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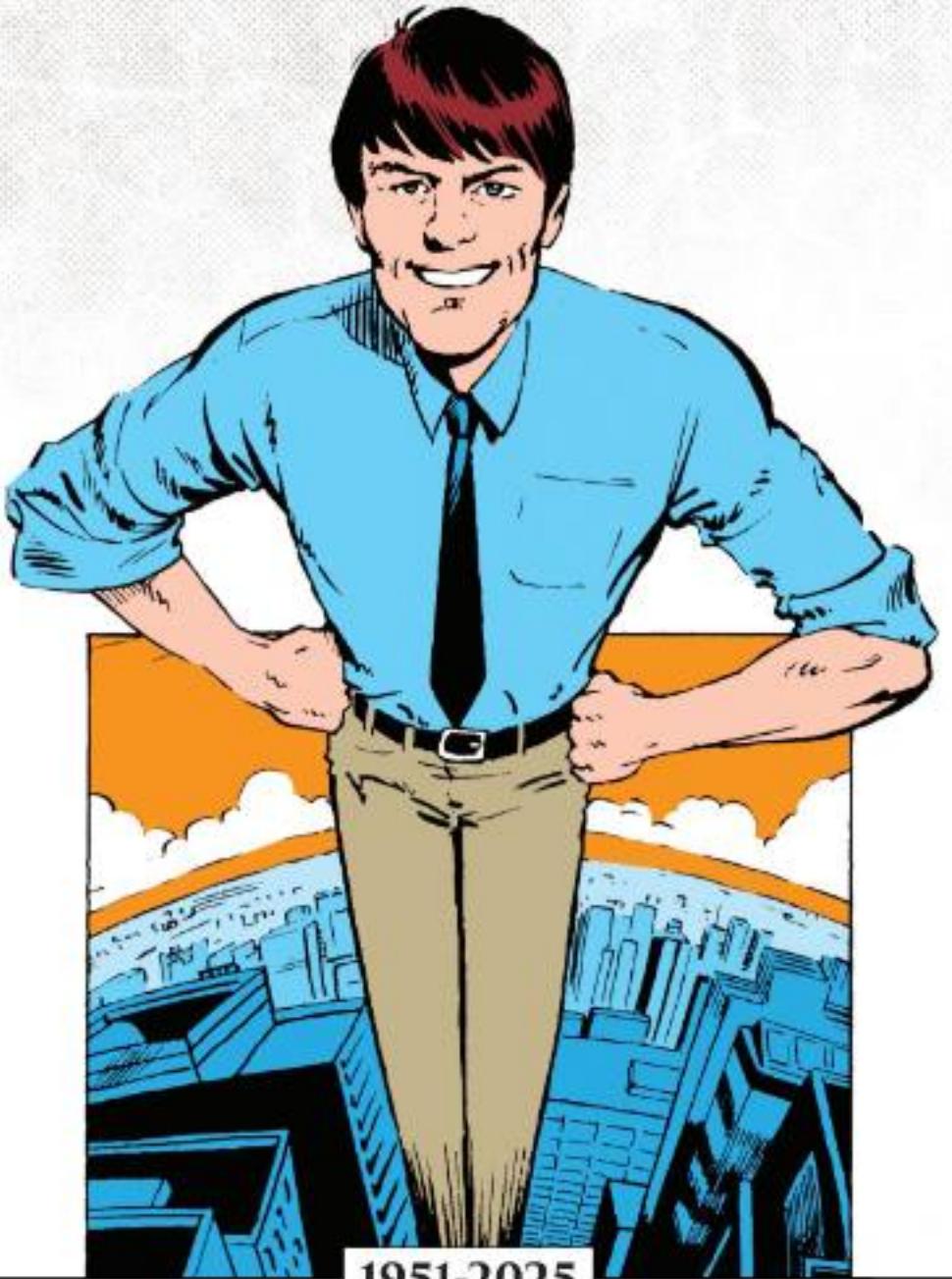
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MARVEL
REMEMBERS

JIM SHOOTER



1951-2025

Marvel remembers the life and career of Jim Shooter, a giant of the comics industry. Jim began his career in comics at the age of 14 writing DC's Legion of Super Heroes in Action Comics. He came to Marvel in 1976 and quickly moved up to become editor in chief, holding that position from 1978 to 1987. He brought new ideas and processes to the company, creating an editorial structure and supportive initiatives for creators that are still in place today.

Under his tenure, Marvel released classic stories such as Jim Starlin's *Death of Captain Marvel*, Walter Simonson's *Thor*, Frank Miller's *Daredevil* and Chris Claremont's *X-Men*. His *Secret Wars* limited series also went on to usher in an era of event comics and company-wide crossovers.

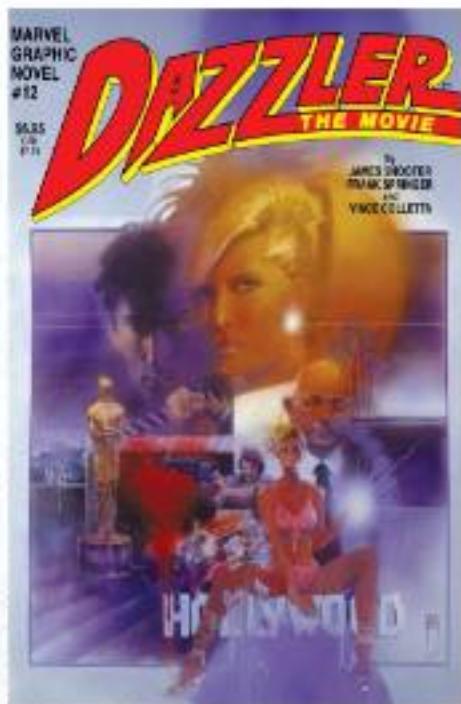


After leaving Marvel, he would go on to lead three other comic book companies and continue writing and making convention appearances. Shooter profoundly affected the comics industry, and his undeniable legacy will not be forgotten.



"The modern comic book industry would not be the same without Jim Shooter's contributions as a writer, editor and editor in chief. He left an indelible mark on our business, both creatively and culturally, and so many of us are where we are today thanks to Jim bringing Marvel to such prominence in the '80s. I met Jim for the first time when I was 13 years old and last saw him in the summer of 2022, where I was able to tell him how much his efforts meant to me and so many fans, and how it was an honor to be following in his footsteps. Rest in peace, Jim."

— C.B. CEBULSKI, EDITOR IN CHIEF



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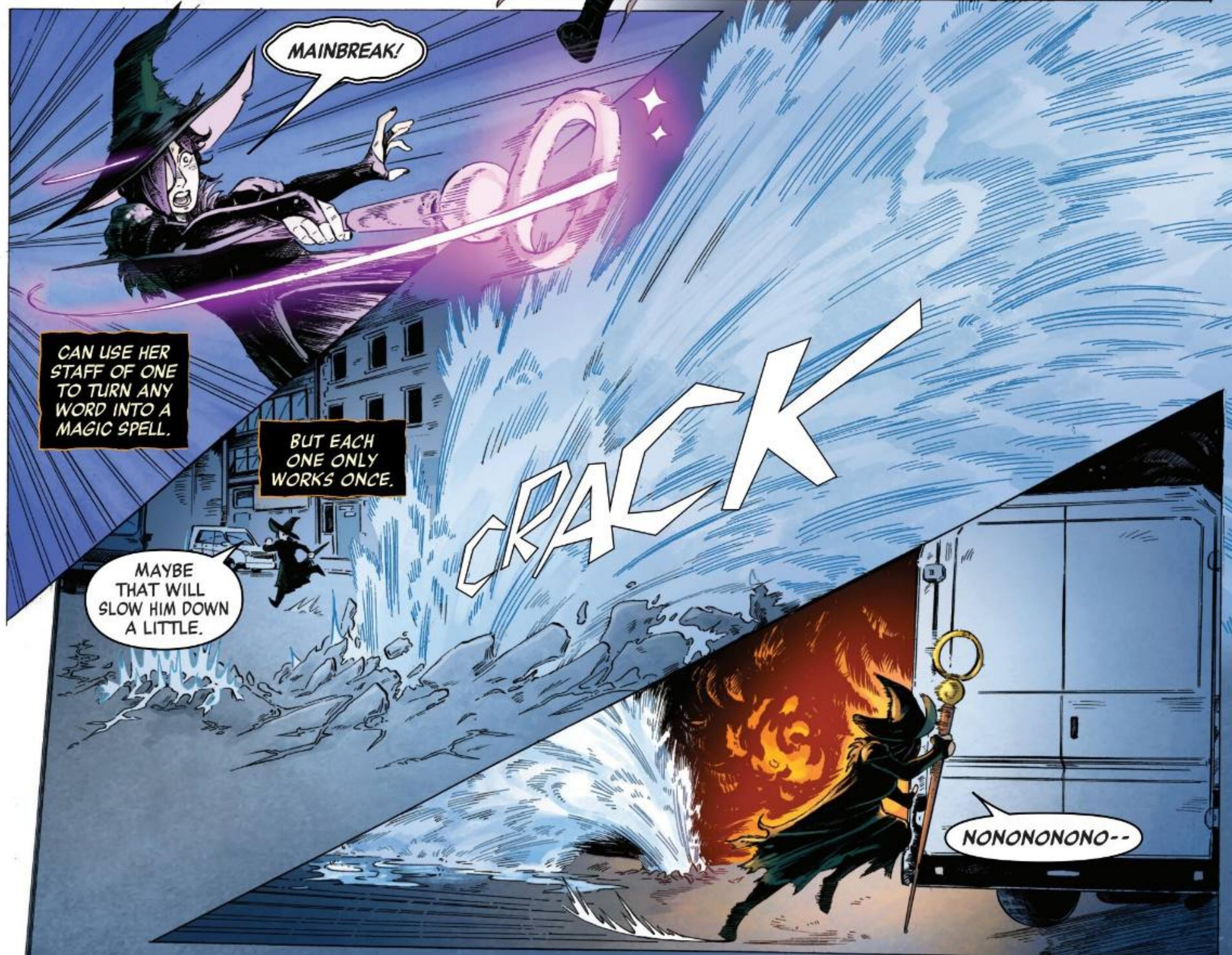
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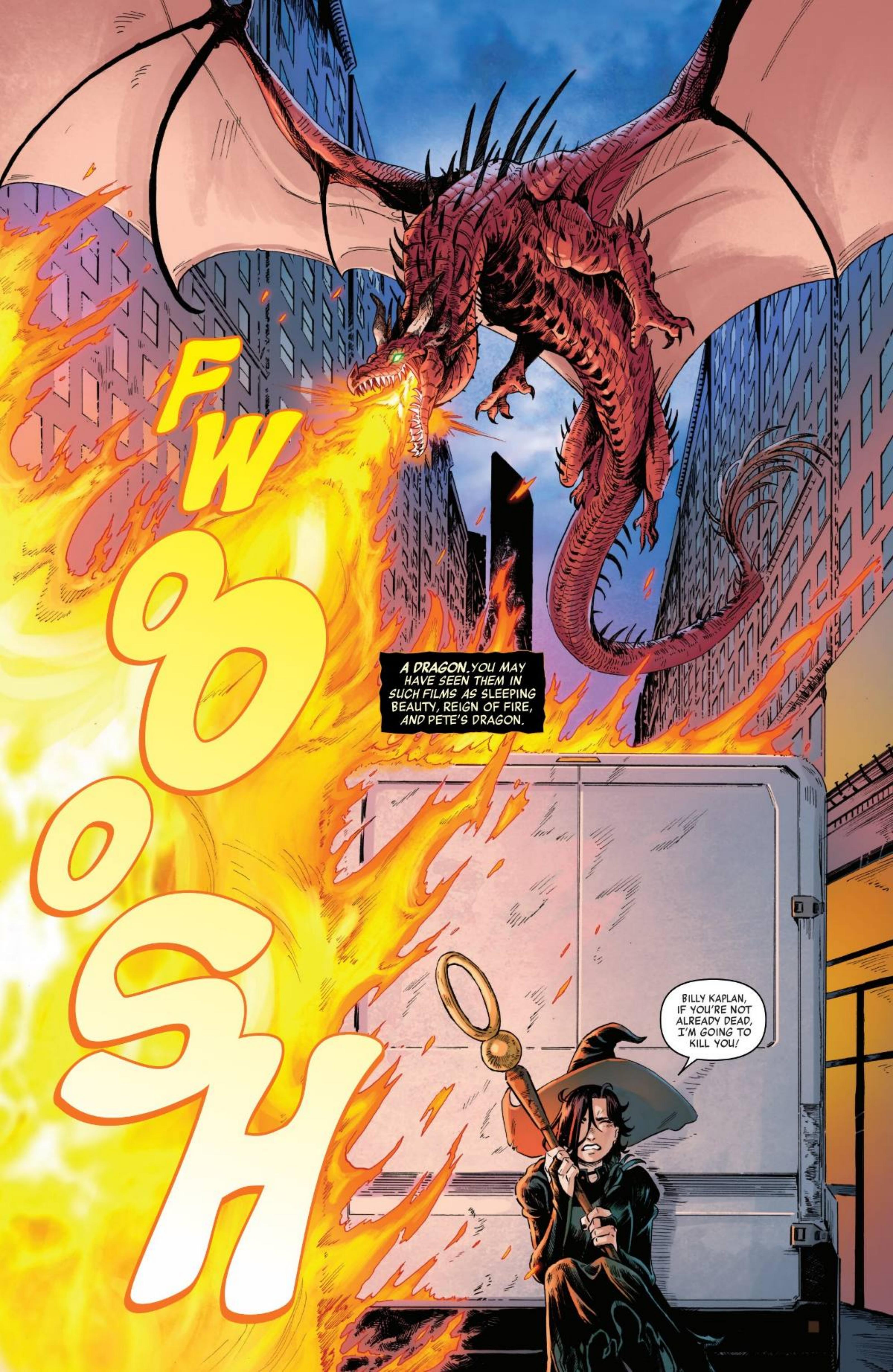
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"MY GIRLFRIEND, KAROLINA, AND I GOT TOGETHER WITH BILLY AND TEDDY TO GET COFFEE AND CATCH UP."

"SINCE HALLOWEEN IS A DANGEROUS TIME FOR MAGIC USERS TO BE OUT, BILLY INVITED US OVER TO THEIR PLACE."



"KAROLINA WAS VERY EXCITED ABOUT DOING A COUPLES THING AND US HAVING A COUPLE'S COSTUME."

"WHAT I DIDN'T ANTICIPATE WAS JUST HOW INCREDIBLY NERDY THE WHOLE THING WOULD BE."

THIS IS AN OFFENSIVE STEREOTYPE.

NICO, THIS IS ALMOST EXACTLY HOW YOU DRESS EVERY DAY.

KAROLINA DEAN.
SOLAR-POWERED ALIEN,
NICO'S GIRLFRIEND.

THEODORE "TEDDY"
ALTMAN. HALF-SKRULL,
HALF-KREE SPACE PRINCE.
BILLY'S HUSBAND.

I FOUND IT AT A THRIFT STORE IN BROOKLYN!

WILLIAM "BILLY" KAPLAN.
ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL MAGIC USERS IN THE UNIVERSE.
TEDDY'S HUSBAND.

OKAY, SO, YOU ATTEMPT TO BLIND THE CYCLOPS WITH A FIREBALL. ROLL TO SEE IF YOUR SPELL HITS.

MY CHARACTER SHEET!
GRAB IT!



WHERE DID THAT WIND COME FROM? NONE OF THE WINDOWS ARE OPEN.

DON'T DISTRACT FROM THE FACT THAT YOU JUST ROLLED A FIVE AND YOUR SPELL FIZZLED.

OKAY, THEN IT'S A TEST OF STRENGTH! YOUR BARBARIAN AGAINST MY OGRE.

I'M GONNA TROUNCE HIM.



OKAY...LET'S SEE, MONK STUFF... I'M GONNA TRY TO JUMP OFF THE CAVE WALL AND HIT THE OGRE FROM BEHIND WITH MY STAFF.

GET 'IM, BABY.

A SKULL? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

OH, POOR KAROLINA! IT'S A CRITICAL FAILURE!



"BUT THEN
THINGS GOT
A BIT TOO
REAL."



WHERE IS
EVERYBODY?
WHERE ARE
KAROLINA AND
TEDDY?

IT'S
HALLOWEEN!
THERE SHOULD
BE PEOPLE EVERY--

ROARRR!

MAGIC
MISSILE MAGIC
MISSILE MAGIC
MISSILE

/PARA!/*

*SLOW DOWN!/
TRANSLATED
FROM SPANISH.

MY SPELLS
AREN'T EVEN
HURTING IT.

COULDA
SWORN I HADN'T
USED THAT SPANISH
WORD FOR A SPELL
BEFORE, BUT IT'S NOT
WORKING--HE ISN'T
SLOWING DOWN!

SOMETHING'S
NOT RIGHT HERE.
WE DON'T KNOW
THE RULES TO
THE GAME.

BILLY,
DON'T JUST
STAND THERE!

BILLY,
LOOK
OUT!

GET NICO
TO SOMEONE
WHO CAN HELP
GET NICO
TO SOMEONE
WHO CAN
HELP

NOW.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO KAROLINA AND TEDDY, BUT THE DRAGON WAS JUST CLOSING ITS JAWS ON BILLY AS HE TRANSPORTED ME.

SUDDENLY, I WAS HALFWAY ACROSS MANHATTAN, BUT THE DRAGON WAS THERE IN SECONDS. I KNOCKED ON THE FIRST DOOR I CAME TO, AND...

HONESTLY, I WAS PRETTY WORRIED THE DRAGON WOULD FOLLOW ME IN HERE, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE OKAY.

INDEED. I THINK IN THAT VERY OBSERVATION, WE HAVE CLUES TO THE ANSWERS TO MANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

MY EMPORIUM IS SET UP SO THAT OUTSIDE MAGICS MAY NOT AFFECT WHAT IS INSIDE.

COME ALONG.

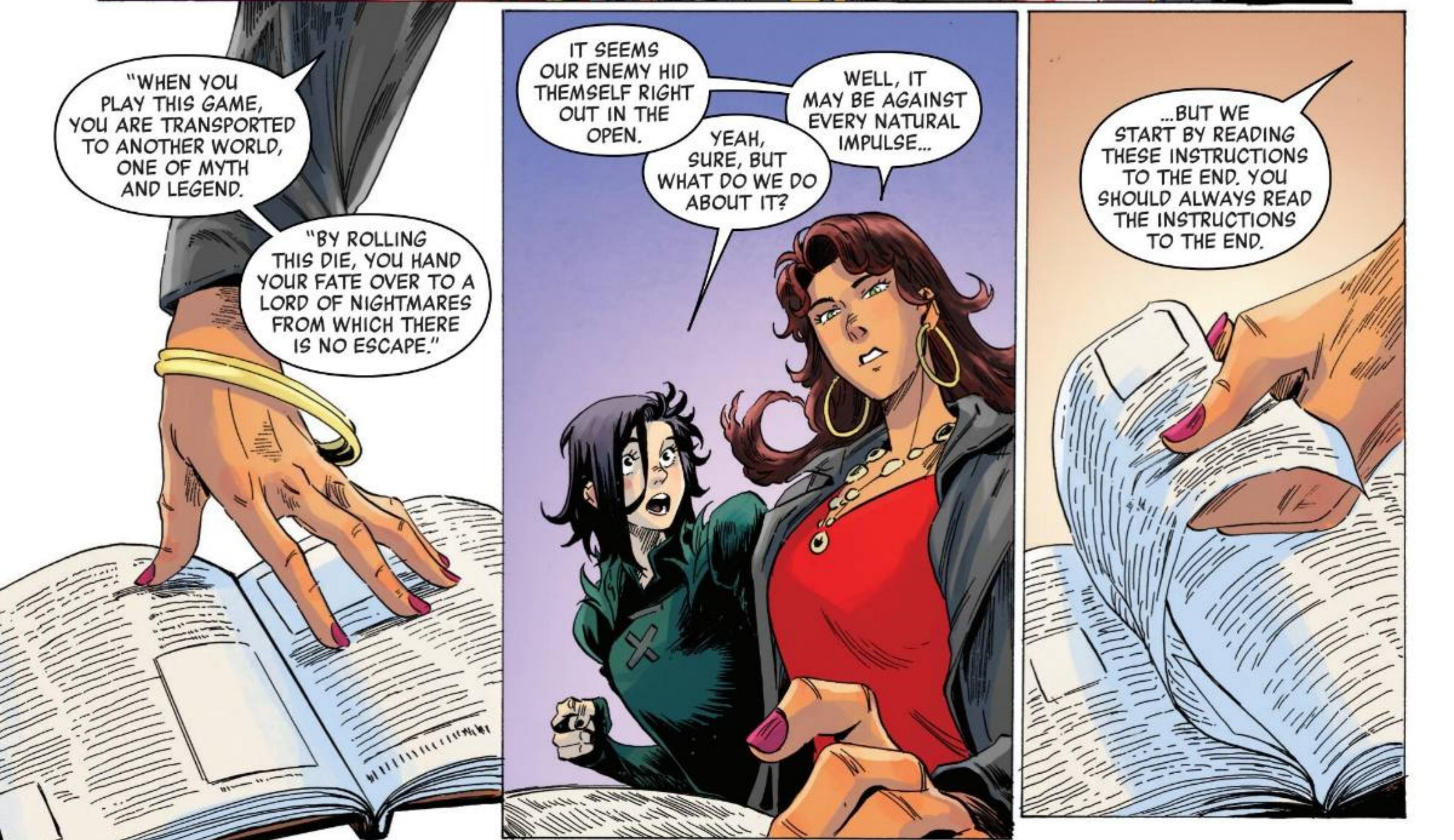
YOU'RE GOING OUT THERE WITH THAT DRAGON?

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ROUTE WOULD BE VERY PRODUCTIVE.

IF YOU WILL INDULGE ME FOR A MOMENT, MS. MINORU.

HOWEVER, THIS DOOR GOES WHEREVER I NEED IT TO.

YOU SHOULD PROBABLY HOLD MY HAND.





YES! I WAS NOT HALLUCINATING!

IT APPEARS FROM THE SMOKING HOLE IN THE WALL, YOUR GIRLFRIEND CREATED HER OWN WAY OUT.



BUT NOW THAT YOU ROLLED THE DIE, WON'T YOU BE IN THIS MASTER'S HANDS AS WELL?

ONLY ONCE IT LANDS ON A SURFACE IS A ROLL COMPLETED. AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THIS DRESS?



IT HAS POCKETS.

"THE THING ABOUT CREATING RULES IS THAT IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY BOX OTHERS IN..."

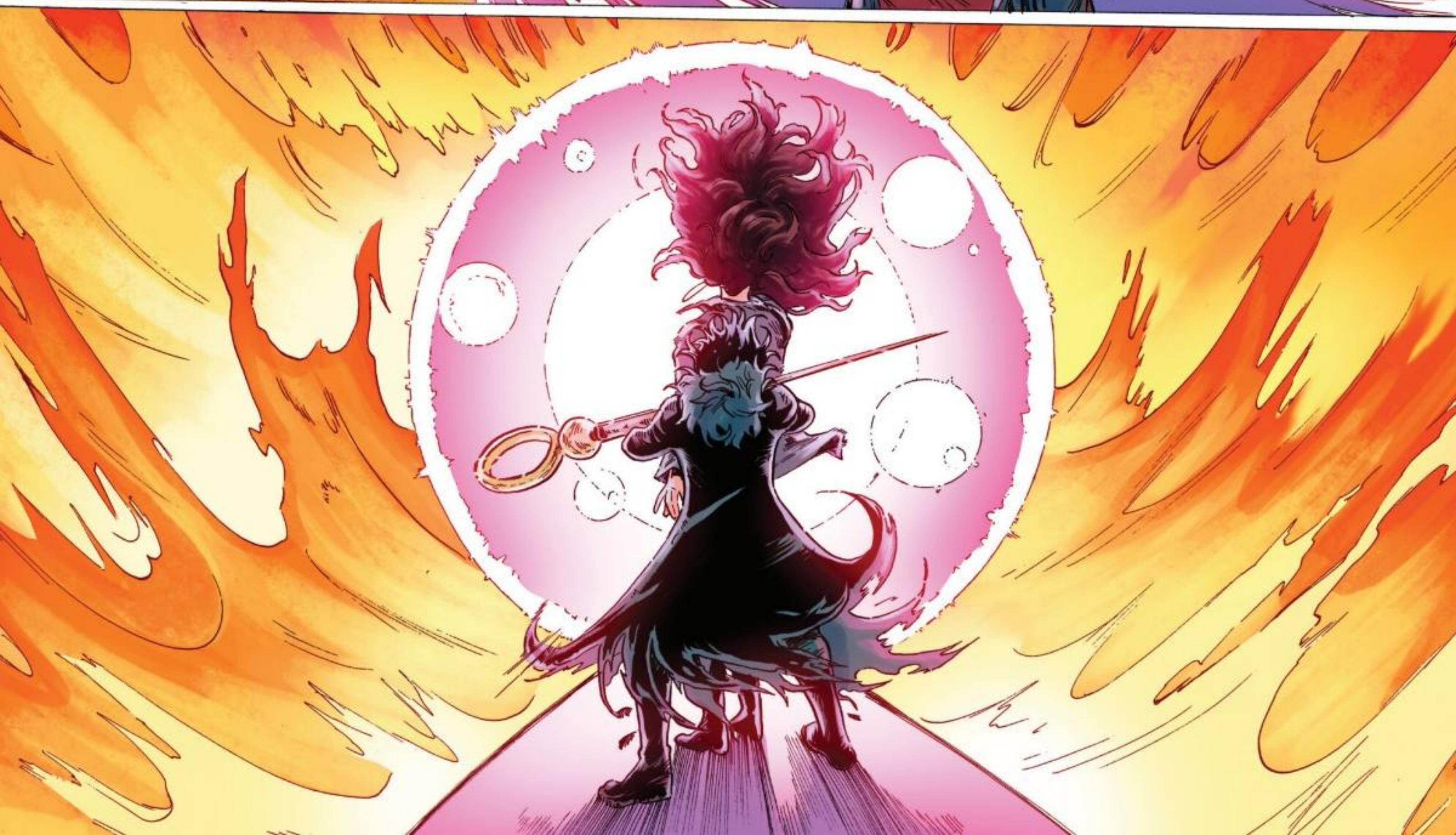
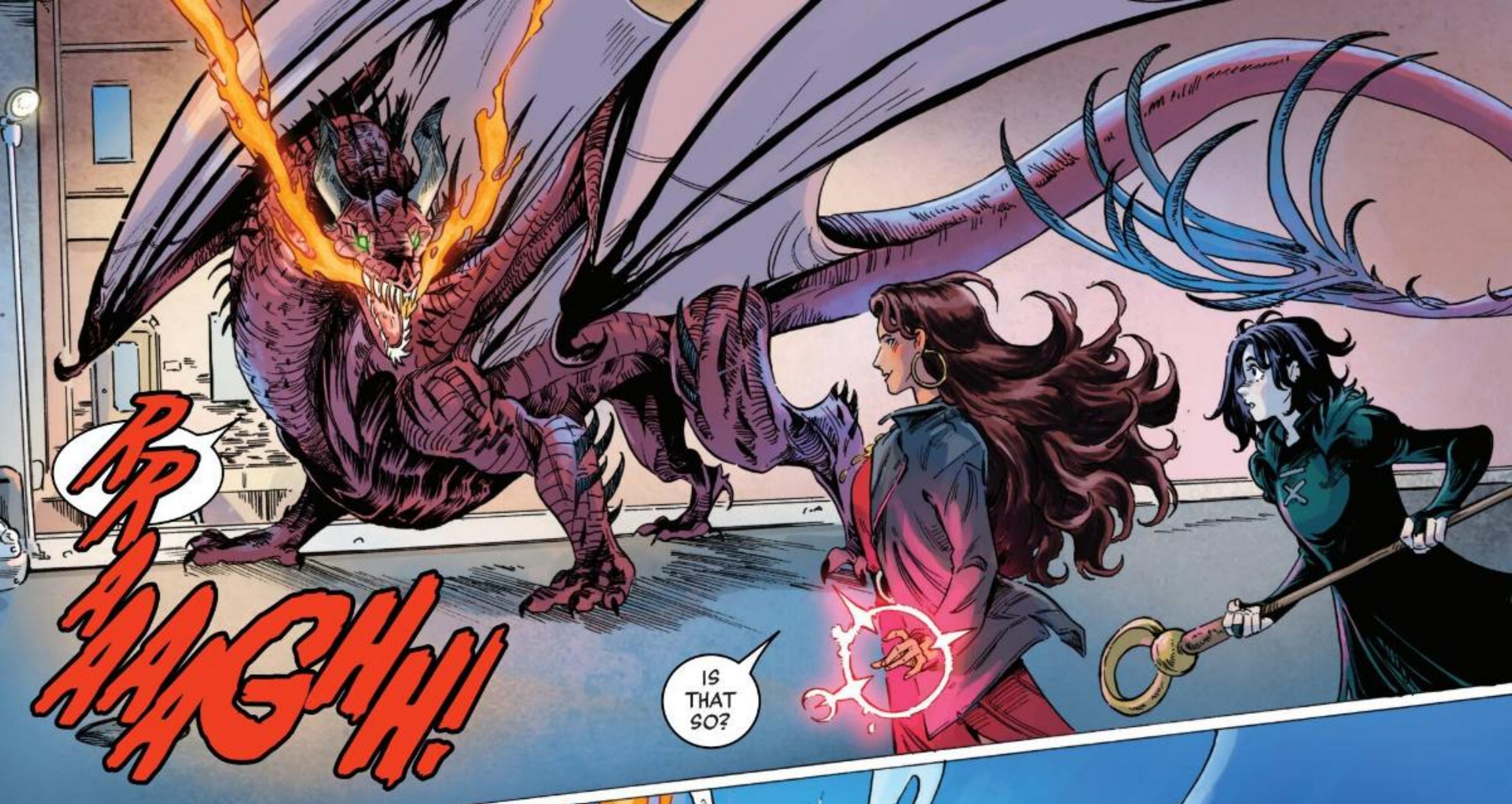
"...YOU ALSO DEFINE YOUR OWN LIMITS."

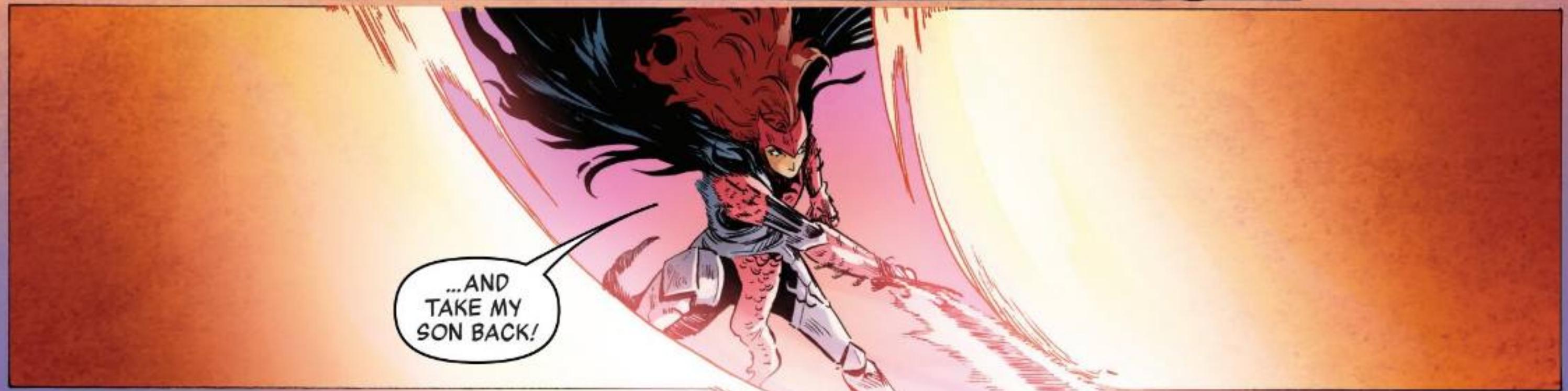
"NOW..."

"...LET'S FIND THAT DRAGON."









OH, THAT
REALLY WAS
A CLEVER BIT
OF WORK.
YOU KNOW,
WANDA,
NIGHTMARE WORLD
COULD USE A
QUEEN.

NIGHTMARE,
LORD OF FEAR
AND KING OF
BAD DREAMS.

GIVE MY
SON BACK, OR
I'LL DICE YOU
INTO A DOZEN
DAYDREAMS.

WHERE IS HE?
AND WHERE ARE
TEDDY AND MY
GIRLFRIEND??!

YOU WERE
SUPPOSED TO JOIN THEM.
I WAS SENT TO RETRIEVE
TWO MAGIC-USING TEENS
TO HELP POWER THE END
OF THE WORLD.

BUT THE
BOYS AND YOUR
LIGHTNING-BUG
GIRLFRIEND WILL
DO JUST--

YOU FOOL.
EVEN IF YOU COULD
DESTROY ME, HE'S
WELL BEYOND YOUR
REACH NOW.

SHUT UP!

POKE

OW!





CHANCE IS
AN OLD FRIEND
OF MINE.

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Nooooo!

F
WOOOSH!



NEXT



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While running late for her next gig with the Mary Janes on Halloween, Gwen Stacy discovers an unconscious Doctor Strange, the latest victim of the nefarious Green Goblin!

As pumpkin bombs explode and webs thwip within the halls of the Sanctum Sanctorum, will Ghost-Spider treat Green Goblin to the taste of defeat, or will she fall prey to the Goblin's tricks?

NICO MINORU



BIOGRAPHY

Real Name: Nico Minoru
Height: 5'4 Weight: None of your business Gender: Female

Eyes: Distinguishing Features: Hair: Brown

Occupation: Occurred to be here

Origin: None

Team: None

History: None

Abilities: None

Skills: None

Equipment: None

Weaknesses: None

Notes: None

Abilities: None

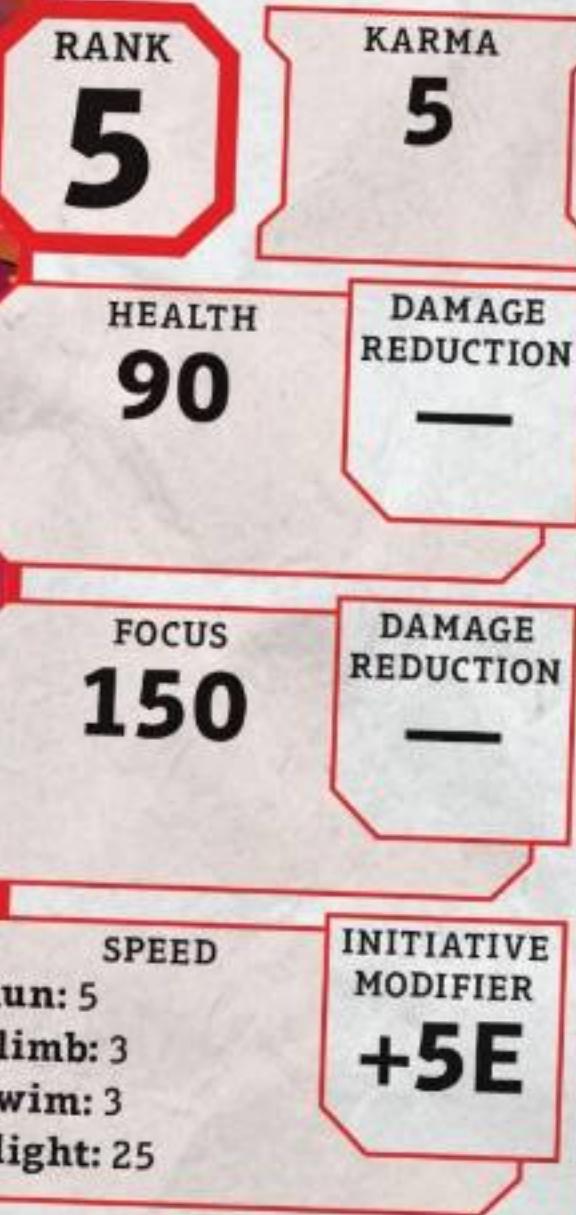
Skills: None

Equipment: None

Weaknesses: None

Notes: None

SCARLET WITCH



ABILITIES

ABILITY SCORE	DEFENSE SCORE	NON-COMBAT CHECKS
2 MELEE	12	+2
2 AGILITY	12	+2
3 RESILIENCE	13	+3
5 VIGILANCE	15	+5
8 EGO	18	+10
5 LOGIC	15	+5

DAMAGE

MELEE	5	MULTIPLIER	+	2	ABILITY
AGILITY	5	MULTIPLIER	+	2	ABILITY

TRAITS & TAGS

TRAITS

- Combat Expert
- Connections: Super Heroes
- Dealmaker
- Extraordinary Origin
- Fearless
- Font of Information
- Situational Awareness
- Weird

TAGS

- Black Market Access
- Chaotic
- Heroic
- Hounded
- Public Identity
- Sorcerous
- Supernatural

POWERS

BASIC

- Discipline 2
- Flight 2

MAGIC (CHAOS SET)

- Hex Bolt
- Jinx
- Powerful Hex
- Probability-Manipulation Hex
- Protection Hex

MAGIC (SORCERY SET)

- Astral Form
- Bolts of Balthakk
- Crimson Bands of Cyttorak
- Dispel Spell
- Flames of the Faltine
- Images of Ikonn
- Mists of Morpheus
- Shield of the Seraphim (20 points to shatter)
- Summon Portal
- Winds of Watoomb

POWER CONTROL

- Boost Powers
- Dampen Power

BIOGRAPHY

Real Name: Wanda Maximoff

Height: 5'7" Weight: 132 lbs.

Gender: Female

Size: Average

Distinguishing Features: None

Occupation: Adventurer

Origin: Weird Science, Magic: Chaos Magic

Teams: Brotherhood of Evil Mutants, X-Men

Base: Emporium, Lotkill, NY

HISTORY

As infants, Wanda Maximoff and her twin brother, Pietro, were subjected to dangerous experiments, and as they aged, they began to exhibit strange powers. Wanda developed powerful magic, while Pietro developed superhuman speed. Superstitious villagers were about to kill the twins when Magneto saved them and invited them to join his Brotherhood of Evil Mutants as Quicksilver and the Scarlet Witch.

The twins later renounced such evil and became early members of the Avengers. As part of the team, Scarlet Witch met and fell in love with the Vision, with whom she had two children. When that went wrong, she broke down and unleashed the full powers of her chaos magic with disastrous results. She has since recovered and works to redeem herself.

PERSONALITY

Although good at her job, Scarlet Witch has suffered from depression. When she is friendly, she is very kind.