

## ASGARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

#### **PREVIOUSLY...**

The space pirate **NEBULA** – granddaughter of Thanos and rival of Gamora, former Guardian of the Galaxy – has built an armada of the dead. Stealing a leaf from Gamora's newly villainous playbook (see the events of INFINITY WARS), Nebula kidnapped a dwarf and forced him to lead her to an ancient horn that calls forth the **NAGLFAR**, an armada manned by soulless corpses of gods who have been reborn in new bodies. With it, she will bring about **RAGNAROK**, and so claim Gamora's title of the Deadliest Woman in the Galaxy.

Thor's sister Angela has gathered a team to retake the horn and stop Nebula.But her teammates have no idea who's really pulling the strings: **KID LOKI**, who wants the Naglfar Armada for himself.

Even with the God of Mischief on their side (for now), Nebula is so far outwitting the Asgardians. She unleashed the childgods of the Netredeen, who massacred their own worshipers. And while the Asgardians battled the undead child-gods—with Throg being eaten in the process—Nebula brought her armada to the Shi'Ar Empire, where **GLADIATOR** met her with the might of the **IMPERIAL GUARD**...

...and Nebula unleashed a long-dead THOR.

# ARE THE ASGARDIANS

#### ANGELA



The firstborn child of Odin and Freyja, Angela was kidnapped and believed slain by the Queen of Angels, but a handmaiden rescued her. When Heven was reopened to the other Realms years later, Angela's heritage was revealed. Branded a traitor by both Asgard and Heven, she now lives by her own code: Nothing for nothing—everything has its price.

#### VALKYRIE



Brunnhilde served Asgard for centuries as the leader of the Valkyrior, warrior goddesses who usher the worthy fallen to Valhalla. More recently, she led the Fearless Defenders, a group of women selected to be the shield maidens of Midgard.

#### ANNABELLE RIGGS



Archaeologist Annabelle Riggs joined the Fearless Defenders and died saving Valkyrie from the power of the Doom Maidens. Unwilling to accept her sacrifice, Brunnhilde journeyed to Valhalla and brought Annabelle back by merging their life forces so they now share one body.

#### THE DESTROYER



The Destroyer is a mystical suit of armor built to contain enough energy to fight off a Celestial. It was nearly destroyed in a fight with the Mangog that tore apart Asgardia, and it still bears the wound of a missing arm. Without a spirit of its own, the armor requires a bearer or controller--who now appears to be Kid Loki.

#### SKURGE THE EXECUTIONER



One of Asgard's greatest warriors, Skurge fell in love with Amora the Enchantress and has often fought fellow Asgardians in her name. He was redeemed when he died holding the bridge Gjallerbru against Hela with nothing but a pair of Midgardian M16s. Since then, he has wandered Hel in search of a purpose.

#### THUNDERSTRIKE



When Eric Masterson proved himself a true hero, he was granted the enchanted mace Thunderstrike by Odin. After Eric died in battle, Captain America gave the mace to Eric's son, Kevin, who soon proved himself worthy of the title and the weapon.

#### THROG



After his wife's death, Simon Walterson sought help from a witch, who turned him into a frog. When Loki turned his brother Thor into a frog, the two humanamphibians found themselves allies. Thor was soon restored, but Simon grabbed a fragment of Mjolnir and was transformed into Throg, the Frog of Thunder.

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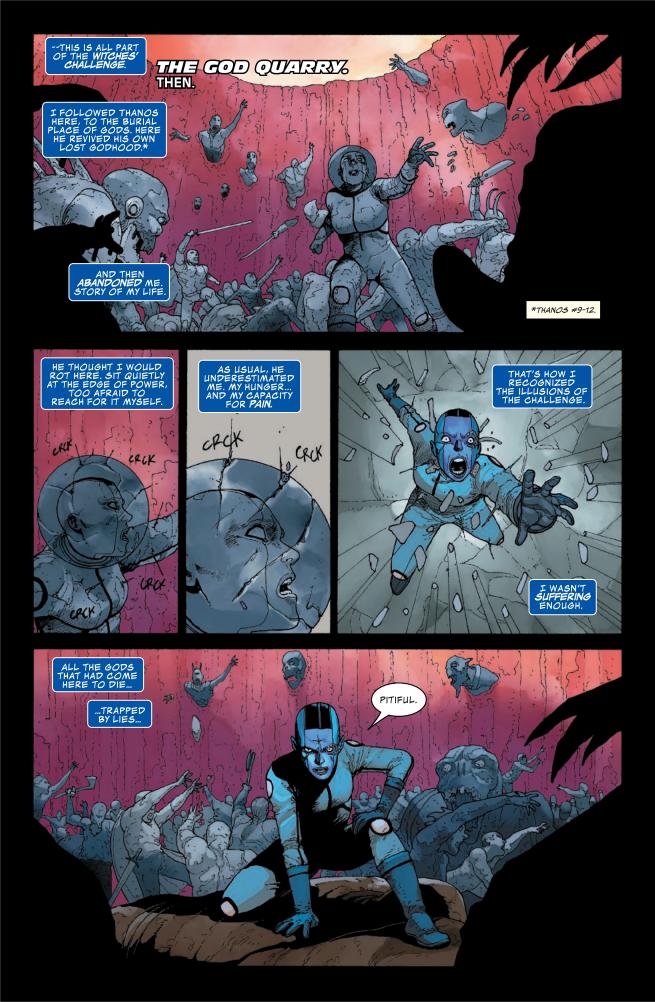
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