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FEATURING:
Dr. STRANGE

NO, STRANGE! YOU
SHALL **NOT** DEFEAT
MY MASTER
DORMAMMU!!

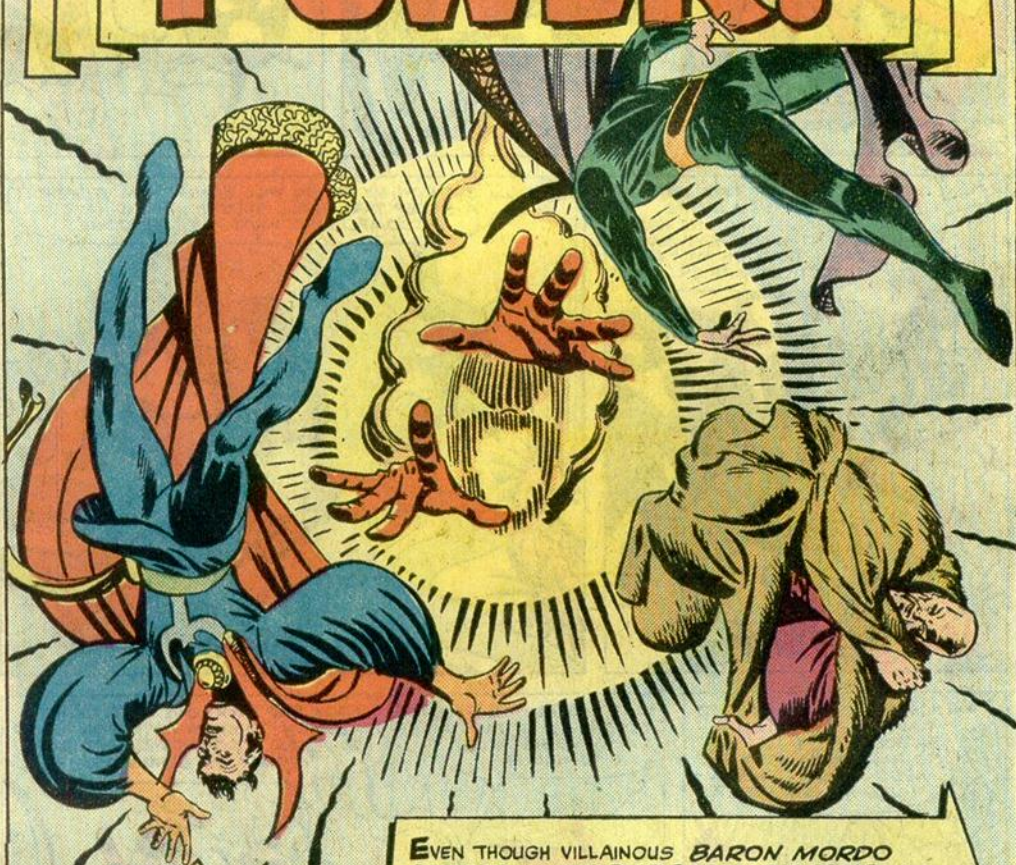
**BY MORDO
BETRAYED!**



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"THE PINCERS OF POWER!"

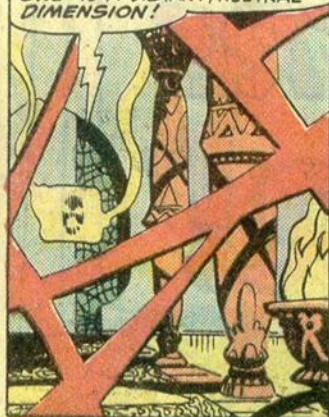


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EVEN THOUGH VILLAINOUS *BARON MORDO* RECEIVED UNLIMITED HELP FROM THE DREAD *DORMAMMU*, HE WAS BATTLED TO A STANDSTILL BY *DR. STRANGE*! FINALLY, UNWILLING TO WITNESS THE DEFEAT OF HIS OWN CATSPAW, *DORMAMMU* HIMSELF STEPS IN, WITH CATAclySMIC IMPACT...!

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I HAVE SEEN ENOUGH! THUS, BY A WAVE OF MY HAND, I SEND **STRANGE, MORDO**, AND THE NOW-HELPLESS **ANCIENT ONE** TO A DISTANT, NEUTRAL DIMENSION!



NO LONGER SHALL I TRUST THE BATTLE TO A WITLESS INCOMPETENT, LIKE **MORDO**!



FROM NOW ON, **STRANGE** SHALL DEAL WITH ME! FIRST, I CREATE A POWERFUL **SLEEP POTION**..!

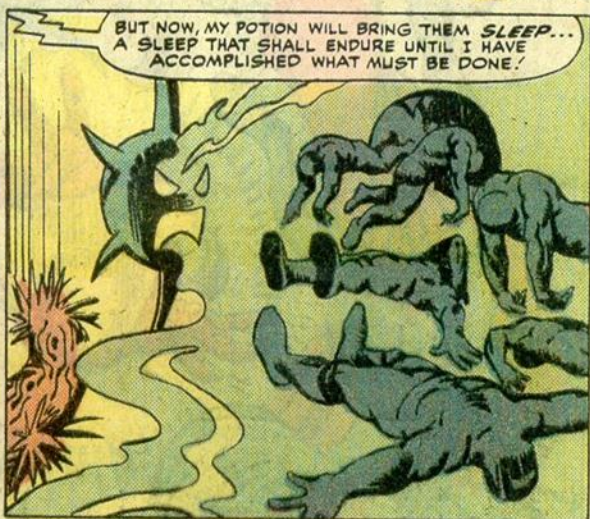
THEN, HARNESSING BUT A FRACTION OF MY DEVASTATING OCCULT POWERS, I DESPATCH THE POTION WITH BLINDING SPEED...



...TO WHERE THE BRUTAL MIND-LESS ONES DWELL... THE SAVAGE BEINGS WHO LIVE FOR THE MOMENT WHEN THEY WILL CRASH THROUGH MY PROTECTIVE BARRIER!



BUT NOW, MY POTION WILL BRING THEM **SLEEP**... A SLEEP THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTIL I HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WHAT MUST BE DONE!



NOW THERE IS NO NEED TO MAINTAIN THE PROTECTIVE BARRIER! SO, I ALLOW IT TO FADE INTO NOTHINGNESS...THUS CONSERVING MY OWN POWER!



NEXT, I SHALL SEND MENTAL MESSAGES TO THE RULERS OF MY NEIGHBORING DIMENSIONS!

EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM HAVE REASON TO KNOW MY POWER...AND TO **FEAR** IT! THEY WILL NOT DARE IGNORE MY SUMMONS!



MEANWHILE, PROPELLED BY DORMAMMU'S IRRESISTIBLE SPELL, DR. STRANGE, MORDO, AND THE ANCIENT ONE SIMULTANEOUSLY REACH A LONELY, LIFELESS DIMENSION, AT THE EDGE OF INFINITY!

THIS IS DORMAMMU'S DOING! BUT... WHY??

IT MEANS THAT HE GROWS DESPERATE! HE REALIZES THAT MORDO ALONE CAN NEVER HOPE TO DEFEAT YOU!

YOU LIE! I AM STRANGE'S MASTER! I SHALL PROVE IT!

HOLD YOUR TONGUE, EVIL ONE! WITHOUT THE AID OF DORMAMMU, YOU ARE BENEATH MY CONTEMPT! I RENDER YOU HELPLESS WITH BUT A SINGLE GESTURE!

HAVE A CARE, MY SON! WASTE NOT THE SMALLEST GRAM OF POWER!

YOU ARE RIGHT, VENERABLE ONE! FOR SURELY DORMAMMU HIMSELF PREPARES TO ENTER THE DEADLY GAME!

AH, SO! BUT THE METHOD HE SHALL EMPLOY IS STILL A DARK MYSTERY! NONE CAN FATHOM THE WORKINGS OF SUCH A MIND!

LOOK! ALL ABOUT US... OTHERS BEGIN TO APPEAR... ENTERING FROM THE SHADOWY, SPECTRAL DOORWAYS WHICH LIE BETWEEN THE DIMENSIONS OF THE UNIVERSE!

ONLY A COMMAND FROM DORMAMMU COULD HAVE BROUGHT THEM!

WE ARE LORDS OF THE NETHERWORLDS... OVERSEERS OF THE DIMENSIONS! WHO BE YOU??

THE AGED EARTHLING IS NO STRANGER TO ME! HE IS THE ANCIENT ONE... MORTAL PRACTITIONER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS!

MY SERVICE, AND MY LIFE, ARE PLEDGED TO THE ANCIENT ONE, WHOM I AM PROUD TO CALL MASTER!

I KNOW YOU ALL! ALIEN DESPOTS WHOSE NAMES ARE SPOKEN IN WHISPERS!

I AM DORMAMMU... SO BEHOLD ME, AND TREMBLE!

SILENCE, MORDO! IS THERE NO LIMIT TO YOUR FALSE BRAVADO...YOUR SHAMELESS, UNJUSTIFIED BOASTING??

DORMAMMU!!!

OUR FEARS ARE REALIZED! HE HAS COME IN PERSON!

STAND ASIDE, BUNGLER! THE VERY SIGHT OF YOU MERELY REMINDS ME HOW WORTHLESS YOU HAVE PROVEN TO BE!

NOW, BEFORE THIS GATHERED ASSEMBLAGE, I CHALLENGE THE MORTAL DR. STRANGE TO ENGAGE IN COMBAT WITH ME!

AND, TO THE VICTOR, SHALL GO THE PRIZE OF PRIZES...THE MOST COWETED TREASURE OF ALL...

HE WHO EMERGES TRIUMPHANT, SHALL CLAIM THE TOTAL MASTERY OF ALL OF EARTH, AND THE SUPREME VOICE IN THE HIGHEST COUNCIL OF THE KNOWN DIMENSIONS!

THUS SPEAKS DORMAMMU!

THERE IS NO TURNING BACK! I MUST ACCEPT! I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE!



HOW
SPEAK
YOU ALL?

IT MUST BE AS
DORMAMMU ORDAINS!
TOO LONG HAS EARTH
RESISTED OUR
POWER!

LET THERE BE
AN **END** TO
THE MASTERY
OF THE
ANCIENT
ONE AND HIS
DISCIPLE!

LET THE
COMBAT
BEGIN!
DORMAMMU
BATTLES
FOR US ALL!

BUT, SOME THERE ARE WHO DO NOT AGREE...

IF DORMAMMU
IS TRIUMPHANT,
HE SHALL
ENSLAVE
EACH ONE
OF US!

TILL NOW,
ONLY THE
ANCIENT
ONE HAS
SAVED US FROM
HIS TYRANNY!

NO MATTER WHAT THE
ODDS... REGARDLESS
OF THE COST... I
MUST ACCEPT! IF
HE IS NOT VANQUISHED
NOW, THERE MAY
NEVER BE ANOTHER
OPPORTUNITY!



**I ACCEPT
THE
CHALLENGE!**



THEN HEED MY TERMS...
AND PREPARE TO **ABIDE**
BY THEM, DOOMED
ONE!

OUR ONLY WEAPONS SHALL BE OUR MYSTIC **MINDS**... AND THESE
ENCHANTED **PINCERS OF POWER!** NEITHER YOU NOR I SHALL USE
ANY OTHER SPELLS OR INCANTATIONS! IS IT **AGREED**, ACCURSED
HUMAN?

HAND ME MY PINCERS!
I DO HEREBY **AGREE!**



TO **YOU**,
HONORED
MASTER, I
BEQUEATH
MY AMULET,
AND MY
CLOAK OF
LEVITATION!

NO MATTER WHAT BEFALLS, I SHALL
BRING NO DISHONOR TO MY
CALLING, TO MY TRUST, OR
TO THE FAITH YOU
HAVE PLACED IN
ME!

MAY THE
HOARY HAND
OF **HOGGOOTH**
REST LIGHTLY ON
THY BROW, MY SON!
MAY THE ETERNAL EYE
OF **AGAMOTTO** NEVER
TURN
AWAY FROM
THEE!



MY ILLNESS HAS SAPPED
MY STRENGTH, DEVOTED
ONE... SO ALL I CAN
GIVE THEE IS MY
BLESSING.

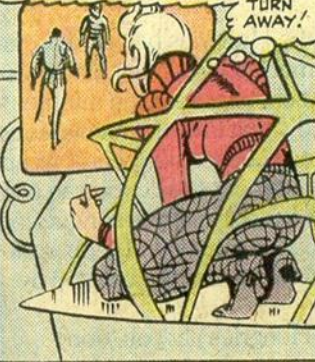
IT SHALL
SUFFICE! **FACE ME,**
MORTAL!
STAND READY
TO MEET YOUR
DEADLY DESTINY!

ACCORDING TO HIS OWN TERMS, IT IS NOT POWER, BUT **SKILL** THAT WILL DECIDE THE OUTCOME. FOR WE SHALL BE EVENLY MATCHED! THEN, LET THE **BATTLE BEGIN!**



AND, IN THE DARK DIMENSION WHEREIN DORMAMMU REIGNS, A CAPTIVE FEMALE OBSERVES THE IMPENDING CLASH WITH FEARFUL APPREHENSION...

DORMAMMU HAS FORCED ME TO WATCH THE HUMAN'S DOWNFALL! I CANNOT TURN AWAY!



WHILE HE, WHO HAD BEEN DORMAMMU'S LACKEY, TREMBLES IN A PAROXYSM OF SHEER **HATRED!**

BECAUSE OF **STRANGE**, MAY I HAVE FALLEN FROM FAVOR! HIS DEFEAT BE SLOW... AND EVERLASTING!



AND THEN, AT LAST, THE AWESOME CONFRONTATION **BEGINS...!**



DORMAMMU HAS HAD FAR MORE PRACTICE WITH THESE MYSTIC PINCERS... BUT, MY ARM IS STRONG... MY EYE STEADY... AND MY COURAGE SHALL NOT FALTER!

FOR, I DO NOT BATTLE FOR MYSELF ALONE! ALTHOUGH NOT ANOTHER HUMAN, SAVE THE **ANCIENT ONE** SUSPECTS IT I FIGHT FOR THE FATE OF EARTH ITSELF!



HIS PINCER... IT LOCKED UPON MINE! MY HAND WILL SOON BE **PARALYZED** IF I DO NOT QUICKLY BREAK FREE!





I DID IT! A SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED MOVE WAS ENOUGH TO FLIP DORMAMMU OVER!



UHHH! I RELAXED TOO SOON!

EVEN WHILE FALLING, THE MASTER OF MYSTICISM MANAGED TO KICK MY LEG OUT FROM UNDER ME!

THOK!



HAH! NOW I'VE TRAPPED BOTH YOUR PINCERS!

HE'S MERELY BEEN TOYING WITH ME TILL NOW!



STRANGE IS AS GOOD AS BEATEN!

DID YOU SEE THAT, YOU ANCIENT FOOL?? DID YOU SEE HOW EASILY DORMAMMU HAS SUBDUED YOUR CHAMPION?

I SEE ALL, EVIL ONE!



ONCE I TOUCH YOUR HEAD, YOUR BRAIN WILL BE STUPIFIED! YOUR WILL SHALL BECOME MY WILL!



BUT THEN, MOVING WITH THE SPEED OF SUMMER LIGHTNING, THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS WHIRLS ABOUT, CAUSING DORMAMMU'S TWO HANDS TO STRIKE EACH OTHER SHARPLY....!

NO-O-O!

IT WAS THE ONLY THING I COULD DO! THE PAIN OF HIS TWO PINCERS CLASHING MADE HIM RELEASE HIS HOLD ON ME!

AND THEN, BEFORE DORMAMMU CAN FORMULATE A NEW PLAN OF ATTACK...

WHY DO I NO LONGER HEAR YOU GLOATING, DREADED ONE?



IS IT BECAUSE ONE CANNOT CROW WHILE BEING TOSSED ABOUT LIKE THE HUMBLEST, MOST UNSKILLED OF CREATURES?!!



FOR UNTOLD AGES, NONE HAVE EVER DARED TAUNT DORMAMMU! AND NOW I SHALL SHOW YOU WHY!



I HAVE HAD CENTURIES IN WHICH TO STUDY THE ART OF COMBAT! NO ONE THAT LIVES CAN BE MY EQUAL!

SPEAK TO ME NOT OF EQUALS, DORMAMMU...



I HAVE PLEDGED MY VERY LIFE TO PROVE I AM YOUR SUPERIOR!

NEVER! NO MERE MORTAL CAN OVERCOME DORMAMMU!



YIELD, HUMAN! YIELD, I COMMAND YOU!

NOT WHILE LIFE FLICKERS WITHIN ME!



AND, IN ANOTHER DIMENSION, SO FAR AWAY THAT THERE ARE NO WORDS IN OUR LANGUAGE TO EXPRESS THE DISTANCE...

I CANNOT BEAR TO WATCH! AND YET, I AM POWERLESS TO TURN AWAY! WILL THIS AWESOME NIGHTMARE NEVER END??



THE HUMAN HAS THE COURAGE OF AN ENCHANTED ONE! BUT, HIS CAUSE IS HOPELESS!

ONLY TO THOSE WITHOUT FAITH CAN THERE BE NO HOPE! THE FAITH OF THE RIGHTEOUS WILL NEVER WAVER!

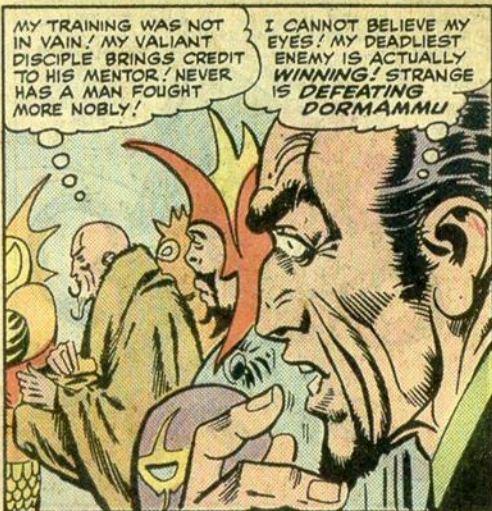
DESTROY HIM, DORMAMMU! YOU HAVE AMUSED YOURSELF LONG ENOUGH! LET THERE BE AN END TO THIS! EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING CRIES OUT FOR VENGEANCE!







AND NOW, DORMAMMU, IT IS I WHO HAVE YOUR HANDS PINNED BENEATH ME!



MY TRAINING WAS NOT IN VAIN! MY VALIANT DISCIPLE BRINGS CREDIT TO HIS MENTOR! NEVER HAS A MAN FOUGHT MORE NOBLY!

I CANNOT BELIEVE MY EYES! MY DEADLIEST ENEMY IS ACTUALLY WINNING! STRANGE IS DEFEATING DORMAMMU



IT CANNOT BE! IT MUST NOT BE!

AT LAST I HAVE A CHANCE TO REDEEM MYSELF IN THE EYES OF DORMAMMU! I SHALL PREPARE A SPELL... UNSEEN...



BUT, THERE IS ONE WHO SEES... ONE, ALAS, WHO IS POWERLESS TO STOP THE EVIL MORDO...

NO! DR. STRANGE! BEWARE! LOOK OUT FOR MORDO! LOOK OUT!

IT IS HOPELESS! HE CANNOT HEAR! NO ONE CAN HEAR!



ONLY THE ANCIENT ONE CAN SENSE THE IMPENDING DANGER, BUT... THOUGH HE TRIES TO COUNTERACT MORDO'S SUDDEN SPELL, ILLNESS HAS WEAKENED HIS OWN ONCE-MIGHTY POWER, AND SO...

UNHHH...!

LAPT!



YOU SHALL PAY FOR THAT, MORDO! BY THE SEVEN RINGS OF RAGGADORR, NOW YOU SHALL PAY!

BUT, MASTER-- I THOUGHT I WAS HELPING YOU--!

YOU-- A BUNGLING, TALENTLESS, POWERLESS MORTAL-- YOU DARED PRESUME TO THINK YOU COULD HELP DORMAMMU??!!



YOU WERE MERELY A TOOL OF MINE-- A HIRELING! BUT, YOU DARED GO OVER MY HEAD-- YOU DARED ACT ON YOUR OWN-- WITHOUT A COMMAND FROM ME!

I MEANT NO HARM! I WANTED TO HELP--!



SILENCE!!! I SHALL TRANSPORT YOU TO THE DIMENSION OF DEMONS, WHERE YOU WILL PAY FOR YOUR FOLLY UNTIL IT SUITS ME TO RETURN YOU AGAIN!

NO, DORMAMMU -- NO! HAVE MERCY, I BEG YOU! MERCY--!



MERCY? BAH! THAT IS A WORD FOR HUMANS-- NOT FOR THE DREAD DORMAMMU!

THOUGH I DID NOT WIN IN THE MANNER I WOULD HAVE CHOSEN, STILL AM I THE SOLE SURVIVOR!

THEREFORE, I DEMAND MY PRIZE! I MUST BE CROWNED MASTER OF ALL DIMENSIONS!



NEVER, EVIL ONE! THE BATTLE IS NOT YET ENDED!

MORDO'S COWARDLY ATTACK MERELY STUNNED ME! I HEARD WHAT YOU TOLD HIM, AND NOW I GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE-- TO TRY FOR THE VICTORY YOU SEEK!

YOU ARE WOUNDED -- WEAK! I COULD WIN TOO EASILY!



I DECLARE MYSELF STRONG ENOUGH TO CONTINUE! IF YOU REFUSE, IT MEANS YOU FEAR ME-- IT MEANS YOU WANTED MORDO TO ATTACK ME FROM BEHIND!

THOSE RASH WORDS HAVE SEALED YOUR DOOM! NOW, YOU SHALL SURELY DIE!

I HAD TO GOAD HIM-- TO INSULT HIS PRIDE-- HIS HONOR!



THOUGH I POSSESS ENOUGH
MAGICAL POWER TO ERASE YOU
FROM EXISTENCE IN AN INSTANT,
I PREFER TO CONTINUE OUR BATTLE
AS BEFORE--USING ONLY
OUR PHYSICAL
WEAPONS....!



MY SON,
ARE YOU
TRULY
STRONG
ENOUGH
TO RESUME
THE
BATTLE?



YES, VENERABLE
MASTER, I AM
FULLY RECOVERED
FROM MORDO'S
BLOW--BUT
DORMAMMU DOES
NOT REALIZE THAT
--WHICH MAY PROVE
TO MY ADVANTAGE!

AND, WATCHING THE DRAMATIC
TABLEAU FROM A FAR DISTANT
DIMENSION, WE FIND THE LOVELY
PRISONER OF DORMAMMU, AS
HER HOPES RISE ONCE AGAIN...

ALL IS STILL NOT LOST!
MY CHAMPION DARES TO
FIGHT ONCE MORE!



HAH! JUST AS I
THOUGHT! YOU BACK
AWAY FROM MY
SIMPLEST BLOW! YOU
ARE TOO WEAK TO
FIGHT--AND YOU
KNOW IT!

GOOD! JUST WHAT I
WANT HIM TO THINK!
IF ONLY I CAN SAFELY
KEEP UP THIS ACT!!



YOU HAVE GAMBLLED ON THE
FACT THAT I MIGHT NOT
LEAP IN FOR THE KILL UNTIL
YOUR FULL STRENGTH HAS
RETURNED!

YOU THOUGHT TO
STALL ME--AVOID
MY FINAL ATTACK--
WHILE YOU GAINED
NEW STRENGTH
EACH MINUTE!



WELL, YOUR PLAN HAS FAILED! YOU SHALL NOT
HAVE THE CHANCE!! I SHALL FINISH YOU OFF
FOREVER--NOW!

HE'S GETTING CARELESS--
RECKLESS--! BUT, HIS
STRENGTH IS UNBELIEVABLE!



NOW, USING THE PINNERS
OF POWER, I RID MYSELF
FOREVER OF DR. STRANGE!

I MUST GET IN JUST THE
RIGHT POSITION TO
MEET HIS ATTACK!



I HOPE MY
PRETENDED
"STUMBLE" WILL
FOOL HIM INTO
THINKING I
REALLY
TRIPPED!



NOW YOU'RE DOOMED, STRANGE! WE'VE MADE CONTACT! OUR HANDS ARE LOCKED ONCE MORE!



SO LONG AS MY PINCERS HOLD YOU, THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN FLEE-- NO PLACE YOU CAN HIDE!



AND NOW, BOTH HANDS ARE JOINED! IT WAS SO EASY FOR ME!



IT'S YOUR WILL AGAINST MINE, STRANGE-- YOUR STRENGTH AGAINST MINE!

MY POWER IS NO MATCH FOR HIS-- BUT, IF I AM TO SURVIVE, MY CUNNING MUST PROVE SUPERIOR!



YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE TAUNTED ME--! IF YOU HAD NOT REPEATED YOUR CHALLENGE, YOUR LIFE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SPARED!

NOW! THIS IS THE MOMENT WHEN I MUST BEGIN THE MOST IMPORTANT ACT OF ALL!



I MUST SEEM TO BE FALTERING --WEAKENING--ABOUT TO COLLAPSE IN DEFEAT!

HE MUST BELIEVE HE HAS BEATEN ME....



FOR, ONLY IF HE BECOMES SUPREMELY OVERCONFIDENT WILL I HAVE A CHANCE TO FINALLY OUTWIT HIM!



HAH! I SEE YOU BEGINNING TO COLLAPSE WITH EXHAUSTION...

MY TIMING MUST BE PERFECT! I MUST CHOOSE THE ONLY POSSIBLE SPLIT-SECOND--!





AND NOW,
YOU ARE
HELPLESS!

USING
YOUR OWN
WEAPONS--
FIGHTING
WITH YOUR
OWN
RULES--
I HAVE
WON!!



DORMAMMU
HAS BEEN
VANQUISHED!

THE HUMAN
FROM EARTH
IS VICTORIOUS!

MY YEARS OF
TRAINING--THE
FAITH I HAD
IN YOU--WAS
NOT IN VAIN,
MY SON!

WHAT WILL
HAPPEN
NEXT? FOR
DORMAMMU'S
WRATH SHALL
BE BEYOND
ALL MEASURE!



THOUGH MY HEART
REJOICES AT THE
INCREDIBLE VICTORY
OF DR. STRANGE, HE
DOES NOT KNOW OF
MY DIRE FATE--NOR
OF THE PUNISHMENT
THAT AWAITS ME
WHEN DORMAMMU
RETURNS!



NOW, THE PRICE OF
YOUR DEFEAT! YOU
MUST SWEAR NEVER
TO TURN YOUR POWER
AGAINST EARTH--
AND WE SHALL ALL
BE WITNESSES!

I COULD HAVE DESTROYED
YOU A THOUSAND TIMES--
IN A THOUSAND WAYS--
BUT I CHOSE TO BATTLE
WITHOUT MY POWERS,
THINKING MY VICTORY WOULD
THUS BE MORE GLORIOUS!

NO MATTER, WE AWAIT
YOUR OATH!



I DO SO SWEAR!
AND NOW, LET
THERE BE AN END
TO THIS!

RETURN YOU ALL TO YOUR DIMENSIONS!
I MUST BE ALONE-- I MUST PLAN MY
PLANS OF VENGEANCE-- I MUST THINK,
AND SCHEME, AND
BROOD!

NO MATTER WHAT PLANS
HE MAKES, EARTH SHALL
BE SAFE! FOR, HE HAS
SO SWORN!

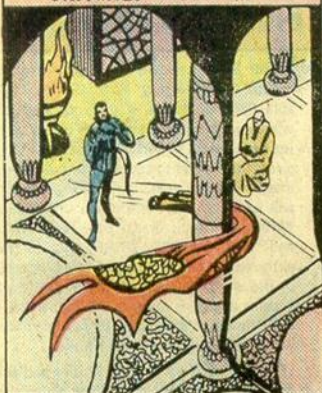


AND THEN, AT THE MEREST GESTURE FROM
DORMAMMU--

IT IS
OVER!
WE HAVE
RETURNED!

HIS POWER IS SO
VAST-- SO UNIMAGINABLE!
IT IS A MIRACLE THAT
HE WAS DEFEATED!

THEN, WHILE THE TRIUMPHANT MASTER OF BLACK MAGIC REPLACES HIS MYSTIC AMULET, HE SENDS HIS ENCHANTED CLOAK OF LEVITATION ON A PRE-ORDAINED MISSION...



...FROM WHICH IT RETURNS, MOMENTS LATER, BRINGING WITH IT HAMIR THE HERMIT, THE ANCIENT ONE'S FAITHFUL ATTENDANT...



YOU HAVE RETURNED! PRAISED BE THE HOARY HOSTS OF HOGGOTH!

AYE, HAMIR! AND PRAISED BE DR. STRANGE AS WELL! 'T WAS HE WHO SAVED ME!

IT HAS BEEN MANY HOURS SINCE YOUR MASTER HAS DINED, HAMIR--!

SAY NO MORE! I SHALL PREPARE A REPAST FIT FOR KINGS! THE OMNIPOTENT OSHTUR COULD NOT CREATE A BETTER MEAL!



THEN GO, FAITHFUL ONE! FOR THE HOUR GROWS LATE!

THEN, HOURS LATER--AFTER THE BANQUET HAS ENDED...

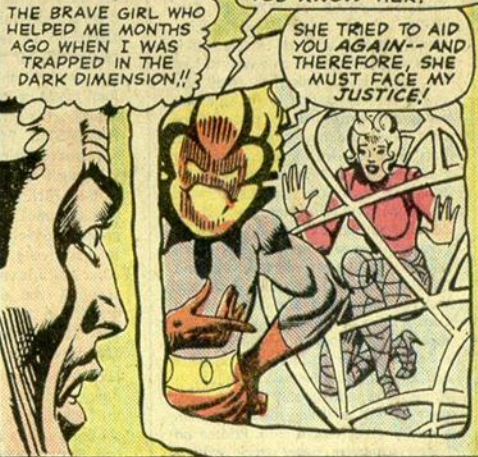


BE ON GUARD, MY SON! I SENSE AN EVIL PRESENCE!

IT IS DORMAMMU! HE IS COMMUNICATING WITH US! BUT --WHY?!!

SURELY YOU DID NOT THINK YOU HAD HEARD THE LAST OF ME??

I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU, VICTORIOUS ONE! BEHOLD--ONE OF MY SUBJECTS! I BELIEVE YOU KNOW HER!



THE BRAVE GIRL WHO HELPED ME MONTHS AGO WHEN I WAS TRAPPED IN THE DARK DIMENSION!!

SHE TRIED TO AID YOU AGAIN--AND THEREFORE, SHE MUST FACE MY JUSTICE!

THUS, I SENTENCE HER TO A PLACE WHERE SHE SHALL PAY FOR HER TREASON--A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN NEVER FIND HER!



NOW, ENJOY YOUR VICTORY, STRANGE!! ENJOY IT--KNOWING THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT YOU HAVE JUST WITNESSED!!!



KNOW YOU NOW--DORMAMMU CAN NEVER LOSE!



SPIDER-MAN! IN THE SPIDER-MAN AND THE FLY!

SPIDER-MAN IS A PRISONER OF THE VILLAIN CALLED, THE FLY.



WAKE UP, WEB HEAD.

JUST WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED... TO HAVE BREAKFAST WITH THE FLY!... BUT WHAT HAPPENED... I REMEMBER BEING THROWN FROM THE TOP OF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING, FLY... NOW THAT WASN'T NICE!... BUT WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

I'M HERE TO "ENTER-TAIN" YOU, WEB SLINGER.

...JUST WHAT I NEED... A FEW LAUGHS



DON'T GET TRAPPED IN YOUR OWN NET-
WORK OF PUNS, INSECT IMITATOR... THIS IS NO LAUGHING MATTER... YOU'LL SOON BE WIGGLING AND SQUIRMING, MY SPIDERY FRIEND, WHEN YOU SEE WHAT I HAVE IN STORE FOR YOU.

WRONG, MY BUZZING FLY FRIEND! THESE STRAPS CAN'T HOLD ME, SO WHATEVER YOU HAVE IN STORE, YOU'LL HAVE TO SELL TO SOMEONE ELSE!



AHA! "COME INTO MY PARLOR, SAID THE FLY TO THE SPIDER"... OR WAS IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND?

MY SPIDER SENSE IS TINGLING BUT NOTHING ELSE IS MOVING. I MUST BREAK THIS ELECTRONIC FIELD TRAP, SOMEHOW.



THIS IS SERIOUS, MY WIRY FRIEND AND ENEMY. LET'S HEAR A JOKE NOW.

OKAY YOU WIN. I GIVE UP BUT FIRST HAVE A **HOSTESS® "TWINKIES"** HERE IN MY UTILITY BELT.



DELICIOUS **HOSTESS® "TWINKIES!"** IT'S THE ONLY THING I LOVE! THAT GOLDEN SPONGE CAKE... AND CREAMED FILLING.

OK, MY BUZZING GAD-FLY-- I'M GOING TO SWAT YOU LIKE A MOSQUITO...



THONK!

DO WHAT YOU WANT... CLIP MY WINGS... ANYTHING... BUT AT LEAST HAVE THE DECENCY TO LET ME FINISH MY **WONDERFUL HOSTESS® "TWINKIES!"**

OF COURSE, MY NOBLE ENEMY. I DISPENSE JUSTICE BUT TEMPERED WITH MERCY... AND SOME-TIMES EVEN... **HOSTESS® "TWINKIES!"**



YOU GET A BIG DELIGHT IN EVERY BITE OF **HOSTESS® "TWINKIES"**

ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE WON--
THE FINAL VICTORY **STILL**
IS MINE!!

BRING HER
BACK,
DORMAMMU!!
DON'T MAKE
HER PAY FOR
WHAT I HAVE
DONE! WAIT--!
--WAIT--!

**BEGONE, EARTH-
LING!! YOU
BEGIN TO
BORE ME!!**

IT IS **DONE!** I HAVE DAMPENED
THE FLAME OF HIS VICTORY!
BUT, THAT IS ONLY THE BEGIN-
NING! ONLY THE **BEGINNING!**

..FOR I HAVE SO **MUCH** TO MAKE
UP FOR!! WHY DID I NOT
CRUSH HIM AT ONCE?? I HAD
THE **POWER** TO DO SO!! WHY
DID I ATTEMPT TO **TOY** WITH
HIM??

IT'S MY FAULT!! **MY FAULT!!**
I WAS BEATEN BY A MERE
HUMAN!! OH, THE STINGING
SHAME OF IT!!!

NEVER HAS
DORMAMMU'S
RAGE BEEN SO
GREAT BEFORE!

IF HE IS
NOT STOPPED,
HE MAY
SHATTER THIS
ENTIRE
WORLD IN
HIS WRATH!!

STRANGE MUST
DIE!! SOMEHOW,
WITHOUT
VIOLATING MY
OATH, I MUST
DESTROY HIM,
AND DESTROY
HIM I **SHALL!!**

FOR I AM
TRULY--THE
**DREAD
DORMAMMU**
!!

AND, BACK AT THE ANCIENT ONE'S
SANCTUM...

I MUST FIND THE
GIRL--AND **SAVE** HER, MASTER!

ALL IN GOOD TIME, MY
SON! SHE IS MERELY **BAIT**
WITH WHICH TO TRAP YOU!
SHE WILL NOT BE
HARMED SO LONG
AS YOU ARE
FREE!

YOU MIGHT SEARCH THE
DIMENSIONS **FOREVER** AND
NEVER FIND HER! BUT,
BECAUSE OF YOUR GREAT
VICTORY, I CAN GET OTHERS
TO **AID** IN YOUR QUEST!

BUT FIRST, A MORE URGENT
TASK AWAITS US!

REMEMBER THE MYSTIC
GLOBE WHICH EVIL
MORDO HAD SEIZED
NOT LONG AGO--!

I
REMEMBER--!

