THE SORCERER

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SYNOPSIS

Omar Ney is a man of mysterious origins, one of a small coterie of Magians who protect and attempt to guide the lives of their fellows. He has begun grooming his successor – the beautiful Margarete Cameron. Before he can proceed with her training, he must deal with a vexing problem that has obscured her abilities. Her son is being molested by a local parish priest and Omar needs to resolve this issue which he does in a startling way.

Although one difficulty has been surmounted, Omar's world is much more complicated than the personal problems which assault Maggie's life. He is the keeper of a mystical portal through which the souls of discarnate magians pass on their way to further incarnations. Omar Ney is assisted in his work by Taher a Persian Gypsy who is also a member of the Magian Lodge. His mastery of this portal is being contested by members of the Black Lodge which seeks to control this gateway and the souls which pass through it for their own purposes.

As the story progresses, we view Omar and his fellows being attacked through the vehicle of the paparazzi and the sensation seeking press/TV. J.J. Honeycutt, a multi-media mogul, is Omar's primary antagonist. They have been enemies for years and J.J. is using his people to attack and gain control of Omar's powers. These individuals (particularly an ambitious reporter, Lorelei Mendel and her photographer) seek to expose Omar's work to negative publicity and make it difficult for him to retain the privacy essential to the success of his sanctuary. Omar's time is running out but he, with Taher's help, must defeat these paparazzi and complete Maggie's magical training.

After Omar's death, Maggie and Taher contrive to convert even his passing into blessings all round. Lorelei Mendel becomes a news anchor for one of Honeycutt's networks. Her photographer, never happy as a paparazzi, joins Maggie and Taher. And J.J. Honeycutt now must pursue Maggie Cameron, because she has successfully merged with the spirit of Omar Nev. She is the Sorcerer now.