

MARVEL STUDIOS

AVENGERS

PRELUDE

From the dawn of the universe came six INFINITY STONES, each in control of an essential aspect of existence: space, reality, power, soul, mind, and time. They have since been scattered and hidden around the known universe.

Already in possession of one Infinity Stone--the POWER STONE--Thanos seeks to collect them all. Together with his adopted children--Proxima Midnight, Ebony Maw, Corvus Glaive, and Cull Obsidian--Thanos' search for his next Infinity Stone has led him to an Asgardian refugee vessel carrying the Avenger THOR and his trickster brother LOKI...

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**TWENTY-TWO JUMP POINTS
OUT OF ASGARD SPACE.**

THIS IS THE
ASGARDIAN REFUGEE
VESSEL SCATESMAN. WE
ARE UNDER ASSAULT. I
REPEAT, WE ARE UNDER
ASSAULT.

REQUESTING
AID FROM ANY VESSEL
WITHIN RANGE. OUR
CREW IS MADE UP OF
ASGARDIAN FAMILIES.
THIS IS NOT A
WARCRAFT. I REPEAT,
THIS IS NOT A
WARCRAFT.

I KNOW
WHAT IT'S LIKE
TO LOSE.

TO FEEL SO
DESPERATELY THAT
YOU'RE RIGHT...YET TO FAIL,
NONETHELESS. IT'S FRIGHTENING.
TURNS THE LEGS TO JELLY. BUT I
ASK YOU, TO WHAT END? DREAD IT,
RUN FROM IT...DESTINY ARRIVES
ALL THE SAME. AND NOW,
IT'S HERE. OR SHOULD
I SAY, I AM.

YOU TALK
TOO MUCH.

THE
TESSERACT. OR
YOUR BROTHER'S
HEAD. I ASSUME
YOU HAVE A
PREFERENCE.



OH, I DO. KILL
AWAY.



NEARGH!

ALL
RIGHT,
STOP!



I ASSURE YOU,
THOR...THE
SUN WILL SHINE
ON US AGAIN.

YOUR
OPTIMISM
IS MISPLACED,
ASGARDIAN.

WELL, FOR
ONE THING, I'M NOT
ASGARDIAN. AND
FOR ANOTHER...



...WE
HAVE A
HULK.





HULK!



ALL-FATHERS, LET ME OPEN THE BIFROST ONE... LAST... TIME.



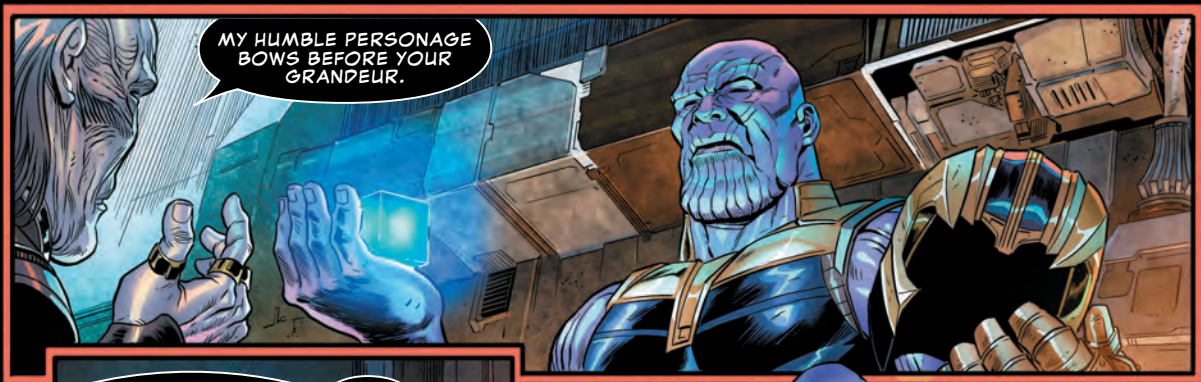
THAT WAS A MISTAKE.

SHUK



HEIMDALL!
NO!

YOU'RE GOING TO DIE FOR THAT, MAD CREATURE.



MY HUMBLE PERSONAGE
BOWS BEFORE YOUR
GRANDEUR.



NO
OTHER
BEING
HAS EVER
HAD THE
MIGHT...

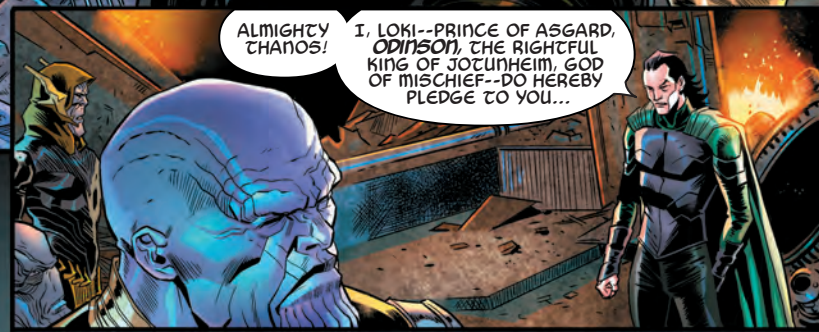


...NAY, THE NOBILITY,
TO WIELD NOT ONE, BUT TWO
INFINITY STONES.



THE
UNIVERSE LIES
WITHIN YOUR
GRASP,
THANOS.

THERE
ARE TWO
MORE STONES
ON EARTH.
FIND THEM, MY
CHILDREN, AND
BRING THEM
TO ME ON
TITAN.



ALMIGHTY
THANOS!

I, LOKI--PRINCE OF ASGARD,
ODINSON, THE RIGHTFUL
KING OF JOTUNHEIM, GOD
OF MISCHIEF--DO HEREBY
PLEDGE TO YOU...



...my
undying
fidelity.



"UNDYING"?