

WHEN DR. JANE FOSTER LIFTS THE MYSTIC HAMMER MJOLNIR, SHE IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE GODDESS OF THUNDER, THE MIGHTY THOR! HER ENEMIES ARE MANY, AS ASGARD DESCENDS FURTHER INTO CHAOS AND WAR THREATENS TO SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE TEN REALMS. YET HER GREATEST BATTLE WILL BE AGAINST A FAR MORE PERSONAL FOE: THE CANCER THAT IS KILLING HER MORTAL FORM...



WHEN MALEKITH, KING OF THE DARK ELVES, LAID SIEGE TO ALFHEIM, THE REALM OF THE LIGHT ELVES, AND TOOK ITS QUEEN AS HIS CAPTIVE BRIDE, A CURTAIN OF FEAR FELL ACROSS YGGDRASIL'S BRANCHES. BUT WITH THE HELP OF THE RE-FORMED LEAGUE OF REALMS, THOR STRUCK A BLOW TO MALEKITH'S FORCES, LIBERATING QUEEN AELSA.

BUT EVEN AS HE RETREATED, MALEKITH CURSED THOR AND HER COMPATRIOTS, PROMISING THAT THE WAR OF THE REALMS HAD JUST BEGUN.

NOW, AS MALEKITH PLANS HIS NEXT CAMPAIGN, ANOTHER THREAT IS MAKING ITS WAY TOWARD ASGARDIA...

THE ASGARD/SHI'AR WAR, PART ONE: A DAY WHICH WILL LIVE IN IMMORTAL INFAMY

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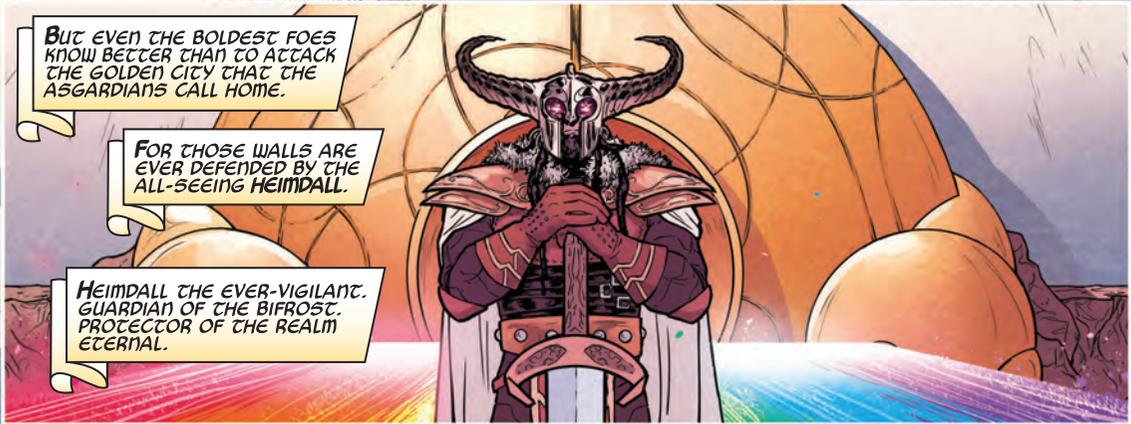
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THE GODS OF ASGARD
HAVE MANY ENEMIES.

AS GODS
OFTEN DO.



BUT EVEN THE BOLDEST FOES
KNOW BETTER THAN TO ATTACK
THE GOLDEN CITY THAT THE
ASGARDIANS CALL HOME.

FOR THOSE WALLS ARE
EVER DEFENDED BY THE
ALL-SEEING HEIMDALL.

HEIMDALL THE EVER-VIGILANT.
GUARDIAN OF THE BIFROST.
PROTECTOR OF THE REALM
ETERNAL.



IT IS SAID THAT HIS EYES
CAN SPY A SINGLE MAGGOT
IN A FIELD OF FRESHLY FALLEN
SNOW FROM A THOUSAND
WORLDS AWAY.

HOW DOES ONE SNEAK
UP ON A GOD SUCH AS
THAT? THE ANSWER
IS...ONE DOESN'T.



THOUGH IT IS ALSO SAID THAT EVEN THE
OMNIPOTENT EYES OF HEIMDALL MUST
SOMETIMES BLINK, TO KEEP HIS MIND
FROM BEING OVERWHELMED BY ALL
HE SEES.

SO IF ONE WERE
SIMPLY FAST
ENOUGH...

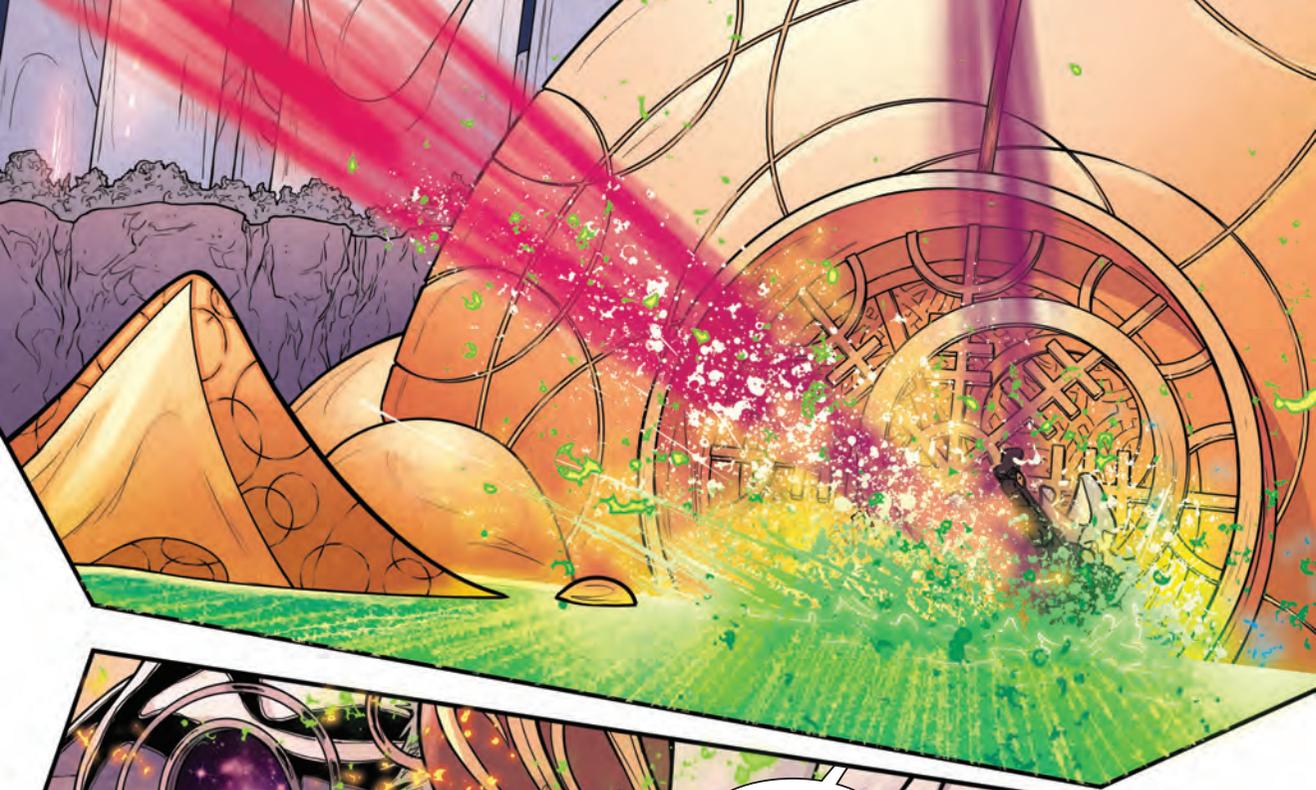
FAST ENOUGH TO CROSS
ENTIRE GALAXIES IN THE
BLINK OF A GOD'S EYE...

THEN PERHAPS...
JUST PERHAPS...



WAR COULD COME
TO ASGARD
AFTER ALL.

no.



STAND
DOWN, SENTRY.
MY FIGHT IS NOT
WITH YOU.

AYE. 'TIS
NOW.



I *know*
you.

I'VE OBSERVED
YOUR EXPLOITS FROM
ACROSS THE SPACEWAYS.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE
SUPPOSED TO BE A
BEING OF HONOR.

DEPENDS
ON WHAT CORNER
OF THE COSMOS
YOU ASK.

I HAVE BEEN
CALLED MANY
DIFFERENT THINGS
OVER THE
YEARS.

KALLARK OF
STRONTIA.

PRAETOR OF
THE IMPERIAL
GUARD.

GLADIATOR.

BUT TODAY
I AM HERE AS
MAJESTOR OF
THE SHI'AR
IMPERIUM.

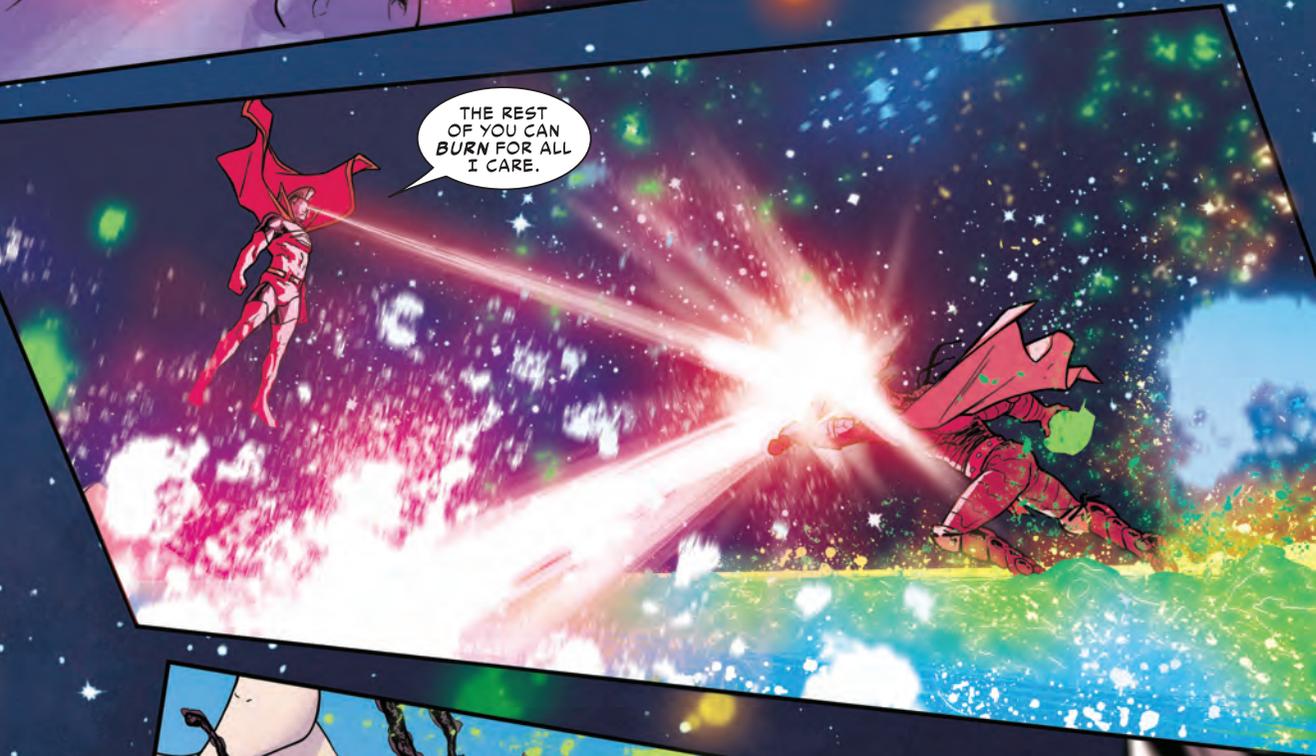
AND I AM
ON A MISSION
FROM THE
GODS.





THEN YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE. WE'VE PLENTY OF THOSE AROUND.

I ONLY NEED ONE.



THE REST OF YOU CAN BURN FOR ALL I CARE.



AND YOU CAN EAT RAINBOW BRIDGE!

BUT I PROMISE YOU, GLADIATOR, ON THE EYES OF MY NINE MOTHERS...

YOU SHALL NOT CROSS IT!