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MORE? WHAT A
NIGHTMARE!

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After being eaten by his father King Laufey during the War of the Realms, Loki fought his way out of the Frost Giant's stomach to help end the war. Since then, he's embraced a new heroic persona, reconciled with his adoptive brother Thor, and become the new ruler of Jotunheim, the realm of the Frost Giants.

Already bored, Loki enchanted a snowman named Frösti and made it his proxy so he could have fun on Midgard. Frösti proved his worth by eating Nightmare, but the fear lord is back for vengeance after resurfacing in the dreams of a woman named Megan — and then altering her past to erase her relationship with her wife.

Loki, meanwhile, has been busy trying to join the Avengers. To both humble and comfort his brother, Thor showed Loki a set of tomes called *The Books of Loki* that promised the god a long and peaceful life.

But Loki is determined to do more with his time — and with the invitation from two strange young entities into the even more mysterious “House of Ideas,” he might just get his wish.

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THIS MUST ALL BE SO TERRIBLY CONFUSING.



THEN.

WEIRD, RIGHT? FIRST COP PARTY?

I DIDN'T KNOW COPS HAD PARTIES.

DATE?



SURE--

--LET'S GET OUT OF HERE."

THESE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THE "BOOKS OF LOKI," YES?



NOT THE "BOOKS OF SAD LADY ON THE BUS REMEMBERING HER WIFE AFTER THE FEAR LORD NIGHTMARE GOBBLED UP THE NIGHT THEY MET."

WHAT IS IT WITH DEMONS AND STEALING PEOPLE'S MARRIAGES? SCREAMS "REPRESSION," IF YOU ASK ME.

OHMYGOD, I MEANT A BACON-WRAPPED DATE.



I KNOW. SORRY, MY PARTNER SAYS I WAS TRAGICALLY BORN WITH A DAD'S SENSE OF HUMOR.

I'M ROBYN.

MEGAN. YOUR PARTNER?

PARTNER LIKE "COP." HEY, ARE YOU ALLOWED TO DANCE AT THESE THINGS?

SURE, IF I WANT TO GET FIRED.




"DO YOU WANT TO GET FIRED?"

LAST STOP.



I'M SURE THIS WILL ALL BE TERRIBLY IMPORTANT LATER. BUT IF YOU'LL PARDON ME, AT THE MOMENT...

A comic book illustration of Loki, the God of Mischief, standing on a giant chessboard. He is wearing his signature green tunic, gold arm guards, and a golden horned headpiece. He has a look of intense concentration or frustration on his face. In the background, various chess pieces are visible, including a knight and a king, set against a dramatic, fiery orange and red sky. The chessboard is a large black and white checkered floor.

...I AM TRYING
VERY HARD TO
FOCUS.

LOKI

THE GOD WHO FELL TO EARTH.

CHAPTER THREE: YOUR MOVE.



AS USUAL, I'M GETTING A LITTLE AHEAD OF MYSELF.

THEN.
AND
NOW.

SORRY, KIDS, WOULD YOU MIND REPEATING ALL OF THAT, A BIT SLOWER AND IN THE CORRECT ORDER THIS TIME?



TIME HAS NO "ORDER." YOUR PRIMITIVE **MATTER-BASED** MIND SIMPLY CANNOT COMPREHEND THE TRUE DIMENSIONS OF--

HI. I'M **NOW**. THE ONE WHO WON'T SHUT UP OVER THERE IS **THEN**.

WE ARE THE **CHILDREN OF ETERNITY**.



RIIIGHT. HOW POSITIVELY **AQUARIAN**.

SO, ETERNITY'S CHILDREN--WHO APPARENTLY ARE A THING--HAVE BEEN NESTLED ALL THIS TIME IN A SECRET NOOK OF ASGARD'S LIBRARY?



WHAT YOU **ARROGANTLY** CALL "ASGARD'S LIBRARY" IS BUT A BRANCH OF THE **HALLS OF ALL-KNOWING**, WHICH IS JUST ONE STRUCTURE IN **OMNIPOTENCE CITY**, THE **NEXUS OF THE GODS**, ALL OF WHOM ARE BUT **FACETS OF THE ONE-ABOVE-ALL**, WHO RULES IN--

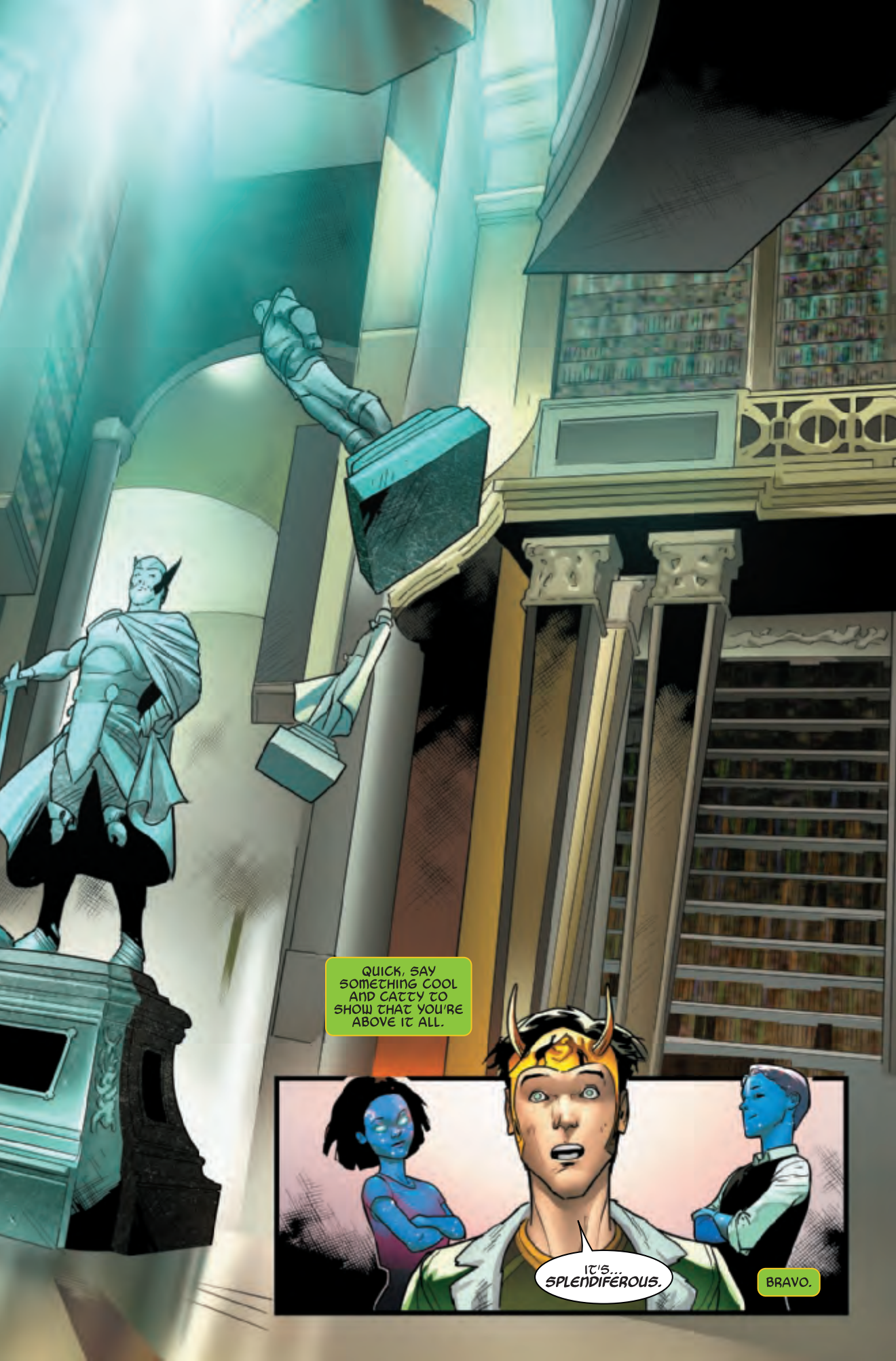
WHAT MY BROTHER IS TRYING TO SAY IS THAT WE'RE NOT IN **YOUR** HOUSE. YOU'RE IN **OURS**.

AND OUR HOUSE...

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THE HOUSE OF IDEAS!





QUICK, SAY
SOMETHING COOL
AND CATTY TO
SHOW THAT YOU'RE
ABOVE IT ALL.



IT'S...
SPLendiferous.

BRAVO.