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## The worthy



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THOR ODINSON IS THE GOD OF THUNDER AND PROTECTOR OF MIDGARD. ALONG WITH ALL THE POWERS OF THE STORM, HE WIELDS MJOLNIR, A MIGHTY HAMMER FORGED OF URU THAT ONLY HE CAN LIFT – OR SO HE BELIEVED FOR MANY YEARS. OVER TIME, HE HAS WITNESSED OTHERS WHO CAN LIFT THE HAMMER. OTHERS WHO ARE...WORTHY.

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### "BEYOND THE FIELD WE KNOW..."

ON A QUEST TO PROTECT HIS PEOPLE, THE KORBINITE RACE, BETA RAY BILL ONCE GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH THOR DUE TO A MISUNDERSTANDING, AND DURING THE BATTLE HE PICKED UP MJOLNIR AND WAS GRANTED THE POWER OF THOR. SO IMPRESSED WITH THE KORBINITE'S WORTHINESS WAS THOR'S FATHER, ODIN, THAT HE FORGED A NEW ENCHANTED HAMMER FOR BILL CALLED STORMBREAKER. BILL HAS BEEN AN ALLY OF ASGARD EVER SINCE, AS WELL AS AN OCCASIONAL ROMANTIC PARTNER OF THE LADY SIF.

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### "HEARTS OF STONE, FEET OF CLAY"

ERIC MASTERSON WAS A MORTAL ALLY OF THOR WHO PROVED HIMSELF WORTHY OF AN ENCHANTED WEAPON OF HIS OWN AND BECAME THE HERO KNOWN AS THUNDERSTRIKE. HE WOULD EVENTUALLY DIE IN BATTLE, AND HIS SON KEVIN NOW CARRIES ON THE THUNDERSTRIKE LEGACY, BUT WHILE HE LIVED ERIC FOUGHT DAILY TO PROTECT MIDGARD AND REMAIN WORTHY.

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### "RULE FOR REFLECTION"

WHEN THOR BRIEFLY FOUND HIMSELF UNWORTHY TO LIFT MJOLNIR AND JANE FOSTER BECAME THE NEW THOR, INITIALLY NO ONE KNEW WHO THIS NEW GODDESS OF THUNDER WAS, NOT EVEN THOR HIMSELF. FOR A TIME, HE SUSPECTED IT MIGHT BE THE LADY SIF, AND ONE NIGHT HE CONFRONTED HER DIRECTLY WITH HIS THEORY...

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ASGARD--HOME OF THE MIGHTY NORSE GODS...

--AND FOR A TIME, A SANCTUARY FOR A WARRIOR WHO HAS TRAVELED A LONELY PATH FOR MILLIONS OF LIGHT-YEARS IN SEARCH OF A HOME FOR HIS PEOPLE...

YOU ARE QUIET, BILL.

# BEYOND THE FIELD WE KNOW...

BY SIMONSON, HAWTHORNE, BUSCEMA, & WORKMAN

THE BEAUTY OF ASGARD OVERWHELMS ME, LADY SIF.

IT BIDS ME FORGET MY TASK, SO I WEAR MY WARRIOR FORM TO REMIND ME AND TO DIMINISH BEAUTY.

IF ONLY WE COULD--BILL?

LADY, TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE SCATTERED AROUND YON BOULDER. IS THIS USUAL FOR ASGARD?

BIRDS. DEAD AND DYING. DOZENS OF THEM. AND FIELD MICE.

NO. IT IS NOT.

SOMETHING THERE IS ABOUT THIS ROCK. IT EMANATES... ALMOST A MIASMA OF--







WHEN ARCHITECT ERIC MASTERSON STAMPS HIS WOODEN WALKING STICK UPON THE GROUND, IT IS TRANSFORMED INTO A MYSTICAL WEAPON CALLED THUNDERSTRIKE! ARMED WITH INCREDIBLE POWERS, MASTERSON WORKS TO PROVE THAT ONE MAN MUST MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BECAUSE THE WORLD STILL NEEDS HEROES. MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS...

# THUNDER STRIKE

CALGUARD CHEMICAL, A COMPOUNDING LABORATORY...

**KWA-QWOOM**



GOOD MORNING, MES AMIS.  
DO NOT MOVE OR BE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO PLAY THE HERO.  
YOUR VERY LIVES ARE IN MY HANDS.

W-WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

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I AM KNOWN AS THE GREY GARGOYLE.

I REQUIRE THE AID OF YOUR MOST SKILLED CHEMIST.

TH-THAT WOULD BE ME--DENYSE CALGUARD.

I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT IF YOU RELEASE MY PEOPLE.

STAY BACK, EMMA.

DENYSE-- NO!

YOU ARE IN NO POSITION TO MAKE DEMANDS.

YOU WILL DO AS I SAY OR BE TURNED TO STONE.





EVERY  
DOORWAY TO  
THIS ESTABLISHMENT  
IS ALREADY  
SEALED.

I NEED YOU  
TO COMPOUND  
A CHEMICAL  
FORMULA.

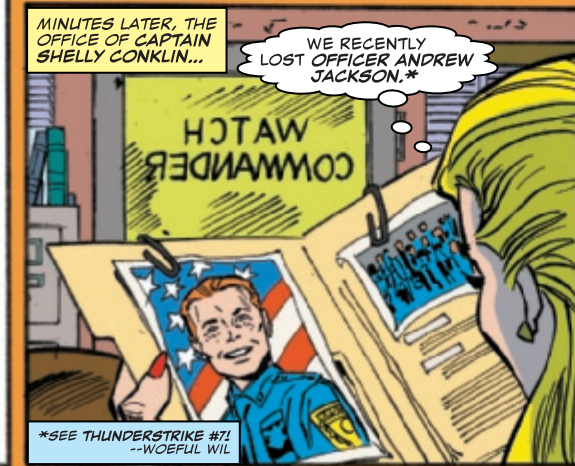
SUCCEED  
AND YOUR  
PEOPLE WILL GO  
UNHARMED.



FAIL AND THE  
CONSEQUENCES  
WILL BE MOST  
UNPLEASANT.

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WHAT IS YOUR  
EMERGENCY?

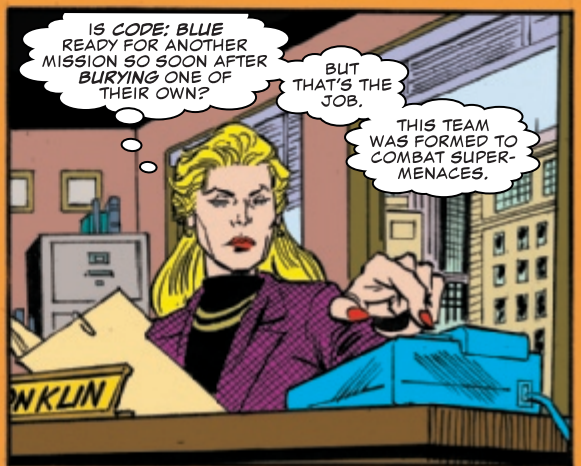
WE HAVE A  
SITUATION.



MINUTES LATER, THE  
OFFICE OF CAPTAIN  
SHELLY CONKLIN...

WE RECENTLY  
LOST OFFICER ANDREW  
JACKSON.\*

\*SEE THUNDERSTRIKE #7!  
--WOEFUL WIL



IS CODE: BLUE  
READY FOR ANOTHER  
MISSION SO SOON AFTER  
BURYING ONE OF  
THEIR OWN?

BUT  
THAT'S THE  
JOB.

THIS TEAM  
WAS FORMED TO  
COMBAT SUPER-  
MENACES.



REST TIME IS OVER, GUYS  
AND GAL. THE CAPTAIN JUST  
ASSIGNED US A REAL  
WINNER.

I  
HEAR YOU,  
LIEUTENANT  
STONE.

RUIZ, WE  
MAY REQUIRE  
SOME OF YOUR  
EXTRA-SPECIAL  
GIZMOS.

WHY THE  
BIG SMILE,  
FIREWORKS?

THOUGHT YOU  
WERE CONSIDERING  
RETIREMENT AFTER  
WHAT HAPPENED  
TO JOCK.

YEAH, WELL, I  
ONLY FILLED OUT  
THOSE PAPERS TO  
GET THE WIFE OFF  
MY BACK, MAD  
DOG.

I'D BE  
BORED SILLY  
WITHOUT THE  
OCCASIONAL  
FLASHBANG.

HEY,  
LOOT! THIS  
GARGOYLE MOOK  
OFTEN FOUGHT  
THOR.

MAYBE  
YOU SHOULD  
PUT IN A CALL  
TO--



# Rule for Reflection

A Journey Into Mystery with...

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ASGARD. FORGED IN FIRE, TOLD IN STORY.  
EVERYTHING'S A BATTLE. LIFE. LOVE.  
DINNER. WHO LIVES LIKE THAT?

ODINSON, THAT  
I WAS EVER FOOLED BY  
YOUR CONCERN! THOUGHT  
YOU I WOULD PARADE IN  
DISGUISE?! I HOPE THE NEW  
THOR, WHOEVER THEY MAY  
BE, DOES NOT FOLLOW  
IN YOUR PATHETIC  
FOOTSTEPS!

BY  
NIDHOGG'S  
FOUL ASHES,  
THOU SHALT NOT  
HAVE ME, NOR  
BEST ME, NOR  
HAVE THE BEST OF  
ME, NOR ME THE--



YOU  
WHAT?!

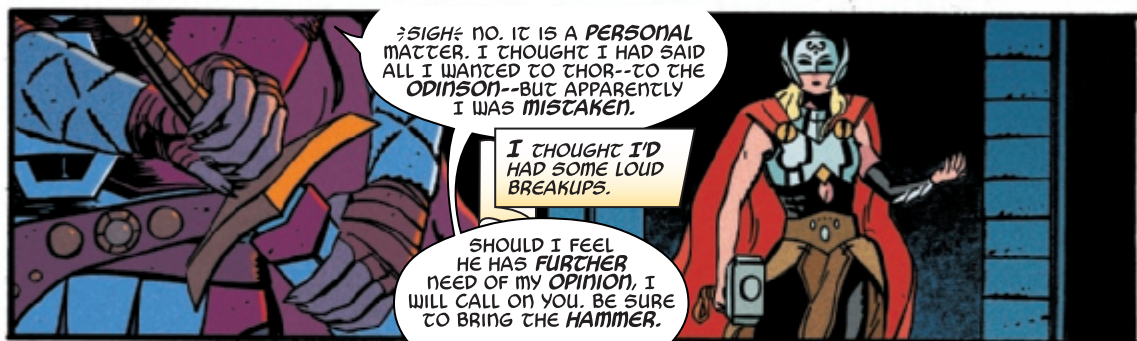




GREETINGS,  
THOR.

OH, OKAY. THANK  
GOODNESS.

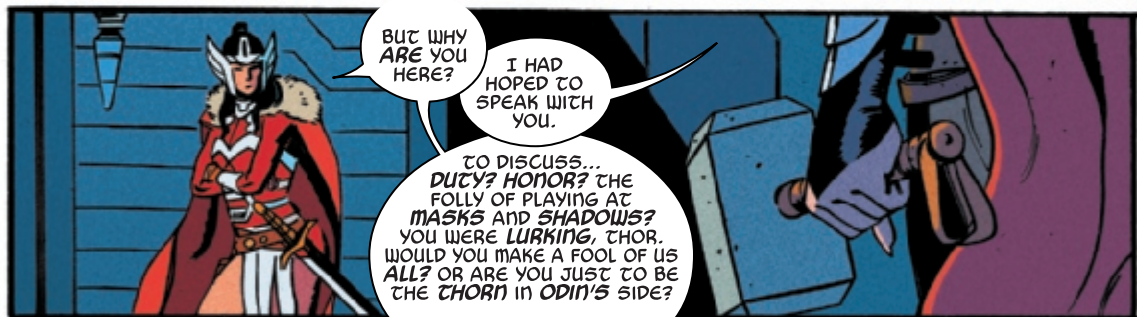
SIF, MAY  
I BE OF A  
HELP TO YOU THIS  
EVENING? IT SEEMS  
A GREAT WRONG  
MUST BE  
RIGHTED.



?SIGH? NO. IT IS A PERSONAL  
MATTER. I THOUGHT I HAD SAID  
ALL I WANTED TO THOR--TO THE  
ODINSON--BUT APPARENTLY  
I WAS MISTAKEN.

I THOUGHT I'D  
HAD SOME LOUD  
BREAKUPS.

SHOULD I FEEL  
HE HAS FURTHER  
NEED OF MY OPINION, I  
WILL CALL ON YOU. BE SURE  
TO BRING THE HAMMER.



BUT WHY  
ARE YOU  
HERE?

I HAD  
HOPED TO  
SPEAK WITH  
YOU.

TO DISCUSS...  
DUTY? HONOR? THE  
FOLLY OF PLAYING AT  
MASKS AND SHADOWS?  
YOU WERE LURKING, THOR.  
WOULD YOU MAKE A FOOL OF US  
ALL? OR ARE YOU JUST TO BE  
THE THORN IN ODIN'S SIDE?



THE HAMMER SAYS YOU  
ARE WORTHY. THE  
DISGUISE SPEAKS  
DIFFERENTLY.

WERE IT  
ME, I WOULD HAVE  
NO NEED OF THIS  
PRETENSE.

LADY, I WAS  
NOT BORN TO MY ROLE  
AS YOU WERE. WHAT IS RIGHT  
FOR YOU IS NOT RIGHT FOR ALL.



WHAT IS  
RIGHT FOR  
ASGARD IS  
RIGHT FOR  
ME. AND  
THAT IS  
ALL. YOU  
WOULD DO  
WELL TO APPREHEND  
IT.

I AM  
A QUICK  
STUDY.

SO I  
HAVE BEEN  
RELIABLY  
INFORMED.

CLATTER



WHAT  
WAS  
THAT?