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AT THE GATES OF VALHALLA

JANE FOSTER, THE MIGHTY THOR, DIED SAVING THE ASGARDIANS FROM A MONSTER CALLED THE MANGOG. BUT WITH THE COMBINED POWER OF THE ODINSON, ODIN AND THE MOTHER STORM—THE SENTIENT TEMPEST THAT HAD INHABITED MJOLNIR—JANE CAME BACK TO LIFE. NOW SHE HAS A FIGHTING CHANCE AGAINST HER CANCER...AND THE ODINSON HAS A CHANCE AT WORTHINESS AS HE REGAINS HIS MANTLE.

FOR THERE MUST ALWAYS BE A THOR.

THE TOMORROW GIRLS

IN THE FAR FUTURE, THOR RULES ASGARD AND HAS THREE GRANDDAUGHTERS—FRIGG, ELLISIV AND ATLI. THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE GODDESSES OF THUNDER.

THE LORD OF THE REALMS

MALEKITH, THE KING OF THE DARK ELVES, AND HIS DARK CABAL ARE WAGING WAR ACROSS THE TEN REALMS, AND WITH THE ASGARDIANS WOUNDED AND SCATTERED, NOW IS HIS TIME TO STRIKE.

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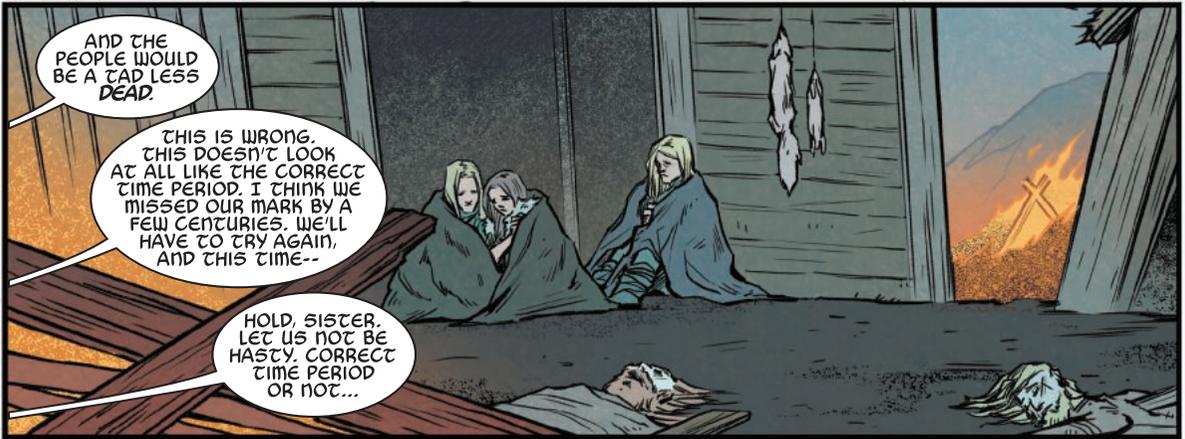
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"THIS...ISN'T QUITE WHAT I EXPECTED."

"I THOUGHT THE BUILDINGS WOULD AT LEAST BE SOMEWHAT... SHINIER."



AND THE PEOPLE WOULD BE A TAD LESS DEAD.

THIS IS WRONG. THIS DOESN'T LOOK AT ALL LIKE THE CORRECT TIME PERIOD. I THINK WE MISSED OUR MARK BY A FEW CENTURIES. WE'LL HAVE TO TRY AGAIN, AND THIS TIME--

HOLD, SISTER. LET US NOT BE HASTY. CORRECT TIME PERIOD OR NOT...



...I CAN SUDDENLY THINK OF ONE OR TWO REASONS TO STICK AROUND.

WHAT IS THIS? ARE THESE VIKINGS SO BEREFT OF WARRIORS THAT THEY'RE SENDING ARMED CHILDREN AGAINST US?

HA! THIS VILLAGE IS OURS NOW! BE GOOD LITTLE MAIDENS AND FETCH YOUR NEW MASTERS MORE MEAD!



ARE THOSE... TROLLS? LIKE... PROPER TROLLS?

THEY'RE EVEN UGLIER THAN GRANDFATHER DESCRIBED THEM.

YOU THERE! ARE YOU LOT TROLLS, OR SOME OTHER SORT OF ASTEROID-FACED, PREHISTORIC NIMRODS?

YES, WE'RE TROLLS, YOU IDIOT WHELS! AND WHO IN THE NAME OF GRIMLOCK ARE YOU?!

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M ABOUT TO MURDER TROLLS! THIS IS A DREAM COME TRUE!

THIS IS NOT THE MISSION! WE SHOULD SAVE THIS VILLAGE QUICKLY AND MOVE ON!

RELAX, SISTER. WE'VE JUST TRAVELED A FEW BILLION YEARS INTO THE PAST. WE CAN SPARE A COUPLE MOMENTS.

AND TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, MY NEW TROLL FRIEND, WE ARE THE GODDESSES OF THUNDER!

AND WE ARE GOING TO BE SMITING you now!

HUZZAH FOR SMITING!



ASGARD.
UNTOLD EONS
FROM NOW.



ARE YOU SURE WE DIDN'T PUT TOO MUCH IN HIS MEAD?



HE LOOKS DEAD.

DEAD MEN DON'T TYPICALLY SNORE THAT LOUD.

WE USED THE EXACT RIGHT AMOUNT OF SLEEPING BERRIES. I MADE SURE OF IT. HE'LL BE OUT FOR HOURS. BUT WE SHOULDN'T WASTE TIME, SISTERS. LET'S GO.



"WASTE TIME." IS THAT YOUR IDEA OF A JEST, ELLISIV? IF THIS WORKS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO WASTE ALL THE TIME WE WANT. AND I CAN SKIP OVER EVERY BATH NIGHT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

THIS IS NOTHING TO BE UNDERTAKEN LIGHTLY, AGLI. IF WE'RE NOT CAREFUL, WE COULD UNRAVEL THE VERY FABRIC OF THE UNIVERSE.

IF WE CAN UNDERTAKE IT AT ALL, YOU TRULY BELIEVE YOU'VE FINALLY FOUND A WAY?



LET ME GUESS. YOU FOUND IT IN A BORING OLD BOOK.

ASGARD IS MORE ANCIENT THAN ANY OF US CAN IMAGINE. FAR OLDER THAN EVEN GRANDFATHER THOR. ITS SECRETS ARE WITHOUT NUMBER.

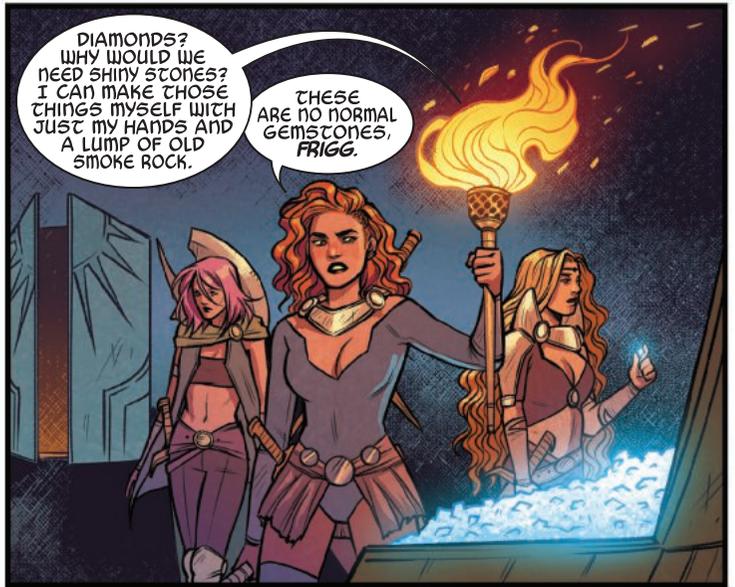
WHILE YOU TWO SPEND YOUR TIME WHACKING METEORS AND CHASING STABLE BOYS, I'VE BEEN PAINSTAKINGLY CATALOGUING THOSE SECRETS.

AND TWO DAYS AGO, I FOUND EXACTLY WHAT WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR.



I DOUBT EVEN THE ALL-GRANDFATHER REMEMBERS THIS ROOM EXISTS.

WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING UNLESS I SAY SO.



DIAMONDS? WHY WOULD WE NEED SHINY STONES? I CAN MAKE THOSE THINGS MYSELF WITH JUST MY HANDS AND A LUMP OF OLD SMOKE ROCK.

THESE ARE NO NORMAL GEMSTONES, FRIGG.



THESE ARE **TIME DIAMONDS**. GEMS THAT BEND THE VERY FABRIC OF TIME AND SPACE. ONE OF THE LOST WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD.

THE ANCIENT WORLD SURE WAS WEIRD.

SO WHAT DO WE DO? EAT THEM?



WELL...THE SCROLLS I FOUND IN THE ASGARDIAN LIBRARY...DIDN'T MENTION HOW EXACTLY TO **ACTIVATE** THEM.

BUT IF I WERE TO GUESS... I'D SAY WE JUST TAKE HOLD OF ONE, VERY CAREFULLY, AND ALL TOGETHER THINK OF WHERE WE--



TAKE US TO THE **GOLDEN AGE OF THOR!**

ACT! NO! THAT'S NOT--