

THE LABYRINTH OF HEL.

SERA'S CAT MEETING SERA'S DOG FOR THE FIRST TIME.

ANGELA,
MEET LEAH
OF HEL.

HELA'S
CHOPPED-OFF,
ANTHROPOMORPHIZED
HAND-TURNED-
HANDMAIDEN.

MAN, WE
HAVE THE
BEST ORIGIN
STORIES.

SERA
DESCRIBED
YOU IN A
SPACE
BIKINI.

I
UPGRADED.

SERA DESCRIBED
YOU IN DETAIL
IN A SPACE
BIKINI.

SERA...

I WAS
ALONE FOR
LONGER THAN IT
TOOK THE FRANK
OCEAN ALBUM TO
DROP, ANGELA.
I HAVE
NEEDS.

WELL,
YOU'RE A
CORIVAL
NOW.

YOU
BOTH KEEP
USING THAT
WORD.

HSSS

YOU'RE GOING
TO ATTEMPT THE
THREE TRIALS OF HEL
TO OVERTHROW THE
QUEEN OF THE
DEAD.

I MAY HAVE
MIXED FEELINGS
ABOUT THAT, GIVEN
MY ABSOLUTE
CLUSTER OF
A TIMELINE.

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NOPE,
NOPE, NOPE,
NO FIGHTING. I'LL
GET THE SPRAY
BOTTLE.

HEY, YOU
KNOW WHAT WOULD
BE FUN RIGHT
NOW? **BLATANT
EXPOSITION.**

WELL,
MY "HELLO"
FOUND HELA'S
HAND.

HANDMAIDEN.

THE
HIGHEST OF
FIVES.

SHE WAS
CREATED SOME
TIME AGO FROM
HELA'S HAND, CUT
APART, MADE
MANIFEST--

A LITERAL
HANDMAIDEN
OF HER MISTRESS'S
WILL.

SHE'S...
TRAVELED SOME,
ADMITTEDLY.

I DO
LIKE YOUR
SWORDS.

BACK AT
YOU, SPACE
BIKINI.

SERA
SAYS YOU GOT YOUR
HANDS ON THE LEGENDARY
XIPHOS SOMEWHERE--
THE SWORD OF
THE STARS.

MY
LOVE...THIS IS
DIZZYING.

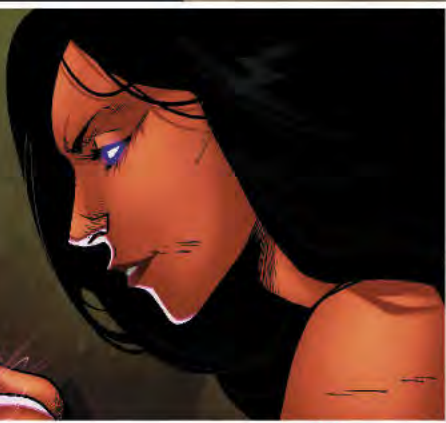
YOU JUST
NEED MORE
WORDPLAY
IN YOUR LIFE,
ANGELA.

I PROMISE
YOU, THIS IS ALL
PERFECTLY SENSIBLE.
READ MORE GILLEN,
YOU'LL BE FINE.

SOOOO, WHEN I WAS SHIFFLED LOOSE THE MORTAL COIL AND FOUND MYSELF IN A PLACE WHERE I WAS SUPPOSE TO DO THE WHOLE "SPLIT WOOD AND HAUL WATER" #S%&...

...I MAAAAAY HAVE SASSED QUEEN HELA.

IT WAS SHORTLY AFTER GETTING MURDERED. IT WAS A STRESSFUL TIME.



HELA STRUCK ME WITH HER HAND, AND I USED WHAT LITTLE MAGIC I HAD TO PRY WHAT WAS LEFT OF HELA'S HANDPRINT FROM MY FACE...

...CREATING A VINDICTIVE LITTLE THANK YOU FOR HER, WHICH I SENT, FOLLOWING HER SCENT, HOPING TO FIND HELA'S HAND AND REPAY IT FOR THE KINDNESS...



LEAH IS STUCK HERE DUE TO TEMPORAL AND PLANAR SHIFTS EVEN I-- WITH MY PENCHANT FOR FORBIDDEN KNOWLEDGE, MISUSE OF RESOURCES IN THE TEMPLE OF THE ANCHORITES, ETC., ETC.-- DO NOT ENTIRELY UNDERSTAND.

BUT NOW THAT YOU, MY ANGELA, ARE A CORIVAL INTENT UPON COMPLETING THE THREE TRIALS TO UNSEAT HELA AND CLAIM THE TITLE OF QUEEN OF HEL...

WE ALL HAVE A COMMON CAUSE!

SOMEONE PLAY THE FINAL FANTASY VICTORY THEME.



YOU WERE THE ONE TO ENCHANT ME WHEN I ARRIVED IN HEL. TO GIVE ME THE VISIONS OF MY PAST.

INsofar AS I CAN BE FOND OF ANYONE, I HAVE GROWN FOND OF SERA, ANGELA OF NOWHERE.

AND THE REALM AND TIMELINE FROM WHICH I CAME... I HAVE SYMPATHIES FOR THOSE WHO WOULD DEFY HEL ITSELF TO SAVE THE ONE THEY LOVE.

THE POINT IS--SO LONG AS HELA IS QUEEN, LEAH IS BOUND TO HER WILL AND TRAPPED HERE, THE SAME AS I AM.



HALT, PRISONERS!!





SO
LET'S GET
DEFYING.