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Peter Gillis : Dr. Strange: Strange Tales before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dr. Strange: Strange Tales:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. An Akward Start, but a Rewarding Reading ExperienceBy Sylvester KrapaWhile I appreciate Marvel collecting this rather unexpected run, I am disappointed that it does not collect the entirety of Gillis' Dr. Strange run despite it being a perfect opportunity to do so. For those who are unaware of the

backstory behind this run, Gillis started his run on Dr Strange with Strange's second solo series but that series was cancelled before Gillis finished his story. Gillis then continued his story in a shared anthology book called "Strange Tales" with Bill Mantlo's "Cloak and Dagger" series. Only the Strange Tales material is collected here, which makes this trade feel very much like you are jumping into the middle of the story. The first four or so issues are incredibly rough to follow, and even as the story starts getting great I do feel a lot of the impact of certain elements reappearing in the story gets lost as their initial appearance is not collected in this trade. Since I have not read Gillis' other material, I admit that I am only assuming they would have enhanced this story and would have gotten rid of the awkwardness in the first couple of issues. But I have a hard time believing that actually reading the story that introduces the Lords of Chaos that Strange fights in this story wouldn't have given a better opening. The story begins with Dr. Strange already fighting against the Lords of Chaos that he unleashed on the world by destroying his magic items. The loss of his magic items also means he has lost a huge chunk of his white magic power, and great moral conflicts within this story make his already weak white magic even weaker. Dr. Strange gets forced to turn to dark magic to save the planet from his mistakes and the book gets more interesting as you see more of the moral dilemmas that Strange has to face. The thing that really makes this a great story for me is the return of Kaluu, a Z-List Dr. Strange villain from the 60s. Kaluu was a one dimensional evil wizard villain that appeared for about two issues, but he had potential as a character in his history with Dr. Strange's teacher, the Ancient One. That potential is tapped in this story and shows Kaluu as a more nuanced character. That nuance adds a lot to the story with Kaluu teaching Strange the value of Black Magic as Strange tries to maintain his good nature despite his dark actions. Because of the awkward way it's collected, I would not recommend Strange Tales to a new reader but I would to someone who is already interested in Dr. Strange and read some of his other material. I do hope one day all of Gillis' stuff is collected in one book, but I am glad that Marvel decided to collect this even if it's in an imperfect format.

19 of 19 people found the following review helpful. Dr Strange Explores Black Magic By Anthony S. Picco I read this storyline when it was first published 20+ years ago, and it still holds up. The artwork is ok, better in some places than others, but it is the storyline itself that is fascinating. The saga begins after Dr. Strange has defeated one villain by destroying many of his own mystical objects, and thereby releasing into the universe an equally dangerous situation. And in order to fix this, he has to hook up with former villain Kaluu, and learn to make compromises with his own sense of purity, because without using the energies of black magic he cannot solve the crisis he created. In many ways, this story arc really opened up evolved the concepts behind the idea and role of a "Sorcerer Supreme." The good doctor has to learn to examine the greater good versus the idea of never putting anyone in harm's way. In some ways the story is a little chilling, because it examines the very concepts of morality integrity on a large scale. By the end of the tale, Dr. Strange has compromised many of his beliefs in order to repair the damage he created to the universe. Along the way, he is joined on his journey by temporary disciple Rintrah... all in all, one of the several story arcs that make Dr. Strange one of the more thought-provoking characters in the comics.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One of my favourite Dr Strange stories By Loki Carbis A well-crafted tale of the Doctor's descent into black magic, as it becomes clearer and clearer that white magic just isn't enough anymore. A story of sacrifice and compromise, where the stakes are as high as they've ever been, and it's never sure that if the good Doctor emerges victorious the victory may be a Pyrrhic one. Also worth checking out for fans of the current Mighty Avengers series who are curious about the morally ambivalent mage Kaluu, one of Marvel's most fun characters, this is a must-read story.

It's Dr. Strange as you've never seen him before: as an eye-patch-wearing wielder of black magic! See him take on the deadliest foes in any dimension: Khat, Erlik Khan, Shuma-Gorath, Enitharmon the Weaver and more! Guest-starring the Defenders, Valkyrie, Cloak and Dagger, and some of Strange's closest friends - including Rintrah, Topaz, Clea and Wong! Collecting the Dr. Strange stories from STRANGE TALES (1987) #1-19 and the Cloak Dagger story from #7.