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A BATTLE HAS ENDED! THE LEGIONS OF PLUTO HAVE BEEN PUT TO ROUT! AND NOW, TO THE VICTORS BELONGS THEIR MOMENT OF TRIUMPH!

A SAGA OF STRANGE, UNENDING WONDER!

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WHILE THE DRUMS BEAT AND THE TRUMPETS BLARE, SEEMINGLY ENDLESS RANKS OF MARCHING TROOPS PASS IN REVIEW...TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE SAVED A PLANET!



BUT, AFTER THE CEREMONY HAS DRAWN TO A CLOSE--

LOOKS LIKE THAT'S THE LAST OF 'EM!

YOU THREE MUST BE POOPED FROM STANDIN' MOTIONLESS LIKE THAT FOR OVER AN HOUR!

WE MERELY DID WHAT MUST BE DONE!

AND NOW-- ANOTHER TASK AWAITS!



WITHIN YONDER BUILDING IS AN UNKNOWN BEING--

YOU MEAN THERE'S SOMEONE STILL INSIDE THE CITY'S ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTER??

ONE WHOSE POWERS ARE SO UNCANNY-- THAT PLUTO HIMSELF DIDST FEAR HIM!

SOMEONE, OR MAYHAP-- SOME THING!



NOW, BY THY LEAVE--WE SHALL HIE OURSELVES THENCE--

YOU'RE ALL FREE AGENTS! I HAVEN'T THE AUTHORITY TO PREVENT YOU FROM RISKING YOUR NECKS!

BUT REMEMBER, MISTER--WHATEVER YOU MAY FIND IN THERE IS GOVERNMENT PROPERTY--

IF IT BE AS DANGEROUS AS I FEAR--

TO LEARN WHAT DREAD SECRET DOTH LIE WITHIN!

BUT, I'LL KEEP MY TROOPS ALERTED-- IN CASE YOU NEED US!

GOOD LUCK, ASGARDIANS-- OR WHATEVER IT IS YOU CALL YOURSELVES!

SO BE CAREFUL NOT TO DAMAGE IT!

MAY ODIN GRANT ME THE POWER-- TO CAUSE IT DAMAGE!

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AND NOW-- THE TIME FOR TALK IS TRULY PAST!

THEN LET US AWAY, MOST NOBLE LORD!

THOR! BEFORE YOU GO INSIDE-- LEVEL WITH ME!

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO FIND --BEHIND THOSE WALLS?

'TIS BEST THAT I DO NOT TELL THEE!

WHY ARE YOU MAKING SUCH A FUSS?



FOR THOU ART MERELY MORTAL!

--BUT, THE ONE I SEEK--IS NOT!

SECONDS LATER, THE MIGHTY GOD OF THUNDER IS FIRST TO ENTER THE SEEMINGLY-DESERTED STRUCTURE--

BEHIND ME-- THE FOOTSTEPS OF BALDER-- AND MY LADY SIF!

WHILST AHEAD OF US LIES-- WHAT??



NOW--WHILE THERE STILL IS TIME-- LET US LEAVE OUR HEROES FOR A MOMENT--AND ENTER THE ENCHANTED DOMAIN OF KARNILLA, QUEEN OF THE NORNS--!

LET HAAG, THE SEERESS, COME FORTH!

KARNILLA HATH USE OF HER MYSTIC BEWITCHMENT!

I HAVE HEARD THY SUMMONS--

AND I AM HERE, MY QUEEN!

I HAVE OFFERED MY HEART TO THE ONE CALLED BALDER--

AND I HAVE BEEN IGNOBLY SPURNED!!

BUT NONE MAY SPURN THE MISTRESS OF THE NORN!

THOU HAST THE ENCHANTED POWER TO EXACT VENGEANCE MOST AWESOME, MY QUEEN!

SEERESS, I SAY THEE NAY!

THE MEDDLING ODIN HATH PLACED HIS WARRIOR BEYOND MY DEADLY REACH!

AND SO I TURN TO THEE, MY CACKLING ONE!

LET US BEGIN! LET US BEGIN!

THE HANDS OF HAAG DO FAIRLY TREMBLE WITH DESIRE--

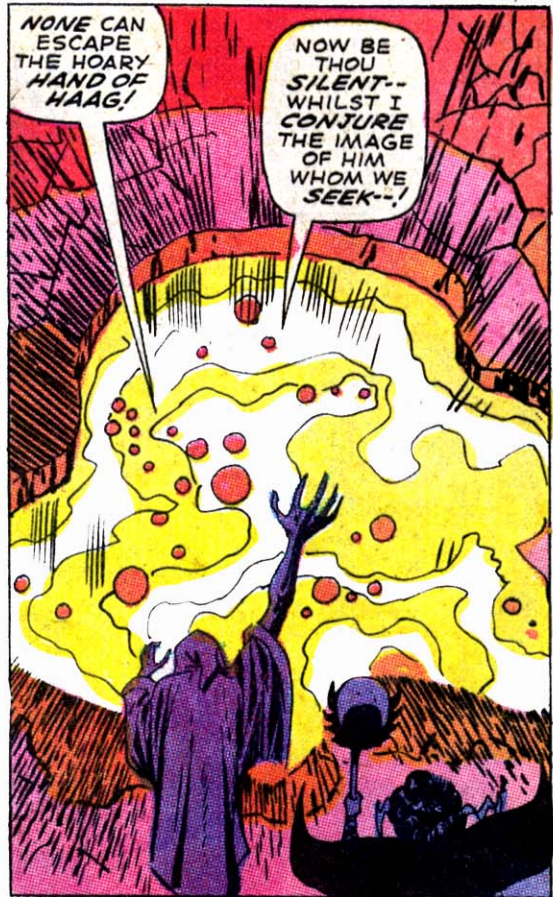
FOR THEY SHALL STRIKE ACCURSED ASGARD ONCE AGAIN!



TO THE SPACE POOL-- THE SPACE POOL!

'TIS THERE THAT WE SHALL FIND HIM!

'TIS THERE THAT I SHALL SEIZE HIM FOR THEE --AND WITH THIS VERY HAND!



NONE CAN ESCAPE THE HOARY HAND OF HAAG!

NOW BE THOU SILENT-- WHILST I CONJURE THE IMAGE OF HIM WHOM WE SEEK--!



'TIS BALDER!!

NOW SHALL I SNATCH HIM FROM THE PLACE CALLED EARTH!

HOLD, ANCIENT CRONE!

ONCE IN VIEW, HE CAN NE'ER ESCAPE!

THUS, LET US WAIT-- I WOULDST BEHOLD WHAT NEXT TRANSPIRES--



AND, A THOUSAND, THOUSAND WORLDS AWAY--

'TIS MOST PASSING STRANGE--

MAN CREATES WONDERS IN ENDLESS PROFUSION--

THINK NOT UPON IT, BRAVE BALDER!

BUT, IN THE SPAN OF A LIFETIME-- CANNOT FIND PEACE!

FOR THERE BE GREAT DANGER AHEAD!

AND YET, ALL IS MOST QUIET! SIF SEES NO MENACE!

BUT WAIT!! NOW--NOW DO I SENSE A MADDENING AURA OF ALIEN POWER!!

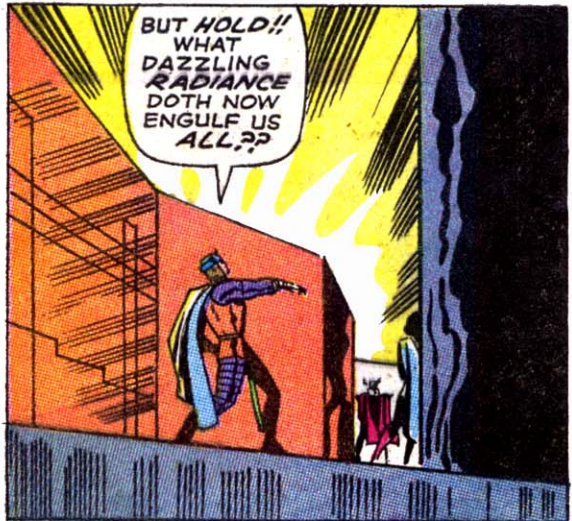


MINE EARS PERCEIVE A SUBTLE SOUND!



A DISTANT HUM--GROWING LOUDER--DEEPER--EVER STRONGER--

METHINKS IT DOETH COME FROM YON CHAMBER AHEAD!

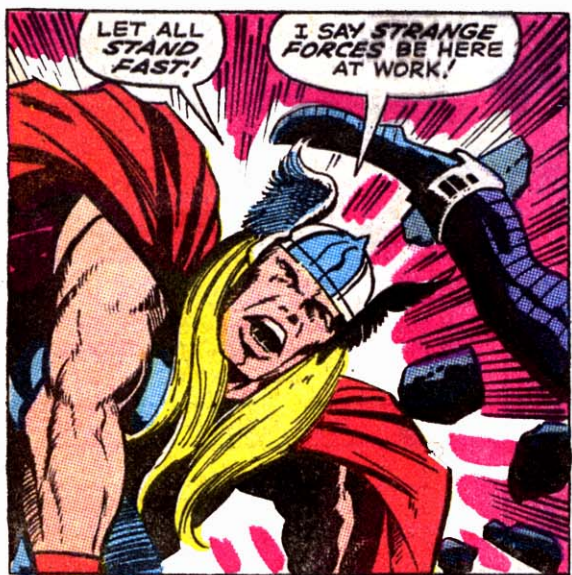


BUT HOLD!! WHAT DAZZLING RADIANCE DOETH NOW ENGULF US ALL??



BAKOOOM!

THE BUILDING DOETH TREMBLE AND SHAKE!!



LET ALL STAND FAST!

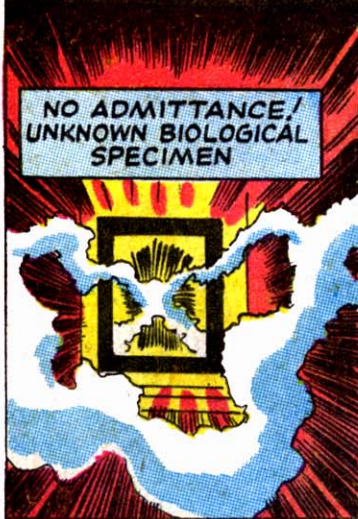
I SAY STRANGE FORCES BE HERE AT WORK!



THERE BE POWER UNLEASHED--SUCH AS MORTALS HAVE NEVER KNOWN!

AND, AT THE END OF THE LONG, GLOWING HALLWAY--

NO ADMITTANCE!
UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL SPECIMEN



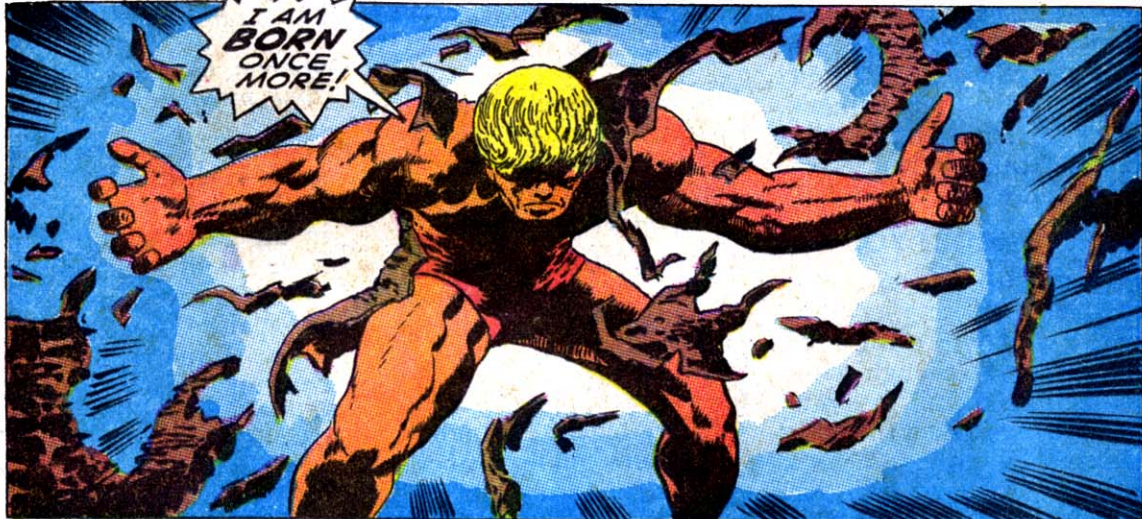
--A FIGURE RISES--AS THOUGH IN ANSWER TO SOME INNER URGING--AS THOUGH HIS TIME HAS FINALLY COME!



A FIGURE WHO BEGINS TO SILENTLY EMERGE--AS FROM A MONSTROUS, GREY COCOON--



I AM BORN ONCE MORE!



BUT, I SENSE THAT IT IS THE PLANET EARTH UPON WHICH I STAND!



WHAT DIABOLICAL DESTINY HAS BROUGHT ME BACK TO THE WORLD I FLED?

BEHOLD!! A FIGURE DOETH SLOWLY APPROACH!

THEN, WHAT'S DONE IS DONE! WE HAVE FOUND THE ONE WE SEEK!

KNOW THOU THAT I BE THOR!

AND NOW --WHAT SAYEST THEE?



I AM LESS
THAN HUMAN--
AND FAR, FAR
MORE
THAN MAN!!

I WAS CREATED
BY THOSE WHO
SOUGHT TO
FATHER A NEW,
ALL-POWERFUL
RACE--

BUT, THEY
WERE
EVIL--
AND I
DESTROYED
THEM!*

NOW, ONLY
I REMAIN--
I, WHO
HAVE
NO NAME--

I, WHO
MUST BE
KNOWN
ONLY AS--
HIM!

*REMEMBER
FANTASTIC FOUR 66 AND
67P THAT'S WHERE IT
HAPPENED, BELIEVER!
--SAGATIOUS STAN.

"I WAS FORMED WITHIN MY LIFE-GIVING COCOON WITHIN THE DEEPEST CAVERNS OF A FAR-OFF ISLE--"

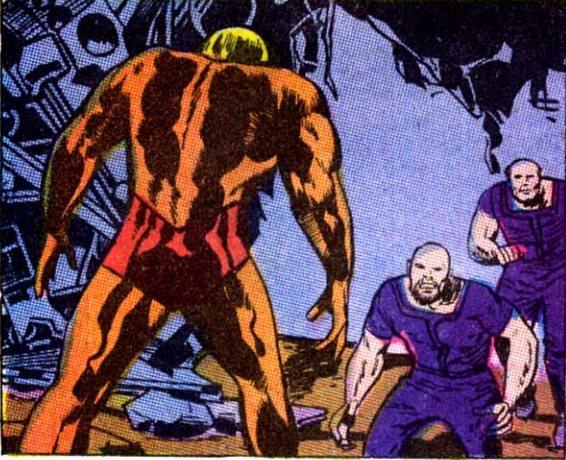


"THOSE WHO CREATED ME, DID SO FOR PURPOSES OF EVIL, WITHIN THEIR HIDDEN CITADEL OF SCIENCE--!"

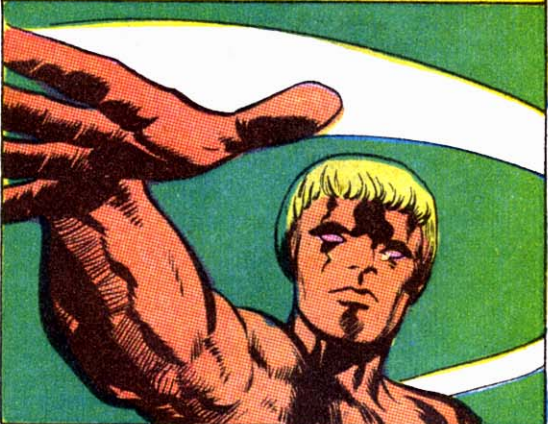


"--AND THAT I KNEW! THUS, WHEN FINALLY I AWOKE--!"

"--I TRAPPED THOSE WHO CALLED THEMSELVES MY MASTERS-- AND SLEW THEM ALL!'"



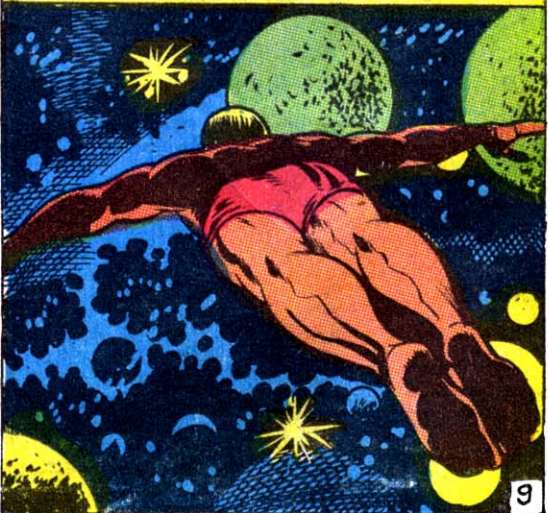
"SICK AT THE THOUGHT OF WHAT I HAD DONE--I WANTED NO MORE CONTACT WITH THE ACCURSED HUMAN RACE! AND SO--"



"I USED THE VERY POWERS WHICH THEY HAD GIVEN ME-- TO LEAVE THE EARTH-- BY THE PEERLESS POWER OF-- THOUGHT!"



"AND I SOUGHT MY DESTINY-- AMONG THE DISTANT STARS!"



"BUT, I WAS SUDDENLY DRAWN INTO STRANGE AND DEADLY SPACE TRAP--"



"--WHERE COLLIDING METEORS EXPLODED ALL ABOUT ME WITH TITANIC IMPACT!"



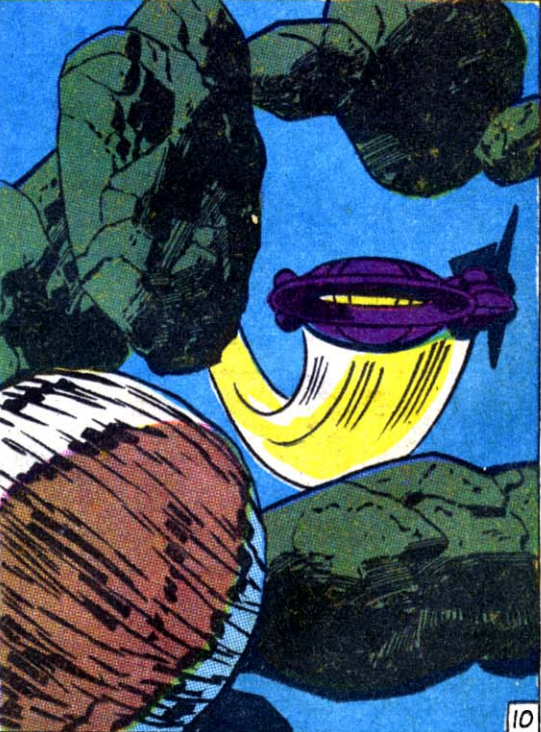
"I KNEW THE LIFE I HAD BEEN GIVEN WOULD SOON BE LOST TO ME, UNLESS--"

"I HAD BUT TO THINK OF IT, AND INSTANTLY A NEW, PROTECTIVE COCOON WAS FORMED ABOUT ME ONCE AGAIN!"



"BUT, BEFORE THE WORLD WAS BLOTTED FROM MY SIGHT--"

"I SAW A SILENT STARSHIP HOVER INTO VIEW--AND THEN, I KNEW NO MORE!"



COMPLETELY ENCASED IN HIS TOTALLY-SHIELDING COCOON, THE BEING KNOWN AS HIM HAS NO MEMORY OF WHAT HAPPENED NEXT----

I HAVE CREATED A HARMLESS SPACE TRAP--

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CATCHING AND STUDYING STRAY METEORS FROM FAR DISTANT WORLDS!

HOWEVER, WE ARE FAR MORE FORTUNATE! WHILE HIM LIES DORMANT IN AIRLESS SPACE--WE CAN SEE THE AWESOME WATCHER-- DRAWING EVER CLOSER--

BUT NEVER DID I DREAM A FELLOW LIVING BEING WOULD COME TO HARM WITHIN ITS RANGE!

I AM THE WATCHER--SWORN TO ROAM THE ENDLESS GALAXIES-- TO STUDY AND OBSERVE!

BUT NEVER MAY I INTERFERE IN THE INCOMPREHENSIBLE AFFAIRS OF OTHERS!

AND YET-- THOUGH IT WAS DONE UNWITTINGLY --I HAVE ALTERED THE COURSE OF ANOTHER'S LIFE!

THUS, ONCE AGAIN A MOCKING FATE COMPELS ME TO VIOLATE MY OATH!

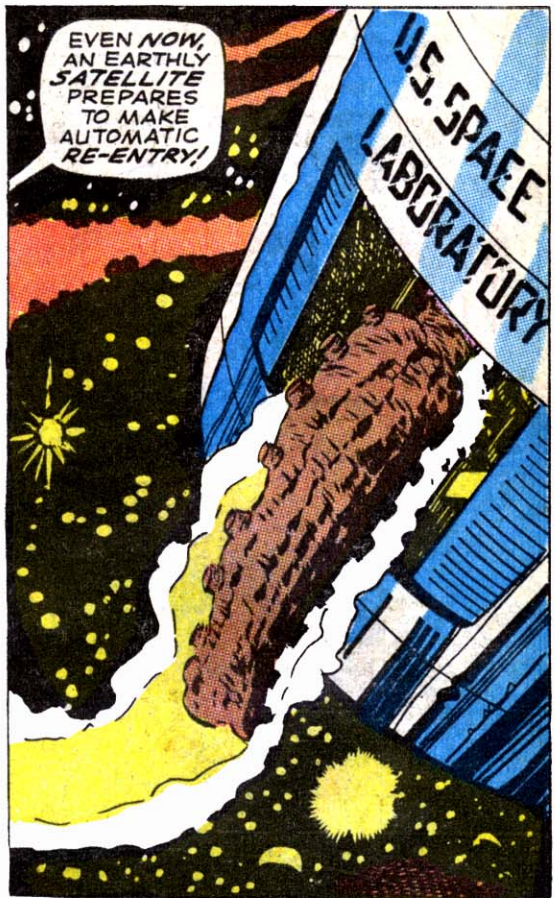
ONCE AGAIN--THE WATCHER MUST TAMPER WITH THAT WHICH IS--

AND CHANGE THE FICKLE FABRIC OF WHAT MAY BE!



FROM EARTH HE CAME!

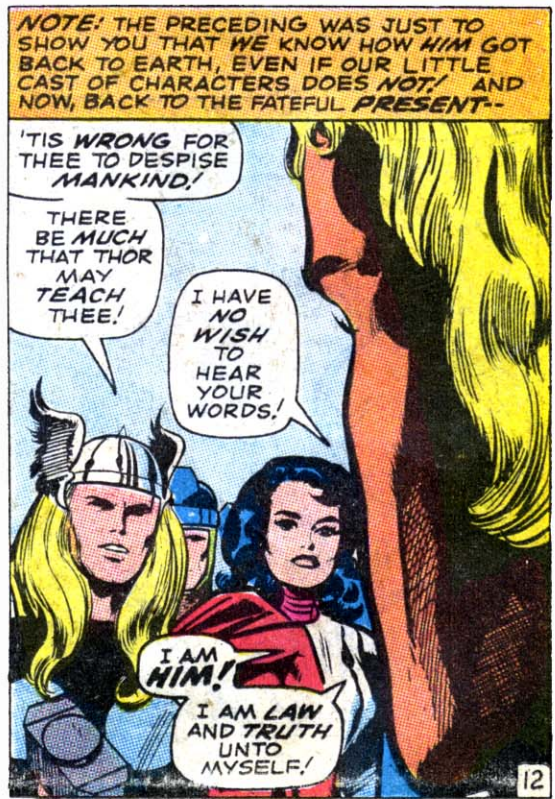
THUS, TO EARTH MUST HE BE RETURNED!



EVEN NOW, AN EARTHLY SATELLITE PREPARES TO MAKE AUTOMATIC RE-ENTRY!



--AND WHEN IT DOES--HE WHO INHABITS THE COCOON SHALL BE WITHIN!



NOTE! THE PRECEDING WAS JUST TO SHOW YOU THAT WE KNOW HOW HIM GOT BACK TO EARTH, EVEN IF OUR LITTLE CAST OF CHARACTERS DOES NOT! AND NOW, BACK TO THE FATEFUL PRESENT--

'TIS WRONG FOR THEE TO DESPISE MANKIND!

THERE BE MUCH THAT THOR MAY TEACH THEE!

I HAVE NO WISH TO HEAR YOUR WORDS!

I AM HIM!

I AM LAW AND TRUTH UNTO MYSELF!

BUT, I AM LONELY!
I DESIRE ONE TO
BE MY MATE!

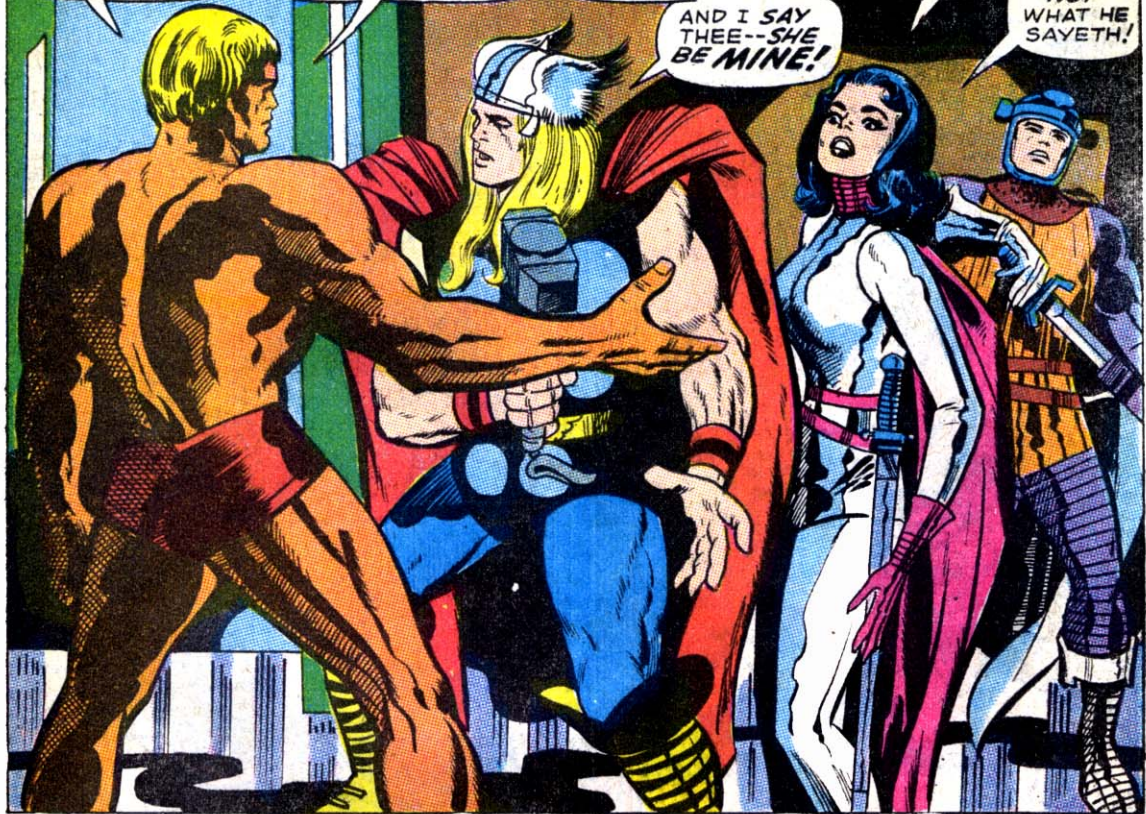
SHE IS PLEASANT
TO MY EYES! THUS
I DO CHOOSE HER!

THOU ART MAD!
SHE BE THE
GODDESS SIF!

HE IS LIKE
AN INFANT
CHILD!

HE KNOWS
NOT
WHAT HE
SAYETH!

AND I SAY
THEE--SHE
BE MINE!



THERE IS
NO MORE
NEED FOR
WORDS!

I HAVE
NO WISH
TO HARM
YOU--SO
YOU MUST
GO!

IT IS ONLY
THE ONE
CALLED SIF
WHO SHALL
REMAIN!

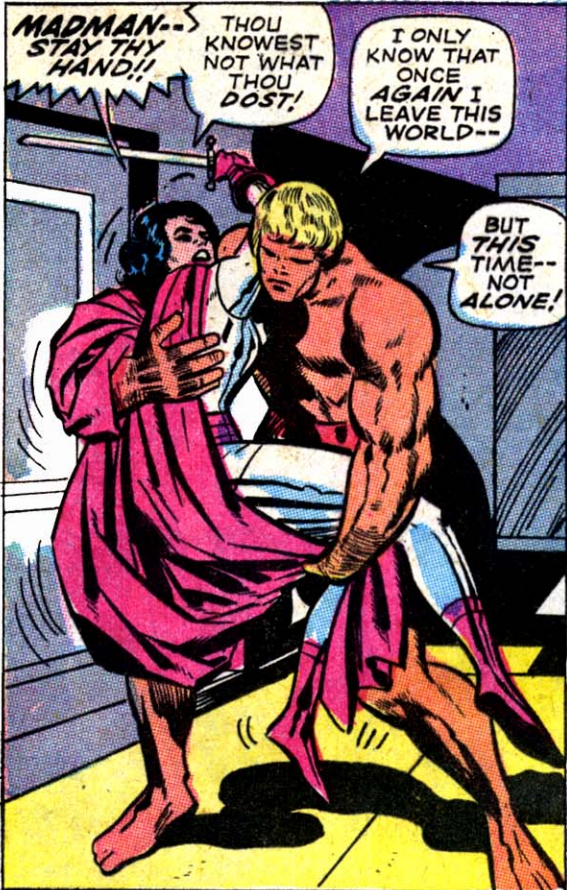


FORSOOTH!!
I WARN THEE--
DO NOT ANGER
THOR!

ANGER? I KNOW
NOT--I CARE NOT--
OF SUCH PETTY
EMOTION!

SIF MUST
BE MINE!
THERE ARE NONE
WHO MAY OPPOSE
ME!





**MADMAN--
STAY THY
HAND!!**

THOU
KNOWEST
NOT WHAT
THOU
DOST!

I ONLY
KNOW THAT
ONCE
AGAIN I
LEAVE THIS
WORLD--

BUT
THIS
TIME--
NOT
ALONE!



I DARE NOT
STRIKE--
WHILST SIF
BE IN HIS
ARMS!

BUT HOLD!
WITH THE
WAVE OF A
HAND--HE
DOTH
CREATE A
SOLAR
VORTEX!



IT SPINS
FASTER--
FASTER--
TILL NOT
E'EN ODIN
COULDST
BID' IT STOP!

AND NOW--
WITH
DEAFENING
ROAR--

**'TIS
GONE!!**



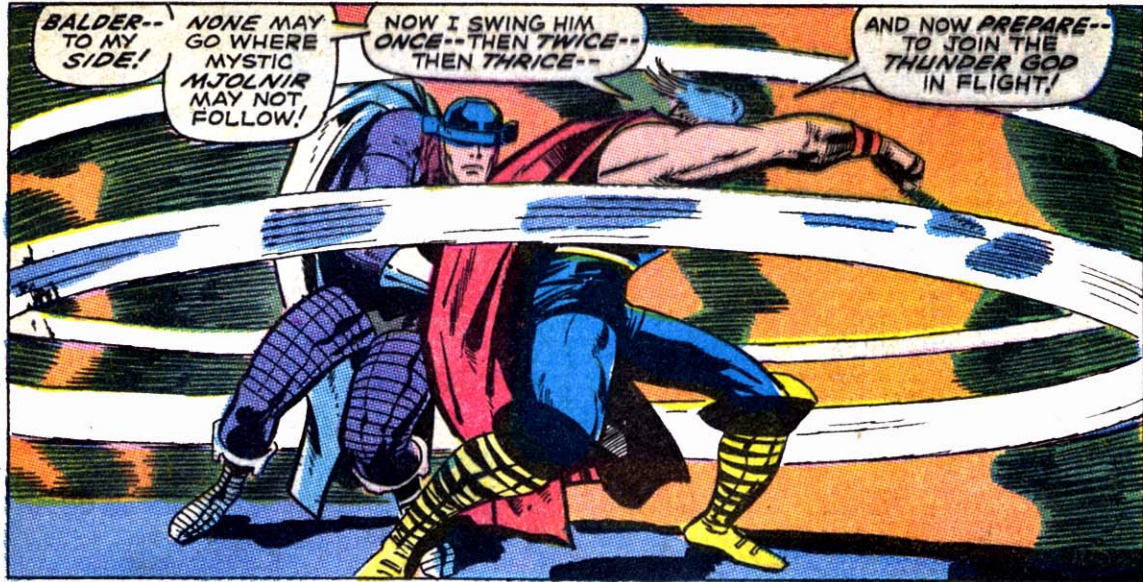
THERE CAN BE BUT
ONE ANSWER--

HEAR ME, MY
LOVE!! I SHALL
FIND THEE!

HE HATH FLED
WITH THY LADY--
TO A DISTANT
DIMENSION!!

LET THE
COSMOS
ITSELF
BEAR
WITNESS--

**THOR
SHALL
FIND
THEE!**

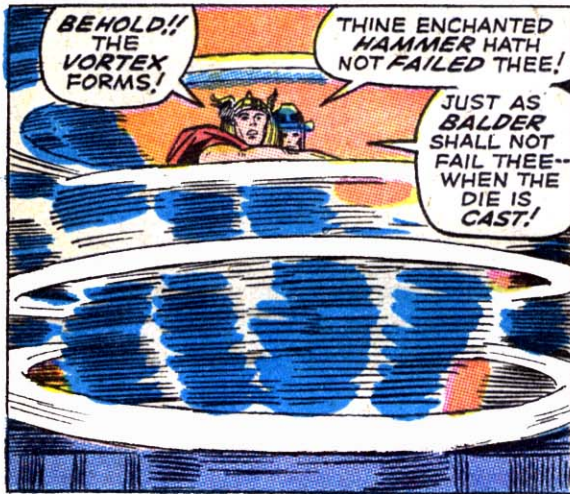


BALDER--
TO MY
SIDE!

NONE MAY
GO WHERE
MYSTIC
MJOLNIR
MAY NOT
FOLLOW!

NOW I SWING HIM
ONCE--THEN TWICE--
THEN THRICE--

AND NOW PREPARE--
TO JOIN THE
THUNDER GOD
IN FLIGHT!



BEHOLD!!
THE
VORTEX
FORMS!

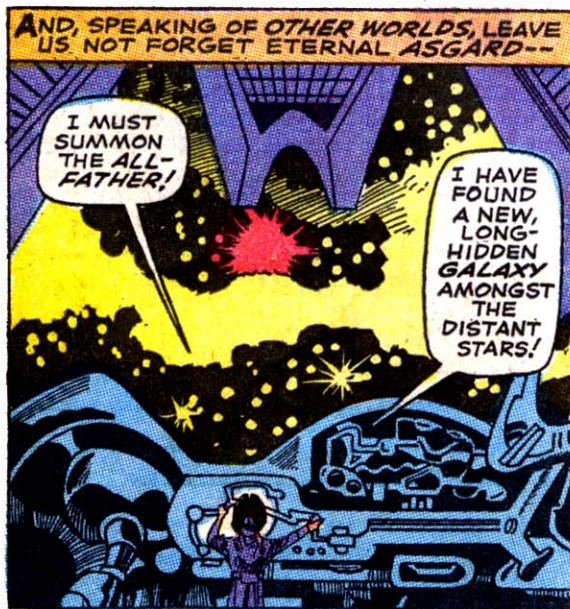
THINE ENCHANTED
HAMMER HATH
NOT FAILED THEE!

JUST AS
BALDER
SHALL NOT
FAIL THEE--
WHEN THE
DIE IS
CAST!



'TIS
DONE!

NOW ON--
TO
ANOTHER
WORLD!



AND, SPEAKING OF OTHER WORLDS, LEAVE
US NOT FORGET ETERNAL ASGARD--

I MUST
SUMMON
THE ALL-
FATHER!

I HAVE
FOUND
A NEW,
LONG-
HIDDEN
GALAXY
AMONGST
THE
DISTANT
STARS!



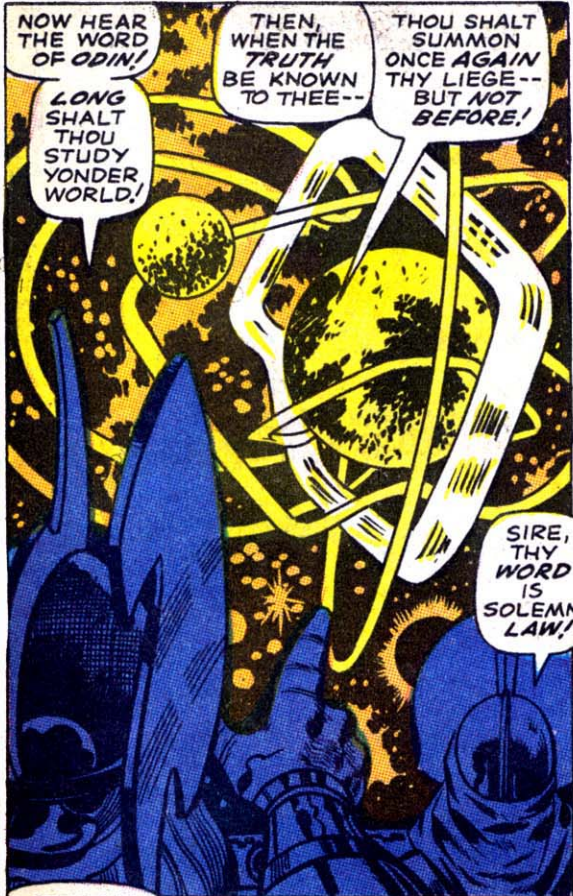
THOU DIDST
WELL TO
CALL THY
LIEGE!

KNOW YOU
ASTROLOGER ROYAL,
THAT ODIN DOTH
SEEK THE LAND
THAT SPAWNED
GALACTUS!

HAST
THOU
FOUND
IT AT
LAST?

I
KNOW
NOT,
SIRE!

'TIS ALL
MOST
PASSING
STRANGE!



NOW HEAR THE WORD OF ODIN!

LONG SHALT THOU STUDY YONDER WORLD!

THEN, WHEN THE TRUTH BE KNOWN TO THEE--

THOU SHALT SUMMON ONCE AGAIN THY LIEGE-- BUT NOT BEFORE!

SIRE, THY WORD IS SOLEMN LAW!

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE! NONE COULD HAVE FOUND ME!

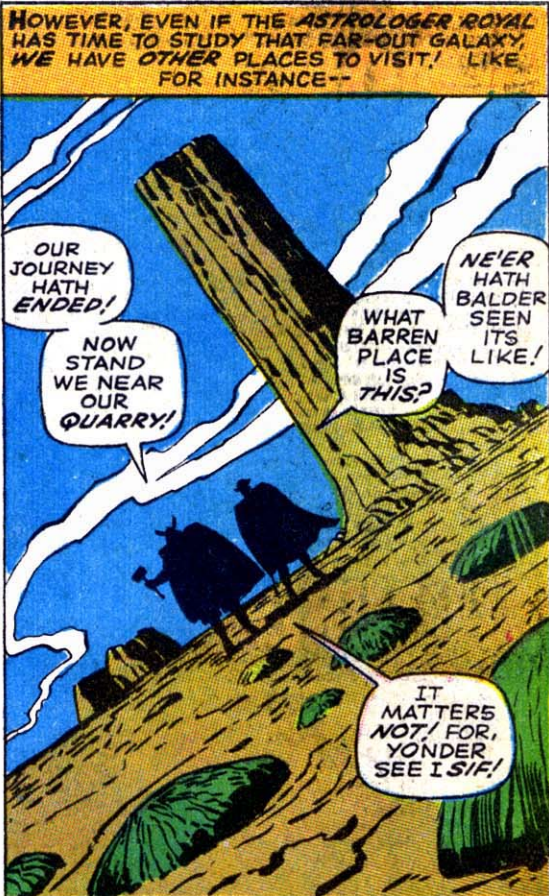
NONE CAN BE A MATCH FOR-- HIM!

STAY THY GODLY WRATH, MY LORD!

HE HATH NOT DONE ME HARM!

HE IS BUT LONELY-- AND UN-AWARE!

THEN STAND THEE FROM HIM, LADY!



HOWEVER, EVEN IF THE ASTROLOGER ROYAL HAS TIME TO STUDY THAT FAR-OUT GALAXY, WE HAVE OTHER PLACES TO VISIT! LIKE FOR INSTANCE--

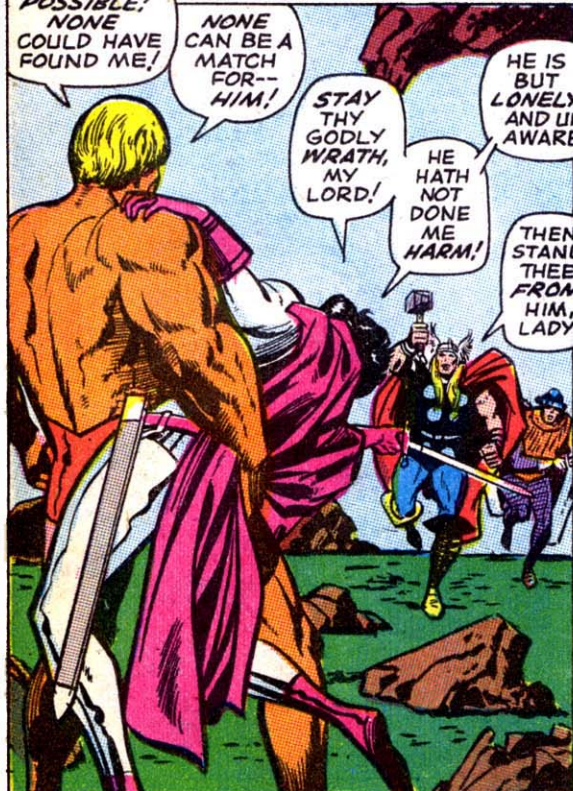
OUR JOURNEY HATH ENDED!

NOW STAND WE NEAR OUR QUARRY!

WHAT BARREN PLACE IS THIS?

NE'ER HATH BALDER SEEN ITS LIKE!

IT MATTERS NOT! FOR, YONDER SEE I SIF!

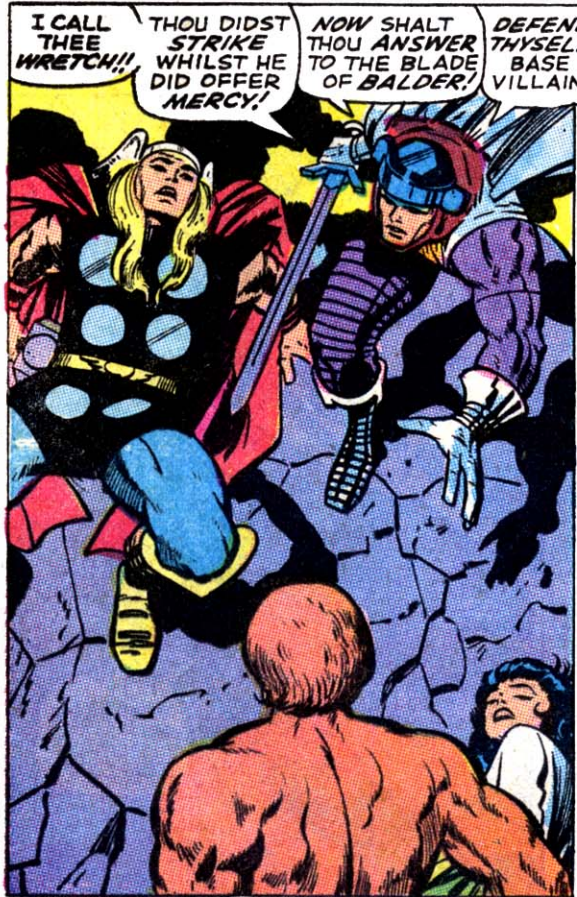


THOUGH QUICK TO ANGER, THE SON OF ODIN CAN E'ER FORGIVE!

LET HIM BUT VOW--

ARRHH!!

I MAKE NO VOWS!



I CALL THEE WRETCH!!

THOU DIDST STRIKE WHILST HE DID OFFER MERCY!

NOW SHALT THOU ANSWER TO THE BLADE OF BALDER.

DEFEND THYSELF, BASE VILLAIN!!



SUDDENLY, FROM THE MOTIONLESS FIGURE OF HIM-- A POTENT FORCE BLAST ISSUES FORTH--ROCKING THE GROUND WITH THE FURY OF A HUNDRED QUAKES--!



I NEED NO WEAPONS FOR MY DEFENSE!

I WAS CREATED TO BE-- POWER ITSELF!

THEN THOU LEAVEST ME NO CHOICE--

I MUST DESTROY THEE!!



THUNDER GOD!! LOOK!!

BEHIND ME-- FORMING IN THE AIR--!!

IT CANNOT BE-- AND YET-- IT IS!

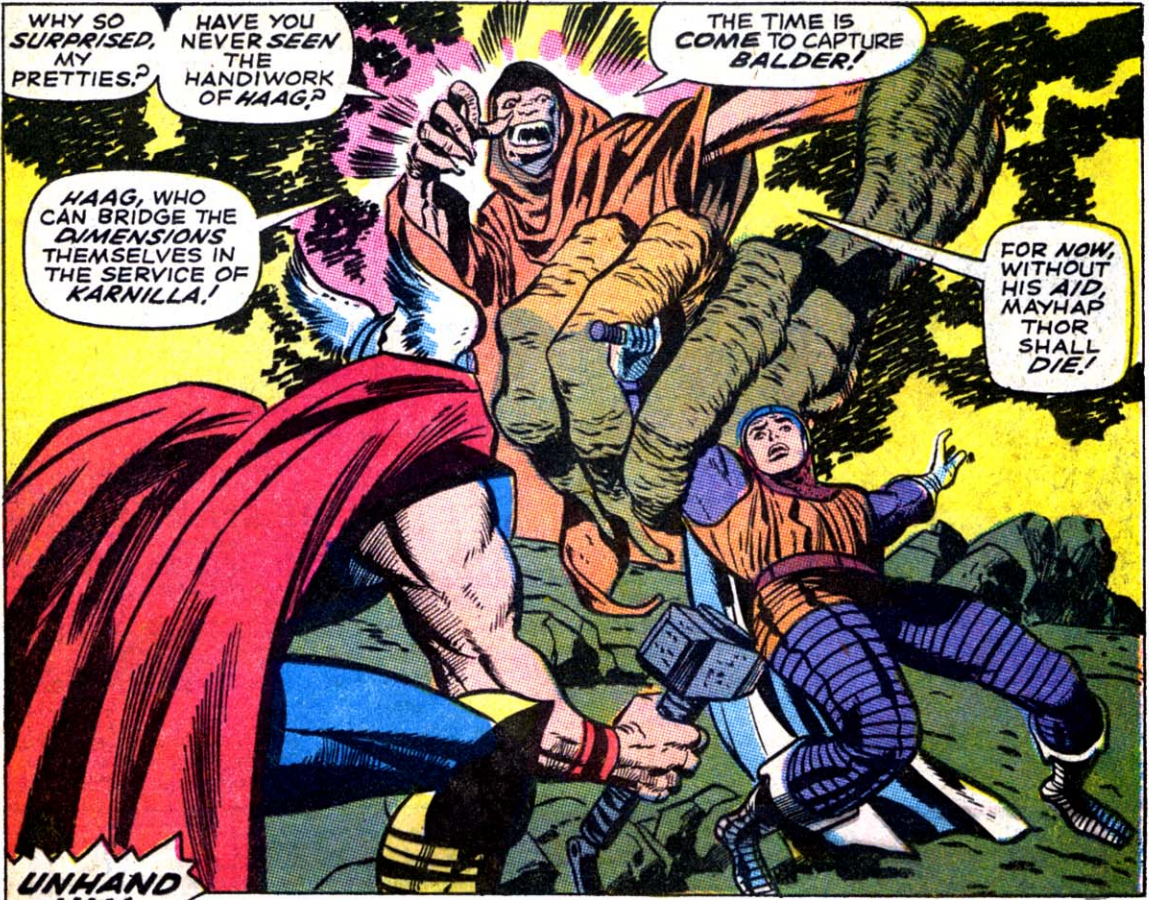
WHY SO SURPRISED, MY PRETTIES??

HAVE YOU NEVER SEEN THE HANDIWORK OF HAAG??

THE TIME IS COME TO CAPTURE BALDER!

HAAG, WHO CAN BRIDGE THE DIMENSIONS THEMSELVES IN THE SERVICE OF KARNILLA!

FOR NOW, WITHOUT HIS AID, MAYHAP THOR SHALL DIE!

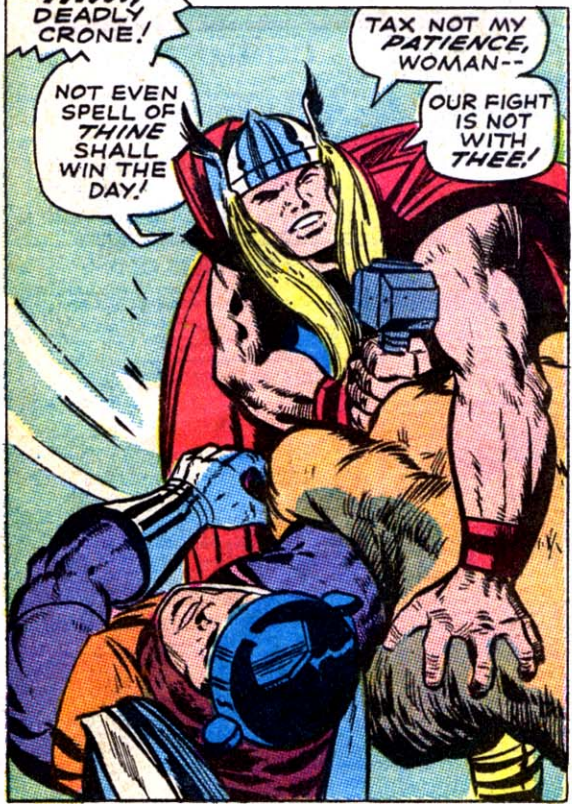


UNHAND HIM, DEADLY CRONE!

NOT EVEN SPELL OF THINE SHALL WIN THE DAY!

TAX NOT MY PATIENCE, WOMAN--

OUR FIGHT IS NOT WITH THEE!



ARE YOU NOT SON OF ODIN?? DO I NOT SERVE THE QUEEN OF NORNS??

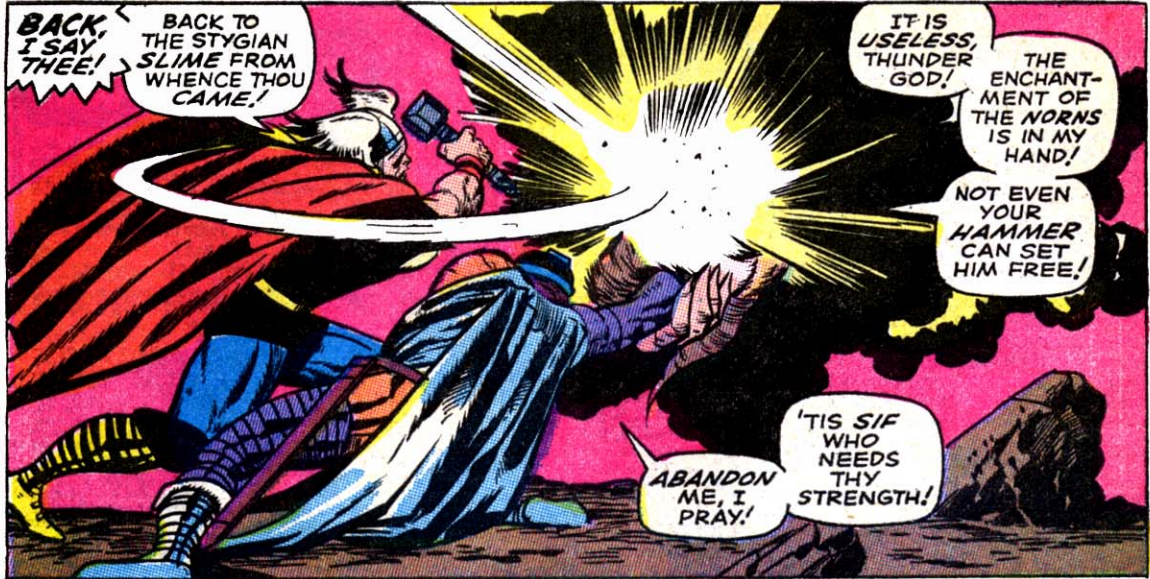
SO I STRIKE NOW-- WHEN YOU CANNOT PURSUE ME!

ENEMIES WE WERE-- AND ARE-- AND SHALL BE EVER!

THOR HATH NO NEED OF PURSUIT!

THOU SHALT NOT PREVAIL!





BACK, I SAY, THEE!

BACK TO THE STYGIAN SLIME FROM WHENCE THOU CAME!

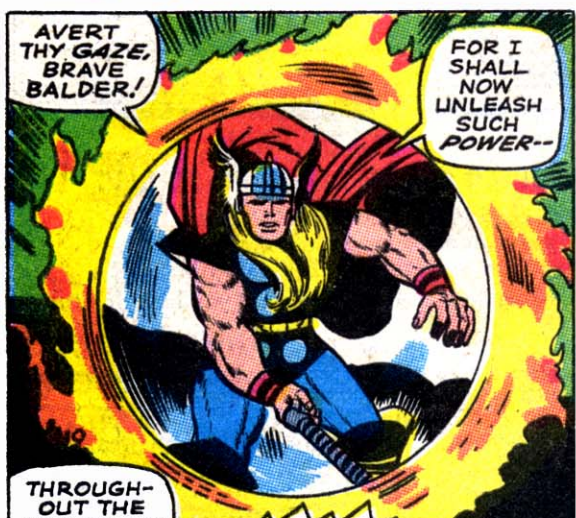
IT IS USELESS, THUNDER GOD!

THE ENCHANTMENT OF THE NORNS IS IN MY HAND!

NOT EVEN YOUR HAMMER CAN SET HIM FREE!

ABANDON ME, I PRAY!

'TIS SIF WHO NEEDS THY STRENGTH!



AVERT THY GAZE, BRAVE BALDER!

FOR I SHALL NOW UNLEASH SUCH POWER--

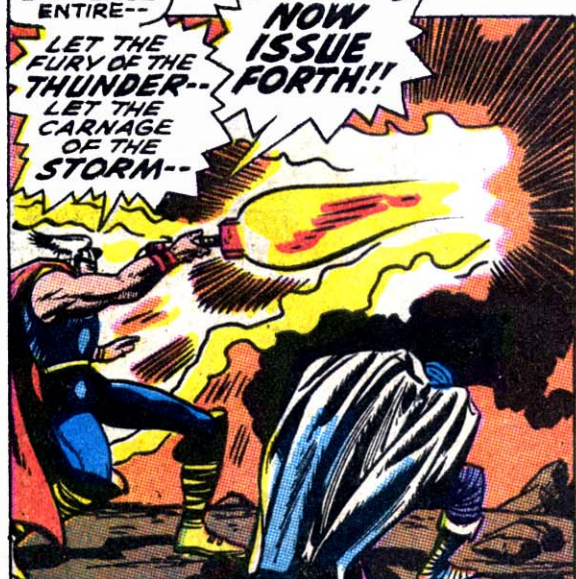
THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE ENTIRE--

NOW ISSUE FORTH!!

LET THE FURY OF THE THUNDER--
LET THE CARNAGE OF THE STORM--



--NOT MAN NOR GOD CAN BEAR ITS BURST!!

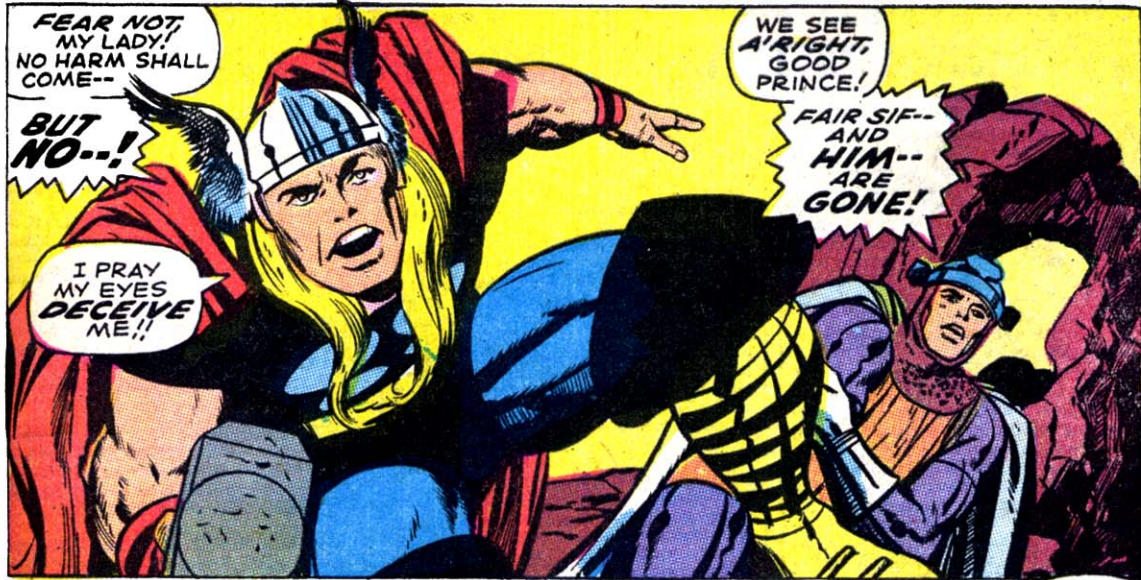


THE HAND IS GONE!

FRIEND, THOU ART SAFE!

FOR NOW--TURN WE TO SIF--!

BUT NOT THOU NOR I MAY DARE TO PAUSE--



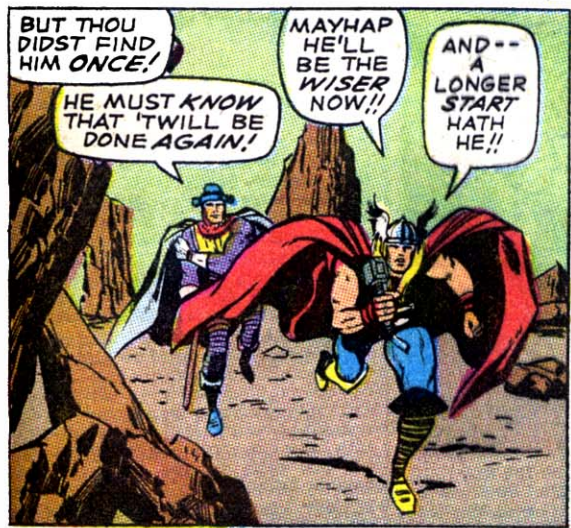
FEAR NOT,
MY LADY!
NO HARM SHALL
COME--

**BUT
NO--!**

I PRAY
MY EYES
DECEIVE
ME!!

WE SEE
A'RIGHT,
GOOD
PRINCE!

FAIR SIF--
AND
HIM--
ARE
GONE!



BUT THOU
DIDST FIND
HIM ONCE!

HE MUST KNOW
THAT 'T'WILL
BE DONE AGAIN!

MAYHAP
HE'LL
BE THE
WISER
NOW!!

AND--
A
LONGER
START
HATH
HE!!



WHAT IF--HE
BE BEYOND
THE RANGE OF
MJOLNIR'S
POWER--?

NO! NO!
I DARE
NOT
THINK
UPON IT!

'T'WAS
FAULT OF
MINE--

HADST
THOU
NOT
STOPPED,
TO GRANT
ME
AID--!!

FAULT??
FAULT??
WHO
SPEAKS
OF
FAULT??



'TIS NOT A
SCAPEGOAT
I DO SEEK--

--BUT SHE--
WHO
HOLDS MY
HEART!



AND,
MARK
YE WELL
THE
WORDS
OF
THOR--

ONCE SHE
BE SAFE--
VENGEANCE
MUST BE
MINE!



VENGEANCE--
SUCH AS NONE
WHO LIVE HAVE
EVER KNOWN!

NEXT:
**A GOD
BERSERK!**