

EONS AGO, DURING A WAR BETWEEN THE ANGELS OF THE TENTH REALM KNOWN AS HEVEN AND THE GODS OF ASGARD, THE NEWBORN DAUGHTER OF ASGARD'S RULERS, ODIN AND FREYJA, WAS SEEMINGLY MURDERED BY THE QUEEN OF ANGELS. IN RESPONSE, ODIN BANISHED THE TENTH REALM TO ANOTHER DIMENSION. BUT UNBEKNOWNST TO NEARLY EVERYONE, THE CHILD WAS ACTUALLY SAVED BY ONE OF THE QUEEN'S HANDMAIDENS AND RAISED TO BELIEVE SHE TOO WAS AN ANGEL -- THAT ALDRIF OF ASGARD WAS ANGELA OF HEVEN.

RECENTLY, THOR AND LOKI LEARNED OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE TENTH REALM AND THEIR LOST SIBLING, RESULTING IN BOTH HEVEN'S RETURN TO OUR DIMENSION AND ANGELA'S TRUE IDENTITY BEING REVEALED TO ALL, INCLUDING HERSELF. WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HER TRUE HERITAGE NOW PUBLIC, ANGELA HAS BEEN CAST OUT OF THE TENTH REALM AND WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH ASGARD...



...WHICH SEEMS STRANGE, CONSIDERING SHE'S CURRENTLY ON THE RUN WITH HER FRIEND SERA AFTER STEALING ODIN AND FREYJA'S LATEST NEWBORN DAUGHTER, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NEXT HEIR TO ASGARD. TO EVADE THOR AND HIS FELLOW ASGARDIANS, SERA BROUGHT ANGELA TO THE REALM OF VANAHEIM, HOME TO THE FORMER ANGEL'S MOTHER -- AND APPARENTLY, A SMALL ARMY OF KILLER DARK ELVES!

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VANAHEIM,
HOME OF THE VANIR,
WISE GODS OF OLD.

AT LAST
YOU JOIN
THE HUNT,
LOKI.

FATHER
THOUGHT I
COULD BE OF
USE ON THIS FINE
ENDEAVOR,
BROTHER.

UNLIKE
YOU, MY
METHODS DO
TEND TO LEAVE
PEOPLE WITH
FUNCTIONAL
LUNGS...



IF
THAT'S
TRUE, IT
IS ONLY
LATELY
TRUE.

PLEASE! THIS
IS NOT THE TIME TO
DWELL UPON INFINITE ACTS
OF VILLAINY, ODINSON. YOU
WOULDN'T BELIEVE THE EFFORTS
I'VE MADE TO PUT SUCH
THINGS BEHIND ME.

I AM
HERE TO ENSURE
WE ALL REMEMBER
FATHER'S WORDS...

SHE
IS YOUR
SISTER!

THEY ARE
BOTH YOUR
SISTERS. THEY
MUST BOTH BE
BROUGHT
BACK.

DO
NOT LET
YOUR WRATH
CONSUME
THE GIRL.

I KNOW
MY DUTY. I HAVE
NEVER FORGOTTEN
IT. THE ANGEL-
TRAITOR HAS STOLEN
OUR SISTER, WITH
HER BIRTH CORD
BARELY CUT.

I WILL
DRAG ALDRIF
ODINSDOTTIR HOME
WITH IT WRAPPED
AROUND HER
SCRAWNY
NECK.

WHERE
IS SHE,
HEIMDALL?

THIS
WAY...

YOUR
HOMELAND,
HEIMDALL!
SWEET
MEMORIES?

OF ALL
VANAHEIM?
YES.

OF
HERE,
NO...



"...THIS IS A PLACE WHERE,
IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, I
WOULD AVERT MY GAZE."

**ANOTHER!
BRING ME
ANOTHER
ELF!**

**I LIKE
HOW THEY
FIT AROUND
MY BLADE!**



**YOU
REALLY ARE
VERY SCARY,
ANGELA.**



**AND...
LET GO
OF MY
LEG!**



WE'LL TAKE YOU AND SKIN YOU AND HAVE OUR FUN.

THE REDHEAD IS FIERCE, BUT NEITHER YOU NOR THE BABE ARE A FIGHTER...



WELL, YEAH. MOSTLY TRUE.



I'M A MAGICIAN.



BUT I'M FIGHTER ENOUGH TO KICK YOUR SKINNY ELVEN ASS ALL THE WAY BACK TO SVARTALFHEIM.



RETREAT!



DISAPPOINTING. A FEW THREATS AND A SHOW OF STEEL MAKES THEM TURN TAIL...

THEY'RE DARK ELVES. THEY'VE HAD WORSE FROM THEIR OWN BOSS, MALEKITH. AND THEY'LL GET EVEN WORSE WHEN HE DISCOVERS THEY'VE BEEN OUT RAIDING IN VANAHEIM. HE LEADS THE HUNT.



...I THINK THEY KNOW THE ASGARDIANS ARE APPROACHING.

THEN WE SHOULD BE ELSEWHERE...

"...AND SEE IF WE
CAN STAY AHEAD
OF THEM..."



SURELY...
THIS IS
IT?