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"So this is, as you say, the finest your city has to offer?"

Hey, it's a hot dog. You know anything else that says New York more than a good dog with mustard, maybe a little chili?

I'm just not altogether sure you've given this a great deal of thought.

Could be. See, I've been thinking, and it's odd...lately I've been handling more than my share of magic cases.

I mean, usually it's some guy in a powered suit, or a piece of technology, or bio-engineering...magic, not so much. Until lately.

Some days I think I'm being set up for something.

I share the feeling.



"I mean, first there was Dormammu, who made the mess that let this Morwen come through in the first place--



--and bad enough she's got the hots for me and wants to give me a bunch of powers to make me her own little magical soulmate--

--then I got you hunting her, then hunting *me* to hunt *her*....




"Any way you look at it, I'm up to my webs in magical whackos."

No offense meant.

None taken.





I have come
for your answer,
Spider-Man. Do you
wish to share in the
gift I have to give?
The power I have
to convey upon
you?

Or will
you spurn my
gratitude and
my gift...and
perish?

The Coming of Chaos

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Y'know, you drive a hard bargain, especially when you're dealing with a guy like me, who doesn't do the whole booga-booga magic thing.

I don't--

But as it happens, I got somebody here who can deal with you on your own--

Tess?

No, this is Morwen, remember? We went over all this in the staff meeting, it's --

No. The spirit is Morwen. But the body... the body belongs to Tess Black. I did not see before now, I was not close enough to--

Whoa, hang on, wait a second... who's Tess Black?



My daughter.

You have a daughter?

Hundreds, across the centuries.

I'm a Norse god. It's what we do.



So, that's what drew me to this body. I felt strength in it, the blood of gods, but now I understand.

And I understand why it has made me even stronger than before.

Give me back my daughter!



I will do no such thing. And if you attempt to drive me out of this body somehow, the trauma would almost certainly drive her into madness.

You are bold to anger me in such a fashion. It is a powerful sorcerer who would challenge a god--

Psst... hey, Sir Pose-a-lot...



Silence.

Question: If Tess really does have your blood in her veins, instead of being a weak mortal--





Your trickery, your cunning, and your seeming random behavior are all bent toward one goal: to create a universe where **you** are in charge, where everyone does exactly as you tell them.



You do not perpetuate chaos so that only the strong will survive and thus improve the universe, which is my master's noble goal...



No, *you* wish for one thing only: **control**. And control is the enemy of chaos.



And consequently, you are my enemy.



Spider-Man, I sense truth in the rumors that I have heard, that you won't kill others. I'm going to draw Morwen's attention and her fire, while you do everything you can to save Tess by wearing Morwen down.



Hey I'm not gonna be some pawn in your quick-changing alliances, pal! And I don't take kindly to--



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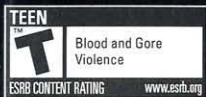
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Aw,
heck!

That and I hate admitting that I can relate to him. We both share the burden of having great power and using it on the periphery.

Different goals, natch. But she's right, we're both tricksters of a sort.



Besides, no matter how you slice it, Tess didn't deserve to have this happen to her. Whatever Loki was and is, Tess is innocent.



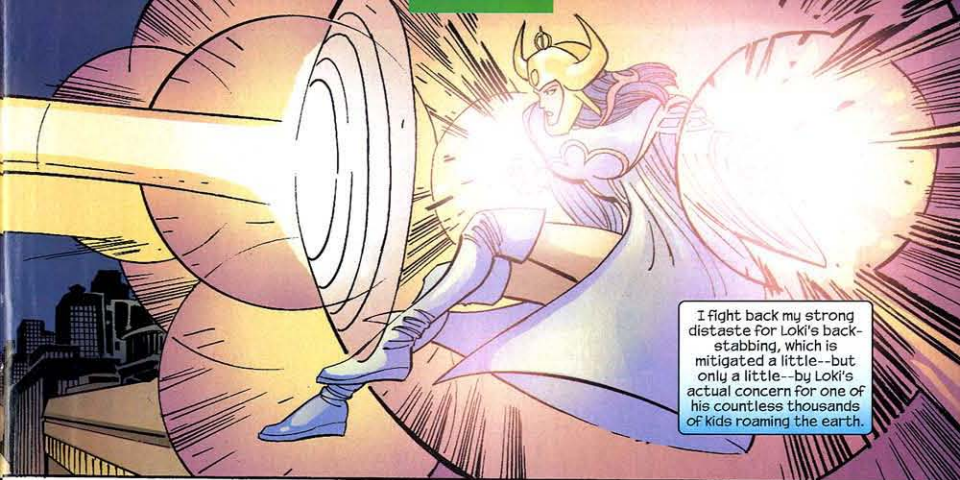
I forgot...
how slow...mortals
can be.



I just wanted you to feel like you were doing well. I'd hate for this fight to be over before you got in a few shots.

Since you have chosen to fight me instead of join with me.





I fight back my strong distaste for Loki's backstabbing, which is mitigated a little—but only a little—by Loki's actual concern for one of his countless thousands of kids roaming the earth.



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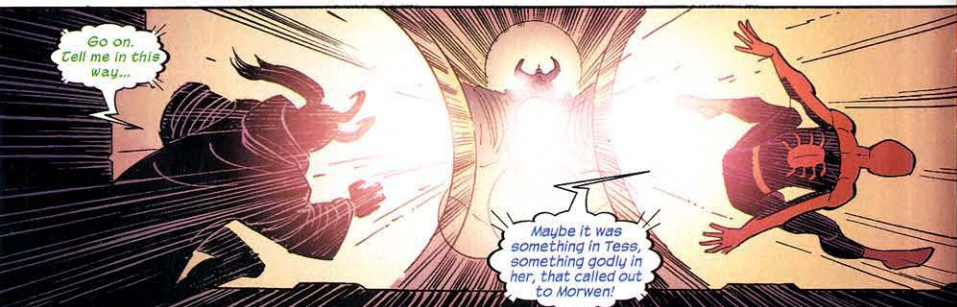


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I'm going in ...



Help me.
Someone.
Please.



Tess,
I've come.

Do you
know who
I am?

...Father?



You cannot
defeat me. Loki
himself cannot
defeat me.

I'm
willing to
try.

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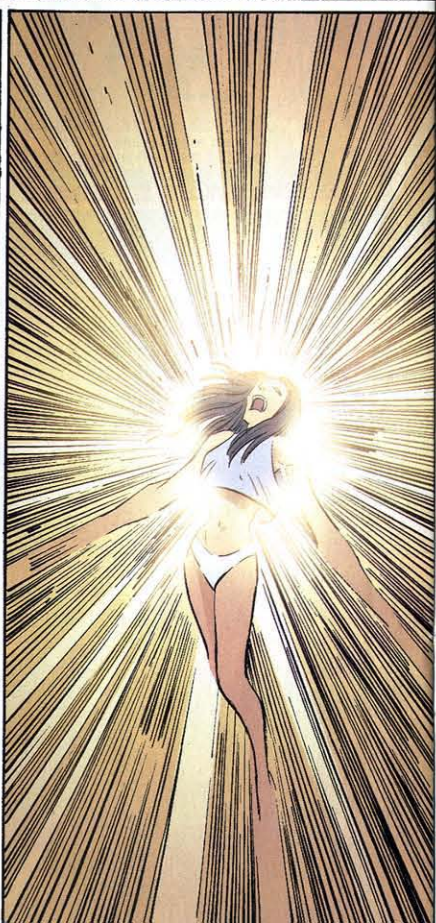
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you and then
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thief, Loki.





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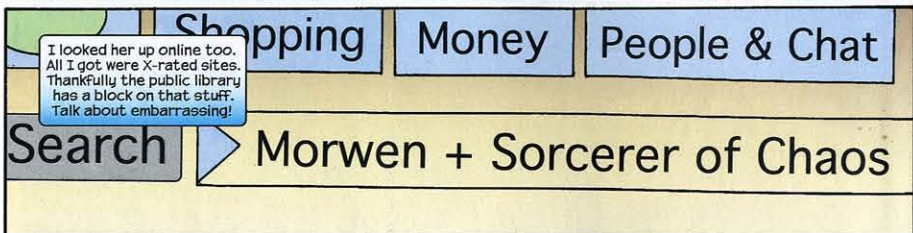
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Doc Strange still wasn't in town, so I did a little investigating of my own at the public library.



There was nothing on microfiche or any literature on Morwen, First Sorcerer of Chaos.

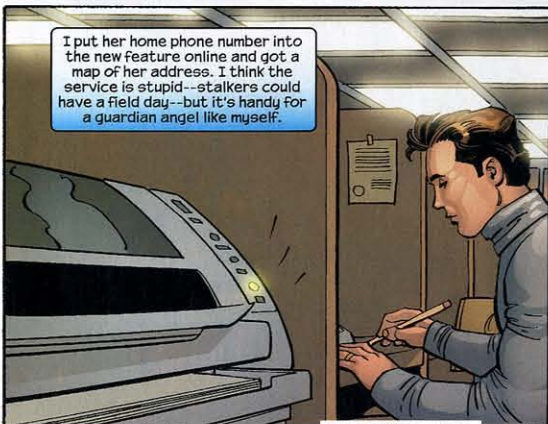


I looked her up online too. All I got were X-rated sites. Thankfully the public library has a block on that stuff. Talk about embarrassing!



Then I did some checking on Tess Black.

Doesn't seem like Loki's kid. For starters, she's respectable, even made the paper a few times. She's a stock trader and pretty well-off.



I put her home phone number into the new feature online and got a map of her address. I think the service is stupid--stalkers could have a field day--but it's handy for a guardian angel like myself.



Oh, and I made absolutely sure Aunt May's number stayed unlisted. Just 'cuz.

WIZARD



LET THE VOTING BEGIN!

The 11th Annual Wizard Fan Awards are here and it's time for you, the comic book fans, to determine what ranks as the best in the comics world from 2003!

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Winners will be announced at the Wizard World Chicago convention which takes place on August 13-15, 2004!

Ready? Then grab an implement of writing and GO!

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- ☐ Geoff Johns (*Flash, Teen Titans*)
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- ☐ J. Michael Straczynski (*Amazing Spider-Man, Supreme Power*)
- ☐ Mark Waid (*Superman: Birthright, Fantastic Four*)
- ☐ write-in _____

FAVORITE PENCILER

- ☐ David Finch (*Ultimate X-Men*)
- ☐ Bryan Hitch (*The Ultimates*)
- ☐ Andy Kubert (*1602*)
- ☐ Jim Lee (*Batman*)
- ☐ George Pérez (*JLA/Avgers, Solus*)
- ☐ write-in _____

FAVORITE BREAKOUT TALENT

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- ☐ Scott Kolins (*Flash*)
- ☐ Alex Maleev (*Daredevil*)
- ☐ Mike McKone (*Teen Titans*)
- ☐ Josh Middleton (*NYX*)
- ☐ write-in _____

FAVORITE INKER

- ☐ Scott Hanna (*Amazing Spider-Man*)
- ☐ Danny Miki (*Ultimate X-Men*)
- ☐ Jimmy Palmiotti (*21 Down*)
- ☐ Art Thibert (*Ultimate Spider-Man*)
- ☐ Scott Williams (*Batman*)
- ☐ write-in _____

FAVORITE PAINTER

- ☐ Greg Horn (*Elektra, Emma Frost*)
- ☐ Dave Johnson (*100 Bullets*)
- ☐ David Mack (*Daredevil*)
- ☐ Gabriele Dell'Otto (*The Call*)
- ☐ Alex Ross (*Battle of the Planets, JLA: Liberty & Justice*)
- ☐ write-in _____

FAVORITE COLORIST

- ☐ Hi-Fi Design (*New X-Men*)
- ☐ Laura Martin (*Ruse*)
- ☐ Alex Sinclair (*Batman*)
- ☐ Dave Stewart (*Ultimate X-Men*)
- ☐ UDON (*Battle of the Planets, Street Fighter*)
- ☐ write-in _____

FAVORITE LETTERER

- ☐ Chris Eliopoulos (*Ultimate Spider-Man, Ultimates*)
- ☐ Todd Klein (*1602, Sandman: Endless Nights*)
- ☐ Dave Lanphear (*El Cazador, Ruse*)
- ☐ Ken Lopez (*JLA, JSA*)
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- ☐ write-in _____

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- ☐ Axel Alonso (*Spider-Man books*)
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FAVORITE HERO

- ☐ Batman (*Batman*)
- ☐ Captain America (*Avengers*)
- ☐ Daredevil (*Daredevil*)
- ☐ Hellboy (*Hellboy: Weird Tales*)
- ☐ Spider-Man (*Ultimate Spider-Man*)
- ☐ write-in _____

FAVORITE HEROINE

- ☐ Arwyn (*Sajourn*)
- ☐ Emma Frost (*New X-Men*)
- ☐ Jessica Jones (*Alias*)
- ☐ Mystique (*Mystique*)
- ☐ Wonder Woman (*Wonder Woman*)
- ☐ write-in _____

FAVORITE VILLAIN

- ☐ Deathstroke (*Teen Titans*)
- ☐ Dr. Doom (*Fantastic Four*)
- ☐ Hush (*Batman*)
- ☐ Red Skull (*Avengers*)
- ☐ Xorn/Magneto (*New X-Men*)
- ☐ write-in _____

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- ☐ Catwoman (*Batman*)
- ☐ Ezekiel (*Amazing Spider-Man*)
- ☐ Mary Jane Watson (*Ultimate Spider-Man*)
- ☐ Nick Fury (*Ultimates*)
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FAVORITE ONGOING SERIES

- ☐ Batman
- ☐ Fantastic Four
- ☐ New X-Men
- ☐ Teen Titans
- ☐ Ultimate Spider-Man
- ☐ write-in _____

FAVORITE MINI-SERIES

- ☐ 1602
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- ☐ write-in _____

FAVORITE PUBLISHER

- ☐ CrossGen Comics
- ☐ Dark Horse Comics
- ☐ DC Comics
- ☐ Marvel Comics
- ☐ Top Cow Productions
- ☐ write-in _____

FAVORITE COMIC MERCHANDISE

- ☐ Batman action figures (*Mattel*)
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- ☐ Kingdom Come action figures (*DC Direct*)
- ☐ Marvel Legends (*Toy Biz*)
- ☐ write-in _____

FAVORITE COMIC TV OR MOVIE PROJECT

- ☐ "Daredevil" (*20th Century Fox*)
- ☐ "Justice League" (*Cartoon Network*)
- ☐ "Smallville" (*The WB*)
- ☐ "Spider-Man" (*MTV*)
- ☐ "X2: X-Men United" (*20th Century Fox*)
- ☐ write-in _____

COMICS' GREATEST MOMENT—2002

- ☐ Clayface returns as Jason Todd (*Batman* #617)
- ☐ Dr. Doom scars Reed Richards (*Fantastic Four* #500)
- ☐ Spider-Man picturing Jean Grey naked (*Ultimate Spider-Man* #43)
- ☐ Thor hitting Superman with Mjolnir (*JLA/Avengers* #1)
- ☐ Xorn revealed to be Magneto (*New X-Men* #146)
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☐ **Wolverine** (WOL)
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SPIDER-MAN

- ☐ **Amazing Spider-Man** (AMZ)
☐ **Spectacular Spider-Man** (SPI)
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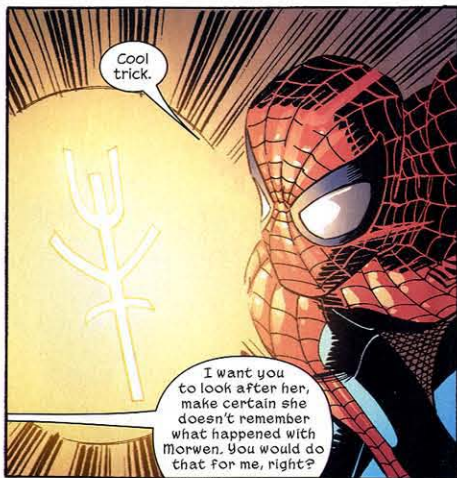
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This is all of Tess' vital information, including where her new home is located.



Cool trick.

I want you to look after her, make certain she doesn't remember what happened with Morwen. You would do that for me, right?



So much for the favor of the gods.



My request has displeased you?

Nah, it's just...I have my own reasons to look after Tess anyway. Morwen might be back to try and take over her body again.



That is my concern as well. And that's one thing we finally have in common.

Yeah. You weren't a big fan of street pizza or hot dogs.

If you need me, use the rune. That rune you have will summon me in an instant should Tess be in danger.



Right. Kinda like Loki Phone Home.

What?

Nothing...

These shoes were found 46 yards from
the crash caused by a drunk driver.
Carissa Deason was thrown 30 yards and
not even her father, a doctor, could save her.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



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But I kept the Rune.
Then headed home after
my patrol, thinking that
it's kinda cool to have
a god on your side, all
things considered.

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