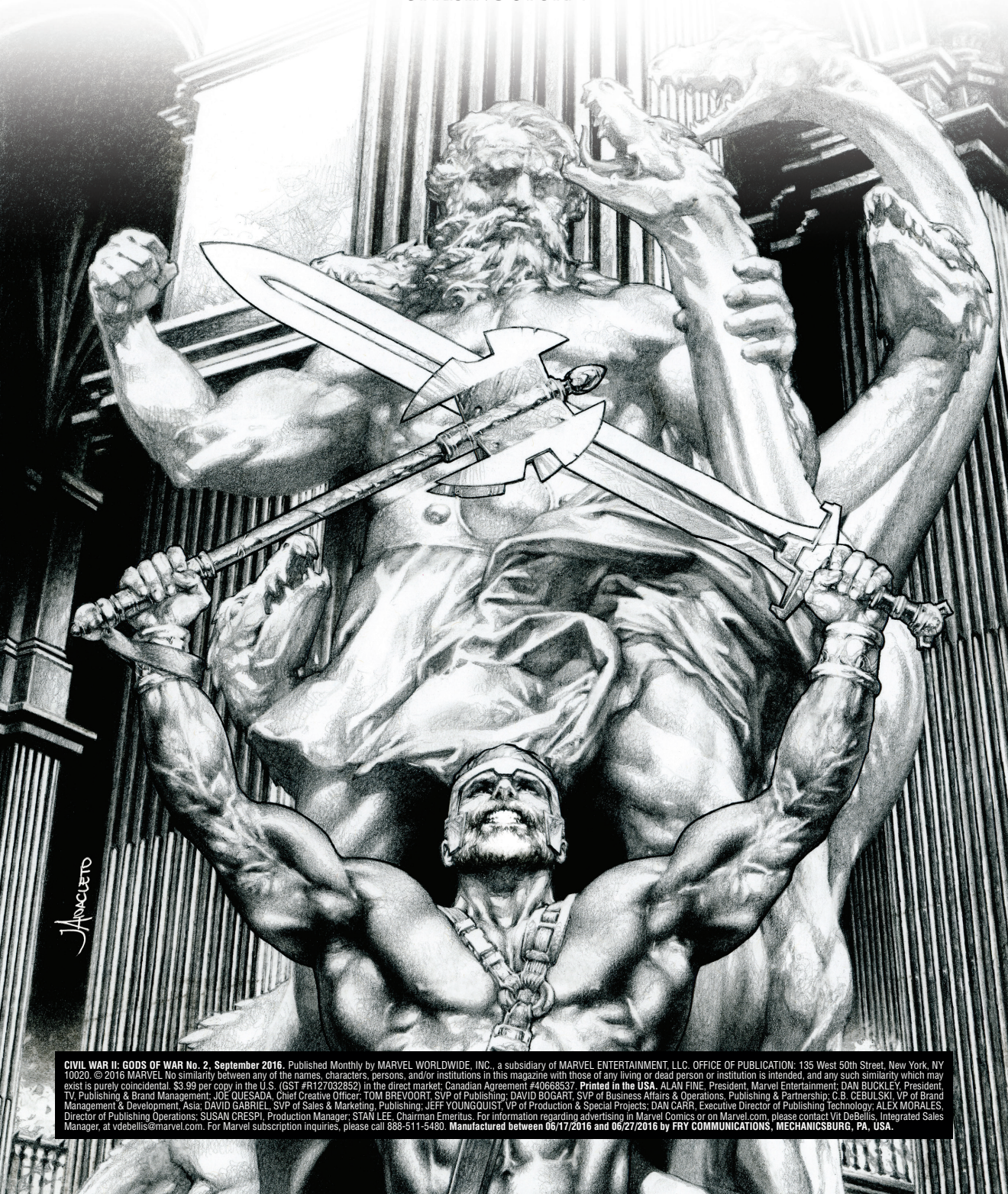


HERCULES WAS ONCE THE GREATEST HERO OF ALL. BUT THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO, AND IN THE MODERN WORLD, IMMORTAL HERCULES HAS DONE LITTLE BUT ENJOY HIS CELEBRITY. REALIZING HE WAS BECOMING A JOKE AND A SCANDALOUS LIABILITY, HERCULES HAS WORKED HARD TO RESTORE HIS REPUTATION.

BUT A NEW THREAT HAS EMERGED: THE UPRISING STORM, A PANTHEON OF NEW GODS BORN FROM THE MODERN AGE, HELL-BENT ON ANNIHILATING THEIR ANCIENT COUNTERPARTS.

WITH A CIVIL WAR RAGING AMONG THE MODERN HEROES OF THE WORLD, HERCULES HAS BEEN FORCED TO TURN TO THE LAST REMAINING HEROES OF OLD--IMMORTAL FRIENDS AND ALLIES WHO HAVE FOUGHT AT HIS SIDE IN AGES PAST. HE IS BUILDING AN ELITE STRIKE FORCE--THE GODS OF WAR--TO TAKE THE FIGHT TO THE UPRISING STORM...

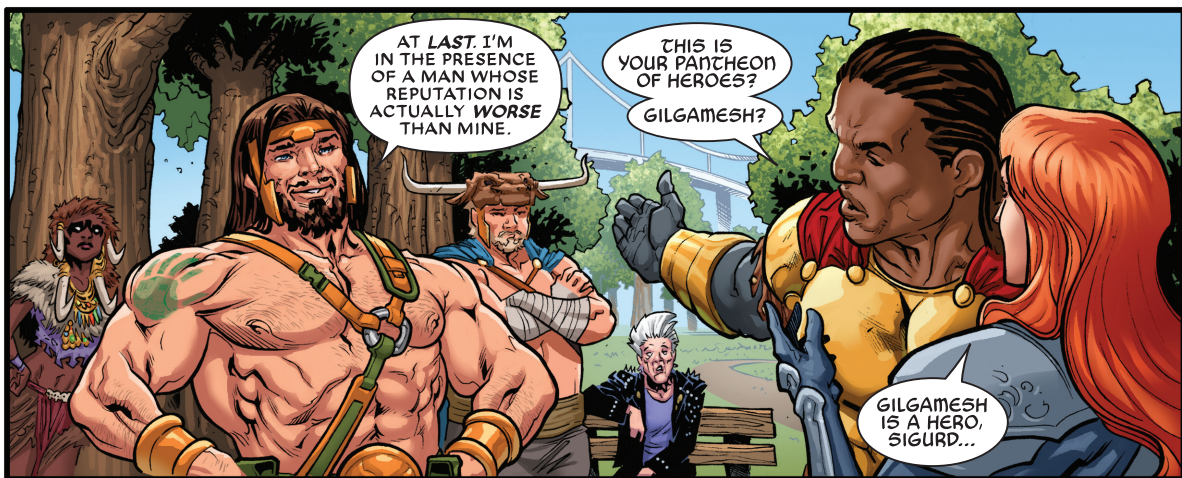


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AT LAST, I'M  
IN THE PRESENCE  
OF A MAN WHOSE  
REPUTATION IS  
ACTUALLY WORSE  
THAN MINE.

THIS IS  
YOUR PANTHEON  
OF HEROES?  
GILGAMESH?

GILGAMESH  
IS A HERO,  
SIGURD...



THANK YOU,  
LORELEI--

AS FAR AS  
SUMERIA EVER  
PRODUCED ANY  
HEROES OF  
NOTE.

HEY!

AND  
THESEUS.

WHY *ANYONE*  
WOULD CALL FOR  
THE HELP OF *THAT*  
THIEVING, PILLAGING  
CUR, I HAVE NO IDEA.



ME?

I AM SIMPLY  
DUMBFOUNDED  
THAT AN OAF LIKE  
BEOWULF WOULD  
SHOW UP.

'ERCVES  
GAVE ME A TINKLE  
ON THE BLOWER. SO  
I GOT MESELF OVER  
'ERE SHARPISH,  
DIN' I?

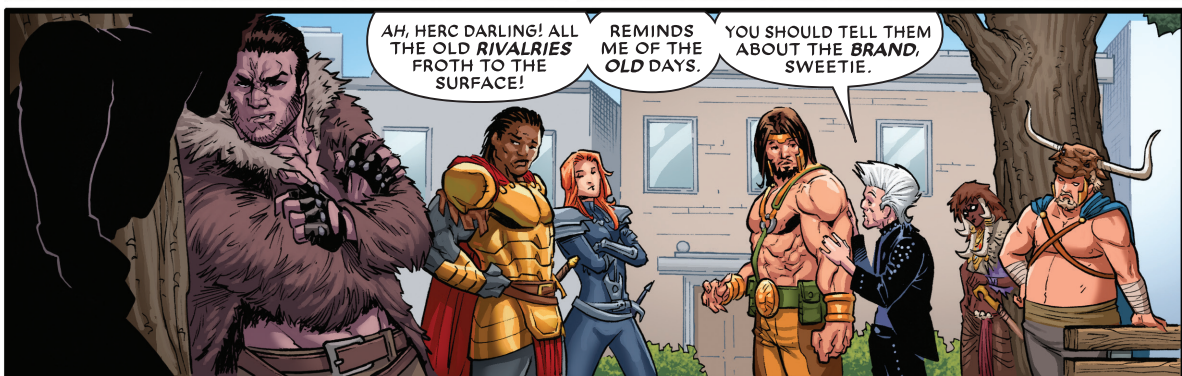
HE DINT SAY  
NUFFIN' ABOUT  
NO OTHERS.



GODS! YOU  
SMELL LIKE A  
SWAMP!

ARE YOU  
LIVING WITH  
GRENDL THESE  
DAYS?

SHUT IT,  
PRETTY  
BOY.

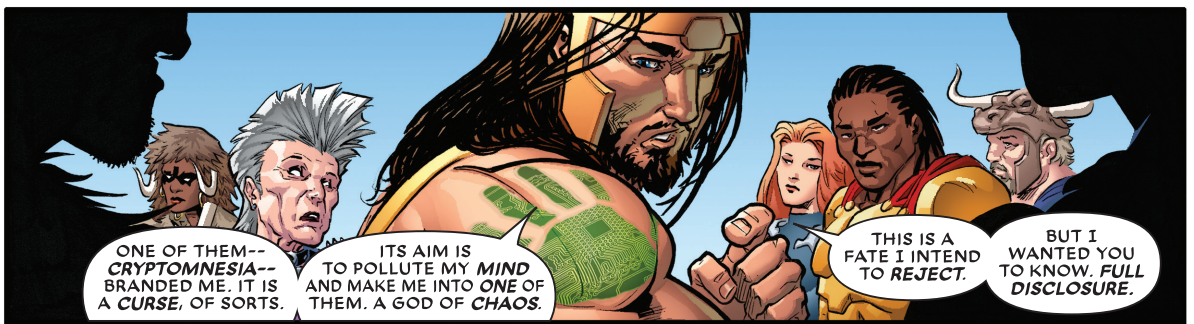


AH, HERC DARLING! ALL  
THE OLD RIVALRIES  
FROTH TO THE  
SURFACE!

REMINDS  
ME OF THE  
OLD DAYS.

YOU SHOULD TELL THEM  
ABOUT THE BRAND,  
SWEETIE.





ONE OF THEM--  
**CRYPTOMNESIA**--  
BRANDED ME. IT IS  
A CURSE, OF SORTS.

ITS AIM IS  
TO POLLUTE MY MIND  
AND MAKE ME INTO ONE OF  
THEM. A GOD OF CHAOS.

THIS IS A  
FATE I INTEND  
TO REJECT.

BUT I  
WANTED YOU  
TO KNOW. **FULL  
DISCLOSURE.**



UGGH! I HOPE  
THAT'S NOT  
CATCHING.

WE MUST  
**STOP** THEM,  
FRIENDS, BEFORE  
THEY CONQUER  
THIS WORLD AND  
MOLD IT TO  
THEIR WILL.

AND THE  
**GOLDEN AGE**  
OF MYTH WILL  
BE ENDED.



I FINK  
I'LL GIVE  
THIS ONE  
A MISS.

I ONLY  
WORKS WIV  
A CREW I CAN  
**TRUST.**

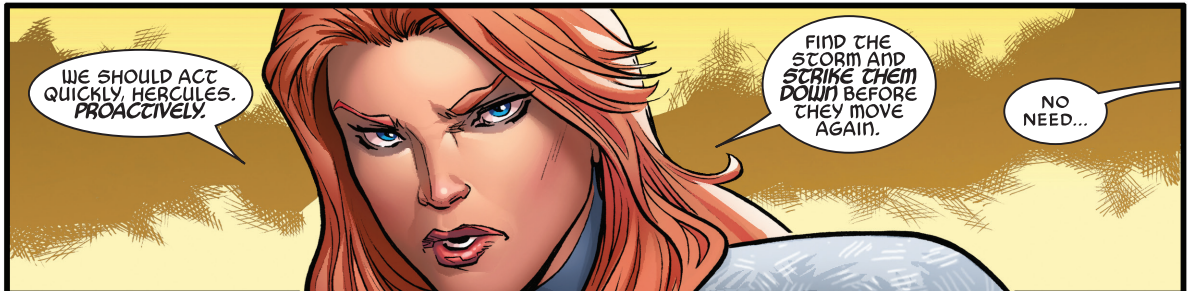
STICK WITH  
US, 'WULFIE.  
THINK OF IT AS  
A **CLASSICAL**  
EDUCATION.

YOU MAY  
LEARN A TRICK OR  
TWO FROM THOSE  
OF US WHO HAVE  
ENJOYED MORE  
**ILLUSTRIOUS**  
CAREERS.



I'VE HAD  
ENOUGH O'  
YOUR BULL.

YOU KNOW,  
THAT'S EXACTLY  
WHAT I SAID TO  
KING MINOS.



WE SHOULD ACT  
QUICKLY, HERCULES.  
**PROACTIVELY.**

FIND THE  
**STORM** AND  
**SCRIKE** THEM  
DOWN BEFORE  
THEY MOVE  
AGAIN.

NO  
NEED...



