

ANGELA

QUEEN OF HEL

AYYOOO!

HOW ABOUT THAT LAST ISSUE? GOD, WE'RE CUTE.

SO! NEW ARC, NEW ARCHENEMIES.

LAST WE MET, ANGELA HAD CONQUERED HEL, SHE AND I REIGNED AS QUEENS FOR A HOT NINETY SECONDS, AND THEN BABYGIRL HERE ABDICATED, WHICH IS A FANCY WORD FOR "GOT WHAT SHE CAME FOR, SETTLED ALL DEBTS, GAVE HELA THE THIRD DEGREE, AND BAILED BACK TO THE WORLD OF THE LIVING."

SO WITH A SEXY SORCERESS GIRLFRIEND, A MOODY INTERDIMENSIONAL TEENAGE DAUGHTER NAMED LEAH, A TALKING HOMICIDAL HELHOUND, AND A MOUNTING PILE OF BILLS (SERIOUSLY, WHAT IS GOING ON IN BROOKLYN? WHAT'S OUR SEASON FOUR BIG BAD--GENTRIFICATION?), WHAT'S AN ASGARDIAN PRINCESS TURNED ANGELIC ASSASSIN TO DO?

THE ANSWER IS: WE HAVE NO IDEA.

(BUT SINCE THOR'S ON THE COVER, I'M SURE WE'LL ALL BE VERY EXCITED TO FIND OUT.)

PART ONE:

A DEAL...

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NOW.

"WE HAVE
CONQUERED
HEL!"

IKEA, SERA.
WE HAVE
CONQUERED
IKEA.

MEATBALLS!
SPOILS OF
WAR!

SIT,
THORI.

YOU
SIT, YOU
HATCHET-
FACED
WENCH

NO, THORI.
WE TALKED
ABOUT THIS.
CONSTRUCTIVE
UGLINESS.

...

YOU
CAN COMMIT
NO ERRORS
AND STILL
FAIL?

BETTER.

BUT
YOU WILL
FAIL BECAUSE
YOU ARE
INCOMPETENT

FRANKLY, I AM IMPRESSED
YOU TWO MADE IT THROUGH
THAT LABYRINTH OF TRIALS
WITHOUT A SINGLE
FIGHT.

NOT QUITE,
LEAH. ANGELA
REFUSED TO TELL ME
HOW ALL THE WORDS
WITH UMLAUTS AND
SLASHED O'S ARE
PRONOUNCED.

MY DOVE,
ASGARDIAN
BLOOD GIVES
ME NO GRASP
OF NORDIC
LANGUAGE--

THOTH
UMLAUTS AN'
O'S--I THINK YOU
GODDA DO SOMETHIN'
FUN WIF YOUR
TONGUE.

WHOOSH

YOU
SHOULD
HAVE NO
TROUBLE
THEN, MY
LOVE.

YOU'RE
GONNA PAY
FOR THAT LATER,
STRAWBERRY
TALLCAKE.

OH, WITH
ABJECT AND
ENTHUSIASTIC
REMORSE, I
ASSURE YOU.



SPEAKING OF PAYMENT: DAY JOBS!

BARRING THAT GUY WHO JUST BROKE THE R-RATED BOX OFFICE RECORD, HUMAN BEINGS ARE LESS DOWN WITH "KILLING FOR HIRE" THAN I'D HOPED.

ALSO, HAMILTON TICKETS ARE CRAZY EXPENSIVE.

AND SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK IS FREE. YOU'RE JUST IN LOVE WITH LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA.

UM, YES.



WELL, WE'VE GOT WHAT WE NEED FROM THE COFFERS OF HEL, BUT WE'RE NOT SUPER HEROES. WE'RE MERCENARIES.

SO KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR NEW WORK, PREFERABLY OF THE "WET AND PAYING" VARIETY.

BUT NOT, Y'KNOW, GROSS.

IS THAT TRULY WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

DAY JOBS?



NOT THAT I DO NOT ENJOY THE MAGIC LESSONS. AND THE EDUCATION OF THE CULTURE OF POP.

BUT I HAVE NO DESIRE TO BECOME THE QUEEN THAT YOU DESPISED AND JUST DETHRONED.

I WAS CREATED TO SERVE THE QUEEN OF HEL. AND NOW THE QUEEN I CHOSE IS NOT EVEN A QUEEN.

YOU WERE CREATED TO DO AS YOU DAMN WELL PLEASE IN FREE-MARKET CAPITALISM, AND DON'T LET ANY UP-JUMPED ROYAL TELL YOU OTHERWISE--

SERA.



I KNOW.

I KNOW, HONEY.

I WAS YOUR HELPMEEET. ANGELA'S HIRELING. HELA'S PRETTY LITTLE HANDMAIDEN.

I HAVE ONLY EVER KNOWN PRISONS AND HELS. I AM NOT EVEN CERTAIN THE ONES I KNEW ON THE WALL EXIST IN THIS WORLD.*

*FOR MORE ON LEAH'S EXQUISITELY COMPLEX TIMELINE, CHECK OUT SECRET WARS: SIEGE! WE DO LOVE OUR TIE-INS. -SERA



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS *LIFE*. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS LEARNING HOW TO BE HAPPY. EVEN IF ONLY FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

NOT EVERYONE GETS A SECOND CHANCE.

NOT EVERYONE EVEN GETS A FIRST ONE.

YOU GO AFTER WHAT YOU WANT AS LONG AS YOU HAVE *BREATH IN YOUR BODY*, YOU UNDERSTAND?

YOU LEAVE THE TEMPLE. YOU GO INTO THE LIGHT.

HAPPINESS WILL ALWAYS BE A GAMBLE, NOT A DEAL.

BUT ANGELA AND I WILL ALWAYS BE HERE FOR YOU, OKAY?



LOVE WHAT YOU DO WHILE YOU STILL CAN.

DO WHAT YOU LOVE WHILE YOU STILL CAN.

→AHEM← MY JOY...



SPEAKING OF.

NO MORE HOTELS. NO MORE AIR MATTRESSES.

WE HAVE A BED.



AW YEAH WE DO.

HAHA. GO ON, YOU CRAZY KIDS.

?



I PACKED YOU A LUNCH, LEAH--

AND TAKE A SWEATER!



TIME FOR A WALK, THORI.