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BEHOLD

THE
LIVING PLANET!



THE MIGHTY THOR!

"BEHOLD... THE LIVING PLANET!"

CAN IT BE TRUE? WE GAZED AT A PLANET--AND SAW IT BECOME A LIVING FACE!! WE HEARD IT SPEAK TO US!!

I CANNOT TESTIFY TO THE TRUTH OF A MATTER! I AM BUT A RECORDER-- FASHIONED IN HUMAN FORM!

I MUST NOW ACTIVATE MY DERMA-CIRCUITS FOR MAXIMUM AND CONTINUOUS OPERATION! MY ENTIRE BODY--SKIN, FEATURES, LIMBS, AND ELECTRONIC BRAIN WILL ACCURATELY RECORD WHAT SOEVER TRANSPIRES--

ACCOMPANIED BY A HUMANOID RECORDER, THE MIGHTY THOR LEAVES THE WORLD OF THE COLONIZERS, TO ENTER THE DREADED, TOTALLY MYSTERIOUS BLACK GALAXY, FROM WHENCE NO LIVING BEING HAS EVER RETURNED!

AND NOW, PREPARE FOR WONDERMENT BEYOND MEASURE ON THE INCREDIBLE PAGES THAT FOLLOW--



STAR-STUDED SCRIPT:
STAN LEE
PLANET-POUNDING PENCILLING:
JACK KIRBY
REAL RIGELLIAN RENDERING:
VINCE COLLETTA
LOTS OF LITTLE LETTERING:
ARTIE SIMEK

POSSIBLY THE MOST DARINGLY IMAGINATIVE SAGA YOU HAVE EVER MARVELLED AT!!

STEPPING FROM THEIR REBELLIAN SPACE SHIP, THE GOD OF THUNDER AND HIS EMOTIONLESS COMPANION FIND THEMSELVES IN A GALAXY TOTALLY BEYOND OUR MEAGER POWERS OF DESCRIPTION! IT IS TRULY A WORLD WHICH IS NOT A WORLD... EXISTING IN A TIME WHICH IS MORE THAN TIME...!

MY VERY SENSES REEL BEFORE THE SIGHT WHICH DOOTH CONFRONT' US! OF ALL THE GALAXIES, KNOWN TO MAN OR IMMORTAL, THIS IS SURELY THE MOST INCOMPREHENSIBLE!

WE ARE IN THE CENTER OF THE BLACK GALAXY! MY SENSITIZERS DETECT THE PRESENCE OF--EGG! CLASSIFICATION: MULTIPLE VIRUS LIVING MATTER! SIZE: PLANETARY RANGE! LOCATION: EXISTING NOT IN PHYSICAL UNIVERSE, BUT IN FLUID BIO-VERSE!

CONCLUSION: THE PLANET UPON WHICH WE STAND IS NOT MERELY A RECEPTACLE UPON WHICH LIFE DWELLS-- IT IS TRULY LIFE ITSELF! HERE, WITHIN THE ONLY KNOWN BIO-VERSE IN ALL OF CREATION, WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF EGG, THE LIVING PLANET!!

THE HUMANOID'S WORDS ARE TRUE!

I AM EGO, THE LARGEST, MOST POWERFUL INTELLIGENCE IN ALL OF INFINITY! YOU ARE LIKE DUST UNTO MY FEET!

POSSESSING POWERS WITHOUT END, I HAVE FASHIONED MYSELF A FACE, IN THE MANNER OF THOSE BEYOND THE BLACK GALAXY!

THUS, WE MAY ADDRESS EACH OTHER WITH COMPARATIVE EASE!

HAVE A CARE, THOU WHO ART A LIVING WORLD! NO MATTER THY SIZE-- 'TIS THOR WHO FACES THEE!

SO CONFIDENT IS HE-- SO CONVINCED OF HIS TOTAL SUPREMACY-- THAT HE HATH IGNORED MY IRATE WORDS!

BUT HOLD! HE PREPARES TO SPEAK AGAIN--!



EMPLOYING THE MEMORIES WHICH I READ WITHIN YOUR BRAIN, I SHALL CREATE A NEW LAND FOR YOU--SO YOU MAY STAND IN THE MIDST OF FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS--!

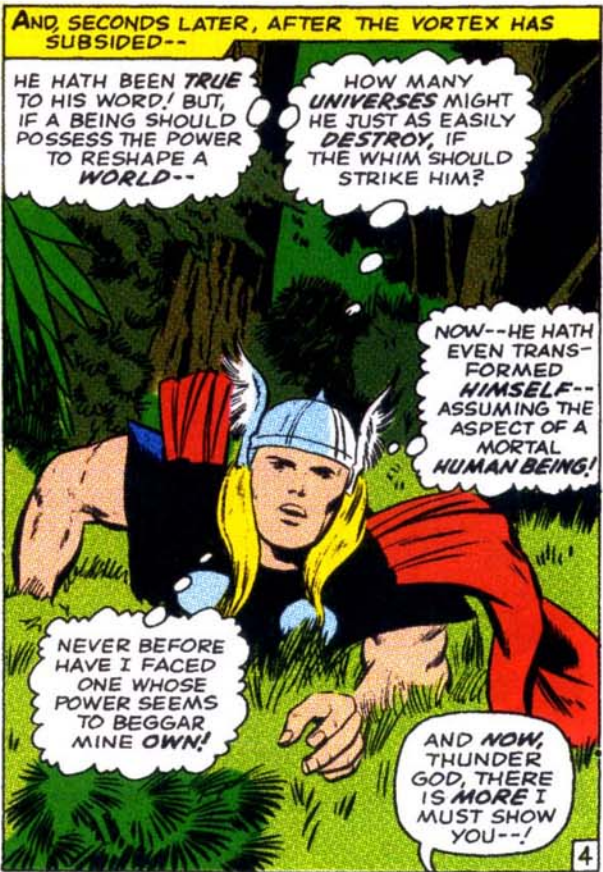
OBSERVATION: WE HAVE BEEN PLUNGED INTO A VORTEX OF RAPIDLY REGROUPING BIO-VERSAL MOLECULES!



AND, SECONDS LATER, AFTER THE VORTEX HAS SUBSIDED--

HE HATH BEEN TRUE TO HIS WORD! BUT, IF A BEING SHOULD POSSESS THE POWER TO RESHAPE A WORLD--

HOW MANY UNIVERSES MIGHT HE JUST AS EASILY DESTROY, IF THE WHIM SHOULD STRIKE HIM?



NOW--HE HATH EVEN TRANSFORMED HIMSELF-- ASSUMING THE ASPECT OF A MORTAL HUMAN BEING!

NEVER BEFORE HAVE I FACED ONE WHOSE POWER SEEMS TO BEGGAR MINE OWN!

AND NOW, THUNDER GOD, THERE IS MORE I MUST SHOW YOU--!

IN ORDER THAT WE MAY CONVERSE MORE COMFORTABLY, I HAVE GIVEN MYSELF A MORE CONVENIENT SIZE-- AND FORM!

NOW, MOUNT THESE BEASTS WHICH I HAVE CREATED FROM IMPRESSIONS WITHIN YOUR OWN BRAIN--AND WE SHALL RIDE TO THE NEW ASGARD WHICH AWAITS YOU!

OBSERVATION: BEING ABLE TO RE-FORM BIO-VERSAL MOLECULES, THE ENTITY KNOWN AS EGO CAN RESHAPE MATTER INTO ANY SEMBLANCE HE DESIRES!

BUT, FOR WHAT PURPOSE?? WHY DOETH HE TOY WITH US IN SUCH FASHION?

IT IS NOT FOR ME TO SAY! I MAY ONLY OBSERVE--AND RECORD!

MY PURPOSE MAY NOT BE FATHOMED BY SUCH AS YOU! IT SHALL BE REVEALED-- IN DUE TIME!

ALL THIS HAVE I CREATED FROM YOUR OWN MEMORY! BUT, IT GIVES EVIDENCE OF MERELY THE SLIGHTEST FRACTION OF MY TRUE AND TOTAL POWER!

OBSERVATION: IN ALL THE KNOWN COSMOS, THERE EXISTS NO SCALE OF VALUE WHICH CAN EVEN MEASURE THE ACTUAL POWER OF EGO!

THE LARGEST--AND POSSIBLY THE MOST DANGEROUS LIVING ENTITY OF ALL TIME--AMUSING HIMSELF WITH GAUDY DEMONSTRATIONS OF HIS SKILL! WHAT MOTIVE CAN THERE BE TO SUCH SEEMING MADNESS???

BUT HOLD!! HE SPEAKS AGAIN! I MUST ATTEND HIS EVERY WORD UNTIL HIS AWESOME SECRET BE DIVULGED!

I HAVE AWAITED YOUR COMING FOR COUNTLESS MILLENNIUMS! TOO LONG HAVE I BEEN CONFINED WITHIN THE BLACK GALAXY-- 'TIS TIME FOR EGO TO CONQUER ALL OF SPACE!

MEANWHILE, AT THAT VERY MOMENT--BACK UPON THE MORE FAMILIAR PLANET EARTH, WE FIND JANE FOSTER, THE THUNDER GOD'S TRULY BELOVED, DINING IN A MOUNTAIN VILLAGE SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE--

IT WAS GOOD OF YOU TO ACCEPT MY OFFER OF DINNER, MISS FOSTER!

I MUST ADMIT YOU AROUSED MY FEMALE CURIOSITY BY THE STORY YOU TOLD, MR. PORGIA!

YOU SAID YOU HAD BEEN SEARCHING THE ENTIRE EARTH FOR SOMEONE--

AH, YES! I--AND MY FRIEND, TAGAR--SEEK ONE PERSON--POSSESSING TRUE COURAGE, ENTHUSIASM, AND A SPIRIT OF DEDICATION!

THERE MUST BE MANY WITH SUCH QUALIFICATIONS! I DON'T SEE WHY YOU'RE HAVING SUCH DIFFICULTY!

BUT, YOU HAVEN'T YET TOLD ME THE MOST IMPORTANT PART-- WHY DO YOU NEED SUCH A PERSON? WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS?

YOU SHALL LEARN THAT SOON-- WHEN TAGAR HIMSELF ARRIVES!

I AM HERE! IS SHE THE ONE? HAVE YOU FOUND HER AT LAST, PORGIA?

TAGAR!! NO, SHE HAS NOT YET CONSENTED! I WAS AWAITING YOUR ARRIVAL BEFORE I DARED REVEAL OUR GREAT MISSION!

WHAT HAVE I STUMBLERD INTO? THERE IS FAR MORE TO THIS THAN PORGIA HAS IMPLIED! PORGIA-- AND TAGAR-- WHO ARE THEY-- REALLY??

STAND ASIDE, PORGIA! IF SHE POSSESSES THE QUALIFICATIONS, I SHALL PERSONALLY SPEAK TO HER!

ONCE WE FIND THE TEACHER WE SEEK, WE SHALL BE ON THE THRESHOLD OF SOLVING THE ETERNAL SECRET OF LIFE ITSELF!! YOU CANNOT REFUSE US!

CAREFUL, TAGAR! YOU MUST NOT FRIGHTEN HER!

THE SECRET OF LIFE!! CAN THEY BE-- MAD??

BUT, I'M NOT A TEACHER, I'M A NURSE!

A NURSE, YOU SAY? AH--GOOD! SO MUCH THE BETTER!

A KNOWLEDGE OF MEDICINE WOULD ACTUALLY DOUBLE YOUR VALUE!

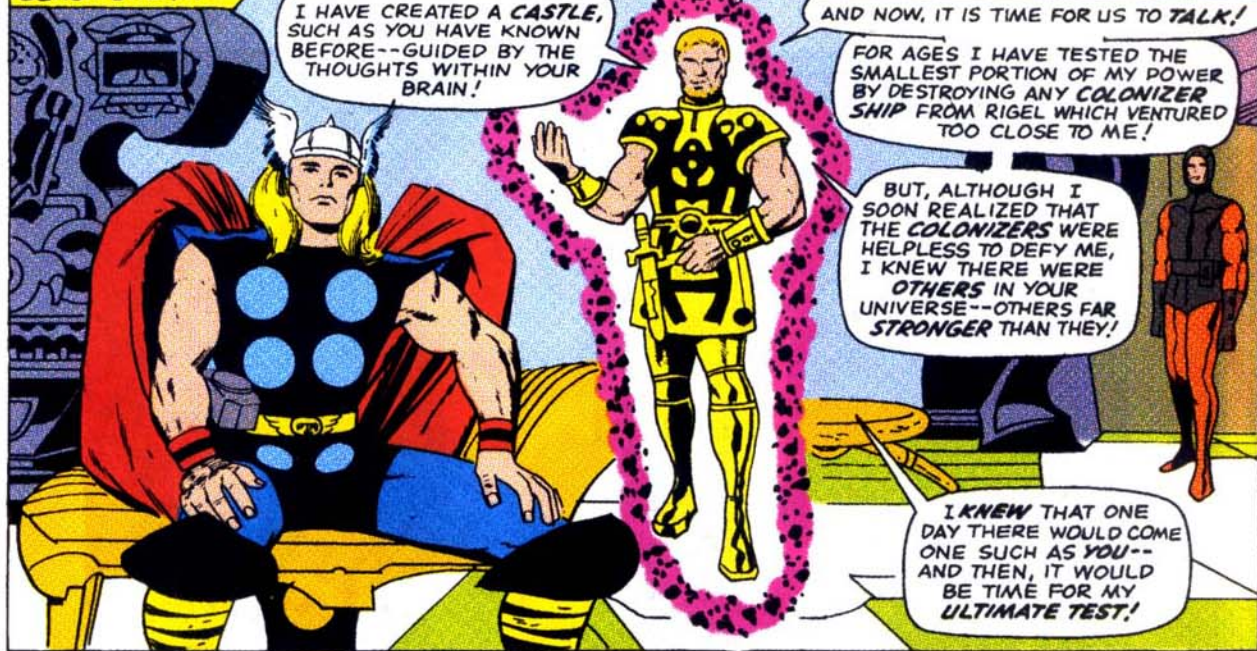
I'M SORRY! I'M AFRAID IT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION--!

YOU DO NOT REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!

BY THE GENETIC TABLE OF THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY, WE MUST HAVE YOUR SERVICES!!

AND--HAVE THEM WE SHALL!

BUT ALAS, WE CAN REMAIN WITH LOVELY, MYSTIFIED JANE FOSTER NO LONGER, FOR DRAMATIC NEW DEVELOPMENTS AWAIT OUR STARTLED GAZE ONCE MORE, DEEP WITHIN THE UNCANNY, UNTHINKABLE BLACK GALAXY--



I HAVE CREATED A CASTLE, SUCH AS YOU HAVE KNOWN BEFORE--GUIDED BY THE THOUGHTS WITHIN YOUR BRAIN!

AND NOW, IT IS TIME FOR US TO TALK!

FOR AGES I HAVE TESTED THE SMALLEST PORTION OF MY POWER BY DESTROYING ANY COLONIZER SHIP FROM RIGEL WHICH VENTURED TOO CLOSE TO ME!

BUT, ALTHOUGH I SOON REALIZED THAT THE COLONIZERS WERE HELPLESS TO DEFY ME, I KNEW THERE WERE OTHERS IN YOUR UNIVERSE--OTHERS FAR STRONGER THAN THEY!

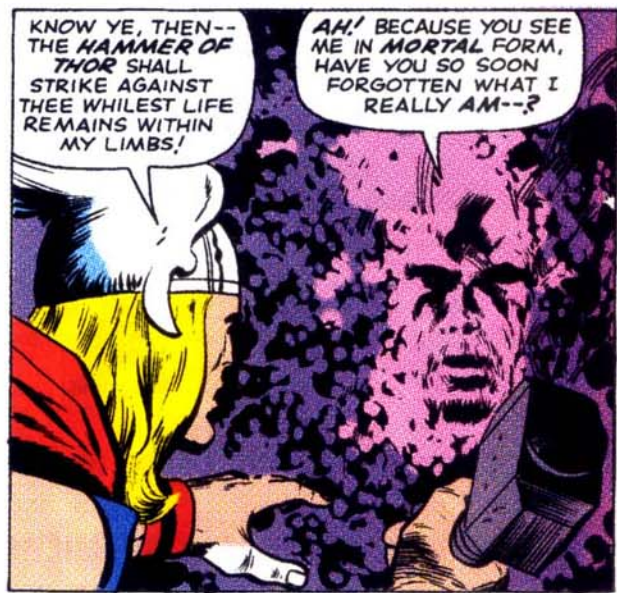
I KNEW THAT ONE DAY THERE WOULD COME ONE SUCH AS YOU-- AND THEN, IT WOULD BE TIME FOR MY ULTIMATE TEST!



IF I CAN DEFEAT YOU-- WHILE IN THIS LUDICROUS HUMAN FORM, THEN I CAN MAKE COUNTLESS COPIES OF MYSELF AND SEND THEM THRUOUT YOUR UNIVERSE!

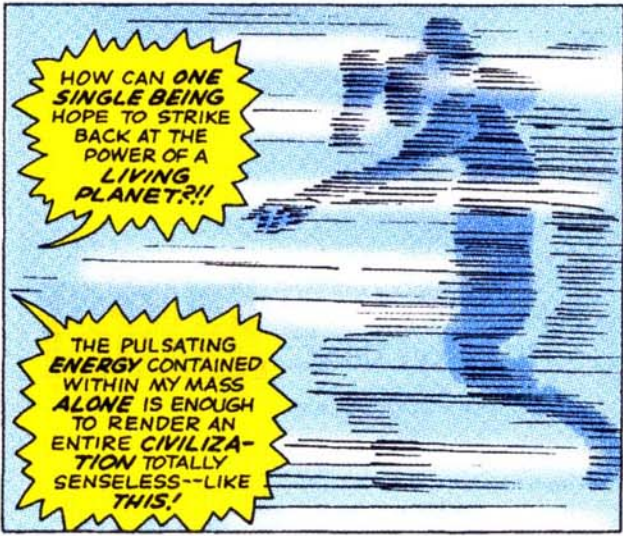
WHILE THE REAL EGO REMAINS WITHIN THE BLACK GALAXY, MY HUMAN-FORM CREATIONS SHALL CONQUER ALL!

CONQUEST!! THOUGH THOU BE SUPREME IN THINE OWN WORLD, THE MADNESS IS UPON THEE, TOO!



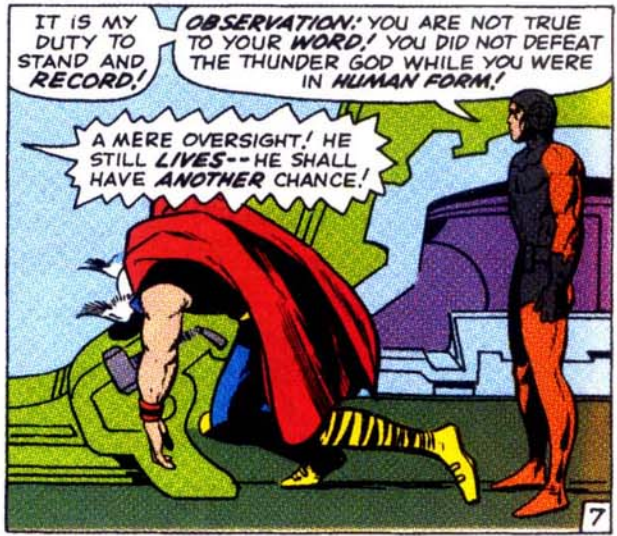
KNOW YE, THEN-- THE HAMMER OF THOR SHALL STRIKE AGAINST THEE WHILEST LIFE REMAINS WITHIN MY LIMBS!

AH! BECAUSE YOU SEE ME IN MORTAL FORM, HAVE YOU SO SOON FORGOTTEN WHAT I REALLY AM--?



HOW CAN ONE SINGLE BEING HOPE TO STRIKE BACK AT THE POWER OF A LIVING PLANET?!!

THE PULSATING ENERGY CONTAINED WITHIN MY MASS ALONE IS ENOUGH TO RENDER AN ENTIRE CIVILIZATION TOTALLY SENSELESS--LIKE THIS!



IT IS MY DUTY TO STAND AND RECORD!

OBSERVATION: YOU ARE NOT TRUE TO YOUR WORD! YOU DID NOT DEFEAT THE THUNDER GOD WHILE YOU WERE IN HUMAN FORM!

A MERE OVERSIGHT! HE STILL LIVES--HE SHALL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE!

I SHALL USE YOU YOURSELF AS A **MOLECULAR MODEL** IN ORDER TO CREATE AN ENDLESS ARMY OF **BIO-VERSAL CREATURES!**

SEE HOW EASILY I CAN CAUSE A **PHYSIOLOGICAL INTER-CHANGE**, ENABLING ME TO CREATE A **HUMANOID FORM OF LIFE** OUT OF AN **ANTI-BODY ORGANISM!**

LET YOUR VERY SENSES **REEL** AT THE **MIRACLE** WHICH OCCURS BEFORE YOUR EYES!

HE THINKS TO **CONFOUND** ME WITH **SCIENTIFIC PARLANCE!** HE KNOWS NOT THAT I AM A **LEARNED PHYSICIAN** IN MY **MORTAL FORM**, AND **COMPREHEND ALL** THAT OCCURS!

MY SENSES **REEL NOT!** THOUGH THOU POSSESS THE **POWER OF A LIVING PLANET--**

KNOW YOU THAT MY **REGAL FATHER** POSSESSES THE **POWER OF AN ETERNAL GALAXY!**

OBSERVATION: THE MOLECULES WHIRL AND SHIFT AS THE **ANTI-BODY** BEGINS TO ASSUME THE FORM OF A **HUMANOID!**

THERE! THE PROCESS IS **COMPLETE!** YOU BEHOLD THE **PROTOTYPE** OF **BILLIONS** OF SUCH **ANTI-BODIES** WHICH SHALL MAKE **EGO MASTER** OF ALL CREATION!



I HAVE RECORDED ALL THAT HAS COME TO PASS!

NOW, I MUST RECHARGE MY POWER CIRCUITS! LET THE HUMANOID AND THE IMMORTAL STAND BACK!



NEVER HAVE EVENTS OF SUCH SCOPE, SUCH IMPORT BEEN PRESERVED FOR FUTURE STUDY!

NEVER HAS A RECORDER WITNESSED WONDERMENT THE EQUAL OF THIS!



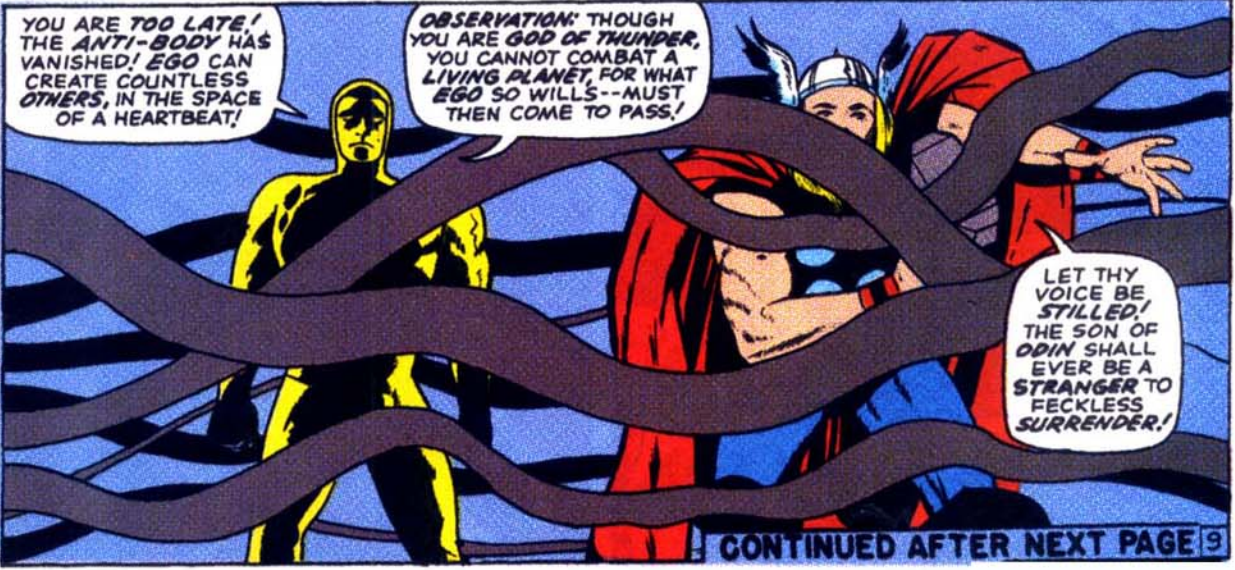
WITH SUCH AS THESE, THE ENTITY KNOWN AS EGO INTENDS TO CONQUER A UNIVERSE?

THEN, LET THE GOD OF THUNDER DEMONSTRATE THE FATAL FOLLY OF SUCH ASPIRATIONS!



OBSERVATION: A BATTLE BETWEEN GOD AND BIO-VERSAL ENTITY IS ABOUT TO ENSUE!

NOTHING THAT LIVES-- NO POWER THAT THREATENS INNOCENT MASSES-- CAN DEFEAT THE HAMMER OF THOR!



YOU ARE TOO LATE! THE ANTI-BODY HAS VANISHED! EGO CAN CREATE COUNTLESS OTHERS, IN THE SPACE OF A HEARTBEAT!

OBSERVATION: THOUGH YOU ARE GOD OF THUNDER, YOU CANNOT COMBAT A LIVING PLANET, FOR WHAT EGO SO WILLS-- MUST THEN COME TO PASS!

LET THY VOICE BE STILLED! THE SON OF ODIN SHALL EVER BE A STRANGER TO FECKLESS SURRENDER!



YOU ARE OF NO FURTHER INTEREST TO ME!

HAVING SERVED AS MY MOLECULAR MODEL, YOU HAVE ENABLED ME TO CREATE AN ENDLESS NUMBER OF ANTI-BODIES!

AND SO-- FAREWELL!

NONE MAY DISMISS THE THUNDER GOD IN SUCH CAVALIER FASHION!

OBSERVATION: YOU CANNOT THREATEN ONE WHO IS AN ENTIRE WORLD UNTO HIMSELF!



THERE IS MUCH WISDOM IN THY PRONOUNCEMENT!

BEFORE OUR VERY EYES HATH EGO VANISHED!

SINCE MEMORY DAWNED, NEVER HAVE I FOUGHT IN SO STRANGE, SO ALIEN A LAND!

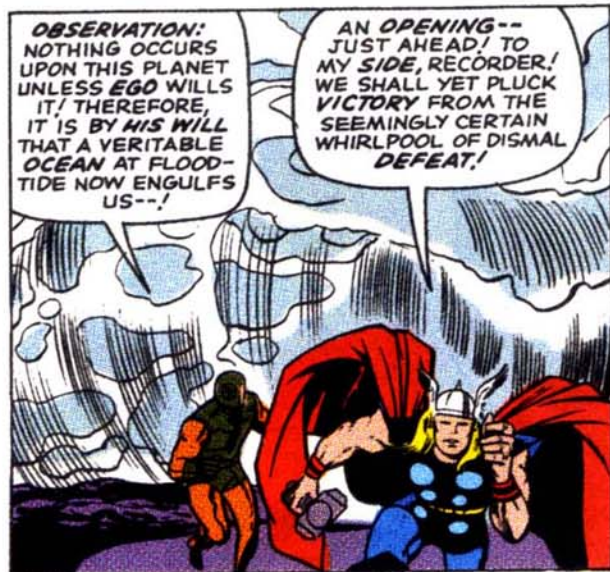
HERE, WITHIN THIS WONDROUS BIO-VERSE, THE LAND, THE SEAS, THE VERY AIR ABOUT US ARE ALL... ALIVE!



EVERY PART OF THIS PLANET UPON WHICH WE STAND IS VERILY A PART OF EGO! HE IS EVERYWHERE-- HE IS EVERYTHING! HE IS A LIVING WORLD!

THAT NOISE! LIKE THE ONRUSHING TORRENT OF A BOTTOMLESS SEA!

IT IS THERE--!



OBSERVATION: NOTHING OCCURS UPON THIS PLANET UNLESS EGO WILLS IT! THEREFORE, IT IS BY HIS WILL THAT A VERITABLE OCEAN AT FLOOD-TIDE NOW ENGULFS US--!

AN OPENING-- JUST AHEAD! TO MY SIDE, RECORDER! WE SHALL YET PLUCK VICTORY FROM THE SEEMINGLY CERTAIN WHIRLPOOL OF DISMAL DEFEAT!



SINCE THOU ART NOT A BEING OF FLESH AND BLOOD, THOU SHALT NOT SUFFER INJURY!

AND AN IMMORTAL OF ASGARD WILL DARE ALL FOR A CAUSE!

SO I SAY-- FOLLOW ME-- NO MATTER WHERE THE PLUNGE DOTH LEAD!

I MAY DO NAUGHT ELSE! I MUST ATTEND-- AND RECORD!



A VALVE HATH CLOSED ABOVE US--KEEPING THE WATERS FROM RUSHING IN!

OBSERVATION: WE HAVE ENTERED THE INTERIOR OF THE PLANET--THRU AN OPENING WHICH, IN A HUMAN BEING, WOULD BE CALLED A SKIN PORE!

ALL ABOUT US--LIFE! LIFE, THE NATURE OF WHICH NO MAN HATH EVER DREAMED!

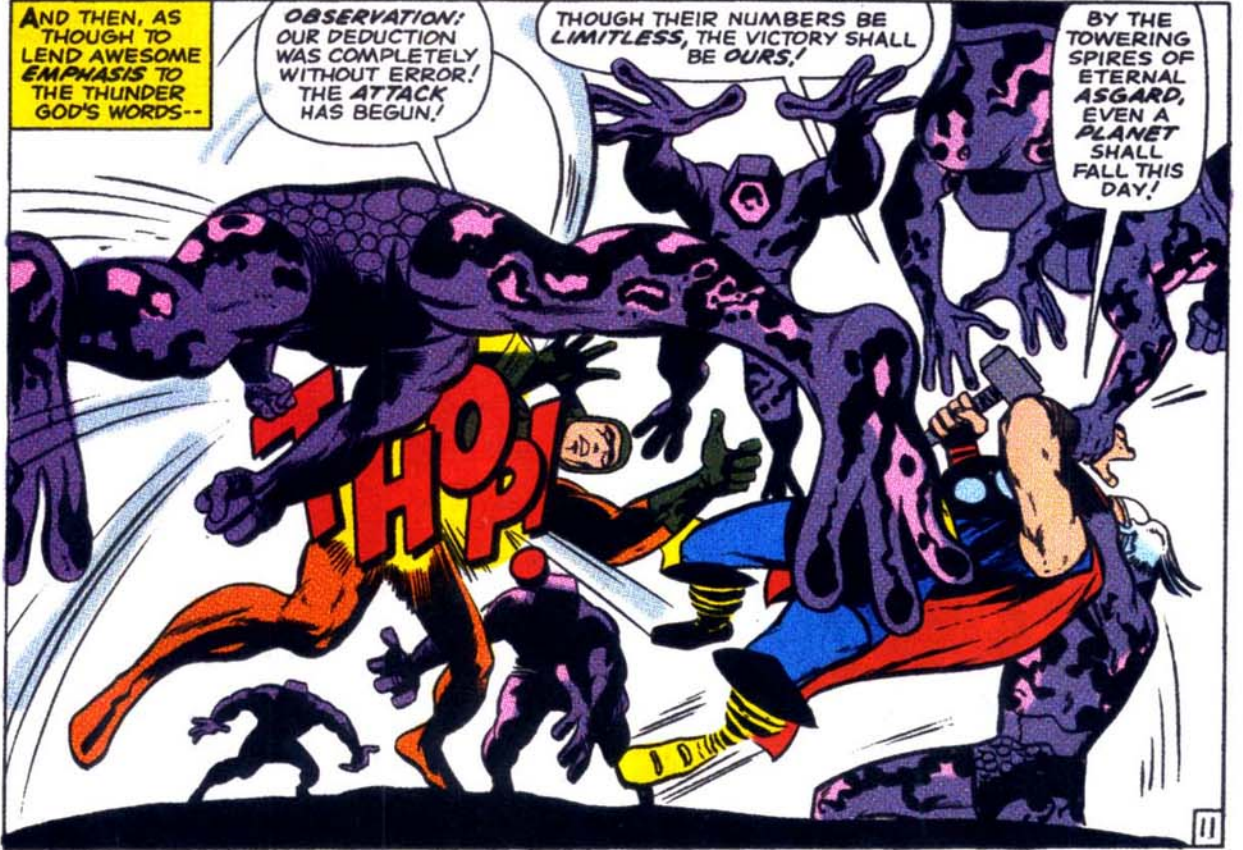


OBSERVATION: HERE WITHIN THE PLANET'S CORE, WE ARE NEW FOREIGN BODIES--AS GERMS WOULD BE IN THE BLOOD STREAM OF A HUMAN!

THEREFORE--

I KNOW WHEREOF THOU SPEAKEST!

SOON, THE PLANET SHALL SEND FORTH ANTI-BODIES TO GIVE US BATTLE!



AND THEN, AS THOUGH TO LEND AWESOME EMPHASIS TO THE THUNDER GOD'S WORDS--

OBSERVATION: OUR DEDUCTION WAS COMPLETELY WITHOUT ERROR! THE ATTACK HAS BEGUN!

THOUGH THEIR NUMBERS BE LIMITLESS, THE VICTORY SHALL BE OURS!

BY THE TOWERING SPIRES OF ETERNAL ASGARD, EVEN A PLANET SHALL FALL THIS DAY!



THUS BEGINS THE STRANGEST BATTLE IN RECORDED COSMIC HISTORY! ANTI-BODIES WITHOUT END, CREATED ON THE SPOT BY AN OMNIPOTENT EGO, ATTACK THE THUNDER GOD AND HIS HUMANOID COMPANION IN EVER-INCREASING NUMBER!

BEGONE, THINGS OF EVIL! NOT ALL THY MASSES SHALL TOPPLE MIGHTY THOR!

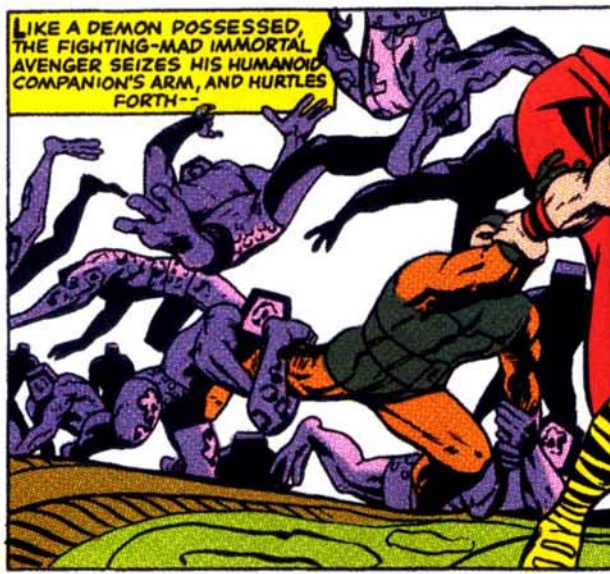
OBSERVATION: IT SHALL TAKE MORE THAN PLATITUDES TO STEM THIS DEADLY TIDE!

SPECIAL MARVEL MESSAGE:
SINCE CAMERAS ARE EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN ANYWHERE IN EGO'S BIO-VERSE, KING KIRBY WAS FORCED TO DRAW THIS INIMITABLE ILLUSTRATION ENTIRELY FROM MEMORY! HENCE, IF ANY SLIGHT INACCURACIES SHOULD BE NOTICED, WE BEG YOUR KIND INDULGENCE!
— YE OLDE BENIGN BULLPEN.



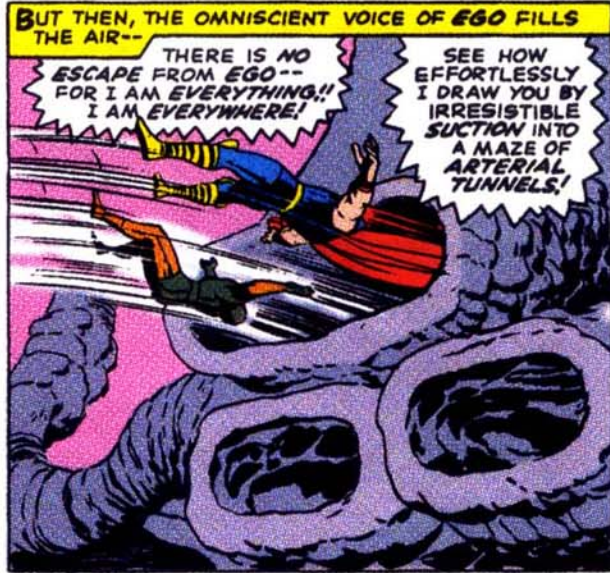
TOO LONG HAVE I PATIENTLY HELD MYSELF IN CHECK--

NOW LET THE POWER OF THOR BE FELT FROM POLE TO POLE!



LIKE A DEMON POSSESSED, THE FIGHTING-MAD IMMORTAL AVENGER SEIZES HIS HUMANOID COMPANION'S ARM, AND HURTLES FORTH--

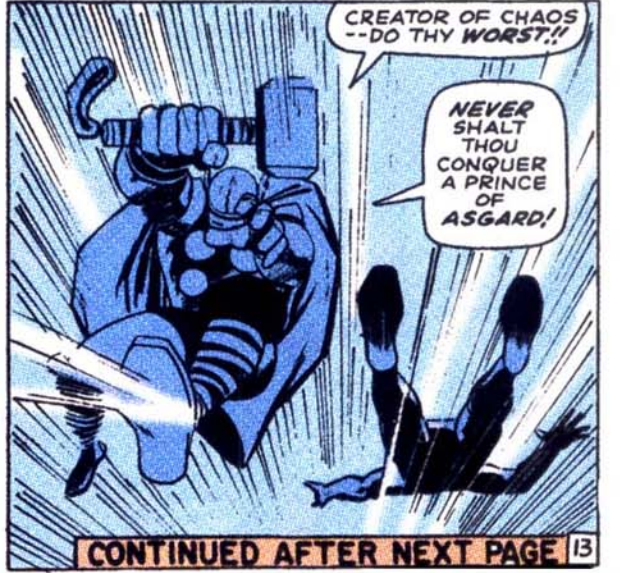
NOW LET THERE BE AN END TO THIS MADNESS! SO SPEAKS THOR!



BUT THEN, THE OMNISCIENT VOICE OF EGO FILLS THE AIR--

THERE IS NO ESCAPE FROM EGO-- FOR I AM EVERYWHERE!! I AM EVERYWHERE!

SEE HOW EFFORTLESSLY I DRAW YOU BY IRRESISTIBLE SUCTION INTO A MAZE OF ARTERIAL TUNNELS!



CREATOR OF CHAOS --DO THY WORST!!

NEVER SHALT THOU CONQUER A PRINCE OF ASGARD!

MEANWHILE, COUNTLESS LIGHT-YEARS AWAY, THE INVISIBLE BEAM OF THE COLONIZERS' SPACE-LOCK DRAWS THE PLANET EARTH SLOWLY, SILENTLY, SECRETLY OUT OF ORBIT--!



AS THE FLEDGLING COLONIZER KNOWN AS TANA NILE IMPERIOUSLY ENTERS A LOCAL POLICE PRECINCT--



TAKE ME TO THE RULER OF YOUR PLANET EARTH!

:-UHP!:- SORRY, LADY--HE'S OUT HAVIN' A CUP OF JAVA NOW!

TAKE WARNING, DO NOT SPEAK LIGHTLY TO THE NEW COLONIZER OF THIS PRIMITIVE WORLD!

HOW'S ABOUT VISITIN' OUR PRISON PSYCHOLOGIST, INSTEAD?

HENCEFORTH, I AM TO BE ADDRESSED AS EMPRESS TANA, THE FIRST!

YOU'RE THE FIRST, ALL RIGHT! I NEVER SAW ANOTHER ONE LIKE YA!

LOOK--HOW'S ABOUT TAKIN' OFF THAT NUTTY FACE MASK AND CLEARIN' OUT OF HERE? GO PLAY JUNIOR SPACEMAN IN SOMEONE ELSE'S BACK YARD, HUH?

SO! YOU ARE STILL AN UNBELIEVER!

BUT I HAVE WAYS TO CONVINCE SCOFFING PRIMITIVES SUCH AS YOURSELF!

ALL I NEED DO IS CONTACT MY HOME WORLD VIA DIRECT SOLAR BEAM!

YOU WILL SING A DIFFERENT TUNE WHEN I ORDER THE SPACE-LOCK TO INCREASE VELOCITY, THUS PULLING EARTH OUT OF ORBIT AT STILL GREATER SPEED!

COLONIZER NILE, CALLING COMMAND PLANET! REQUEST INCREASE IN SPEED OF SPACE-LOCK! PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE!



AND, IN THE WORLD CALLED RIGEL--AT AN INTER-COSMIC SWITCHBOARD--

REQUEST DENIED! PLANET EARTH TO BE FREED OF SPACE-LOCK--BY DIRECT ORDER OF GRAND COMMISSIONER!

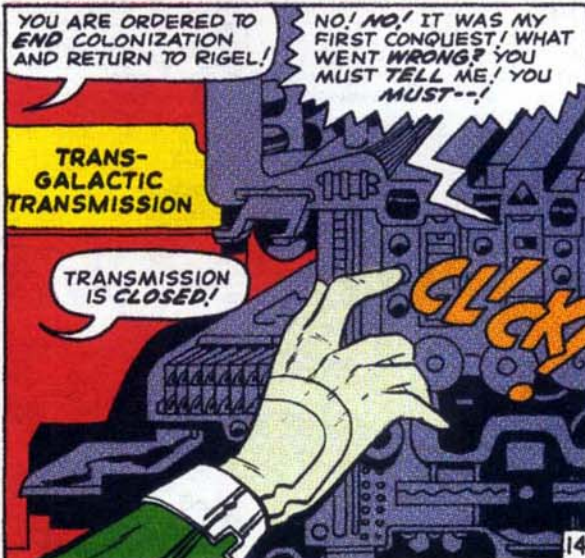
YOU ARE ORDERED TO END COLONIZATION AND RETURN TO RIGEL!

NO! NO! IT WAS MY FIRST CONQUEST! WHAT WENT WRONG? YOU MUST TELL ME! YOU MUST--!

TRANS-GALACTIC TRANSMISSION

TRANSMISSION IS CLOSED!

CLICK!



BUT, IF TANA NILE THINKS SHE HAS PROBLEMS, LET'S RETURN TO OUR SORELY HARASSED HERO--!

I HAVE MANAGED TO GAIN A HAND-HOLD--BUT, THE RECORDER IS BEING SWEEP AWAY!!



OBSERVATION: EVERY ROCK, STONE, AND PEBBLE OF THIS PLANET IS LIKE THE CELL OF A LIVING BODY-- BUT, EVEN MORE-- EACH POSSESSES THE WILL OF EGO--AND THE URGE TO DESTROY!



SOON, MY MEMORY BANKS WILL BE SHATTERED--THEN I SHALL RECORD NO MORE!

MY VISION IS OBSCURED BY IMMOVABLE DEBRIS! I AM GROWING INOPERATIVE! MY SERVICE HAS COME TO AN END--!



JUST AHEAD-- I SEE THEE! BE OF STOUT HEART!

THE STRENGTH OF MY LIMBS SHALL FREE THEE BEFORE IT BE TOO LATE!



NO! SAVE YOURSELF! ABANDON ME! I AM BUT A MACHINE!

THOU WERT A FAITHFUL AND TRUE COMPANION--AND THOR SHALT NOT DESERT THEE!

OBSERVATION: FOR THE FIRST TIME-- A RECORDER FEELS-- THE EMOTION OF-- GRATITUDE!



EGO HATH RAISED HIS BODY TEMPERATURE-- BUT IT IS TO NO AVAIL! SUCH HEAT CANNOT AFFECT THE GOD OF THUNDER!

NOR CAN IT DAMAGE MY INSULATED MEMORY BANKS!



BUT NOW, 'TIS TIME TO BREAK FREE OF THIS PLANET--TO LEAVE YON BIO-VERSE FOREVER BEHIND! AND BREAK FREE WE SHALL-- BY THE POWER OF THOR--!

IN THE NAME OF MIGHTY ODIN--
BY THE FURY OF THE THUNDER--
LET THE WINDS WHICH FILL THE
COSMOS--
--TEAR THIS EVIL WORLD ASUNDER!!

LET THE LIGHTNING AND THE GALE--
PIERCE THIS PLANET TO THE CORE--
LET THE STORM NOW HUMBLE EGO--
--THUS COMMANDS THE MIGHTY THOR!!



IT IS DONE!!
WE ARE FREE
OF THE DEADLY
EGO!

NOT EVEN
A LIVING
PLANET COULD
EQUAL THE
POWER OF A
THUNDER GOD
TO CAUSE THE
ELEMENTS THEM-
SELVES TO COMBINE
IN A UNIVERSE--
SHAKING THERMO-
BLAST!



FOR THE FIRST TIME
IN COUNTLESS
MILLENNIA I HAVE
BEEN BESTED!
NEVER AGAIN SHALL
I SUFFER SUCH
HUMILIATION!!

NEVER AGAIN SHALL
I ATTACK RIGEL!
NEVER AGAIN SHALL
I SEEK TO INVADE
OTHER GALAXIES!
I SHALL EVER BE
A WORLD APART--
TILL ETERNITY
CRUMBLES!

HENCEFORTH,
MY BIO-VERSE
SHALL BE SEALED
OFF FROM EACH
AND ANY KNOWN
UNIVERSE!



THE QUEST IS ENDED! NEVER-
MORE SHALL THE BLACK
GALAXY MENACE THE ETERNAL
COSMOS! NOW, BACK TO RIGEL,
AND THENCE TO EARTH!

YET, SOMEHOW I FEEL THE
GREATEST DANGER OF ALL
AWAITS ME-- IN THE WORLD
WHERE MORTALS DWELL!



NEXT ISSUE:
**THE PEOPLE
BREEDERS!**

TALES OF ASGARD, HOME OF THE MIGHTY NORSE GODS

VALHALLA!

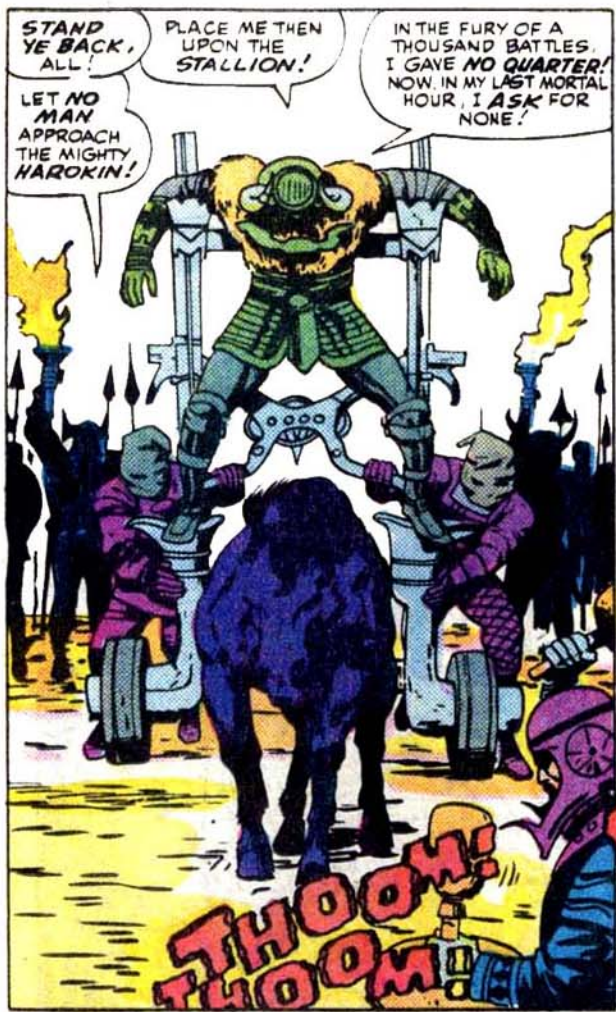
HAROKIN, VALIANT LEADER OF THE BARBARIAN HORDES, HAS BEEN DEFEATED IN BATTLE BY THE MIGHTY LEGIONS OF **THOR** AND NOW, THE FATALLY WOUNDED CHIEFTAIN PREPARES FOR HIS FINAL JOURNEY...

THE BLACK STALLION OF DOOM AWAITS THEM, MASTER!

ALL IS IN READINESS FOR THY LAST ADVENTURE!

STAN LEE - JACK KIRBY
PRODUCTION

INKED BY: VINCE COLLETTA
LETTERED BY: SAM ROSEN
(MAY THEIR ARMOR NEVER TARNISH?)



STAND YE BACK, ALL!

PLACE ME THEN UPON THE STALLION!

IN THE FURY OF A THOUSAND BATTLES, I GAVE NO QUARTER! NOW, IN MY LAST MORTAL HOUR, I ASK FOR NONE!

LET NO MAN APPROACH THE MIGHTY HAROKIN!

THOOM!
THOOM!



MUFFLE YE THY DRUMS!

THOUGH HE WERE BARBARIAN BORN... HIS COURAGE DOETH CREDIT TO ETERNAL ASGARD!

ALL HONOR TO HIM WHO HATH FALLEN WITH VALOR!

VOLSTAGG! TO THY FEET, MOUNTAINOUS ONE! WHY CRINGEST THOU THUS?

HE FOUGHT WITHOUT FAULT... AND FELL WITHOUT FEAR!

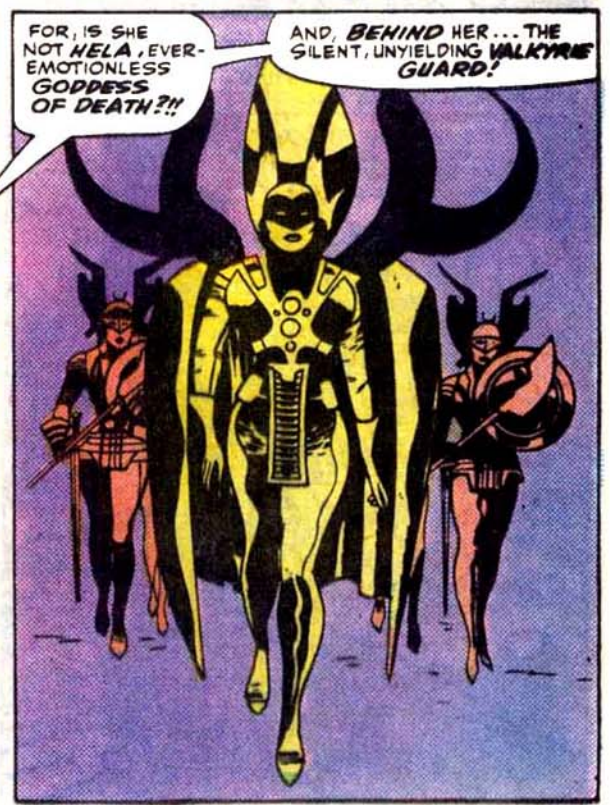
DOST THOU NOT SEE...?



FROM OUT OF THE MISTS SHE HATH COME...

SHE... BEFORE WHOM ALL WHO LIVE MUST ONE DAY BOW!

EVEN THE HEROIC HEART OF VOLSTAGG DOETH TREMBLE AT THE MEREST SIGHT OF HER...



FOR, IS SHE NOT HELA, EVER-EMOTIONLESS GODDESS OF DEATH?!!

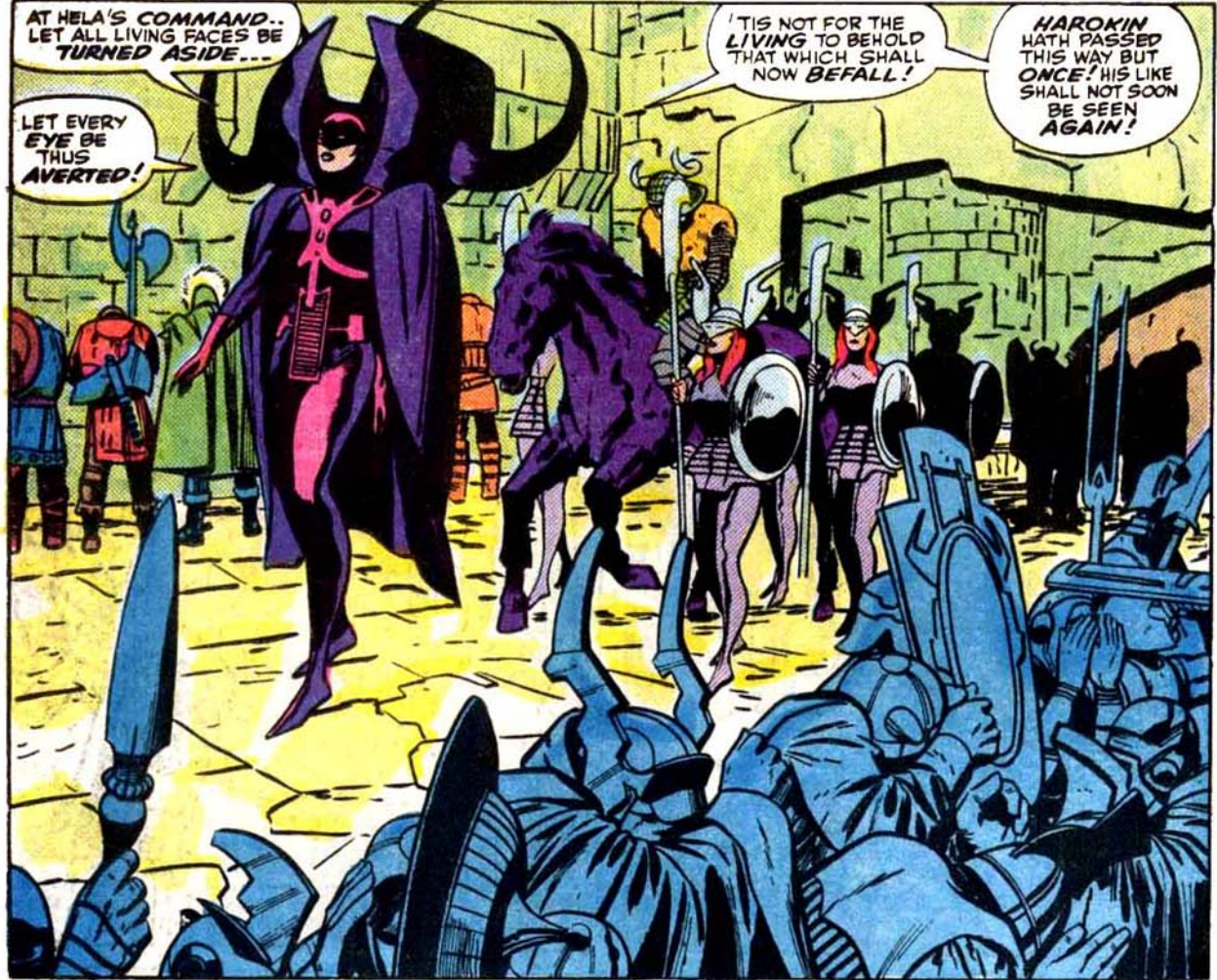
AND, BEHIND HER... THE SILENT, UNYIELDING WALKYRE GUARD!

AT HELA'S COMMAND...
LET ALL LIVING FACES BE
TURNED ASIDE...

LET EVERY
EYE BE
THUS
AVERTED!

'TIS NOT FOR THE
LIVING TO BEHOLD
THAT WHICH SHALL
NOW BEFALL!

HAROKIN
HATH PASSED
THIS WAY BUT
ONCE! HIS LIKE
SHALL NOT SOON
BE SEEN
AGAIN!

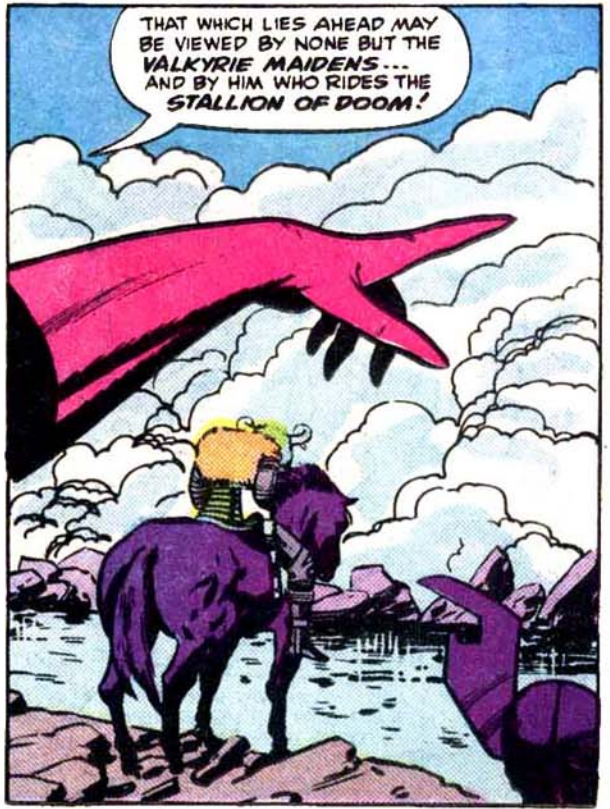


THEN, IN A PLACE WHICH IS MORE THAN PLACE... IN A
TIME WHICH IS LESS THAN TIME... THE MYSTIC CARA-
VAN APPROACHES ITS AWESOME DESTINATION...

THUS FAR HAVE WE
JOURNEYED! NO
FURTHER MAY
HELA VENTURE
FORTH!



THAT WHICH LIES AHEAD MAY
BE VIEWED BY NONE BUT THE
VALKYRIE MAIDENS...
AND BY HIM WHO RIDES THE
STALLION OF DOOM!



SLOWLY, THE VAPORS PART, REVEALING A GLISTENING, GOLDEN BRIDGE WHICH GLITTERS WITH A BRILLIANCE BEYOND MORTAL KEN ...



THEN, THE SILENCE IS BROKEN BY THE CLATTER OF RUNNING FEET ... AND THE MUFFLED THUNDER OF UNSHOD HOOVES...



... AS THE TOWERING HILLS OF VALHALLA COME INTO VIEW... VALHALLA, WHERE THE BRAVEST AND MOST GALLANT OF ALL ARE MAJESTICALLY MARSHALLED IN ENDLESS ARRAY!

BENHOLD!! ANOTHER HERO COME TO GLORY!

HERE WILT THOU FIND THE HERALDRY, THE BATTLE, THE ADVENTURE THY SPIRIT CRAVES... HERE, 'MIDST PAGEANTRY EVERLASTING!

KNOW THOU, HAROKIN, THAT DEATH IS MORE THAN AN ENDING... 'TIS THE GREAT-EST BEGINNING OF ALL!



TO OUR SIDE THEN, WARRIOR! WE AWAIT THEE IN OUR SERRIED RANKS!



THE WEARINESS DOTH LEAVE MY LIMBS!! I FEEL NEW STRENGTH WITHIN ME... VIGOR, SUCH AS I HAVE NEVER KNOWN!

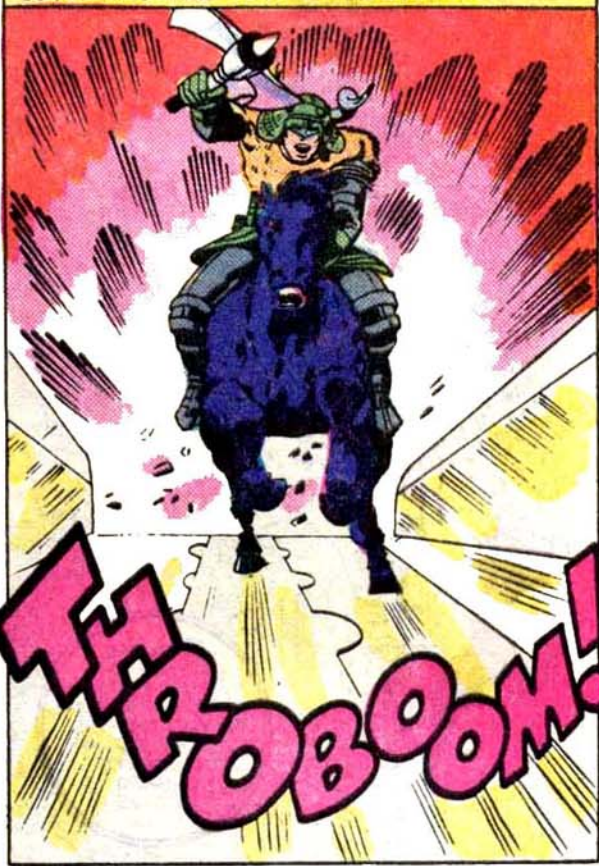
THE SOUND OF BATTLE... THE CLANG OF ARMOR... THE MOST JOYOUS MUSIC EVER HEARD!

TO ARMS, THEN...
ONE AND ALL!

LET THE TRUMPETS
BLARE! LET THE
FLAGS UNFURL!
THE CALL TO BATTLE
FILLS THE AIR! NOW
SHALL A WARRIOR
RIDE!!



THUS, WITH A RINGING ROAR OF VICTORY BURSTING
FROM HIS LIPS, HAROKIN THE BARBARIAN
JOYOUSLY SALLIES FORTH... INTO ETERNITY!



HAROKIN
IS GONE!
LET US
DRINK TO
THE BRAVE
BARBARIAN!

MAY HIS SPIRIT RIDE FOREVER IN THE SUN-
DRENCHED VALE OF VALHALLA!

TO OUR FALLEN FOE! TO
THE JOURNEY HE HATH
MADE...

THE JOURNEY THAT
AWAITS US ALL...
IF ASGARD FINDS
US WORTHY!

CLINK!

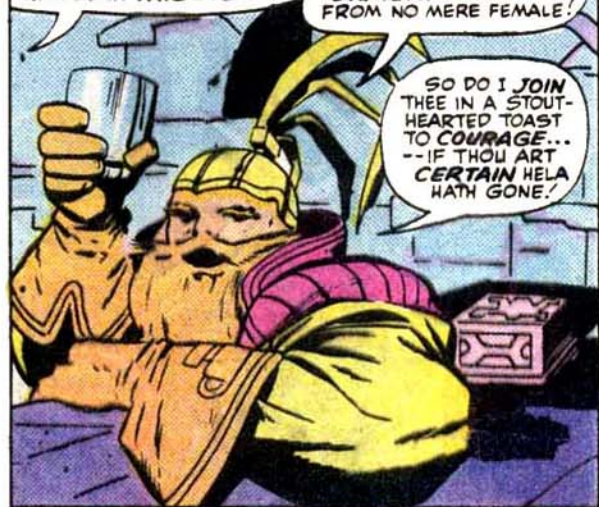


VOLSTAGG, THOU BARREL-SHAPED BUFFOON!

ARISE FROM BENEATH YON
TABLE! THE GODDESS OF
DEATH HATH LONG SINCE
DEPARTED! LIFT THY MUG
WITH US IN TRIBUTE!

FIE UPON THEE!
VALIANT VOLSTAGG...
WHOSE VERY NAME IS
A BYWORD FOR
BRAVERY... HIDES
FROM NO MERE FEMALE!

SO DO I JOIN
THEE IN A STOUT-
HEARTED TOAST
TO COURAGE...
--IF THOU ART
HELGA HATH GONE!



NEXT:
"WHEN SPEAKS THE
DRAGON!"