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THE FALL OF ASGARD!



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GIT READY, YOU GUYS! HERE COME OUR PIGEONS!

THIS'LL BE DUCK SOUP FOR US!

OKAY! WHAT'RE WE WAITIN' FOR?
LET'S GO!

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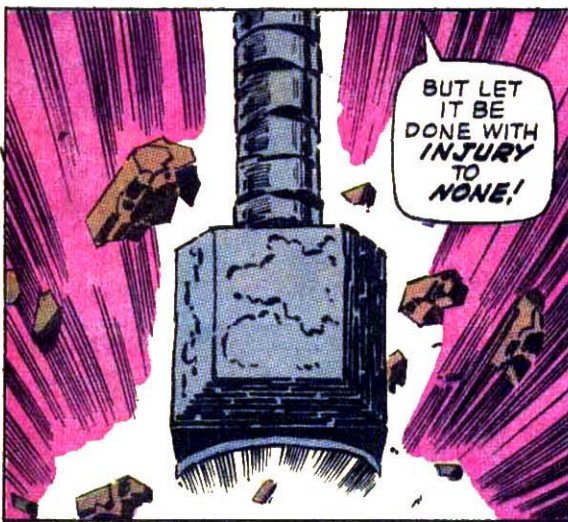


HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!

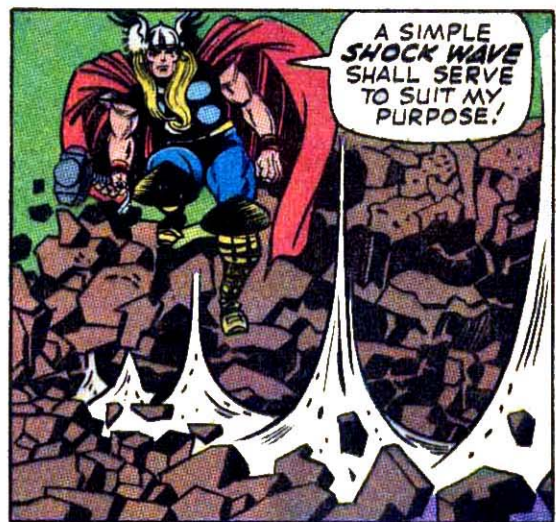
WE'RE GONNA SAVE YA THE TROUBLE OF UNLOADIN' THAT STUFF!



THE TIME HATH COME FOR THE THUNDER GOD TO HALT YON BRAZEN CRIME!



BUT LET IT BE DONE WITH INJURY TO NONE!



A SIMPLE SHOCK WAVE SHALL SERVE TO SUIT MY PURPOSE!



WHAT WUZ THAT?

SOMETHIN'--KNOCKED THE CHOPPERS--RIGHT OUTTA OUR HANDS!

THE WHOLE ROAD'S SHAKIN' LIKE CRAZY!



WE WERE EXPECTING YOU CREEPS!

REAL NICE OF YOU TO SHOW UP RIGHT ON SCHEDULE!

IT WUZ A TRAP! WE RAN RIGHT INTO IT!

BUT-- WHAT ABOUT THE EARTHQUAKE? HOW COME IT ONLY HIT US?



'TIS BECAUSE I MUFFLED THE POWER OF MIGHTY Mjolnir!

MUCH OBLIGED, MISTER! IF NOT FOR YOU, WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN FACED WITH A DEADLY SHOOT-OUT!

YOU'LL NEVER CATCH ME LAUGHIN' AT THOSE THREADS YOU WEAR AGAIN!



SO THIS WUZ GONNA BE A FOOL-PROOF CAPER, HUH?

WHY DIDN'TCHA TELL US WE'D BE RUNNIN' INTO THAT HAMMER-CARRYIN' POWERHOUSE?

WHO KNEW HE'D BE HERE?

I THOUGHT ALL THAT JAZZ ABOUT HIM 'N THAT ASGARD JOINT WUZ JUST FAIRY TALES!

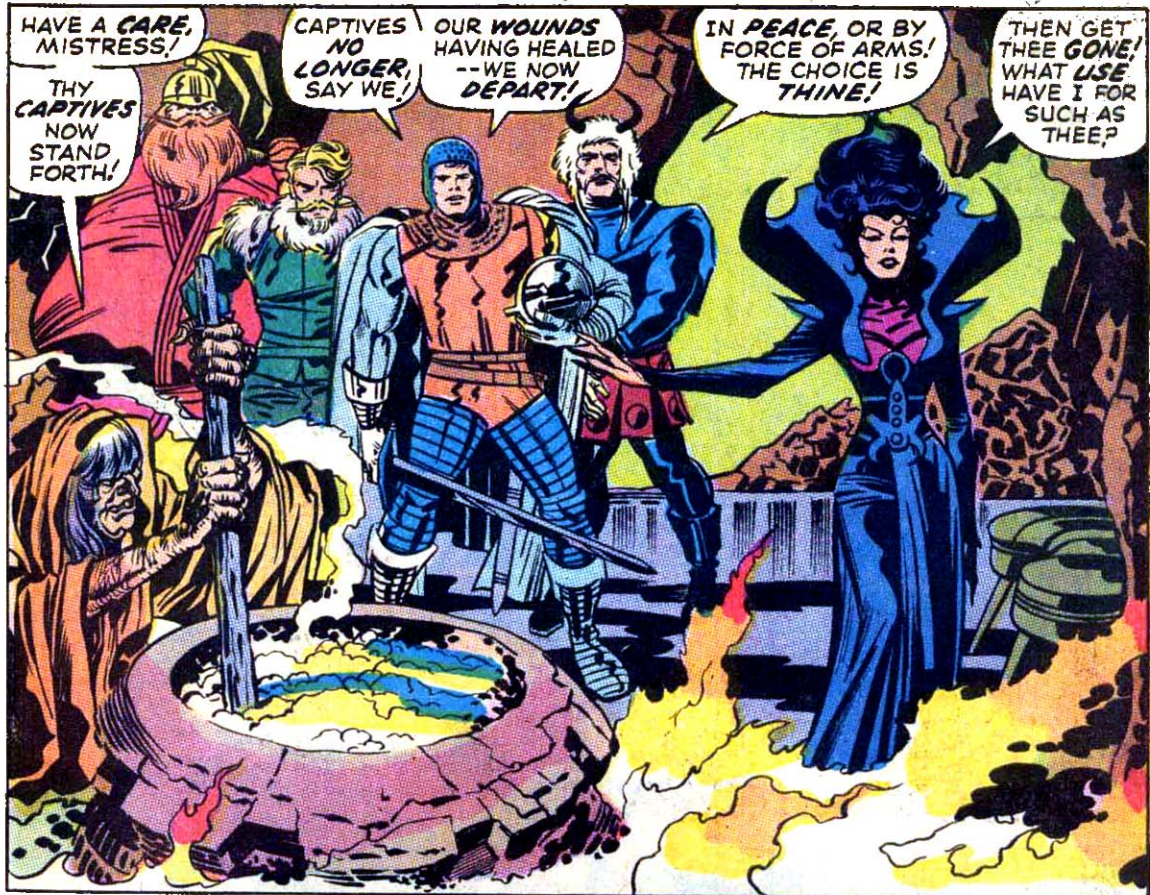


AND, SPEAKING OF THAT FABLED, FAR-DISTANT DOMAIN--LET'S TURN OUR ATTENTION TO THE ETERNAL REALM ITSELF, WHERE WE FIND--

KARNILLA, QUEEN OF THE NORNS, HATH SUMMONED US ONCE AGAIN!

GRASP THEN THY WEAPONS --AND PREPARE FOR BATTLE!

NO LONGER SHALL HER STRANGE ENCHANTMENT HOLD US CAPTIVE IN THIS LAND!



HAVE A CARE, MISTRESS!

THY CAPTIVES NOW STAND FORTH!

CAPTIVES NO LONGER, SAY WE!

OUR WOUNDS HAVING HEALED --WE NOW DEPART!

IN PEACE, OR BY FORCE OF ARMS! THE CHOICE IS THINE!

THEN GET THEE GONE! WHAT USE HAVE I FOR SUCH AS THEE?

ONE OF THEE I DID FIND FAIR--AND PLEASING TO MINE EYES!

BUT HE IS PLEDGED TO ASSGARD--AND I AM FOE OF ASSGARD--FOR I AM QUEEN OF NORNS!

BUT WHY? WHY MUST THERE BE ENMITY BETWEEN THY DOMAIN AND ODIN'S REALM?

BECAUSE, ALAS-- 'TIS SO ORDAINED!

THEN THERE BE NOTHING MORE TO SAY!

THE LION HEART OF VOLSTAGG HATH BEEN CHEATED! 'T WAS BATTLE I DID CRAVE!

BEAUTEOUS QUEEN--WE BID THEE NOW--FAREWELL!

THEN LET US RETURN, AND SOUND THE CHALLENGE!

NAY, HOGUN-- NAY! THOUGH I BE FEARLESS-- I MUST SHOW MERCY TO MY FOES!

LITTLE DOTH BALDER DREAM THE DANGER THAT AWAITS HIM!

THE QUEEN OF NORNS IN LOVE WITH A SMOOTH-FACED ASGARDIAN! NEVER DID HAAG THINK TO SEE THIS DAY!

BUT THY LOVE SHALL BE SHORT-LIVED-- FOR LOKI! WAITS TO STRIKE!

BEGONE, THOU WRETCHED CRONE, GET THEE FROM MY SIGHT!

IF BALDER FALLS, THEN DIES KARNILLA'S HEART!

WHY DOST THOU SPEED, BRAVE BALDER?

HAST THOU SO SOON FORGOT? 'TIS TIME FOR THE FATEFUL ODINSLEEP!

AND IF THOR BE NOT IN ASGARD, THEN WHO SHALL DEFY THE EVIL LOKI?

BUT SOFT! BEHOLD HOW THE VERY GROUND DOTH TREMBLE!

METHINKS WE BE TOO LATE! THE TIME IS ALREADY PAST--!

--FOR THE MOUNTAIN GIANTS BE ON THE MARCH!

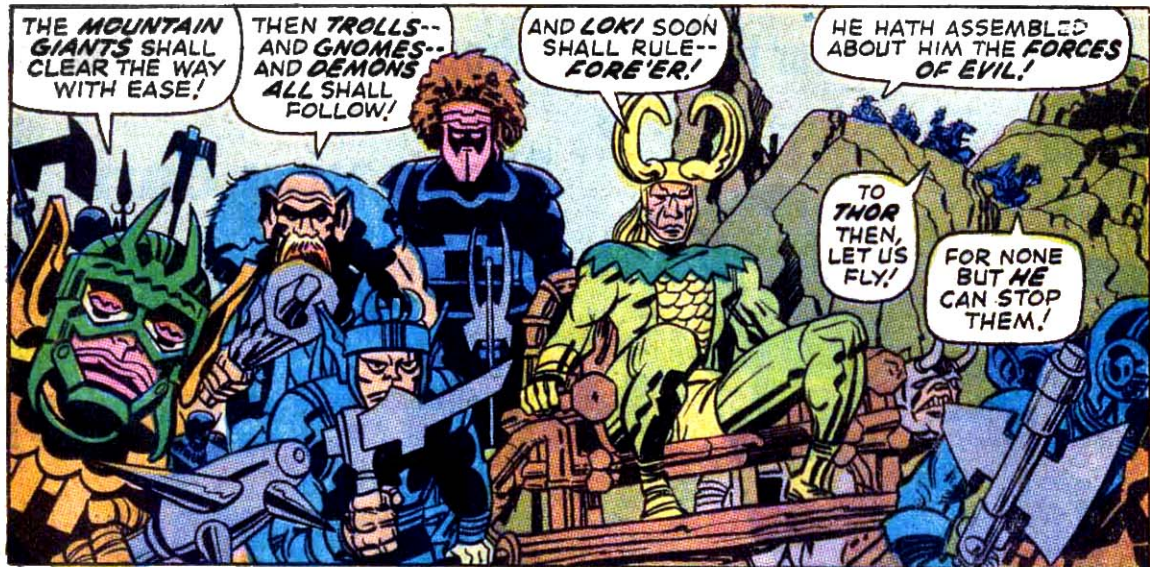
**ONWARD
TO
ASGARD!**



--FOR LOKI!
HATH
GATHERED
THOSE WHO
WOULD
DESTROY
US!

'TIS A
DARK
AND
DISMAL
SIGHT
WE SEE--

WE HAVE
NOT THE
POWER
TO GIVE
THEM
PAUSE!



THE MOUNTAIN GIANTS SHALL CLEAR THE WAY WITH EASE!

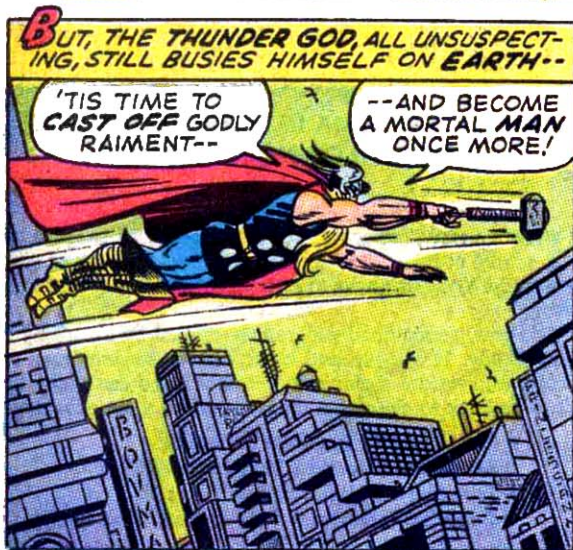
THEN TROLLS-- AND GNOMES-- AND DEMONS ALL SHALL FOLLOW!

AND LOKI SOON SHALL RULE-- FORE'ER!

HE HATH ASSEMBLED ABOUT HIM THE FORCES OF EVIL!

TO THOR THEN, LET US FLY!

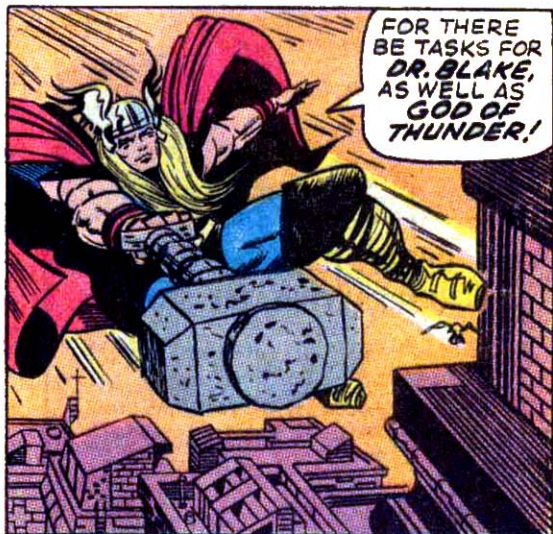
FOR NONE BUT HE CAN STOP THEM!



BUT, THE THUNDER GOD, ALL UNSUSPECTING, STILL BUSIES HIMSELF ON EARTH--

'TIS TIME TO CAST OFF GODLY RAIMENT--

--AND BECOME A MORTAL MAN ONCE MORE!

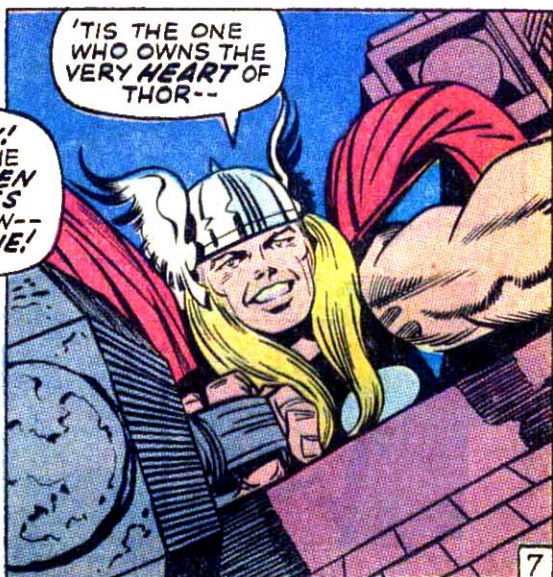


FOR THERE BE TASKS FOR DR. BLAKE, AS WELL AS GOD OF THUNDER!



BUT HOLD! DO TH MY ASGARDIAN VISION DECEIVE ME, OR--?

NAY! BY THE GOLDEN GATES I VOW-- 'TIS SHE!



'TIS THE ONE WHO OWNS THE VERY HEART OF THOR--

THE GODDESS *SIF*--
WHOSE BEAUTY STILL
DOETH *DAZZLE* MINE
EVERY SENSE!

BUT, WHAT
ERRAND
BRINGS
THEE HERE,
MY LADY?

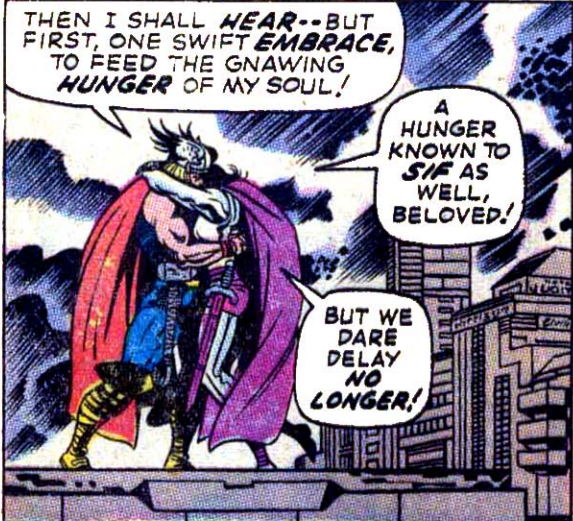
A MISSION MOST
GRIEVOUS AND
MOST GRAVE, MY
LORD!



THEN I SHALL *HEAR*--BUT
FIRST, ONE SWIFT *EMBRACE*,
TO FEED THE GNAWING
HUNGER OF MY SOUL!

A
HUNGER
KNOWN TO
SIF AS
WELL,
BELOVED!

BUT WE
DARE
DELAY
NO
LONGER!



THY LORDLY
FATHER HATH
BEGUN HIS
FATEFUL
ODINSLEEP--

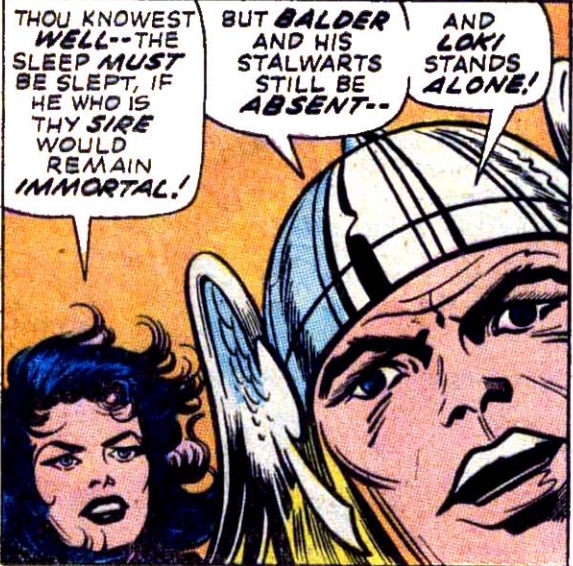
'TIS *FOLLY*--WITH *THOR*
NOT THERE TO GUARD
HIS LIEGE!



THOU KNOWEST
WELL--THE
SLEEP MUST
BE SLEPT, IF
HE WHO IS
THY *SIRE*
WOULD
REMAIN
IMMORTAL!

BUT *BALDER*
AND HIS
STALWARTS
STILL BE
ABSENT--

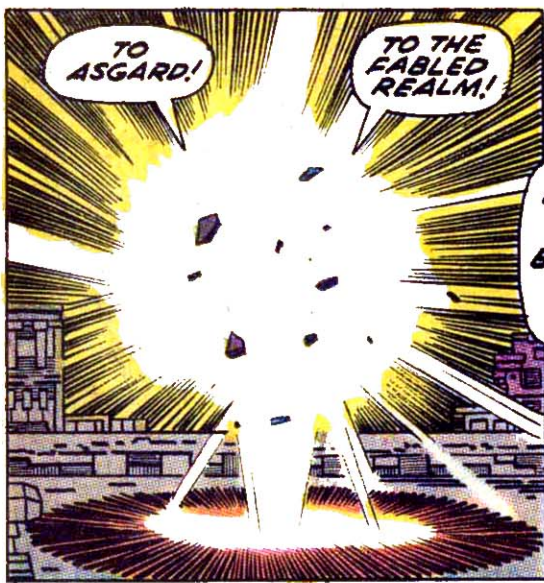
AND *LOKI*
STANDS
ALONE!



THOU DIDST
WELL TO
SUMMON ME,
MY LADY!

AND NOW
--LET US
AWAY!

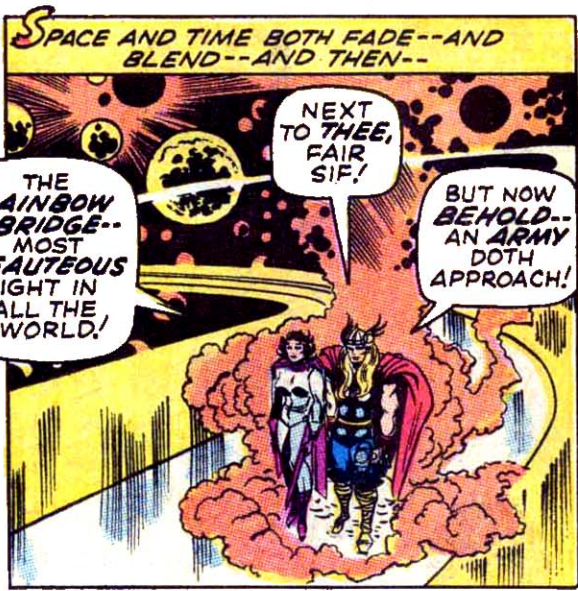




TO ASGARD!

TO THE FABLED REALM!

THE RAINBOW BRIDGE-- MOST BEAUTEOUS SIGHT IN ALL THE WORLD!



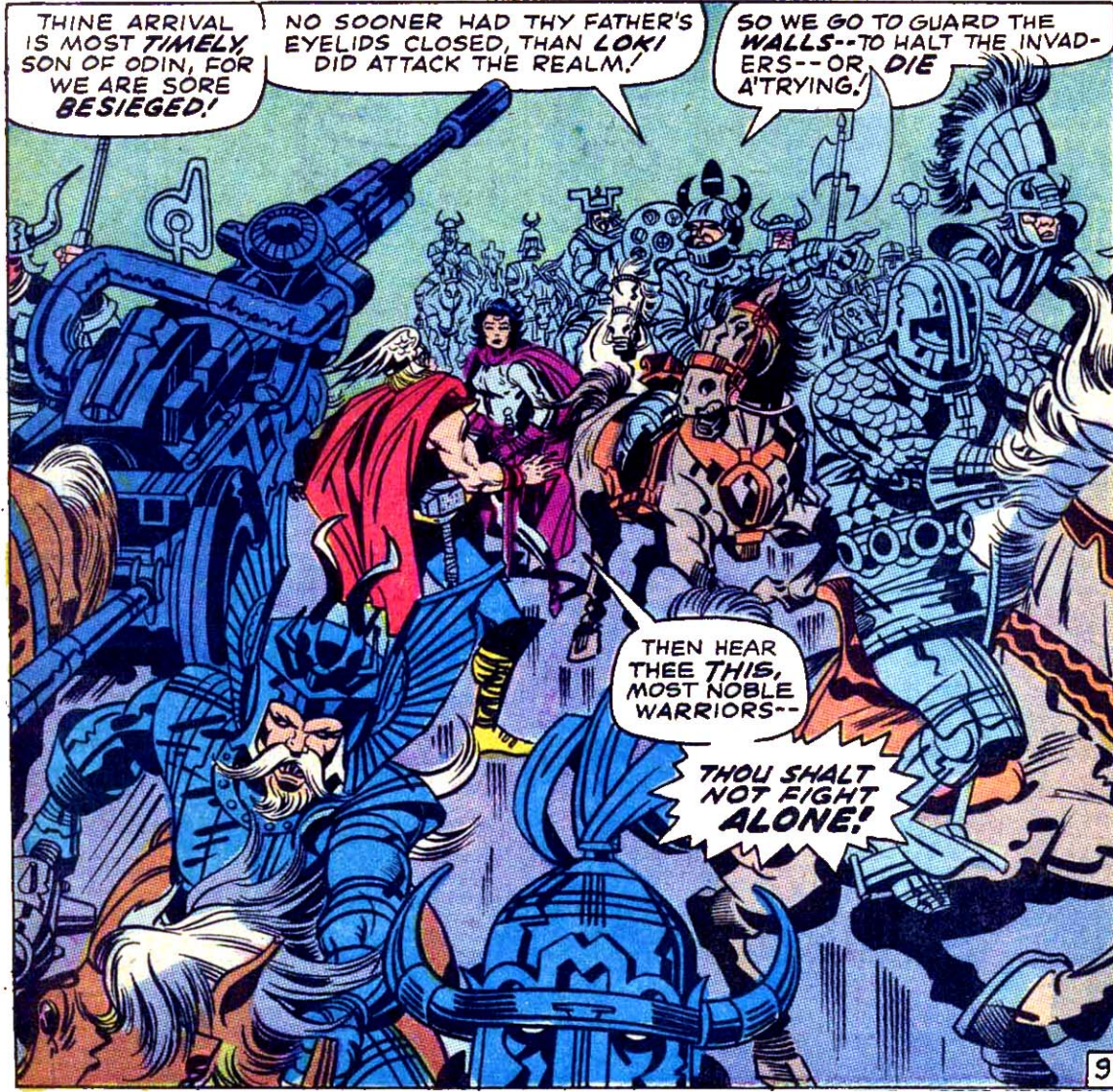
NEXT TO THEE, FAIR SIF!

BUT NOW BEHOLD-- AN ARMY DOTH APPROACH!

THINE ARRIVAL IS MOST TIMELY SON OF ODIN, FOR WE ARE SORE BESIEGED!

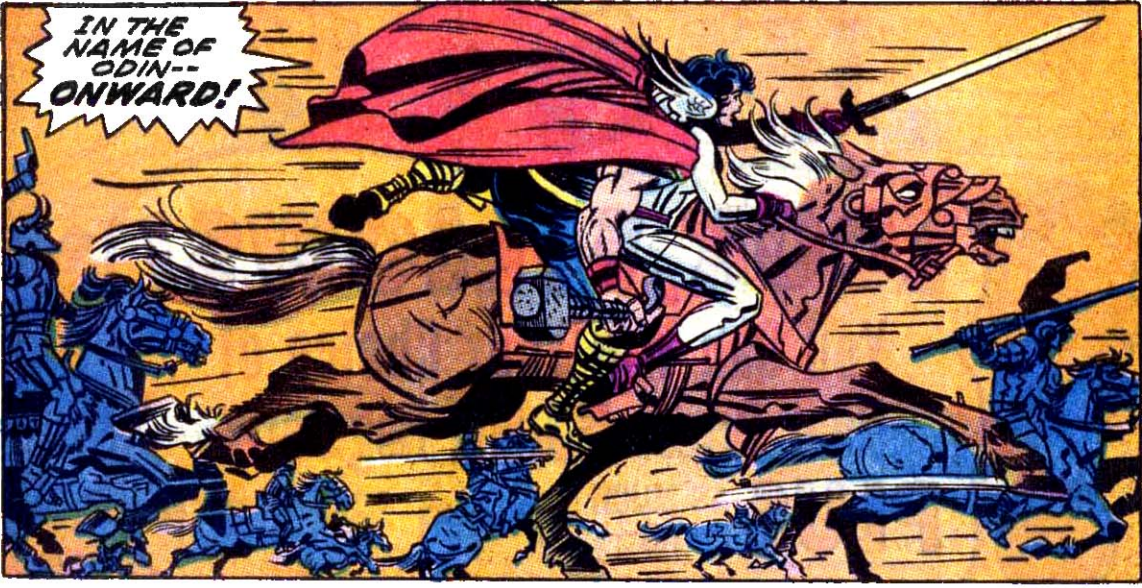
NO SOONER HAD THY FATHER'S EYELIDS CLOSED, THAN LOKI DID ATTACK THE REALM!

SO WE GO TO GUARD THE WALLS-- TO HALT THE INVADERS-- OR DIE A'TRYING!

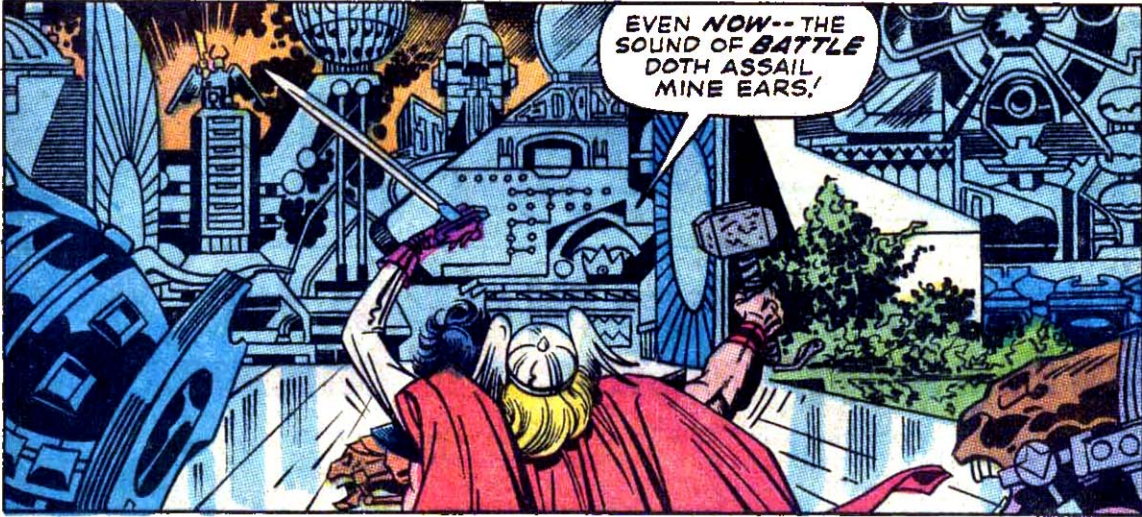


THEN HEAR THEE THIS, MOST NOBLE WARRIORS--

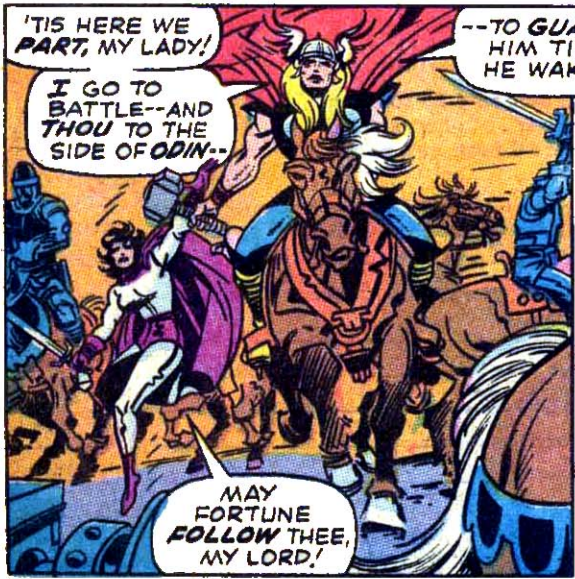
THOU SHALT NOT FIGHT ALONE!



IN THE NAME OF ODIN--
ONWARD!



EVEN NOW--THE SOUND OF BATTLE--DOETH ASSAIL MINE EARS!



'TIS HERE WE PART, MY LADY!

I GO TO BATTLE--AND THOU TO THE SIDE OF ODIN--

MAY FORTUNE FOLLOW THEE, MY LORD!



--TO GUARD HIM TILL HE WAKES!

MOUNTAIN GIANTS-- WITHIN THE GATES!

IF THEY BE NOT STOPPED-- WE PERISH!



BUT ASGARD SHALL NOT PERISH!!



DEATH TO THE SON OF ODIN!

I'LL NOT BE HALTED BY THE LIKES OF THEE!



'TIS LOKI! I MUST FIND!



WARRIORS-- GUARD MY FLANK!

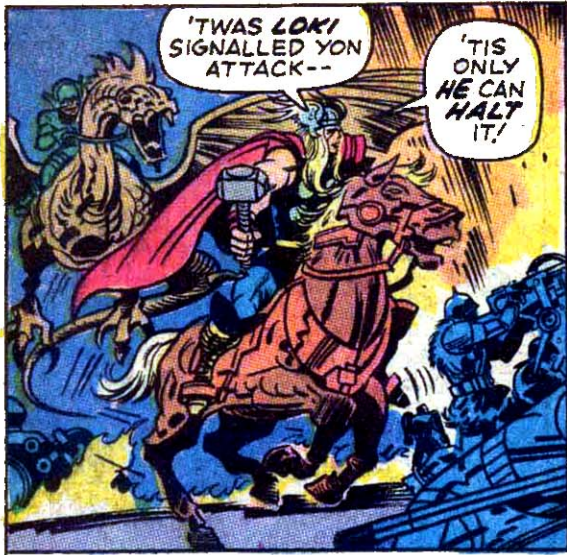
FOR TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!



STAND FAST 'GAINST THE LIMBS OF THE ENEMY--

WHILST THOR SPEEDS TO FELL ITS HEAD!

SWOOSH!



'TWAS LOKI
SIGNALLED YON
ATTACK--

'TIS ONLY
HE CAN
HALT
IT!



THIS
ONCE--THE
VICTORY
IS HIS!

IF THOU
WOULDST
FIND THE
GOD OF
EVIL--

THOU
MUST FACE
HIM--AS
A SLAVE!



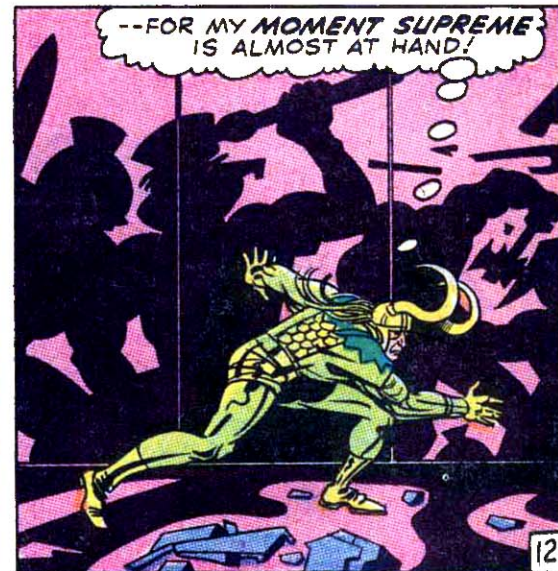
THE BATTLE GOES
WELL! METHINKS
'T WILL SOON BE
ENDED!



THEN BEGINS
THE REIGN OF--LOKI!



BUT, WHILST THE
CONFLICT CONTINUES,
I'LL STEAL AWAY!



--FOR MY MOMENT SUPREME
IS ALMOST AT HAND!

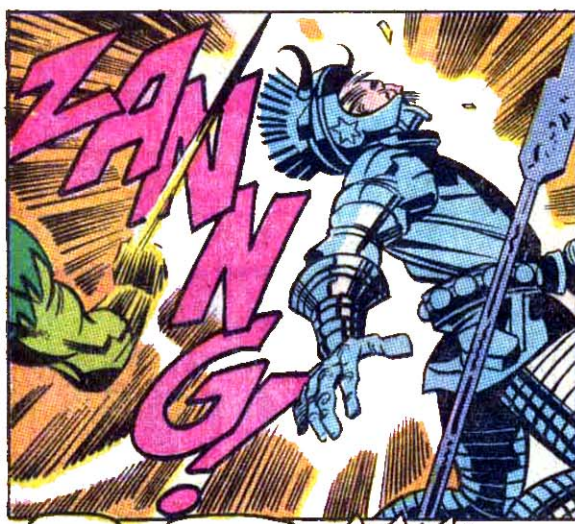


NONE BUT **LOKI** KNOWS THE HIDDEN ENTRANCE TO THE CHAMBER OF ODIN!

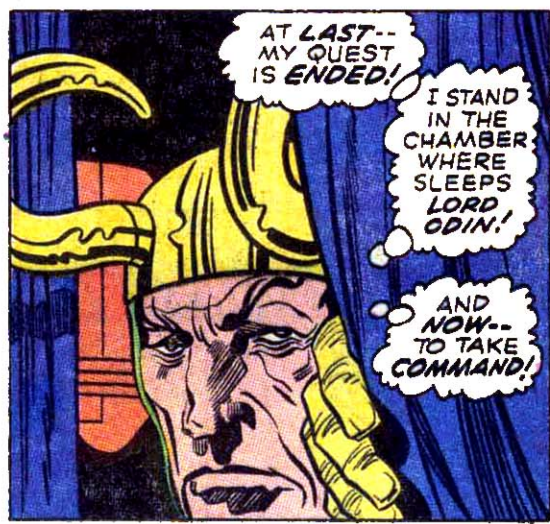


FOR 'T WAS I WHO SECRETLY HAD IT BUILT--

--AND THEN SILENCED THOSE WHO DID MY BIDDING!



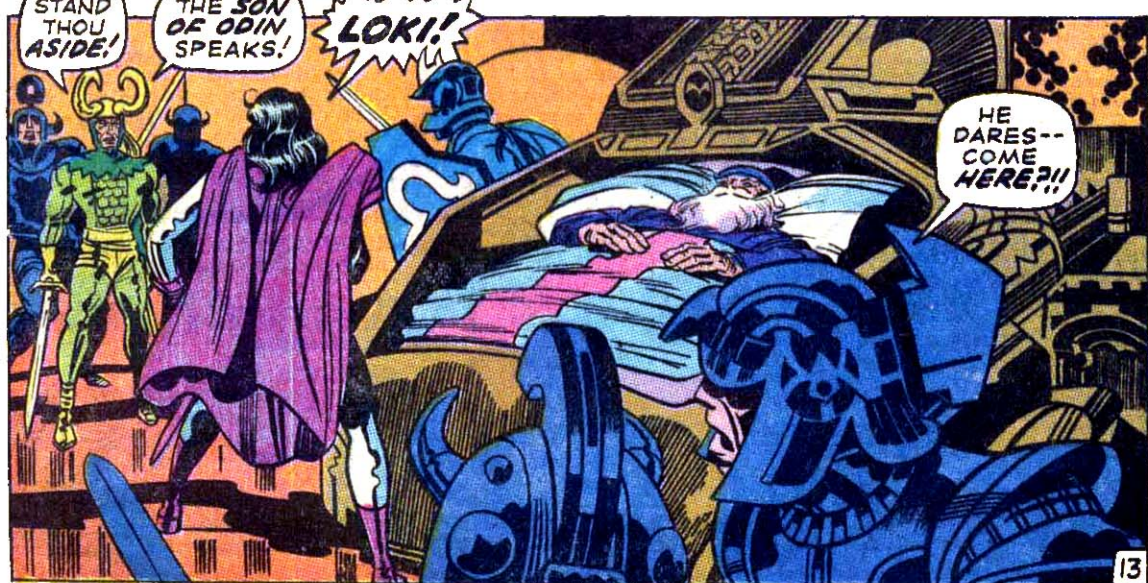
ZANN G!



AT LAST-- MY QUEST IS ENDED!

I STAND IN THE CHAMBER WHERE SLEEPS LORD ODIN!

AND NOW-- TO TAKE COMMAND!



STAND THOU ASIDE!

THE SON OF ODIN SPEAKS!

LOKI!

HE DARES-- COME HERE?!!



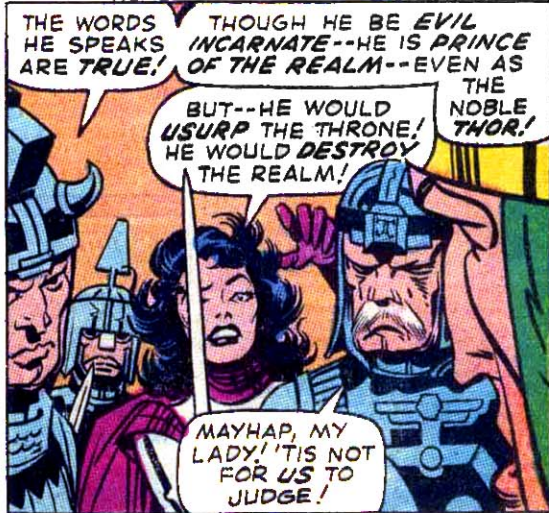
IN THE NAME OF ODIN--RUN THE TRAITOR THROUGH!

THOR HAS ORDERED-- HE MUST NOT PASS!

FOOLS! YOU DARE NOT STRIKE ME!



AM I NOT BLOOD OF ODIN'S BLOOD? AM I NOT FLESH OF ODIN'S FLESH?

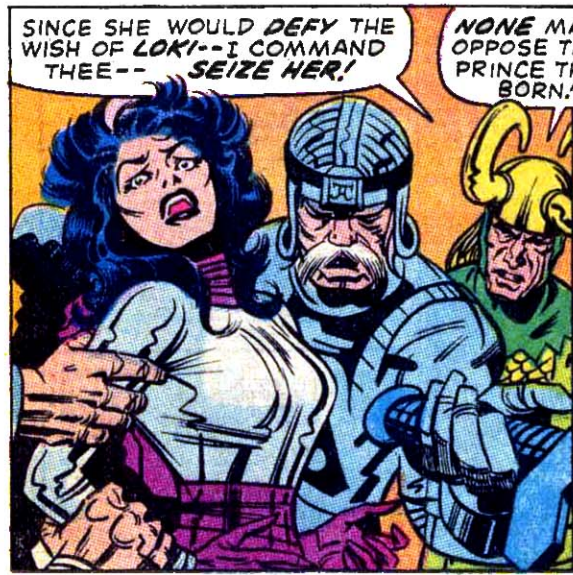


THE WORDS HE SPEAKS ARE TRUE!

THOUGH HE BE EVIL INCARNATE--HE IS PRINCE OF THE REALM--EVEN AS THE NOBLE THOR!

BUT--HE WOULD USURP THE THRONE! HE WOULD DESTROY THE REALM!

MAYHAP, MY LADY!'TIS NOT FOR US TO JUDGE!

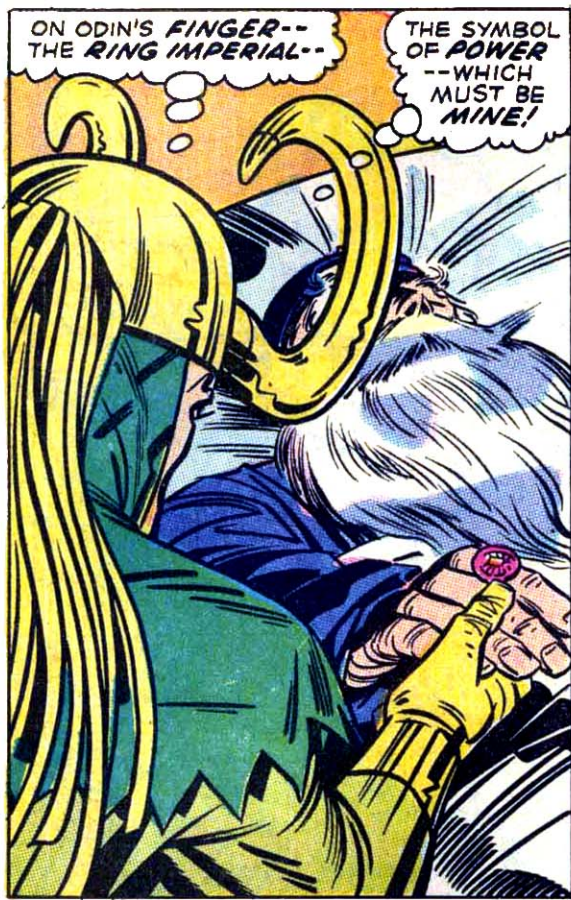


SINCE SHE WOULD DEFEY THE WISH OF LOKI--I COMMAND THEE-- SEIZE HER!

NONE MAY OPPOSE THE PRINCE TRUE-BORN!



AND NOW-- A UNIVERSE IS ALMOST WITHIN MY GRASP--





LONG HAVE WE AWAITED THEE, MY PRINCE!

WE KNEW THOU WOULDST NOT FAIL US!

ONLY SIX TO TRY THE MIGHT OF VOLSTAGG?

ODDS BLOOD! SEEKEST THOU TO MOCK MY PROWESS??



I SEE THEE, AND FANDRAL-- AND VOLSTAGG AS WELL!

BUT WHAT OF NOBLE BALDER??

HE DOTH BATTLE LIKE A DEMON, BEYOND THE GOLDEN GATES!

SO DO YOU ALL!

SO TOO SHALL THOR!



THEY FALL BACK, MY PRINCE-- BEFORE THE FURY OF THY HAMMER!

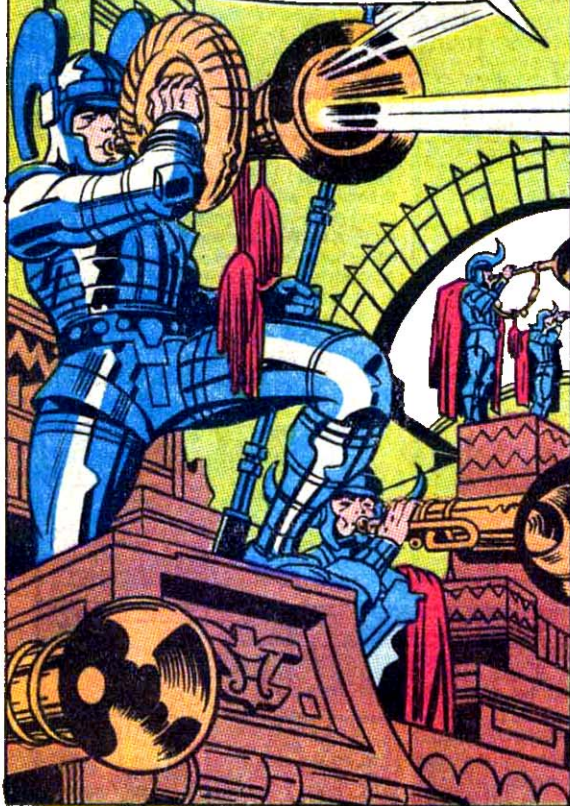
BUT WAIT! WHAT DO I HEAR??



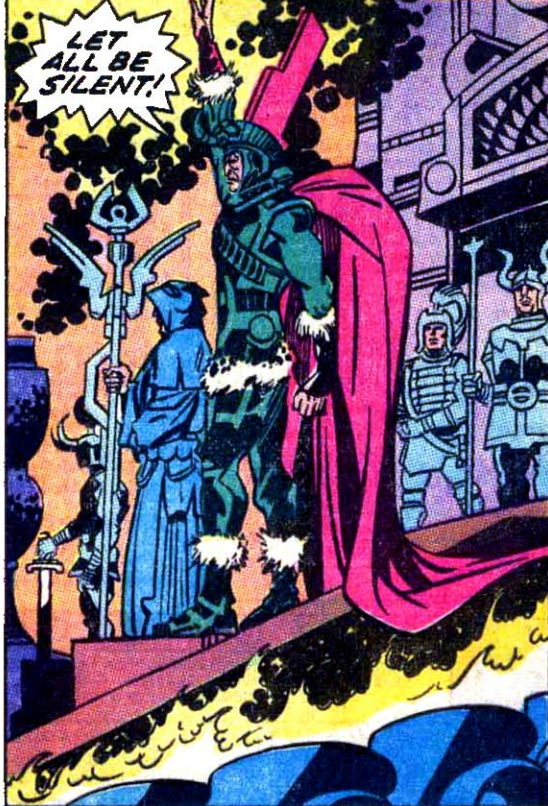
THE BRAZEN BLARE OF TRUMPETS--

--FROM THE PALACE OF OUR LIEGE!

'TIS THE SHRILL AND FATEFUL
CALL WHICH HERALDS AN
END TO BATTLE!



THEN, AS THE FANFARE STOPS--A
REGALLY-CLAD FIGURE APPEARS BEFORE
THE MULTITUDES--



LET
ALL BE
SILENT!

'TIS LOKI--
IN THE GARB
OF SOVEREIGN
OF THE REALM!

TRAITOR--
PREPARE
TO MEET
THY FATE!



SO! WE
FACE EACH
OTHER
ONCE
AGAIN!

BUT THIS
TIME THE
POWER IS
MINE!

GUARDS!
THEY SHALL
NOT PASS!



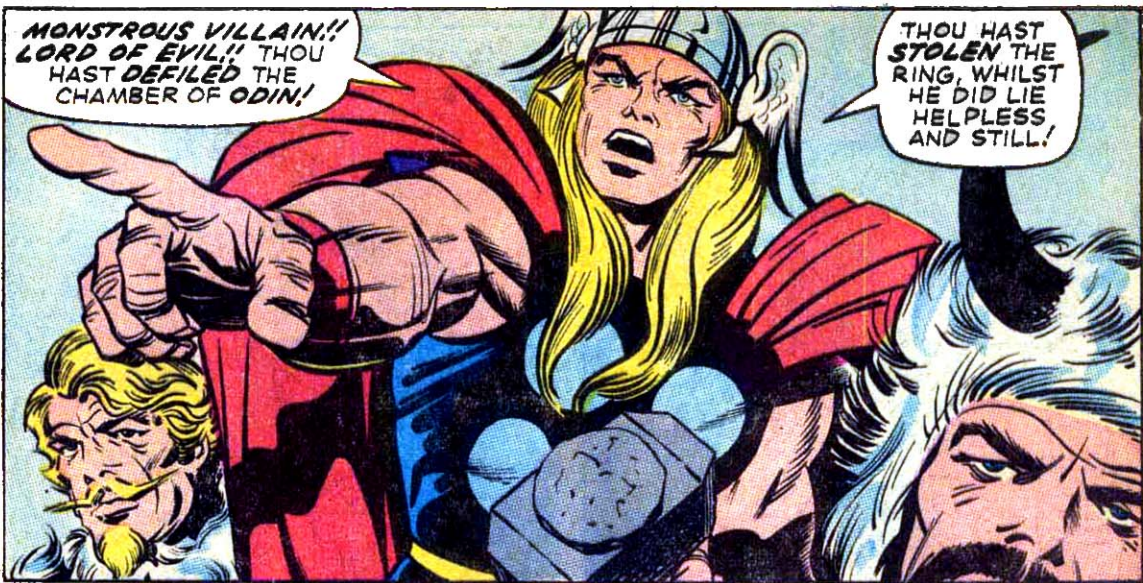
WHAT
MADNESS
IS THIS??!

THOU CANST
NOT RULE--
WHILST
ODIN LIVES!

**NONE MAY
SAY WHAT LOKI
CAN DO! NONE
MAY DARE TELL
LOKI NAY!**

**FOR LOKI DOTH
WEAR--
THE RING
IMPERIAL!!**

**THUS, LOKI
IS THE WORD--
AND THE LAW!
AND ALL WHO
LIVE--ARE LOKI'S
SUBJECTS!**



**MONSTROUS VILLAIN!!
LORD OF EVIL!! THOU
HAST DEFILED THE
CHAMBER OF ODIN!**

**THOU HAST
STOLEN THE
RING, WHILST
HE DID LIE
HELPLESS
AND STILL!**



**SUCH
MONUMENTAL
INFAMY MUST NOT
UNPUNISHED
GO!**

**ASGARDIANS!!
TO MY SIDE! WE
FIGHT--TILL
LOKI FALLS!
SO SPEAKS THE
GOD OF THUNDER!**



**THOUGH OUR
HEARTS BE
WITH THEE,
NOBLE PRINCE--**

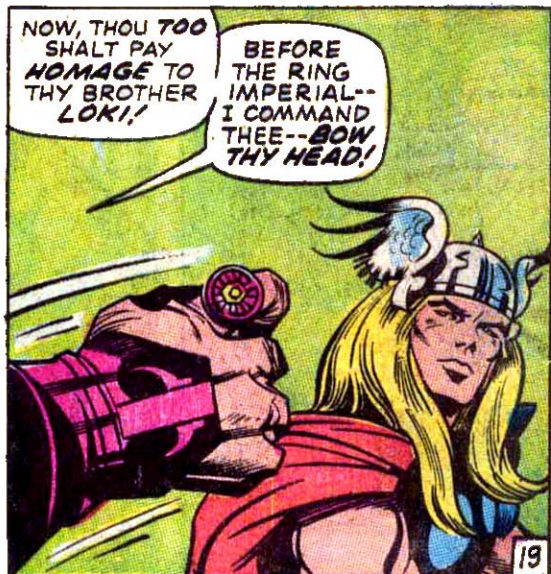
**'TIS
LOKI!
WHO DOTH
WEAR THE
RING!**

**WE CANNOT
TAKE ARMS
AGAINST
OUR LIEGE!**



**THEN--NONE WILL FOLLOW--
WHERE THOR WOULDST LEAD??**

**THE GAME IS
ENDED! THE PRIZE
IS MINE!**



**NOW, THOU TOO
SHALT PAY
HOMAGE TO
THY BROTHER
LOKI!**

**BEFORE
THE RING
IMPERIAL--
I COMMAND
THEE--**BOW
THY HEAD!****



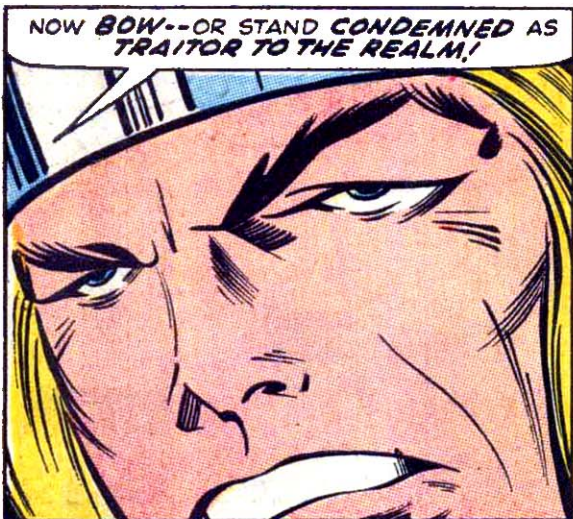
YOU MUST OBEY! YOU HAVE NO CHOICE!

THE GODDESS SIF IS MY PRISONER! DEFY ME-- AND THOU SHALT SEE HER NEVERMORE!



BY ALL THE HOSTS OF HEAVEN AND HELL--IF THOU SHOULDEST HARM MY LADY--

BE SILENT, PRINCE! 'T WILL AVAIL THEE NAUGHT!



NOW BOW--OR STAND CONDEMNED AS TRAITOR TO THE REALM!



NOT ALL THE AGES PASSING OF THE WORLD SHALL ERASE THE MEMORY OF THIS BASE IGNOMINY!



AT LAST-- I'VE WON!

EVEN THE THUNDER GOD HATH YIELDED!



NOW BEGINS THE REIGN OF LOKI!



NOW LET EVIL FLOURISH O'ER THE WORLD!

NEXT: INFERNO!