

ONCE SHE WAS THE MIGHTY THOR. NOW DR. JANE FOSTER WIELDS NOT THUNDER, BUT DEATH. AND LIFE. AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN. SHE IS THE LAST OF THE VALKYRIES—WARRIOR GODDESSES WHO FERRY THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO FALL IN BATTLE TO VALHALLA, THE LAND OF THE HONORED DEAD. WIELDER OF UNDRJARN THE ALL-WEAPON, DEFENDER OF MIDGARD AND ASGARD ALIKE, SHE IS...



WHEN LIFE-DRAINING DEMONS ROSE FROM THE GROUND IN MIDGARD AND BEGAN KILLING CIVILIANS, VALKYRIE AND ALL-FATHER THOR ENTRUSTED THE AVENGERS WITH EARTH'S PROTECTION AND FOLLOWED THE DEMONS FAR UNDERGROUND TO FIND THE SOURCE.

THERE THEY FOUND THE BODY OF ØDE, AN ANCIENT KING WHO LONG AGO TRIED TO HARNESS THE POWER OF THE ROKKVA, AN ANTLIFE ENTITY FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME. ØDE WAS EVENTUALLY KILLED AND THE ROKKVA IMPRISONED INSIDE THE BARREN MOUNTAINS IN JOTUNHEIM, BUT NOW SOMEONE HAS STOLEN ØDE'S BODY AND USED THE SAP OF THE WORLD TREE IN AN ATTEMPT TO REVIVE HIM AND THUS THE ROKKVA'S POWER.

THE EVER-IMPETUOUS THOR TRIED TO DESTROY THE REMAINS BUT INSTEAD UNLEASHED THE MURDEROUS ENERGY INSIDE ØDE'S BODY — AND IT IMMEDIATELY POSSESSED HIM!

# “AT THE END OF ALL THINGS”

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**NOW.**

THOR...  
ARE YOU IN THERE?

**HE IS LOSING.**

THE DARK POWER WITHIN ODE'S REMAINS IS INFECTING THOR, THE SAME WAY IT'S INFECTED THE PLANET.

BUT PERHAPS I CAN SEE A WAY HE CAN STILL BE--

WHAT--WHAT ARE THESE SCATTERED MEMORIES? WHY IS THE SIGHT OF THE VALKYRIE FAILING ME? WHY CAN'T I SEE HIS FATE?

THOR, FIGHT THIS. YOU'RE THE ALL-FATHER OF ASGARD, YOU CAN--

THOR!!!

THROUGH THE PAIN, I REALIZE THE REASON I CAN'T SEE THOR'S DEATH...



...IS THE SAME REASON PEOPLE CAN'T SEE THE FOREST FOR THE TREES.

BY ALL THE GODS...

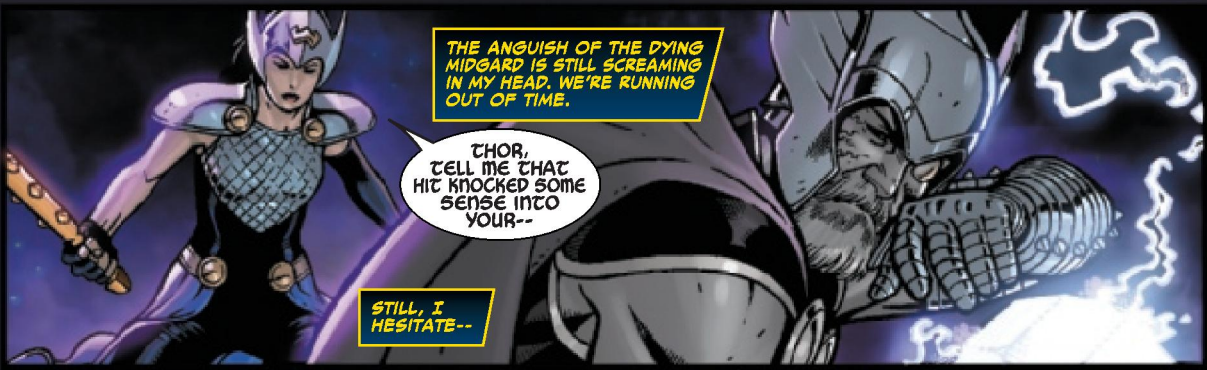
THE SPECTER OF THOR'S DEATH IS SO MASSIVE...

...THAT WE'RE INSIDE IT.



I DON'T WANT THIS. I DON'T WANT TO WIN THIS.

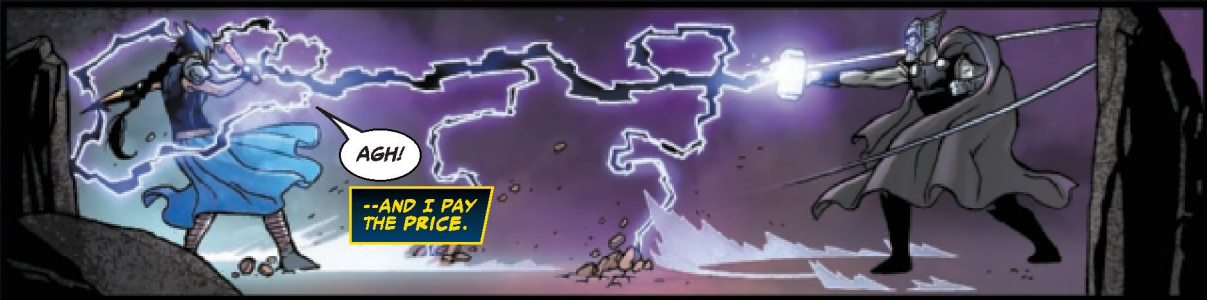
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THE ANGUISH OF THE DYING MIDGARD IS STILL SCREAMING IN MY HEAD. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.

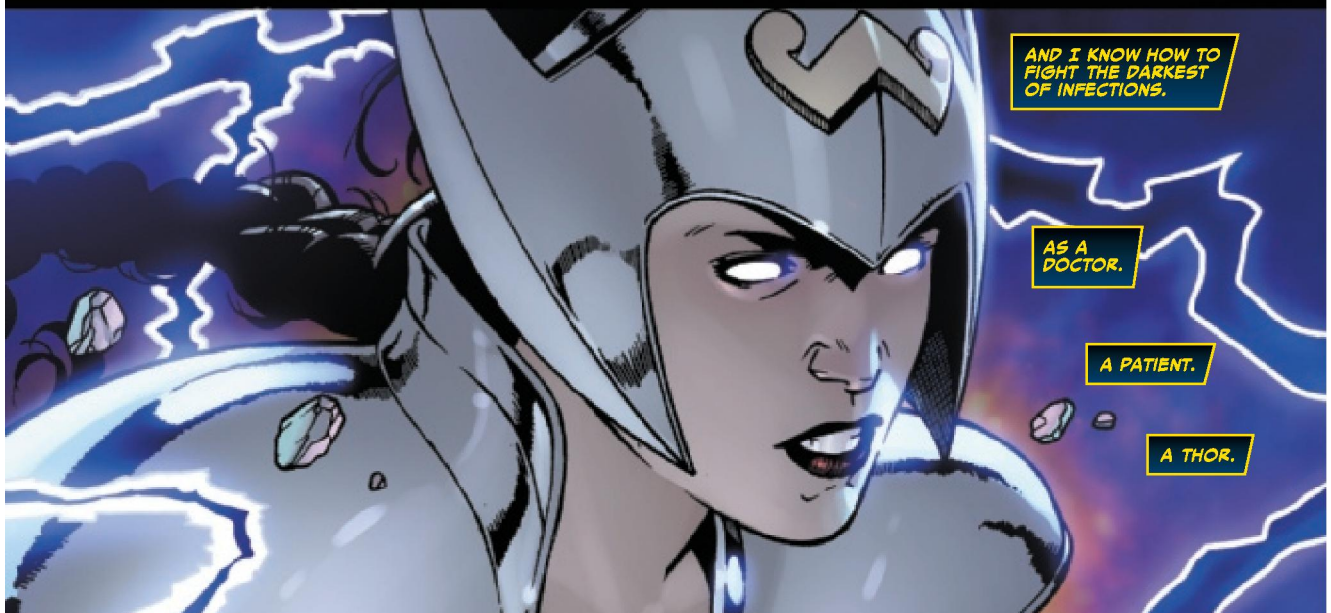
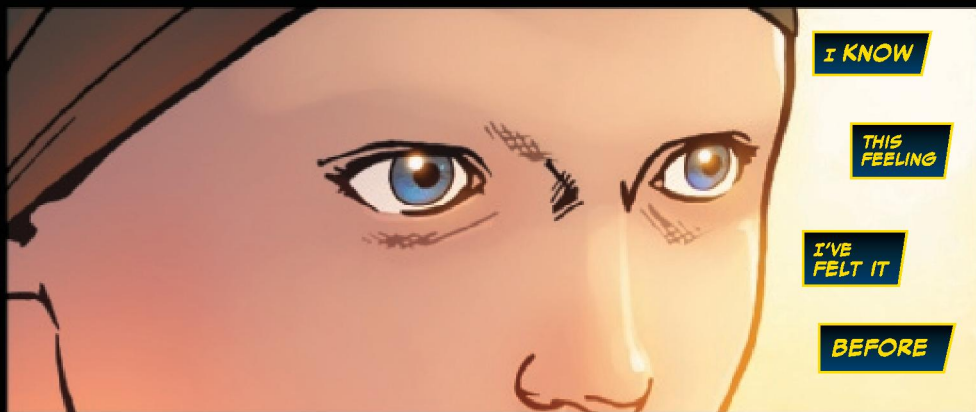
THOR, TELL ME THAT HIT KNOCKED SOME SENSE INTO YOUR--

STILL, I HESITATE--



AGH!

--AND I PAY THE PRICE.





AS THE LAST OF THE ODIN-DAMNED VALKYRIES!

EVEN YOUR LIGHTNING IS BLACK AND BLIGHTED!

DAMMIT, THUNDER GOD, THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!

AND I KNOW THE COST OF SUCH A FIGHT.



EVERY MOVEMENT TAKES SOMETHING FROM DEEP INSIDE ME.

PULLS MY STRENGTH THROUGH MY WEAPON AND OUT.



I KNOW I CAN WIN THIS...



...BUT I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO.