

I'VE **GUTTED** DOZENS OF MEN OVER THE YEARS, SITTING IN THIS VERY CHAIR, FOR BEING THE **POWER-DRUNK ZEALOTS** HE'S SPEAKING OF.

I'M WITH THEM TO SEE AN OLD FRIEND.

MAKE AMENDS YOU COULD SAY.

A PEEK AT MY LITTLE BOTTLE OF RADIOACTIVE JOY WOULD TELL YOU I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT FOR THAT.

**CANCER IS A HORRIBLE WAY TO GO.**

THE AMOUNT OF TIME WE HAVE ON THIS EARTH IS PRECIOUS.

**WE COULD BE DOING HIM A FAVOR.**

LET ME TELL YOU, I AM A RELIGIOUS MAN. **USED** TO BE CATHOLIC, BUT I TEND TO FOLLOW MY **OWN IDEALS** NOW.

SO, AS LONG AS I'VE MADE **PEACE** WITH MY IDEA OF GOD, AND AS LONG AS I CAN MAKE IT TO THIS **DAMN DIG** AND DO RIGHT BY SOMEONE I WRONGED YEARS AGO-

I'LL BE **SET** FOR WHEN MY TIME COMES.

NOT EVERYONE CAN **HONESTLY** SAY THAT.

**DAMMIT. THIS IS A GOOD MAN.**

AND IF I CAN **STICK IT** TO THE VATICAN ONE LAST TIME BEFORE I GO...

...LET'S JUST SAY I'LL BE BELLY UP WITH A **SMILE**.

**MAYBE HE CAN HELP US.**

WELL, YOUR DRIVER IS **OBVIOUSLY** RUNNING CARELESSLY LATE AND YOU HAVE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE.

WE HAVE A VEHICLE. ALLOW US TO GIVE YOU A RIDE.

AS LONG AS YOU'RE NOT TAKING ME OUT BACK TO KILL ME, I'LL DEFINITELY ACCEPT THAT OFFER.

SHH. YOU'LL SPOIL THE **SURPRISE**.

HAHA. YOUTH AND THEIR **JESTS**.



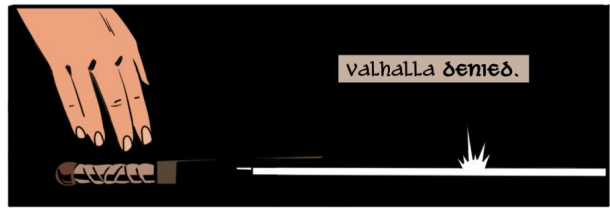
dammit! it's got me!  
this is how I die. again,  
the gods Laugh.

kaia, run!  
save  
yourself!



I cannot let the  
child watch me die.  
to be embarrassed  
out of this life.

gods, what can  
I do? I can't  
let him die.



valhalla denied.



again, the girl  
gives me hope.



and a chance  
to strike!

back to  
hel  
monster,  
die!

CHUNK



the child saved me.  
showed me strength.

preya bless  
you, kaia.

I was a coward,  
but I will not  
falter again.

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