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DOCTOR STRANGE

AND THE SORCERERS SUPREME

PREVIOUSLY . . .

Merlin, the Sorcerer Supreme of the Middle Ages, traveled through time to recruit Doctor Strange, as well as other Sorcerers Supreme of different eras, to battle a powerful foe called the Forgotten. But before the Forgotten could be defeated, Merlin was killed, forcing the team to retreat and seek Merlin's library to find more information on how to overcome their foe.



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MY NAME IS
KUSHALA.


I WAS BORN
AT NIGHT.



MY MOTHER
WAS WISE AND
STRONG.




SHE SAID I MADE NO
SOUND WHEN I WAS
BORN. MY EYES WERE
CLEAR. READY.



BUT SHE DID
NOT KNOW
WHAT I WAS
READY FOR...

...UNTIL
IT WAS
TOO LATE.



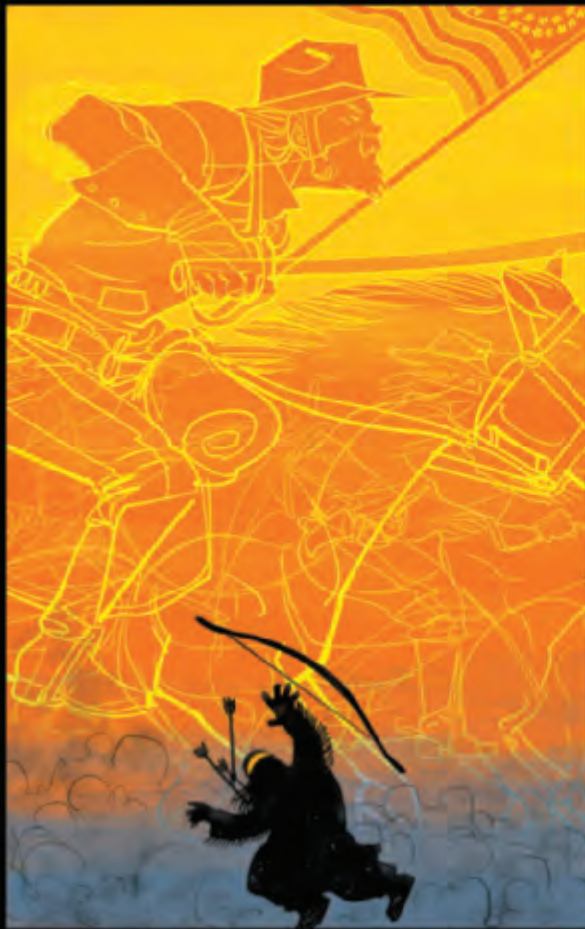
MY FATHER
WAS A GREAT
HUNTER.



HE SAID I
WAS BORN
FULLY
GROWN.



HE OFTEN DREAMED
OF ALL THE THINGS
I COULD BECOME...



...IF ONLY GIVEN
THE CHANCE TO
BE FREE.



WHEN I HELD MY MOTHER'S
LIFELESS BODY, I FELT NO
SORROW. NO SADNESS.

ONLY RAGE.



I CALLED OUT TO
THE CREATOR
FOR HELP.

BUT SOMETHING
ELSE ANSWERED.



I COULD NOT
CONTROL IT.

I WAS
WEAK.

WHICH IS
WHY IT
CHOSE ME.

I AM GRATEFUL MY FATHER NEVER HAD TO SEE THE NIGHTMARE I WOULD BECOME.

I AM GRATEFUL HE NEVER HAD TO SEE ME BURN.

WHEN IT WAS OVER...

...THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT OF THE ONES I BURNED. NOT EVEN ASH. ALL THAT REMAINED WERE THEIR SPIRITS.

SPIRITS THAT STAY WITH ME NO MATTER WHERE I GO...

...NO MATTER WHAT MAGIC I STUDY...

...NO MATTER WHO I TRUST.

ALL I WANT IS TO BE FREE. FREE OF THIS BURDEN. BUT I WILL NEVER BE FREE.

NEVER.


KUSHALA, ARE YOU READY?

OF COURSE, DOCTOR STRANGE. LET US VISIT THE DEAD.



MJFXNPF? SPBFMRM?



 Her name is Kushala. The Demon Rider.

Like all of my companions, she is a Sorcerer Supreme.

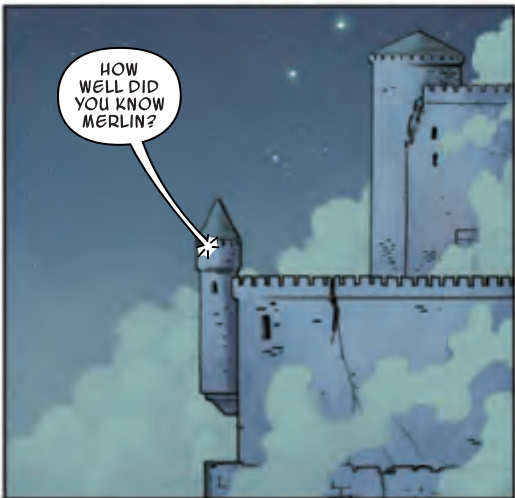
And like all of them, she is *hiding* something.

Merlin assembled this motley crew...kept all of their secrets...

...and died with them.

WAS THAT NORDIC MAGIC?

THIS DOOR WAS BOUND BY MERLIN. HE WAS PARTIAL TO THEIR BINDING SPELLS.



HOW WELL DID YOU KNOW MERLIN?



WELL ENOUGH TO KNOW HE WAS TRYING TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF THIS CASTLE.

YES, WELL...