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ARES, YOU ARE THE GOD OF WAR... AND WE ARE GOING TO ASGARD AND I NEED A PLAN.

I NEED YOUR HELP.

NO. I WOULD NEVER DO BATTLE AGAINST THE ASGARDIAN GODS.

AND I WILL STOP YOU FROM TRYING.

RESPECTFULLY.

BUT ARES, THOR IS NO LONGER THERE, HIS FATHER ODIN IS NO LONGER THERE.

AND OUR INTEL, OUR VERY GOOD INTEL, SAYS WITH ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY THAT THOR'S BROTHER--

LOKI.

--HAS TAKEN HOLD OF ASGARD.

IT IS UNDER CONTROL OF A MADMAN AND IT SHOULDN'T EVEN BE ON EARTH IN THE FIRST PLACE.

THIS IS NOT THE FIGHT OF MORTAL MEN.

THEN WHY IS ASGARD HERE, IN OKLAHOMA, IN THE MORTAL WORLD?



ARES, IF NOT US, WHO?



IN THE WORLD YOU KNOW, ARES CONSIDERED NORMAN OSBORN'S QUESTION AND AGREED TO JOIN HIS CRUSADE.

IF YOU ARE LYING, I WILL CUT YOUR HEAD OFF.

ARMOR AND ALL.

BUT REALITY IS NO MERE STRAIGHT LINE, BUT RATHER A SPIDER-WEB, A ROAD WITH AN INFINITE NUMBER OF FORKING PATHS.



SO CONSIDER IF ARES HAD NOT MADE THIS CHOICE. CONSIDER WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED HAD HE TRUSTED HIS INSTINCTS INSTEAD OF OSBORN AND HIS LIES...

WHOP FROM WHOM DID YOU GAIN THIS 'INTEL'?

THAT'S-- THAT INFORMATION IS CLASSIFIED.



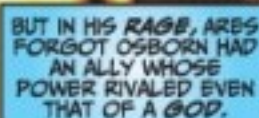
YOUR
TONGUE
LIES. BUT YOUR
FACE DOES
NOT.

AND DID I
NOT PROMISE
WHAT I'D DO
SHOULD YOU LIE
TO ME?

I SAID...



I WILL
CUT YOUR HEAD
OFF! ARMOR
AND ALL!



BUT IN HIS RAGE, ARES
FORGOT OSBORN HAD
AN ALLY WHOSE
POWER RIVALLED EVEN
THAT OF A GOD.

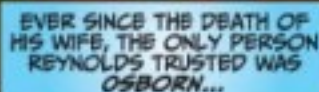


ROBERT
REYNOLDS.

THE
SENTRY.



HUURKK



EVER SINCE THE DEATH OF
HIS WIFE, THE ONLY PERSON
REYNOLDS TRUSTED WAS
OSBORN...

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A FACT BOTH DELIBERATE AND IRONIC SINCE—AS YOU KNOW—IT WAS OSBORN WHO ORDERED THE ASSASSIN BULLSEYE TO MURDER MRS. REYNOLDS...



...UNBEKNOWNST TO REYNOLDS.

WHO WOULD DO ANYTHING OSBORN ASKED OF HIM.



IN YOUR REALITY, ARMS' DEATH AT REYNOLDS' HAND CAME LATER, ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE.


THE EXERTION REQUIRED TO KILL A GOD UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES LEFT THE SENTRY WEAKENED.

VULNERABLE.



AND... ULTIMATELY...

DEFEATABLE.



BUT WHAT
IF HE HADN'T
BEEN?

WHAT IF HE'D
KILLED ARES DAYS
EARLIER, AS WE'VE JUST
WITNESSED? AND SO WAS
RESTED BEFORE GOING
INTO BATTLE?

DOES THAT
NOT BEG THE
QUESTION...

WHAT IF...
NORMAN OSBORN
WON THE

**SIEGE
OF ASGARD?**



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