



STEPHEN STRANGE WAS A PREEMINENT 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 MAGIC AND THAT THERE ARE THINGS IN THIS WORLD BIGGER THAN HIMSELF. 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...

THE VISHANTI MADE LOKI SORCERER SUPREME, AND HIS DIVINE ABILITY TO ABSORB THE COST OF MAGIC MADE HIM SO GOOD, STEPHEN STRANGE WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT HIS DEMOTION. BUT LOKI BEGAN SEEKING THE EXILE OF SINGHSOON, A SPELL HE BELIEVES IS SEALED IN THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM, WHICH WOULD TRANSFER ALL THE WORLD'S MAGIC TO HIM.

IN FACT, STRANGE TIED THE EXILE TO THE SOUL OF HIS FORMER APPRENTICE, ZELMA STANTON—A HIDING PLACE WHICH BECOMES LESS SECURE AS LOKI AND ZELMA GROW CLOSER. WITH ALL OF EXISTENCE ON THE LINE, STRANGE ASKED HIS ESTRANGED ASSISTANT

> WONG AND THE RECLUSIVE SENTRY FOR HELP TO INVADE ASGARD. THERE, IN EXCHANGE FOR AN OFFERING, THE WORLD TREE GAVE STRANGE THE POWER HE WILL NEED TO DEFEAT LOKI.

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