

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 RECENTLY-RESURRECTED FRIEND SERA AFTER STEALING ODIN AND FREYJA'S NEW BABY DAUGHTER! *THE GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY* HELPED ANGELA AND SERA EVADE ASGARD'S FORCES, BUT DEMANDED TO KNOW WHY ANGELA WOULD KIDNAP HER OWN SISTER. ANGELA REVEALED THAT THE BABY IS CURSED WITH THE POWER OF SURTUR, AND THAT THE ONLY OPTION WAS TO SNEAK IN AND USE THE FURNACE OF HEVEN TO SIPHON THE EVIL OUT OF HER. BUT THEIR INTRUSION WAS IMMEDIATELY DISCOVERED, PLUNGING ASGARD AND HEVEN INTO BATTLE. THOR (NOW GOING BY ODINSON) WAS SENT IN TO RECOVER THE BABY, BUT WHEN HE AND ANGELA FOUGHT, HE REALIZED SHE HAD THE BEST INTEREST OF THE BABY IN MIND—UNTIL ANGELA TOSSED THEIR SISTER STRAIGHT INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE FURNACE!

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HEVEN.
UNDER SIEGE BY THE FORCES OF ASGARD, TRYING TO FORCE ANGELA TO RETURN ODIN AND FREYJA'S CHILD AND PREVENT HER FROM THROWING THE BABY INTO HEVEN'S FAILING FURNACE.

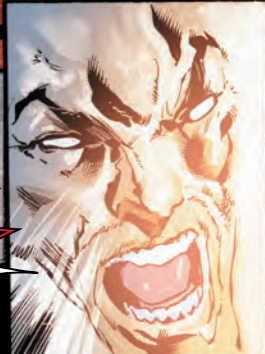


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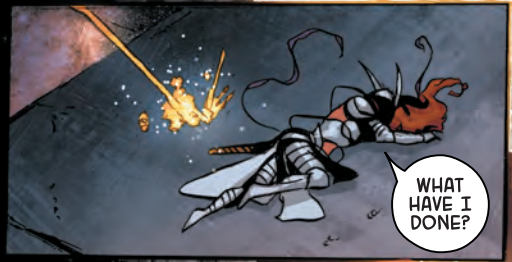


WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!

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WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!



WHAT HAVE I DONE?



I HAVE REPAID MY DEBTS.



THE DEBT OF MY EXISTENCE. I HAVE REIGNITED HEVEN'S ENGINE WITH SURTUR'S FIRE.

HEVEN WILL NOW CONTINUE. THE SCALES ARE BALANCED.



I AM ONLY MYSELF BECAUSE OF HEVEN. HEVEN NOW ONLY EXISTS BECAUSE OF ME.

I NOW OWE THEM NOTHING.

MY QUEEN...



...WE HAVE POWER ONCE MORE.

THEN LET US SHOW THESE ASGARDIAN BEGGARS WHAT WAR TRULY IS!



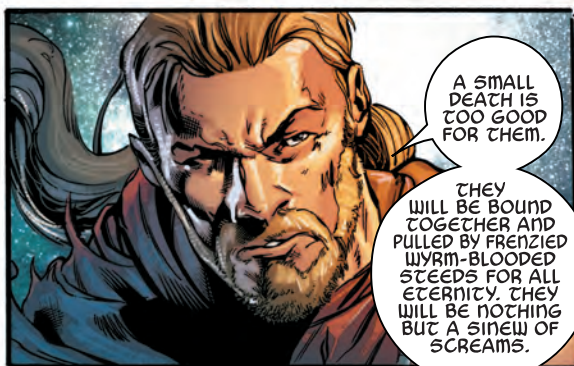
ANGELA...

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANYONE ELSE, BUT I'M THINKING WE SHOULD KILL YOU AND YOUR SARCASTIC FRIEND.

YOU TRICKED US INTO LETTING YOU MURDER A BABY.

FINALLY. A "MURDERED YOU."

...PROBABLY NOT THE TIME.



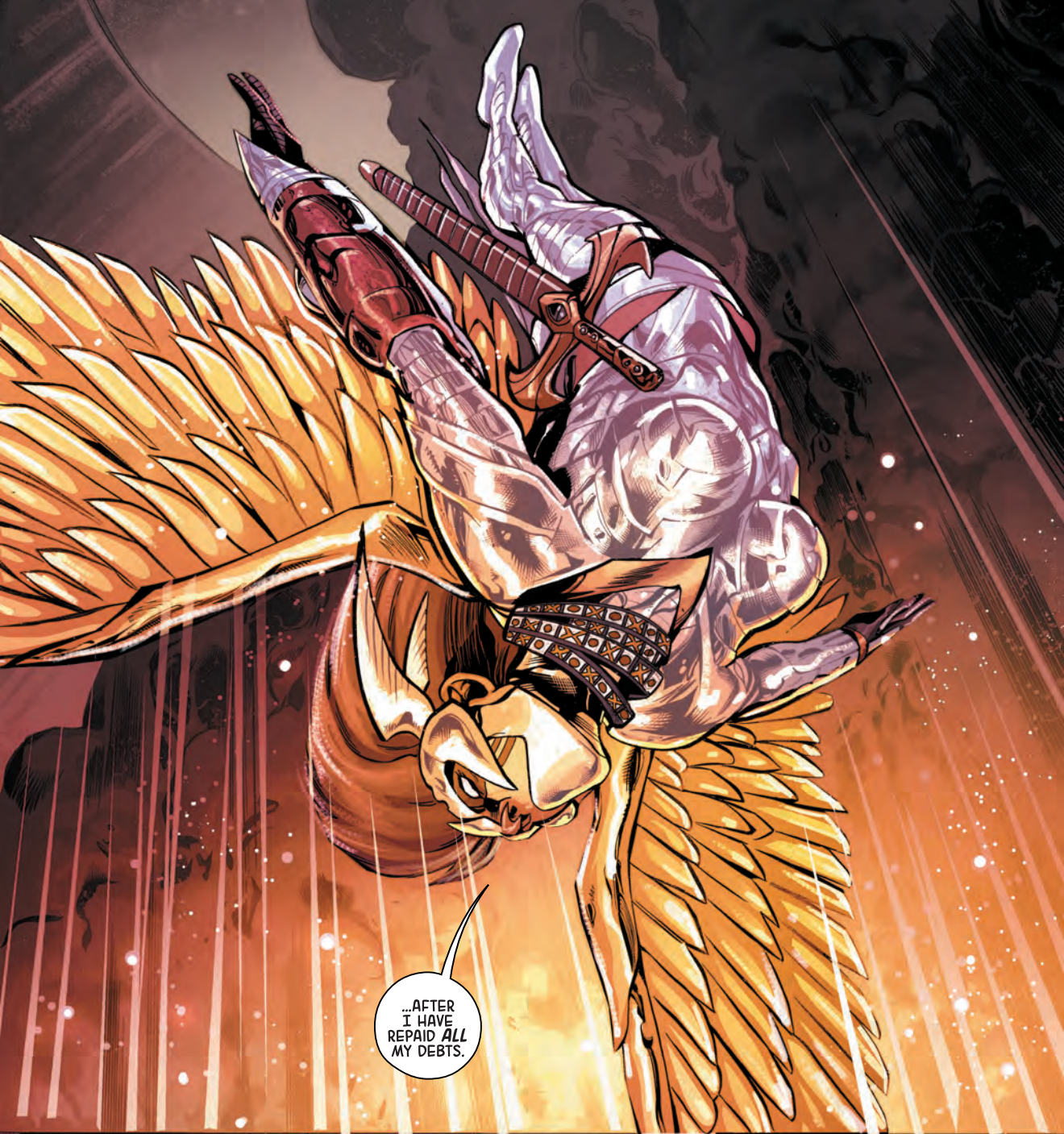
A SMALL DEATH IS TOO GOOD FOR THEM.

THEY WILL BE BOUND TOGETHER AND PULLED BY FRENZIED WYRM-BLOODED STEEDS FOR ALL ETERNITY. THEY WILL BE NOTHING BUT A SINEW OF SCREAMS.



AND ANY WHO WOULD TURN FALSE WILL THINK OF ANGELA AND SERA, AND THINK TWICE OF WALKING THE TRAITOR'S PATH.

DO WITH US WHAT YOU WISH, ODINSON...



...AFTER
I HAVE
REPAID **ALL**
MY DEBTS.



OKAY,
I CAN
EXPLAIN...



YOU
HAVE THREE
BREATHS.

**USE
THEM
WISELY!**