

THIS IS THE STORY OF LOKI.

LOKI DIED. LOKI WAS BORN AGAIN.

THE SECOND LOKI WAS YOUNGER AND BETTER—BUT THIS 'KID LOKI' TOOK ADVICE FROM AN ECHO OF HIS OLD, WICKED SELF, WHO ENDED UP KILLING HIS SOUL AND STEALING HIS BODY. THAT ECHO BECAME THE THIRD LOKI, WHO FOUND HIMSELF HAUNTED BY THE WICKEDNESS HE'D ONCE FOUND JOY IN. IN AN EFFORT TO CHANGE HIMSELF, HE BEGAN WORKING FOR THE ALL-MOTHER ON BEHALF OF ASGARD, ERASING HIS CENTURIES OF CRIME ONE MISSION AT A TIME.

THOSE MISSIONS, IT TURNED OUT, WERE ENGINEERED BY THE ALL-MOTHER TO BRING ABOUT A PROMISED GOLDEN FUTURE FOR ASGARD. A TOMORROW IN WHICH KING THOR RULED AND 'KING LOKI' WAS ETERNALLY BOUND TO PLAY THE VILLAIN—A FUTURE PREDICTED BY NONE OTHER THAN KING LOKI HIMSELF. THIS EMBITTERED FUTURE LOKI HAD TRAVELED BACK TO THE PRESENT TO ENSNARE HIS PAST SELF AND FORCE HIM TO REVEAL WHAT HE HAD DONE TO KID LOKI.

AND IT WORKED. THOR ODINSON, ENRAGED, DRAGGED LOKI—BEATEN, BROKEN, AND UNABLE TO LIE—BACK TO ASGARD TO FACE JUDGMENT FOR ALL OF HIS EVILS. HE WAS WEIGHED AND FOUND WANTING, SHUNNED BY HIS PEERS AND BANISHED BY AN ENRAGED ALL-MOTHER. ONLY ODIN, SPEAKING WITH THE STRANGE WISDOM OF THE WORLD-TREE, OFFERED HIM HOPE BEFORE RETURNING HIM TO HIS HOME IN MIDGARD.

VERITY WILLIS, LOKI'S BEST AND ONLY FRIEND, WAS WAITING FOR HIM—BUT SO WAS KING LOKI, WHO WASTED NO TIME IN LAYING OUT LOKI'S MYRIAD SINS AND ALL THE DAMAGE HE HAD DONE IN HIS SHORT LIFE. VERITY—ABLE TO SEE THROUGH ANY LIE—KNEW THAT KING LOKI WAS TELLING THE TRUTH. SHE WALKED OUT ON THEM BOTH, LEAVING LOKI ALONE.

KING LOKI, VICTORIOUS AT LAST, BOUND HIS YOUNGER SELF AND PREPARED TO SEAL HIS FATE BY TELLING HIS OWN STORY—THE TALE OF HOW ONE LOKI WOULD INEVITABLY BECOME THE OTHER. THE TALE OF THE FINAL FATE AND FINAL FALL OF...

...THE AGENT OF ASGARD.



WHY, LOKI, MY, HOW YOU'VE...

ACTUALLY, HOW **HAVE** YOU GROWN?

SHENANIGANS, ALL-MOTHER.



HOW **ELSE?**

WHICH LEADS ME TO THE REASON FOR MY **BEING** HERE. I AM, AS YOU SEE, ONCE MORE GROWN TO MY ADULT STATION.

AND AS AN ADULT, SURELY I MUST BE PAID A PROPER FEE FOR THE ERRANDS I RUN FOR ASGARDIA--NOT **BLACKMAILED** INTO HER SERVICE...

THEN.
GAEA, FREYJA AND IDUNN. RULERS OF ASGARDIA.



PERHAPS **SO.** CERTAINLY OUR PEOPLE HAVE **WARMED** TO YOU OF LATE, MISCHIEF-MAKER.

SO THERE IS LESS TO BLACKMAIL YOU **WITCH!**...

WHAT MANNER OF PAYMENT DO YOU **PROPOSE,** GOD OF LIES?



SIMPLE. FOR EACH **MISSION** I PERFORM, ONE OF THE OLD LOKI'S **CRIMES** WILL BE STRICKEN FROM THE RECORD-- BOTH **HISTORY** AND **MEMORY.**

NEW LEGENDS FOR **OLD.** I GET TO BE REMEMBERED FOR WHAT I AM, NOT WHAT **ANOTHER** ME DID--

--AND YOU GET A WILLING **AGENT--**



NOW. KING LOKI, LOKI'S EVIL FUTURE SELF.

"**THE AGENT OF ASGARD.**"

IT WAS A GOOD PLAN. I WAS RATHER **PROUD** OF MYSELF FOR COMING UP WITH IT.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR WHAT IT **LED** TO?



I
TOLD YOU,
KING
THOR.

BY...
BY ALL
THE GODS IN
ALL THE
SKIES...





I TOLD YOU.

IF YOU GET A KINGDOM TO RULE...

GET... I GET ONE, TOO.

LIKE WHAT I'VE DONE WITH IT?

LOKI!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!

THE FAR FUTURE.
MIDGARD.

**TIME ALONE SHALL MURDER
ALL THE FLOWERS**

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