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PREVIOUSLY...

As Sorcerer Supreme, Stephen Strange acts as Earth's mystic defender and consultant to its heroes in all things magic. Operating from his Sanctum Sanctorum in Greenwich Village, he and his wife, Clea, have ended the threat of his raging doppelganger, General Strange.

But magic is never quiet for long, as Doctor Strange finds himself face-to-face with a most unusual incarnation of the occult...

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"A FANTASY  
ROLE-PLAYING  
GAME."



"PLAYERS IMAGINE THEMSELVES  
AS WARRIORS AND THIEVES,  
CLERICS AND WIZARDS, AND  
CONDUCT CAMPAIGNS OF  
VIOLENCE IN SEARCH OF WEALTH."



"HARMLESS FUN, ALL  
THINGS CONSIDERED."

THERE WAS A BIT OF A  
MORAL PANIC IN THE  
1980s SURROUNDING  
THESE GAMES,  
HOWEVER.



THERE WAS  
TALK ABOUT HOW  
THEY WERE **DEMONIC**.  
HOW THEY MESSED  
ABOUT WITH **REAL  
MAGIC**.

"ALL **NONSENSE**,  
OF COURSE..."



"...EXCEPT  
FOR ONE."



"COBOLORUM."





REAL MAGIC?  
BUT WHO WOULD  
DARE?

WHO INDEED?  
A MYSTERY TO  
THIS DAY, AND I  
HAVE TRIED TO  
FIND OUT.

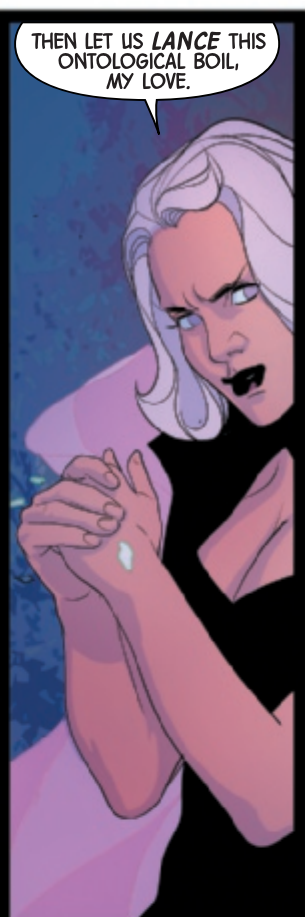
POWERFUL  
RITES ARE INSCRIBED  
IN THE RULEBOOK,  
ENCODED IN THE  
ILLUSTRATIONS, CIPHERED  
INTO RANDOMIZED  
TABLES.

A GAMING  
GROUP UNWITTINGLY  
BECOME A COVEN.  
A CIRCUIT.



UNTIL THE  
IMAGINARY  
ADVENTURE IS NO  
LONGER IMAGINARY  
BUT A FESTERING SORE  
IN REALITY ITSELF, AS  
WE SEE BEFORE  
US.

UNTIL OUR  
WORLD AND  
THE WORLD OF  
COBOLORUM  
INTERSECT.



THEN LET US LANCE THIS  
ONTOLOGICAL BOIL,  
MY LOVE.



WOULD  
THAT WE COULD,  
DARLING.

BUT THIS IS  
NOT THE FIRST  
TIME I HAVE BATTLED  
COBOLORUM, AND I KNOW THIS--



--THE  
RULES MUST BE  
FOLLOWED.



"WHICH MEANS I  
MUST ASSEMBLE  
A PARTY."

**THE THIEF:  
FELICIA HARDY,  
A.K.A. THE BLACK CAT.**

AAAAAAND...

...THERE.

HEL-LO,  
BEAUTIFUL--

AAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!!

HELLO,  
MS. HARDY--

OH,  
I SEE THAT  
YOU'RE...  
OTHERWISE  
ENGAGED.

AAAAAAH,  
HATE YOU,  
DOC!!!