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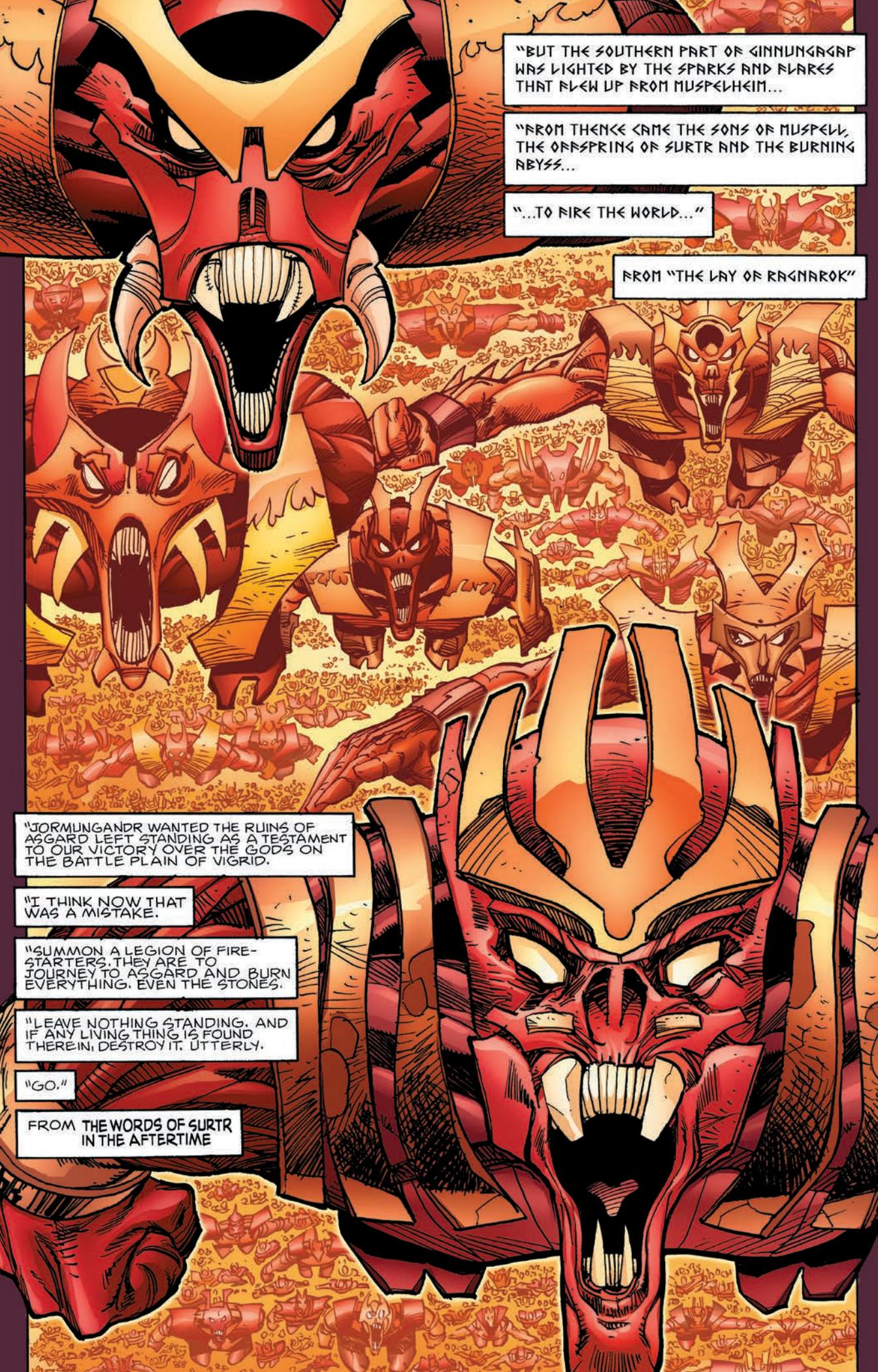
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"BUT THE SOUTHERN PART OF GINNINGGAP WAS LIGHTED BY THE SPARKS AND FLARES THAT FLEW UP FROM MUSPELHEIM...

"FROM THENCE CAME THE SONS OF MUSPEL, THE OFFSPRING OF SURTR AND THE BURNING ABYSS...

"...TO FIRE THE WORLD..."

FROM "THE LAY OF RAGNAROK"

"JORMUNGANDR WANTED THE RUINS OF ASGARD LEFT STANDING AS A TESTAMENT TO OUR VICTORY OVER THE GODS ON THE BATTLE PLAIN OF VIGRID.

"I THINK NOW THAT WAS A MISTAKE.

"SUMMON A LEGION OF FIRE-STARTERS. THEY ARE TO JOURNEY TO ASGARD AND BURN EVERYTHING, EVEN THE STONES.

"LEAVE NOTHING STANDING, AND IF ANY LIVING THING IS FOUND THEREIN, DESTROY IT. UTTERLY.

"GO."

FROM THE WORDS OF SURTR IN THE AFTERTIME

THE RUINS OF ASGARD...

THE LIGHTNING STRIKES ARE ENDLESS...

...THE THUNDER DEAFENING...



... A FIGURE STANDS WITH ABSOLUTE STILLNESS BEFORE THE GREAT PYRE.

"WHAT'S HE DOING, POPPA?"

BURNING HIS DEAD. HONORING HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN.

AND THE REST OF THE AESIR HE FOUND HERE.



AND JUST AS SOON AS I HAVE SLAIN HIM...

...HE, TOO, SHALL BURN IN HIS OWN ENDLESS FIRE.

UUUUUU
UUUUH...



DRIFA?

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

DARKNESS. GATHERING AROUND HIM.

IT HURTS, UKKK.



POPPA, MAKE IT STOP!



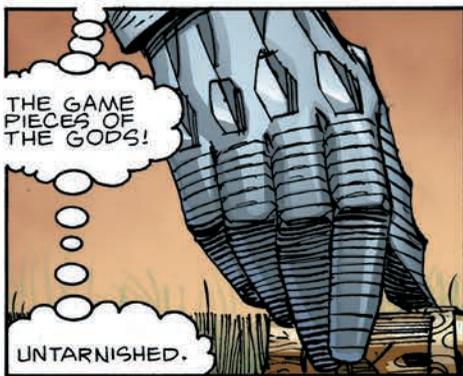
THE GAMES OF THE GODS



THERE'S
NO MORE
TO BE DONE
HERE.

COME,
MJOLNIR.

WE
HAVE
WORK
TO DO.

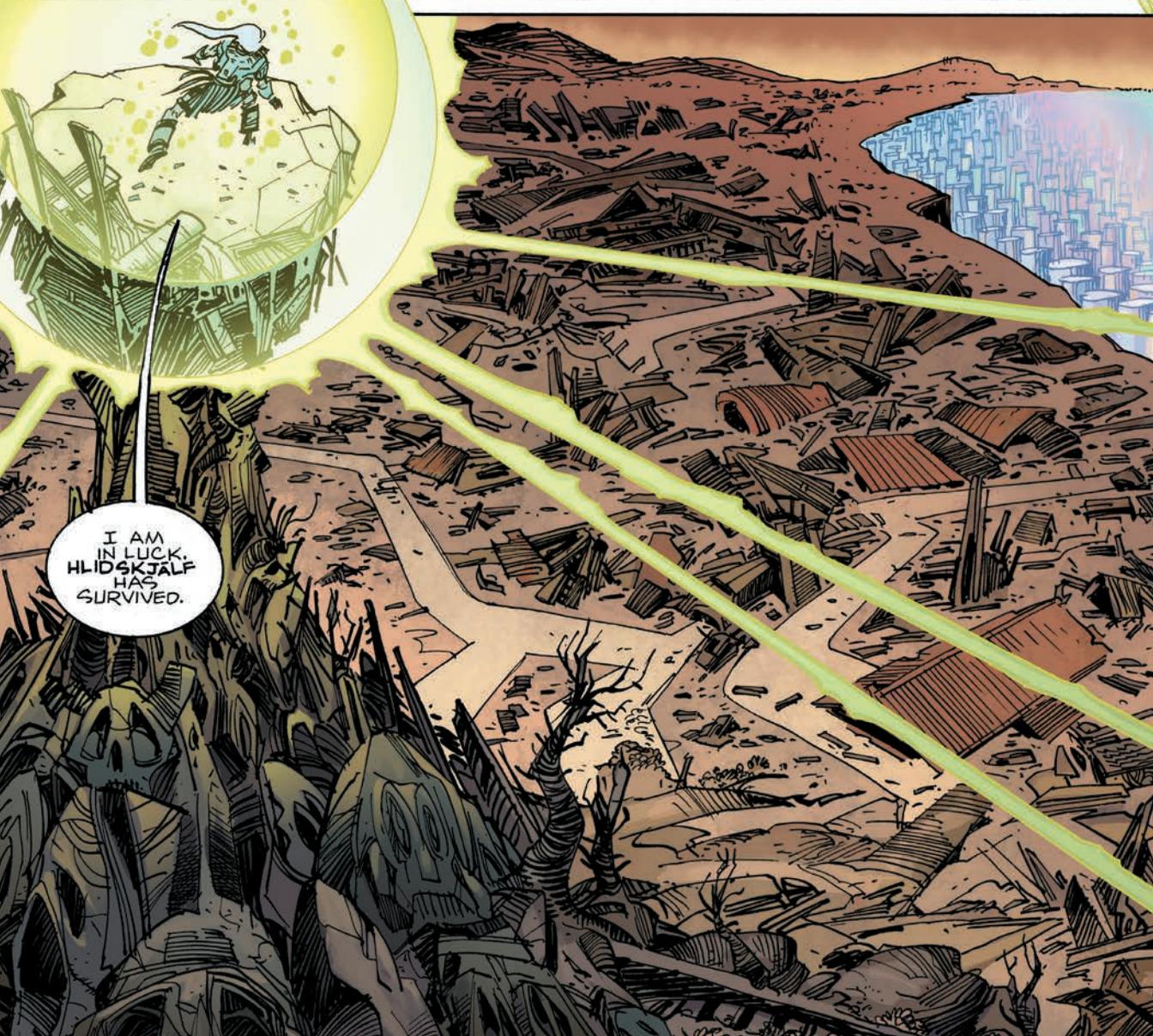


HE'S RUNNING.

HE'S NOT TRYING TO, POPPA.

HE'S--

IF HE ESCAPES BEFORE I CAN REACH HIM--



I AM IN LUCK. HLIDSKJALF HAS SURVIVED.