"MEET THE PARENT"

...WELL, LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT **MY** WEDDING.

IT WAS A **DOUBLE** CEREMONY, CONDUCTED BY IMMORTUS, MASTER OF THE **LIMBO DIMENSION,** IN THE SHADE OF A LOVELY OLD **TREE,** WHICH THE **OTHER** BRIDE WAS MARRYING.

THIS WAS AFTER I'D FOUGHT **DORMAMMU,** OF COURSE. AND HELPED MY HUSBAND **SELF-ACTUALIZE--** HE NEEDED TO GET IN TUNE WITH HIS **HEAD CRYSTAL.**

I SUPPOSE THAT WAS JUST THE SORT OF THING YOU **DID** BACK THEN. IT WAS A VERY...OH, WHAT'S THE WORD?

A VERY **GROOVY** TIME.

WANDA MAXIMOFF.

A.K.A. The Scarlet Witch. Old-school caster of hexes. Might be Billy Kaplan's spirit-mom.

BILLY KAPLAN.

A.K.A....not sure. Reality warper. Possibly the reincarnation of Wanda's magically-born child. It's complicated.

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YEAH, I, *UH*...I THINK WE WERE GOING TO GO WITH A MORE **TRADITIONAL** WEDDING...

TEDDY ALTMAN.

A.K.A. Hulkling. Super-strong shape-shifter. Half-Skrull, Half-Kree. King of Space. Billy's fiancé. Less complicated.

IS IT ME, OR IS THERE A LOT OF **INCENSE** IN HERE?

THAT'S *PENNYROYAL*--FOR PROTECTION DURING *ASTRAL TRAVEL* AND TO WARD OFF *EVIL SPIRITS*. I HAVE...*ERRANDS* TO RUN LATER.

AND I'M *TEASING* YOU A LITTLE, DEAR. ALL *THAT* WAS LONGER AGO THAN I LIKE TO ADMIT.

I'M NOT SURE HOW WE EVEN GOT *ONTO* THIS--

OH? YOU'RE *NOT* GETTING MARRIED SOON?

WELL, *SURE*. I MEAN, WE'RE GOING AT OUR OWN *PACE*, OBVIOUSLY... WE STILL LIVE WITH MY *FOLKS*...

...I GUESS... I DON'T KNOW, WE'RE WAITING FOR THE RIGHT *TIME*...

WELL, NOT TO *PRESSURE* YOU, BILLY...

...BUT IT'S *NEVER* THE RIGHT TIME. OR IT'S *ALWAYS* THE RIGHT TIME. TAKE YOUR PICK.

THIS LIFE WILL *ALWAYS* THROW OBSTACLES IN YOUR WAY--TRUST ME, *THAT* I KNOW ALL ABOUT.

DON'T PUT THE GOOD TIMES *OFF*.

BUT LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT.

YOU'VE BEEN HAVING SOME DOUBTS ABOUT THE *NAME* YOU CHOSE, HAVEN'T YOU? YOUR *HERO* NAME?

"WICCAN"?

WHOA.

HOW-- HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS--

I KNOW A LOT, YOUNG MAN.

A HERO NAME IS A MAGICAL NAME-- IT HAS POWER. AND IT CAN BOND TO YOU.

IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE TO CHANGE...

MAYBE I SHOULD STICK WITH "DEMIURGE," THEN.

THEY SAY THE DEMIURGE ENDS UP CREATING A PERFECT WORLD-- FOR SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE, AT LEAST.

THAT'S A GOOD THING, RIGHT?

OH, YES. YOU LOOK ECSTATIC.

ARE YOU READY FOR THAT KIND OF RESPONSIBILITY? TO SHAPE WORLDS? TO CRAFT REALITIES?

YOU CHOSE A MAGICAL NAME--WELL, MAYBE A NAME CHOSE YOU. I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN RESEARCHING THE CRAFT.

IF YOU WANT TO BE WICCAN--BE WICCAN. I'LL BE YOUR GUIDE, IF YOU LIKE.

OR JUST STOP BY FOR TEA--MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN, BILLY.

BUT IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN.

WELL... UNLESS YOU ERASE MUTANTS FROM EARTH. THEN IT MIGHT BE.

TRY NOT TO DO THAT.