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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...

“COBOLORUM PT. 1”

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HMM.
I TAKE IT THAT THIS IS NOT WHAT THIS STREET **NORMALLY** LOOKS LIKE?
NO, CLEA, IT IS **NOT.**

THEN WHAT **IS** IT?

**UPPER WEST SIDE,
NEW YORK CITY.**



I FEAR THAT IT IS **COBORUM.**

YOU SAY THAT AS IF YOU EXPECT ME TO KNOW WHAT YOU ARE **TALKING** ABOUT.

⇒SIGH⇐
IT IS A **GAME.**

"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
COBORUM
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
COBORUM, 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!!!