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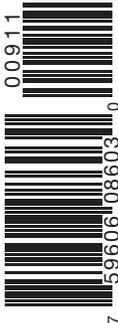
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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat. On that day, the Avengers were born—to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE AVENGERS



WASP
Nadia Pym



THOR
Jane Foster



CAPTAIN AMERICA
Sam Wilson



VISION



SPIDER-MAN
Peter Parker



HERCULES

Steve Rogers, A.K.A. Captain America, was secretly transformed into a Hydra agent by a sentient Cosmic Cube. After months of scheming and manipulation, he staged a surprise attack during a moment of crisis as a play to take over the United States. The world's heroes arrived to stop him, but Captain America banished Thor to realms unknown and wielded her hammer to quell any resistance.

The country has fallen to Captain America...but where is Thor?

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THAT THE ONLY NUTRITIOUS FOOD LEFT ON OUR WORLD GROWS EXCLUSIVELY BENEATH THE *MUCKPITS* SHOWS HOW FAR WE'VE FALLEN.

STILL, WE MUST EAT. OUR CHILDREN AND *THEIR* CHILDREN MUST NOT GO HUNGRY, EITHER.

I TRY NOT TO DWELL ON IT. EVERY MOMENT HAS BECOME A ROUTINE FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL. THIS WAS JUST ANOTHER SUNCYCLE OF THE SAME.

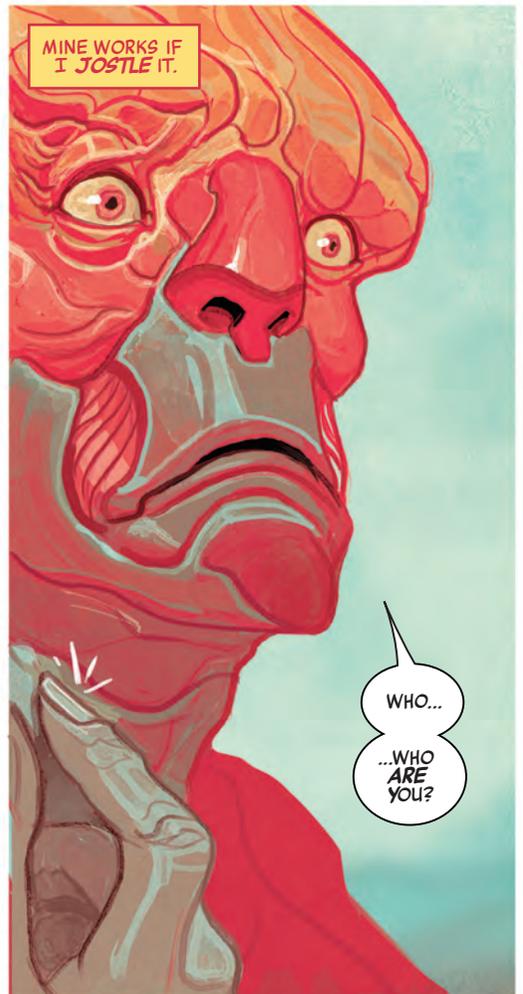


THEN SOMETHING... APPEARED IN THE FURTHERMOST FIELD-QUADRANT.



MANY OF US WERE ALARMED ENOUGH TO ABANDON OUR FARM-STATIONS.

QUESTIONS WERE BARKED, BUT SO FEW OF US STILL HAVE OPERATIONAL TRANSLATION IMPLANTS.



MINE WORKS IF I JOSTLE IT.

WHO...
...WHO ARE YOU?



I'M A
GOD.



I...HAD MY DOUBTS.

NONETHELESS, WE COULDN'T SIMPLY LET THIS ALIEN STRUGGLE ALONE IN THE VISCIOUS FIELDS...



...NOT AFTER SHE VOCALIZED SUCH A SENSE OF URGENCY.

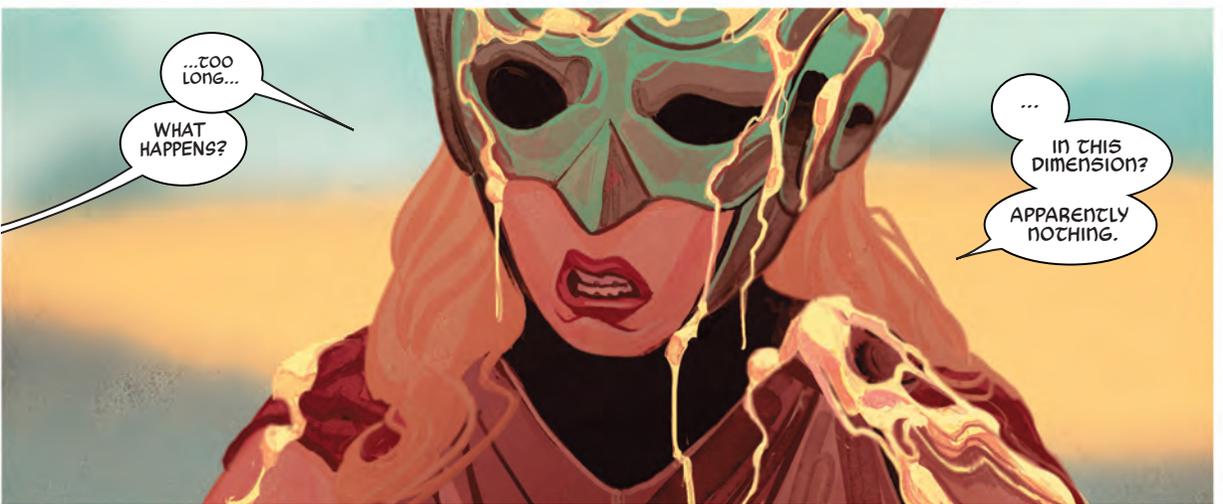
HURRY! PLEASE! I HAVEN'T GOT MY HAMMER!



HAMMER? A TOOL? A WEAPON? IS THAT A THREAT?

NO! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! WITHOUT IT, I'LL DIE HERE! IF I'M...

...I'M APART FROM IT FOR TOO...



...TOO LONG...

WHAT HAPPENS?

... IN THIS DIMENSION?

APPARENTLY NOTHING.



BACK TO **FARMING**, HECLA! REMEMBER WHAT THE **SAGES** SAY!

"NEVER LET YOUR LARDER GROW LIGHT!"

I'LL GET BY, LACHE.



THAT'S IT? A STRANGE ALIEN LANDS IN THEIR MIDST, AND THEY JUST GO BACK TO **WORK**?

WE'RE NOT A TERRIBLY CURIOUS PEOPLE, AS A RULE.

I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHY THAT IS.

MY NAME IS **HECLA**. WHAT'S YOURS?

"**THOR**," SHE REPLIED.



SHE SAID SHE CAME HERE FROM A PLANET CALLED "EARTH," OR "MIDGARD." SHE USED BOTH NAMES INTERCHANGEABLY.

TO HEAR HER TELL IT, SHE WAS A MIGHTY WARRIOR BACK HOME. A "GOD" (SHE CLAIMS) IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE...

...WHEN A MYSTERIOUS FORCE SWEEPED HER AWAY AND TO OUR WORLD, OR "DIMENSION," SHE ALSO USED THOSE TERMS INTERCHANGEABLY.

IT WAS CONFUSING TO ME, BUT ONE THING WAS EVIDENT: