

THEN.

THIS IS ANGELA,
ASGARD'S ASSASSIN.

AS A CHILD, SHE WAS A PRINCESS, STOLEN FROM ASGARD AND RAISED AS AN ANGEL BY A HANDMAIDEN OF THE QUEEN OF THE REALM OF HEVEN.

SHE LIVES AND DIES BY ONE LAW:

NOTHING FOR NOTHING--EVERYTHING HAS ITS PRICE.

BUT THIS ISN'T ANGELA'S STORY.

MY NAME IS SERA.

I'M THE FUNNY ONE.

ALSO THE PRETTY ONE, THE MAGICAL ONE, AND THE ONE WHO CAN PLAY A BITCHIN' LUTE SOLO.

I ALSO HAVE REALLY GOOD HAIR.

IF ANGELA WAS THE ENVY OF HEVEN, THEN I WAS VERY NEARLY ITS EXILE.

I WAS BORN AMONG A DIFFERENT CASTE.

I ESCAPED. I WAS HAPPY.

AND THEN ONE DAY, I WAS SLAIN.

THE QUEEN OF HEL PART ONE

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now.

BUT NOT EVEN *DEATH* HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO KEEP ME FROM THE THING I KNOW IN MY HEART I AM MEANT TO *KNOW AND HAVE AND BE.*

SO I FOUND A MESSENGER--
MALEKITH THE ACCURSED.

HE BROUGHT
ANGELA MY PLEA.

"I AM
IN HEL.

"COME
FIND ME."

SO NOW THIS
IS ANGELA,
QUEEN OF HEL.

AND THIS
IS *ME*, HER ROYAL
CONSORT AND RED
RIGHT HAND.

PLEASE CHECK THE
CROWN, THE *THRONE*,
AND THE IMMINENT
BEHEADING OF
FORMER QUEEN HELA.

WE'RE NOT
MUCH FOR HALF-
MEASURES, US.

BUT IN THE SAGE AND
IMMORTAL ADVICE OF THE
ONE *TRUE* QUEEN, THE
IMMORTAL *BEYONCE*...

...I MIGHT
NEED TO
BACK UP.



EIGHT MONTHS AGO.

THE MOUTH OF HEL.

LET'S START WITH SOMETHING SEXY AND EXCITING.

LET'S START WITH THE CONQUEST OF HEL.

HEL IS A WORLD BOUND TO THE MIND OF ITS MISTRESS AND QUEEN, HELA, RULER OF THE DEAD.

THE REALM SHIFTS BY HER WILL. ITS LAWS ARE ANCIENT, AND HER WHIMS CAN TWIST THOSE LAWS UNTIL THEY SCREAM...

...BUT NOT UNTIL THEY BREAK.

AS VALHALLA IS A REALM OF HONOR, AND FAERIE A REALM OF TEMPTATION--

--HEL IS THE REALM OF TRIALS.

SOMETIMES, HEL IS A PIT.

SOMETIMES, HEL IS A PALACE.