



















...COORDINATES ZERO ONE DEGREES, TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES NORTH, BY SEVENTY-TWO DEGREES, TWENTY-TWO MINUTES EAST. REPEAT--

11

After appearing as if from nowhere, and with no geologic evidence to support it...

112

13

...the Indian Ocean's newest landmass has been claimed by no less than a dozen nations and groups, some moving their military in as if to enforce those claims.

> Such a military conflict feels inevitable, perhaps even imminent. The idea of brand-new land in an otherwise ravaged world is a powerful draw.

> > 4

Ø d°

Res Col

But what is not known to the surface vessels is what an underwater survey is just discovering: this is not an island in the conventional sense, created from lava flow or seismic upheaval. In fact, it is not connected to the ocean floor or to anything else.

2

It's floating.

8



THE INFOSSILE RAGNAROK: PART FOUR