## Alternate Legend 5: From the Heavens Above

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Appearing before Lif and Thrasir... no, before those of a ruined world, Alfonse and Veronica, was a woman wielding a white axe. She was the god of war, Thor. She praised them, who fought for and wagered everything on a dim hope, for they possessed true strength worthy of respect. She told them there was no wish that her superior, the lord of all creation Alfaðör, could not grant.

Thorr and her ally Loki offered the two to form a contract with them and become celestial warriors. "Should you form a contract with us, all whom you wish for from your world shall live happy lives" — these were her terms.

To Alfonse, who begged and prayed and gave himself to a cause, who plundered other worlds as he dyed his hands in blood and yet never attained what he wished for, he took this deed by the gods as an insult. It was as if they were toying with them, dangling a prize for them to fight over like children. But despite himself, in order to save his loved ones, Alfonse offers himself up once more and chooses to become a servant of the gods. As he bared his fangs, he said... "These arrogant gods may think that everything will go according to plan, but one day I shall make them taste defeat!"

## 異点 ) 天上より来たる

リーヴとスラシル…滅んだ世界のアルフォンスとヴェロニカの前に現れた、白き斧を携えし女性。戦神を名乗るその女性トールは、かすかな希望に賭けすべてを捧げて戦った彼ら2人を、まことの強さを持つ真に尊ぶべきものだと賞賛する。そして、自身の主、万物の創造主アルフォズルであれば叶えられぬ願いはないと語った。

トール、そしてそこに合流したロキは、自分たち神々のもとで天上の戦士となるよう、 2人に契約を持ちかけに現れたのだ。「契約すれば、お前たちの世界にはお前たちの望む者たちが皆幸せに暮らすであろう」とい う条件付きで。

どれだけ乞い願い、その身を捧げても、己の手を血に染めて異界に攻め込んでも、望みを果たすことができなかった異界のアルフォンスにとって、神々のこの行いは侮辱とも取れるものであった。まるで褒美を目の前にちらつかせて子供らを争わせ、弄び楽しむといったような。しかし、それでも大切な人たちを救うため、アルフォンスは再びその身を売り、神々の下僕となることを決意する。「なにもかもすべてが思い通りになると考えている傲慢な神々に、いつかは打ち勝ってみせよう」と牙を剥きながら…。