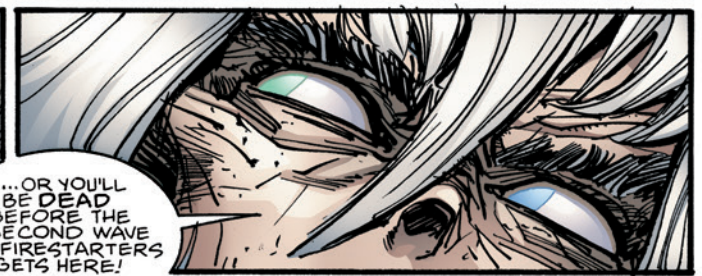




SNAP
OUT
OF IT,
REGN...



...OR YOU'LL
BE DEAD
BEFORE THE
SECOND WAVE
OF FIRESTARTERS
GETS HERE!

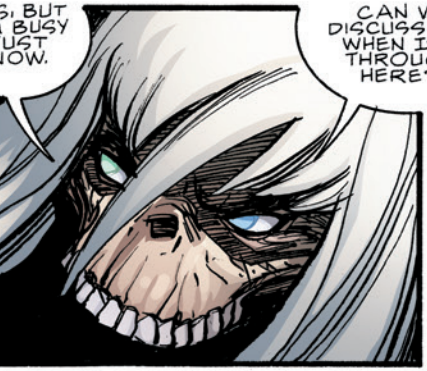


YOU
KILLED MY
DAUGHTER
!!!

YES, BUT
I'M BUSY
JUST
NOW.

CAN WE
DISCUSS THIS
WHEN I'M
THROUGH
HERE?

DISCUSS?
I'M GOING TO
BURY MY
SWORD...



...IN YOUR
HEART!!!



IT WAS THE ONLY WAY
TO PROVE TO YOU
THAT THE LORD OF
THE DEAD LIED TO
YOU ABOUT HIS
"GIFTS" TO
DRIFA.

HE HAD NO
INTENTION OF
HONORING
THEM.



AND WITH A NAME LIKE
"THE LORD OF THE DEAD,"
JUST HOW MUCH
IMMORTALITY DO YOU
THINK HE COULD
BESTOW UPON
ANYBODY?



WHAT?

HE MAY HAVE WANTED ME DEAD, BUT I THINK HE EXPECTED YOU AND YOUR WIFE TO DIE INSTEAD.

WITH THE TWO OF YOU GONE, HE COULD HAVE TAKEN YOUR DAUGHTER FOR HIMSELF.



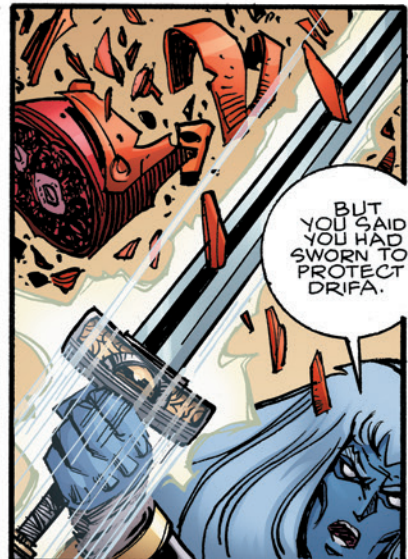
THE DRAUGAR WHO WERE WAITING HERE TO KILL YOU CONFIRMED THAT.

I'M NOT SURE HE THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT I WOULD DO NEXT.



PERHAPS HE HOPED I'D BE GRATEFUL. MORE LIKELY, HE HAS SOME OTHER CONSIDERATION IN MIND.

IN ANY CASE, I INTEND TO VISIT HIS FORTRESS AND THANK HIM PERSONALLY.

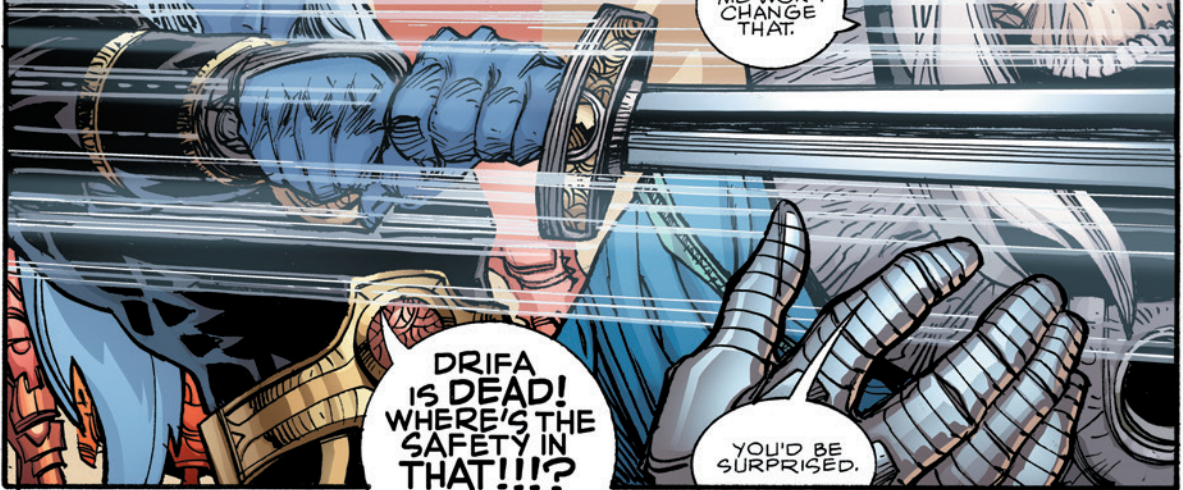


BUT YOU SAID YOU HAD SWORN TO PROTECT DRIFA.



AND I HAVE. NOW, SHE IS SAFE FROM ALL HARM, BEYOND HIS REACH.

KILLING ME WON'T CHANGE THAT.



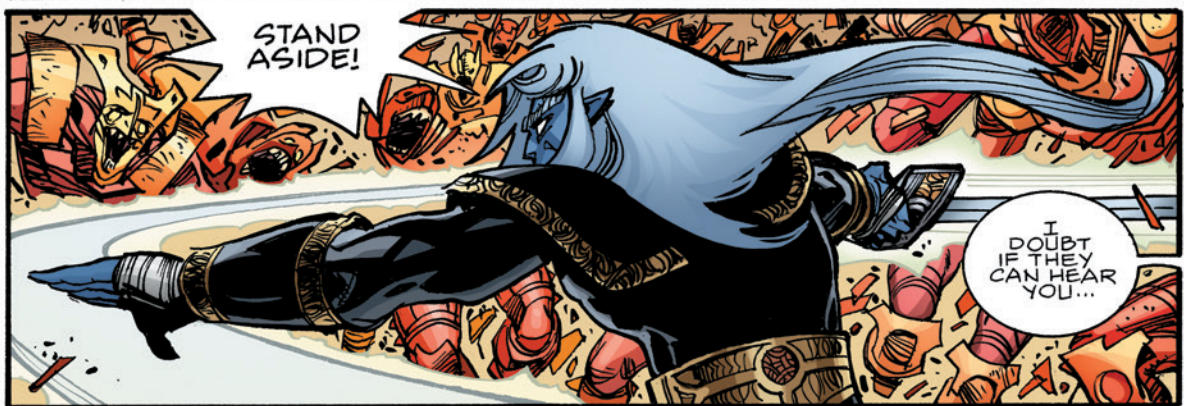
DRIFA IS DEAD! WHERE'S THE SAFETY IN THAT!!!?

YOU'D BE SURPRISED.



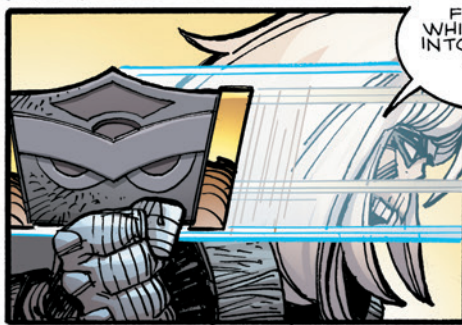
GET BACK,
YOU DEMONS.
THAT GOD IS
MINE!

I SAID--



STAND
ASIDE!

I
DOUBT
IF THEY
CAN HEAR
YOU...



FIRESTARTERS
WHIP THEMSELVES
INTO A BERSERKER
FURY FOR
BATTLE.

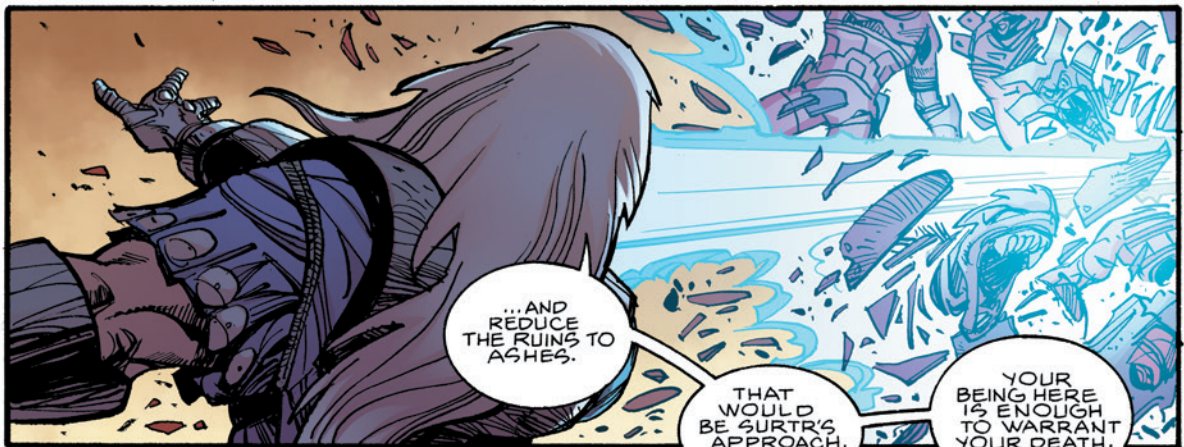


BUT
I DON'T
THINK IT'LL
MATTER IN
ANY CASE.



THEY'RE
SURTR'S
CREATURES.

I'M SURE THEY HAVE
ORDERS TO DESTROY
EVERYTHING THEY
FIND IN ASGARD...



...AND
REDUCE
THE RUINS TO
ASHES.

THAT
WOULD
BE SURTR'S
APPROACH.

YOUR
BEING HERE
IS ENOUGH
TO WARRANT
YOUR DEATH.



I WILL STILL KILL YOU!

FINE.

KILL ME AFTER WE'VE DEALT WITH THE FIRE STARTERS.



I'LL GUARD YOUR BACK. YOU GUARD MINE.

WE MIGHT BOTH STAY ALIVE.



IF THAT HAPPENS, I'LL GIVE YOU A CLEAR SHOT.



FOOLS! I'M ON YOUR SIDE-- WAIT!



WHAT?

BUT ONLY IF YOU WANT TO TAKE IT.