

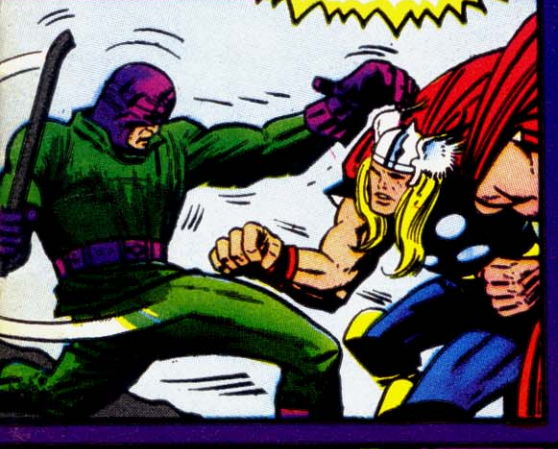


THE MIGHTY THOR

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"WHEN FALLS A HERO!"



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THE MIGHTY THOR!

WHEN FALLS A HERO!

THWPOOM!

WITH ONLY HIS
NATURAL **STRENGTH**
TO SERVE HIM, MIGHTY
THOR IS DRIVEN **BACK...
BACK... BACK...** BY
THE POUNDING POWER OF
THE **WRECKER!**
THIS TIME IT IS THOR WHO
POSSESSES NO IMMORTAL
POWER... WHILST HIS
DEADLIEST ENEMY
DOES...!

HOW DOES IT
FEEL TO BE
HELPLESS,
THUNDER GOD?

HELPLESS AGAINST
THE **WRECKER...**
WHO GOT HIS **ENCHANTED**
POWER FROM **LOKI,**
HIMSELF!

THOUGH I
FACE MOST
AWESOME
ODDS...

THOR IS
HELPLESS...
NEVER!

PRODUCED BY:
STAN And **JACK**
(THE MAN) (KING)
LEE **KIRBY**
(AS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW!)

EMBELLISHMENT: **VINCE COLLETTA**
LETTERING: **SAM ROSEN**
NOW **C'MON!** EVERY SECOND COUNTS...!

HAN! YOU'RE GONNA FIND OUT JUST HOW HELPLESS A GUY CAN BE!

REMEMBER... YOU CAN BE HURT... BUT, WITH MY NEW IMMORTAL POWER... I CAN'T!

'TIS NOT WITH EMPTY THREATS THAT BATTLE IS WON!

EMPTY THREATS, HUH?
TRY'N HURT ME--! GO AHEAD... JUST TRY!!

SPANG

HAWW! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF YOUR HAMMER NOW?

WITHOUT ITS IMMORTAL POWER, IT'S JUST ANOTHER HUNK'A WOOD 'N METAL!

IT AIN'T GOT A CHANCE AGAINST THE WRECKER'S CROWBAR!

YOU DARE TO LAUGH AT THOR?!!
BY THE HOSTS OF ASGARD, THOU HAST GONE TOO FAR!

THOUGH THE ENCHANTMENT BE GONE...

NOW SHALT THOU LEARN THAT THE POWER REMAINS!



FOR ASGARD... AND HONOR!



BUT, NO LONGER POSSESSING THE TIRELESS ENERGY OF A TRUE IMMORTAL... THE INCONCEIVABLE STRAIN TAKES ITS TOLL OF THE GOLDEN AVENGER...

HAH! I KNEW IT!

THERE'S NO WAY FOR YOU TO KEEP UP THE PACE...!

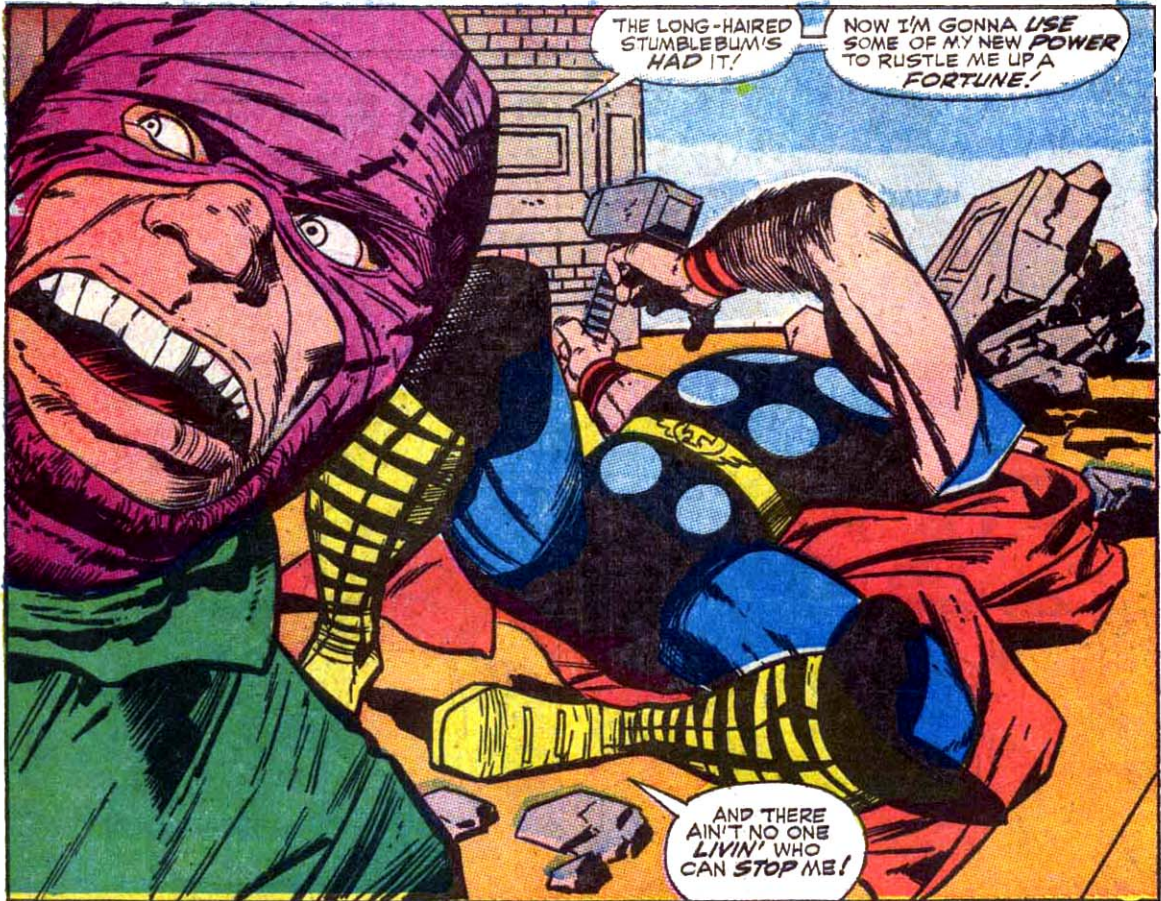
BUT, JUST LIKE I SAID...



NOTHIN' CAN HURT THE WRECKER!



... AND THAT INCLUDES ANY HAS-BEEN THUNDER GOD YA CAN NAME!



THE LONG-HAIRED STUMBLEBUM'S HAD IT!

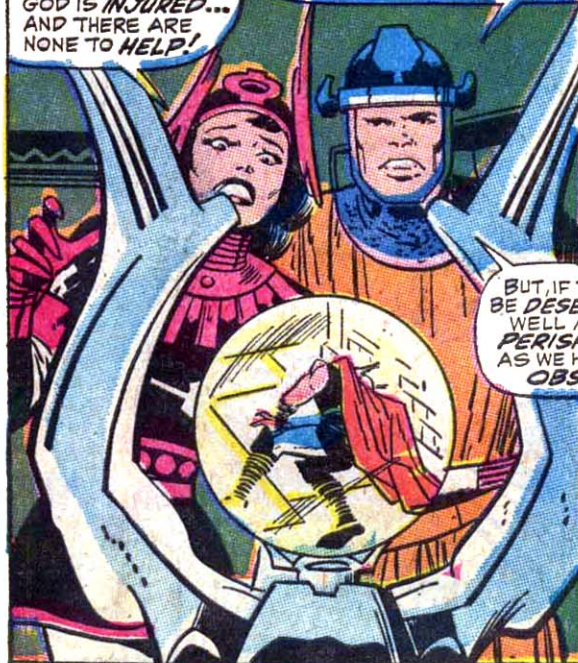
NOW I'M GONNA USE SOME OF MY NEW POWER TO RUSTLE ME UP A FORTUNE!

AND THERE AIN'T NO ONE LIVIN' WHO CAN STOP ME!

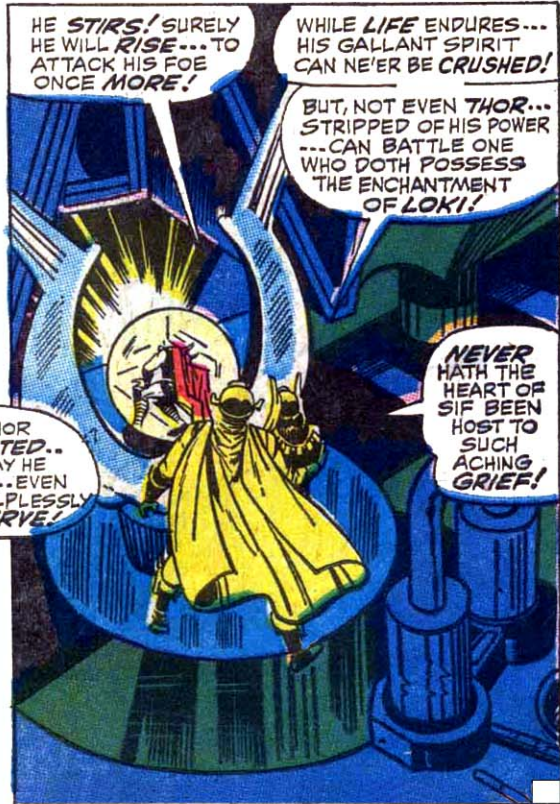
PERHAPS NO ONE CAN STOP THE WRECKER... BUT THERE ARE TWO SPECIAL BEINGS WHO ARE CERTAINLY WORRYING ABOUT HIM! LET'S VISIT THEM, IN FABLED ASGARD...

THE THUNDER GOD IS INJURED... AND THERE ARE NONE TO HELP!

ODIN HATH FORBIDDEN US TO RETURN TO EARTH...



BUT, IF THOR BE DESERTED... WE'LL MAY HE PERISH... EVEN AS WE HELPLESSLY OBSERVE!



HE STIRS! SURELY HE WILL RISE... TO ATTACK HIS FOE ONCE MORE!

WHILE LIFE ENDURES... HIS GALLANT SPIRIT CAN NE'ER BE CRUSHED!

BUT, NOT EVEN THOR... STRIPPED OF HIS POWER... CAN BATTLE ONE WHO DOTHS POSSESS THE ENCHANTMENT OF LOKI!

NEVER HATH THE HEART OF SIF BEEN HOST TO SUCH ACHING GRIEF!



HAUGH I BE BANISHED FORE'ER...

I MUST RETURN TO ODIN... TO PLEAD THOR'S CAUSE AGAIN!

THERE, BEFORE THE ALL-FATHER, THOU SHALT NOT STAND ALONE!

LET US THEN AWAY... TO DO WHAT MUST BE DONE!



BUT, NO SOONER DO THE TWO GRIEF-STRIKEN IMMORTALS LEAVE THE CHAMBER OF VISIONS, WHEN ---

THE MOMENT IS NOW!



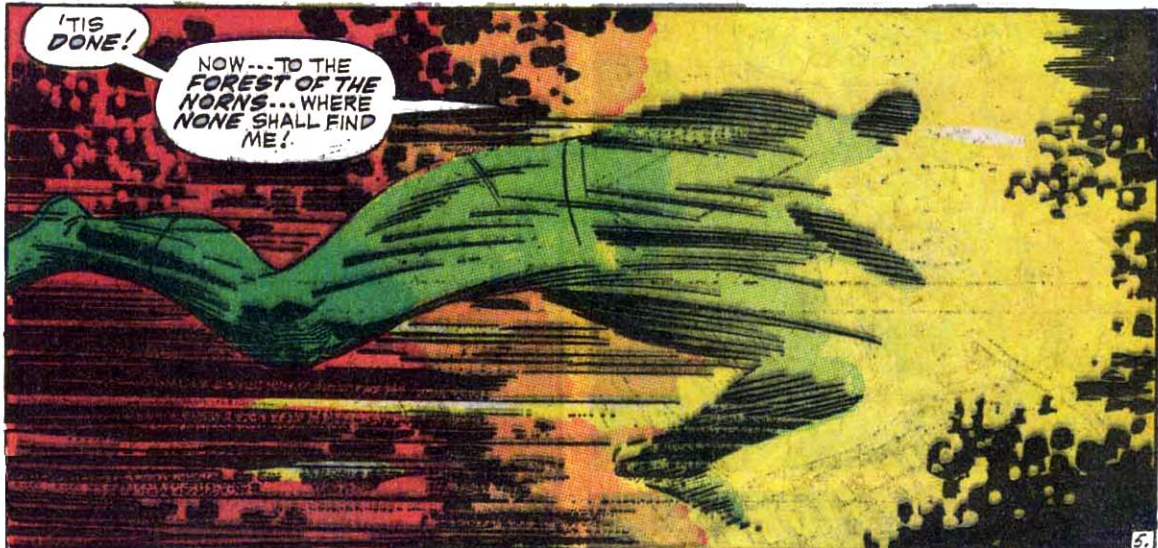
I DARE NOT LET ODIN PEER INTO THE MYSTIC CRYSTAL...

NOT TILL IT BE TOO LATE TO SAVE MY ACCURSED STEP-BROTHER!



THUS MUST THE PRINCE OF EVIL GIVE VENT TO HIS VILLAINY...

THUS MUST THE MAGICAL GLOBE BE NOW REMOVED!



IT'S DONE!

NOW... TO THE FOREST OF THE HORNS... WHERE NONE SHALL FIND ME!

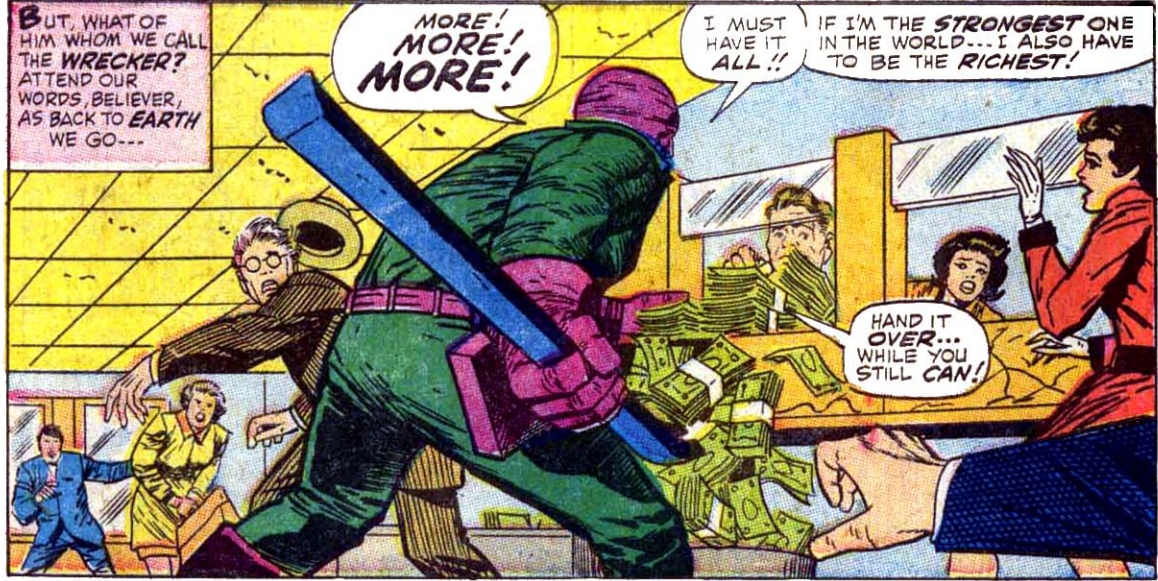
BUT, WHAT OF HIM WHOM WE CALL THE WRECKER? ATTEND OUR WORDS, BELIEVER, AS BACK TO EARTH WE GO---

**MORE!
MORE!
MORE!**

I MUST HAVE IT ALL!!

IF I'M THE STRONGEST ONE IN THE WORLD... I ALSO HAVE TO BE THE RICHEST!

HAND IT OVER... WHILE YOU STILL CAN!



HOLD IT, MISTER! WE GOT YOU COVERED!

AND DON'T GET ANY BRIGHT IDEAS ABOUT FIGHTING YOUR WAY PAST US...

THERE'S A SQUAD OF POLICE ON THEIR WAY HERE RIGHT NOW!

TWO PUNY GUARDS... DARING TO DEFY THE WRECKER?!!



LOOK OUT!

WITH JUST ONE SWEEP OF MY ALL-POWERFUL CROWBAR...

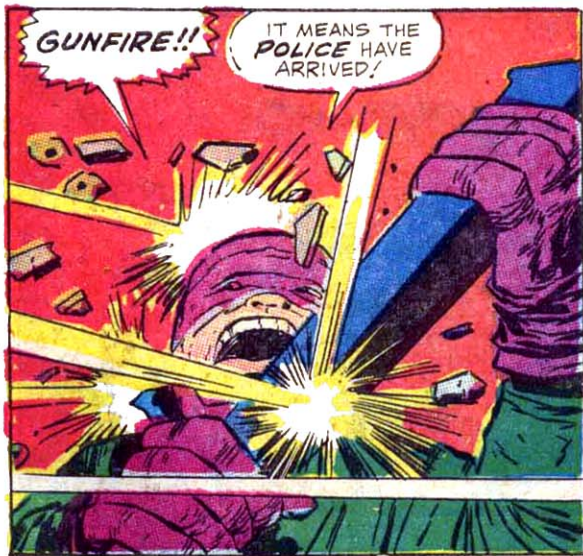
SKRAK!

I CAN TEAR THE WHOLE CONCRETE FLOOR APART!



GUNFIRE!!

IT MEANS THE POLICE HAVE ARRIVED!



OKAY, MAC... THE PARTY'S OVER! DROP THAT BAR... NOW!

HE MUST BE BATTY... THINKING HE COULD GET AWAY WITH IT!

**WATCH IT, MEN!
NO TELLIN' HOW STRONG HE IS!**

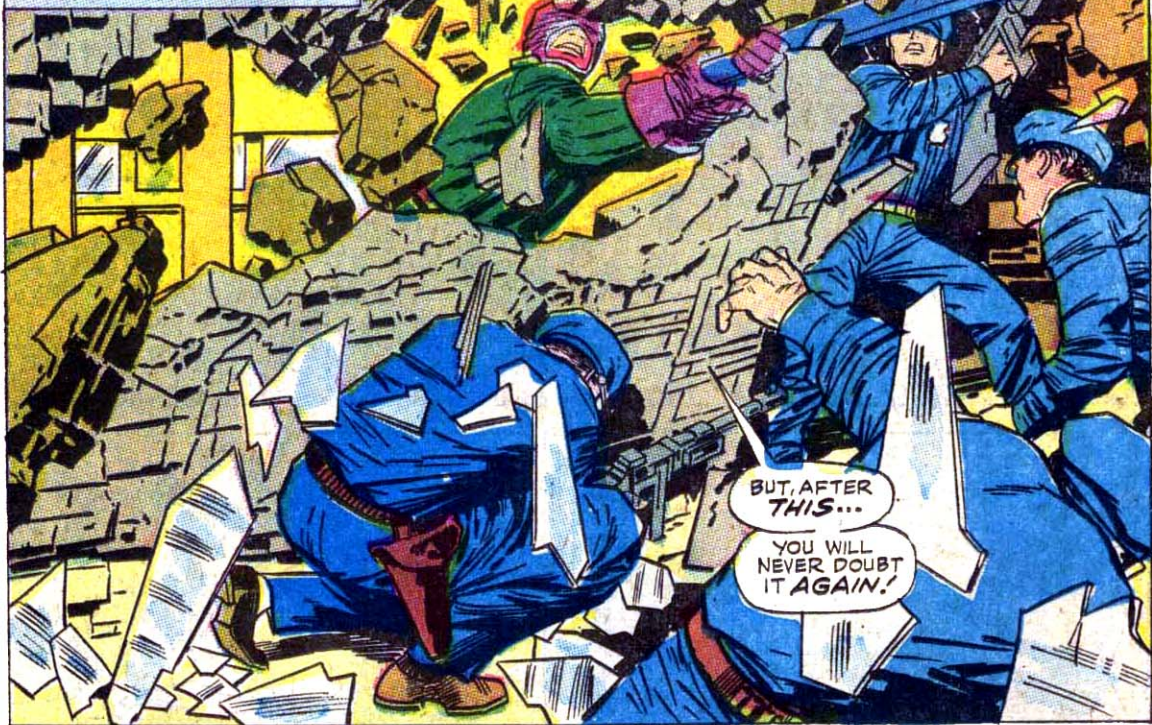
SO THAT'S THE WRECKER!

... DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH TO ME!



BUT, BEFORE THE STARTLED LAW-OFFICERS CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE, THE ENCHANTED CROWBAR LASHES OUT... CARRYING ITS GLOATING MASTER RIGHT THROUGH THE NOW-CRUMBLING SOLID BRICK WALL....

SO! YOU STILL DON'T REALIZE THE INVINCIBLE POWER I POSSESS!



BUT, AFTER THIS...

YOU WILL NEVER DOUBT IT AGAIN!

HERE, IN MY HANDS, I HOLD THE SUPREME WEAPON!!

THIS CROWBAR... WITH ITS ENCHANTED POWER... CAN BRING YOUR WHOLE CITY CRASHIN' INTO THE DUST!

AND I'M JUST THE GUY TO DO IT!



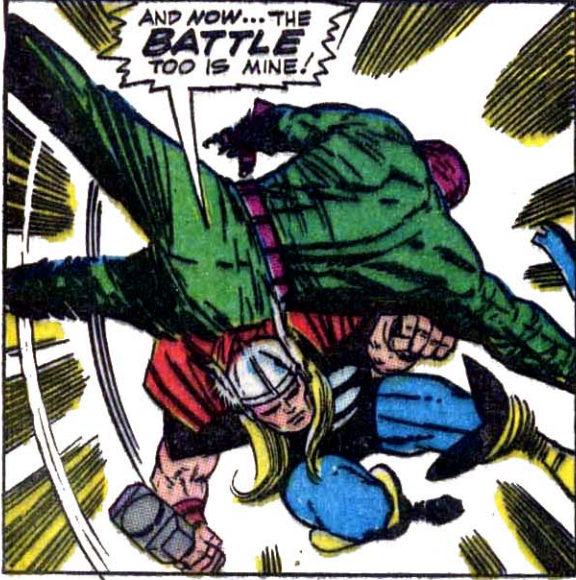
BUT, SUDDENLY... A NEW FIGURE ENTERS THE SCENE! BATTERED, BRUISED, EVERY LIMB SORE AND ACHING... STILL HE ADVANCES...

STAND BACK, ALL!

THY MORTAL WEAPONS CANNOT PREVAL AGAINST THE WRECKER!

THE FOE IS MINE! THE TASK IS MINE!



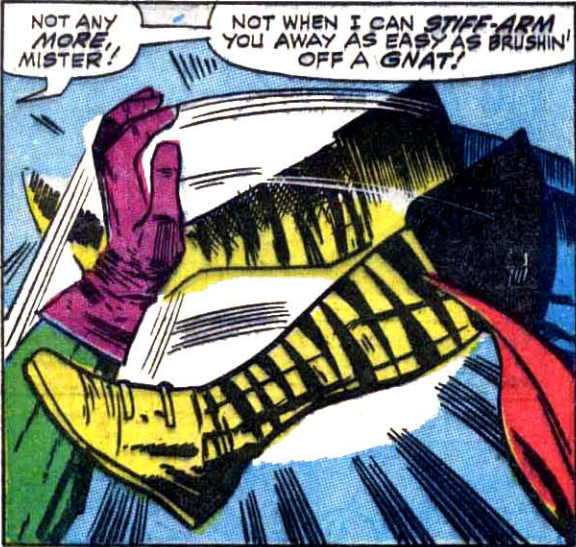


AND NOW...THE BATTLE TOO IS MINE!



THIS MORTAL PLANET HAVE I VOWED TO PROTECT...

AND PROTECT IT I SHALL!



NOT ANY MORE, MISTER!

NOT WHEN I CAN STIFF-ARM YOU AWAY AS EASY AS BRUSHIN' OFF A GNAT!



JUST BETWEEN US, PAL...

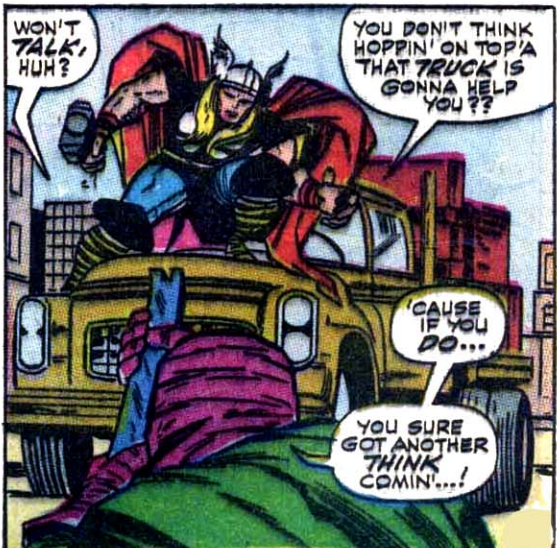
YOU SHOULD'A QUIT WHILE YOU HAD THE CHANCE!



TELL ME SOMETHIN, CURLY...

WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE...

TO BE ON THE RECEVIN' END FOR A CHANGE??



WON'T TALK, HUH?

YOU DON'T THINK HOPPIN' ON TOP'A THAT TRUCK IS GONNA HELP YOU??

'CAUSE IF YOU DO...

YOU SURE GOT ANOTHER THINK COMIN'...!



CRASSK!!

DO YA
READ ME,
THUNDER
GOD??



BUT, WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS...

HEY!
WHAT
GIVES??!

WHERE'D HE
DISAPPEAR
TO??



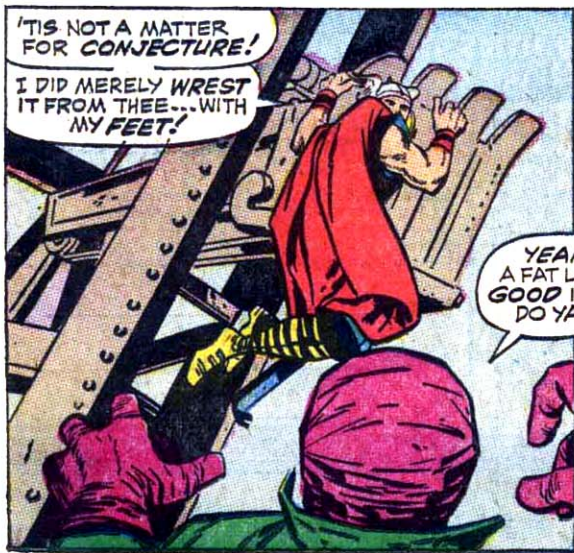
NOT YET HAST
THOU LEARNED...

THE FRUITS OF
VICTORY ARE
FOR THE WISE...

AS WELL
AS THE
STRONG!

MY
CROWBAR!!

HEY!
WADDAYA
THINK
YOU'RE
DOIN'??!



'TIS NOT A MATTER
FOR CONJECTURE!

I DID MERELY WREST
IT FROM THEE...WITH
MY FEET!

YEAH?
A FAT LOTTA
GOOD IT'LL
DO YA!



WITH OR
WITHOUT
THAT HUNK'A
IRON...

I'M STILL THE JOKER WITH
THE ENCHANTED POWER!

AND YOU AIN'T
NOTHIN' BUT MY
TARGET FOR
TONIGHT!!

WHEN WE THINK OF THE TROUBLE THOR STILL HAS HAEAD OF HIM, WE ALMOST CAN'T FACE IT! SO, THAT SAY WE TAKE ANOTHER BREAK, AND LOOK IN ON OL' OMNIPOTENT ODIN ONCE MORE ...

THOU MUST NOT DEMAND WE BE SILENT, SIRE...!

NOT WHILST EACH SECOND BRINGS THY SON CLOSER TO DEATH!

I SAY THEE NAY!

EVEN WITHOUT HIS POWER IMMORTAL---

THERE BE NONE ON MIDGARD* THAT THOR NEED FEAR!

* WHEN YOU'RE ODIN, YOU CAN CALL EARTH "MIDGARD" IF YOU WANT TO! ... SAGACIOUS STAN.

THINK YOU THE HEART OF THY LIEGE BE COLD AND UNCARING ??

I DO BUT SEEK TO PUNISH THOR! I HAVE NO WISH TO SEE HIM SLAIN!

THEN SPEED THEE HENCE - TO THE CHAMBER OF VISIONS...

THERE THOU SHALT SEE THE DANGER MOST DREAD THAT EVEN NOW CONFRONTS HIM!

AT AN IMPERIOUS NOD FROM THEIR LORDLY HOST, THE TWO DESPERATE IMMORTALS RETURN TO THE CHAMBER, ONLY TO FIND---

THE ENCHANTED CRYSTAL! IT IS GONE!

'TIS NO MERE ACCIDENT THAT IT BE NOT HERE!

BUT... WHO WOULD DARE PURLOIN SO FATEFUL AN OBJECT FROM THE PALACE IMPERIAL ??

THINK UPON IT, MY LADY! THERE IS SUCH A ONE! THERE IS BUT ONE...!

THE MOST CUNNING LOKI!



SIRE! SINCE I AM FORBIDDEN TO RETURN TO MIDGARD...

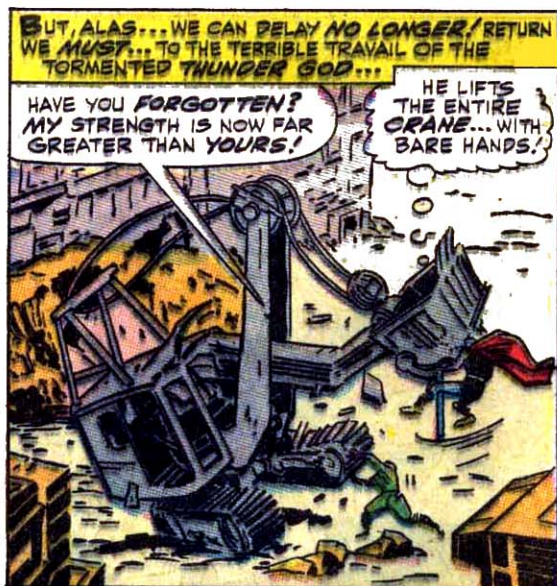
GIVE ME LEAVE TO ENTER THE NORN FOREST... WHERE I MAY SEARCH FOR THE EVIL ONE!

BUT, KNOW THEE NOT THE DEADLY POWER OF THE NORN QUEEN?

THOU WOULDST SURE FORFEIT THY VERY LIFE!

FOR FRIEND SUCH AS THOR... I DO SO GLADLY!

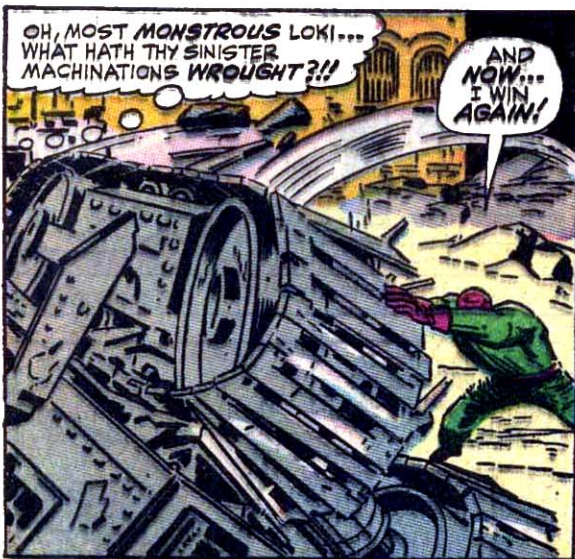
AND SO SPEAKS SIF, MY LORD!



BUT, ALAS... WE CAN DELAY NO LONGER! RETURN WE MUST... TO THE TERRIBLE TRAVAIL OF THE TORMENTED THUNDER GOD...

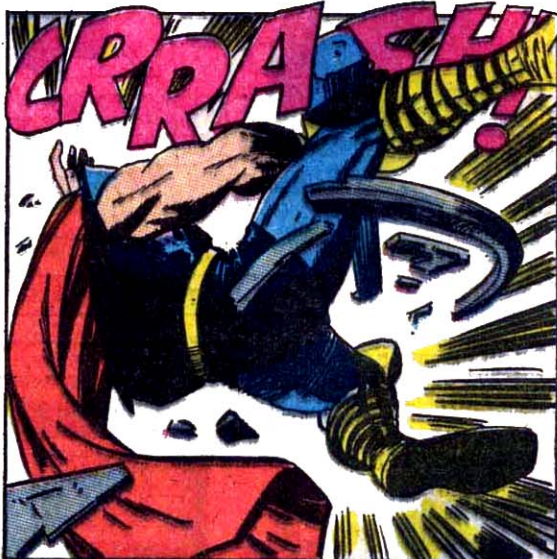
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? MY STRENGTH IS NOW FAR GREATER THAN YOURS!

HE LIFTS THE ENTIRE CRANE... WITH BARE HANDS!



OH, MOST MONSTROUS LOKI... WHAT HATH THY SINISTER MACHINATIONS WROUGHT?!!

AND NOW... I WIN AGAIN!



CRRRAASH!



WE BEG THEE, FAITHFUL ONE... GAZE NOT TOO LONG UPON YON SCENE... FOR THE SIGHT OF SUCH BASE IGNOMINY MIGHT PAIN THY HEART AND STUN THY SENSES...!

YOU WON'T NEED THAT CROWBAR ANY LONGER, MISTER---

WHEN I'M DONE WITH YA, YOU WON'T NEED ANYTHING AGAIN... NOT EVER!

HAN! STRIPPED OF YOUR **POWERS**, YOU FINALLY SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO TAKE SOME **PUNISHMENT**, HUH?

WELL, YER GONNA SEE LOTS MORE BEFORE I DECIDE TO WRITE YA **OFF!**

I'LL SHOW THE WHOLE ROTTEN WORLD THAT **NO ONE** CAN STAND UP AGAINST THE **WRECKER!**

FIRST, I'LL DUMP YA SOMEWHERE WITH THE REST OF ALL THE RUBBISH!

WELL, HERE'S WHAT I THINK OF YA... AND ANY OTHER SWELL-HEADED **IMMORTALS!**

YOU CALL YOURSELF A **THUNDER GOD**, HUH?

NAY! THOR MAY BE DEFEATED MAYHAP...

BUT NE'ER SHALL ODIN'S SON BE **HUMBLLED!!**

CALL IT WHAT YA WANT, **LONG-HAIR!**

I'M GONNA HOLD YA THERE TILL YOU ADMIT I CAN **LICK** YA ANY TIME I WANT!

BEFORE I FINISH YA OFF... EVERYONE'S GOTTA KNOW IT WASN'T A **BLASTED ACCIDENT!**

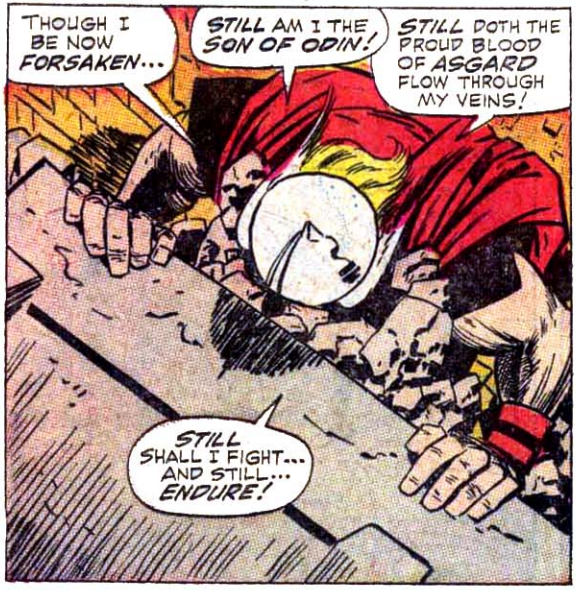
THERE! EVEN YOU CAN'T SHOVE A **BULLDOZER** OUTTA YOUR WAY!

I GOTCHA SO YOU CAN'T **MOVE!** YOU'RE **HELPLESS!**

NOW SING OUT!

START **EATIN' CROW**, BIG MAN!

NEVER!
BY ASGARD'S GOLDEN GATES...
LET THERE BE **DEATH** BEFORE **SURRENDER!**



THOUGH I
BE NOW
FORSAKEN...

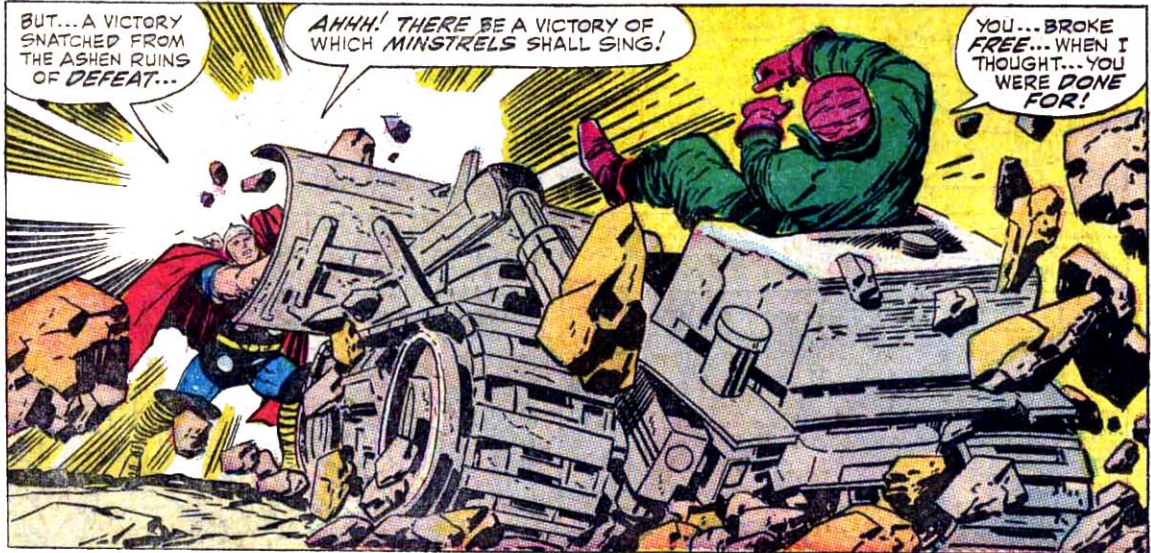
STILL AM I THE
SON OF ODIN!

STILL DOETH THE
PROUD BLOOD
OF ASGARD
FLOW THROUGH
MY VEINS!

STILL
SHALL I FIGHT...
AND STILL...
ENDURE!



A VICTRY
EXPECTED
IS TRIUMPH
WITHOUT
MEANING!



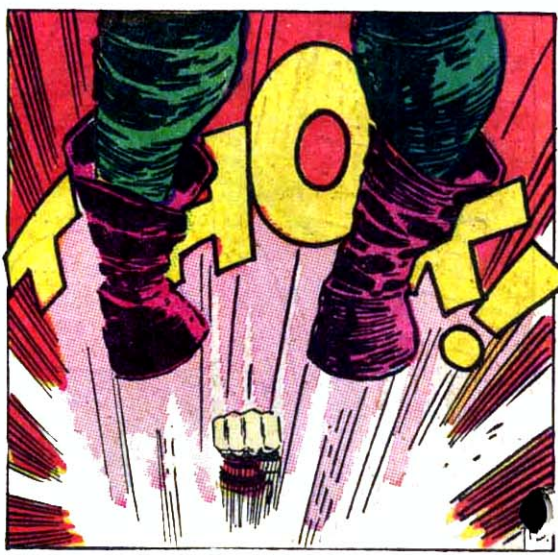
BUT... A VICTORY
SNATCHED FROM
THE ASHEN RUINS
OF DEFEAT...

AHHH! THERE BE A VICTORY OF
WHICH MINSTRELS SHALL SING!

YOU... BROKE
FREE... WHEN I
THOUGHT... YOU
WERE DONE
FOR!



FOR
ASGARD...
FOR
HONOR
ETERNAL!

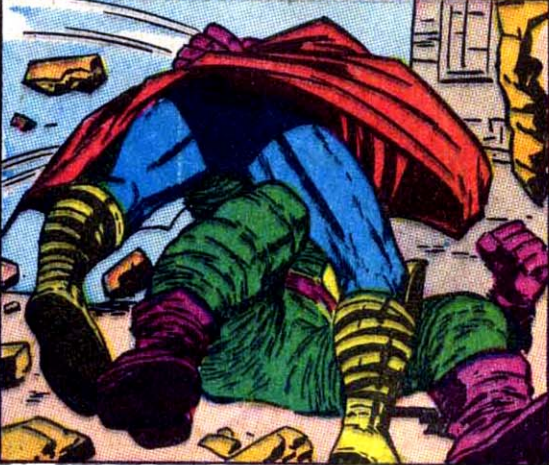


THO!



RA-KOW!

BUT, THOUGH HE FIGHTS LIKE A TIGER UNLEASHED, THE VALIANT IMMORTAL KNOWS FULL WELL THAT THE END DRAWS NEAR... FOR HIS LIMBS GROW EVER WEAKER... WHILST THE ENCHANTED POWER OF HIS EVIL Foe CAN NE'ER DIMINISH...!

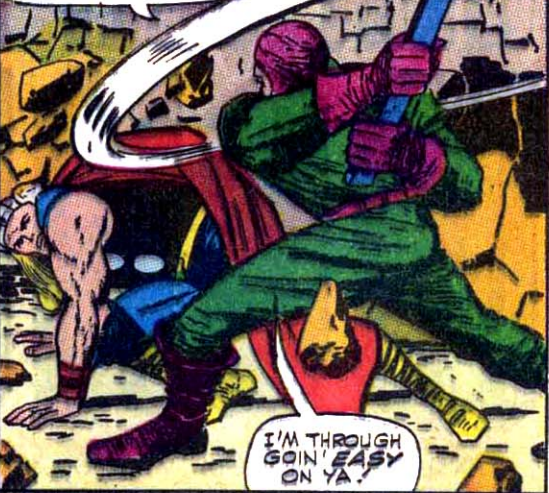


AND, EVEN AS THE RAGING BATTLE REACHES ITS CATAclysmic CLIMAX...



THE CROWBAR!! I'VE GOT IT...!

BACK, YOU HOPELESS, HELPLESS FOOL!



I'M THROUGH GOIN' EASY ON YA!



HAW! YA THINK CLIMBIN' THAT CONDEMNED TENEMENT IS GONNA SAVE YA?!!

WHAT MIGHTY THOR MAY THINK... THE LIKES OF THEE SHALL NEVER KNOW!

A SMART GUY TILL THE END, HUH?



WELL, ALL YER FANCY TALK AIN'T GONNA HELP YA NOW...!

THERE AIN'T NO PLACE YA CAN GO TO WHERE THE WRECKER CAN'T GET AT YA!



SKRAK!

IT DON'T MATTER HOW BIG ANY BUILDIN' MAY BE!

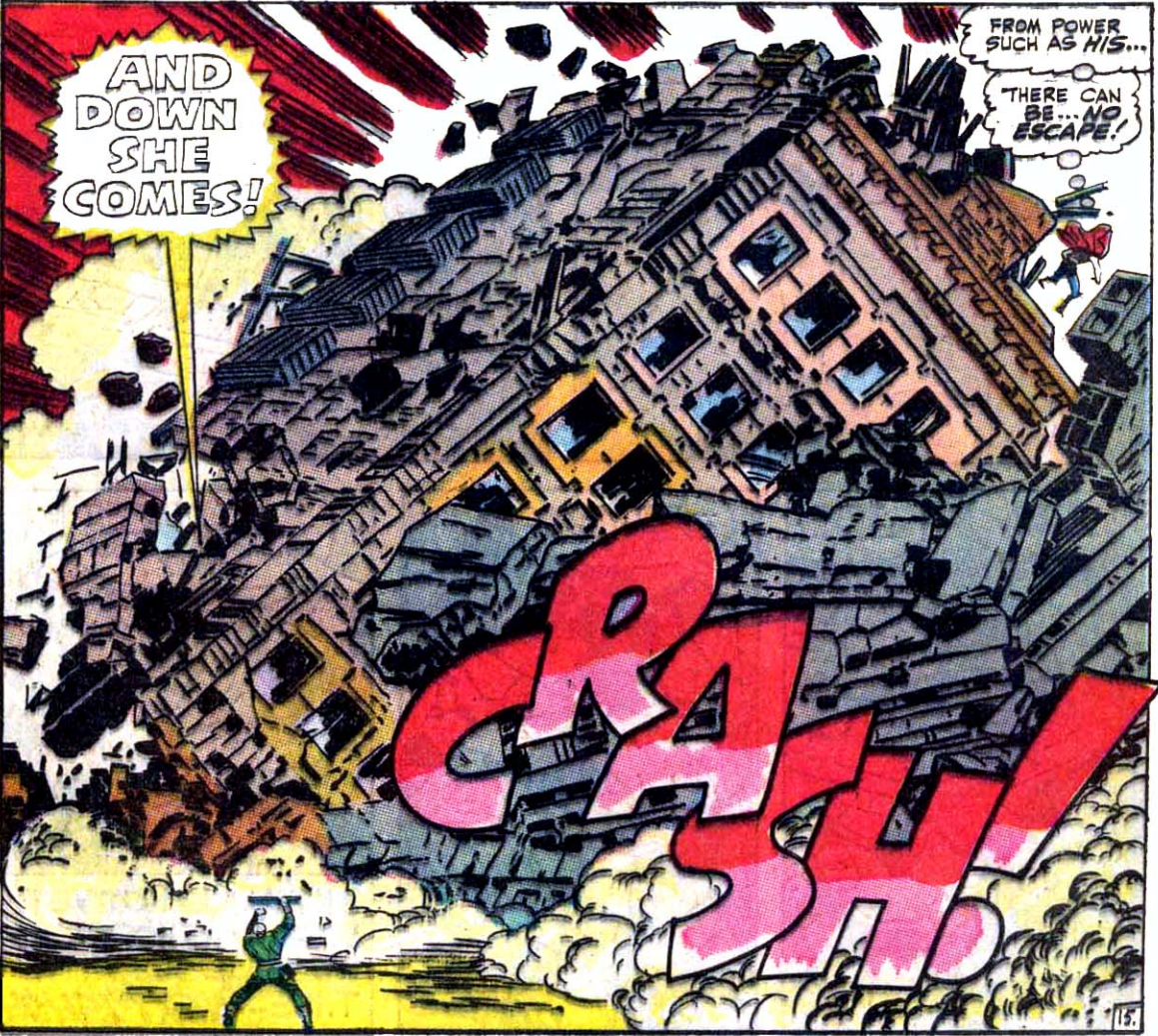
ALL I GOTTA DO IS GET MY CROWBAR UNDER IT...?



AND DOWN SHE COMES!

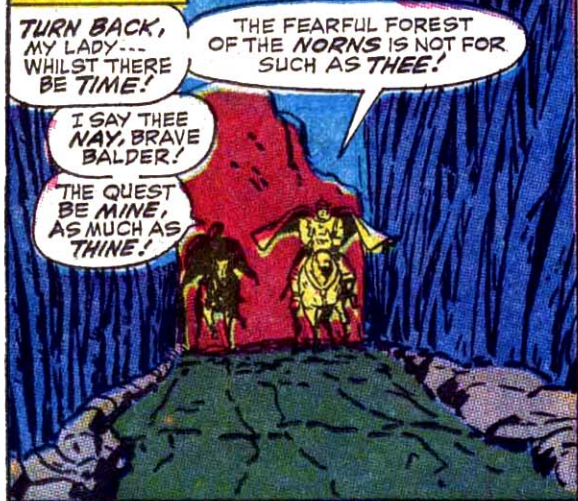
FROM POWER SUCH AS HIS...

THERE CAN BE... NO ESCAPE!



CRAASH!

BUT, IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE OF ESCAPE, HERE ARE A PAIR OF TRUE BELIEVERS RISKING ALL TO FIND IT...!



TURN BACK, MY LADY... WHILST THERE BE TIME!

THE FEARFUL FOREST OF THE NORN'S IS NOT FOR SUCH AS THEE!

I SAY THEE NAY, BRAVE BALDER!

THE QUEST BE MINE, AS MUCH AS THINE!

SO LONG AS DOOM AWAITS THE GOD OF THUNDER... THERE IS NO DANGER WHICH CAN STAY THE HAND... OR THE HEART... OF SIF!

EVEN SO, MY LADY...



BALDER MUST TELL THEE THIS...



'TIS SAID THAT THEY WHO FALL BEFORE THE POWER OF THE NORN... MUST FLEE FOR THEIR VERY LIVES!

AND, IN THAT FLIGHT...

ONE THING MUST THEY LEAVE BEHIND... THAT WHICH IS CALLED --- THEIR SOUL!

IF THAT DOESN'T GIVE YOU SOME HINT OF WHAT'S TO COME, NOTHING WILL! AND NOW, BACK TO OUR CROWBAR-CARRYING CULPRIT...



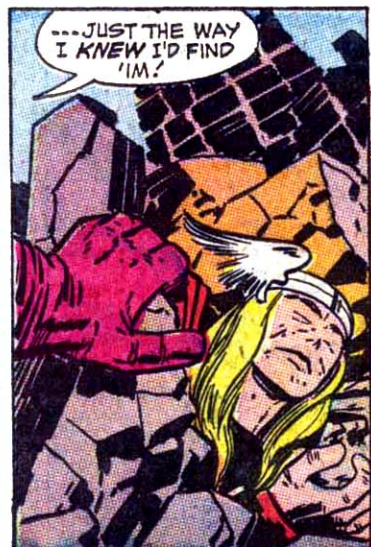
I SAW 'IM FALL!

HE'S GOTTA BE HERE SOMEWHERE... AMONG THE RUINS...



I WAS RIGHT!

THERE HE IS...!



---JUST THE WAY I KNEW I'D FIND 'IM!



HE WON'T EVER FIGHT THE WRECKER... OR ANYONE ELSE... ANY MORE!

BUT, ALL IS NOT YET LOST... WE HOPE... AS WE SHALL SEE WITH THEE... NEXT ISH!!

THE ORIGIN OF: THE INCOMPARABLE INHUMANS!

"SILENCE OR DEATH!"

WITHIN THE HIDDEN KINGDOM OF ATTILAN, A LONE FIGURE STANDS—THE FIGURE OF HIM WHO IS CALLED **BLACK BOLT**--SON OF AGON, HEREDITARY RULER OF ALL THE **INHUMANS**--!

MY SON, SINCE INFANCY YOU HAVE LIVED IN VIRTUAL EXILE INSIDE YOUR LONELY **SOUNDPROOF CHAMBER!**

FOR, YOU ARE NOW OLD ENOUGH TO BE TRUSTED **NEVER TO SPEAK, NO MATTER WHAT!**

BUT NOW, ON YOUR **NINETEENTH BIRTHDAY**, IT IS TIME FOR THAT EXILE TO **END!**

ANOTHER MARVEL MASTERWORK BY:
STAN (THE MAN) LEE + JACK (KING) KIRBY

EMBELLISHED BY..... JOE SINNOTT
LETTERED BY..... ARTIE SIMEK
SOUND EFFECTS BY..... FOGHORN FORBUSH



THOUGH YOU REMAIN **SILENT**, AS YOU SHOULD--

THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN **WAITING FOR**, MISTER! YOUR **FAMILY IS HERE!**

I SEE THE **GRATEFUL EXPECTATION** SHINING IN YOUR **EYES!**

NOW, SINCE YOUR **GUESTS** HAVE ARRIVED, I BID YOU **FAREWELL!**



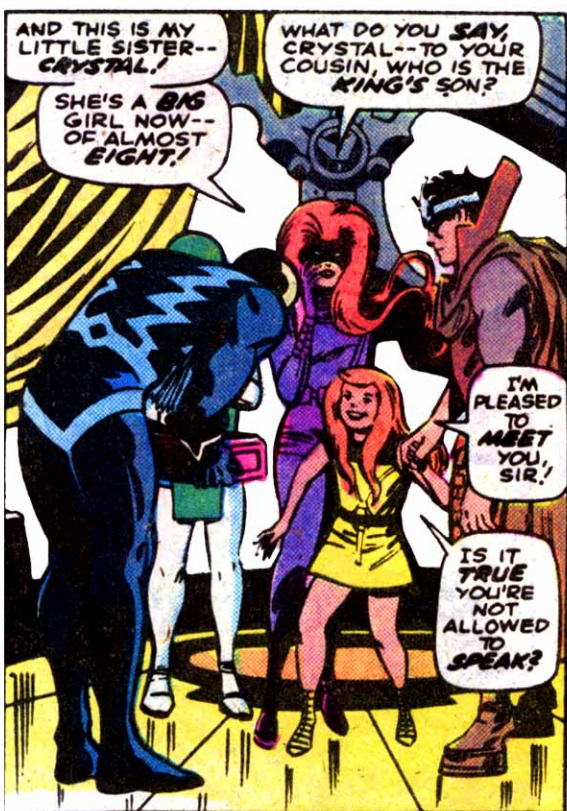
SURELY YOU **REMEMBER US**, BLACK BOLT!

I'M YOUR **COUSIN**, MEDUSA--AND THESE ARE YOUR **COUSINS** KARNAK AND GORGON!

SEE THE **VISI-BOX** WE BROUGHT YOU--

THE **SOUNDS** IT MAKES CREATE **VISUAL DESIGNS!**

IT'S BEEN A **LONG TIME**, COUSIN!



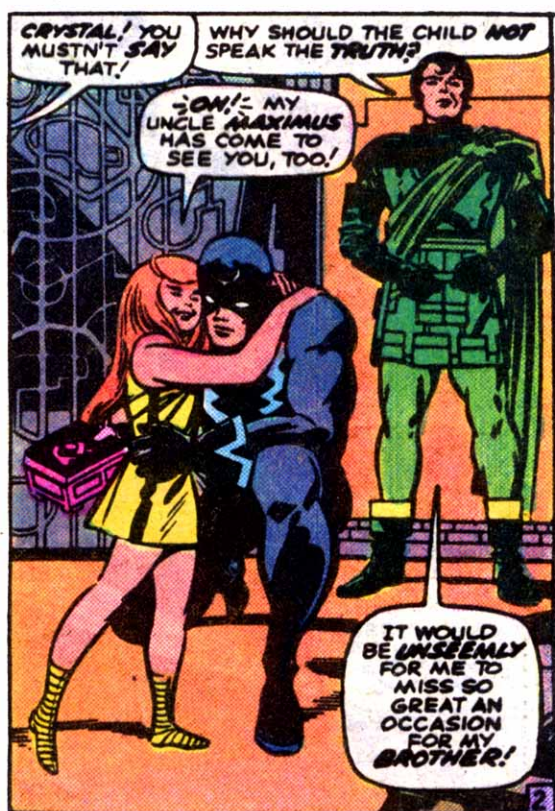
AND THIS IS MY **LITTLE SISTER-- CRYSTAL!**

WHAT DO YOU **SAY**, CRYSTAL--TO YOUR **COUSIN**, WHO IS THE **KING'S SON?**

SHE'S A **BIG GIRL** NOW-- OF ALMOST **EIGHT!**

I'M **PLEASSED** TO MEET YOU, **SIR!**

IS IT **TRUE** YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO **SPEAK?**



CRYSTAL! YOU MUSTN'T **SAY** THAT!

WHY SHOULD THE **CHILD** NOT SPEAK THE **TRUTH?**

SON!-- MY **UNCLE MAXIMUS** HAS COME TO SEE YOU, **TOO!**

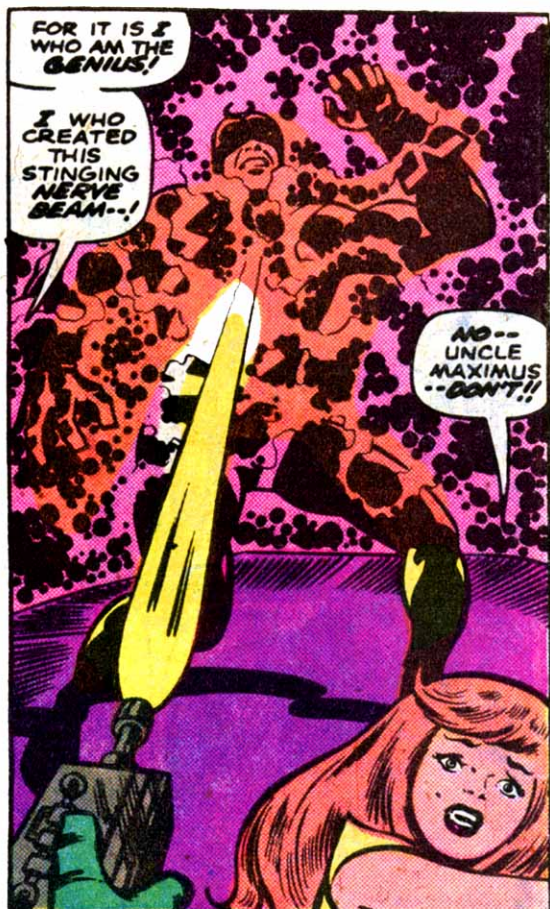
IT WOULD BE **UNSEEMLY** FOR ME TO MISS SO **GREAT** AN OCCASION FOR MY **BROTHER!**



YOUR DEADLY VOICE ALMOST DEMOLISHED THE CITY WHEN, AS AN INFANT, YOU CRIED AT BIRTH!

IF I CAN PROVE YOU CANNOT KEEP SILENT UNDER GREAT STRESS, YOU WILL NEVER BE SET FREE--

AND THEN THE CROWN OF ATTILAN WILL BE MINE--AS IT SHOULD!



FOR IT IS I WHO AM THE GENIUS!

I WHO CREATED THIS STINGING NERVE BEAM--!

NO-- UNCLE MAXIMUS-- DON'T!!



LOOK!! BLACK BOLT GLIDES ABOVE THE FLOOR--TO ESCAPE THE BEAM!

CRY OUT, DO YOU HEAR? YOU MUST CRY OUT!

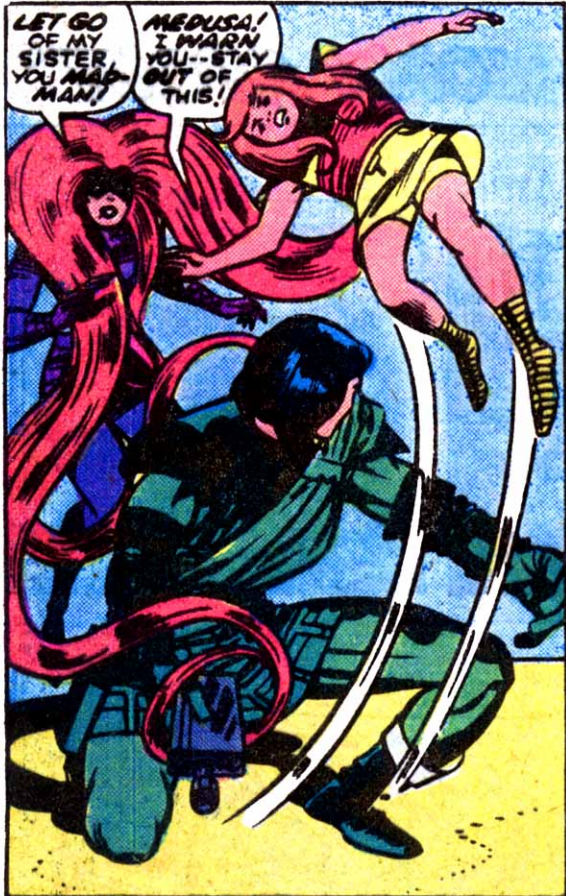
YOU MUST PROVE YOURSELF UNWORTHY TO WEAR THE CROWN!



NO! NO! DON'T HURT UNCLE BLACK BOLT!! PLEASE--!!

QUIET!! I DO THIS FOR THE GOOD OF ALL! THE THRONE MUST BE MINE!

MAXIMUS WAS BORN TO BE KING!



LET GO OF MY SISTER YOU MAD MAN!

MEDUSA! I WARN YOU--STAY OUT OF THIS!



NO ONE WARNS MEDUSA, OF THE MYSTIC HAIR!

LEAST OF ALL A MERCILESS USURPER SUCH AS YOU!!

THUP!



AND NOW THREATEN BLACK BOLT WHILE GORGAN MAY STILL STRAP HIS FOOT!

NO! NOOOO--!!

POOM!



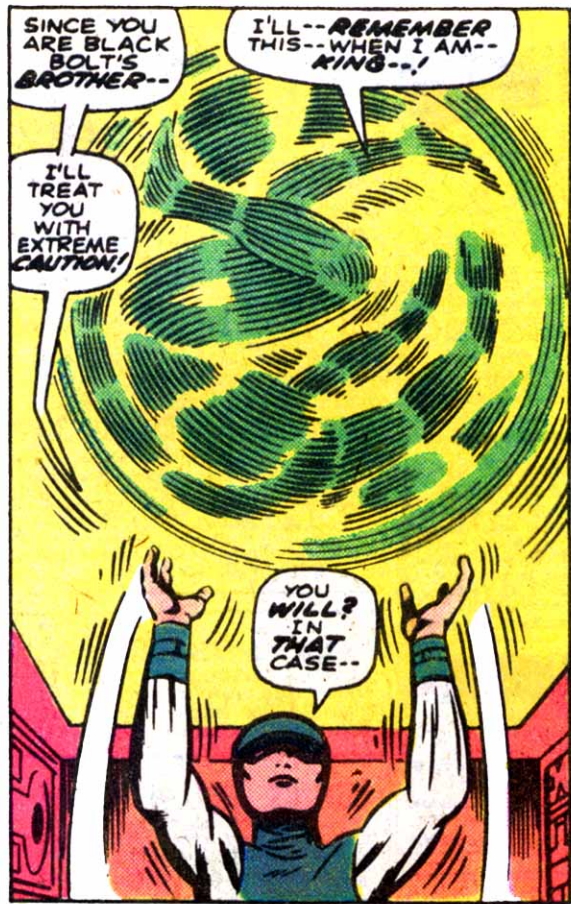
THANK YOU, GORGAN!

YOU HAVE SAVED KARNAK THE TROUBLE OF BRINGING MAXIMUS TO ME!

KARNAK!! DON'T!! N-NOT!! YOU--!!

DO NOT BE ALARMED!

AM I NOT THE GENTLEST ONE OF ALL?

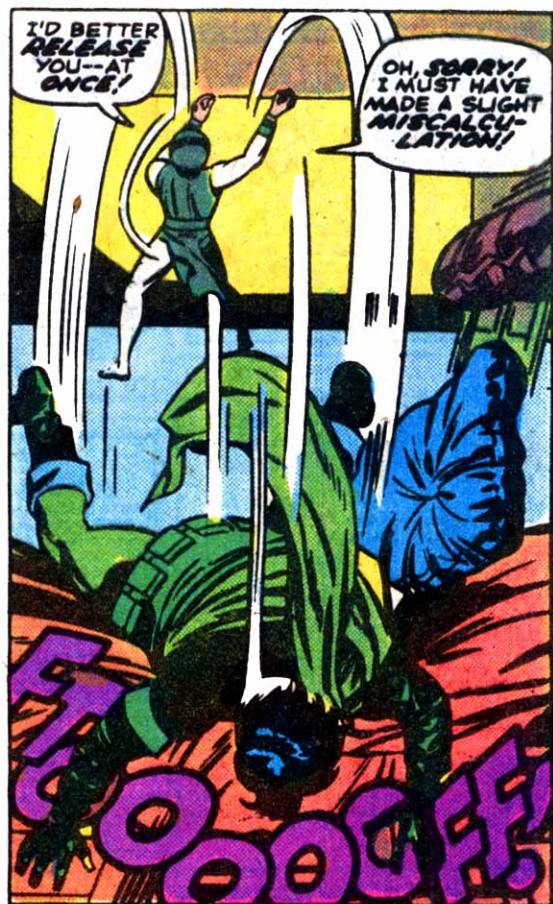


SINCE YOU ARE BLACK BOLT'S BROTHER--

I'LL--REMEMBER THIS--WHEN I AM-- KING--!

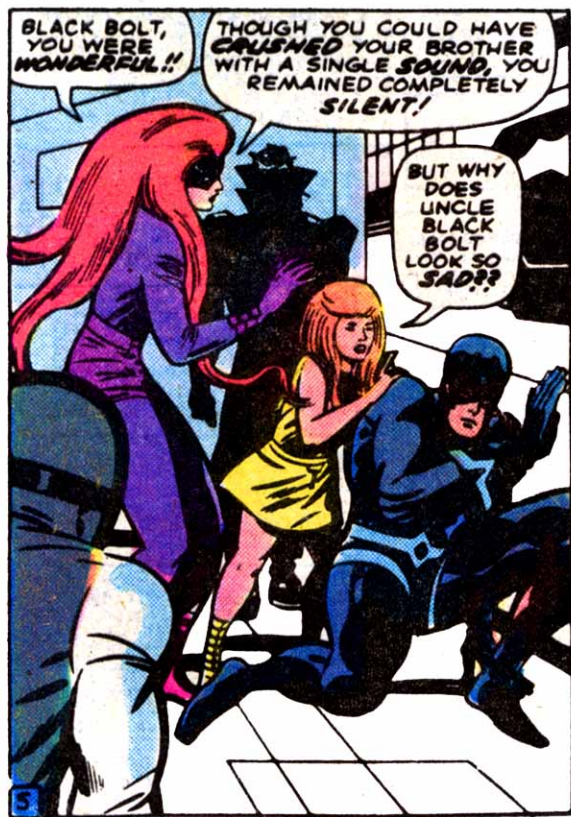
I'LL TREAT YOU WITH EXTREME CAUTION!

YOU WILL? IN THAT CASE--



I'D BETTER RELEASE YOU--AT ONCE!

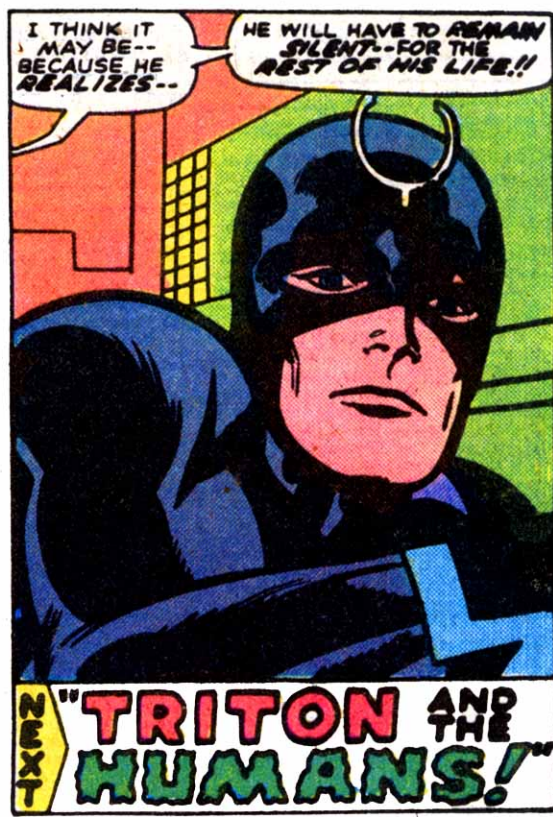
OH, SORRY! I MUST HAVE MADE A SLIGHT MISCALCULATION!



BLACK BOLT, YOU WERE WONDERFUL!!

THOUGH YOU COULD HAVE CAUGHED YOUR BROTHER WITH A SINGLE SOUND, YOU REMAINED COMPLETELY SILENT!

BUT WHY DOES UNCLE BLACK BOLT LOOK SO SAD??



I THINK IT MAY BE-- BECAUSE HE REALIZES--

HE WILL HAVE TO REMAIN SILENT--FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE!!

NEXT "TRITON AND THE HUMANS!"