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# THE MIGHTY THOR

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GOD  
VS. GOD  
IN  
THE GREATEST  
BATTLE  
OF ALL  
TIME!

# THE MIGHTY THOR!

## TO END IN FLAMES!

WE HAVE SAFELY REACHED THE PLANET EARTH!

THUS, THOUGH ASGARD MAY FALL, LOKI SHALL BE SPARED!

BUT, THINK YOU, PRINCE OF EVIL--

--IF SURTUR THE GIANT FIRE DEMON, DESTROYS THE ETERNAL REALM--

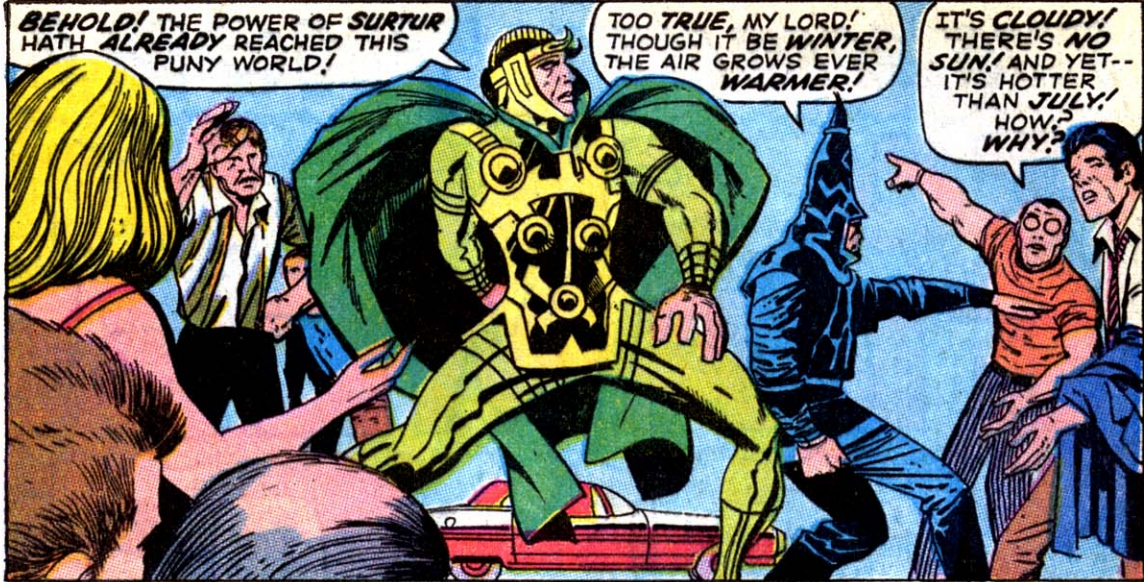
--HOW LONG CAN EARTH SURVIVE?--

**T**HRU TRICKERY AND GUILF, EVIL LOKI HAS STOLEN THE THRONE OF ASGARD--SENDING THE SLEEPING ODIN TO THE SEA OF ETERNAL NIGHT! BUT, WITH THE INVASION OF SURTUR, THE FIRE GOD, LOKI FLEES THE REALM, LEAVING ALL OF ASGARD TO ITS FRIGHTFUL FATE--!

GRANDEUR UNSURPASSED,  
BY

**STAN LEE**  
and  
**JACK KIRBY**

EMBELLISHMENT:  
**VINCE COLLETTA**  
LETTERING:  
**A. SIMEK**



BEHOLD! THE POWER OF SURTUR HATH ALREADY REACHED THIS PUNY WORLD!

TOO TRUE, MY LORD! THOUGH IT BE WINTER, THE AIR GROWS EVER WARMER!

IT'S CLOUDY! THERE'S NO SUN! AND YET-- IT'S HOTTER THAN JULY! HOW? WHY?



THOUGH ASGARD BE AT THE OTHER END OF THE UNIVERSE--WHAT DO TH HAPPEN THERE MUST LIKELIKE AFFECT THE EARTH!

THEN LOKI SHALL FLEE TO OTHER WORLDS!



SAY! THOSE CLOTHES OF YOURS--

WOULDJA HAPPEN TO BE FRIENDS OF THE MIGHTY THOR?

PROFANE NOT MINE EARS WITH HIS ACCURSED NAME!



WHATEVER'S HAPPENING TO THE WEATHER, I THOUGHT MAYBE HE'D KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

MAYHAP HE DOES!



AND, WHEN ASGARD FALLS 'NEATH THE FLAMING ONSLAUGHT OF SURTUR, THEN THOR SHALL FALL AS WELL!

THUS, THOUGH LOKI HATH LOST A KINGDOM, HE HATH GAINED HIS GREATEST VICTORY--FOR THE THUNDER GOD SHALL DIE!

**A**ND, EVEN AS THE GLOATING GOD OF EVIL  
MUSES--A MONSTROUS RING OF FLAME  
ENGULFS THE GOLDEN REALM--

SURTUR  
DOETH  
ATTACK--  
AND THERE  
BE NONE  
TO STOP  
HIM!



LORDLY ODIN HATH  
STRANGELY  
VANISHED--

--AND LOKI, AS WELL  
--AND WITH HIM, THE  
ROYAL RING IMPERIAL!

SO THERE  
BE NONE  
TO LEAD US  
NOW!

NO!  
ONE YET  
REMAINS--  
THE  
NOBLEST  
ONE OF  
ALL--



BEHOLD--THE  
MIGHTY THOR!

I SAY TO THEE--  
STAND FAST!!



WHATE'ER THE DANGER--WHATE'ER THE  
ODDS--LET NONE FORGET--WE BE  
ASGARDIANS ALL!

WE FIGHT FOR  
HOME--FOR THE  
REALM ETERNAL!  
IN THE FACE OF  
DEATH--LET  
NOT A MAN  
SURRENDER!



THOR HATH  
SOUNDED  
THE CALL!

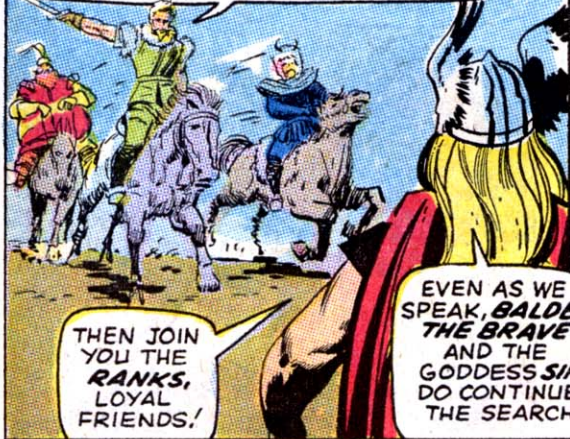
WE DO  
HEAR--  
AND  
OBEY!

WHERE THE  
THUNDER GOD  
LEADS--THERE  
SHALL WE  
FOLLOW!

THEN TO ARMS--  
AND TO HORSE!  
LET THE  
BATTLE BEGIN!



HOLD, SON OF ODIN! THOUGH WE HAVE  
SEARCHED US THE REALM--THY  
FATHER REMAINS STILL UNFOUND!

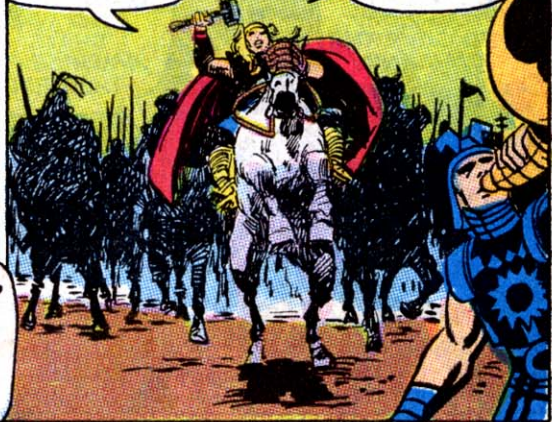


THEN JOIN  
YOU THE  
RANKS,  
LOYAL  
FRIENDS!

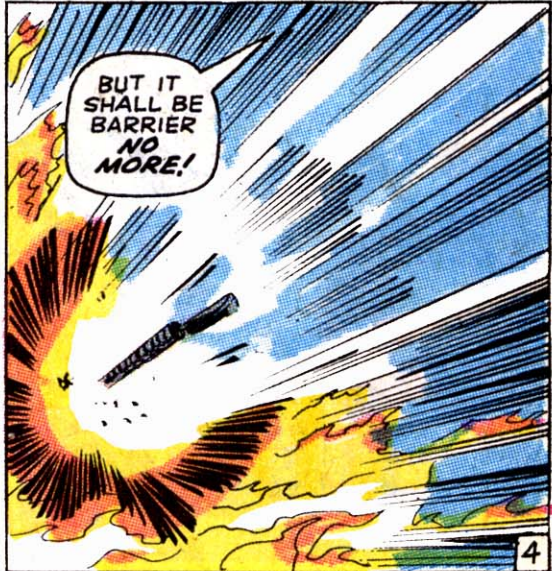
EVEN AS WE  
SPEAK, **BALDER  
THE BRAVE**  
AND THE  
GODDESS **SIF**  
DO CONTINUE  
THE SEARCH!

EACH, IN HIS  
WAY, MUST  
NOW SERVE  
THE REALM--

--AND OURS  
IS THE WAY  
OF--THE  
WARRIOR!



BEFORE US--  
THE DREAD  
BARRIER OF  
FLAME--



BUT IT  
SHALL BE  
BARRIER  
NO  
MORE!



THINE HAMMER HATH CREATED A VACUUM! IT HATH CAUSED THE FLAMES TO PART!

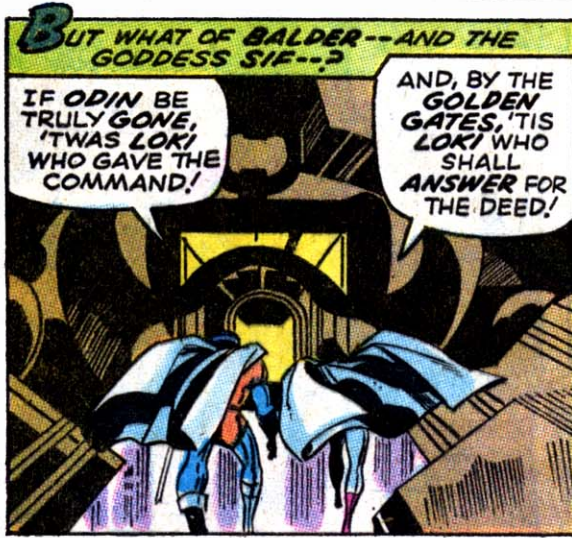
NOW ONWARD -- TO YON GIANT HIMSELF!



THERE DO TH HE STAND-- LOOMING AS HIGH AS THE TALLEST PEAK!

PUNY ASGARDIANS! NONE BUT VANISHED ODIN MAY RIVAL THE POWER OF SURTUR!

HE DO TH SEE US! THE MOMENT IS COME!



BUT WHAT OF BALDER-- AND THE GODDESS SIF--?

IF ODIN BE TRULY GONE, 'T WAS LOKI WHO GAVE THE COMMAND!

AND, BY THE GOLDEN GATES, 'T IS LOKI WHO SHALL ANSWER FOR THE DEED!



BUT, IF THE EVIL ONE HATH FLED, WHY COME WE TO HIS CASTLE?

THE WIZARD IGRON DO TH REMAIN-- AND HE IS LOKI'S FIENDISH ALLY!



IGRON! STAND THEE FAST!

MINE EARS PERCEIVE THE VOICE OF BALDER!



AND THY FLESH SHALL TASTE THE STEEL OF BALDER-- UNLESS THOU ANSWER TRUE!

WHAT FATE HATH BEFALLEN ALL-FATHER ODIN? I SAY THEE SPEAK!

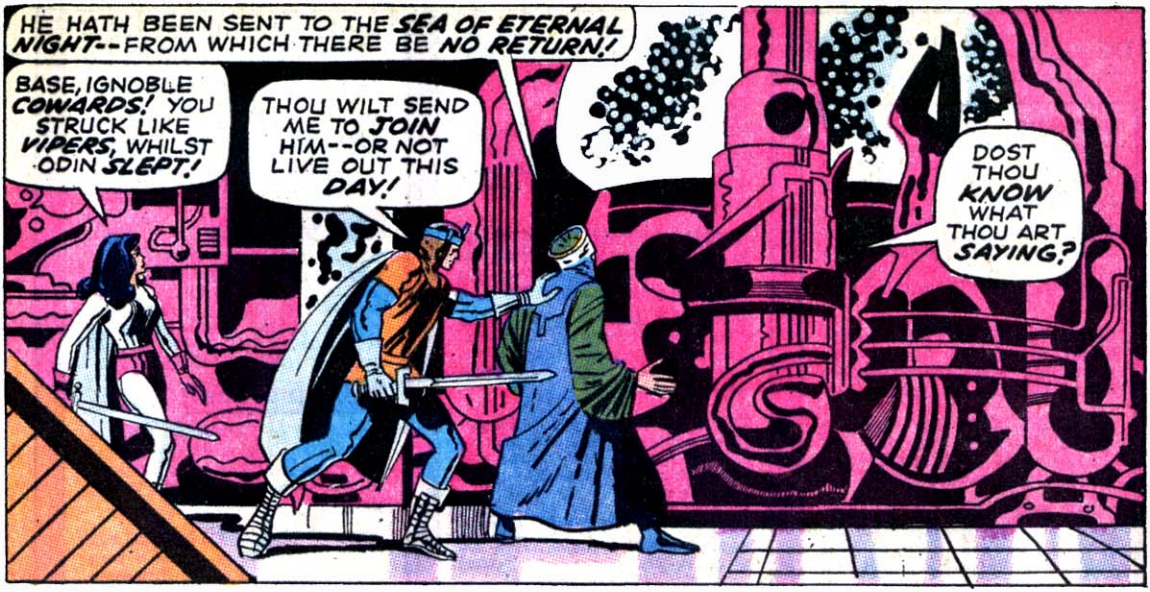
FOOL! THE KNOWLEDGE WILL AVAIL THEE NAUGHT!

HE HATH BEEN SENT TO THE SEA OF ETERNAL NIGHT--FROM WHICH THERE BE NO RETURN!

BASE, IGNOBLE COWARDS! YOU STRUCK LIKE VIPERS, WHILST ODIN SLEPT!

THOU WILT SEND ME TO JOIN HIM--OR NOT LIVE OUT THIS DAY!

DOST THOU KNOW WHAT THOU ART SAYING?



I WILL SEND THEE GLADLY-- FOR IT BE WITHIN THE DIMENSION OF DEATH!

SPARE ME THY WORDS, SINISTER ONE! TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!

HERE, NOBLE BALDER, SHALL SIF REMAIN-- ON GUARD TILL THOU SHALT RETURN!

AND RETURN I SHALL-- OR DIE A'TRYING!



MEANWHILE, LED BY THE GOD OF THUNDER, THE LEGIONS OF ASGARD ATTACK--

LET NOT HIS SIZE--NOR HIS DEADLY POWER FILL THEE WITH FEAR!

WE FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT! IN THE NAME OF LORD ODIN--WE STRIKE!



STRIKE? YOU KNOW NOT THE MEANING OF THE WORD! BUT SURTUR WILL TEACH YOU!

BEHIND ME, ALL! HE DOTH UNLEASH A FLAME ATTACK!



I NEED NO ARMY FOR THE LIKES OF THEE!

THOR SHALL STAND ALONE!

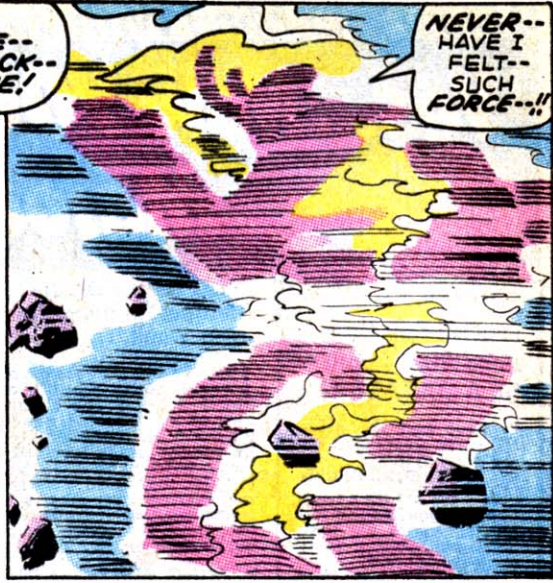
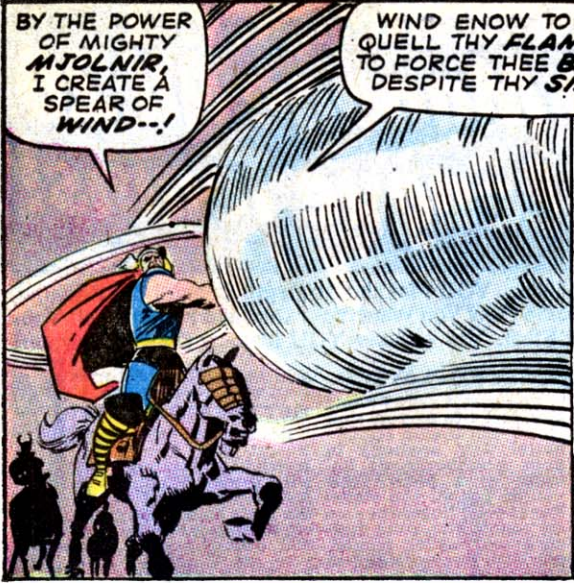
AND SO SHALL YOU FALL!



BY THE POWER OF MIGHTY MJOLNIR, I CREATE A SPEAR OF WIND--!

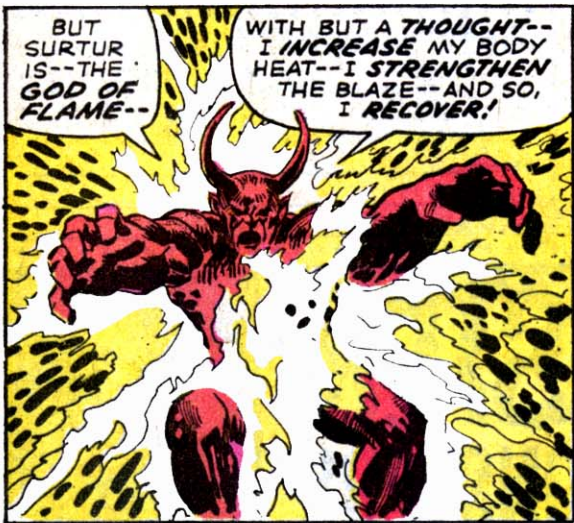
WIND ENOW TO QUELL THY FLAME-- TO FORCE THEE BACK-- DESPITE THY SIZE!

NEVER-- HAVE I FELT-- SUCH FORCE--!!



BUT SURTUR IS--THE GOD OF FLAME--

WITH BUT A THOUGHT-- I INCREASE MY BODY HEAT--I STRENGTHEN THE BLAZE--AND SO, I RECOVER!



YOUR POWER IS GREAT, GOD OF THUNDER--YET, YOU ARE BUT THE SON OF ODIN, WHILE SURTUR IS HIS EQUAL!

I SHALL DESTROY ALL ASGARD-- THEN THE UNIVERSE ITSELF --AND THEN REBUILD IT-- FASHIONING THE WORLD TO SUIT MY OWN DESIGN!

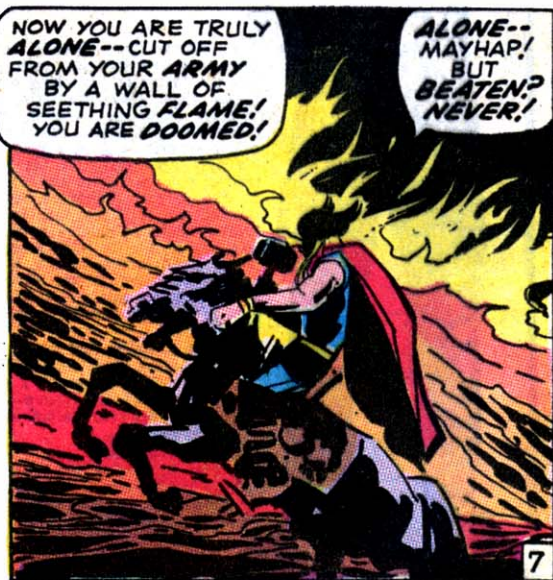


SEE? WITH BUT A GESTURE, I MELT A MOUNTAINSIDE ENTIRE!



NOW YOU ARE TRULY ALONE-- CUT OFF FROM YOUR ARMY BY A WALL OF SEETHING FLAME! YOU ARE DOOMED!

ALONE-- MAYHAP-- BUT BEATEN? NEVER!







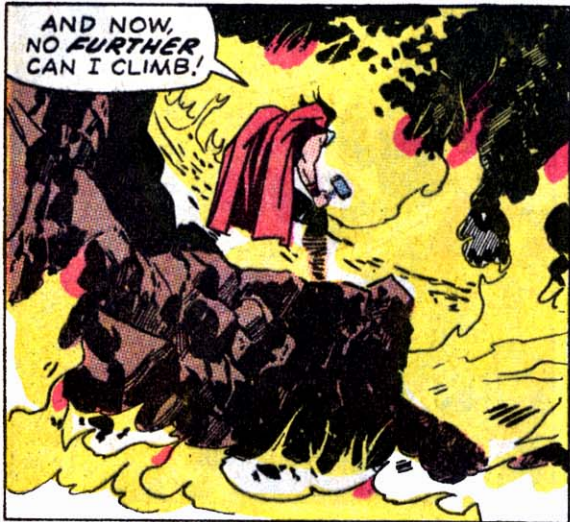
TAKE TO THY  
HEELS,  
LOYAL  
STEED!

THY  
MASTER  
HATH NO  
FURTHER  
NEED OF  
THEE!

**THWAK!**



THE SEA OF  
MOLTEN  
LAVA  
GROWS EVER  
HIGHER--



AND NOW,  
NO FURTHER  
CAN I CLIMB!



BUT STILL  
HAVE I MY  
STALWART  
HAMMER--!



--AND STILL  
SHALL THOR  
FIGHT ON!

IT  
MATTERS  
NOT  
WHERE  
YOU MAY  
FLY--

THERE IS  
NO PLACE  
I CANNOT  
REACH  
YOU!

THY BOLTS OF  
FLAME MIGHT  
HALT  
ANOTHER  
FOE--

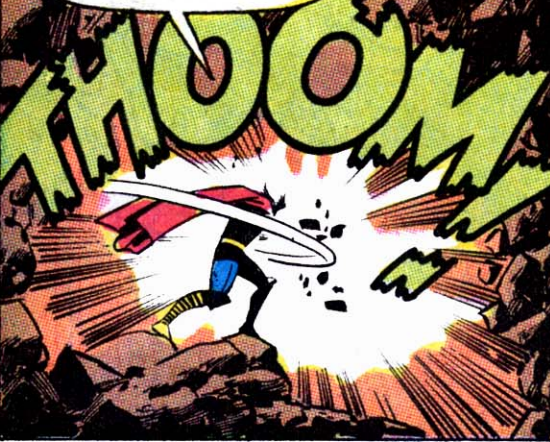
BUT THOR IS  
SON OF ODIN--  
FLESH OF  
THE FLESH--  
BLOOD OF  
THE BLOOD!

NO  
MATTER  
THE  
ODDS--  
THOR  
SHALL  
PREVAIL!

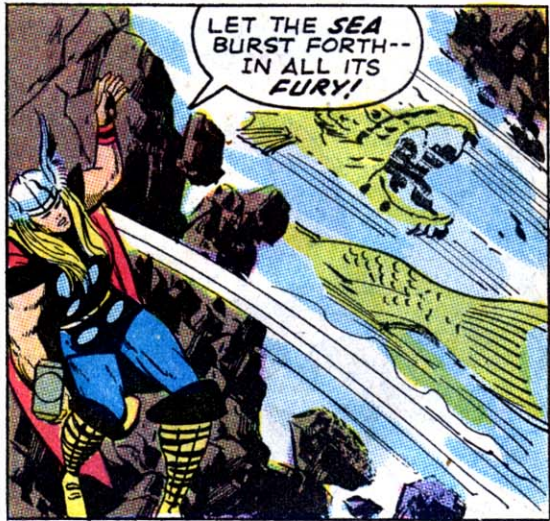
BEYOND THESE  
CLIFFS--THE  
SURGING SEA--  
HELD BACK, AS  
BY A DAM!

LET  
MIGHTY  
MJOLNIR  
STRIKE  
ONE  
BLOW--

LET THE BOULDERS  
SHATTER--LET THE  
MOUNTAIN FALL--



LET THE SEA  
BURST FORTH--  
IN ALL ITS  
FURY!



LET THE  
FLAMES OF  
SURTUR  
BE  
ENGULFED--

FOR ODIN,  
AND THE  
GOLDEN  
REALM!



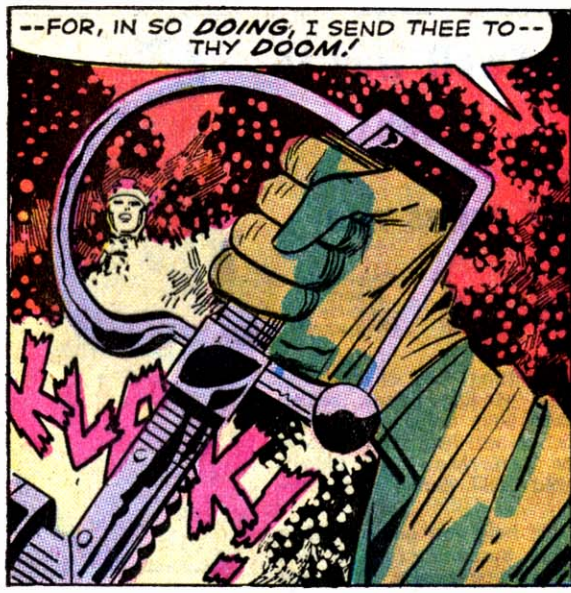
AND, AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

IGRON, SEND  
ME FORTH!  
I COMMAND  
THEE!

NO NEED TO  
COMMAND,  
FOOLHARDY  
ONE--

I DO SO  
GLADLY!

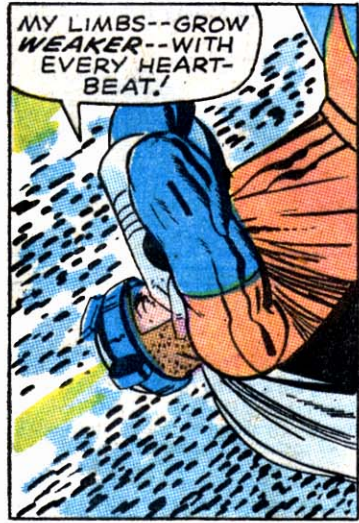




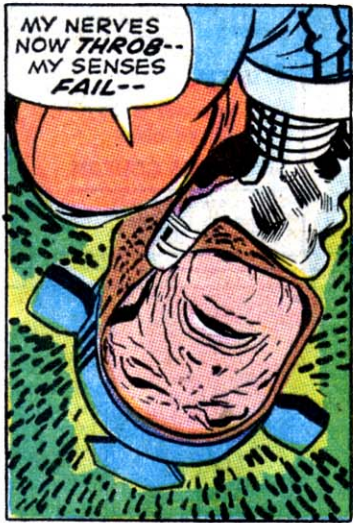
--FOR, IN SO DOING, I SEND THEE TO--  
THY DOOM!



I AM HURLED  
INTO THE LIMBO  
OF DARK AND  
ENDLESS SPACE!



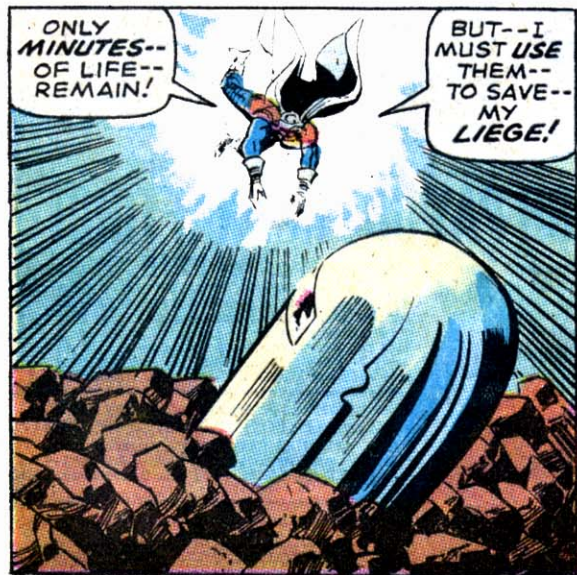
MY LIMBS--GROW  
WEAKER--WITH  
EVERY HEART-  
BEAT!



MY NERVES  
NOW THROB--  
MY SENSES  
FAIL--



WITH--EVERY BREATH--  
MY BODY AGES--THE  
VERY FLESH UPON ME--  
WITHERS!



ONLY  
MINUTES--  
OF LIFE--  
REMAIN!

BUT--I  
MUST USE  
THEM--  
TO SAVE--  
MY  
LIEGE!



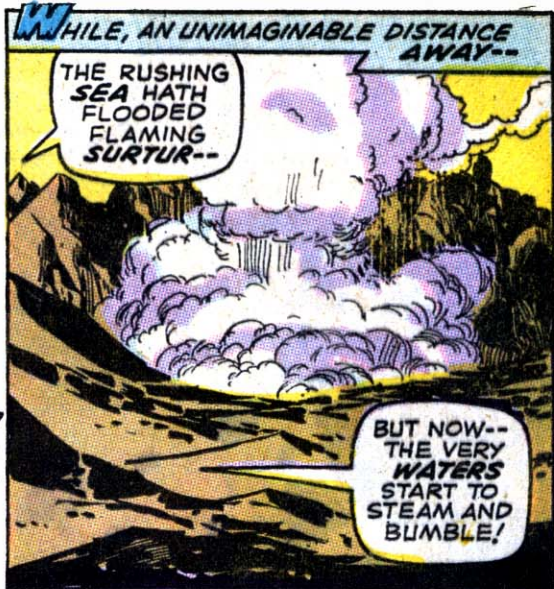
WITHIN--YON  
CAPSULE--  
ODIN SLEEPS!

LET MY  
FADING  
STRENGTH  
--NOT FAIL  
ME--  
NOW--!!



A LIVING HAND  
DOTH  
PASS MY  
FACE!

MINE  
OPINSLEEP  
HATH  
ENDED!



WHILE, AN UNIMAGINABLE DISTANCE  
AWAY--

THE RUSHING  
SEA HATH  
FLOODED  
FLAMING  
SURTUR--

BUT NOW--  
THE VERY  
WATERS  
START TO  
STEAM AND  
BUMBLE!



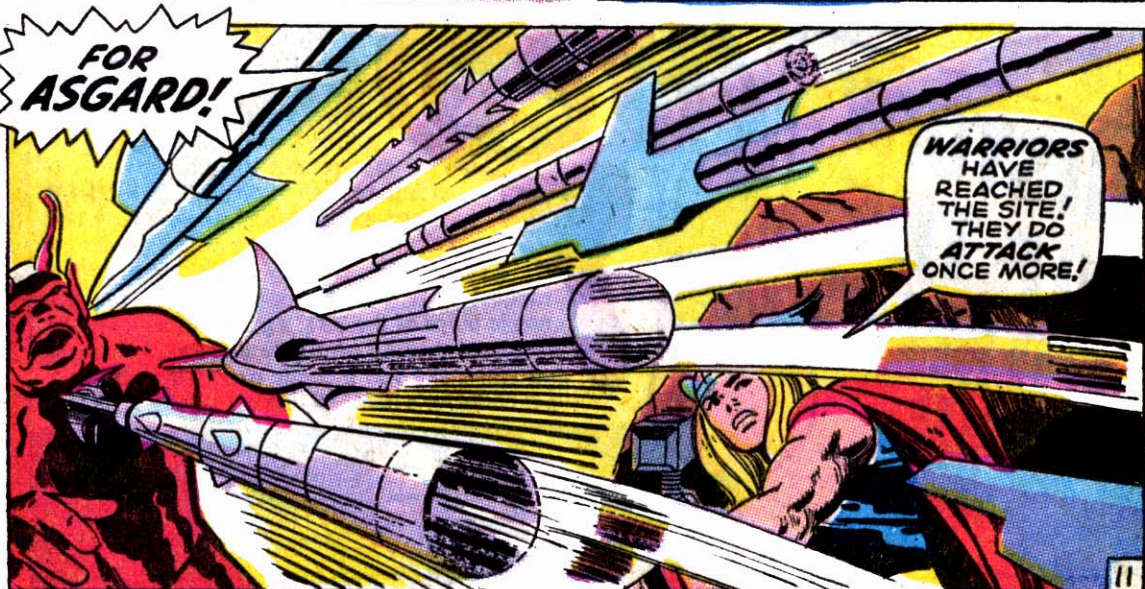
NEITHER  
WIND  
NOR  
WATER  
CAN  
QUENCH  
MY  
FLAME!

NOW TASTE  
YOUR  
FAILURE,  
GOD OF  
THUNDER!



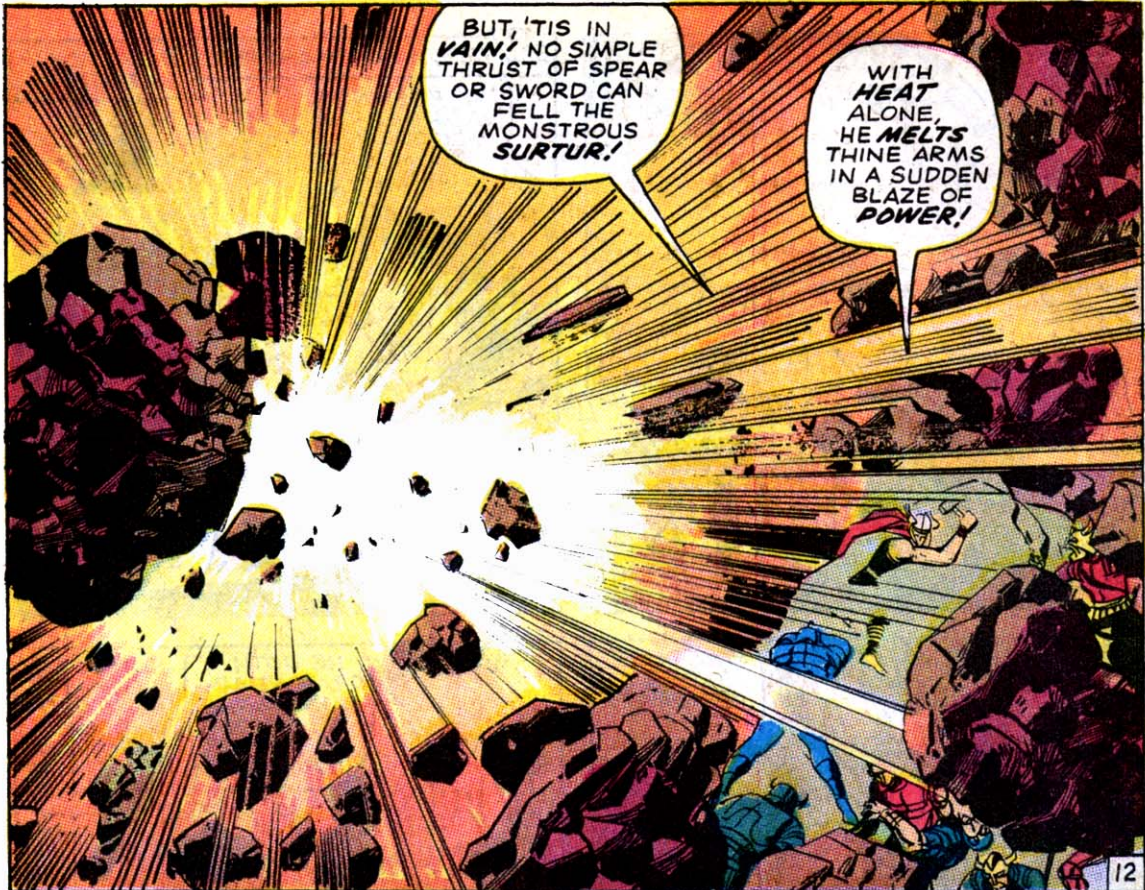
HE DOTH  
DRAW NEAR--  
PARTING THE  
SEA WITH  
BURSTS OF  
FIRE!

BUT HOLD!  
WHAT  
NEW AND  
WELCOME  
SOUNDS  
NOW STRIKE  
MINE EARS?



FOR  
ASGARD!

WARRIORS  
HAVE  
REACHED  
THE SITE!  
THEY DO  
ATTACK  
ONCE MORE!



BUT, 'TIS IN  
*VAIN!* NO SIMPLE  
THRUST OF SPEAR  
OR SWORD CAN  
FELL THE  
MONSTROUS  
*SURTUR!*

WITH  
*HEAT*  
ALONE,  
HE *MELTS*  
THINE ARMS  
IN A SUDDEN  
BLAZE OF  
*POWER!*



REGROUP THY FORCES!  
LOOK TO THINE  
*ARMOR!* LET EVERY  
MAN TAKE HEART!

MAYHAP WE *STAND!*  
MAYHAP WE *FALL!*  
BUT WE SHARE OUR  
FATE--*TOGETHER!*



*HOGUN THE GRIM--AND*  
DASHING *FANDRAL!* WHITHER  
GOEST THOU?

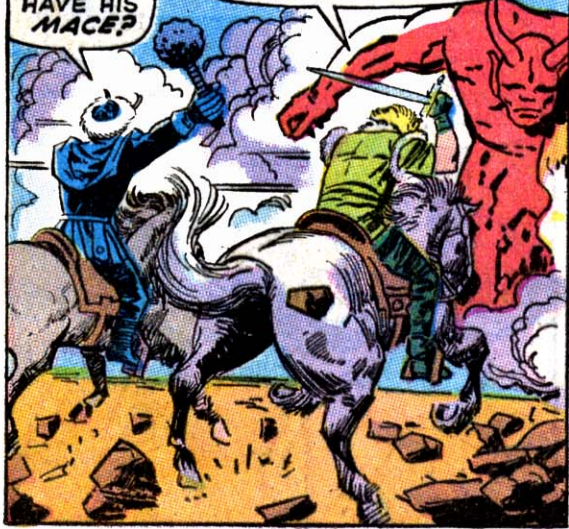
GOD OF  
THUNDER,  
THOU HAST  
*DONE* THY  
SHARE!

NOW  
RIDE *WE*  
--TO DO  
*OURS!*

BUT *HOLD!*  
YOU HAVE  
NOT THE  
*POWER--!*

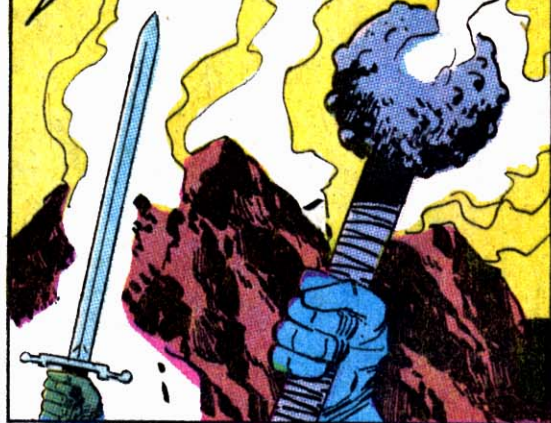
DO TH NOT  
HOGUN  
HAVE HIS  
MACE?

AND WHAT OF FANDRAL'S  
FLASHING BLADE?



THOR SAYS  
THEE NAY!  
THERE BE  
EVEN  
MORE--!

THERE BE THE  
POWER OF THE  
GOD OF THUNDER--  
WHICH I SEND TO  
SERVE THEE NOW--!



POWER  
ENOW TO  
FIND A DISTANT  
PLANETOID--  
AND CAUSE THE  
FURY OF THE  
STORM TO HURL  
IT AT THE  
FOE!



THOUGH WE LOVE  
THEE LIKE UNTO  
A BROTHER--  
THOU HAST  
ANGERED US!

WITH SWORD  
AND MACE WE  
FLEW TO  
BATTLE-- BUT  
THOR HATH  
DOWNED OUR  
FOE!

WARRIORS,  
STAND  
FAST!  
THE DEED  
IS  
DONE!





I ONLY SOUGHT TO SAVE TWO LIVES-- FOR ASGARD HATH MUCH NEED OF THEE!

SEE HOW THE STONE BEGINS TO MELT! NOT E'EN A PLANETOID CAN CONQUER SURTUR!

THOR SPEAKETH WORDS OF WISDOM!

HE HATH PROVEN THE FOLLY OF OUR ATTACK!



TO STAND ALONE IS TO SURELY PERISH!

BUT ASGARD DOTH NOT STAND ALONE!

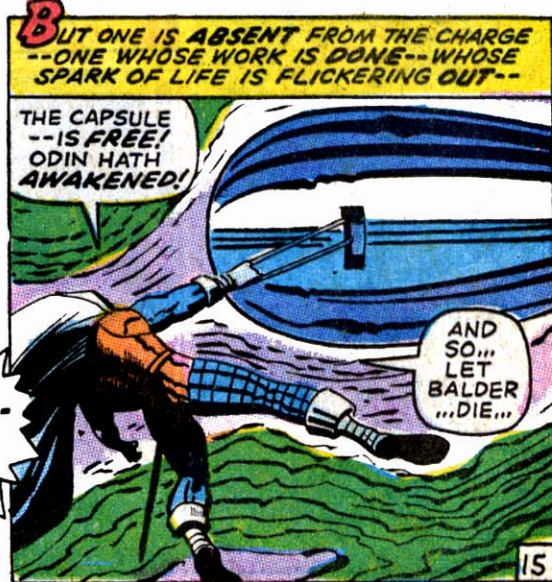


WARRIORS --TAKE THY PLACES IN THE RANKS!



WHEN ALL SEEMS LOST--WE FALTER NOT--!

WE CHARGE-- AND CHARGE AGAIN!



**B**UT ONE IS ABSENT FROM THE CHARGE --ONE WHOSE WORK IS DONE--WHOSE SPARK OF LIFE IS FLICKERING OUT--

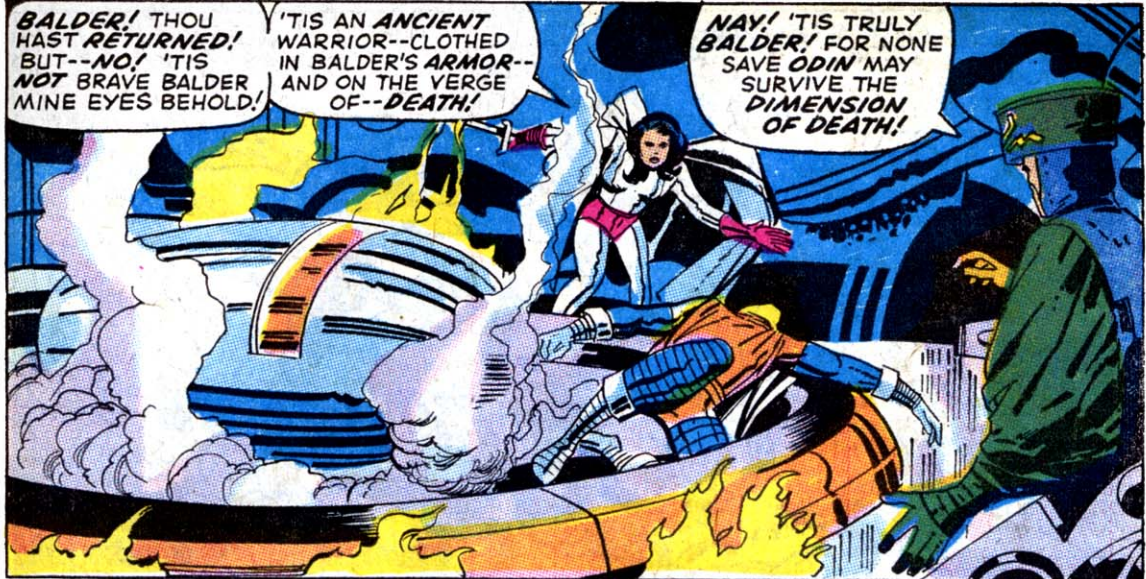
THE CAPSULE --IS FREE! ODIN HATH AWAKENED!

AND SO... LET BALDER ...DIE...

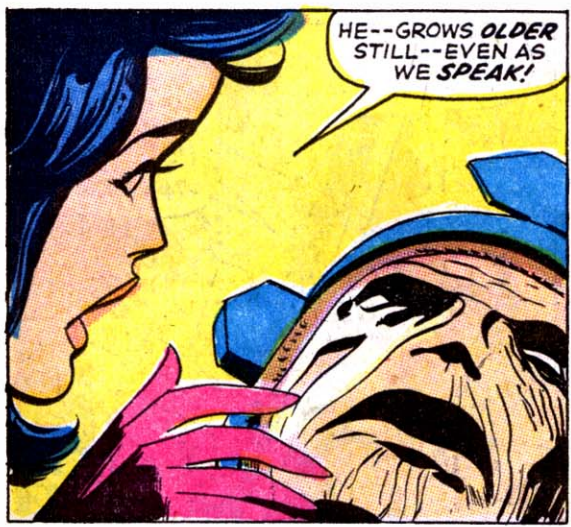
**BALDER! THOU HAST RETURNED! BUT--NO! 'TIS NOT BRAVE BALDER MINE EYES BEHOLD!**

**'TIS AN ANCIENT WARRIOR--CLOTHED IN BALDER'S ARMOR-- AND ON THE VERGE OF--DEATH!**

**NAV! 'TIS TRULY BALDER! FOR NONE SAVE ODIN MAY SURVIVE THE DIMENSION OF DEATH!**

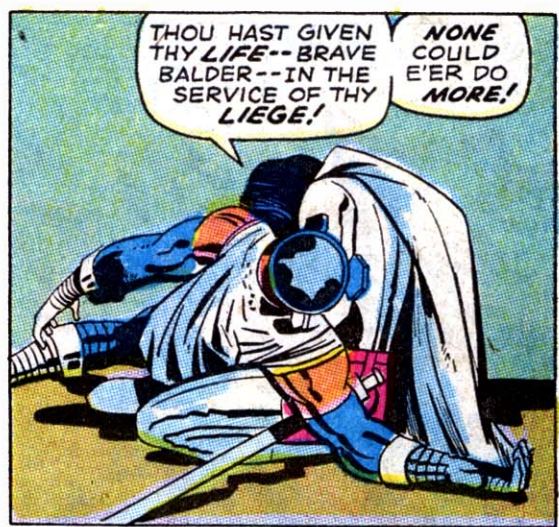


**HE--GROWS OLDER STILL--EVEN AS WE SPEAK!**



**THOU HAST GIVEN THY LIFE--BRAVE BALDER--IN THE SERVICE OF THY LIEGE!**

**NONE COULD E'ER DO MORE!**



**MOURN NOT, FAIR GODDESS! THE SPARK OF LIFE STILL FLICKERS!**



**AND MINE IS THE POWER TO STRENGTHEN IT ANEW!**

**MY LORD ODIN! THOU ART RETURNED!**

**AYE! AND VENGEANCE IS AT HAND!**

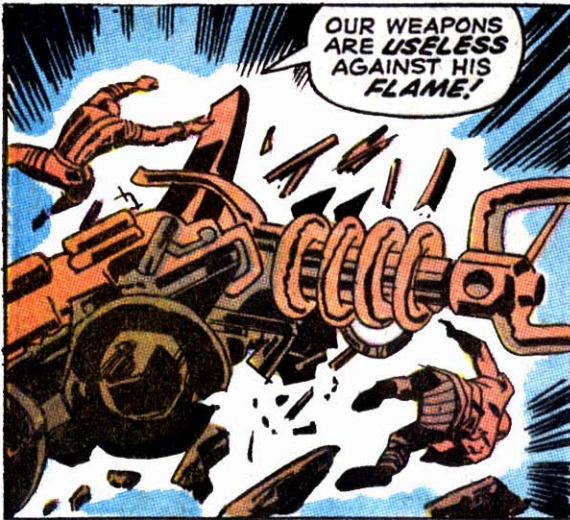




**W**HILE, ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE--

'TIS **NOPELESS!**  
SURTUR DOES BUT  
**TOY** WITH US!

HIS PATIENCE  
GROWS **THIN!**  
HIS **FURY**  
MOUNTS!

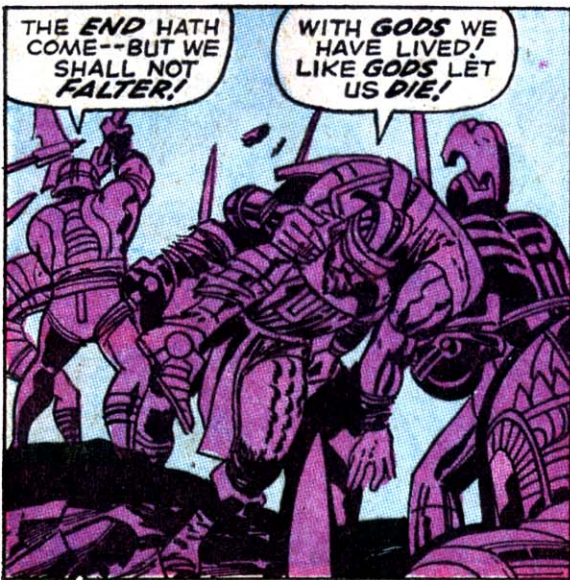


OUR WEAPONS  
ARE **USELESS**  
AGAINST HIS  
**FLAME!**



EVEN OUR  
**SHIELDS** CANNOT  
PROTECT US!

WITH THE  
MEREST  
**TOUCH,**  
HE SETS  
THEM  
**ABLAZE!**



THE **END** HATH  
COME--BUT WE  
SHALL NOT  
**FALTER!**

WITH **GODS** WE  
HAVE LIVED!  
LIKE **GODS** LET  
US **DIE!**



THE TIME  
IS **COME!**  
ASGARD  
SHALL  
STAND  
**NO MORE!**



BUT ONE STILL STRIKES  
DARING TO USE HIS POWER  
AGAINST ME!

WHILST BREATH  
REMAINS--THE  
THUNDER GOD  
FIGHTS ON!



THEN LET BREATH  
REMAIN--NO MORE!!

THE  
FROST GUN!  
FIRE!  
I SAY THEE--  
FIRE!



MY PRINCE! THOU DIDST  
SURVIVE HIS BLAST!

THE MONSTER  
MUST BE STOPPED!

NO MATTER IF  
THOR LIVE OR  
DIE--



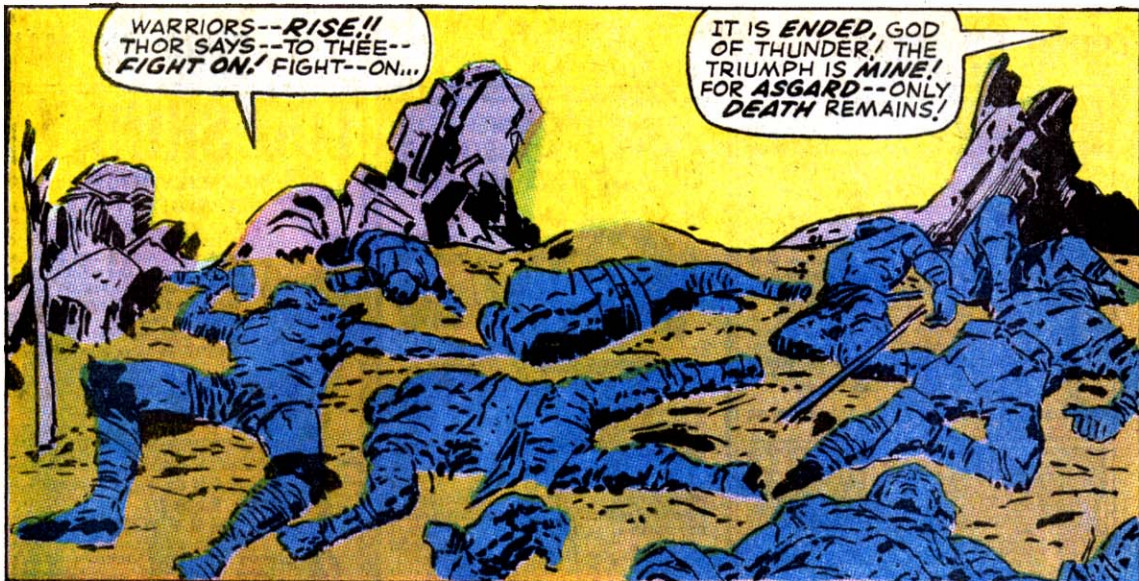
LET SURTUR BE  
ENTOMBED--  
WITHIN A CAGE  
OF ICE!



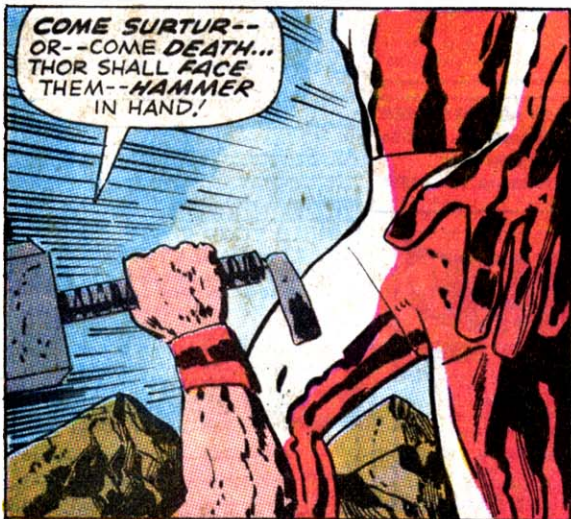
AGAIN HIS FLAME  
GROWS STRONGER!!  
THE ICE BEGINS--  
TO MELT!!

WARRIORS--RISE!!  
THOR SAYS--TO THEE--  
FIGHT ON, FIGHT--ON...

IT IS ENDED, GOD  
OF THUNDER, THE  
TRIUMPH IS MINE!  
FOR ASGARD--ONLY  
DEATH REMAINS!



COME SURTUR--  
OR--COME DEATH...  
THOR SHALL FACE  
THEM--HAMMER  
IN HAND!



I CANNOT CRUSH  
YOUR SPIRIT--  
BUT I CAN TAKE  
YOUR LIFE!

AND  
SURTUR  
WILL  
DO SO  
NOW--!



I SAY  
THEE  
NAY!

THAT VOICE!  
THE ONLY ONE  
--I HAVE EVER  
FEARED!



IN THE BOWELS  
OF THE EARTH  
I TRAPPED THEE  
ONCE--

--SO  
SHALL  
I DO  
AGAIN!

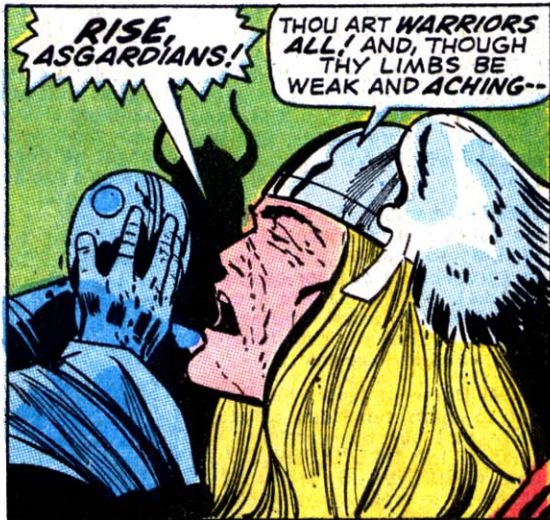
NO! NO!  
NOOOO--





THE GOD OF FIRE HATH BEEN-- ENTOMBED!

THEN-- WE DID NOT FIGHT IN VAIN! ASGARD SHALL LIVE!

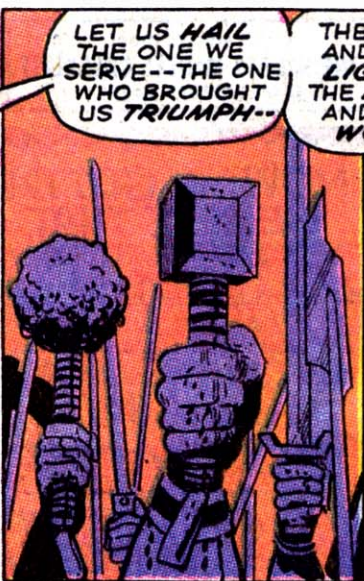


RISE, ASGARDIANS!

THOU ART WARRIORS ALL! AND, THOUGH THY LIMBS BE WEAK AND ACHING--



--LET US STAND LIKE VICTORS-- FOR WE BE DEFENDERS OF THE REALM!



LET US HAIL THE ONE WE SERVE-- THE ONE WHO BROUGHT US TRIUMPH--

THE WAY AND THE LIGHT-- THE POWER AND THE WORD--



HAIL TO ODIN! STILL DOTH HE REIGN SUPREME!

THE STRANGER!