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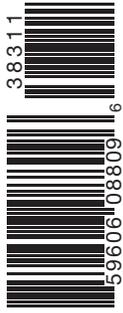


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THE TOURNAMENT.

I'LL DO MY BEST TO EXPLAIN THIS AS CONCISELY AS I POSSIBLY CAN, BUT...

...WELL, LIKE MUCH OF THIS, I'M...STILL TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF IT.

ONCE EVERY FEW DECADES, **THE VISHANTI** HOLD A GATHERING OF SORCERERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO ENGAGE IN MYSTICAL COMBAT.

THE WINNER EARNS THE DISTINCTION OF BECOMING THIS REALM'S **SORCERER SUPREME**.

I HAVE HAD THE HONOR OF ATTENDING THREE OF THESE TOURNAMENTS IN MY TIME.

THE FIRST TWO, I WON...



THE THIRD...

WHAT?!
VISHANTI...
FORGIVE ME, BUT...
WHAT DOES THAT
MEAN?

WE HAVE
CHOSEN A NEW
SORCERER SUPREME,
STEPHEN STRANGE.
THIS ONE THANKS
YOU FOR YOUR
SERVICE.

BUT...BUT I
WON! I DID
EVERYTHING
YOU--

YOU HAVE
BEATEN THE OTHER
MYSTICS, THIS IS TRUE.
BUT YOU HAVE NOT
WON.

THERE WILL BE
A NEW SORCERER
SUPREME NOW,
STEPHEN STRANGE.
THIS ONE ALSO GIVES
ITS GRATITUDE.

...

WHO?

LOKI
LAUFEYSON.



...
WHAT?!

HE WASN'T EVEN COMPETING. HELL, HE WASN'T EVEN INVITED.



I'M SORRY, WHAT?



IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT A MORTAL CAN NO LONGER FULFILL THE ROLE OF SORCERER SUPREME.

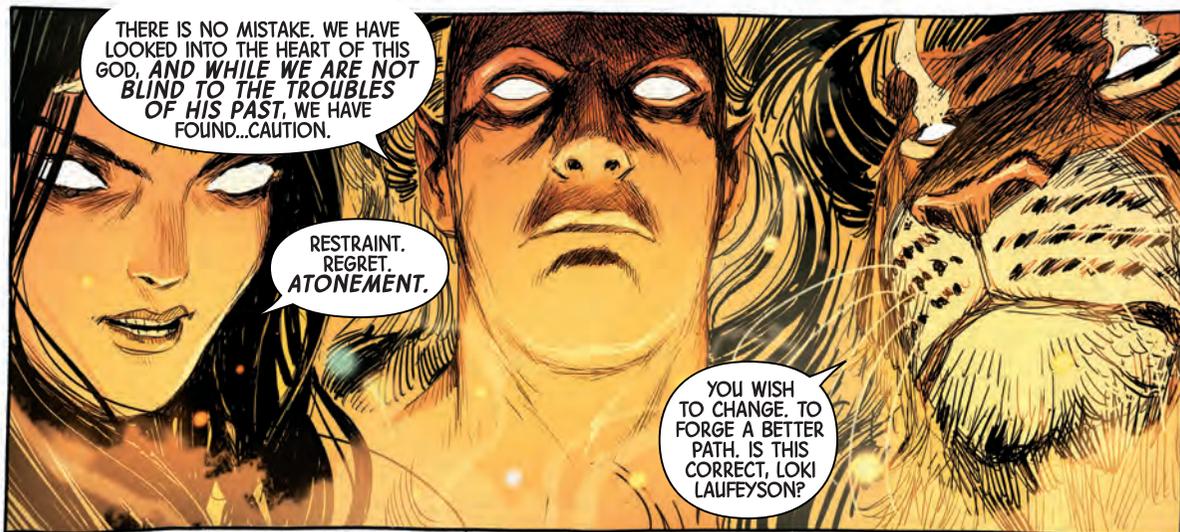
LOKI LAUFEYSON, YOU ARE NOW THE APPOINTED PROTECTOR OF THIS REALM. WITH ALL OF THE POWER AND RESP--

AH, WELL, LET'S JUST...TAKE A MOMENT, SHALL WE?



I MEAN... SURELY THIS IS A MISTAKE, NO? I WAS... I WAS JUST CURIOUS.

I HAD HEARD ALL ABOUT THESE WIZARDING CUPS, AND I'D NEVER BEEN TO ONE, SO...



THERE IS NO MISTAKE. WE HAVE LOOKED INTO THE HEART OF THIS GOD, AND WHILE WE ARE NOT BLIND TO THE TROUBLES OF HIS PAST, WE HAVE FOUND...CAUTION.

RESTRAINT.
REGRET.
ATONEMENT.

YOU WISH TO CHANGE. TO FORGE A BETTER PATH. IS THIS CORRECT, LOKI LAUFEYSON?



...
yes. it is...



HOLD FAST TO THESE FEELINGS, LOKI. YOU WILL NEED THEM TO FACE WHAT COMES.



NO! HOLD ON--
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?!
WHAT'S COMING?!



THIS IS NOT YOUR CONCERN. YOU WILL HAVE NO PART IN THIS NEXT CHAPTER, STEPHEN STRA--

HOW DARE YOU?! I HAVE PROTECTED THIS REALM FOR--



LISTEN TO YOUR RAISED WORDS AGAINST US!

FEEL THE HATRED AND THE PETTINESS CRAWLING AND TWISTING AROUND INSIDE YOUR SOUL.

YOU FORGET YOURSELF, MAGE!



BEAR WITNESS TO YOUR OWN HEART, STEPHEN STRANGE.

AFTER ALL THAT WE HAVE GIVEN THAT YOU HAVE LOST...

AFTER ALL OF THE TIMES YOU HAVE FAILED THIS REALM...



...ANSWER THE VISHANTI THIS...

DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE YOU ARE STILL FIT TO WEAR THE MANTLE OF SORCERER SUPREME?



YEAH, SO...



...THAT'S ABOUT THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT.



I'M SO SORRY, STEPHEN.

YEAH. ANYWAY, WE'RE ALMOST THERE. REMEMBER WHEN WE GET THE--

AND THEN YOU HAD TO GIVE HIM YOUR HOUSE AND YOUR GIRLFRIEND?

→SIGH←



NO--ZELMA IS NOT MY GIRLFRIEND. JUST SOMEONE I CARE ABOUT VERY MUCH.

BUT THE HOUSE.

YEAH, BOB, THE HOUSE THING IS TRUE. BUT, THIS ISN'T ABOUT THE HOUSE. IT'S NOT ABOUT THE TITLE OR THE TOURNAMENT EITHER. IT'S ABOUT--



THE POSSIBLE DESTRUCTION OF THE MAGICAL REALM AND THEN OUR REALM AND THEN MORE THAN LIKELY THE ENTIRETY OF THE MULTIVERSE AFTER IT?

BINGO.