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...TO WAKE THE MANGOG!

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OMNIPOTENT
ODIN HATH
STAYED MY HAND
WHILST I DID
BATTLE WITH
THE MERCILESS
LOKI!

BUT WHY? WHAT
DIRE CALAMITY
HATH MADE THE
ALL-HIGHEST THUS
SPARE THE PRINCE
OF EVIL?

SORRY, HALLOWED
ONE! YOU'LL HAVE
TO LEARN THE
ANSWER TO THOR'S
QUIVERING QUERY
THE HARD WAY--
BY READING THAT
WHICH FOLLOWS--!

CHAPTER
I



MINE EARS
HEAR NO
REPLY!
MINE EYES
BEHOLD
NO SIGN!

'TIS NOT YET MEET THAT
THE GOD OF THUNDER
SHALL KNOW HIS
FATHER'S WISHES!



THUS, LET ME
AWAY TO YONDER
HOSPITAL--



--WHERE THE GODDESS
SIF NOW LIES, RECOVER-
ING FROM LOKI'S
ONSLAUGHT!



O, MOST
PERFIJIOUS
BROTHER!!

IF THE DARK-HAIRED
DAUGHTER OF ASGARD
SUCCUMBS TO HER
INJURY--HOW THOU
SHALT PAY IN MOST
FULL MEASURE!



AHH, SHE DOETH SLEEP
THE SLEEP OF THE
TRULY INNOCENT!

HOW FAIR
SHE BE, IN
SILENT,
SWEET
REPOSE!



HER BROW IS
COOL--HER
FEVER GONE!

SHE, WHO HATH
OFFERED UP HER
VERY LIFE FOR
MINE, SHALL ONE
DAY LEARN HOW
GRATEFUL THOR
CAN BE!





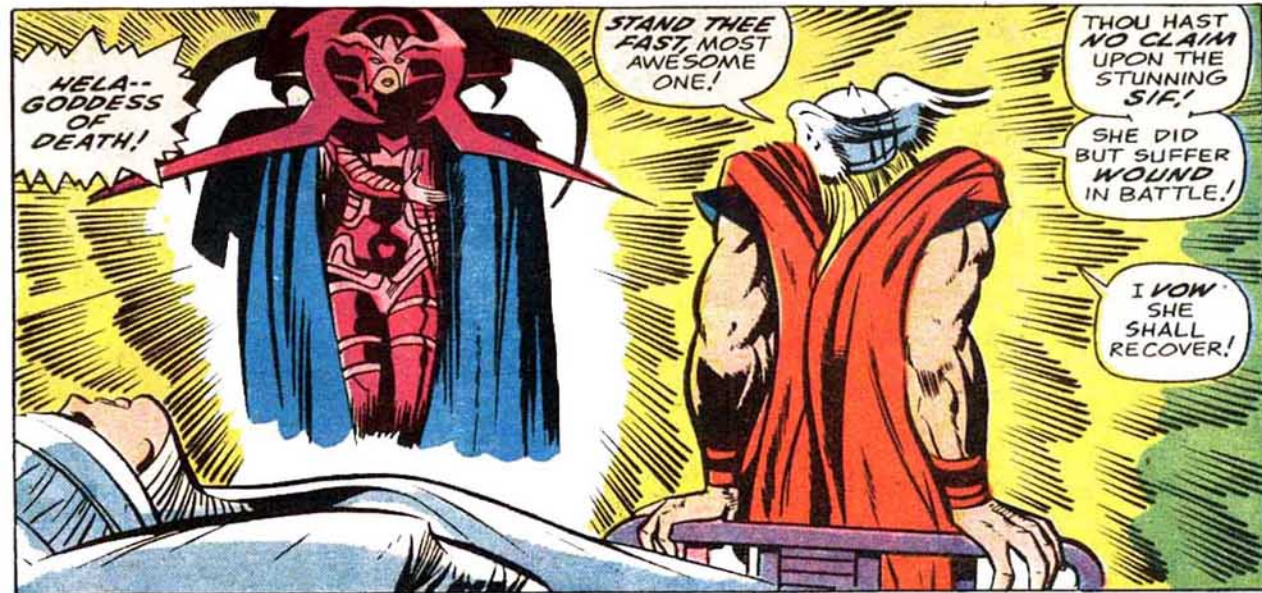
THOUGH THE EYES OF A THUNDER GOD NOW PERUSE MY LADY'S MEDICAL REPORT--

'T WILL REQUIRE THE MORTAL BRAIN OF DR. DONALD BLAKE TO COMPREHEND WHAT IT DOETH SIGNIFY!



'TIS NOT THE EARTHLY PHYSICIAN I SEEK, SON OF ODIN--!

THAT VOICE! IT CAN BELONG TO NONE BUT--



HELA--GODDESS OF DEATH!

STAND THEE FAST, MOST AWESOME ONE!

THOU HAST NO CLAIM UPON THE STUNNING SIF!

SHE DID BUT SUFFER WOUND IN BATTLE!

I VOW SHE SHALL RECOVER!



NOT SHE HAVE I COME FOR, GALLANT ONE!

NAY! THOU DIDST CLAIM ME ONCE! * BUT THOU SHALT DO SO NO MORE!.

CAN IT BE THOU HAST SO SOON FORGOT?




TRUE, I DID LOSE MY POWER OVER THEE WHEN I TURNED AWAY!

NOW, THOU MAYEST LIVE UNTIL THOU ART MORTALLY WOUNDED ONCE AGAIN--WHEN I SHALL SUMMON THEE ANEW!

THEN WHY ART THOU HERE?

WHY DO I GAZE UPON THINE OMINOUS VISAGE,?

* THE MIGHTY THOR #190, REMEMBER? --SCATTER-BRAINED STAN.




SINCE I
ALMOST
HAD THEE
FOR MINE
OWN--

NOW COME I
TO SHOW
WHAT THOU
HAST BUT
POSTPONED!


BEHOLD--
THE PROMISED
GLORY OF--
VALHALLA!

'TIS HERE
THY DESTINY
ETERNAL
DOETH AWAIT
THEE!



DO BUT
SAY THE
WORD--
AND EVER-
LASTING
BATTLE
CAN BE
THINE!

THE SON
OF ODIN
FIGHTS FOR
PURPOSE--
NEVER
PLEASURE!



GOD OF THUNDER
--JOIN US!!

'TIS THY ONCE
AND FORMER FOE--
HAROKIN WHO
CALLS THEE!

EAGERLY
WE AWAIT
THEE--FOR
THOU ART
SURELY
MIGHTIEST
OF ALL!



ALL HAIL MOST NOBLE THOR!

OF ALL WHO LIVED-- 'TIS ONLY THEE WHO ART MOST TRULY FIT TO BE OUR LEADER!

THOU HAST BUT TO COMMAND --AND WE SHALL FOLLOW THEE IN ENDLESS BATTLE-- TO GLORY EVERLASTING!

YE WHO DO ME HONOR-- YE WHO ART BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE --ATTEND MY WORDS!



THOUGH THY WARRIOR BLOOD BE MY WARRIOR BLOOD--

I SAY THEE WAY!

THOUGH I BE SORELY TEMPTED-- TO THEE I SAY-- BEGONE!



WHILST EVIL DOTH ENDURE AMONGST THE LIVING--

THE PLACE FOR THOR IS HERE! --SO BE IT!

'TIS ENDED! THE WRAITHS ARE GONE-- AND WITH THEM-- HELA!



BUT, AS IS THE WAY OF LEGEND, WITH ONE THREAT GONE, ANOTHER SOON APPEARS--

THEY TRIED TO KILL ME-- BUT THEY COULD NOT!

MY POWER WAS TOO MUCH FOR THEM!

NONE BUT ULIK HAVE EVER BEFORE ESCAPED FROM THE DEADLY ENDLESS FALL!

AND NOW-- ULIK WILL RETURN-- TO EXACT HIS MURDEROUS REVENGE!



BUT WHAT IS THIS MYSTIC CAVE IN WHICH I FIND MYSELF?

WAIT! I SEEM TO REMEMBER --AN AGELESS LEGEND--

WHAT ARE THESE STRANGELY SHINING STONES?

A LEGEND OF HIDDEN ENCHANTI-STONES--

WHICH ARE THE GLEAMING SEEDS OF ODIN'S SUPREME POWER!



I WAS RIGHT!
I HAVE FOUND THE
LONG-LOST
ODIN-CAVE--

WHEREIN LIES
BURIED THE LAST
REMAINING
MEMBER OF
A MYSTERIOUS
ALIEN RACE--

A RACE SO
POWERFUL
THAT IT ALMOST
SUCCEEDED IN
DESTROYING
ASGARD
ITSELF!

LET NO LIVING
BEING DISTURB
WHAT LIES
WITHIN
By order of
Imperial Odin

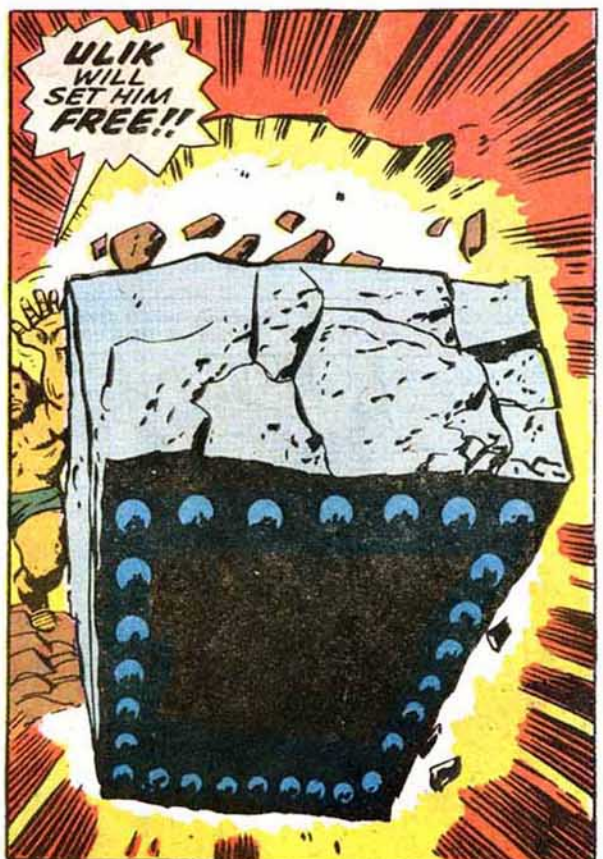


IF ODIN HIMSELF FEARED
HIM ENOUGH TO SEAL HIM
WITHIN A HIDDEN CAVE--
HIS POWER MUST BE BEYOND
DESCRIPTION!



AND ANY WHO IS AN
ENEMY OF ASGARD--
MUST BE AN ALLY OF
ULIK, MIGHTIEST OF
ALL THE TROLLS!

WHOEVER
HE IS--
WHATEVER
HE MAY
BE--



ULIK
WILL
SET HIM
FREE!!



**LET THE
UNIVERSE
TREMBLE!**

**I HAVE
ONE GOAL--
ONE AIM--
ONE DESTINY--**

**THE
MANGOG
LIVES
AGAIN!**

**TO
DESTROY
HIM WHO
CRUSHED
THE
INVASION
OF MY
RACE!!**

**YOU WERE
BESTED
BY THE
LEGIONS
OF
ASGARD--**

**AND 'TIS
ODIN WHO
LEADS THEM
STILL!**

I AM ULIK,
CHAMPION OF
THE TROLLS!

UNDER MY
LEADERSHIP,
WE WILL
ANNIHILATE
ASGARD--
TOGETHER!

ASGARD?
MANGOG WILL
NOT STOP WITH
ASGARD--!



MANGOG IS THE
FOE OF ALL WHO
LIVE!



ART THOU MAD??
IT WAS I WHO
FREED YOU--!



THE MANGOG
KNOWS NO
GRATITUDE--
NO MERCY!

STILL, YOU
WILL LIVE
A WHILE
LONGER--

FOR,
EVEN ONE
SUCH AS
YOU--MAY
PROVE
USEFUL
TO ME!



MEANWHILE, ON THE DISTANT PLANET
EARTH--

ALL SEEMS
WELL! WITH
HELA GONE,
'TIS CERTAIN
THE LADY SIF
HATH PASSED
THE CRISIS!





NO LONGER IS THERE NEED FOR THOR--

FOR, NOW ANOTHER MAY SERVE HER BEST!



'TIS MORE THAN STRENGTH-- 'TIS A PHYSICIAN'S SKILL SHE DOT H NEED--



THE SKILL OF DR. DONALD BLAKE!



OHH-- DOCTOR!!

I-I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE!

I'VE BEEN ON DUTY-- RIGHT OUTSIDE-- ALL NIGHT!

I COULD HAVE SWORN-- NO ONE ENTERED THIS ROOM!

BUT, OBVIOUSLY --IT WOULD SEEM THAT YOU'RE MISTAKEN!

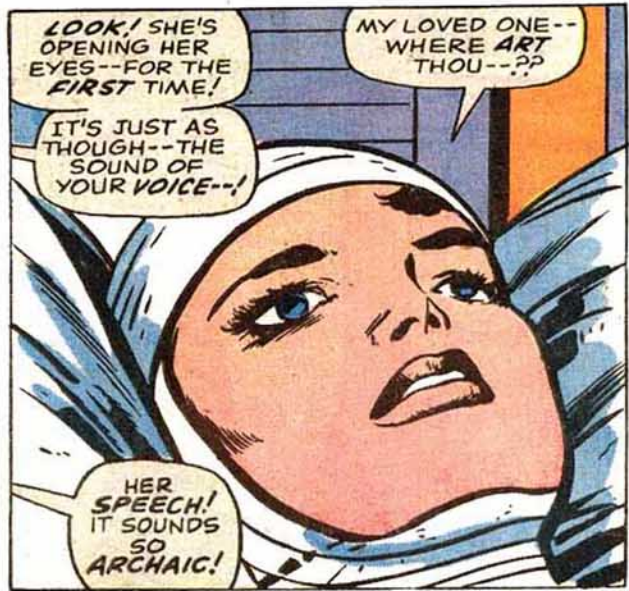
YES, SIR! I SUPPOSE I AM!



YOU KNOW, DR. BLAKE-- EVERYONE HAS BEEN WONDERING ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF YOUR PATIENT!

SHE'S SO VERY LOVELY-- AND YET, SHE SEEMS SO DISTANT!

THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE, NURSE! I'VE HEARD SHE COMES FROM --FAR AWAY!



LOOK! SHE'S OPENING HER EYES-- FOR THE FIRST TIME!

IT'S JUST AS THOUGH-- THE SOUND OF YOUR VOICE--!

MY LOVED ONE-- WHERE ART THOU--??

HER SPEECH! IT SOUNDS SO ARCHAIC!



IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW SHE SAID IT!

SHE'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT, NURSE --DO YOU HEAR?

I--THINK I'D BETTER --CONTINUE ON MY ROUNDS!

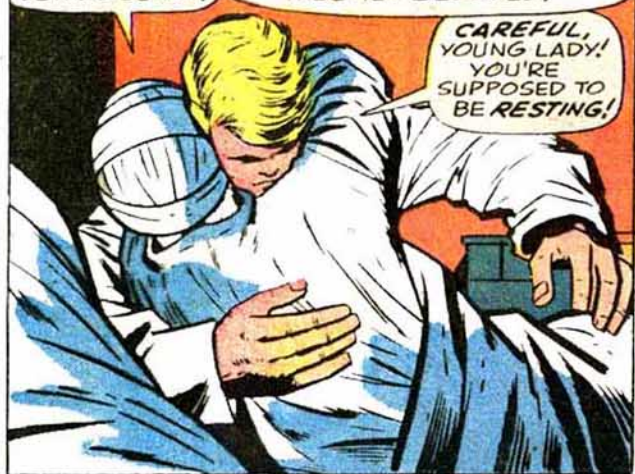
SHE'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT!

NO SOONER DOES THE DEPARTING NURSE SOFTLY SHUT THE DOOR BEHIND HER, WHEN--

'T WAS *THEE* WHO SAVED ME FROM *LOKI'S* LETHAL BLAST!

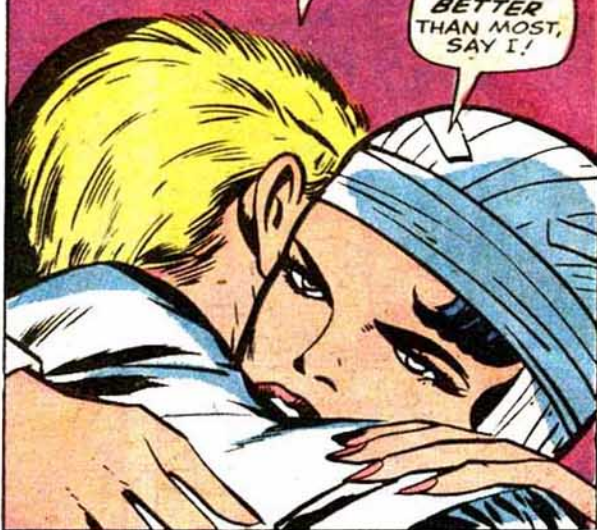
THOUGH THOU HAST CHANGED TO MORTAL FORM-- *STILL* DOES THY LADY *SIF* CALL THEE *HEK BELOVED!*

CAREFUL, YOUNG LADY! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE RESTING!



BUT, THEN AGAIN-- I GUESS THIS IS AS GOOD A WAY TO REST AS ANY!

FAR BETTER THAN MOST, SAY I!



BUT WE MUSTN'T FORGET-- I'M YOUR DOCTOR!

AND I'M PRESCRIBING A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP-- WHILE I ATTEND TO SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS!

BE THOU CAREFUL, MY LORD-- FOR *LOKI* STILL IS FREE!



BUT, SCANT MOMENTS LATER--

CAREFUL, INDEED! 'TIS *LOKI* HIMSELF WHOM I DO SEEK!

THOUGH HE WILL USE HIS ACCURSED MYSTIC SPELLS--

--HOPING TO STAY HIDDEN FROM HIS BROTHER!



AND, JUST AS *THOR* PREDICTED--

NOT EVEN *THOR* CAN FIND ME NOW!

FOR I AM BATHED IN AN AURA OF SPACIAL INVISIBILITY!



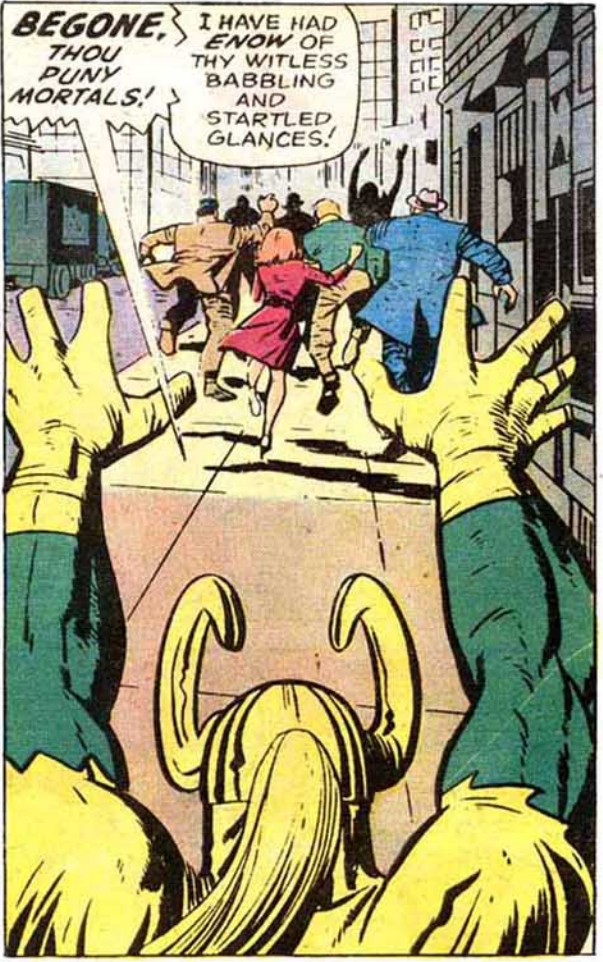


BUT I STILL POSSESS THE ENCHANTMENT OF THE NORNS!

I STILL POSSESS POWER--AND A HATRED THAT KNOWS NO BOUNDS!

THUS LOKI SHALL HIDE NO MORE!

LET MY SPELL OF INVISIBILITY FALL AWAY!



BEGONE, THOU PUNY MORTALS!

I HAVE HAD ENOW OF THY WITLESS BABBLING AND STARTLED GLANCES!



SO LONG AS ODIN RULES, I AM FORBIDDEN TO ENGAGE IN BATTLE WITH THE GOD OF THUNDER!

BUT--WHAT IF ODIN WERE TO RULE NO MORE?

EVEN THE MIGHTIEST MAY FALL VICTIM TO LOKI'S CUNNING!



WHILST THOR REMAINS UPON FAR DISTANT MIDGARD, I SHALL RETURN TO THE GOLDEN REALM!

AND THERE LET LOKI WORK HIS EVIL WILES!



WHAT DO MINE EYES BEHOLD?

THE FLOWER OF ODIN'S PRIVATE GUARD, CHARGING OUT FOR COMBAT!

THEN THIS IS WHY HE HALTED MY BATTLE WITH THOR!

A NEW DANGER HATH NOW ARISEN!

BUT, WHAT CAN IT BE--TO CAUSE MEASURES SUCH AS THIS??



SON OF ODIN! 'TIS GOOD THOU HAST RETURNED!

THE REALM HATH GREAT NEED OF THY STRENGTH-- AND THY MYSTIC PROWESS!

TOAG-- ELDER OF THE COUNCIL SUPREME!

'TIS THE HIDDEN CAVE OF AGES--

IT HATH BEEN OPENED AT LAST!

'T WAS CREATED BY ODIN--

CAN HE NOT CLOSE IT ONCE AGAIN?

WHAT MENACE HATH SO SPEEDILY ARISEN?



'TIS NOT SO SIMPLE, MY PRINCE!

WITHIN THE CAVE DWELLED-- HOLD!

THE ETERNITY ALARM DOT SOUND ONCE MORE! THE CAVE IS EMPTY-- ITS CAPTIVE GONE!

SCREEEE

SEAL FAST THE DOOR!

THE DEAFENING SHRIEK DOT OFFEND THE EARS OF LOKI!

WHATE'ER MAY BE AMISS, ODIN WILL SET TO RIGHTS!

NOT SO, MY LORD!

FOLLOW ME! TOAG WILL SHOW THEE--!



NOW, IN ASGARD'S GREATEST HOUR OF PERIL--

HIM WHO IS THE ALL-POWERFUL, THE ALL-WISE, THE ALL-SUPREME HATH BEEN TAKEN TO HIS BEDCHAMBER!

FOR, HE NEEDS MUST SLEEP THE ODIN-SLEEP--

THE SLEEP WHICH GIVES HIM LIFE RENEWED!

THEN THAT IS WHY THOR AND I ARE NEEDED!

BUT, THOR IS STILL ON EARTH!

--AND THERE LET HIM STAY!



WITH MY REGAL FATHER SLEEPING THE GREAT ODIN-SLEEP--

AND, WITH MY UNCARING BROTHER ABSENT FROM THE REALM--



KNOW YOU ALL THAT **LOKI** NOW DOETH RULE!!

ASGARD, AT LAST-- IS MINE!



THIS TIME I SHALL GAIN CONTROL FORE'ER--

OR, IF I FAIL-- THE REALM WILL TOPPLE WITH ME!



BUT, WHAT OF THOR? STILL UNAWARE OF THE OMINOUS EVENTS TRANSPILING IN ASGARD, HE CONTINUES HIS CONSTANT VIGIL OVER THE VAST, SPRAWLING CITY--

SO LONG AS **LOKI** IS AT LARGE--THE GOD OF THUNDER DARES NOT REST!



A STIFLED CRY FROM YONDER ALLEY--!

NE'ER WILL IT CEASE TO AMAZE ME HOW MORTALS EVER PREY UPON EACH OTHER!

HOLD 'IM STILL WHILE I GRAB HIS WALLET!

HEY LOOK--! UP THERE --IN THE SKY--!! IT'S-- IT'S--



MEN CALL ME-- THOR!



NO MATTER WHAT HIS NAME IS-- GET 'IM, JOE!

SPYOWING!

IT'S NO GOOD! HE BLOCKED ME WITH THAT HAMMER!

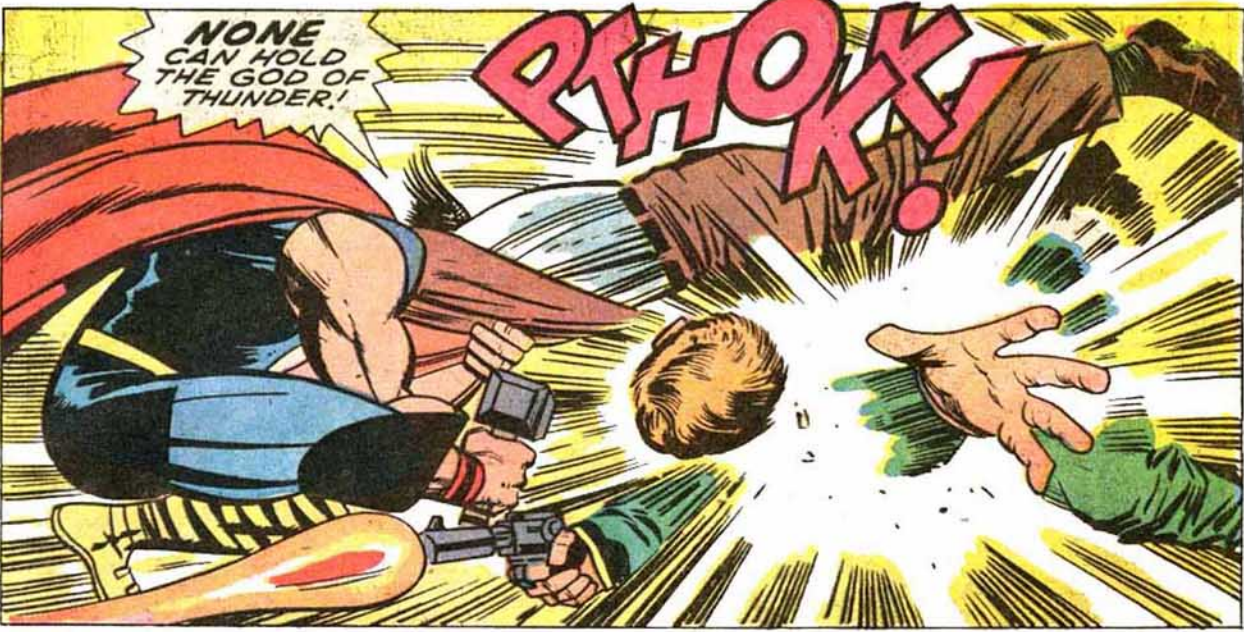


QUICK! TRY IT AGAIN!

I'LL HOLD 'IM LONG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO GET ANOTHER SHOT OFF!

**NONE
CAN HOLD
THE GOD OF
THUNDER!**

PTHOKK!

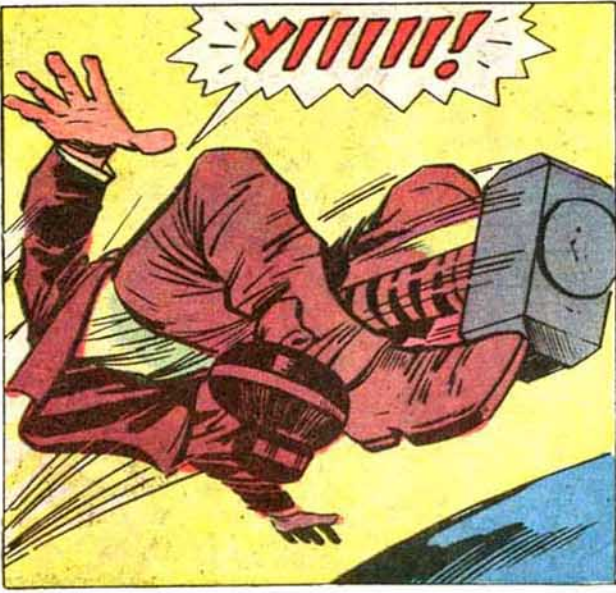


**ONE SEEKS REFUGE
IN DESPERATE
ESCAPE!**

**BUT, MORTAL LIMBS
HAVE NOT THE
STRENGTH--NOR
MORTAL LEGS THE
SPEED--**



**--TO OUT-
DISTANCE
FABLED
MJOLNIR!!**



YIIIIII!

**JUST
STAY
WHERE
YA ARE,
MISTER!!**

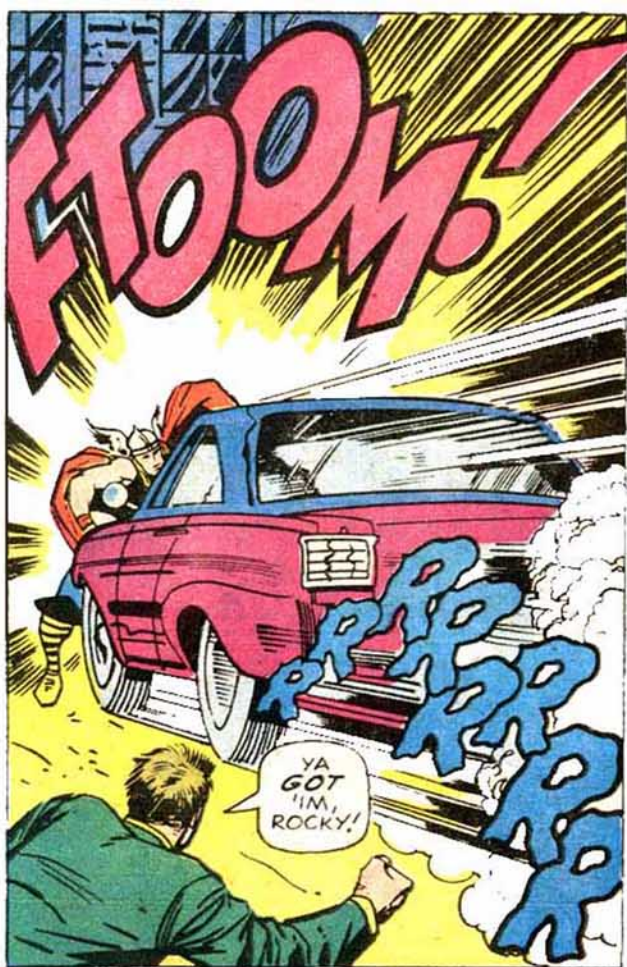
**THERE'S
MORE
THAN ONE
WAY TO
SKIN A
CAT--!**

**NEXT TIME YA'LL
KNOW BETTER THAN
TO INTERRUPT
ANOTHER GUY'S
CAPER!**



**EXCEPT
IN YOUR
CASE--**

**THERE
AIN'T
GONNA
BE A
NEXT
TIME!**



BUT, WHEN THE IMPACT AT LAST SUBSIDES--



THE FUTILITY OF THINE ACT IS MATCHED ONLY BY THE EVIL IN THY SOUL!

DIDST THOU THINK SO SCURVY AN ATTACK COULD STOP THE GOD OF THUNDER?!!

IT--AINT POSSIBLE!! HE--HE'S STILL STANDIN'!!



LEGGO! D-DON'T HURT ME! WE DIDN'T MEAN NO HARM--HONEST!

WE WUZ JUST--KINDA HORSIN' AROUND--THAT'S ALL!

THOU LIEST IN THY TEETH!

HOLD 'IM, THOR! WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THOSE CREEPS!



THEY CALL THEMSELVES MUGGERS, INCORPORATED!

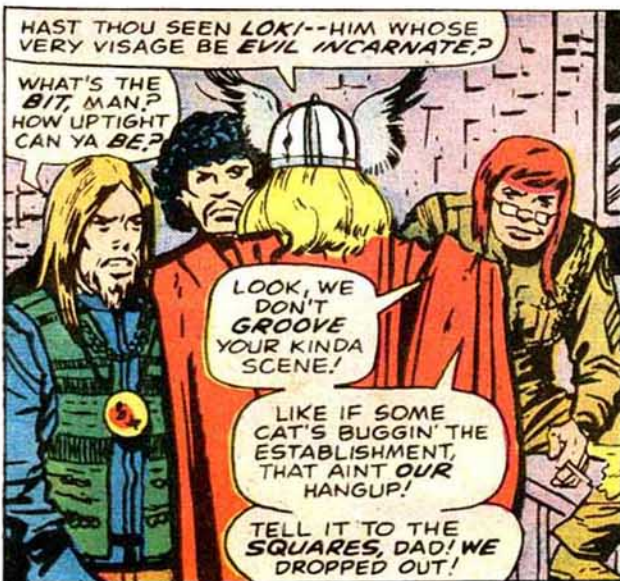
THEY BE NOT WORTHY OF HUMAN FORM!

YOU'VE HELPED MAKE THE STREETS A LOT SAFER IN THIS TOWN, BIG FELLA!

WHILST MEN STRIVE FOR THE STARS--THEIRS IS THE CODE OF THE JUNGLE!

THEY ARE FIT FOR NAUGHT--SAVE THE CAGE THOU CALLEST PRISON!

AND THAT'S WHERE THEY'RE HEADED!



STAND
AWAY,
ALL!

THOUGH THOU BE TRULY
PURE OF HEART--

IN THINE
INNOCENCE,
THOU ART FAIR
MISGUIDED!

THE TRUE
GURU THOU
SEEKEST
DOETH LIE
WITHIN
THYSELVES!

HEED YOU NOW THESE WORDS--



'TIS NOT BY
DROPPING
OUT-- BUT BY
PLUNGING IN--
INTO THE
MAELSTROM OF
LIFE ITSELF--
THAT THOU
SHALT FIND
THY WISDOM!

THERE
BE CAUSES
TO
ESPPOSE!!
THERE BE
BATTLES
TO BE
WON!

THERE
BE GLORY
AND
GRANDEUR
ALL ABOUT
THEE-- IF
THOU WILT
BUT SEE!



AYE, THERE BE TIME
ENOW FOR THEE TO DIS-
AVOW THY HERITAGE--

YEA, THOU MAYEST
DROP OUT FORE'ER--
ONCE HELA HER SELF
HATH COME FOR
THEE!

BUT, SO
LONG AS
LIFE
ENDURES--
THOU MUST
LIVE IT
TO THE
FULL!



ELSE, THOU BE
UNWORTHY
OF THE
TITLE--
MAN!



VERILY, THEY HAVE EYES, BUT SEETH NOT!

WHEN LIFE DOTTH SEEM TOO MUCH TO BEAR--'TIS NOT THE TIME TO RENOUNCE THE STRUGGLE!

THE OSTRICH HIDES--THE JACKAL FLEES--BUT MAN--AND GOD--DO PERSEVERE!



AND, EVEN AS THE THUNDER GOD STANDS ALONE IN THE NIGHT, WITH HIS STERN AND SOLEMN THOUGHTS--

QUEEN OF THE NORNS, I MAY TARRY HERE NO LONGER!

BUT, WHAT IF KARNILLA TOO HAVE NEED OF BALDER?

MY SOUL DOTTH SENSE GRAVE DANGER FESTERING WITHIN THE HALLOWED WALLS OF ASGARD!



THOUGH I BE QUEEN OF ENCHANTMENT, MY HEART IS THE HEART OF A WOMAN!

AND IT DOTTH BEAT FOR THEE ALONE, BRAVE BALDER!

SPEAK NO MORE, MYSTIC MAIDEN!

THINE ARDOR IS MOST UNSEEMLY, SINCE DEADLY, FOES WE BE!



WHAT?! YOU DARE TO SPURN THE LOVE OF KARNILLA??

KNOW YOU, BALDER--NONE MAY REJECT THE NORN QUEEN'S SUIT-- AND LIVE TO BOAST OF IT!

BEHOLD--!



SEE THESE WARRIORS--MOTION-LESS--LIFELESS--FROZEN FOR ALL ETERNITY!

THEY TOO HAVE DARED INCUR MY WRATH!

THE MISTY LEGION OF THE LOST! AT LAST THE MYSTERY IS SOLVED!

BUT, NOT EVEN THEY WERE RECKLESS ENOUGH TO SPURN MY QUEENLY LOVE!



I CAUTION THEE, ASGARDIAN--
THOU MUST MAKE THY CHOICE! WILT THOU ACCEPT MY HAND--OR A FATE SUCH AS THEIRS!



THOU MAKEST A MOCKERY OF THY SUIT!

LOVE IS LESS THAN LOVE, IF IT BE NOT FREELY GIVEN!

THOU ART BRAVE, NOBLE BALDER!

BUT THE POWER IS MINE!



AND, SPEAKING OF POWER, HOW'S THIS FOR A CATASTROPHIC COMBO--?

THE MANGOG LIFTS ME FROM THE PIT AS THOUGH I AM WEIGHTLESS!

SURELY HE IS THE MASTER OF A HUNDRED SUCH AS ULIK!



BETTER I HAD PERISHED, THAN TO SET THE MANGOG FREE!

IN ALL THE SPINNING COSMOS--THERE CAN BE NO SAFETY NOW!



HEAR ME, LORD OF ASGARD! WHERE'ERE THOU ART, THE MANGOG SOON SHALL FIND THEE!



AND THEN SHALL COME THY RAGNAROK--THE DEATH OF ALL THY UNIVERSE!



NEVER HATH MY SOUL FELT SUCH DIRE APPREHENSION!

WHERE IS THY SUMMONS, REGAL SIRE?

WHERE IS THE VOICE OF ODIN?