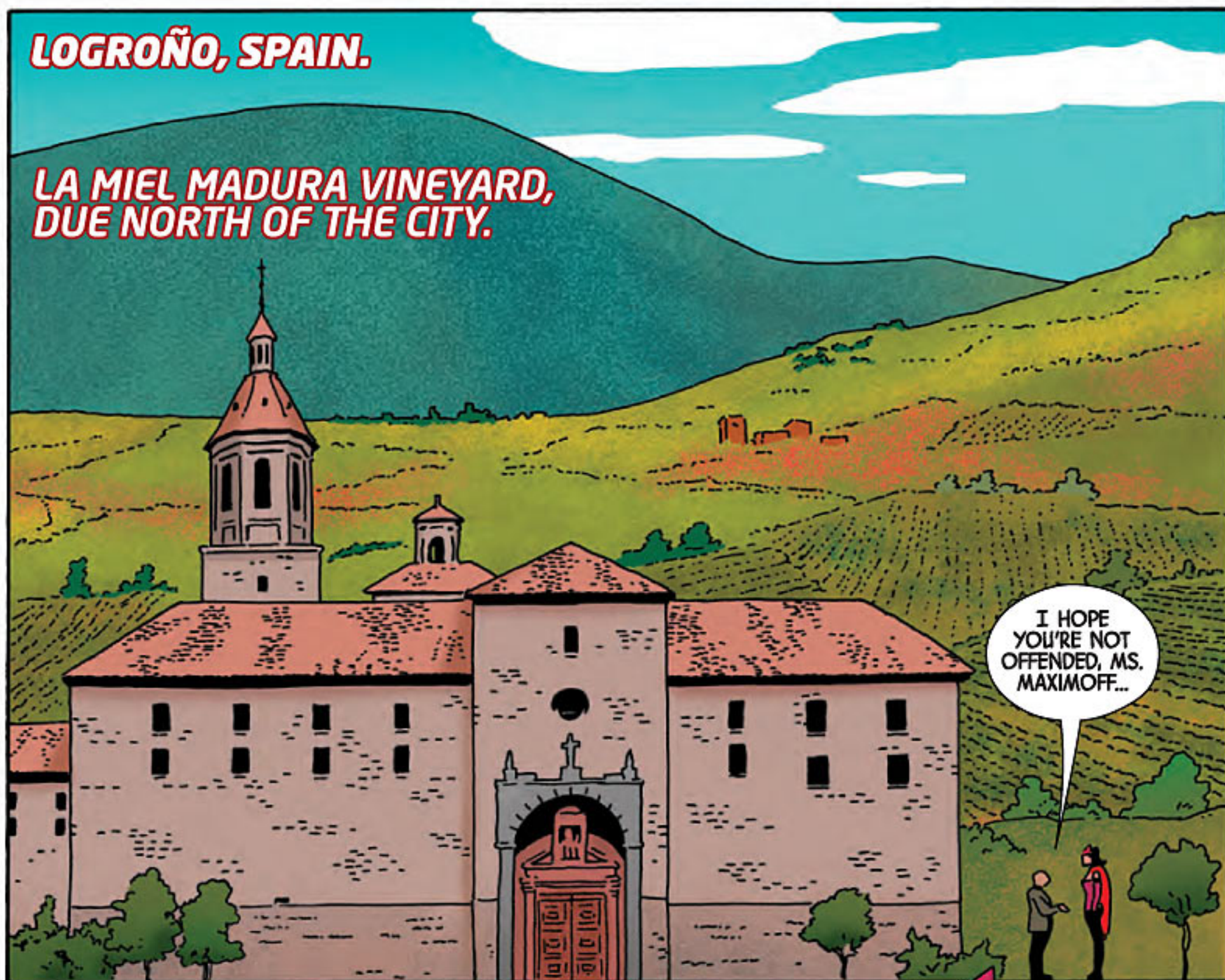
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**LOGROÑO, SPAIN.**

**LA MIEL MADURA VINEYARD,  
DUE NORTH OF THE CITY.**



I HOPE  
YOU'RE NOT  
OFFENDED, MS.  
MAXIMOFF...



...WHEN I SAY HOW  
UNSETTLING IT IS TO  
ASK FOR HELP FROM  
A PAGAN.

NOT AT  
ALL, FATHER  
GABALDON, I'M  
USED TO  
INSULTS.



OH DEAR,  
I DIDN'T  
MEAN--IT'S  
JUST--WELL...  
YOU ARE A  
WITCH.

AND IT SEEMS  
THAT'S WHAT THIS IS  
ABOUT, AFTER ALL...MEN  
OF GOD AND WITCHES.  
SORGINAKS AS THE BASQUES  
CALLED US--YOUR  
DISTRUST AND HATRED  
OF MY KIND.

YES, MS.  
MAXIMOFF,  
YOU'RE  
ABSOLUTELY  
RIGHT.





SORGINAKS AND THEIR CRAFT WERE FEARED AND PERSECUTED BACK DURING THE INQUISITION AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE PAYING FOR THAT HERE TODAY.

I'M SISTER LORENZ. I WAS SENT HERE TO LIAISE WITH YOU DUE TO MY STUDIES INTO THE HISTORY OF THIS REGION.

CALL ME WANDA.



I'LL HANDLE THINGS FROM HERE, FATHER.

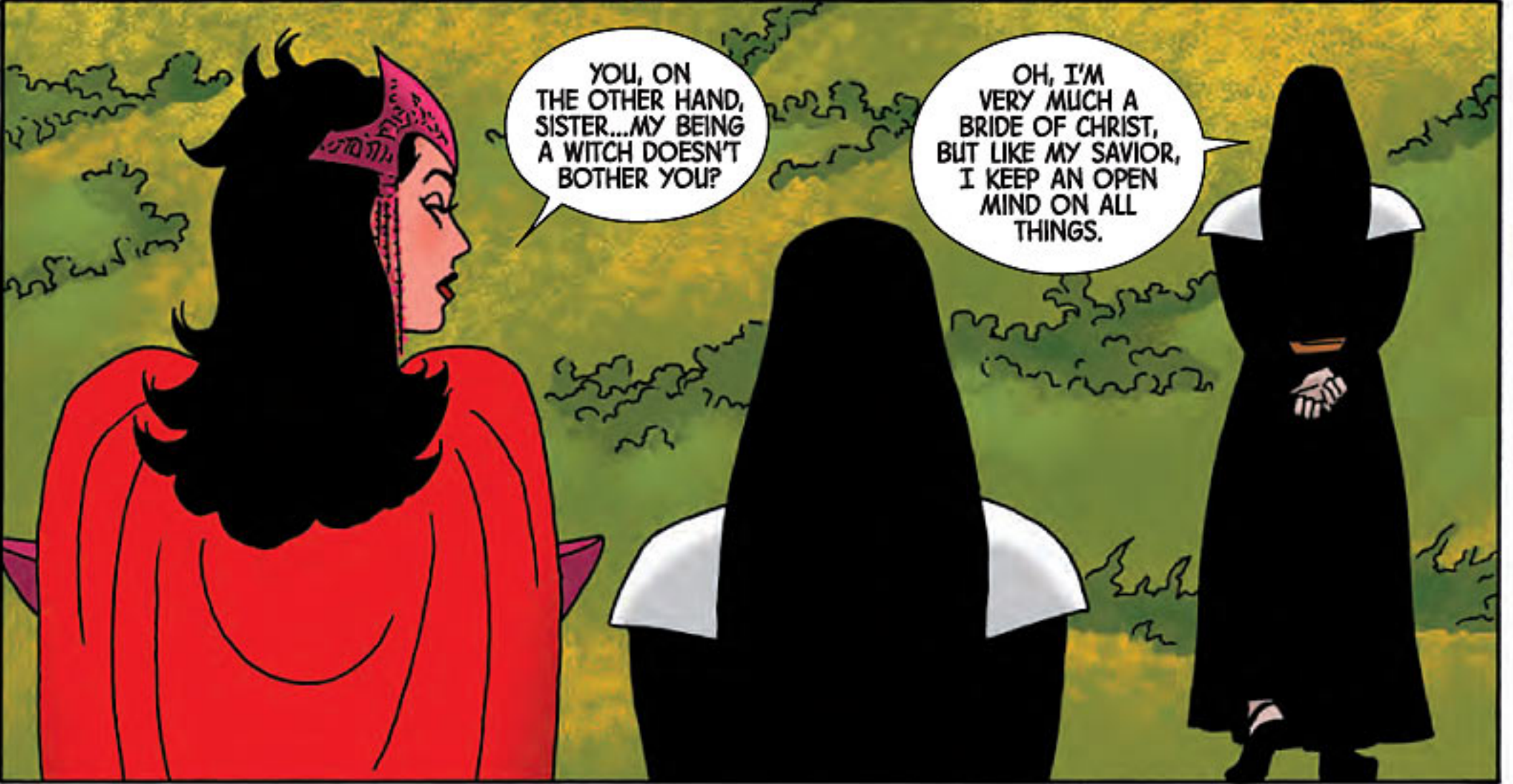
BUT-- I-- THIS WAS MY--

THANK YOU, FATHER, YOU MAY GO.

I'M SORRY IF MY BEING A WITCH UPSETS HIM.

YOU'RE A WOMAN, WANDA, AND YOU HAVE POWER IN THE WORLD. YOU'RE KNOWN.

THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH TO UPSET A MAN LIKE FATHER GABALDON, EVEN BEFORE YOU START CASTING SPELLS.



YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND, SISTER...MY BEING A WITCH DOESN'T BOTHER YOU?

OH, I'M VERY MUCH A BRIDE OF CHRIST, BUT LIKE MY SAVIOR, I KEEP AN OPEN MIND ON ALL THINGS.





SO, LET'S DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION. I DID SOME RESEARCH ON THE VINEYARD BEFORE COMING OUT HERE, BUT I'D LOVE TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS.

THE SUMMONS I GOT SAID SOMETHING ABOUT "POSSESSION."

WELL, LET ME START BY SAYING THERE ARE ASPECTS OF THIS THAT FASCINATE ME... AND OTHERS THAT ABSOLUTELY TERRIFY ME.

I'M ALL EARS.



THE VINEYARD WAS A NUNNERY THEN. AND THERE WERE ACCUSATIONS OF WITCHCRAFT. I LEARNED THAT MUCH.

YES, THAT'S RIGHT. THIS RIOJA VINEYARD WAS AT ONE TIME AN ANCIENT NUNNERY...

...AND RECENTLY, IN LOOKING FOR MORE UNDERGROUND CELLAR SPACE, THE OWNERS UNEARTHED A CRYPT DEEP UNDERGROUND.

NOW, ANYONE WHO ENTERS THE BUILDING--ANY OF THE VINEYARD WORKERS-- IF THEY SPEAK...EVEN A SINGLE WORD...



THE CHURCH WAS SUMMONED, AN EXORCISM WAS PERFORMED.

OH, YES? AND HOW DID THAT GO?

WELL WHEN I SAID "PERFORMED," I SHOULD HAVE SAID "ATTEMPTED." EXORCISMS REQUIRE SPOKEN WORDS.

THE PRIESTS AND SISTERS AT THE RITE ALL BECAME POSSESSED, TOO.





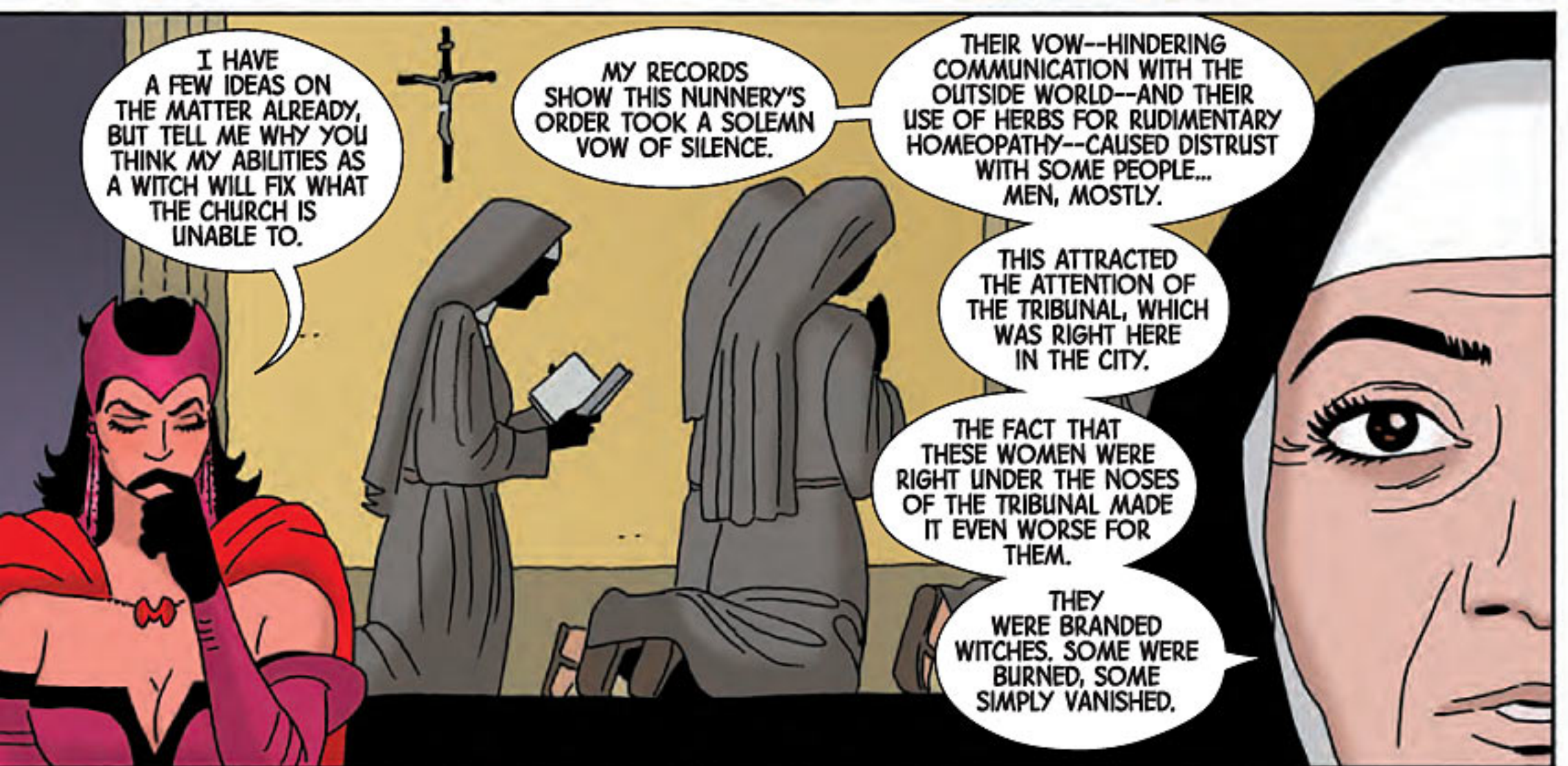
AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, BACK IN 1609, LOGROÑO WAS THE SITE FOR THE INQUISITION TRIBUNAL OF THE BASQUE WITCH TRIALS.

THE INQUISITION IS A STAIN ON THE HISTORY OF THE SPANISH CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THAT STAIN GETS NO LESS RED BY WHAT OCCURRED HERE AT THE TIME.



...THEY BECOME POSSESSED.

TRULY A FEARFUL MADNESS.



I HAVE A FEW IDEAS ON THE MATTER ALREADY, BUT TELL ME WHY YOU THINK MY ABILITIES AS A WITCH WILL FIX WHAT THE CHURCH IS UNABLE TO.

MY RECORDS SHOW THIS NUNNERY'S ORDER TOOK A SOLEMN VOW OF SILENCE.

THEIR VOW--HINDERING COMMUNICATION WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD--AND THEIR USE OF HERBS FOR RUDIMENTARY HOMEOPATHY--CAUSED DISTRUST WITH SOME PEOPLE... MEN, MOSTLY.

THIS ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF THE TRIBUNAL, WHICH WAS RIGHT HERE IN THE CITY.

THE FACT THAT THESE WOMEN WERE RIGHT UNDER THE NOSES OF THE TRIBUNAL MADE IT EVEN WORSE FOR THEM.

THEY WERE BRANDED WITCHES. SOME WERE BURNED, SOME SIMPLY VANISHED.