



THE MIGHTY THOR

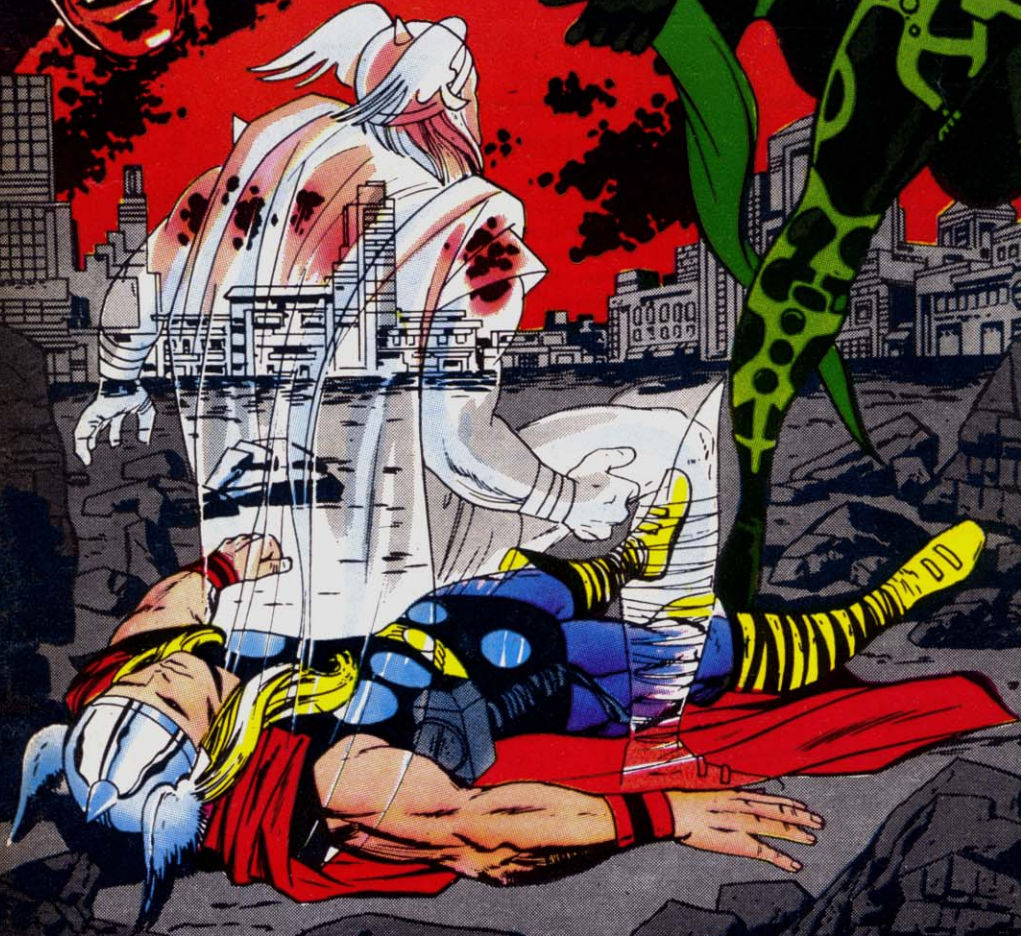
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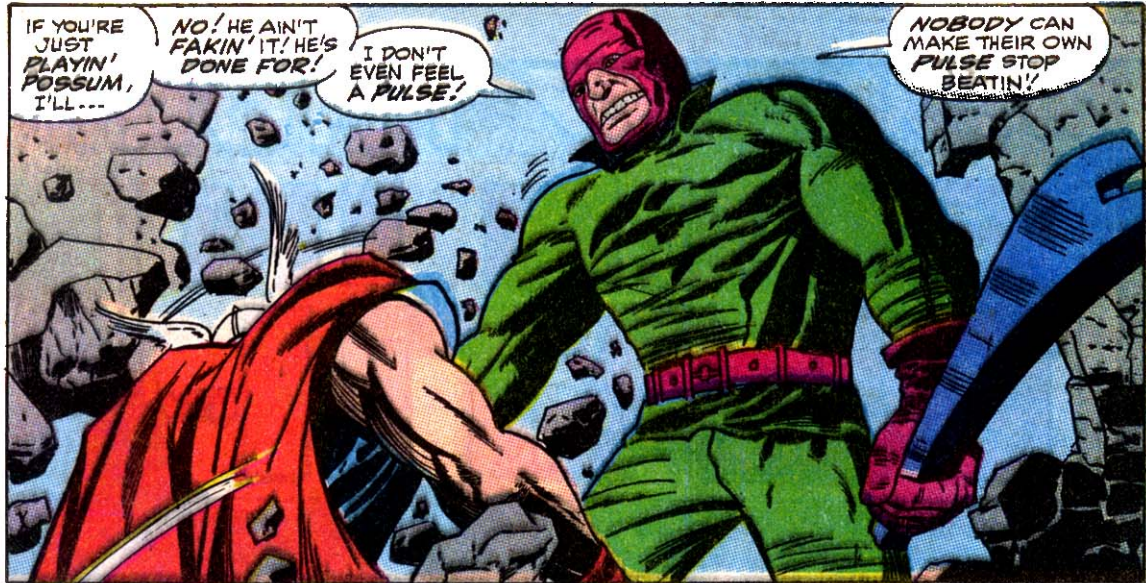
STRIPPED OF HIS GODLY POWER BY A VENGEFUL ODIN, THE MIGHTY THUNDER GOD BATTLES VALIANTLY, ALTHOUGH HOPELESSLY, AGAINST THE EVIL WRECKER... UNTIL, AT LAST, THOR FALLS... TOPPLED BY THE MERCILESS FOE WHO HAS ACCIDENTALLY GAINED THE ENCHANTED POWER INTENDED FOR LOKI HIMSELF...!

THEN, SLOWLY... GLEEFULLY... THE TRIUMPHANT WRECKER REMOVES THE RUBBLE WHICH COVERS THE FALLEN ASGARDIAN...

PRESENTING:
A PICTORIAL
MONUMENT TO THE
TOWERING TALENTS OF:
STAN JACK
(THE MAN) *And* (THE KING)
LEE KIRBY
CREATORS OF WONDERMENT
BEYOND MORTAL MEASURE!

DAZZLINGLY DELINEATED BY:
VINCENT COLLETTA
LOVINGLY LETTERED BY:
SAM ROSEN

A LIVING TRIBUTE TO
MARVELDOM
ASSEMBLED!

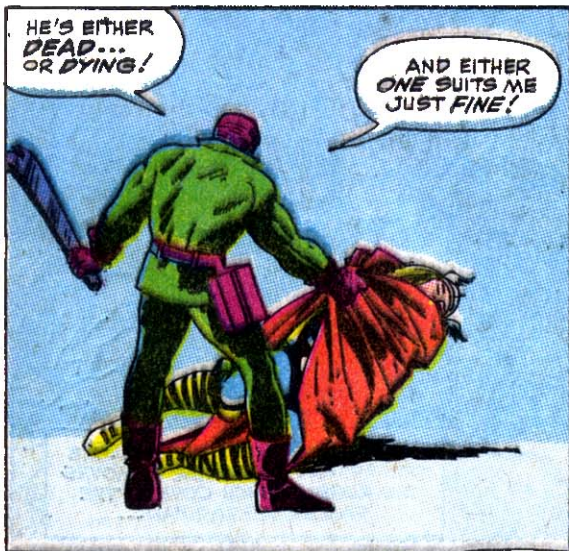


IF YOU'RE JUST PLAYIN' POSSUM, I'LL...

NO! HE AIN'T FAKIN' IT! HE'S DONE FOR!

I DON'T EVEN FEEL A PULSE!

NOBODY CAN MAKE THEIR OWN PULSE STOP BEATIN'!

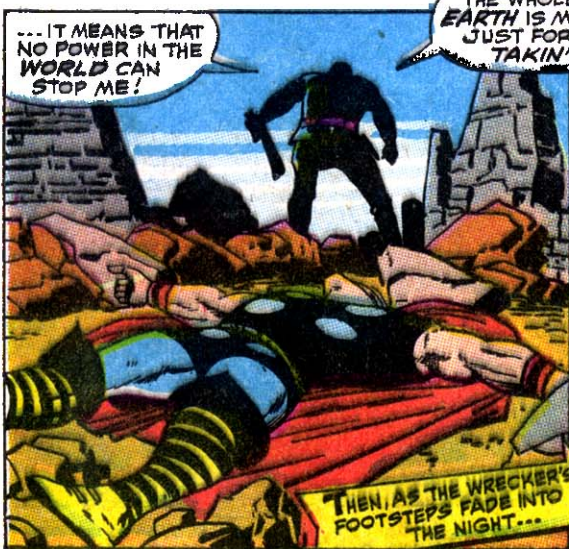


HE'S EITHER DEAD... OR DYING!

AND EITHER ONE SUITS ME JUST FINE!



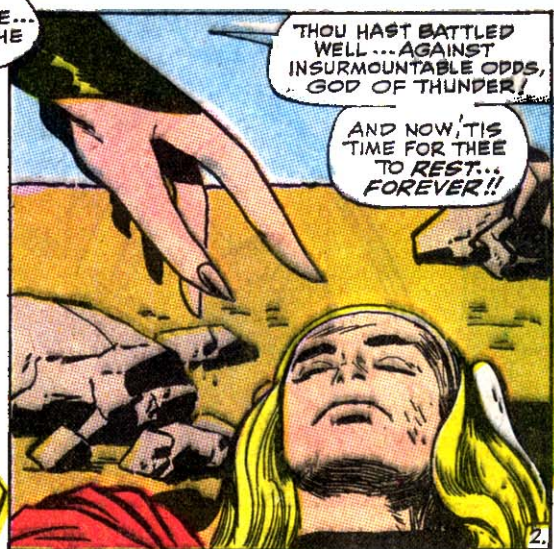
IF I CAN BEAT THE MIGHTY THOR SO EASY...



... IT MEANS THAT NO POWER IN THE WORLD CAN STOP ME!

THE WHOLE EARTH IS MINE... JUST FOR THE TAKIN'!

THEN, AS THE WRECKER'S FOOTSTEPS FADE INTO THE NIGHT...



THOU HAST BATTLED WELL... AGAINST INSURMOUNTABLE ODDS, GOD OF THUNDER!

AND NOW, 'TIS TIME FOR THEE TO REST... FOREVER!!



BUT,
WHAT IS
THIS?

A SPARK OF
LIFE DOETH
STILL EXIST!

THINE ASTRAL SELF
BEGINS TO RISE!

IT DRAWS
NEARER... SEEKING
AUDIENCE WITH HELA,
GODDESS OF DEATH!

BUT,
'TIS MOST
UNSEEMLY!

THOSE WHOM
I DO CLAIM MAY
NE'ER ESCAPE MY
ETERNAL EMBRACE!

AND, EVEN AS THE SON OF ODIN FATEFULLY HOVERS BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH...

IN THE CAVERN KINGDOM OF THE NORNS, WITCH QUEEN KARNILLA GRANTS SANCTUARY TO THE GOD OF EVIL...

I BID THEE WELCOME, LOKI!

GREETINGS, MOST PERFIPOUS PARTNER IN EVIL!

THE ENCHANTED POWER THOU DIDST SEND ME WAS INTERCEPTED BY A MORTAL WHOM MEN CALL THE WRECKER!

BUT 'T WAS ALL FOR THE BEST...

FOR HE DID SLAY THE ACCURSED THOR!

THEN 'T IS ENDED... AT LAST!

NAY! THE UNBENDING BALDER MUST BE NEXT TO FALL!

EVEN NOW HE DOTHT DRAW NEAR, SEEKING TO REGAIN YON ENCHANTED CRYSTAL GLOBE!

AND, AT HIS SIDE, THE BEAUTEOUS SIF!

FIE UPON IT!

MY FOREST BARBARIC WILL DESTROY THEM BOTH... ERE THIS DAY BE ENDED!

ONLY BY RETRIEVING THE MAGIC CRYSTAL, NOBLE BALDER, CAN WE SHOW THE ALL-FATHER HOW DESPERATE IS THE PLIGHT OF HIS ABANDONED SON!

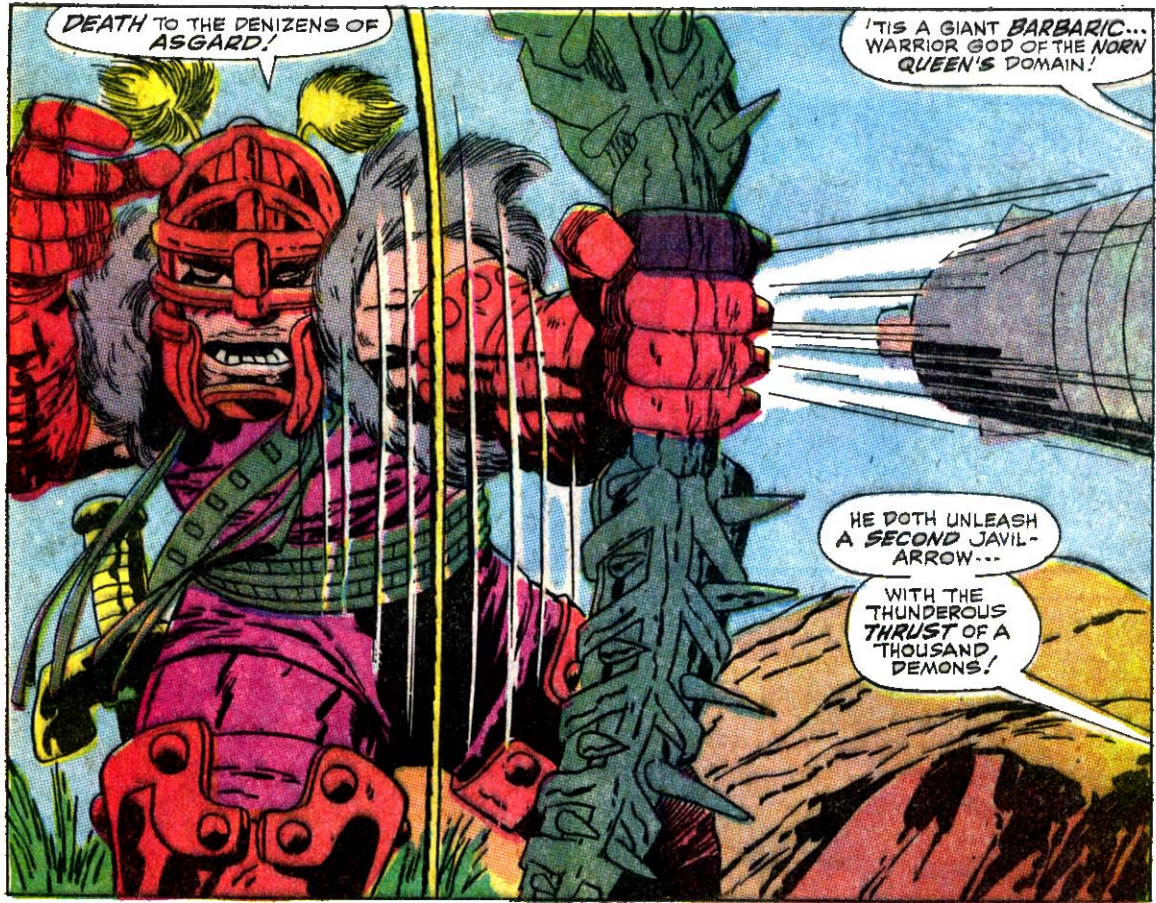
THOU HAST THE WORD OF BALDER, LADY... WE SHALL NOT FAIL!

BUT HOLD! THERE BE A RUSTLE IN YON THICKET!

MAIDEN... TAKE THEE COVER!

WE BE ATTACKED!

SPOK!



DEATH TO THE DENIZENS OF ASGARD!

'TIS A GIANT BARBARIC... WARRIOR GOD OF THE NORN QUEEN'S DOMAIN!

HE DOTH UNLEASH A SECOND JAVIL-ARROW...

WITH THE THUNDEROUS THRUST OF A THOUSAND DEMONS!



BALDER!! THOU HAST SAVED THYSELF BY MANEUVERING WITH SUCH SKILL THAT THE DEADLY PRONGS DIDST MISS THEE!

BUT NOW, THE SWORD OF SIF MUST HASTEN TO THY AID!

I SAY THEE NAY!



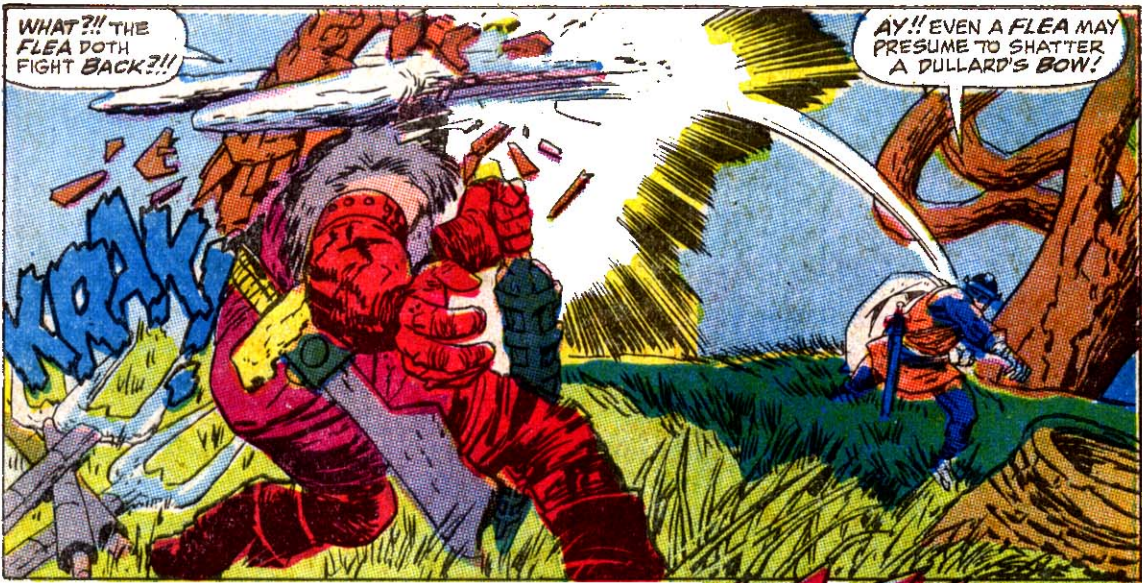
THOUGH I BE LESS THAN THUNDER GOD... I BE MORE THAN BARBARIC!

LET KARNILLA BEHOLD HOW BALDER THE BRAVE DOTH FIGHT!!

THOU HAST FREED THYSELF...IN MANNER BEFITTING A WARRIOR BORN!

WHAT?! THE FLEA DOTH FIGHT BACK?!!

AY!! EVEN A FLEA MAY PRESUME TO SHATTER A DULLARD'S BOW!



THEN NOW SHALL THIS DULLARD CRUSH THEE LIKE THE INSECT THOU ART!

HAVE AT THEE THEN!!



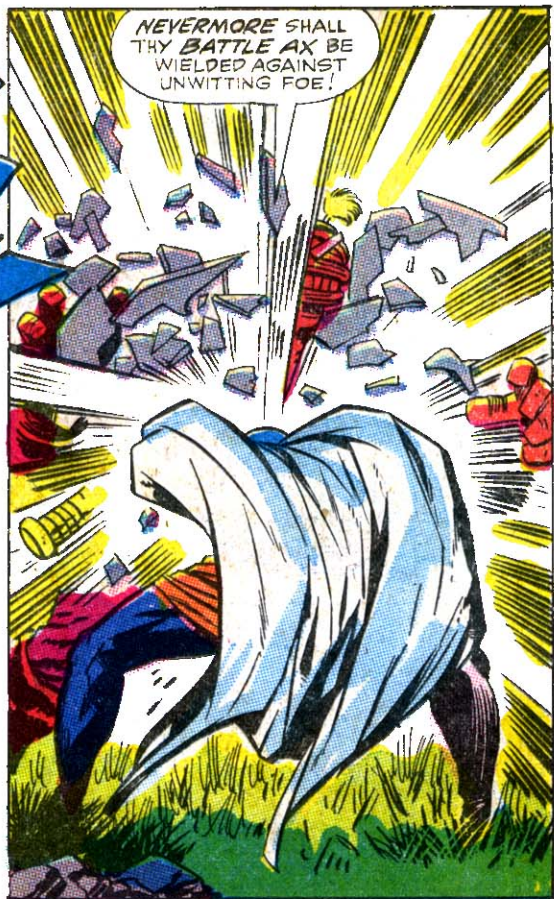
THOU HAST HAD THY TURN, BARBARIC... AND THOU HAST FAILED!!

BE THOU NOW ON GUARD!! 'TIS BALDER WHO ATTACKS...!





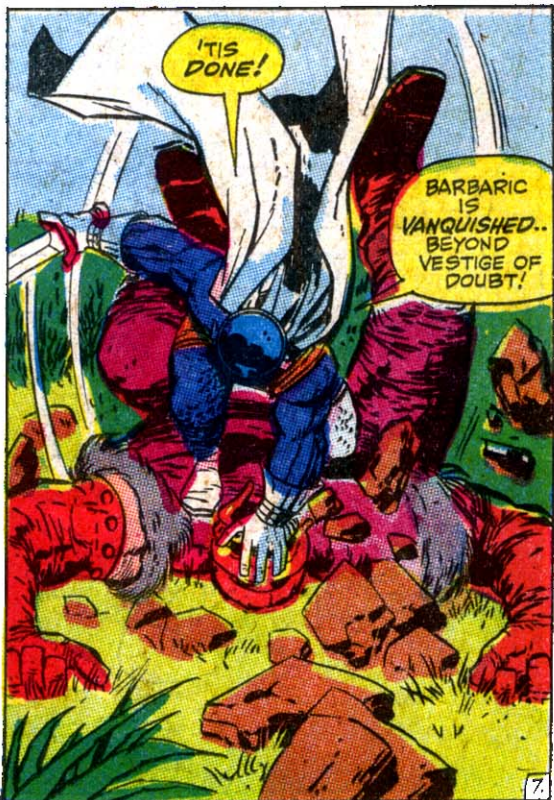
FOR
ASGARD...
AND HONOR
ETERNAL!!



NEVERMORE SHALL
THY BATTLE AX BE
WIELDED AGAINST
UNWITTING FOE!



SO SPEAKS
BALDER!!



IT'S
DONE!

BARBARIC
IS
VANQUISHED..
BEYOND
VESTIGE OF
DOUBT!

AND NOW, MY LADY,
LET US... **MY
LADY!!**

BY ASGARD'S
GOLDEN GATES...
SHE BE
GONE!

MY LADY
SIF... WHERE
ART THOU??

WHILST BALDER DID
BATTLE WITH THE NORN
QUEEN'S SENTRY...

WHAT MONUMENTAL
FEAT OF VILLAINY
HATH BEEN SILENTLY
DONE??

BUT, SINCE WE CANNOT HELP THE
BOLD ASGARDIAN AT THIS TIME, LET
US RETURN TO EARTH, WHERE WE
FIND...

THOU MUST
ACCOMPANY
ME, THUNDER
GOD!

A SPECIAL PLACE OF HONOR
DOTH AWAIT THEE... IN THE SHINING
VALES OF VALHALLA!

NAY, MAID OF
DARKNESS!

THE TIME
IS OUT OF
JOINT!

SO LONG
AS A SPARK
OF LIFE
REMAINS...

THOU MAYEST
NOT PREVAIL!

I CANNOT ABANDON THE
PLANET EARTH WHILST DEADLY
PERIL ENDURES!

GO THEN, GOD
OF THUNDER!

WE'LL CAN
HELA BIDE HER
TIME!

THOUGH I
BE BUT A
LIVING
WRAITH...

THOR
SHALT
NOT
FALTER!

SO LONG AS THE
WRECKER DOTH
WALK YON
STREETS...

MANKIND ITSELF FACES MENACE
BEYOND ALL UNDERSTANDING!

O TRAGIC
TRAVESTY!!
O BLIND,
UNHEEDING
FATE!

WOULD THAT THOR
HAD NOT BEEN SUMMARILY
STRIPPED OF HIS GODLY
POWER... NOW, WHEN IT
BE NEEDED MOST!



'TIS AS I FEARED!

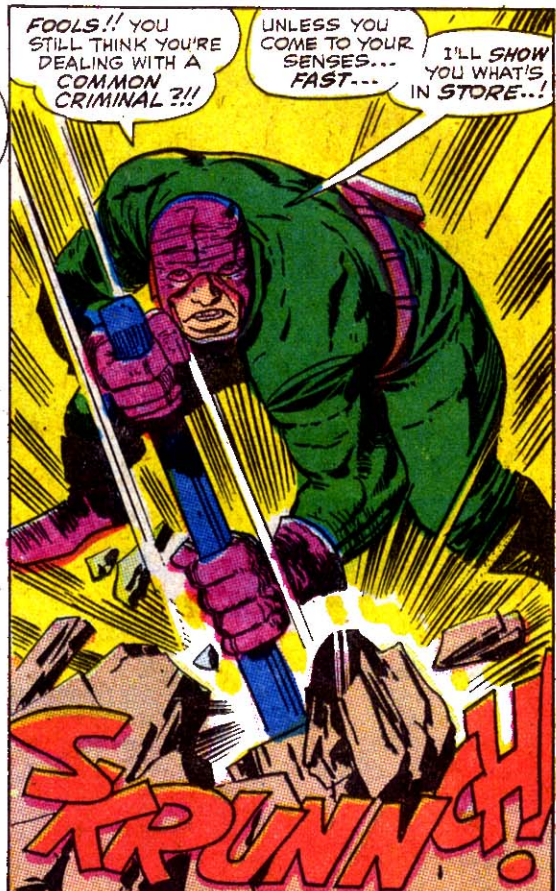
THOUGH THE HARD-PRESSED POLICE HAVE CORNERED THE RAMPAGING VILLAIN...

THEY POSSESS NOT THE POWER TO WITHSTAND HIS ENCHANTMENT!

TAKE WARNING!! LAY DOWN YOUR GUNS... ALL OF YOU!

FORGET IT, WRECKER! THIS IS THE SHOWDOWN!

IT'S GONNA BE YOU... OR US!

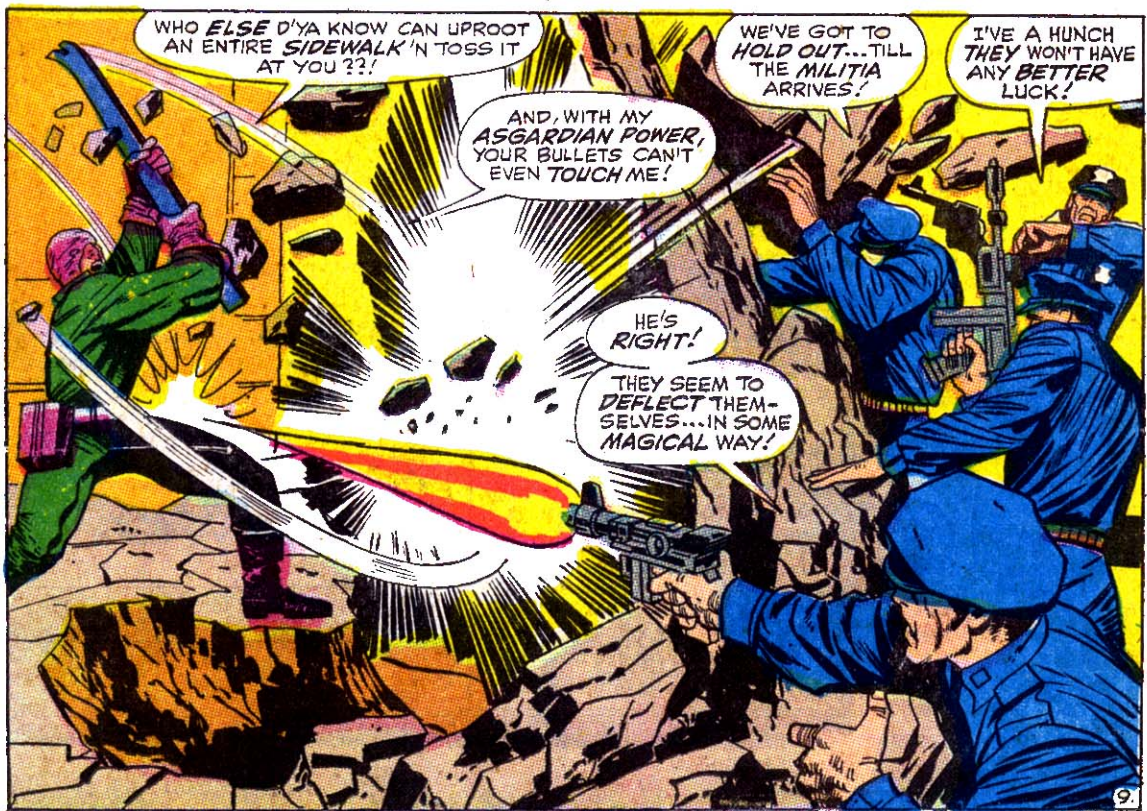


FOOLS!! YOU STILL THINK YOU'RE DEALING WITH A COMMON CRIMINAL?!!

UNLESS YOU COME TO YOUR SENSES... FAST...

I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT'S IN STORE...!

STRUNN!



WHO ELSE D'YA KNOW CAN UPROOT AN ENTIRE SIDEWALK 'N TOSS IT AT YOU??!

AND, WITH MY ASSGARDIAN POWER, YOUR BULLETS CAN'T EVEN TOUCH ME!

WE'VE GOT TO HOLD OUT...TILL THE MILITIA ARRIVES!

I'VE A HUNCH THEY WON'T HAVE ANY BETTER LUCK!

HE'S RIGHT!

THEY SEEM TO DEFLECT THEMSELVES...IN SOME MAGICAL WAY!

WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT, THE IMMORTAL AVENGER HURLS HIMSELF AT THE DIABOLICAL MARAUDER, ONLY TO FIND...

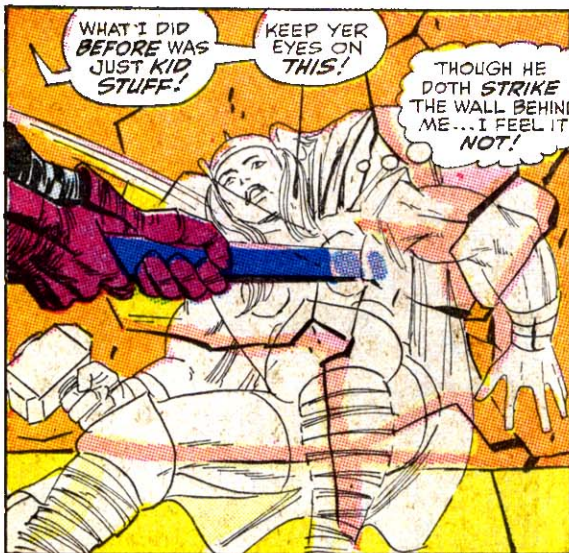


'TIS TO NO AVAIL! I CANNOT TOUCH HIM!

HE CAN NEITHER SEE NOR HEAR ME...NOR FEEL MY ASTRAL BLOWS!

NOW I'LL REALLY SHOW YA SOMETHING...!

HOW THEN MAY I JOIN THE BATTLE??



WHAT I DID BEFORE WAS JUST KID STUFF!

KEEP YER EYES ON THIS!

THOUGH HE DOTH STRIKE THE WALL BEHIND ME...I FEEL IT NOT!



BY THE RAGE OF RAGNAROK... HOW DO I HALT YON MADNESS?!!

KRRRAK!



HAAH!! I TOPPLED THE WHOLE SIDE OF A BUILDING...WITH JUST ONE BLOW OF MY CROWBAR!

THERE'S NOTHING THE WRECKER CAN'T DO...NOTHING! NOTHING!!

RRROOOW!



OKAY, BLUECOATS... YA HAD YER CHANCE!

NOW THAT THE ENTERTAINMENT'S OVER...

IT'S TIME FOR THE SHOWDOWN!

THIS IS WHERE THE WRECKER TAKES OVER!

SO TITANIC ARE THE FATEFUL FORCES AT WORK, IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHAT TO WORRY ABOUT FIRST! FOR EXAMPLE, REMEMBER NOBLE BALDER..?

THE STUNNING SIF HATH TRULY VANISHED!



METHINKS THE ATTACK OF YON BARBARIC WAS BUT A RUSE, TO KEEP ME AT BAY!

NOW!



A BLOW GUN PELLET!!

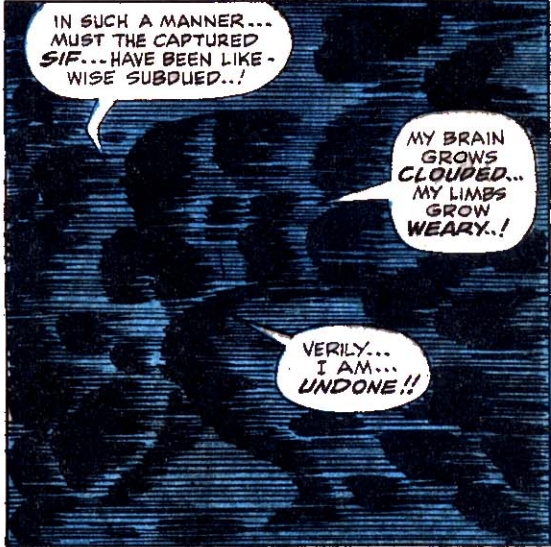
DISCHARGING ITS POTENT CARGO OF IRRESISTIBLE SLUMBER HERBS!



BY MY BLADE!!

'TIS THE MARK OF HIDDEN FOREST TROLLS!

IN SUCH A MANNER... MUST THE CAPTURED SIF... HAVE BEEN LIKEWISE SUBDUED..!

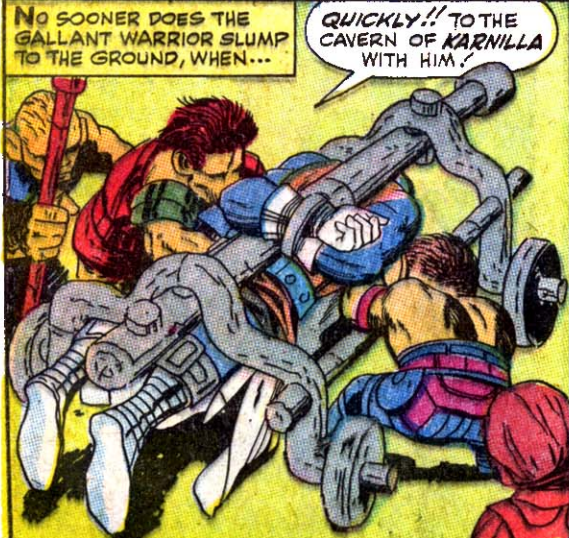


MY BRAIN GROWS CLOUDED... MY LIMBS GROW WEARY..!

VERILY... I AM... UNDONE!!

NO SOONER DOES THE GALLANT WARRIOR SLUMP TO THE GROUND, WHEN...

QUICKLY!! TO THE CAVERN OF KARNILLA WITH HIM!



THE FEMALE IS ALREADY PRISONER OF THE NORN QUEEN!

NONE MAY ENTER THE FORBIDDEN FOREST... AND LIVE TO TAKE HIS LEAVE!



AND, WITHIN THE ENCHANTED VIEWING CHAMBER OF THE REGAL MISTRESS OF MYSTERY...

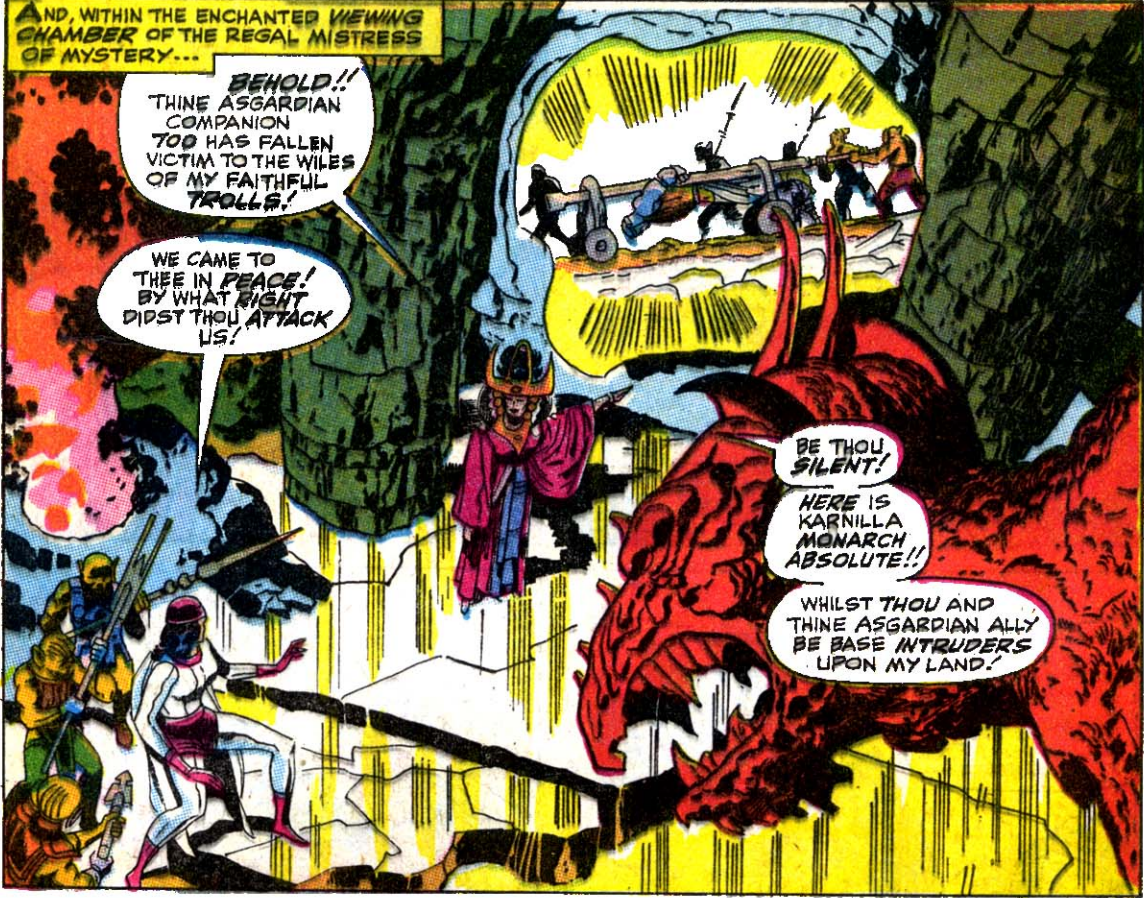
BEHOLD!!
THINE ASGARDIAN COMPANION TOO HAS FALLEN VICTIM TO THE WILES OF MY FAITHFUL TROLLS!

WE CAME TO THEE IN PEACE!
BY WHAT RIGHT DIDST THOU ATTACK US?

BE THOU SILENT!

HERE IS KARNILLA MONARCH ABSOLUTE!!

WHILST THOU AND THINE ASGARDIAN ALLY BE BASE INTRUDERS UPON MY LAND!



CALL US WHAT THOU WILT... BUT HEAR ME OUT!

WE HAVE COME TO THEE UPON A MISSION MOST GRAVE...

WASTE NOT THY WORDS...

THE NORN QUEEN KNOWS ALL!

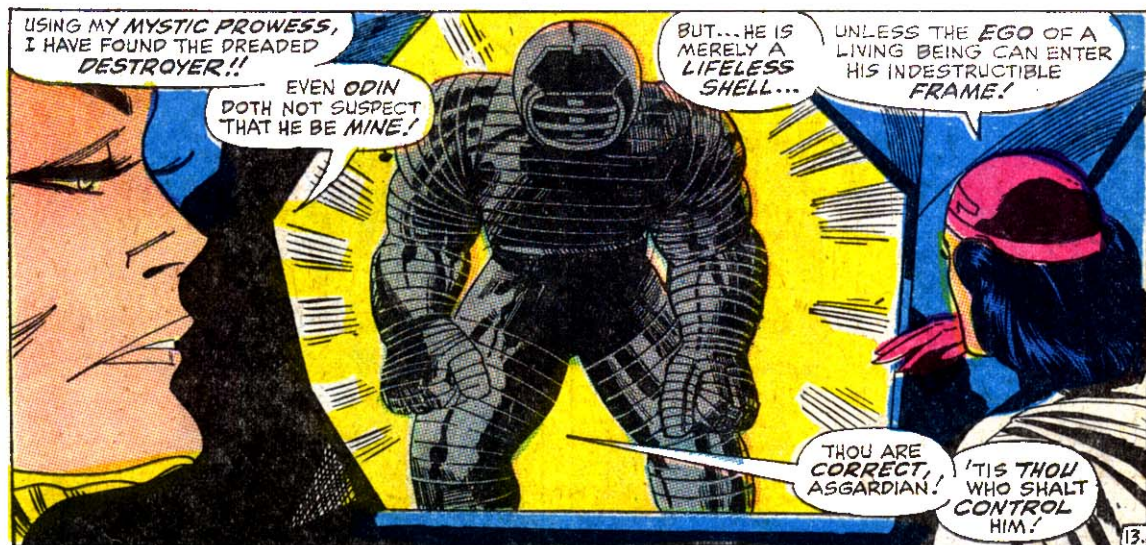
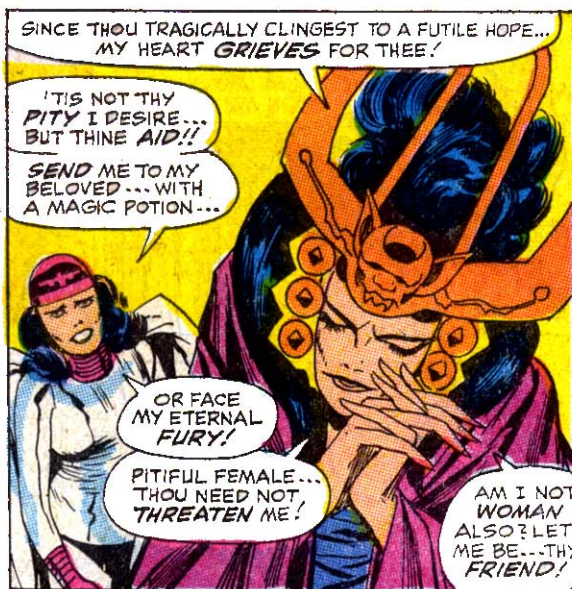
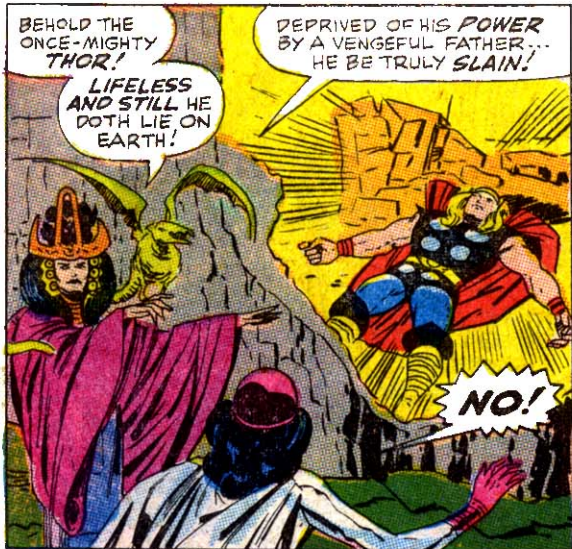


THOU HAST COME TO AID THE SON OF ODIN...

BUT, THOU ART... TOO LATE!

THE GOD OF THUNDER IS BEYOND ALL HOPE!





THE RISK IS GREAT!

WILT THOU BECOME AS ONE WITH THE DREAD DESTROYER??*

ANYTHING!! SIF DARES ANYTHING TO SAVE THE VALIANT THOR!

THEN... SO SHALL IT BE!

* FOR THE WOEFUL FEW OF THEE WHO MISSED THE MANY PREVIOUS TALES OF THE DESTROYER, SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT HE BE AN ARTIFICIAL BEING, ORIGINALLY CREATED BY ODIN, WHO IS VIRTUALLY ALL-POWERFUL AND SEEMINGLY INDESTRUCTIBLE! AND NOW, ON WITH THE MERRIMENT... SLY OL' STAN!

IN A SUDDEN, BLINDING BLAZE OF MYSTIC LIGHT, THE LIVING EGO OF THE STUNNING SIF TAKES LEAVE OF HER PHYSICAL BODY... AND THEN ...

TAKE THOU ONE STEP MORE...

'TIS THE DESTROYER ... WHILE THE GODDESS' BODY HATH BECOME AN EMPTY SHELL!



GET THEE TO THE WORLD OF HUMANS, THEN...

VANQUISH THOU THE WRECKER... AND MAYHAP THOR SHALT LIVE AGAIN!

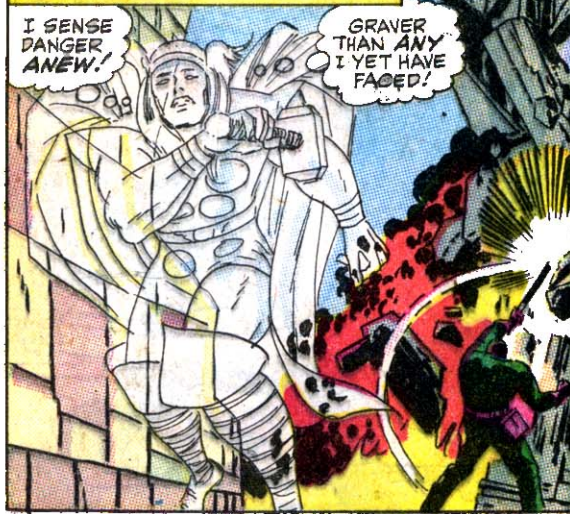
THOU MAYST SHOW THYSELF, LOKI! THE DEED IS DONE!

AND THE DOOMED GODDESS SUSPECTED NOT A THING!



NOW, AS WE PLANNED, THE BOTH OF THEM SHALL PERISH... AT EACH OTHER'S HANDS!

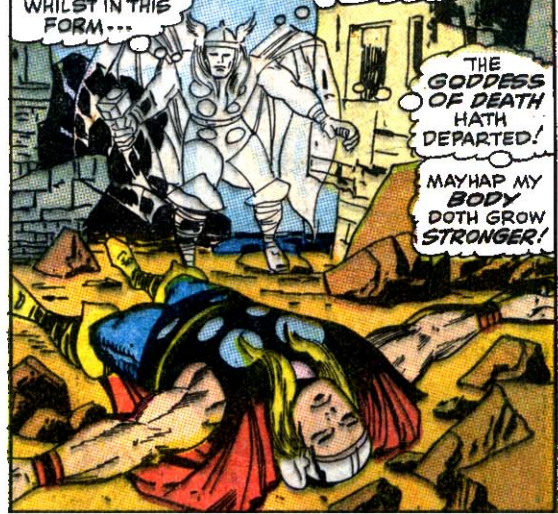
A MICRO-SECOND LATER, THE ASTRAL FORM OF MIGHTY THOR WHEELS ABOUT... AND HASTENS TOWARDS ITS PHYSICAL BODY...



I SENSE DANGER ANEW!

GRAVER THAN ANY I YET HAVE FACED!

SINCE I AM HELPLESS TO BATTLE THE WRECKER WHILST IN THIS FORM...

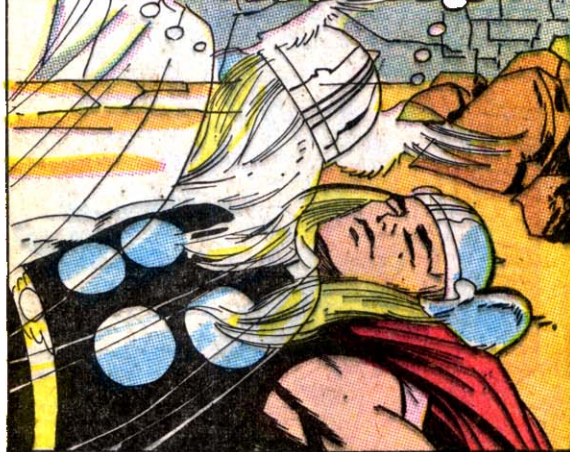


I MUST DON ONCE MORE THE MANTLE OF FLESH AND BLOOD!

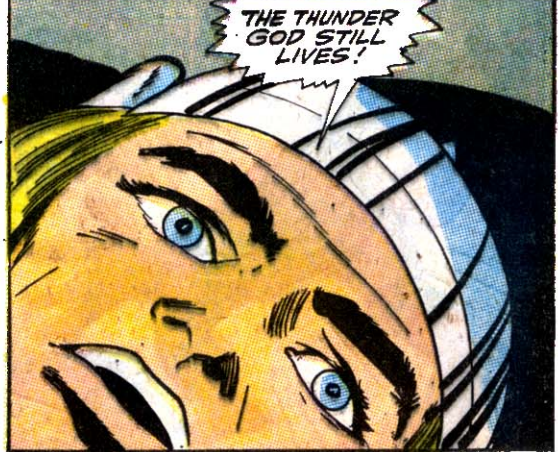
THE GODDESS OF DEATH HATH DEPARTED!

MAYHAP MY BODY DOTH GROW STRONGER!

THE DIE IS CAST! SHALL THE NEXT MOMENT BRING LIFE...OR EVERLASTING DEATH??



SLOWLY, HALTINGLY, TWO EYELIDS OPEN, AS A GRATEFUL VOICE RINGS OUT...



THE THUNDER GOD STILL LIVES!

AND, EVEN AS THOR FEELS HIS OWN STRENGTH SURGING BACK THRU HIS MIGHTY LIMBS...



SO!! SOME OTHER COSTUMED FOOL IS GONNA TACKLE THE WRECKER, HUH?

YOU'LL GET THE SAME TREATMENT I GAVE TO GOLDBLOCKS!



NOTHING CAN STAND UP TO MY NEW SUPER POWER!!



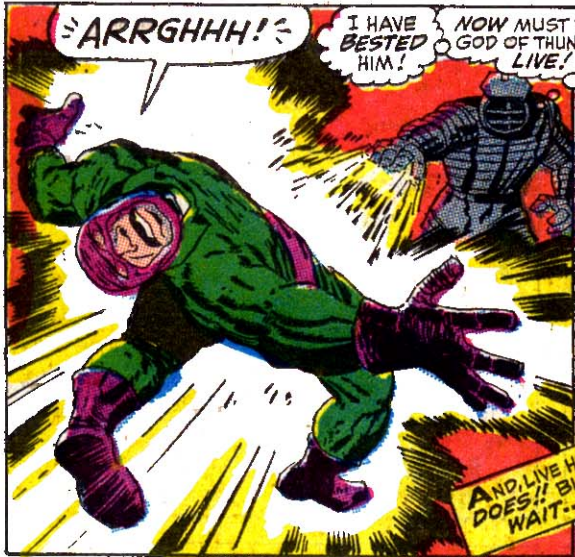
YOU... BROKE... MY CROWBAR!!



WHO ARE YOU?? WHAT ARE YOU??

WHY DON'T YOU SAY ANY...? UNHHH!!

POOK!!



ARRGHHH!!

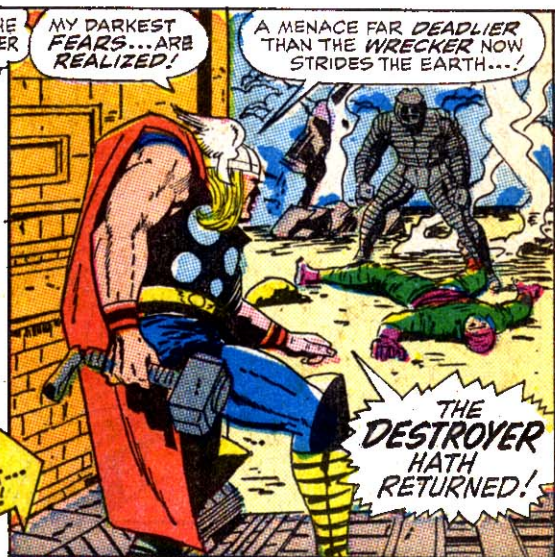
I HAVE BESTED HIM!

NOW MUST THE GOD OF THUNDER LIVE!

MY DARKEST FEARS... ARE REALIZED!

A MENACE FAR DEADLIER THAN THE WRECKER NOW STRIDES THE EARTH...!

AND, LIVE HE DOES!! BUT... WAIT...!



THE DESTROYER HATH RETURNED!



THOUGH I STILL BE LACKING MY GODLIKE POWER...

I SHALL DO BATTLE... TILL HELA RETURN AGAIN!

MY LOVE... THOU ART SAFE!

FOR, IF THOR MUST PERISH...

SURELY THERE CAN BE NO WORTHIER CAUSE!



HE GESTURES... APPROACHES GENTLY!

BUT, I'LL BE DECEIVED BY NO SUCH TRICK!

IT'S KNOWN BY ALL... THE DESTROYER DOETH LIVE BUT TO KILL!



SO BE IT, THEN! THOR CRIES... TO THE DEATH!

AND WE IN TURN REPLY...

CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE!

THE ORIGIN OF THE INCOMPARABLE INHUMANS

TRITON



I CAN
RESTRAIN
MYSELF
NO LONGER!

I MUST LEARN
WHAT LIES
BEYOND THE
WATERS OF
OUR HIDDEN
LAND!

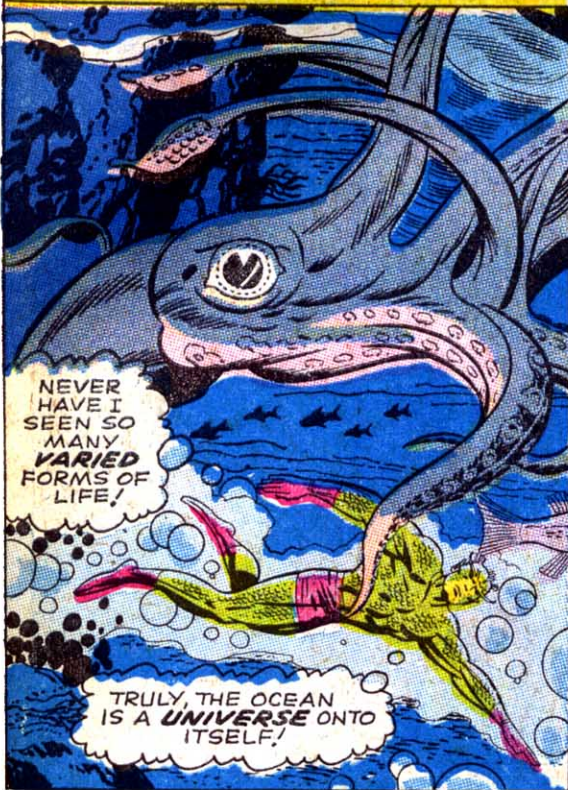
THE STRANGE
SAGA OF THE
FIRST INHUMAN
TO LEAVE **ATTILAN**,
THE GREAT REFUGE,
AND WALK WHERE
NONE BUT
HUMANS
E'ER HAVE
TROD!

PLEASE DELIVER ALL
PLAUDITS AND
ACCOLADES TO
STAN LEE
and
JACK KIRBY
FOR THIS
EXQUISITE EPIC!

INKED
BY:
**JOE
SINNOTT**

LETTERED
BY:
**ARTIE
SIMEK**

OF ALL THOSE WHO CALL THEMSELVES **INHUMANS**, NONE BUT THE MYSTERIOUS **TRITON** WAS BORN TO THE SEA! NONE BUT **TRITON** MUST HAVE **WATER** TO EXIST, AS OTHERS MUST HAVE **AIR**!



NEVER HAVE I SEEN SO MANY **VARIED** FORMS OF LIFE!

TRULY, THE OCEAN IS A **UNIVERSE** ONTO ITSELF!

THE WRECKAGE OF ANCIENT **SAILING** VESSELS...

BUT, LIKE NONE THAT THE **INHUMANS** HAVE EVER BUILT!



THIS THEN IS MY FIRST EVIDENCE THAT WE SHARE THIS WORLD WITH **OTHER** RACES!

THE MINUTES TURN TO HOURS--THEN TO DAYS--AS THE SEEMINGLY TIRELESS SWIMMER COVERS HALF THE GLOBE--UNTIL, AT LAST--



A WARM TROPICAL ISLE--WHERE I MAY FIND **NOURISHMENT**!

BUT, WAIT! SOMETHING **CHURNS** THE SEA BELOW!

SOMETHING **ALIVE!**-- SOMETHING FAR **MORE** THAN FISH!

I WAS **RIGHT**! IT IS A **MAN-LIKE** BEING!



HAVE I FOUND ANOTHER **RACE** AT LAST?



HE SEEMS TO BE LYING IN WAIT--FOR SOME APPROACHING PREY!

NOW HE LEAPS--TO THE ATTACK!



BY THE AWESOME GENES OF AGON!!

HE ATTACKS A FEMALE!



IT'S GOING GREAT! THIS SCENE WILL--
NEV!

WHAT IN THE NAME OF CINEMASCOPE IS THAT??!

THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE IN THE WATER--ALONG WITH BORIS!

MUST BE SOME EAGER-BEAVER EXTRA!

GET 'IM OUTTA THERE!!

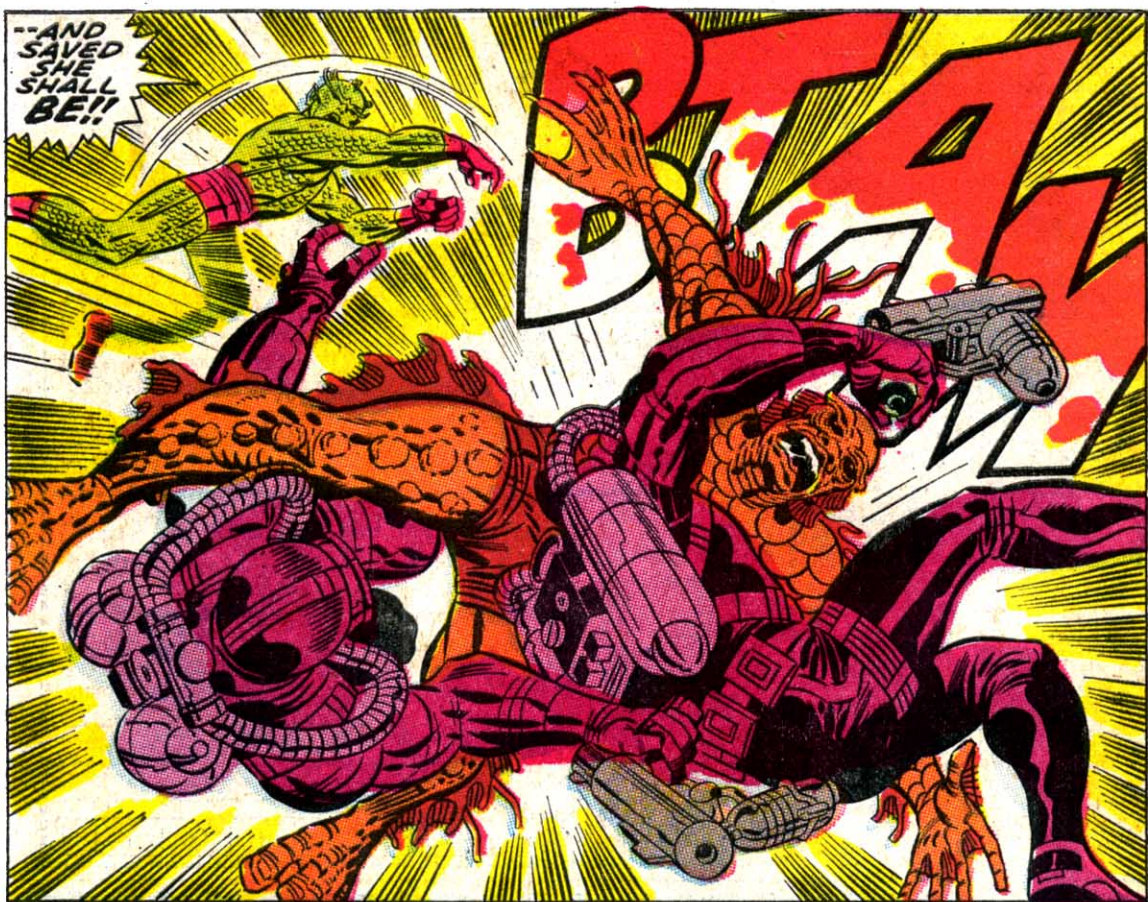
HE'S RUININ' THE SCENE!



OTHERS COME TO HELP!

BUT, NO MATTER THE ODDS--THE FEMALE MUST BE SAVED!

AND YET--THEY LOOK STRANGELY DIFFERENT--



--AND SAVED SHE SHALL BE!!

BOOM!



QUICK!! USE YOUR TRANQUILIZER GUNS! THAT GUY'S DANGEROUS!

STRIKING ME -- WITH STRANGELY POTENT WEAPONS!

HE'S TOO STRONG TO KID AROUND WITH! LET 'IM HAVE IT!



THAT DID IT! HE'S OUT COLD NOW!

HE *SHOULD* BE! THESE BLASTERS WERE MADE TO SEND A HERD OF WHALES TO DREAMLAND!

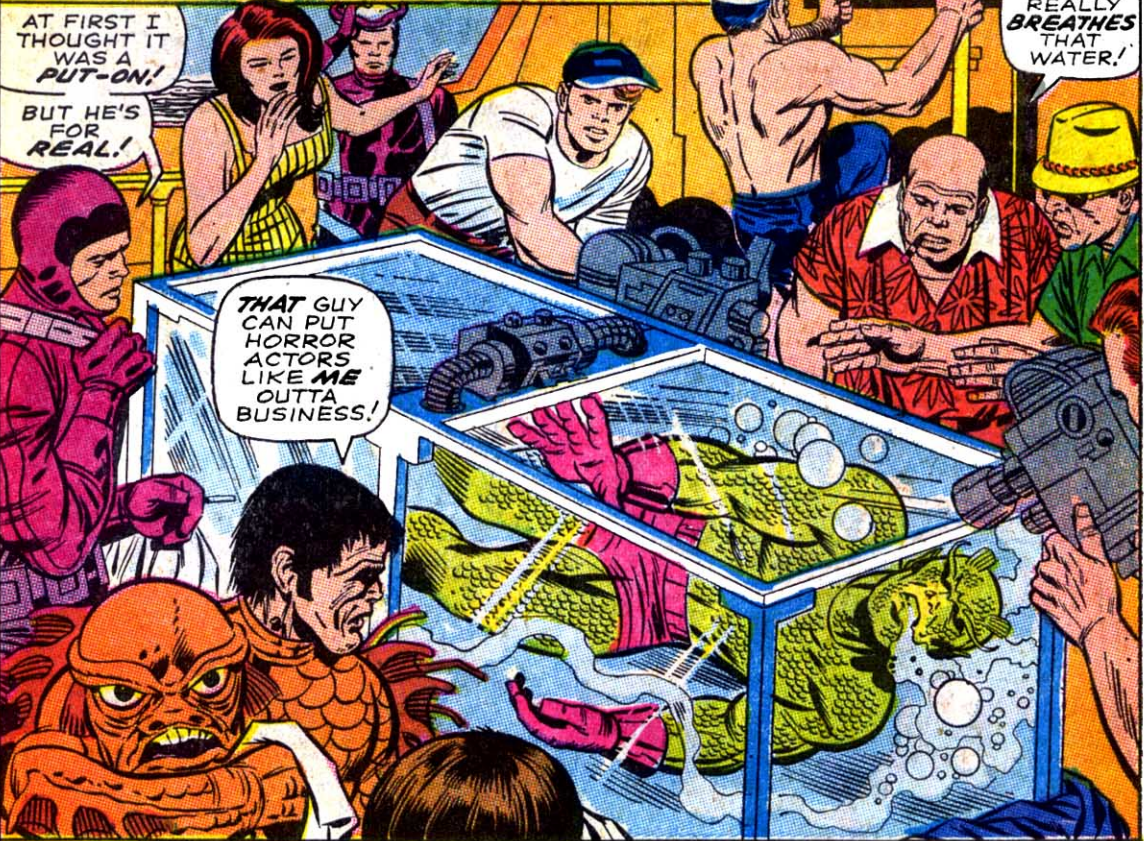
BOY! WHO EVER THOUGHT WE'D FIND THE REAL THING DOWN HERE?!!

A SHORT TIME LATER, THE CAPTIVE **INHUMAN** IS SECURED IN A **WATER TANK** UPON THE LOCATION SHIP--

IT'S NO GAG! HE REALLY BREATHES THAT WATER!

AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS A **PUT-ON!**
BUT HE'S FOR **REAL!**

THAT GUY CAN PUT HORROR ACTORS LIKE **ME** OUTTA BUSINESS!



WE'LL MAKE A **FORTUNE** OUT OF THIS WHEN WE GET BACK AND PUT HIM ON **EXHIBITION!**

NO ONE WILL PUT **TRITON** ON EXHIBIT!

BUT, I SHALL GIVE THEM NO **HINT** OF MY **TRUE STRENGTH** --YET!



INSTEAD, I WILL BIDE MY TIME-- AND **STUDY** THOSE WHO INTEND TO **STUDY ME!**

THEN, WHEN I AM **READY--**

THE WORLD WILL LEARN-- **THE POWER OF TRITON!**



NEXT:
"INHUMAN at LARGE!"

NOTE: OUR LETTERS SECTION APPEARS ON THE NEXT PAGE...