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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...

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A Cosmic Cube transformed Steve Rogers, Captain America, into the ultimate Hydra sleeper agent--and after months of scheming and manipulation, the country is now under Hydra's control. Doctor Strange and some of Earth's street-level heroes are trapped inside the Darkforce bubble that envelops New York City.

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I'D ALWAYS TAKE  
A LONG, HOT BATH  
BEFORE SCRUBBING  
IN FOR SURGERY.

NEVER A SHOWER.  
SHOWERS ARE  
FOR THINKING.

NO, I'D CLIMB  
INTO THE TUB  
TO FORGET.

SURGERY AND SORCERY  
AREN'T AS DIFFERENT AS  
PEOPLE THINK. BOTH HINGE  
ON PATIENCE, CONFIDENCE,  
AND IMPROVISATION.

A RELAXED  
MIND, FREE OF  
DISTRACTION,  
IS *CRUCIAL*.

LET THIS MORNING'S  
ARGUMENT OR LAST  
NIGHT'S BLUNDER CREEP  
UP ON YOU AT THE  
WRONG MOMENT...

...AND YOU RUN THE  
RISK OF CUTTING FAR  
TOO DEEP.



IT OCCURS  
TO ME--



--I HAVEN'T  
BATHED IN ALMOST  
TWO WEEKS.

MY NERVES AREN'T  
THE ONLY THINGS  
THAT HAVE FRAYED.

MAGIC ISN'T  
WHAT IT  
ONCE WAS.

NO MORE  
EYE OF  
AGAMOTTO.

NO CLOAK  
OF LEVITATION.

AND CHANCES ARE GOOD  
THAT IF I WAGGLE MY  
FINGERS AT THIS SWELL OF  
SENTIENT STOMACH ACID...

...HE'LL  
BURN THEM  
CLEAN OFF.

EEEEEEK!

PRACTICAL MAGIC  
IS THE NAME OF  
THE GAME THESE DAYS.

SLUMMING  
IT, IF YOU  
WILL.

I'M FORCED  
TO RELY ON  
WHAT'S AT HAND.

TOOLS.  
TRINKETS.  
WEAPONS.

ANOTHER  
ONE BITES  
THE DUST.