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SHALL A GOD  
PREVAIL!

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**THE MIGHTY THOR!**

# SHALL A GOD PREVAIL?

SEARCHING FOR THE DREAD GALACTUS AMIDST THE LIMITLESS REACHES OF SPACE, MIGHTY THOR AND THE EMOTIONLESS RECORDER ARE HELPLESSLY FLUNG INTO AN AIRLESS VACUUM WHEN THEIR STARSHIP IS SHATTERED BY THE BATTLE BETWEEN GALACTUS AND THE LIVING PLANET EGO...!!

AND SO THEY DRIFT... SILENTLY... ENDLESSLY... WHILE A UNIVERSE TOTTERS...!



PRODUCED  
and IMMORTALIZED  
BY:

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

EMBELLISHMENT:  
VINCE COLLETTA  
LETTERING:  
SAM ROSEN

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TWO THERE ARE WHO HAVE SURVIVED THE HOLOCAUST!

LET THEM NOW BE BROUGHT ABOARD!





LET THEM  
NOW BE  
BROUGHT  
ABOARD!

TWO THERE  
ARE WHO HAVE  
*SURVIVED*  
THE HOLOCAUST!



WITHIN SECONDS, THE TWO SILENT FIGURES ARE SWIFTLY DRAWN INTO THE PRESSURIZED BOWELS OF A GIGANTIC VACU-CYLINDER...

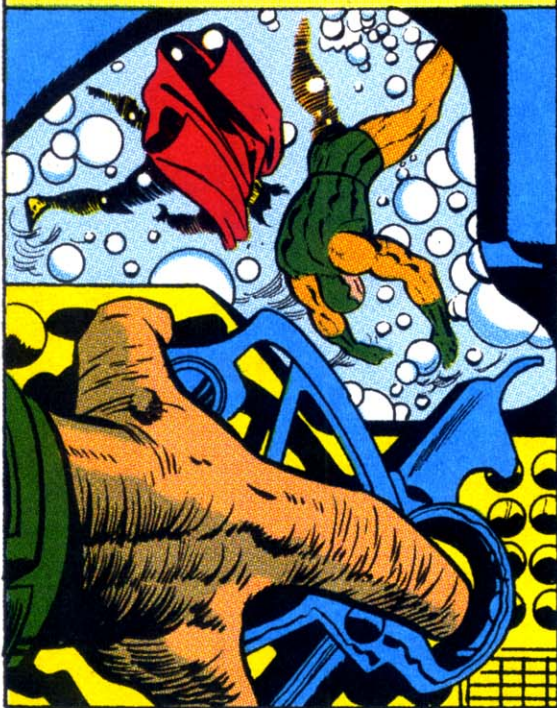


...LEADING TO A HIGH-VELOCITY PNEUMATIC-TUBE...



WHICH SPEEDS THEM EVER DEEPER INTO THE CORE OF THE MIGHTY SHIP...

...UNTIL THEY ARE FINALLY HURLED INTO A SHIELDED CHAMBER, FILLED WITH A BUBBLING SOLUTION OF THERAPEUTIC VITA-LIQUID...!!



THEY MUST BE REVIVED!

OF ALL THE SPACECRAFT IN THIS SECTOR... ONLY THEY HAD A DEFINITE DESTINATION!

TOO LONG HAVE WE BEEN AIMLESS WANDERERS!



WE SHALL MAKE THEIR GOAL... OUR OWN!

**BUT NEVER BEFORE DID A GOAL SUCH AS THIS EXIST! NEVER BEFORE DID TWO SUCH MULTI-POWERED ENTITIES AS THE PLANET-DEVOURING GALACTUS, AND EGO, THE LIVING BIOVERSE, FACE EACH OTHER IN DESPERATE BATTLE--!**

THOUGH YOU  
DEEM YOURSELF  
**INVISIBLE** WITHIN  
YOUR FLYING **VISI-  
SPHERE**...

**STILL SHALL THE  
COSMIC DESTRUCTI-  
BLAST OF THE LIVING  
PLANET HURL YOU FROM  
ME LIKE A HAPLESS CHUNK  
OF SPACE DEBRIS!**





NEVER BEFORE HAS GALACTUS FACED POWER INCALCULABLE SUCH AS THAT OF EGO!

BUT NEVER HAS THE ULTIMATE TRIUMPH NOT BEEN MINE!

WHAT MADNESS DO YOU MOUTH?

YOU ARE BUT A SINGLE BEING... AND I A WORLD ENTIRE!



THE WORDS YOU SPEAK ARE TRUE!

IN 'ALL OF SPACE... I STAND ALONE!!

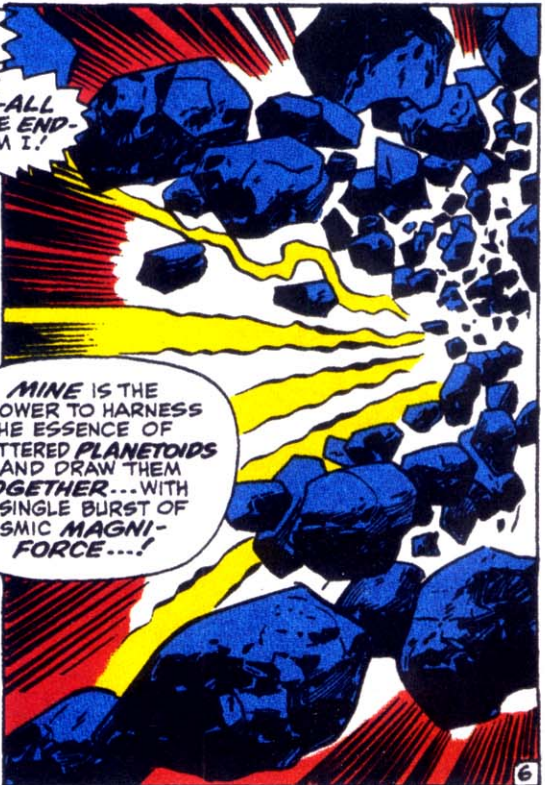
BUT, I HAVE NO NEED FOR AN ALLY...



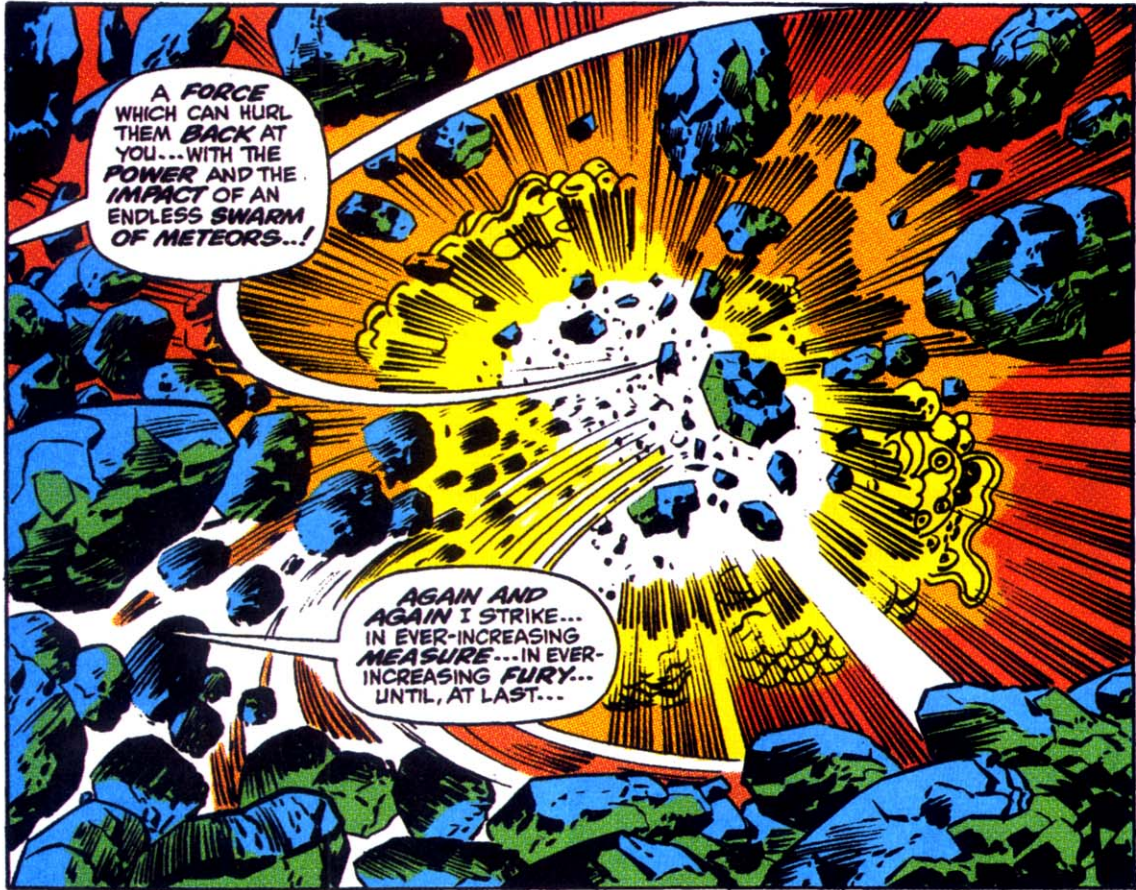
FOR I AM GALACTUS!!

THE BE-ALL AND THE END-ALL AM I!

MINE IS THE POWER TO HARNESS THE ESSENCE OF SHATTERED PLANETIDS ... AND DRAW THEM TOGETHER... WITH A SINGLE BURST OF COSMIC MAGNI-FORCE...!







A FORCE WHICH CAN HURL THEM BACK AT YOU... WITH THE POWER AND THE IMPACT OF AN ENDLESS SWARM OF METEORS...!

AGAIN AND AGAIN I STRIKE... IN EVER-INCREASING MEASURE... IN EVER-INCREASING FURY... UNTIL, AT LAST...



EGO SPEAKS NO MORE!

NOT EVEN A WORLD CAN STAND AGAINST THE WILL OF GALACTUS!!

BUT, WHAT IS THIS? WHAT ISSUES FORTH... FROM THE PLANET'S DEPTHS...??

MONSTROUS LIVING TENTACLES... SPACE-SPANNING FEELERS OF SOLIDIFIED ENERGY!!



THEY SEIZE ME... WITH THE SUDDEN SPEED OF THOUGHT!

AT THAT SELF-SAME INSTANT, IN A STERILE  
MEDI-CHAMBER ABOARD THE SPACE-  
SHIP OF THE MYSTERIOUS WANDERERS...

RECORDER! WE ARE  
WITHIN A DRIFTING  
SPACECRAFT!

I COMPUTE WE HAVE BEEN  
OBSERVED, RESCUED,  
AND HEALED BY UNKNOWN  
BENEFACTORS!

CONCLUSION:  
THEY HAVE SAVED  
US, FOR THEY HAVE  
NEED OF OUR  
SERVICE!

YOU ARE  
AWAKE!  
IT IS  
GOOD!

YOU MAY SPEAK FREELY, SINCE  
WE HAVE STUDIED YOUR TONGUE  
WITH OUR TRANSLATO-RAY  
WHILE YOU DID SLEEP!

WHO  
ART THOU  
---AND HOW  
BE YOU  
CALLED?

WE ARE THE  
WANDERERS...  
SO NAMED  
BECAUSE WE  
HAVE WANDERED  
THE SPACEWAYS  
FOR AGES  
UNTOLD!

NEVER SHALL WE REST TILL  
WE HAVE FOUND GALACTUS...  
AND EXACT DIRE VENGEANCE  
FOR THAT WHICH HE HAS DONE!

WE HAD BEEN FOLLOWING  
YOUR SHIP... HOPING  
YOU WOULD LEAD US TO  
OUR ACCURSED PREY!

OBSERVATION! YOU  
MUST ABANDON YOUR  
QUEST! HE IS TOO DEADLY!  
HE WILL DESTROY YOU!

HOW DO YOU  
SPEAK WITH SUCH  
CERTAINTY?

BECAUSE I  
AM... THE  
RECORDER!

I OBSERVE ALL... I  
RECORD ALL! AND, WHAT  
IS RECORDED, I DO  
COMPUTE!

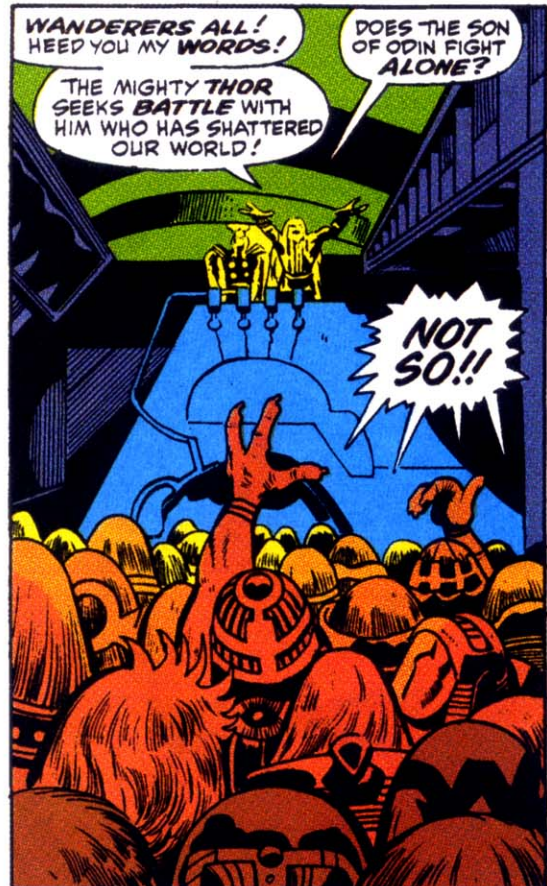
SUCH IS MY  
FUNCTION...  
SUCH IS MY  
FATE!



I BE SON OF ODIN... IMMORTAL OF ASGARD..!

SAY NO MORE, GOD OF THUNDER, EVEN IN THE MOST REMOTE CORNER OF THE COSMOS, THE NAME OF THOR IS SPOKE IN WHISPERS!

WE BRING YOU NOW TO THE CHAMBER OF DECISION!



WANDERERS ALL! HEED YOU MY WORDS!

DOES THE SON OF ODIN FIGHT ALONE?

THE MIGHTY THOR SEEKS BATTLE WITH HIM WHO HAS SHATTERED OUR WORLD!

NOT SO!!



I DO LAUD THY VALOR... BUT FEAR FOR THY LIVES!

THOU ART BUT A HANDFUL... TO BE DISPOSED OF BY GALACTUS WITH NAUGHT BUT A SHRUG!

WHILST I, IN TRUTH, AM GOD OF THUNDER!!

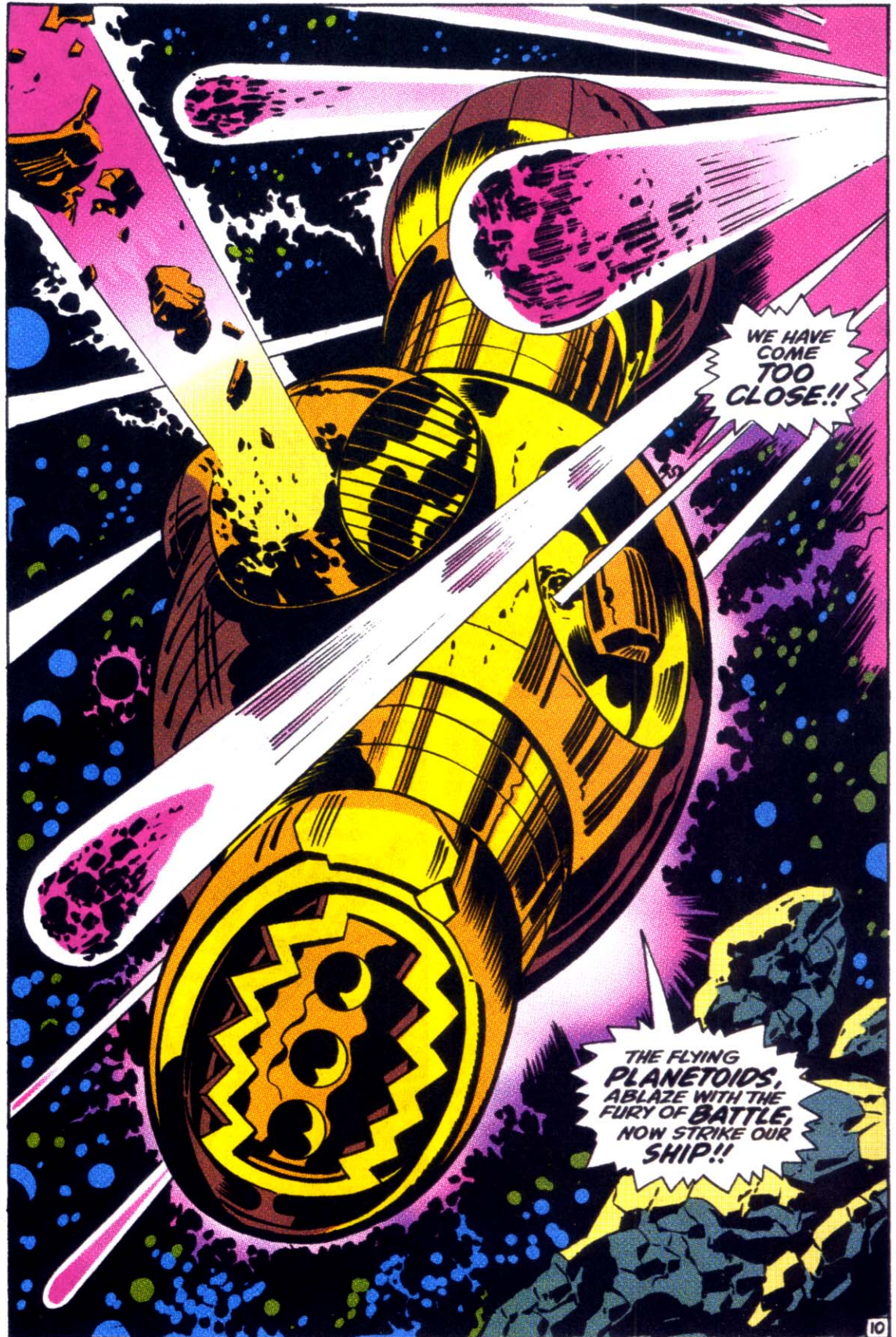


BUT SUDDENLY, EVEN AS THE ASGARDIAN SPEAKS...

TO YOUR STATIONS, ALL!

GALACTIC UPHEAVAL AHEAD!

WE HAVE FOUND GALACTUS!!



**WE HAVE  
COME  
TOO  
CLOSE!!**

**THE FLYING  
PLANETOIDS,  
ABLAZE WITH THE  
FURY OF BATTLE,  
NOW STRIKE OUR  
SHIP!!**



WHILST WE, SILENT  
AND UNSEEN, PREPARE  
TO FACE THE FEARSOME  
FOE...!!



OBSERVATION!  
THE MOMENT IS  
NIGH! NOW LET  
A UNIVERSE  
TREMBLE!

DEDUCTION!  
YOU ARE THUNDER-  
STRUCK BY THE  
SIGHT THAT LOOMS  
BEFORE YOU!

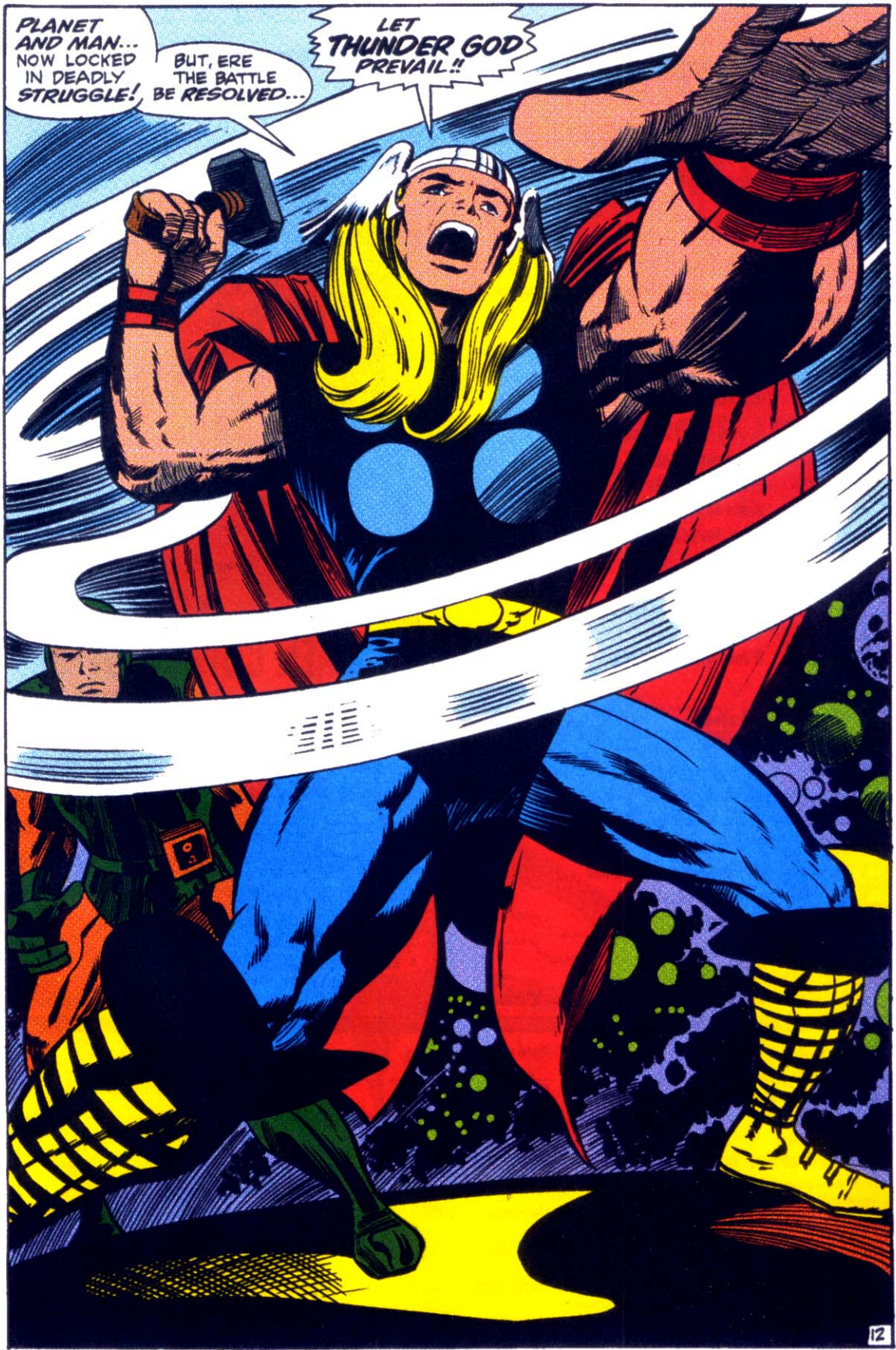


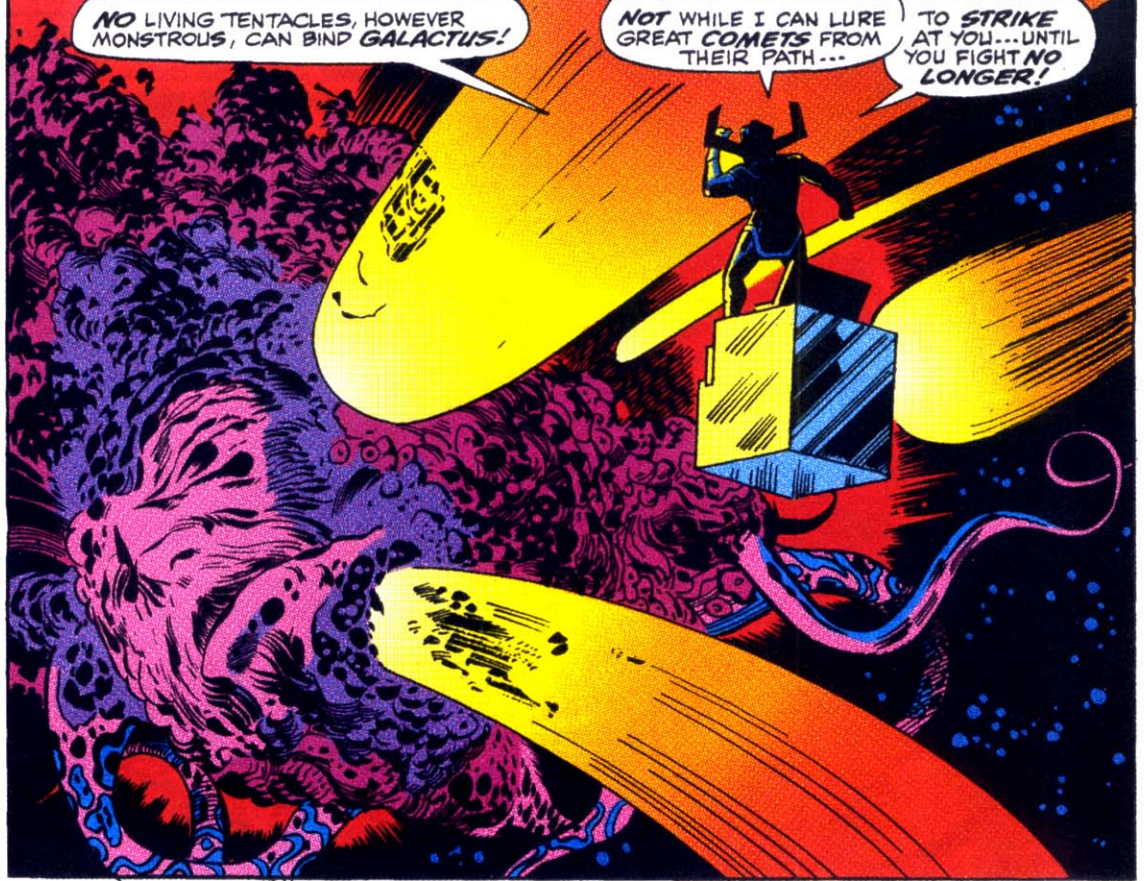
I SWEAR  
BY ASGARD!!  
NEVER  
HAVE I SEEN  
THE LIKE!!

PLANET  
AND MAN...  
NOW LOCKED  
IN DEADLY  
STRUGGLE!

BUT, ERE  
THE BATTLE  
BE RESOLVED...

LET  
THUNDER GOD  
PREVAIL!!





**NO LIVING TENTACLES, HOWEVER MONSTROUS, CAN BIND GALACTUS!**

**NOT WHILE I CAN LURE GREAT COMETS FROM THEIR PATH...**

**TO STRIKE AT YOU...UNTIL YOU FIGHT NO LONGER!**



**OBSERVATION! THE TIDE HAS TURNED! TRIUMPH IS WITHIN GALACTUS' REACH!**

**I SAY THEE NAY!**

**STAND BACK... WHILST THOR PREPARES TO ACT!**

**WHILST A UNIVERSE DOTH LIE AT STAKE...THE GOD OF THUNDER SHALL NOT FAIL!**

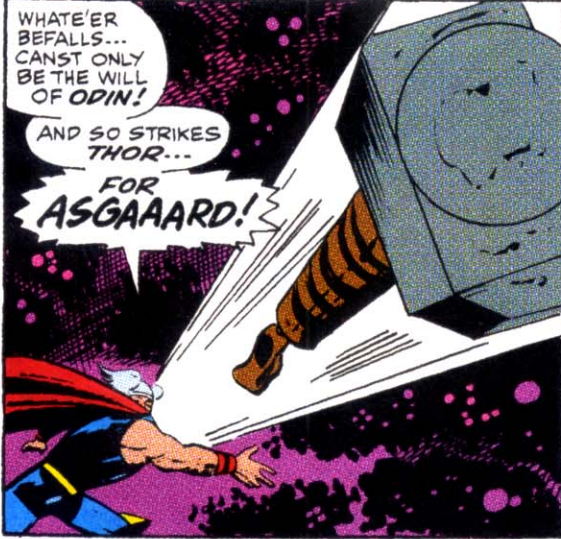


**PERMA-CIRCUITS ACTIVATED FOR MAXIMUM RECORDING!**

**ALL THAT TRANSPIRES SHALL BE IMPRESSED UPON MY ELECTRONIC BRAIN!**

**BUT, SON OF ODIN... HAVE A CARE...**

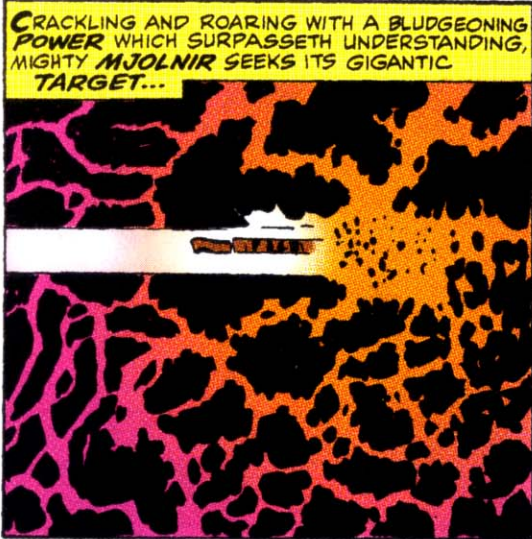
**LET ME NOT RECORD... YOUR DEATH!!**



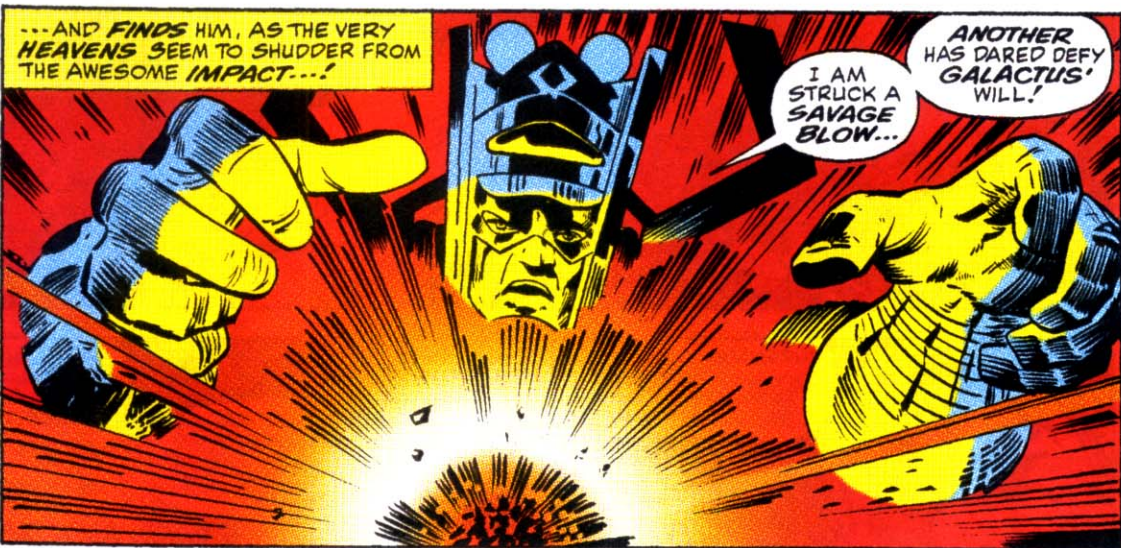
WHATE'ER BEFALLS...  
CANST ONLY  
BE THE WILL  
OF OPIN!

AND SO STRIKES  
THOR...

FOR  
ASGAAARD!



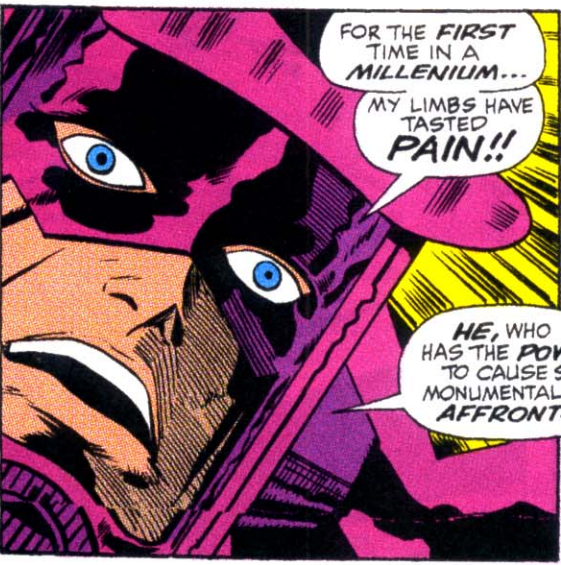
CRACKLING AND ROARING WITH A BLUDGEONING  
POWER WHICH SURPASSETH UNDERSTANDING,  
MIGHTY MJOLNIR SEEKS ITS GIGANTIC  
TARGET...



... AND FINDS HIM, AS THE VERY  
HEAVENS SEEM TO SHUDDER FROM  
THE AWESOME IMPACT...!

I AM  
STRUCK A  
SAVAGE  
BLOW...

ANOTHER  
HAS DARED DEFY  
GALACTUS'  
WILL!



FOR THE FIRST  
TIME IN A  
MILLENNIUM...

MY LIMBS HAVE  
TASTED  
PAIN!!

HE, WHO  
HAS THE POWER  
TO CAUSE SO  
MONUMENTAL AN  
AFFRONT...



SUCH IS THE  
WILL OF  
GALACTUS!

...MUST  
FORTHWITH  
PERISH!!



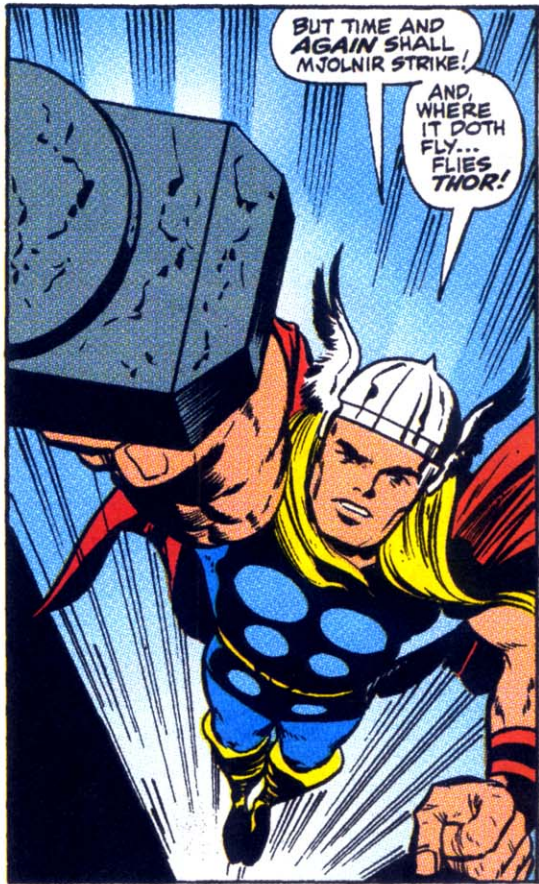


HE STILL DOTH STAND!

NOT E'EN ENCHANTED MJOLNIR COULD FELL HIM WITH A SINGLE BLOW!

OBSERVATION! IF YOUR HAMMER FAILS---

NAUGHT SHALL REMAIN THAT I MAY RECORD!



BUT TIME AND AGAIN SHALL MJOLNIR STRIKE!

AND WHERE IT DOTH FLY... FLIES THOR!

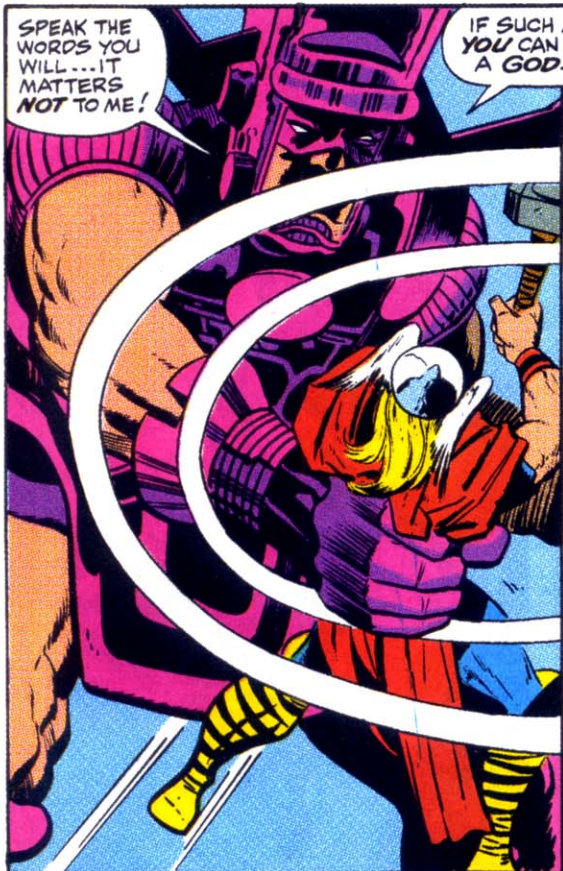


BY A HUMAN-FORM GNAT AM I BESET!



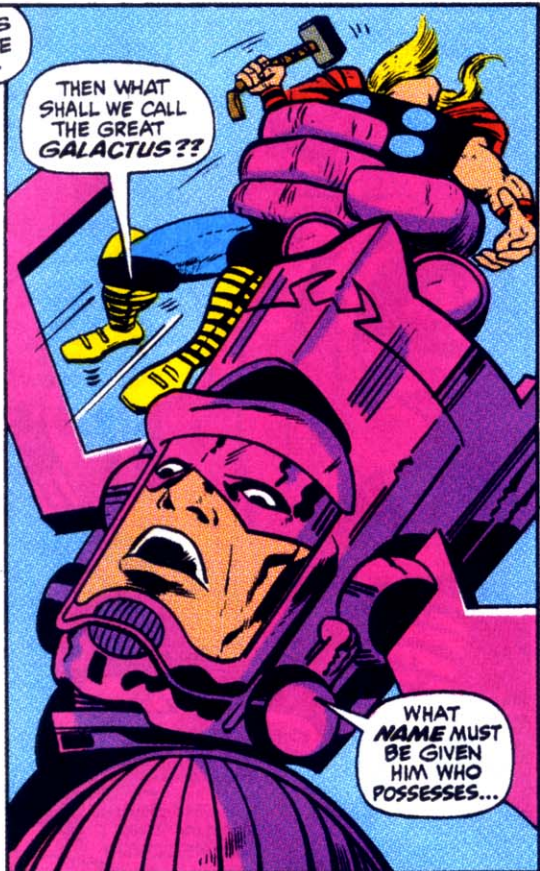
A GNAT MAYHAR...

...BUT WITH THE POWER OF A GOD!



SPEAK THE WORDS YOU WILL...IT MATTERS **NOT** TO ME!

IF SUCH AS YOU CAN BE A GOD...



THEN WHAT SHALL WE CALL THE GREAT **GALACTUS??**

WHAT **NAME** MUST BE GIVEN HIM WHO POSSESSES...



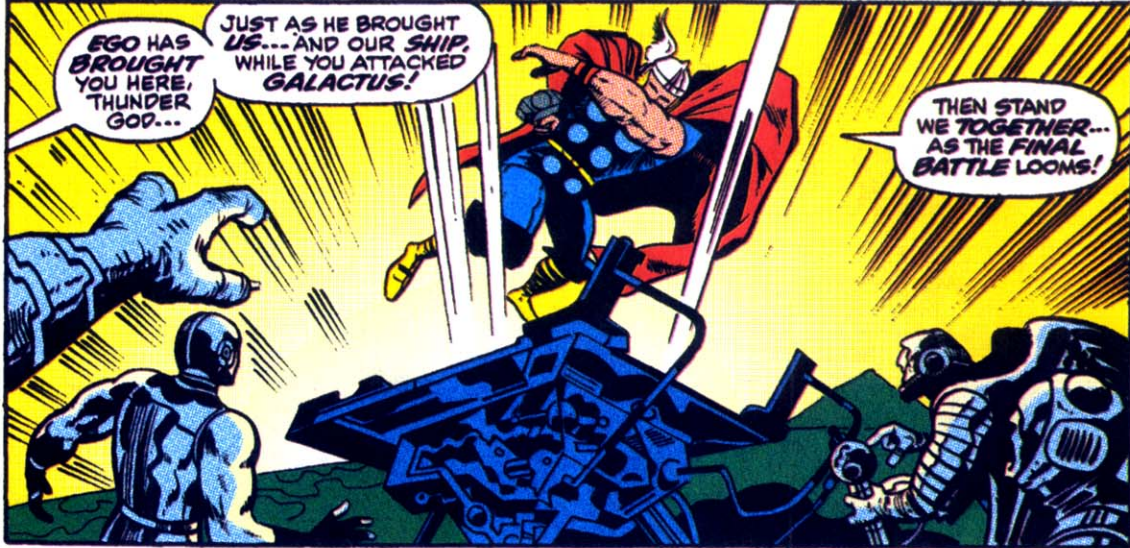
**POWER ABSOLUTE!!**

I AM **HURLED** TO YON LIVING PLANET WITH A FORCE THAT IS MEANT TO **SLAY** ME!



BUT ANOTHER FORCE DOETH STRANGELY **RISE** TO MEET ME--!

THE WORLD **BELOW** HATH MOVED TO **STAY** MY FALL!



EGO HAS BROUGHT YOU HERE, THUNDER GOD...

JUST AS HE BROUGHT US... AND OUR SHIP, WHILE YOU ATTACKED GALACTUS!

THEN STAND WE TOGETHER... AS THE FINAL BATTLE LOOMS!



OBSERVATION! THE WISE MAN DOES NOT FIGHT IN VAIN!

PROPOSITION! THOUGH WE MUST FALL... CAN YOU NOT ESCAPE... THRU FLIGHT?

SPEAK NOT TO THOR OF BASE ESCAPE!

SHALL I SURVIVE ... WHILST OTHERS FALL?

I SAY THEE NAY!



THEN GOD AND WANDERER ALIKE HAVE COME TO JOURNEY'S END!

TOGETHER WE STRIVED! TOGETHER WE DIE!

GALACTUS HAS WON... THE ULTIMATE VICTORY!



IS IT FOR THIS WE HAVE ENDURED FOR AGES? FOR THIS WE HAVE CROSSED THE LIMITLESS GALAXIES?

HERE TO STAND... ON A PLANET OF DEATH... AND SUC-CUMB TO GALACTUS TOGETHER!!

NEVER... WHILST THOR DOTH ENDURE!!

THE SON OF ODIN IS NOT SO SIMPLY VANQUISHED!



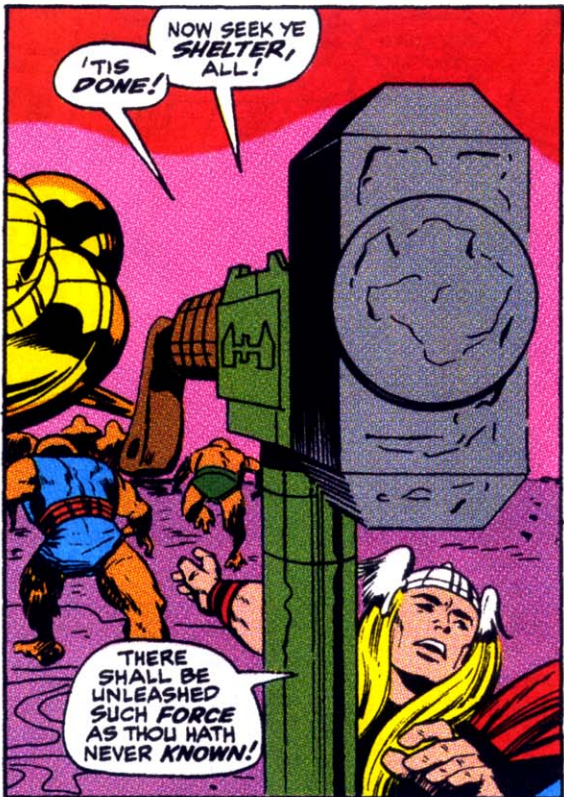
STILL HAVE I THE MYSTIC MJOLNIR!

STILL THE POWER WHICH TRANSCENDETH ALL!!



FROM THY CRIPPLED SHIP WE SHALL ERECT A STAND...

...TO HOUSE YON MIGHTY MALLET!



'TIS DONE!  
NOW SEEK YE SHELTER, ALL!

THERE SHALL BE UNLEASHED SUCH FORCE AS THOU HATH NEVER KNOWN!



IN THE NAME OF ODIN... I DO THEE GRASP!!

NOW... WHILST THE THUNDER ROARS... WHILST THE STORM DOTH RAGE...

LET THE GODLY STRENGTH OF THOR BE ONE WITH THE HAMMER SUPREME!!



AND, SINCE SUCH SURGING POWER MUST EVER BE RELEASED...

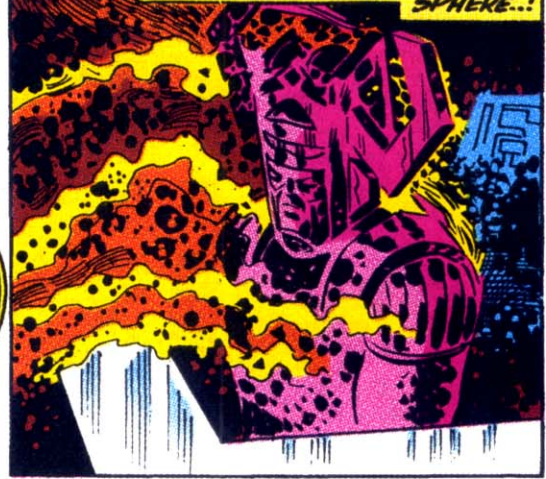
AT MY COMMAND... I HURL IT FORTH... THAT IT MAY SMITE GALACTUS!

**WITHIN THE SPACE OF A SINGLE ASTRO-SECOND, A CATAclySMIC SURGE OF ASGARDIAN ENERGY LASHES OUT...**

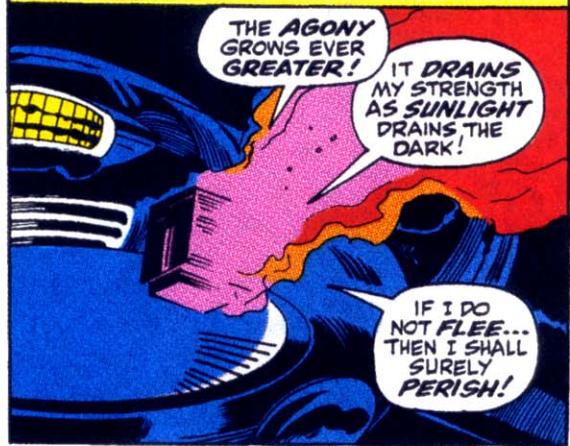


...ENGULFING THE GREAT GALACTUS WITH BANDS OF BLUDGEONING FORCE-WAVES...!

**...WAVES WHICH HURL HIM HELPLESSLY BACK... BACK TO THE TEMPORAL SHELTER OF HIS QUIVERING VISI-SPHERE...!**



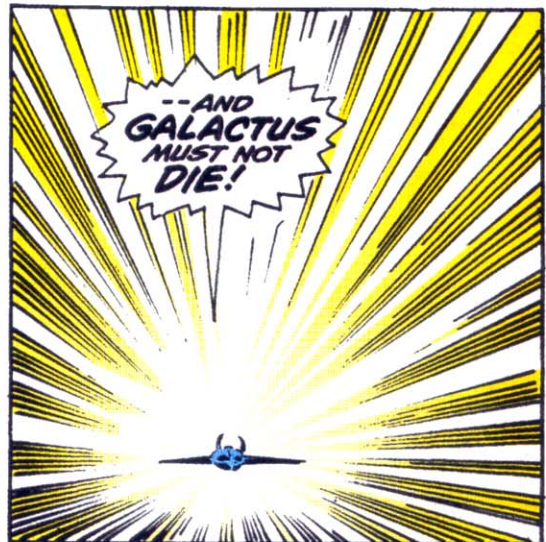
**BUT, STILL THE PRESSURE GROWS... FORCING THE INVADER, WITH HIS SHUDDERING SHIP, TO SEEK THE SHELTER OF HIS GIANT STAR CRAFT, WHICH LIES DRIFTING AT THE GALAXY'S EDGE...**



THE AGONY GROWS EVER GREATER!

IT DRAINS MY STRENGTH AS SUNLIGHT DRAINS THE DARK!

IF I DO NOT FLEE... THEN I SHALL SURELY PERISH!



--AND GALACTUS MUST NOT DIE!

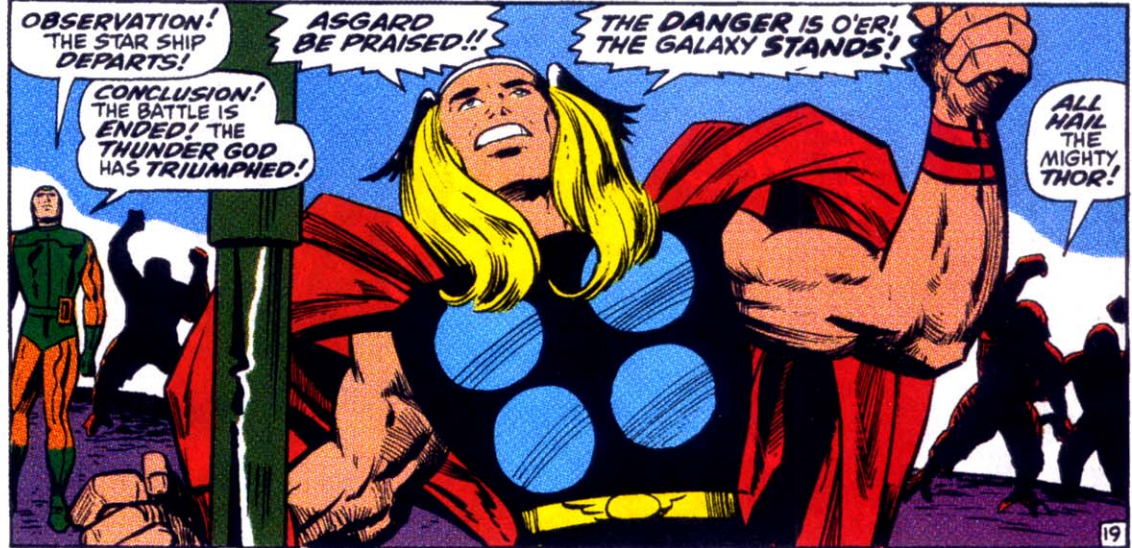
**OBSERVATION! THE STAR SHIP DEPARTS!**

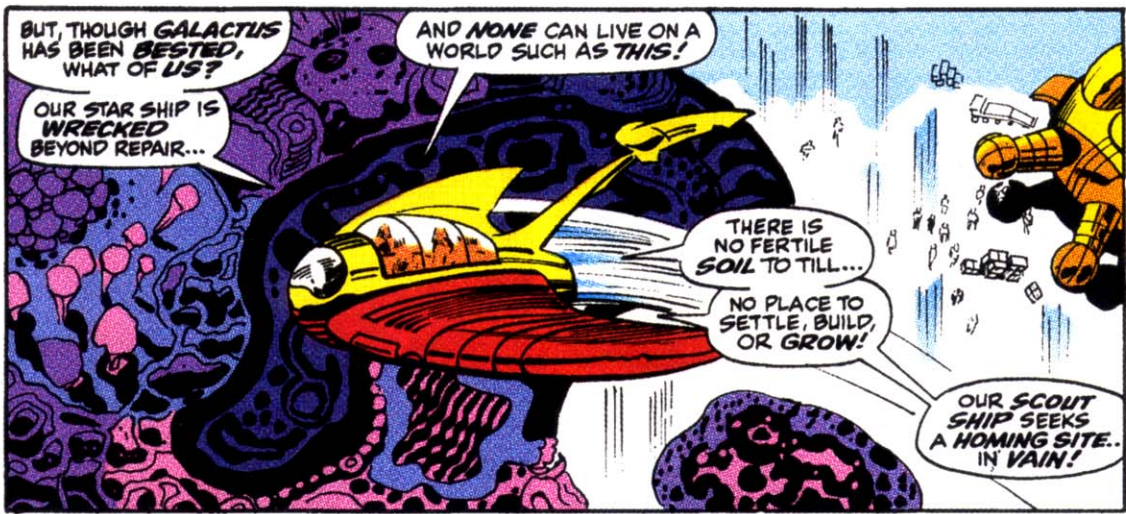
**ASGARD BE PRAISED!!**

**THE DANGER IS O'ER! THE GALAXY STANDS!**

**CONCLUSION! THE BATTLE IS ENDED! THE THUNDER GOD HAS TRIUMPHED!**

**ALL HAIL THE MIGHTY THOR!**





BUT, THOUGH GALACTUS HAS BEEN BESTED, WHAT OF US?

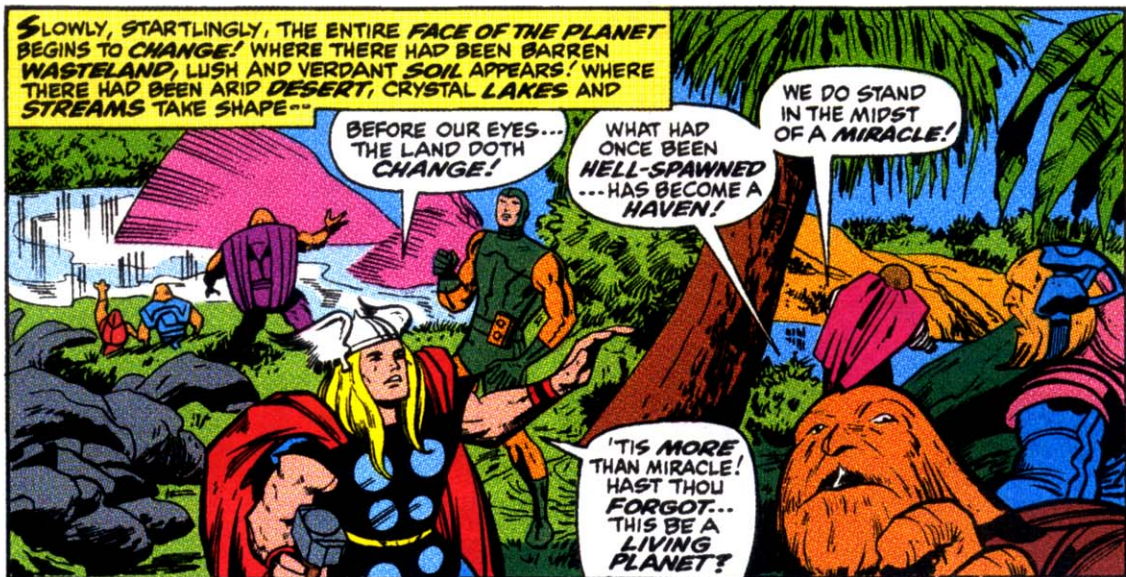
OUR STAR SHIP IS WRECKED BEYOND REPAIR...

AND NONE CAN LIVE ON A WORLD SUCH AS THIS!

THERE IS NO FERTILE SOIL TO TILL...

NO PLACE TO SETTLE, BUILD, OR GROW!

OUR SCOUT SHIP SEEKS A HOMING SITE.. IN VAIN!



SLOWLY, STARTLINGLY, THE ENTIRE FACE OF THE PLANET BEGINS TO CHANGE! WHERE THERE HAD BEEN BARREN WASTELAND, LUSH AND VERDANT SOIL APPEARS! WHERE THERE HAD BEEN ARID DESERT, CRYSTAL LAKES AND STREAMS TAKE SHAPE--

BEFORE OUR EYES... THE LAND DOETH CHANGE!

WHAT HAD ONCE BEEN HELL-SPAWNED --- HAS BECOME A HAVEN!

WE DO STAND IN THE MIDST OF A MIRACLE!

'TIS MORE THAN MIRACLE! HAST THOU FORGOT... THIS BE A LIVING PLANET?



BEHOLD! A FIGURE NOW DOETH SEEM TO RISE... FROM THE VERY GROUND BELOW!

YOU HAVE GIVEN ME THE GIFT OF LIFE!

NOW I SAY TO YOU... CAN I DO LESS?



THY FACE! I HAVE SEEN THY COUNTENANCE BEFORE!

I AM... EGO!



FOR WHAT HAS HERE BEEN DONE THIS DAY... I GRANT YOU SANCTUARY!

WANDERERS, MAKE OF ME YOUR HOME.. FOREVER!

--UNTIL THE END OF TIME.