WHEN DR. JANE FOSTER LIFTS THE MYSTIC HAMMER MJOLNIR, SHE IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE GODDESS OF THUNDER, THE MIGHTY THOR! HER ENEMIES ARE MANY, AS ASGARD DESCENDS FURTHER INTO CHAOS AND WAR THREATENS TO SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE TEN REALMS. YET HER GREATEST BATTLE WILL BE AGAINST A FAR MORE PERSONAL FOE: THE CANCER THAT IS KILLING HER MORTAL FORM...



DESPITE HER ATTEMPTS TO RETURN TO NORMALCY—CANCER TREATMENTS AND DUTIES IN THE CONGRESS OF WORLDS—JANE WAS CALLED TO ACTION WHEN THE SHI'AR INVADED ASGARDIA. GLADIATOR KIDNAPPED THOR AND TOOK HER TO THE SHI'AR GODS SHARRA AND K'YTHRI, WHO FORCED HER TO PARTICIPATE IN A CHALLENGE OF THE GODS—UNAWARE THEY WERE ALL BEING MANIPULATED BY MALEKITH AND LOKI, WHO ARE GATHERING AN ARMY OF THEIR OWN.

WHEN THOR TRIED TO END THE CHALLENGE, THE SHI'AR GODS CALLED UPON THE ULTIMATE JUDGMENT. BUT BEFORE THAT THREAT COULD COME TO FRUITION. THE ASGARDIAN ARMY ARRIVED TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE THOR. AND TOGETHER THEY DEFEATED SHARRA AND K'YTHRI. FOR HER ABILITY TO INSPIRE OTHERS, EVEN GODS, THOR WAS DECLARED THE WINNER OF THE CHALLENGE.

ENRAGED, SHARRA AND K'YTHRI CALLED UPON A TERRIBLE POWER: THE ALL-CONSUMING PHOENIX FORCE. THOR SOUGHT ASSISTANCE FROM QUENTIN QUIRE, AN OMEGA-LEVEL TELEPATH AND SOMETIME X-MAN WHO IS DESTINED TO ONE DAY CONTROL THE PHOENIX.

EVEN SO. WHAT HOPE COULD ONE TEENAGER—EVEN A POWERFUL MUTANT—AND ONE WOMAN—EVEN A MIGHTY GOD—HAVE AGAINST A FORCE THAT CAN DESTROY WORLDS?

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