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STEPHEN STRANGE WAS A PRE-EMINENT 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 THE MYSTIC ARTS AND OPENED HIS EYES TO THE MAGIC BEHIND REALITY. THESE LESSONS ENABLED STEPHEN TO BECOME THE SORCERER SUPREME, EARTH'S FIRST DEFENSE AGAINST ALL MANNER OF MAGICAL THREATS. HIS PATIENTS CALL HIM...

LAST
TIME...

DOCTOR STRANGE

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF INTERPLANETARY ARCANOLOGIST KANNA, DOCTOR STRANGE BROKE OUT OF PRISON ON PLANET GRYNDA. SHE WAS WARY OF HIM—TO HER, SPELLS AND ARCANO ARTIFACTS WERE PRIMARILY OBJECTS OF INTELLECTUAL INQUIRY (OR FODDER FOR TRADE), BUT STRANGE PROVED HIS WORTH WHEN HE EXECUTED THE PLANET-ENVELOPING SPELL THAT ASSURED THEIR ESCAPE. THE SUCCESSFUL CASTING ALSO BUOYED STRANGE'S SPIRITS—THIS PLAN TO LEAVE EARTH TO REVIVE HIS CONNECTION TO MAGIC COULD REALLY WORK. THE SORCERER SUPREME AND THE ALIEN ARCANOLOGIST AGREED TO GO ADVENTURING TOGETHER...

"SORCERER SUPREME
OF THE GALAXY"
PART THREE

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Magic comes at a cost.

The magician no longer cared.



They roamed the spaceways, the magician and the arcanologist, searching the secrets of the universe.

On Earth, his sorcery had failed him...but there were other worlds, other magicians. Among the stars, he and his companion discovered forgotten enchantments...



...unearthed mighty artifacts...

...encountered generous mentors.



Some items lent the gift of power. Others were used to barter.

THAT'S THE **WORLDHEART TALISMAN!** YOU CAN'T SELL IT--!

IS IT MADE OF **ROCKET FUEL?** IT IS **NOT.**

SO UNLESS YOU WANT TO SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE ON A PLANET WHERE THEY BREATHE **AMMONIA,** LET IT GO.

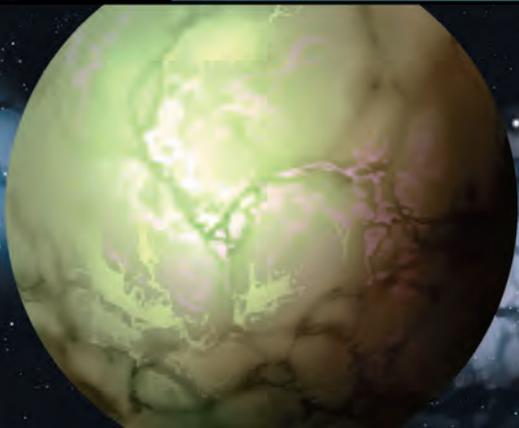


Nevertheless, each exposure renewed the magician, giving him hope that he might again someday be the champion he had once been.

Every step was a step forward.

EASY... EASY...

And then came **TARMAX II.**





TOLD YOU WE'D BECOME FRIENDS.

THANKS. THAT MEANS A LOT COMING FROM AN EARTHBIILY.

I'M KIDDING. IT DOESN'T.



HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PRACTICING WHAT I'M SURE SEEMS TO YOU, ADORABLY, LIKE ACTUAL MAGIC?



OVER A DECADE. I WAS AN ARROGANT ASS WHOSE PRIDE GOT THE BEST OF HIM. MAGIC HUMBLLED ME, BUT IT GAVE ME NEW PURPOSE. YOU?



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT. SELF-TAUGHT. MY DAD WAS A MAGIC USER, MY MOM WAS A SCIENTIST.

I DECIDED TO TAKE AFTER BOTH OF THEM ONCE THE AUTHORITIES...



YES?

NOTHING. HAND ME THE RATCHET WAND.

KANNA, I DON'T KNOW WHICH--



WHUUH!

NEVER MIND. LOOKS LIKE NAVIGATION'S FIXED.



SO I FOUND YOU ANOTHER TEACHER. UNCLE OF AN EX-BOYFRIEND.

EVER BEEN TO THE PLANET TARNAX II?

AGAIN, I'M NOT REALLY FROM AROUND HERE.



FAIRLY NEWLY SETTLED BY A REFUGEE RACE, BUT I'M TOLD THEIR MAGIC USER IS ABSOLUTELY THE SQUANT.



NAME IS MT'NOX. HE SAID HE'D MEET US IN THE "CITY," SUCH AS IT IS.

YOU'LL LIKE HIM. GREATEST SORCERER IN SKRULL HISTORY.



SKRULLS?



NOPE. NOPE. NOPE. FLY ME OUT OF HERE. NOW.

THE SKRULLS ARE INFAMOUS THROUGHOUT KNOWN SPACE AS SAVAGE CONQUERERS. THEY ARE UNTRUSTWORTHY SHAPE-SHIFTERS.

I AM NOT ONE TO THROW THE WORD "EVIL" AROUND LIGHTLY, BUT THE SKRULLS ARE EVIL.



YOU'RE OVERSTATING. BT'NX WAS OKAY. GOOD IN BED. HE DEFINITELY BROUGHT THE SHAPE-CHAN--

YOU DATED A SKRULL?

"EVIL." I GOT IT. BUT I KNOW HIS UNCLE, SO WE'RE COVERED. PLENTY SAFE.



YOU, PERHAPS. THE SKRULLS KILL HUMANS ON SIGHT.

I PROMISE YOU, WE ARE SAFE WITH MT'NOX. HE OWES ME.



BESIDES...

...TELL ME YOU'RE NOT DYING TO KNOW WHAT A SKRULL MAGICIAN IS LIKE.



HERE. A MINOR INVISIBILITY CLOAKING. IT'LL HOLD SO LONG AS WE DON'T DRAW ATTENTION TO OURSELVES.

MY PLAN EXACTLY.



THE INSTANT I FEEL THREATENED, WE'RE LEAVING.

SO NOTED.