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**THE
MENACE
OF THE
MIND
SLAVE!**



**SURPRISE!
JANE FOSTER
IN THIS ISSUE!**

THE MIGHTY THOR!

THE IMMORTAL AND THE MIND-SLAVE!

Featuring
**THE RETURN OF
JANE FOSTER!**

SOMEONE DOTH
WAIT WITHIN
THE OFFICE OF
DR. BLAKE--
AND THE
GOD OF THUNDER
DOTH SENSE THAT
HE BE SORELY
TROUBLED!

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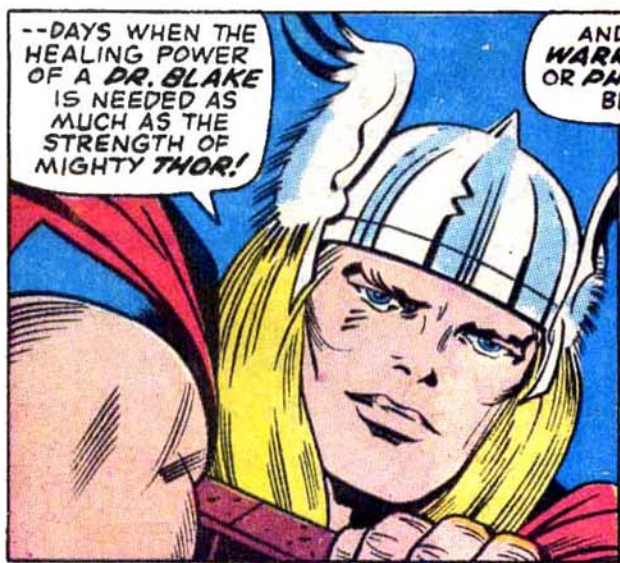
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I MUST LEARN WHETHER HE BE TROUBLED IN MIND--OR IN BODY!



FOR THESE ARE TIMES OF ANGUISH AND DAYS OF PERIL THAT BE UPON US!

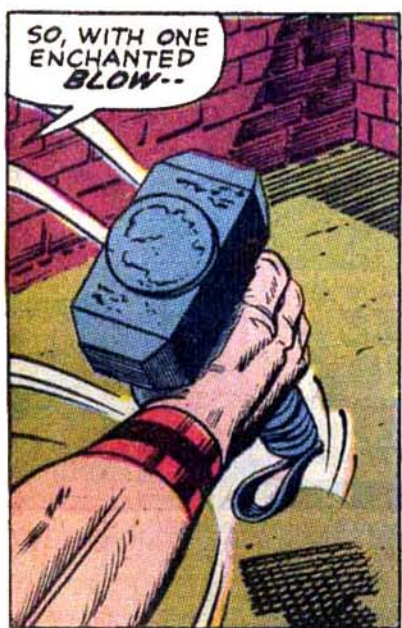


--DAYS WHEN THE HEALING POWER OF A DR. BLAKE IS NEEDED AS MUCH AS THE STRENGTH OF MIGHTY THOR!

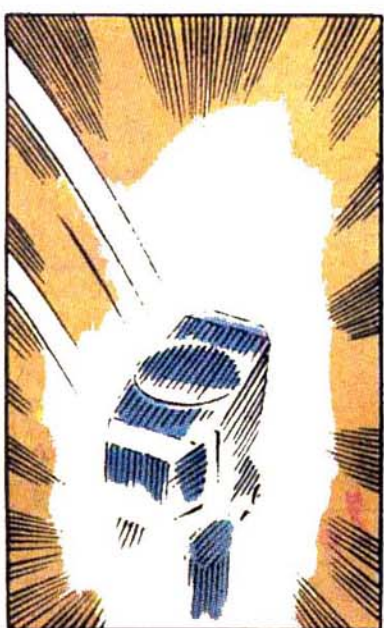


AND, WHETHER WARRIOR'S HAMMER, OR PHYSICIAN'S SKILL BE NEEDED--

THE SON OF ODIN SHALL NOT BE WANTING!



SO, WITH ONE ENCHANTED BLOW--



--DR. DONALD BLAKE SHALL TEND THE AFFLICTED ONCE MORE!



WHO COULD EVER DREAM THAT THE SHY, LAME PHYSICIAN AND THE GOD OF THUNDER ARE ONE AND THE SAME?

SOMETIMES --IT'S EVEN HARD FOR ME TO ACCEPT!



DR. BLAKE! THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE HERE!

I NEED YOUR HELP-- DESPERATELY!



I'M DR. JIM NORTH-- I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER ME?

YES, DOCTOR-- I REMEMBER YOU!



YOU'RE THE ONE MY EX-NURSE, JANE FOSTER, WENT TO WORK FOR--AFTER SHE LEFT MY EMPLOY!

FOR ODIN, IN HIS INFINITE WISDOM, BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER TO EASE HER PAIN AT LOSING THE LOVE OF THOR!

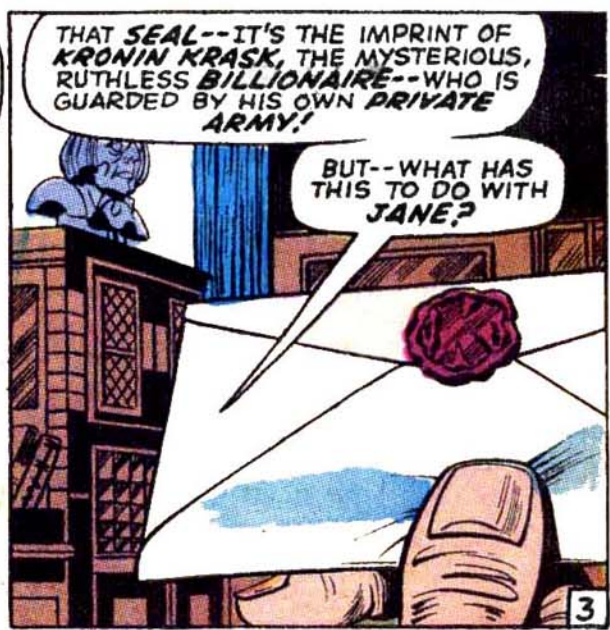
BUT WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, DOCTOR?



IT'S JANE-- SHE'S BEING HELD PRISONER-- WITH HER LIFE IN DANGER!

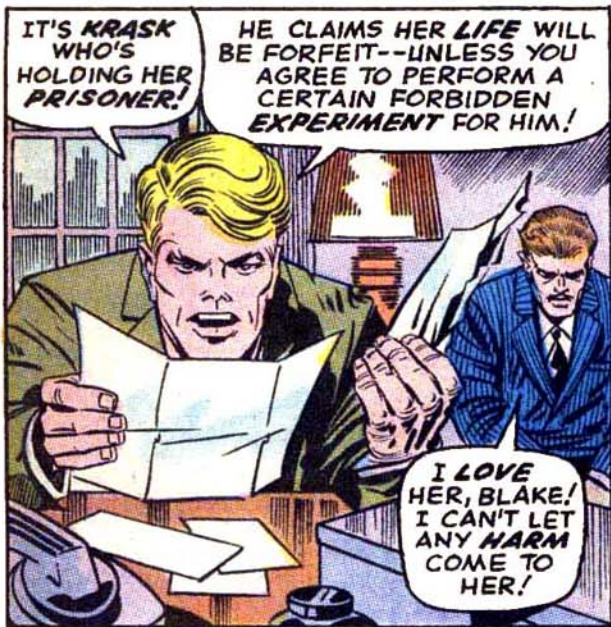
JANE! A PRISONER! WHERE-- HOW?

READ THIS LETTER I RECEIVED-- IT WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!



THAT SEAL-- IT'S THE IMPRINT OF KRONIN KRASK, THE MYSTERIOUS, RUTHLESS BILLIONAIRE-- WHO IS GUARDED BY HIS OWN PRIVATE ARMY!

BUT-- WHAT HAS THIS TO DO WITH JANE?



IT'S KRASK WHO'S HOLDING HER PRISONER!

HE CLAIMS HER LIFE WILL BE FORFEIT--UNLESS YOU AGREE TO PERFORM A CERTAIN FORBIDDEN EXPERIMENT FOR HIM!

I LOVE HER, BLAKE! I CAN'T LET ANY HARM COME TO HER!



WHY COME TO ME, DOCTOR? WHY NOT THE POLICE?

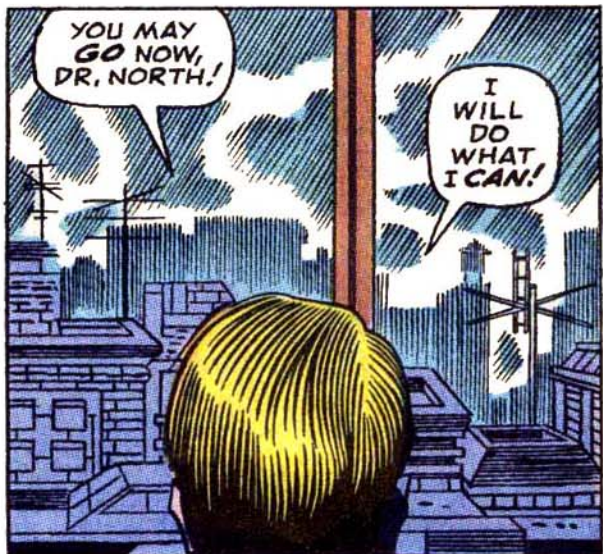
HE'D DENY THE WHOLE THING--CALL THE NOTE A PHONY! AND THEN--WHAT WOULD HAPPEN--TO JANE?

I CAN'T CHANCE IT! HE'S TOO DANGEROUS!



BUT YOU, DR. BLAKE-- YOU'RE THE ONLY MAN WHO KNOWS HOW TO CONTACT THOR, THE GOD OF THUNDER!

I SEE!



YOU MAY GO NOW, DR. NORTH!

I WILL DO WHAT I CAN!



FATHER ODIN-- LOOK UPON YOUR SON WITH FAVOR ONCE AGAIN--

A RANDOM THOUGHT DOTH REACH THE MIND OF THE LEIGE OF ASGARD!

THE TIME IS COME FOR THE THUNDER GOD TO GRASP MIGHTY MJOLNIR AND GIRD HIMSELF FOR BATTLE!

I MUST PROBE THE COSMOS THAT I MAY SEE FROM WHENCE IT COMES!

COUNSELOR! HOLD THEE HIGH
THE MYSTIC ENCHANTI-SCAN--



FOR I
WOULDST
LEARN WHAT
DOTH
TRANSPIRE
THRUOUT THE
ENDLESS
REALMS!

YONDER IS CRAFTY **LOKI**--
SCHEMING AS EVER TO
INFLAME THE UNTHINKING
MASSSES--



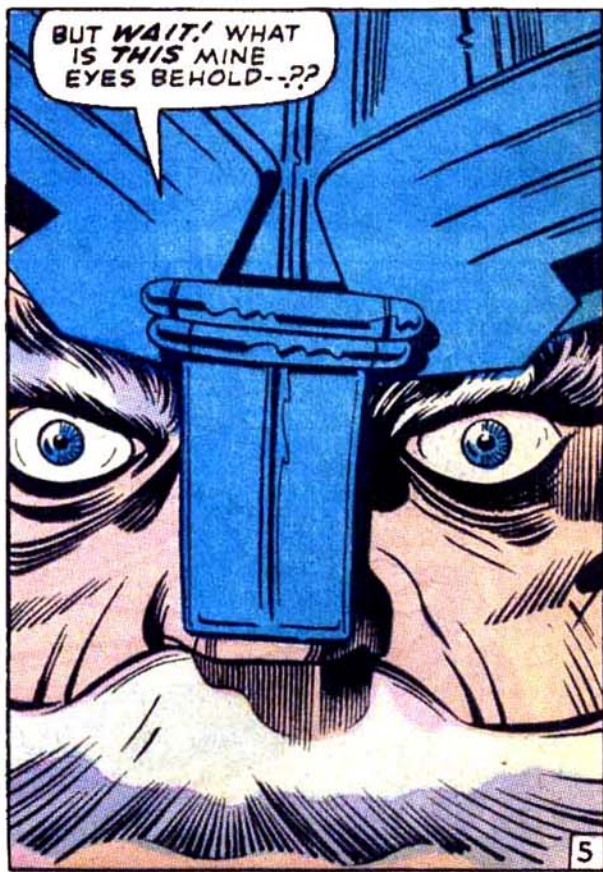
'TIS NOT
THE
LIKES OF
HIM I
SEEK!

--WHILST THE LOYAL **BALDER**
DOTH RECOVER FROM HIS
BATTLE WOUNDS IN THE
DARK DOMAIN OF **QUEEN**
KARNILLA!

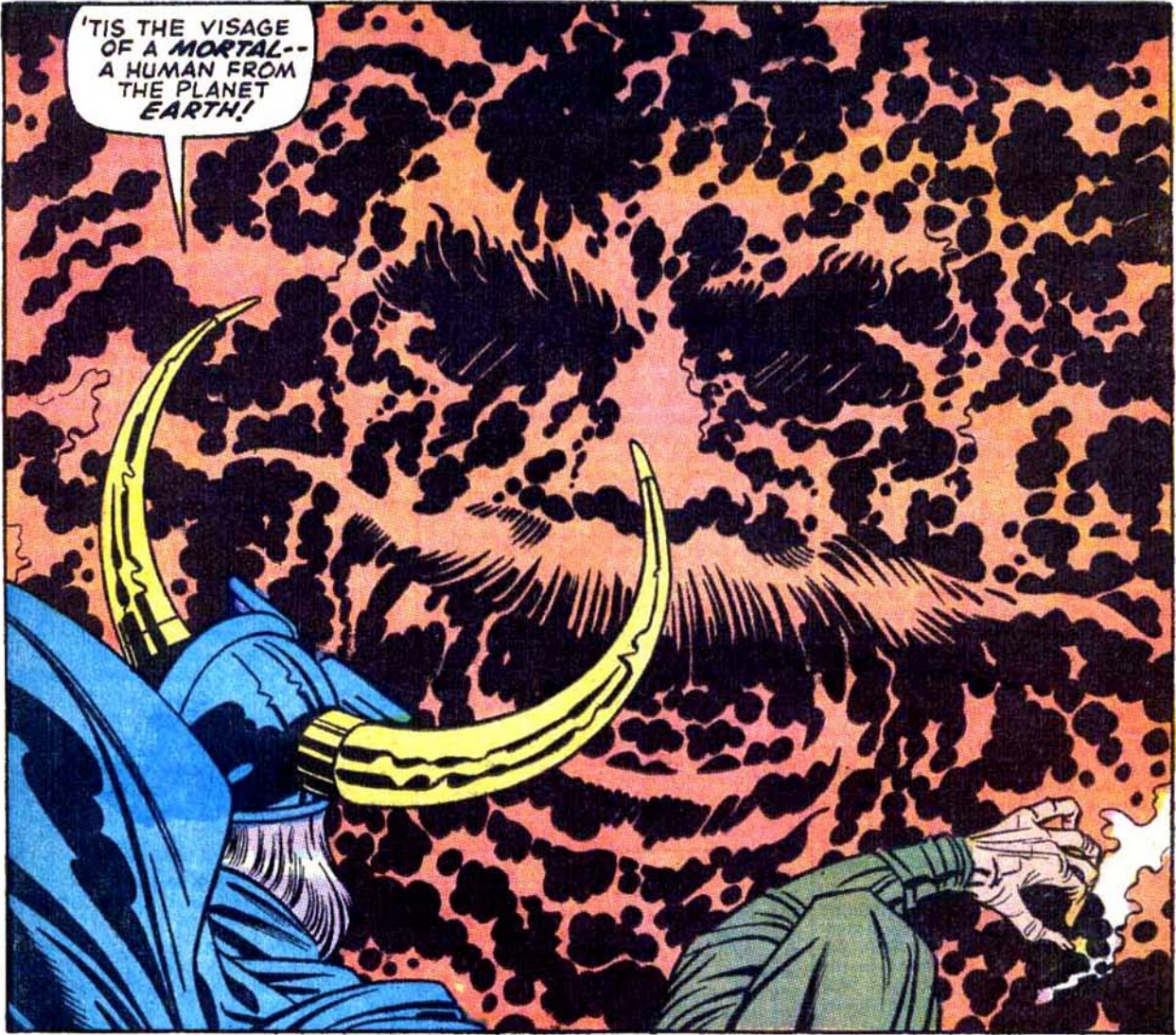
BUT STILL
ELSE-
WHERE
MUST I
PEER!



BUT **WAIT!** WHAT
IS **THIS** MINE
EYES BEHOLD--??



'TIS THE VISAGE
OF A MORTAL--
A HUMAN FROM
THE PLANET
EARTH!



'TIS HE WHO
SOON SHALL
MENACE THE
GOD OF
THUNDER!

BUT, THE SON OF
ODIN SHALL PROVE
EQUAL TO THE
TASK!

BUT--IF
HE SHOULD
NOT, MY
LORD?

THEN, A
FATHER'S
TEARS SHALL
FLOOD THE
WHOLE OF
ASGARD!

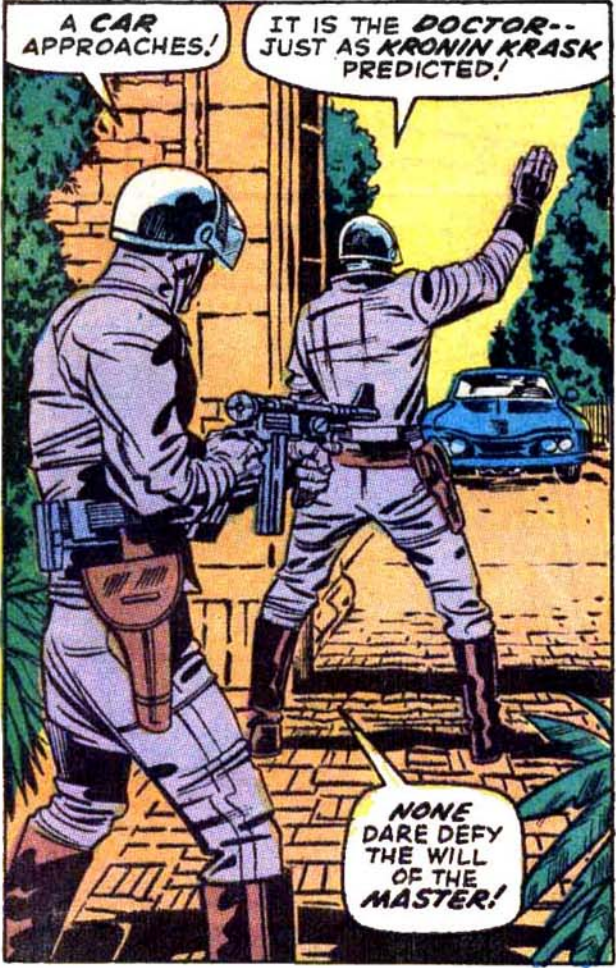


**MOMENTS LATER--ON A LONELY
EARTHLY ROAD--**

DR. BLAKE
SAID I
SHOULD
GO TO THE
HOME OF
KRONIN
KRASK!

MEANWHILE,
HE WILL
ATTEMPT TO
CONTACT
THE
POWERFUL
THOR!





A CAR APPROACHES!

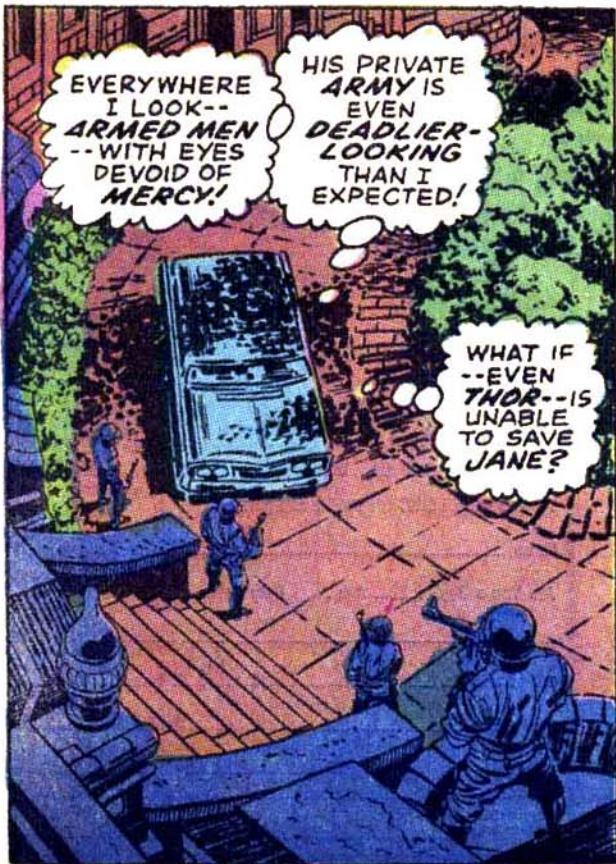
IT IS THE DOCTOR-- JUST AS KRONIN KRASK PREDICTED!

NONE DARE DEFY THE WILL OF THE MASTER!



YOU MAY ENTER DR. NORTH-- BUT FOLLOW EVERY ORDER-- OBEY EVERY COMMAND THAT IS GIVEN!

FOR THOSE WHO TRY TO RESIST THE WILL OF KRONIN KRASK --THE ONLY END IS DEATH!



EVERYWHERE I LOOK-- ARMED MEN --WITH EYES DEVOID OF MERCY!

HIS PRIVATE ARMY IS EVEN DEADLIER-- LOOKING THAN I EXPECTED!

WHAT IF --EVEN THOR-- IS UNABLE TO SAVE JANE?



THIS WAY, DOCTOR! YOU ARE AWAITED BY KRONIN KRASK!

IT ISN'T A HOME! IT'S AN IMPREGNABLE, HEAVILY-FORTIFIED CASTLE!

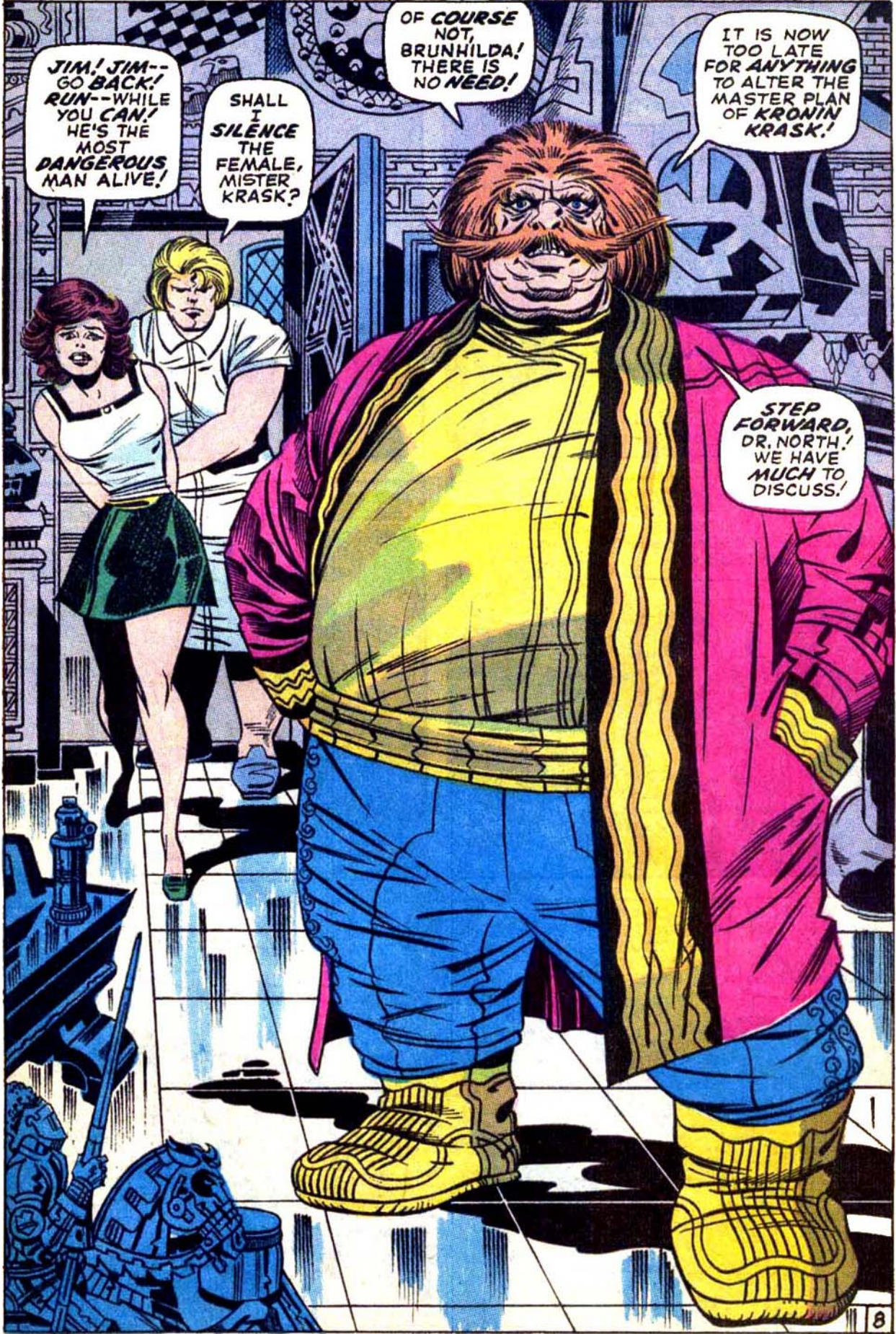
**JIM! JIM--
GO BACK!
RUN--WHILE
YOU CAN!
HE'S THE
MOST
DANGEROUS
MAN ALIVE!**

**SHALL
I
SILENCE
THE
FEMALE,
MISTER
KRASK?**

**OF COURSE
NOT,
BRUNHILDA!
THERE IS
NO NEED!**

**IT IS NOW
TOO LATE
FOR ANYTHING
TO ALTER THE
MASTER PLAN
OF KRONIN
KRASK!**

**STEP
FORWARD,
DR. NORTH!
WE HAVE
MUCH TO
DISCUSS!**





WITH **YOUR** HELP, DOCTOR--I AM ABOUT TO BECOME--**IMMORTAL!**

AND, YOU **WILL** HELP ME, OF COURSE--BECAUSE OF **HER!**



STAND AWAY FROM HER, KRASK!

WE'RE LEAVING HERE--**NOW**--AND YOU'RE COMING WITH US--AS OUR **HOSTAGE!**



DROP THAT TOY, DOCTOR! DID YOU THINK I BECAME ONE OF THE WORLD'S **WEALTHIEST** MEN BY BEING **CARELESS?**

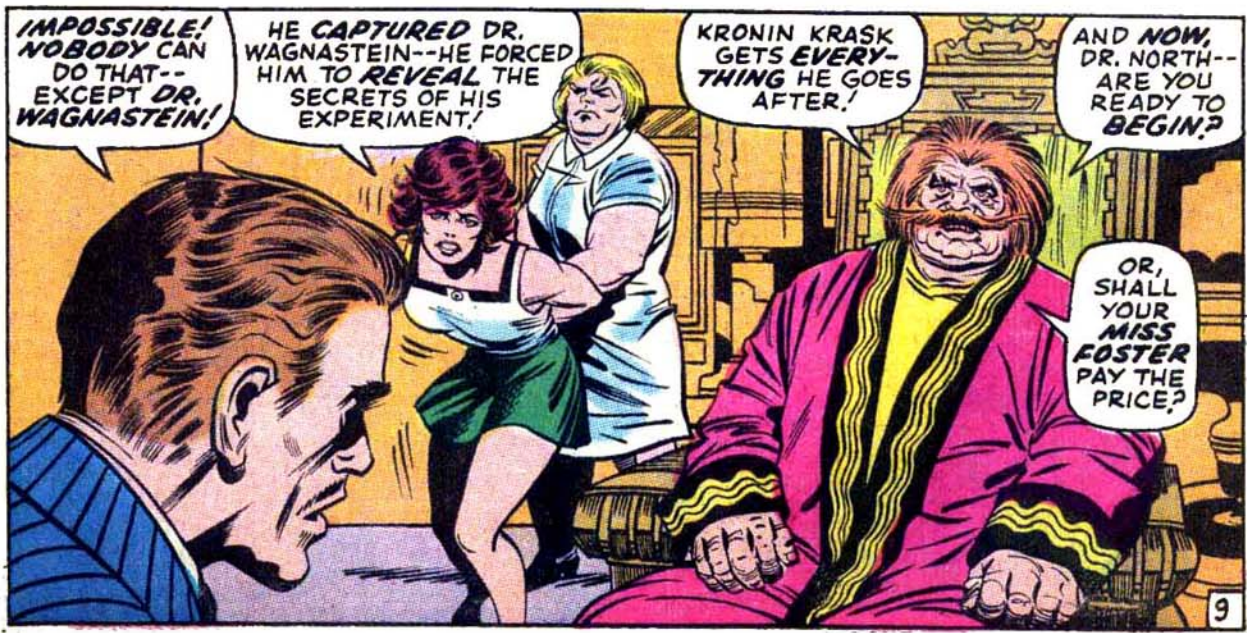
ANOTHER FOOLHARDY MOVE LIKE **THAT**, AND MISS FOSTER WILL PAY FOR IT--WITH HER **LIFE!**

NO! NO!



AND NOW--TO **BUSINESS!**

YOU ARE ABOUT TO PERFORM THE **FIRST MIND-TRANSPLANT** IN HISTORY!



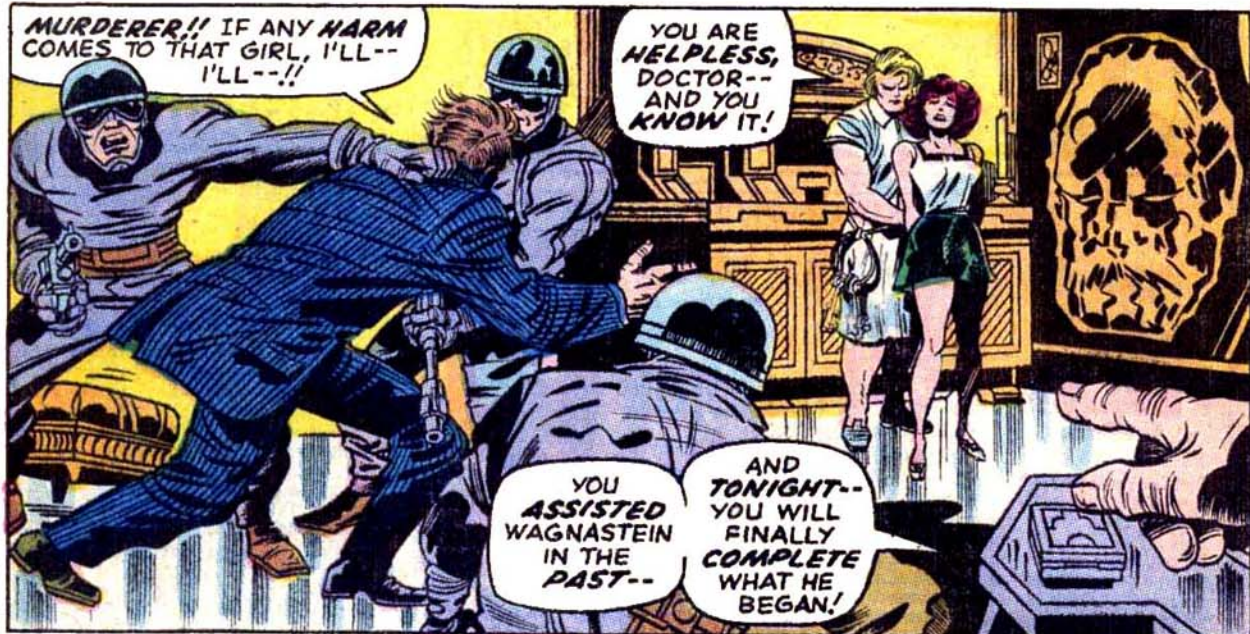
IMPOSSIBLE! NOBODY CAN DO THAT--EXCEPT **DR. WAGNASTEIN!**

HE CAPTURED **DR. WAGNASTEIN**--HE FORCED HIM TO **REVEAL** THE SECRETS OF HIS EXPERIMENT!

KRONIN KRASK GETS **EVERYTHING** HE GOES AFTER!

AND **NOW**, DR. NORTH--ARE YOU READY TO **BEGIN?**

OR, SHALL YOUR **MISS FOSTER** PAY THE PRICE?



MURDERER!! IF ANY HARM COMES TO THAT GIRL, I'LL-- I'LL--!!

YOU ARE HELPLESS, DOCTOR-- AND YOU KNOW IT!

YOU ASSISTED WAGNASTEIN IN THE PAST--

AND TONIGHT-- YOU WILL FINALLY COMPLETE WHAT HE BEGAN!



I HAVE EVERYTHING A MAN COULD WANT-- WEALTH BEYOND MEASURE--AND LIMITLESS POWER!

BUT EVEN THE RICHEST--EVEN THE MIGHTIEST OF MEN--MUST DIE!



BUT NOT KRÖNIN KRASK! I-REFUSE-TO-DIE!

THEREFORE, DR. NORTH-- YOU WILL PERFORM THE EXPERIMENT THAT WILL GRANT ME-- IMMORTALITY!

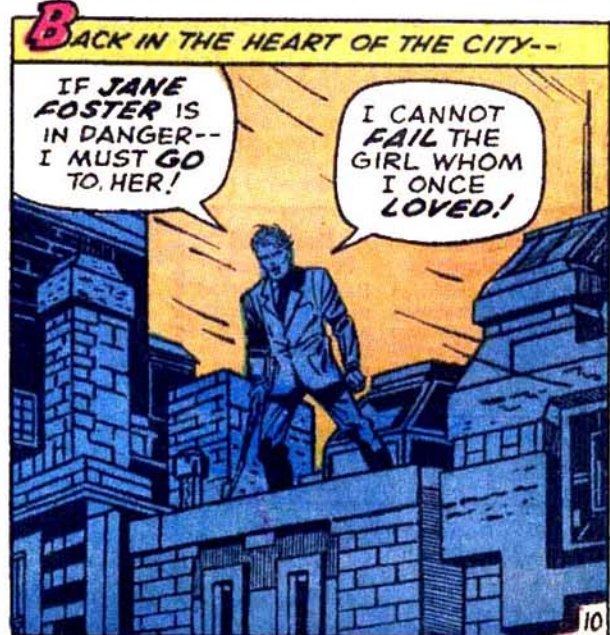


I MUST DO AS HE SAYS, JANE!

I DON'T DARE RISK ANY HARM BEFALLING THE GIRL I LOVE!

BUT--EVEN IF YOU SUCCEED-- HE'LL NEVER LET US LEAVE HERE--ALIVE!

IT'S A CHANCE-- WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE!



BACK IN THE HEART OF THE CITY--

IF JANE FOSTER IS IN DANGER-- I MUST GO TO HER!

I CANNOT FAIL THE GIRL WHOM I ONCE LOVED!

BUT, MORE THAN A SURGEON'S SKILL IS NEEDED NOW--



AND WHATE'ER BE NEEDED, THOR SHALL NOT BE WANTING!



ENCHANTED MJOLNIR, MIGHTY HAMMER-- I CALL UPON THY POWER--



--TO BRING ME TO THE PLACE WHERE DWELLETH THE MORTAL KRASK!



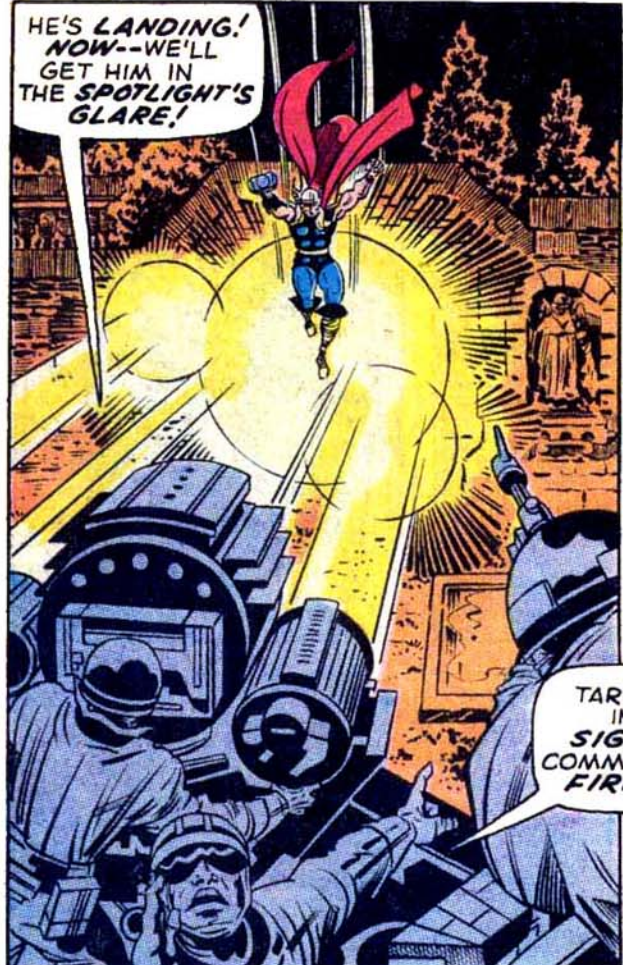
NOW SHALL THOR LEARN WHAT DOTH TRANSPIRE!



ATTENTION, ALL CHECK POINTS! THOR HAS JUST ARRIVED--EXACTLY AS THE MASTER EXPECTED!



PROCEED WITH OPERATION DISABLE AS PLANNED!



HE'S **LANDING!**
NOW--WE'LL
GET HIM IN
THE **SPOTLIGHT'S**
GLARE!

TARGET
IN
SIGHT!
COMMENCE
FIRING!



THEY SEEK
TO **SLAY** ME
THRU THE
USE OF
HEAVY
CANNON!



BUT, NO **HELPLESS**
TARGET IS THE
GOD OF THUNDER--!



WHAT THEIR
EYES CANNOT
SEE, THEIR
WEAPONS SHALL
NOT STRIKE!

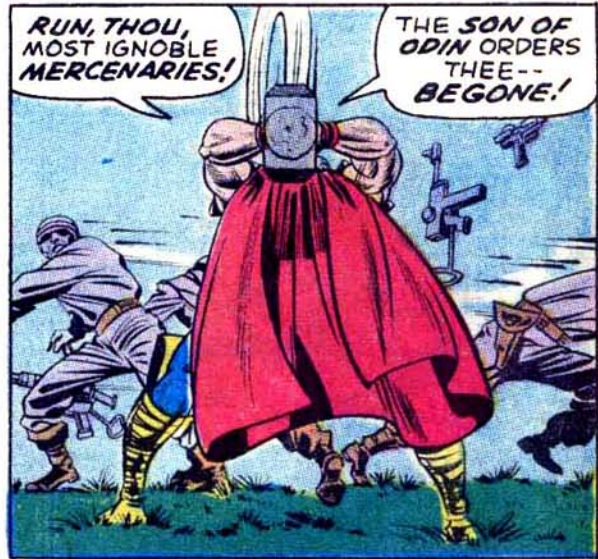
HIS
HAMMER!
IT
SMASHED
OUR
BATTERY
OF
LIGHTS!



LOOK OUT!
IT'S
RICOCHETING
BACK AGAIN!!



MJOLNIR--
TO THY
MASTER!

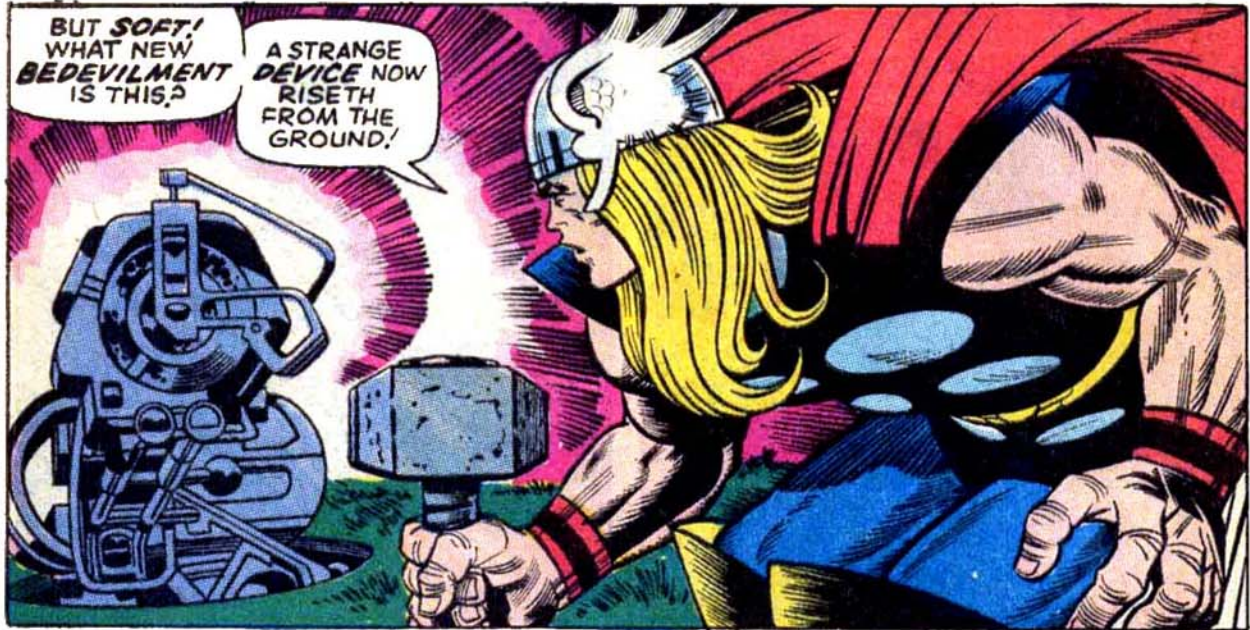


RUN, THOU,
MOST IGNOBLE
MERCENARIES!

THE SON OF
ODIN ORDERS
THEE--
BEGONE!



AND WHILST THOU
FLEE--ONE BLOW
SHALL HASTEN
THEE UPON THY
WAY!



BUT *SOFT!*
WHAT NEW
BEDEVILMENT
IS THIS?

A STRANGE
DEVICE NOW
RISETH
FROM THE
GROUND!



THE MASTER PAID
MILLIONS FOR
THAT GADGET! IT
BETTER WORK!

IT CANNOT FAIL!
JUST PUSH THE
BUTTON--!



BY THE
GOLDEN
GATES OF
ASGARD!

AN HALLUCINOGENIC
MIST DOTH NOW
ASSAIL THE MIND
OF THOR!



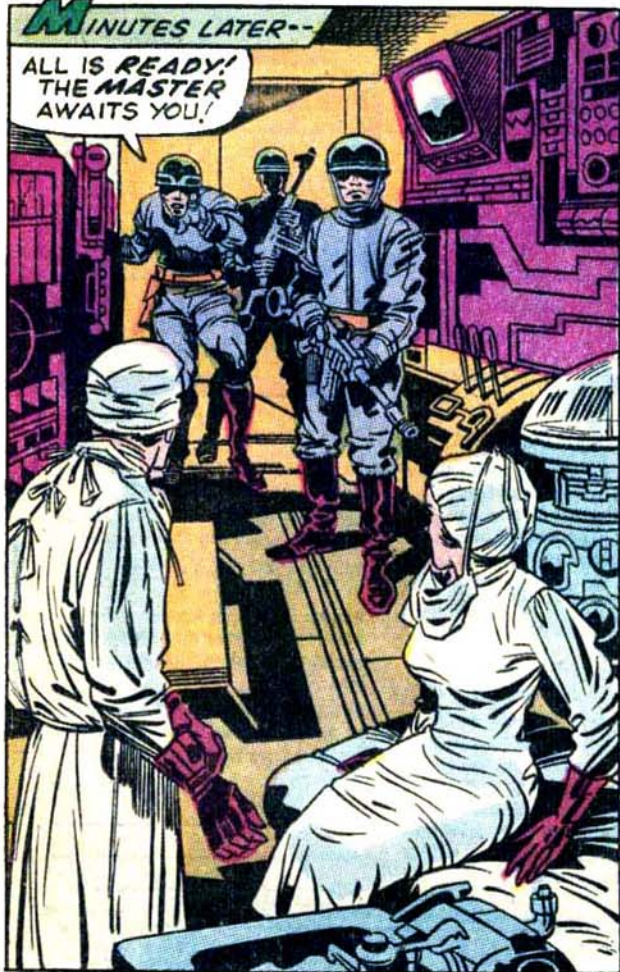
NEVER HATH MY BRAIN KNOWN
SUCH SHATTERING SENSATION!



REALITY DOTH FADE
AWAY--AS SHADOWS
OVERCOME ME--!

MINUTES LATER--

ALL IS READY!
THE MASTER
AWAITS YOU!



JOHN--YOU CAN'T! YOU MUSTN'T!
IF KRASK'S BRAIN TAKES THE BODY
OF A YOUNGER MAN, THEN THAT MAN
WILL END UP IN KRASK'S BODY--
A BODY WHICH HAS ONLY A SHORT
TIME TO LIVE!

KRASK IS PROBABLY
PAYING THE MAN A
FORTUNE TO ALLOW
THE TRANSFER!



ANYWAY,
WITH YOU
AS
HOSTAGE--
WHAT
CHOICE
HAVE I?

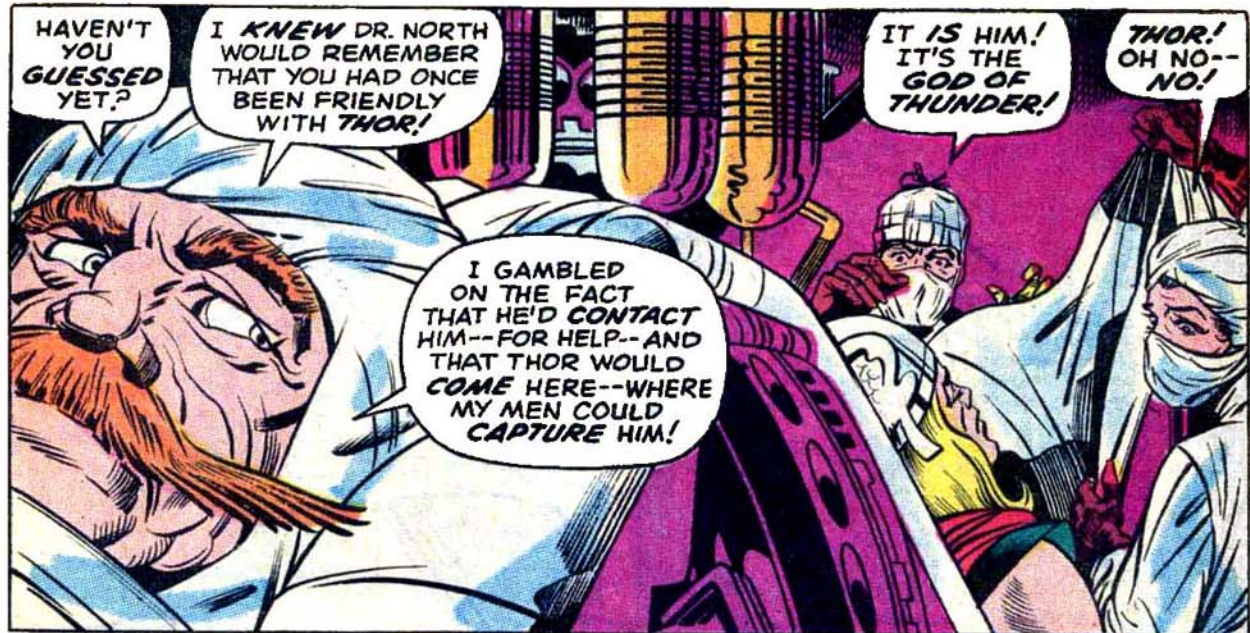
YOU REALIZE THE DANGER,
KRASK? THIS HAS NEVER
BEEN DONE BEFORE!

YOU WILL SUCCEED!
FOR YOU KNOW--IF
I DIE, THE GIRL
DIES!

BUT, IF I SURVIVE--
I WILL LIVE LIKE A
GOD! I WILL LIVE
FOREVER!



WHO IS THE
SUBJECT?
WHOSE BODY
LIES UNDER
THIS SHEET?



HAVEN'T YOU GUESSED YET?

I *KNEW* DR. NORTH WOULD REMEMBER THAT YOU HAD ONCE BEEN FRIENDLY WITH *THOR!*

IT IS HIM! IT'S THE GOD OF THUNDER!

THOR! OH NO--NO!

I GAMBLER ON THE FACT THAT HE'D CONTACT HIM--FOR HELP--AND THAT THOR WOULD COME HERE--WHERE MY MEN COULD CAPTURE HIM!



YOU CAN'T DO IT, JOHN! NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO US--

YOU CAN'T LET KRASK PUT HIS OWN BRAIN IN THE BODY OF THOR!



SHE'S RIGHT! NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO TO ME--I WON'T GO THRU WITH IT!

SHOOT ME NOW! GO AHEAD--IT'LL BE BETTER THIS WAY!

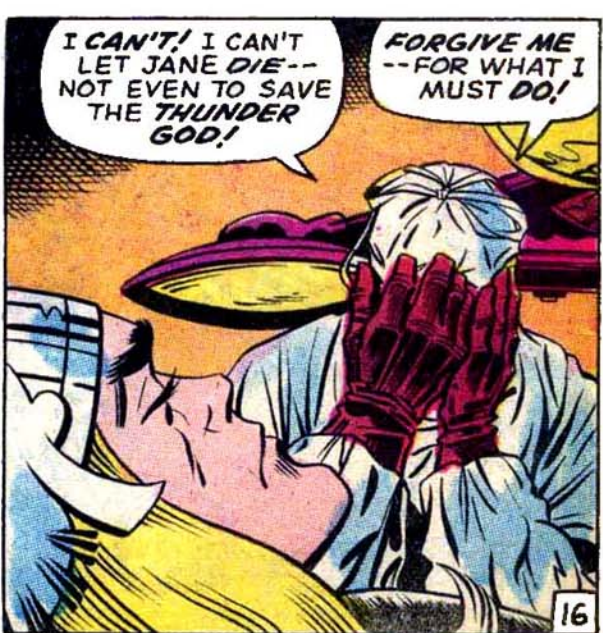
THE GIRL, DOCTOR! LOOK AT THE GIRL!



IT ISN'T YOU WE'LL KILL--IT'S HER! WE'LL ALLOW YOU TO LIVE!

YOU'LL LIVE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT SHE DIED BECAUSE OF YOUR DECISION!

NOW, DOCTOR--DO YOU STILL REFUSE?



I CAN'T! I CAN'T LET JANE DIE--NOT EVEN TO SAVE THE THUNDER GOD!

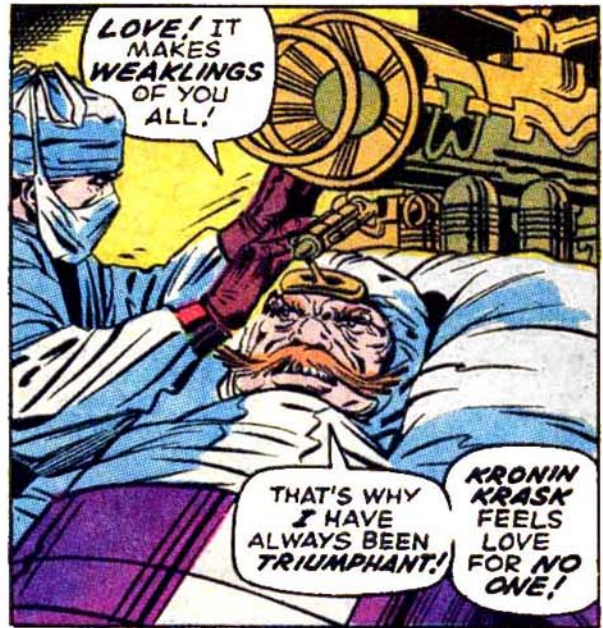
FORGIVE ME --FOR WHAT I MUST DO!



JOHN-- MY DARLING-- YOU CAN'T! THINK WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

I-- I AM THINKING, JANE! I AM!

IN THE NAME OF HEAVEN-- TAKE HER AWAY!



LOVE! IT MAKES WEAKLINGS OF YOU ALL!

THAT'S WHY I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TRIUMPHANT!

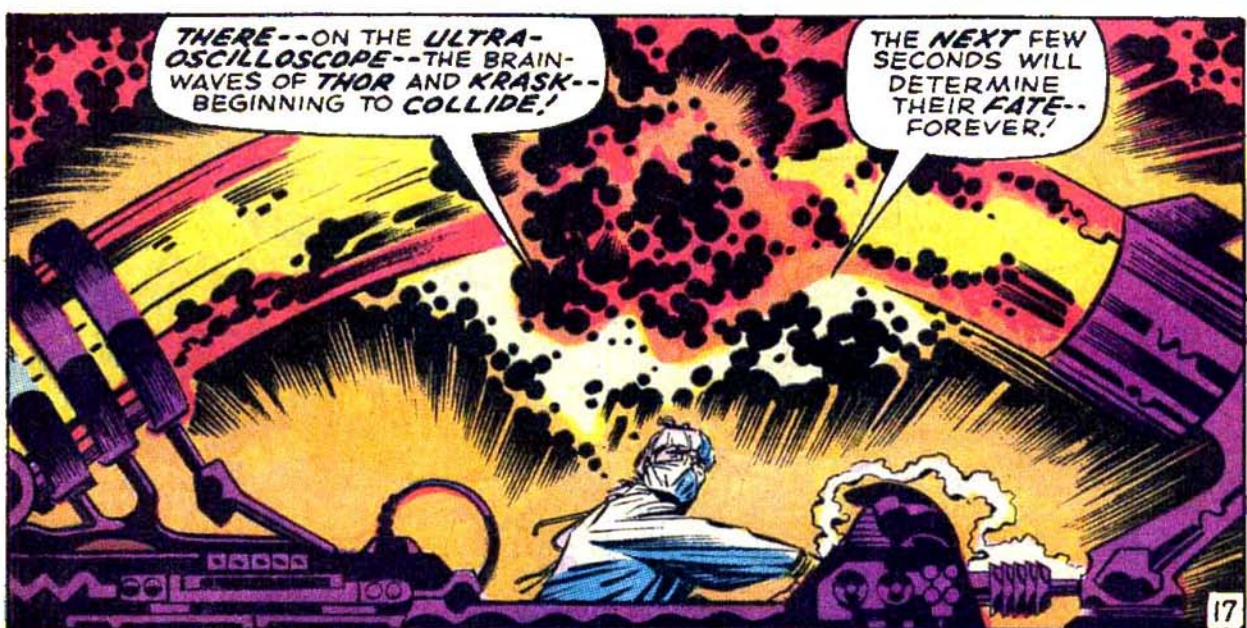
KRONIN KRASK FEELS LOVE FOR NO ONE!



KLAK!



I-I'VE DONE IT! NOW THERE CAN BE-- NO TURNING BACK!



THERE-- ON THE ULTRA-OSCILLOSCOPE-- THE BRAIN-WAVES OF THOR AND KRASK-- BEGINNING TO COLLIDE!

THE NEXT FEW SECONDS WILL DETERMINE THEIR FATE-- FOREVER!

THE INSTRUMENTS ARE GOING WILD--THE STRAIN ON THEIR BODIES IS UNIMAGINABLE!

LOOK--UP THERE! THE ELECTRO-WAVES ARE--TAKING FORM!



WE'RE WITNESSING SOMETHING NO HUMAN EYES HAVE EVER SEEN BEFORE!

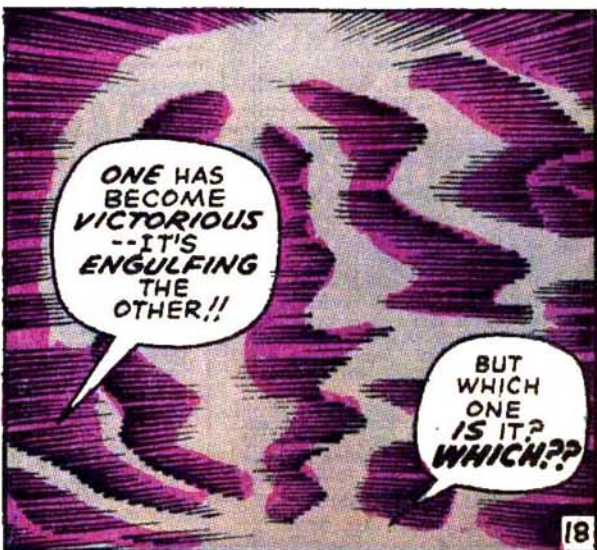


THEIR ACTUAL EGOS ARE BATTLING FOR SUPREMACY--



SO POWERFUL IS THE ONSLAUGHT THAT IT'S VISIBLE TO THE HUMAN EYE--

BUT NOW--THE FIGURES ARE BEGINNING TO--MERGE!!



ONE HAS BECOME VICTORIOUS --IT'S ENGULFING THE OTHER!!

BUT WHICH ONE IS IT? WHICH??



LOOK AT KRASK--HE'S SCREAMING --LIKE A SOUL IN TORTURE!

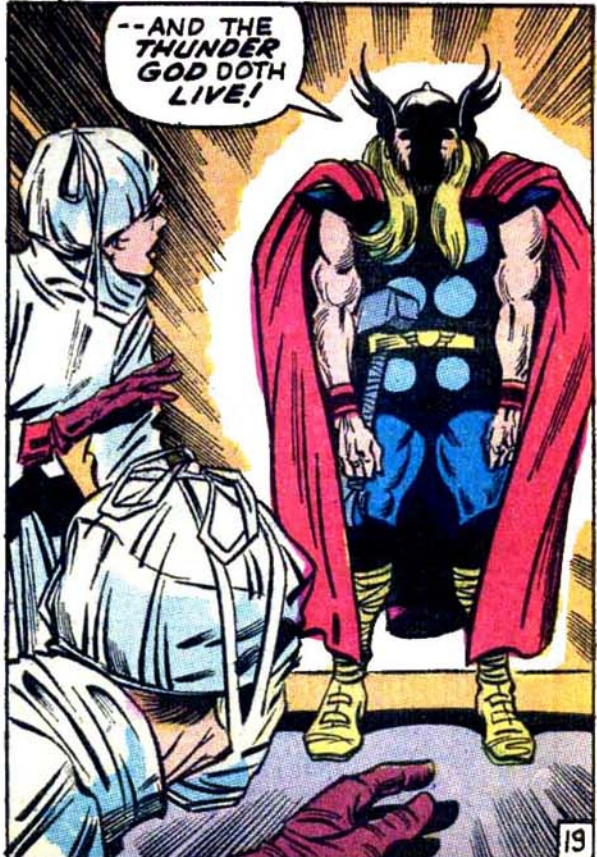


HE'S LURCHING FORWARD-- TEARING HIMSELF LOOSE FROM THE SUPPORTING STRAPS!!

HE'S FALLING-- FALLING!



IT'S OVER! KRONIN KRASK IS DEAD!



--AND THE THUNDER GOD DOTH LIVE!

I'M A DOCTOR! I KNEW YOU WEREN'T REALLY IN A COMA! I COULD TELL YOU WERE FEIGNING UNCONSCIOUSNESS!

IT WAS A CHALLENGE! A CHALLENGE NO WARRIOR COULDST IGNORE!

WHY DID YOU GO THRU WITH IT? WHY DID YOU TAKE THE CHANCE?



VAINGLORIOUS VILLAIN! DID HE THINK TO TRIUMPH OVER AN IMMORTAL



HAD ANYTHING GONE WRONG-- YOU MIGHT HAVE DIED-- BECAUSE OF US!



REPROACH NOT THYSELVES! I SAY THEE-- THOU ART BLAMELESS!

THOU DIDST ACT FOR LOVE--AND VERILY, THERE BE NO HIGHER CAUSE!



KRASK'S MEN HAVE FLED!

AY! WHEN THE LION FALLS--THE JACKALS SOON DEPART!



ONE THING MORE THOU SHALT DO-- DESTROY YON EQUIPMENT!

POWER SUCH AS THAT IS NOT YET MEANT FOR MAN!



AND SO--FAREWELL! THOU HAST EACH OTHER--NO MORE IS NEEDED!

