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HYPNOTIZED BY THE RINGMASTER--OUR IMMORTAL HERO, SHORN OF HIS GODLY POWER, HELPS THE CIRCUS OF CRIME IN ITS THEFT OF THE PRICELESS GOLDEN BULL! BUT THEN, THE GUNFIRE OF THE ATTACKING POLICE SNAPS THE ASGARDIAN AVENGER FROM HIS TRANCE--AND AWAAAAAY WE GO--!

THOR! WHEN YOU DROPPED THE BULL--IT PINNED ME TO THE WALL!

I CAN'T MOVE! ONLY YOU CAN HELP ME--!

IF I STAY-- I WILL BE IMPRISONED BY THE POLICE!

BUT I CANNOT DESERT A MORTAL IN DISTRESS!

TRY NOT TO HIT HIM, MEN!

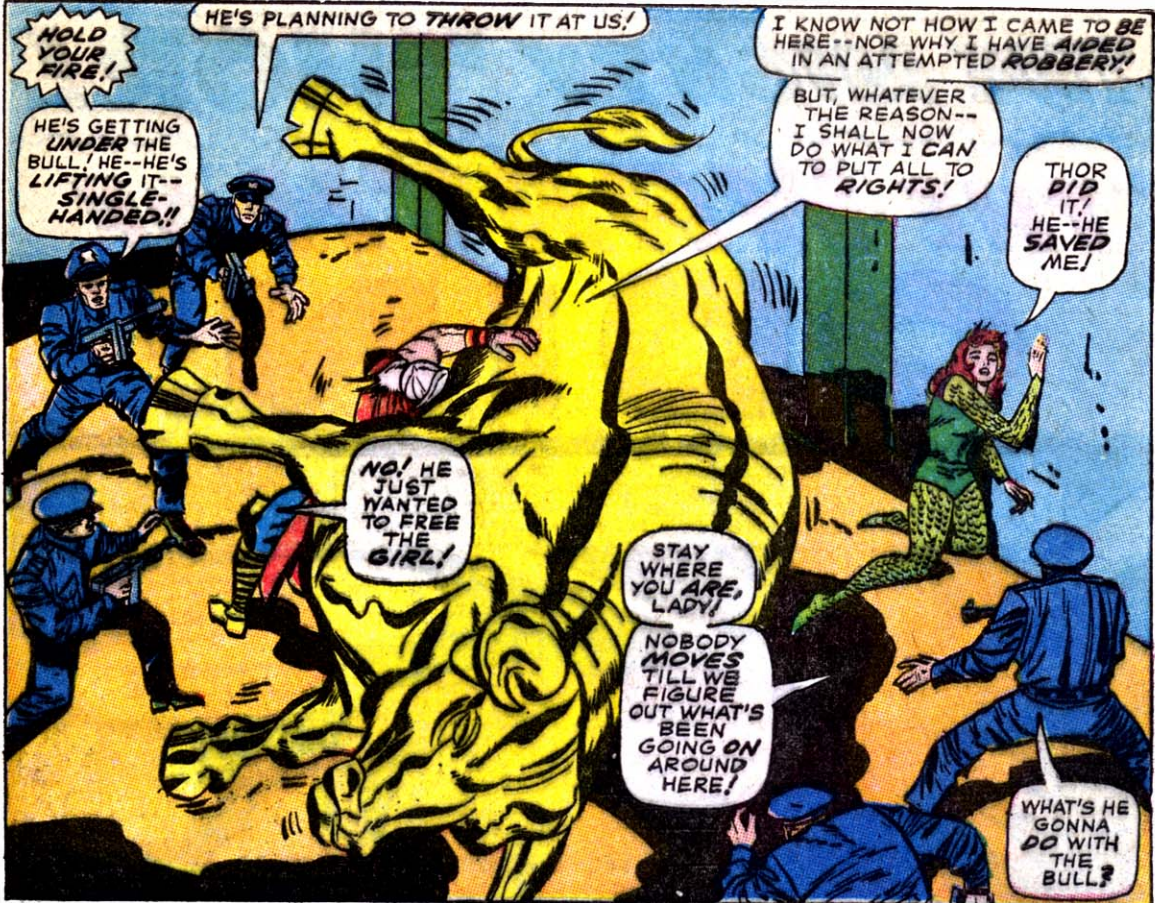
JUST KEEP HIM PINNED TILL HE SURRENDERS!

ANOTHER SMASHING SUPER-SPECTACULAR BY:

STAN (THE MAN) LEE and JACK (THE KING) KIRBY

EMBELLISHMENT: VINCE COLLETTA

LETTERING: ARTIE SIMEK



**HOLD YOUR FIRE!**

HE'S PLANNING TO THROW IT AT US!

I KNOW NOT HOW I CAME TO BE HERE--NOR WHY I HAVE AIDED IN AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY!

HE'S GETTING UNDER THE BULL! HE--HE'S LIFTING IT--SINGLE-HANDED!!

BUT, WHATEVER THE REASON-- I SHALL NOW DO WHAT I CAN TO PUT ALL TO RIGHTS!

THOR DID IT! HE--HE SAVED ME!

NO! HE JUST WANTED TO FREE THE GIRL!

STAY WHERE YOU ARE, LADY!

NOBODY MOVES TILL WE FIGURE OUT WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AROUND HERE!

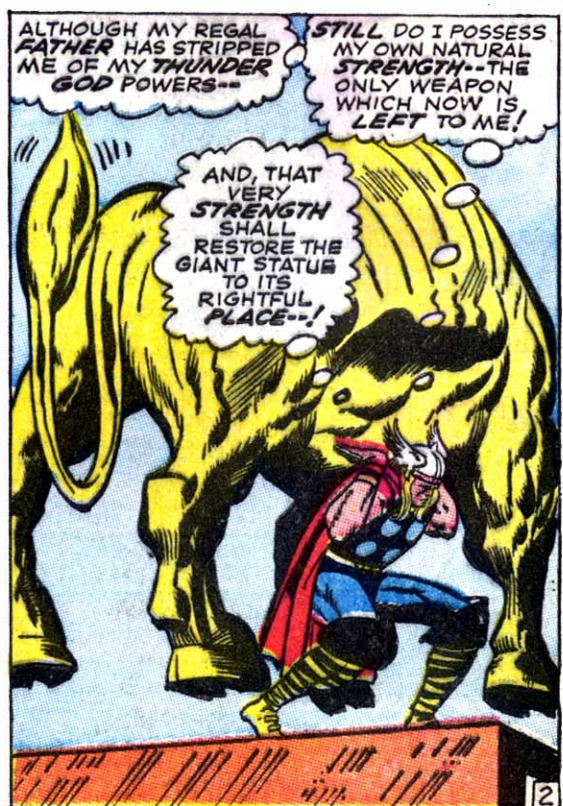
WHAT'S HE GONNA DO WITH THE BULL?



HE'S CARRYING IT-- CLEAN ACROSS THE HALL--

TOWARDS THE PEDESTAL IT WAS TAKEN FROM!

IT'S SOLID GOLD!! IT WEIGHS MORE THAN FIVE TONS! BUT HE'S HOLDING IT-- AS IF-- IT'S WEIGHTLESS!



ALTHOUGH MY REGAL FATHER HAS STRIPPED ME OF MY THUNDER GOD POWERS--

STILL DO I POSSESS MY OWN NATURAL STRENGTH--THE ONLY WEAPON WHICH NOW IS LEFT TO ME!

AND, THAT VERY STRENGTH SHALL RESTORE THE GIANT STATUE TO ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE--!

THEN, SECONDS LATER...

YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, THOR!  
WE'LL BE SURE TO TELL THE D.A. THAT YOU COOPERATED WITH US AT THE LAST MINUTE!

YEAH! IT MAY INFLUENCE THE JUDGE TO GO EASY ON HIM--DURING SENTENCING!

THEN--THE SON OF ODIN-- IS TO CONSIDER HIMSELF--UNDER ARREST?!!

THAT'S THE SIZE OF IT! AND DON'T TRY ANYTHING, MISTER!

WE'RE PREPARED TO FIRE IF WE HAVETA!

NO! YOU MUSTN'T! HE'S COMPLETELY INNOCENT!

HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING! --I CAN PROVE IT!

TAKE IT EASY, LADY! YOU'LL HAVE YOUR CHANCE TO BE HEARD-- DURING THE TRIAL!

BUT--IT'S NOT FAIR! IT ISN'T RIGHT!

LOOK--QUIT CARRYIN' ON LIKE THAT, WILLYA? Y'KNOW WE CAN'T RELEASE ANY OF YOU JUST ON YOUR SAY-SO!

BUT PERHAPS I HAVE ANOTHER REASON FOR MAKING NOISE!

HUH? WADDAYA MEAN?

PERHAPS I WANTED MY LOYAL PYTHON TO HEAR ME--AND COME TO MY AID!!

LOOK OUT! IT'S THAT GIANT SNAKE OF HERS!

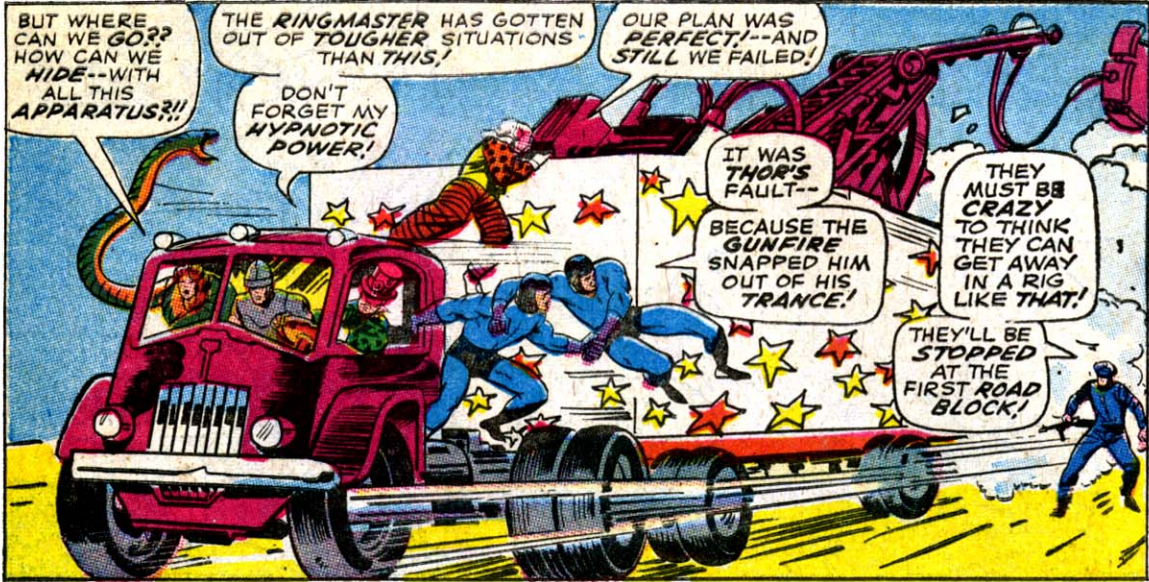
DO NOT MOVE-- AND MY PET WILL NOT HARM YOU!

RINGMASTER --QUICK! WE MUST GO TO THE AID OF THOR!

THERE ISN'T TIME!

INTO THE TRUCK-- FAST! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

WE SHOULD REMEMBERED --WHY THEY CALL HER-- PRINCESS PYTHON!



BUT WHERE CAN WE GO?? HOW CAN WE HIDE--WITH ALL THIS APPARATUS?!!

THE RINGMASTER HAS GOTTEN OUT OF TOUGHER SITUATIONS THAN THIS!

OUR PLAN WAS PERFECT!--AND STILL WE FAILED!

DON'T FORGET MY HYPNOTIC POWER!

IT WAS THOR'S FAULT--

THEY MUST BE CRAZY TO THINK THEY CAN GET AWAY IN A RIG LIKE THAT!

BECAUSE THE GUNFIRE SNAPPED HIM OUT OF HIS TRANCE!

THEY'LL BE STOPPED AT THE FIRST ROAD BLOCK!



WE'VE NOTHING TO SHOW FOR OUR EFFORTS!

AND POOR THOR-- THRAPPED BACK THERE--!

FORGET ABOUT HIM, LADY! WE GOT OUR OWN TROUBLES!

POLICE BARRICADE AHEAD! DO NOT SPEAK! I MUST CONCENTRATE--ON TOTAL HYPNOSIS!

EVEN IF WE DO ESCAPE-- WE'RE NOWHERE!



WHILE, IN THE INTERROGATION ROOM OF THE LOCAL PRECINCT, WE FIND--

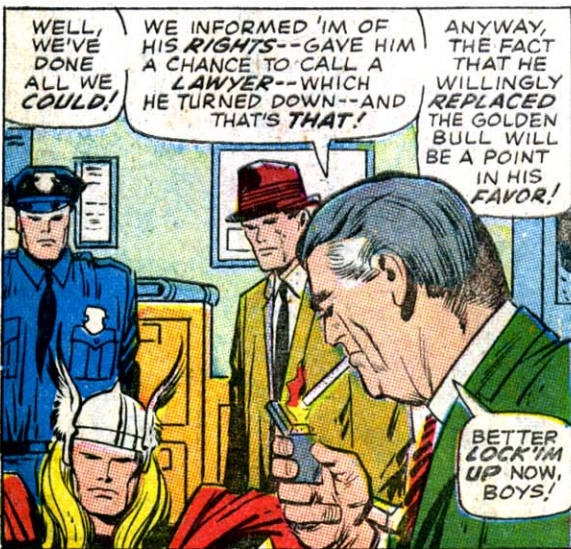
IS THAT YOUR STORY, THOR?

YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE YOU KNEW NOTHING OF WHAT YOU WERE DOING?

I HAVE NO POWER TO MAKE YOU BELIEVE MY WORDS!

I CAN MERELY DO WHAT I HAVE EVER DONE--

I CAN SPEAK NAUGHT BUT LIVING TRUTH!

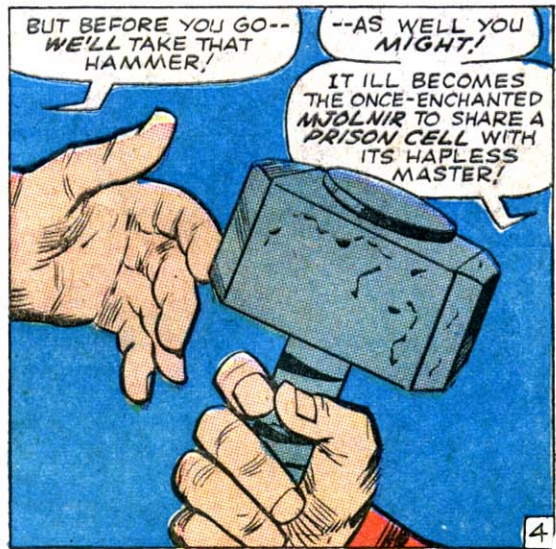


WELL, WE'VE DONE ALL WE COULD!

WE INFORMED 'IM OF HIS RIGHTS--GAVE HIM A CHANCE TO CALL A LAWYER--WHICH HE TURNED DOWN--AND THAT'S THAT!

ANYWAY, THE FACT THAT HE WILLINGLY REPLACED THE GOLDEN BULL WILL BE A POINT IN HIS FAVOR!

BETTER LOCK 'IM UP NOW, BOYS!



BUT BEFORE YOU GO-- WE'LL TAKE THAT HAMMER!

--AS WELL YOU MIGHT!

IT ILL BECOMES THE ONCE-ENCHANTED Mjolnir TO SHARE A PRISON CELL WITH ITS HAPLESS MASTER!

**BUT NOW, LET US SPARE OUR CRESTFALLEN HERO THE ADDED INDIGNITY OF OBSERVING HIS IGNOBLE IMPRISONMENT, BY TURNING OUR ATTENTION TO ANOTHER PART OF THE VAST, UNENDING COSMOS, WHERE WE FIND--STILL EXILED IN A TIMELESS LIMBO--THE MOST POWERFUL, MOST DEADLY, MOST DANGEROUS ARCH-FIEND THE UNIVERSE HAS EVER SPAWNED--THE BALEFUL, BROODING GOD OF EVIL--THE HATE-FILLED HALF-BROTHER OF THOR, WHOM MEN CALL--LOKI--!!!**

THOUGH MY VENGEFUL FATHER HATH SENTENCED ME HERE FOR TIME WITHOUT LIMIT--

STILL DO I KNOW THAT MY EXILE WILL NOT BE ETERNAL--FOR SUCH IS NOT THE WAY OF ODIN!

SOONER OR LATER SHALL LOKI BE LIBERATED--

AND, TILL THAT MOMENT, I SHALL WAIT-- AND PLAN--

AND AGAIN I SWEAR-- BY THE EVIL THAT DOTH SUSTAIN ME--

WHEN FREEDOM COMES TO LOKI-- THEN SHALL EVERLASTING DEFEAT COME TO THE ACCURSED THOR!

FOR TIME, AS OTHERS KNOW IT, HAS NO MEANING TO A TRUE-BORN IMMORTAL!



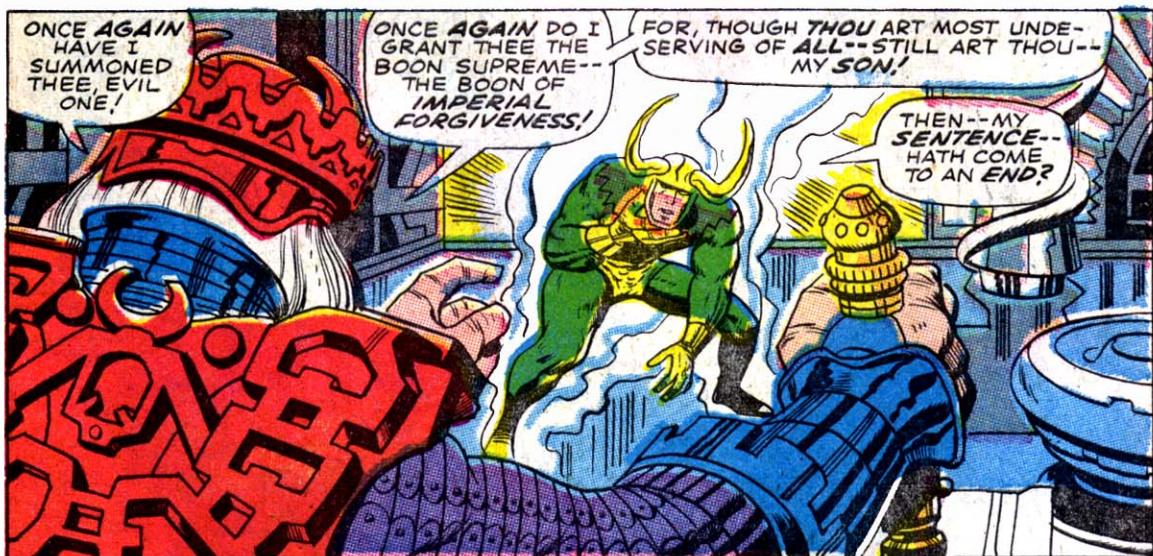
EVEN NOW--I FEEL FAINT, MYSTICAL STIRRINGS WITHIN ME--

A SEETHING, STRANGE SENSATION-- SUCH AS CONTACT WITH OMNIPOTENT ODIN ALONE CAN CREATE!



THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT--

MY TIME-- AT LAST-- IS COME!



ONCE AGAIN HAVE I SUMMONED THEE, EVIL ONE!

ONCE AGAIN DO I GRANT THEE THE BOON SUPREME-- THE BOON OF IMPERIAL FORGIVENESS!

FOR, THOUGH THOU ART MOST UNDERSERVING OF ALL-- STILL ART THOU-- MY SON!

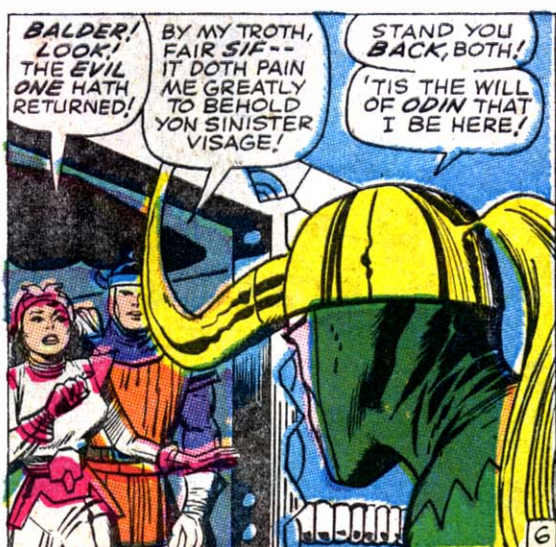
THEN--MY SENTENCE-- HATH COME TO AN END?



ONLY SO LONG AS THOU COMMIT NO FURTHER ACT OF INFAMY!

BUT--IF THOU SHOULDST AGAIN INCUR MINE REGAL WRATH--! MAY, FATHER--NAY!

NEVER AGAIN WILT THOU HAVE CAUSE FOR IMPERIAL IRE!



BALDER! LOOK! THE EVIL ONE HATH RETURNED!

BY MY TROTH, FAIR SIF-- IT DOTTH PAIN ME GREATLY TO BEHOLD YON SINISTER VISAGE!

STAND YOU BACK, BOTH!

'TIS THE WILL OF ODIN THAT I BE HERE!

GOOD SIRE--  
WHAT  
ABYSMAL  
MOCKERY  
IS THIS??

MUST THE GALLANT  
THOR REMAIN IN DIS-  
FAVOR--WHILST LOKI  
BE FREE TO PERPETRATE  
NEW EVIL??!

LET BALDER DEAL WITH  
LOKI, SIRE! I WOULD  
FACE ANY DANGER--  
TO AID THE GOD OF  
THUNDER!

BE SILENT,  
ALL!!



THINK YOU  
THE WILL OF  
ODIN MAY BE  
QUESTIONED??  
THINK YOU  
'TIS WITHOUT  
REASON I  
AM CALLED  
OMNIPOTENT??

BY SUCH AN ACT  
DIDST MINE OTHER  
SON PROVOKE MY  
ROYAL ANGER!!

NONE MAY  
QUESTION THE  
THE TRUE AND  
UTTERED WORD!  
NONE MAY  
CHALLENGE THE  
WILL OF ODIN!!



I  
HAVE  
SPOKEN!!

CONSIDER THOU THE PLIGHT OF THOR--OF  
HIM WHO IS FLESH OF MY FLESH--HEART  
OF MY HEART!

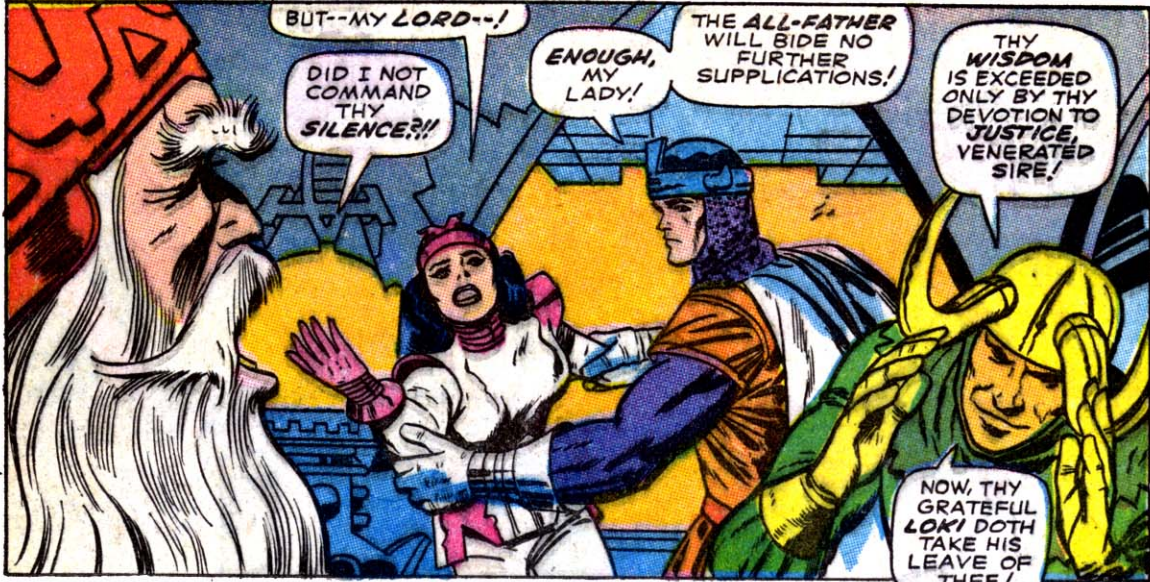
THOUGH THE LOVE I BEAR  
HIM DOTHS SURPASS MORTAL  
KEN--HE HATH DARED DEFEY  
ME!!



THUS HAVE I  
STRIPPED HIM  
OF HIS GODLY  
POWER--THUS  
MUST HE BE  
ABANDONED TO  
HIS IGNUBLE  
FATE!!

AND  
NOW--  
I SHALL  
HEAR  
NO  
MORE!





BUT--MY LORD--!

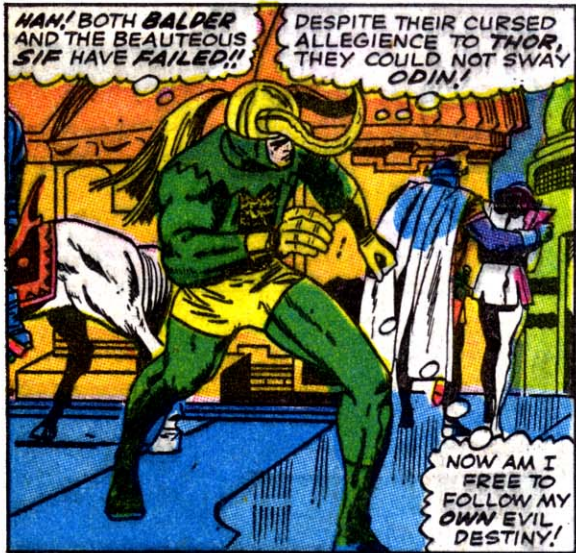
DID I NOT COMMAND THY SILENCE?!!

ENOUGH, MY LADY!

THE ALL-FATHER WILL BIDE NO FURTHER SUPPLICATIONS!

THY WISDOM IS EXCEEDED ONLY BY THY DEVOTION TO JUSTICE, VENERATED SIRE!

NOW, THY GRATEFUL LOKI DOTH TAKE HIS LEAVE OF THEE!



HAN! BOTH BALDER AND THE BEAUTEOUS SIF HAVE FAILED!!

DESPITE THEIR CURSED ALLEGIANCE TO THOR, THEY COULD NOT SWAY ODIN!

NOW AM I FREE TO FOLLOW MY OWN EVIL DESTINY!



THIS TIME THE WORKINGS OF FATE ARE IN MY FAVOR!

FOR THOR IS STRANDED ON EARTH-- SHORN OF HIS GODLY POWERS--WHILST LOKI IS MIGHTY AS EVER!

THUS, FOR THE FIRST TIME, 'TIS I WHO SHALL BE THE MASTER WHEN NEXT WE MEET!



AND, MEET WE SHALL!!

FOR, AS THE DAY DOTH FOLLOW NIGHT-- SO MUST IT FOLLOW THAT, BY THE HAND OF LOKI--WILL THOR ONE DAY BE SLAIN!



TO EARTH, THEN--AND VICTORY MOST GLORIOUS!

MINUTES LATER--HALF A UNIVERSE AWAY--

WITH ALL THE **DROP-OUTS** IN TOWN THESE DAYS, THERE AINT NO MORE **DIGNITY** TO BEIN' A **BUM--!**

IF YA ASK ME, I--  
**HEY!**

G-GIT A LOAD'A THAT--!



WHA-WHAT IS IT???

I AINT HANGIN' AROUND TO **FIND OUT!**



NOW, WITH MY POWERS OF **ENCHANTMENT**--ALL THAT REMAINS IS-- TO LOCATE **THOR!**



AND, SPEAKING OF THAT PARTICULAR, **CREST-FALLEN** CHAP--

IF YOU'RE SO **BLAMED STRONG**, WHY DON'CHA JUST **PUNCH** YER WAY OUTTA HERE?

ALL MY LIFE HAVE I DEFENDED THE **LAW--** OF BOTH **ASGARD--** AND **EARTH!**

NOW, THOUGH I BE **SORELY GRIEVED--** I CAN DO **NO LESS!**



HOW COME THEY LETCHA KEEP YER **FANCY DUDS?**

I DO NOT **KNOW!**

MEBBE YER JUST A **PLANT--**A **STOOLIE--**PUT IN HERE TO **RAT** ON US CONS!

MORTAL, BE **WARNED!** I LOOK UPON THY WORDS WITH **MOUNTING DISFAVOR!**

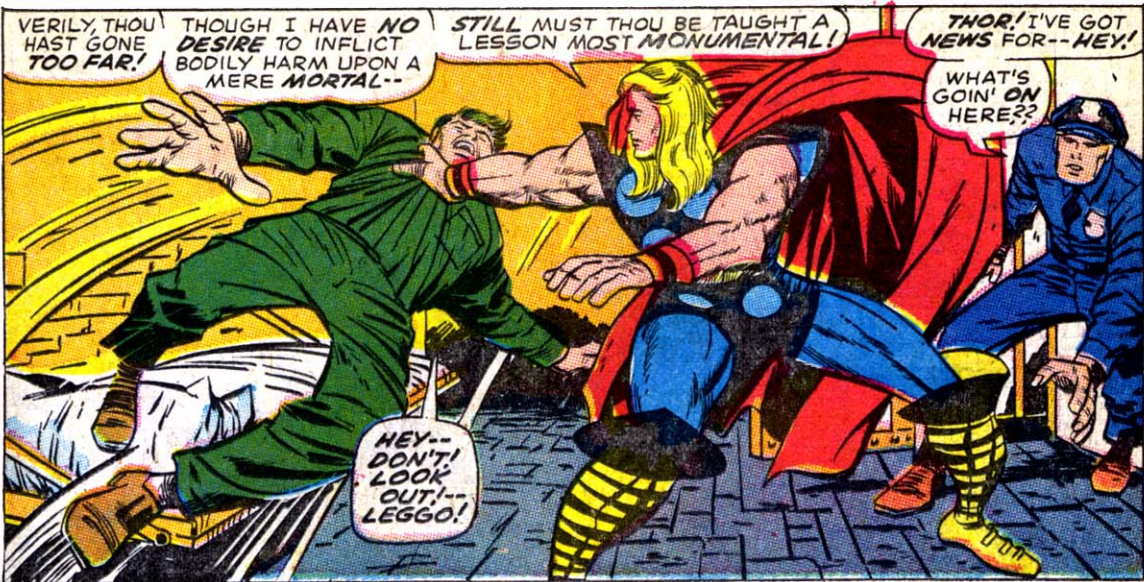
YOU **LONG-HAIRED PHONY**--I AINT FALLIN' FER THAT **LINE!**



YER NO MORE THE **GOD OF THUNDER** THAN I AM--AND I'LL **PROVE** IT!

I'LL BET I CAN TAKE YA **MYSELF--**WITH ONE HAND TIED **BEHIND** ME!





VERILY, THOU HAST GONE TOO FAR!

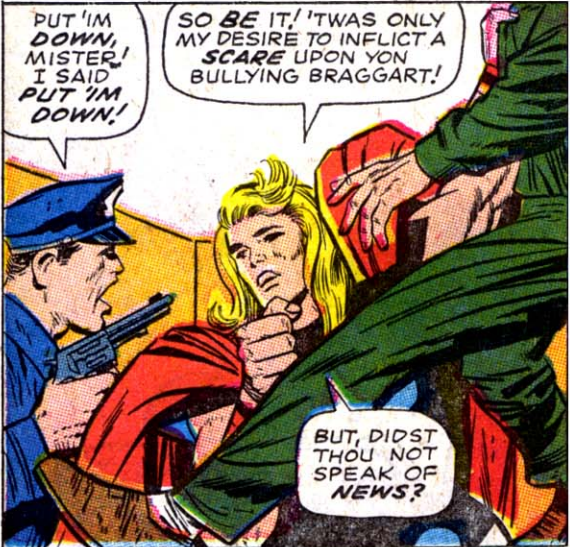
THOUGH I HAVE NO DESIRE TO INFLICT BODILY HARM UPON A MERE MORTAL--

STILL MUST THOU BE TAUGHT A LESSON MOST MONUMENTAL!

THOR! I'VE GOT NEWS FOR-- HEY!

WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE??

HEY-- DON'T! LOOK OUT!-- LEGGO!



PUT 'IM DOWN, MISTER! I SAID PUT 'IM DOWN!

SO BE IT! 'T WAS ONLY MY DESIRE TO INFLICT A SCARE UPON YON BULLYING BRAGGART!

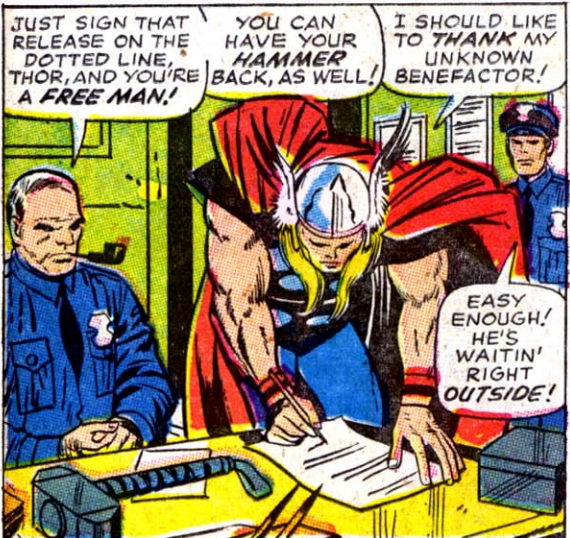
BUT, DIDST THOU NOT SPEAK OF NEWS?



YEAH! LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GETTIN' OUT OF HERE!

SOMEONE'S JUST NOW POSTIN' YOUR BAIL!

BLESSED BE THE SAMARITAN-- WHATE'ER HIS NAME!



JUST SIGN THAT RELEASE ON THE DOTTED LINE, THOR, AND YOU'RE A FREE MAN!

YOU CAN HAVE YOUR HAMMER BACK, AS WELL!

I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK MY UNKNOWN BENEFACTOR!

EASY ENOUGH! HE'S WAITIN' RIGHT OUTSIDE!



IT WAS I WHO PAID YOUR BAIL!

BUT, IT IS NOT YOUR GRATITUDE I DESIRE!

WHAT THEN IS THY PURPOSE-- AND THY NAME?

I'VE GOT MY CAR OUTSIDE!

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT WHILE I DRIVE YOU AWAY FROM HERE!

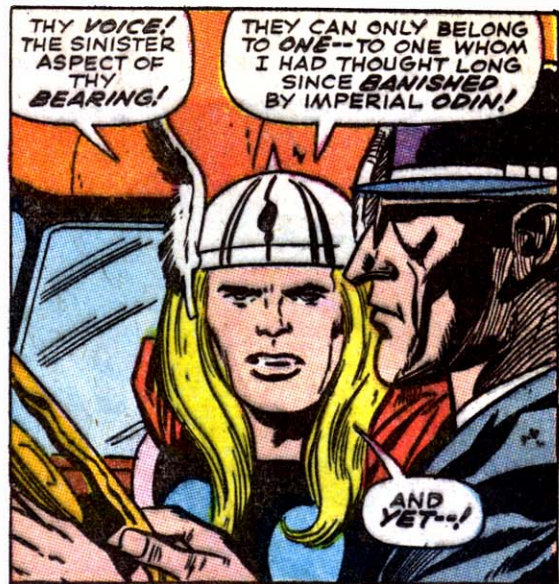


**SECONDS LATER--**

THOUGH THOU HAST THE APPARENT SEEMING OF A **STRANGER**--STILL DO I FEEL WE HAVE **MET** IN THE PAST!

THE PAST IS AS **ENDLESS** AS THE FUTURE!

**MANY** ARE THE THINGS THAT MIGHT HAVE THEN **TRANSPIRED!**



THY VOICE! THE SINISTER ASPECT OF THY **BEARING!**

THEY CAN ONLY BELONG TO **ONE**--TO ONE WHOM I HAD THOUGHT LONG SINCE **BANISHED** BY IMPERIAL ODIN!

AND **YET--!**



I MUST BEHOLD THINE **EYES**--

FOR 'TIS THERE I SHALL FIND--

**ENOUGH!** THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT!

TRULY ART THOU--**LOKI!**

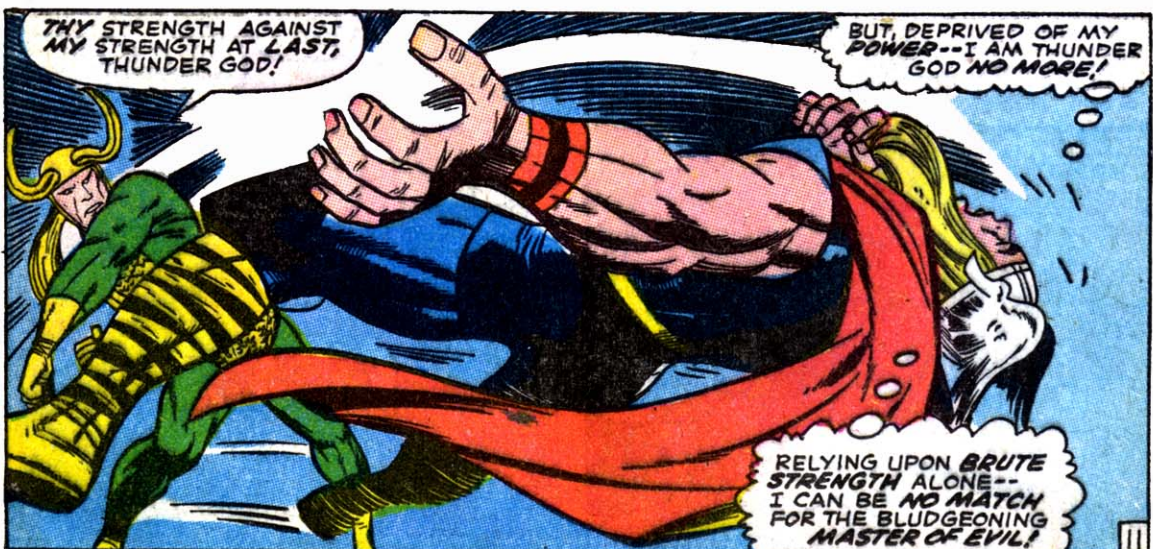
I HAD HOPED TO TOY WITH THEE YET A LITTLE **LONGER**--!

BUT, NO MATTER, NOW THE **DIE IS CAST!**



**LOOK!!** THAT CAR--IT'S **FADING AWAY**--RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES!

AND, FROM WHERE IT **STOOD**--TWO **FIGURES**--BEGINNING TO EMERGE--SLOWLY TAKING FORM--!



THY STRENGTH AGAINST MY STRENGTH AT LAST, THUNDER GOD!

BUT, DEPRIVED OF MY **POWER**--I AM THUNDER GOD NO MORE!

RELYING UPON **BRUTE STRENGTH** ALONE--I CAN BE NO MATCH FOR THE **BLUDGEONING MASTER OF EVIL!**

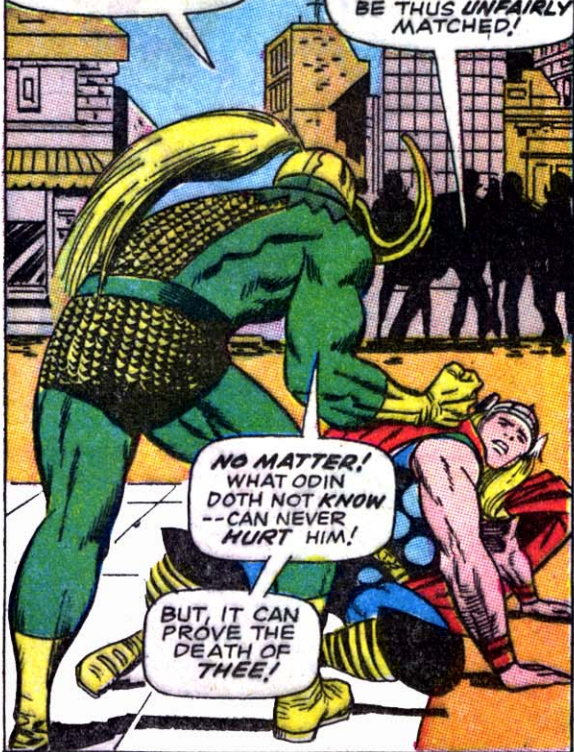
FOR COUNTLESS AGES HAVE I LONGED FOR THIS MOMENTOUS MOMENT -- THIS INSTANT WHICH SHALL HERALD THY TOTAL DEFEAT!

THIS CANNOT BE THE WILL OF ODIN!

NEVER WOULD THE ALL-WISE CONTEANCE BATTLE BETWEEN TWO WHO BE THUS UNFAIRLY MATCHED!

NO MATTER! WHAT ODIN DOTN NOT KNOW -- CAN NEVER HURT HIM!

BUT, IT CAN PROVE THE DEATH OF THEE!

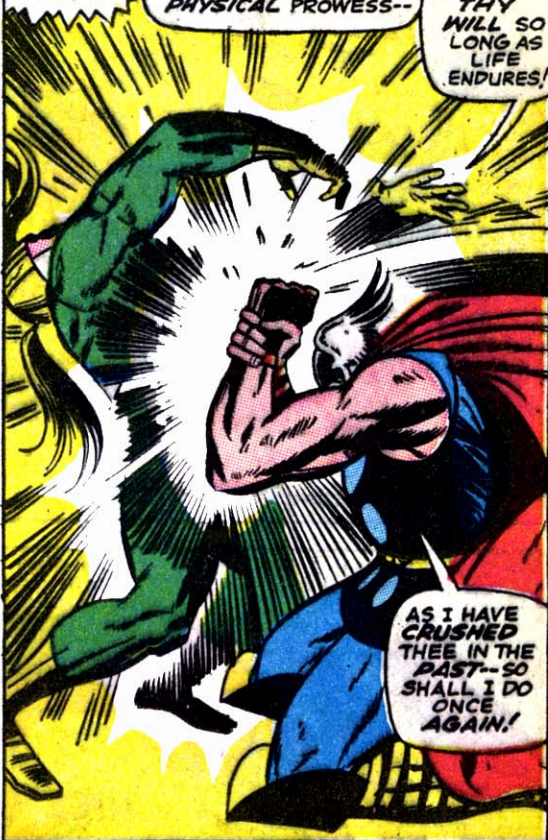


NEVER!

THOUGH I BE POSSESSED OF NAUGHT BUT PHYSICAL PROWESS--

I SHALL DEFY THY WILL SO LONG AS LIFE ENDURES!

AS I HAVE CRUSHED THEE IN THE PAST-- SO SHALL I DO ONCE AGAIN!



ARROGANT FOOL!!

THOU DIDST WIN THY ACCURSED VICTORIES AS GOD OF THUNDER!

BUT NOW-- THOU ART LIKE A MORTAL-- DARING TO BATTLE A GOD!

NOW, ONLY LOK! DOTN POSSESS THE POWER OF ASGARD!



NOW, EVEN MY LIMBS DO MATCH THEE IN STRENGTH!

BUT, UNLIKE THYSELF-- I CANNOT TIRE-- I CANNOT FEEL INJURY!

HIS WORDS -- HAVE THE RING-- OF DEADLY TRUTH--!





NOW, WHILST THOU MUST TASTE THE BITTER DREGS OF PHYSICAL WEARINESS--

WHICH THE LIMBS OF LOKI ARE NOT HEIR TO--

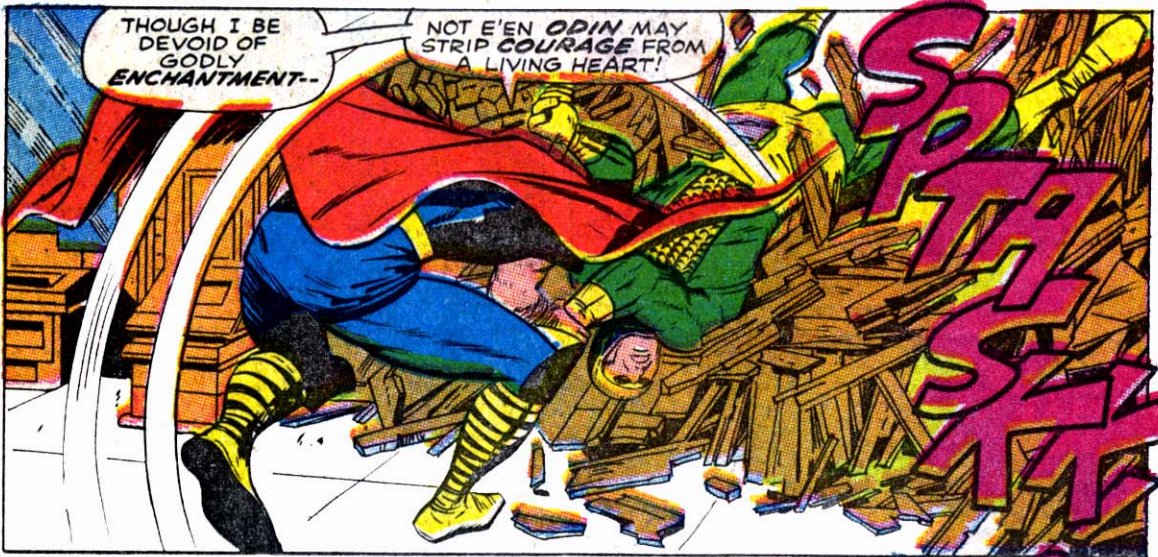
I SHALL-- WITH BUT ONE FINAL BLOW--PUT AN END TO THIS CHARADE!

I MUST FIGHT BACK! I DARE NOT YIELD!



WHAT?!! STILL THOU HAS THE TEMERITY TO BATTLE ON?!!

I LIVE! THUS, STILL I FIGHT!



THOUGH I BE DEVOID OF GODLY ENCHANTMENT--

NOT E'EN ODIN MAY STRIP COURAGE FROM A LIVING HEART!

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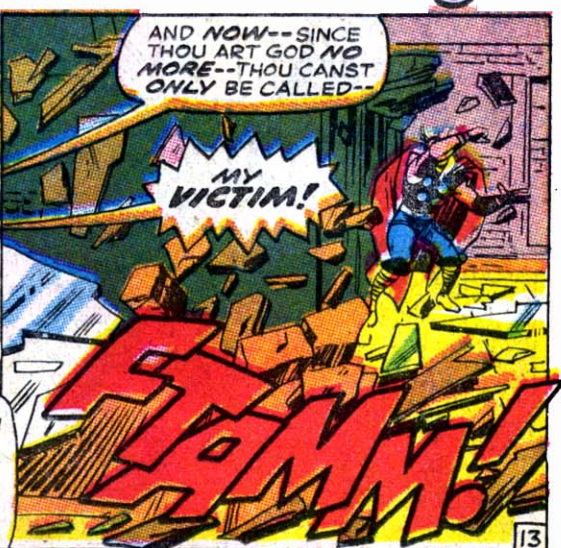


BUT, WHAT DOETH IT AVAIL TO PIT RAW COURAGE AGAINST ONE WHO CAN FEEL NO EARTHLY PAIN--

WHO CAN FIGHT WITH NEVER-ENDING, IMMORTAL ENERGY!

EVEN WHEN THOU HADST THY POWER--

--THE STRENGTH OF LOKI WAS ALMOST EQUAL TO THINE OWN!



AND NOW-- SINCE THOU ART GOD NO MORE--THOU CANST ONLY BE CALLED--

MY VICTIM!

CRASH!



SURELY THOU  
DOEST NOT  
HOPE TO  
ESCAPE BY  
CLIMBING  
ATOP YON  
BUILDING?!!

'TIS NOT ESCAPE  
I SEEK--

BUT AN ARENA  
FOR BATTLE  
WHERE  
HAPLESS  
HUMANS WILL  
COME TO NO  
UNTOWARD  
HARM!



HUMANS--  
BAH!

MY ONLY  
CONCERN IS  
THEE--AND  
THY TOTAL  
ANNIHILA-  
TION!

WITH BUT  
ONE BLOW  
I'LL SHAKE  
THEE FROM  
THAT  
PERCH!

BOOM!



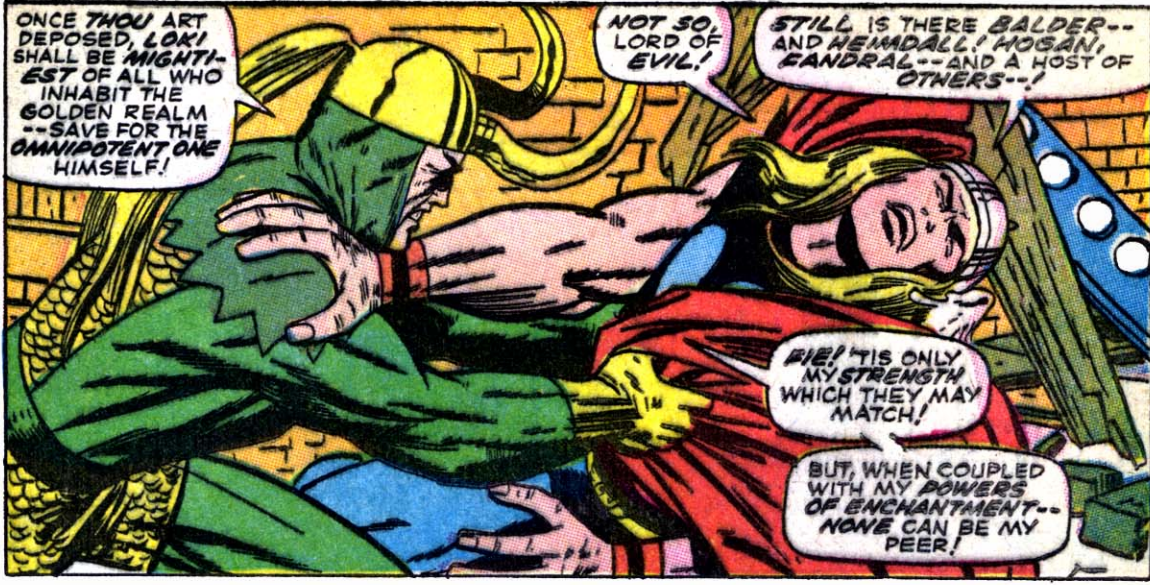
FALL,  
THUNDER  
GOD--!!

LET THY  
HELPLESS  
PLUNGE  
NOW  
SYMBOLIZE  
THE FATE  
THOU SOON  
SHALT  
FACE!



AND NOW, AT LAST--  
MY MOMENT OF  
TOTAL TRIUMPH!

NOW--BY  
MINE OWN  
HANDS--THE  
GOD OF  
THUNDER  
SHALL SUFFER  
HIS FINAL  
DEFEAT!



ONCE THOU ART DEPOSED, LOKI! SHALL BE MIGHTIEST OF ALL WHO INHABIT THE GOLDEN REALM --SAVE FOR THE OMNIPOTENT ONE HIMSELF!

NOT SO, LORD OF EVIL!

STILL IS THERE BALDER-- AND HEIMDALL! HOGANI, SANDRAL--AND A HOST OF OTHERS--!

RIE! 'TIS ONLY MY STRENGTH WHICH THEY MAY MATCH!

BUT, WHEN COUPLED WITH MY POWERS OF ENCHANTMENT-- NONE CAN BE MY PEER!



WHAT??! STILL THOU DAREST TO FIGHT BACK!

I DID HOPE TO SEE THEE ATTEMPT TO FLEE IN MINDLESS PANIC!

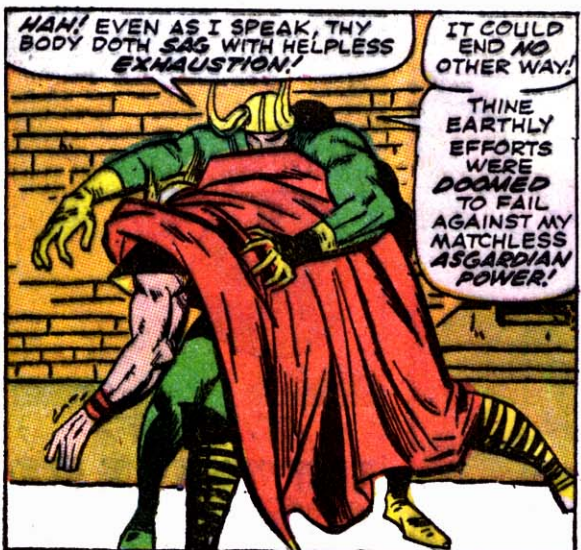
BUT PERHAPS 'TIS BETTER THIS WAY!



'TIS MOST APPARENT TO ME THAT THOU ART ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE!

THUS, THY FINAL FUTILE GESTURE CAN HOPE TO AVOID THEE NAUGHT!

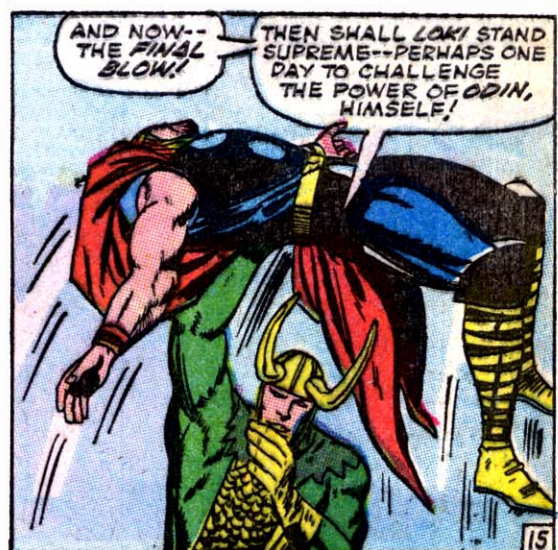
IN TRUTH, 'TIS A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR THEE TO FEEL THE MORTAL PANGS OF FATAL FATIGUE!



HAA! EVEN AS I SPEAK, THY BODY DOTHS SAG WITH HELPLESS EXHAUSTION!

IT COULD END NO OTHER WAY!

THINE EARTHLY EFFORTS WERE DOOMED TO FAIL AGAINST MY MATCHLESS ASGARDIAN POWER!



AND NOW-- THE FINAL BLOW!

THEN SHALL LOKI STAND SUPREME--PERHAPS ONE DAY TO CHALLENGE THE POWER OF ODIN, HIMSELF!



**BUT THEN--AS THE FATE OF A UNIVERSE SEEMS TO TREMBLE IN THE BALANCE--**

**BEHIND ME!! A SUDDEN FLASH-- AN UNEARTHLY SOUND--!**

**MASTER OF EVIL-- MAKE THOU NO FURTHER MOVE!**



**THE GODDESS SIF--AND SNIVELLING BALDER!**

**WE HAVE DARED ODIN'S WRATH-- TO SAVE THE MIGHTY THOR!**

**HOLD, FAIR ONE! LET BALDER SPEAK!**

**HOW COME THEE HERE-- AGAINST THE EXPRESSED COMMAND OF ODIN??**



**WHEN ODIN LEARNS WHAT THOU HAST DONE--!**

**AND LEARN HE SHALL--OF THE MURDEROUS TREACHERY OF LOKI, AS WELL!**

**NEVER! NOT E'EN THE BOTH OF YOU POSSESS POWER ENOW TO DEFY MY WILL!**

**ONLY DEATH WILL STOP US!**

**STAND YOU BACK-- AS BALDER COMMANDS!**



**WHILE, WITHIN THE GOLDEN REALM OF ASGARD--**

**WHAT MONUMENTAL KINGLY DEFIANCE IS THIS??!**

**FIRST THOR-- THEN LOKI!--**



**NOW--I BEHOLD BALDER-- AND FAIR SIF!**

**DISOBEDIENCE BREEDS ANARCHY--YET, THEY HAVE CHOSEN TO DISOBEY!**

**NO MATTER THEIR MOTIVES--MY PUNISHMENT MUST BE SWIFT--AND TERRIBLE!**



**AND, BY THE POWER OF YON BOLT I HURL-- SO SHALL IT BE!**



**NEXT! LET THERE BE CHAOS!**

THE ORIGIN OF: THE INCOMPARABLE INHUMANS!

# THE REASON WHY!

WHY, IN AGES PAST, DID THE SO-CALLED INHUMANS BECOME HIGHLY CIVILIZED WHILE THE REST OF MANKIND WERE STILL PREDATORY SAVAGES?

WHY DID THE INHUMANS EVOLVE FASTER THAN ANY OTHER RACE ON EARTH?

NOW AT LAST!!  
THE NEVER-BEFORE REVEALED  
**ANSWER!**

THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF MY ALL-IMPORTANT MISSION!

BEHOLD! A MONSTROUS BEING APPROACHES THE DEMON CITY OF ATTLAN!

HE DOES NOT FEEL OUR ARROWS!

WE MUST FLEE --- BEFORE HE SLAYS US ALL!

NEW LUSTER HATH BEEN ADDED TO LIVING LEGENDRY BY:  
**STAN** <sup>(THE MAN)</sup> **LEE** and **JACK** <sup>(KING)</sup> **KIRBY**

ALL HAIL YE, AS WELL, THESE NAMES IMMORTAL:  
**JOE SINNOTT** | **SAM ROSEN**  
EMBELLISHER | LETTERER

ORIGINALLY PRESENTED  
IN THOR #147.

**I AM THE  
SENTINEL...  
ETERNALLY  
VIGILANT...  
ETERNALLY  
LOYAL!**

**I WAS ORDERED TO  
REMAIN... TO GUARD  
THEIR BASE UNTIL  
THEY RETURN...  
THOUGH IT TAKE A  
THOUSAND YEARS!**

**SPECIAL NOTE FOR THOSE MAJORING IN "THE METHODS AND  
"MEANING BEHIND MARVEL MYTHOLOGY" (4 CREDITS)...**

**THE LONG-LOST, LEGENDARY LORE, SO  
RICHLY REVEALED UPON THESE PANORA-  
MIC PAGES, MAY BE FURTHER DOCU-  
MENTED AND AUTHENTICATED BY AN  
INTENSIVE STUDY OF FANTASTIC FOUR  
#5 46, 64, AND 65. ...SCHOLARLY  
STAN.**

**WHEN MY  
SUPREME  
MASTERS...  
THE MIGHTY  
STAR-BORN  
KREE RACE  
VISITED THIS  
WORLD IN THE  
DIM, HALF-  
FORGOTTEN  
PAST...**

**BUT NOW,  
I HAVE BEEN  
ROUSED  
FROM MY  
SLEEP  
OF AGES!**

**ONLY AN EVENT OF THE GREATEST  
MAGNITUDE COULD HAVE...  
WAIT!**

**THAT IS WHAT  
I SEEK!**

**THERE, IN THE  
MIDST OF SAVAGE  
BEINGS, MORE BEAST  
THAN MAN, HAS  
RISEN A MIGHTY  
CITY...**

**A BASTION OF  
SCIENTIFIC  
EVOLVEMENT...A  
WELLSPRING OF  
CULTURE, AND  
HIGHLY-ADVANCED  
CIVILIZATION!**

**IT CAN ONLY  
MEAN... THE GREAT  
EXPERIMENT OF  
THE KREE... HAS  
BEEN SUCCESS-  
FUL!**

**THEN, AS WE DULY WONDER WHAT EXPERIMENT THE  
MIGHTY ALIEN IS REFERRING TO, HE ACTIVATES HIS  
INBORN HOVER POWER, RISING ABOVE THE  
POUNDING SURF...**

**HERE, WITH  
MY OWN EYES,  
I MUST BEHOLD  
WHAT HAS  
TRANSPIRED!**

AND NOW, AS THE SENTRY'S THOUGHTS ARE THUS REVEALED TO US, WE FIND OURSELVES PRIVY TO THE ANSWER WE HAVE SO LONG BEEN SEEKING...

WHEN FIRST THEY LANDED UPON THIS TINY PLANET... THIS PRIMITIVE WORLD, WHOSE VERY DISCOVERY WAS BUT A CASUAL ACCIDENT...

MY SUPREME MASTERS, THE ALL-POWERFUL KREE, ELECTED TO TEST THE POWER-POTENTIAL OF THE SAVAGES WHOM THEY FOUND INHABITING THIS HOSTILE WASTELAND!

THUS, THEY ISOLATED ONE SMALL TRIBE, SUBJECTING THE EARTHLINGS TO AN EVOLUTIONARY SPEED-UP, WHILE SLIGHTLY ALTERING THE BASIC PATTERN OF THEIR GENES!

BUT THEN, OTHER MATTERS SOON OCCUPIED THE ATTENTION OF THE KREE...

AND I SUSPECT THEY COMPLETELY LOST INTEREST IN THE RESULTS OF SO SIMPLE A TEST!

HOWEVER, AS A DEDICATED SENTRY, IT IS MY DUTY TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER...

ATTENTION, ALL SECURITY UNITS!

AND SO I SHALL!

UNKNOWN ENTITY APPROACHING ATILAN!

HE APPEARS TO BE OF EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL ORIGIN!

SO HIGHLY-CIVILIZED ARE THOSE WHO DWELL UPON THE ISLE OF ATILAN, THAT THE COMING OF A STRANGER IS CAUSE FOR PLEASURE, RATHER THAN THE FEAR WHICH WOULD BE FELT BY LESSER TRIBES...!

A KNOWLEDGE-ABLE-SEEMING STRANGER APPROACHES OUR CITY!

HE ARRIVES AT A MOST DRAMATIC MOMENT!

WE MUST LEARN IF THE MYSTERIOUS MIST HAS BROUGHT HIM DISASTER...

OR, IF HE IS NOW POSSESSED OF SOME GREAT NEW POWER... AS HE HAD HOPED!

KING RANDAC HAS JUST EMERGED FROM THE FATEFUL TERRIGEN MIST!

THE KING IS UNHARMED! BUT... HE IS... CHANGED!

'TIS GOOD! THERE MAY BE MUCH FOR US TO LEARN FROM HIM!

PERHAPS HE IS NOT FROM EARTH!

BUT WHO CAN HE BE?

ALL OTHERS WHO DWELL ON EARTH THINK US DEMONS! THEY WOULD NOT DARE TO COME HERE!

CONFUSED ENOUGH? OKAY, THEN LET'S TURN THE PAGE, AND SHARE THE REVELATION TOGETHER!  
...SOCIABLE STAN.

CHANGED!?? IN WHAT WAY HAS OUR MONARCH BEEN CHANGED??

'TIS NOT FOR ME TO SAY! THOUGH HIS APPEARANCE IS THE SAME AS EVER, HE IS SAID TO POSSESS...A STRANGE NEW POWER!

PERHAPS THAT IS THE REASON FOR THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF THE UNKNOWN STRANGER!

CAN IT BE THAT HE HAS LEARNED OF OUR EXPERIMENTS INTO THE NATURE OF LIFE?

THEN, BRIEF MOMENTS LATER...THE REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO COMPLETELY ALIEN GALACTIC RACES FIND THEMSELVES STANDING FACE-TO-FACE...!

I AM INTER-GALACTIC SENTRY 459! I SPEAK FOR THE SUPREME KREE!

THEN YOUR RACE DOES NOT REMEMBER ITS FIRST CONTACT WITH THE KREE?

THOUGH YOUR TONGUE IS OUR TONGUE...

YOUR WORDS ARE MEANINGLESS TO US!

REMOVE THIS BARRIER... THAT I MAY EXPLAIN!

IT SHALL BE DONE!

COUNTLESS GENERATIONS AGO, AS EARTHLINGS MEASURE TIME, MY MASTERS BESTOWED UPON YOUR ANCESTORS THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE!

THEY PLANNED TO ONE DAY RETURN, TO SEE THE RESULT OF THEIR CASUAL EXPERIMENT!

AT LAST WE KNOW THE ANSWER TO OUR GREATEST MYSTERY!

AT LAST WE KNOW WHY WE HAVE ADVANCED FAR BEYOND OUR FELLOW HUMANS!

BUT NOW... WHAT OF THE KREE?

THEY MAY NOT RETURN FOR CENTURIES... IF AT ALL!

MEANWHILE, I MUST LEARN OF YOUR PROGRESS, THAT I MAY REPORT IT, WHEN THE TIME DOES COME!

YOUR MONARCH HAS SUBJECTED HIMSELF TO THE TERRIGEN MISTS! I REQUEST INFORMATION... I DESIRE TO KNOW IF HE HAS BEEN... AFFECTED?



**THIS IS YOUR ANSWER!**

**I HAVE GAINED A NEW POWER! POWER ENOUGH TO SAFEGUARD MY PEOPLE FROM ANY DANGER...WHETHER HUMAN...OR KREE!**

**THEN 'TIS AS I EXPECTED!**



**THE TERRIGEN RAYS HAVE GIVEN YOU POWER POSSESSED BY NO OTHER HUMAN!**

**HENCEFORTH, YOU... AND THE GENERATIONS WHICH FOLLOW YOU... SHALL THINK OF YOURSELVES AS... INHUMANS!**

**I SHALL ALLOW MY EVERY SUBJECT TO ENTER THE CHAMBER OF TERRIGEN MIST!**

**THOUGH IT AFFECTS ALL DIFFERENTLY... EACH SHALL GAIN SOME NEW, INHUMAN POWER!**

**AND HERE SHALL WE REMAIN... IN HIDDEN ATILAN... WHICH SHALL EVER BE OUR GREAT REFUGE!**

**I HAVE HEARD ENOUGH!**



**MY MASTERS HAVE DONE WELL!**

**THEY HAVE PROVEN THAT THERE ARE NO LIMITS TO THE ADVANCEMENTS WHICH HUMANITY MAY ATTAIN!**

**USE YOUR POWERS WISELY, INHUMAN... FOR, WHEN NEXT YOU MEET THE SUPREME KREE... IN AGES TO COME... YOU MAY MEET AS... DEADLY FOES!**



**WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD, WITHOUT A BACKWARD GLANCE... THE SENTRY DEPARTS... NEVER AGAIN TO BE SEEN BY THOSE WHO SHALL FOREVERMORE BE KNOWN AS... THE INCOMPARABLE INHUMANS!**

**NEXT!**

**...AND FINALLY:  
BLACK BOLT!**