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THE
MIGHTY

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NOW THAT YOU
HAVE **SEEN** ME-- WITHOUT
MY **MASK**-- YOU CANNOT
LEAVE HERE **ALIVE!**

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**THE PRISONER,
THE POWER and DR. DOOM!**

THE MIGHTY THOR!

THE PRISONER-- THE POWER--AND-- DR. DOOM!

THE
CITY IS
QUIET--
SERENE!

'TIS HARD TO
BELIEVE 'TAS
BUT A DAY
AGO THAT ALL
WERE IN FEAR
OF THOR, THE
THUNDER
GOD!

AYE, THE
VILLAINOUS
LOKI HAD
WORKED HIS
EVIL IN THE
GUISE OF
THOR--*

BUT NOW
HE IS
BANISHED--
AND
MANKIND
IS SAFE!

STILL, THERE
ARE *MANY*
WHO KNOW NOT
THE *TRUTH*--
MANY WHO
STILL THINK
THAT I WOULD
DESTROY
THEM!

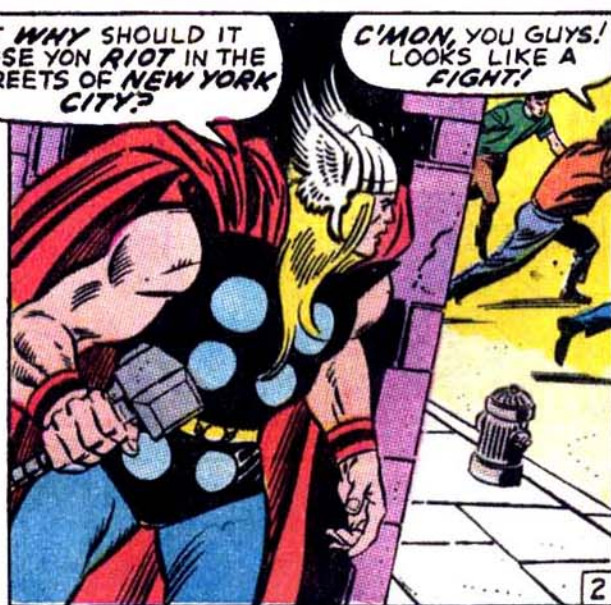
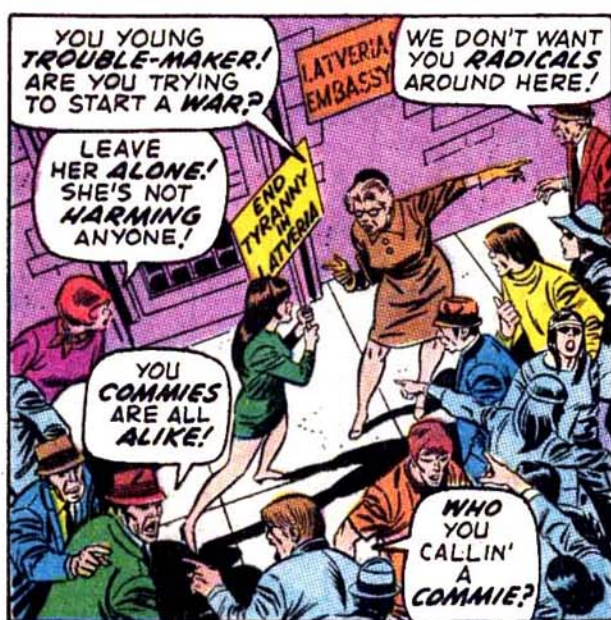
STAN LEE
AND
JOHN
BUSCEMA

INKING:
JOE SINNOTT
LETTERING:
ARTIE SIMEK

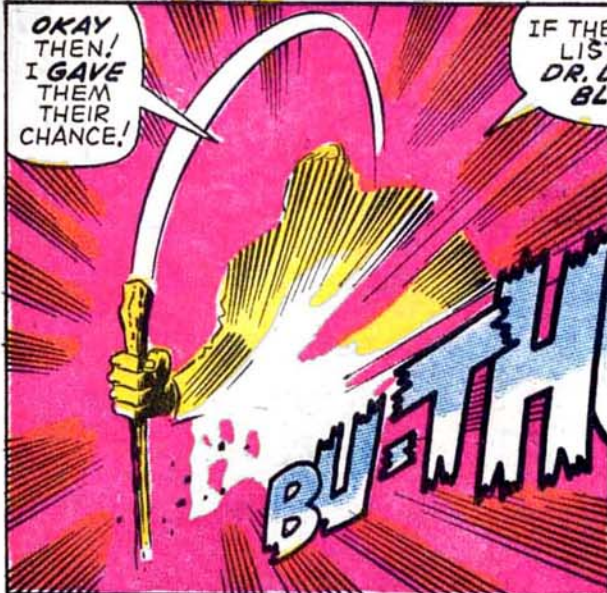
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*DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT! RE-READ LAST ISH AND SEE!-- STRAIGHT-TALKIN' STAN.

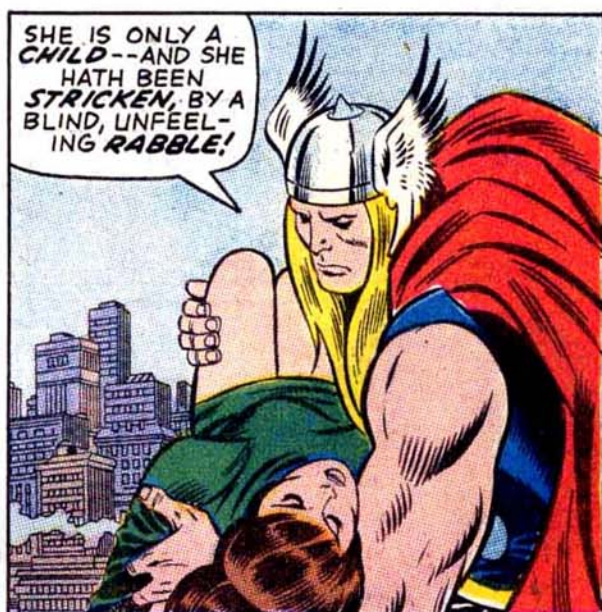
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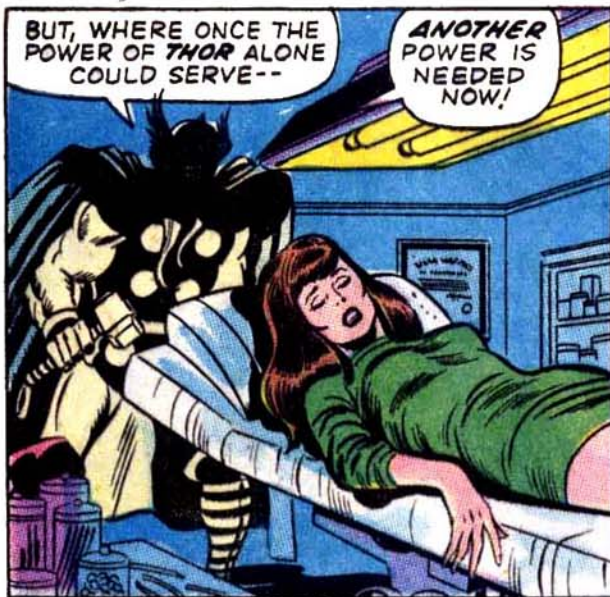






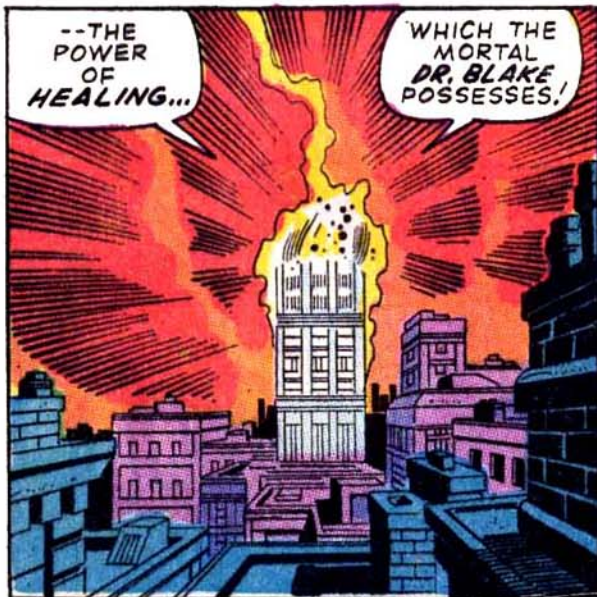
IF THEY WON'T LISTEN TO DR. DONALD BLAKE--





BUT, WHERE ONCE THE POWER OF **THOR** ALONE COULD SERVE--

ANOTHER POWER IS NEEDED NOW!



--THE POWER OF HEALING...

WHICH THE MORTAL **DR. BLAKE** POSSESSES!



WHA--WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM I?

YOU'RE **SAFE**, MY DEAR! YOU'RE IN THE OFFICE OF **DR. BLAKE**!



BUT, I MUST RETURN! I MUST BE HEARD! MY PROTEST MUST NOT FAIL!

WHY NOT TELL ME WHAT IT IS THAT YOU'RE PROTESTING?



WHAT CAN **DR. DOOM**--IN FAR-OFF **LATVERIA**--HAVE DONE TO A GIRL LIKE YOU?

YOUR ACCENT IS **FRENCH**! YOU ARE NOT **LATVERIAN**!

IT STILL PAINS ME--TO THINK OF IT! BUT I MUST! I MUST!

YOU ARE RIGHT! I AM **FRENCH**--OR, I WAS!



"IT HAPPENED A FEW YEARS AGO--IN THE STUDY OF MY FATHER--PROFESSOR **LAFARGE**--"

DO NOT MOVE! MAKE NO OUTCRY!

YOU ARE OUR PRISONERS!

THOSE UNIFORMS--THEY ARE--**LATVERIAN**!

YOU WERE SENT BY--**DR. DOOM**!

"HOURS LATER,
MY FATHER WAS
A PRISONER IN
THE ROYAL
CASTLE OF
LATVERIA--"

YOU
CANNOT
DO THIS
TO A
CITIZEN
OF
FRANCE!

BUT I HAVE
DONE
NOTHING,
MON AMI!

YOU HAVE COME
TO VISIT ME--
OF YOUR OWN
FREE WILL!

YOU ARE
MAD!
YOU KNOW
THAT IS
NOT SO!

HAVE YOU NOT OFFERED TO *SERVE* ME--
TO CONSTRUCT NEW *MISSILE SILOS* FOR
MY USE?

NEVER! NEVER WILL
I PUT MY TALENTS TO
THE USE OF THE
WORLD'S MOST
DANGEROUS MONARCH!

I THANK
YOU FOR THE
COMPLIMENT
--BUT ALAS,
YOU SPEAK
TOO QUICKLY!

BRING
IN THE
CHILD!

MY DAUGHTER--COSETTE! YOU FIEND!
YOU WOULD THREATEN ME WITH HER?!!

DO NOT BE
AFRAID,
MY DEAR!

THREATS,
PROFESSOR?
WHO
SPEAKS OF
THREATS?

ENOUGH!
I CAN BEAR
NO MORE!

I WILL
DESIGN
YOUR
SILOS!

BUT NO
HARM
MUST COME
TO MY
COSETTE!

MY SENTIMENTS
EXACTLY,
PROFESSOR!
AND, TO MAKE
CERTAIN YOUR
DAUGHTER
SUFFERS NO
HARM--

--SHE SHALL
REMAIN WITHIN MY
CASTLE--IN MY
CARE--UNTIL THE
MISSILE SILOS ARE
COMPLETED!

DADDY! DADDY!
DON'T LET THEM
TAKE YOU **AWAY**
FROM ME!

I'LL **SERVE** YOU, DOOM!
BUT REMEMBER--ONLY
AS LONG AS MY
DAUGHTER IS **SAFE!**

OF **COURSE!** THAT
IS WHY SHE'LL
BE CONSTANTLY
UNDER **GUARD!**

DON'T
WORRY,
COSETTE!
DON'T
WORRY,
MY
DARLING!

THE HORRIBLE IRON-MASKED MONARCH
WAS TRUE TO HIS WORD! I WAS NEVER
LEFT UNATTENDED--

EAT YOUR FOOD! IF
YOU GROW **ILL**, I'LL
BE PUNISHED BY HIS
MAJESTY!

YOU KEEP ME
PRISONER--TO FORCE
MY FATHER TO **WORK**
FOR YOU!

I **HATE**
YOU!
I **HATE**
YOU
ALL!

BUT, AS THE MONTHS WENT BY, AND THE
SILOS WERE NEAR COMPLETION, THEY
RELAXED THEIR VIGILANCE OVER ME UNTIL--

QUICKLY! THOSE MEN'S
CLOTHES WILL HELP YOUR
CHANCES OF
ESCAPE!

I'LL NEVER
FORGET YOU--
OR THE OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE
UNDERGROUND
FOR THIS!

AND SO--I **ESCAPED** FROM LATVERIA--
TO THE SANCTUARY OF YOUR COUNTRY!

BUT, THE **MISSILES**
WILL BE IN THEIR
SILOS SOON--AND
WITH THE MURDEROUS
HAND OF **DR. DOOM**
CONTROLLING THE
BUTTON--

I **KNOW**,
COSETTE!
NO NATION ON
EARTH WILL
BE SAFE FROM
ATTACK!

AND WHAT OF
MY **FATHER?**
WHAT WILL **HAPPEN**
TO HIM--WHEN
HIS WORK IS
COMPLETED?

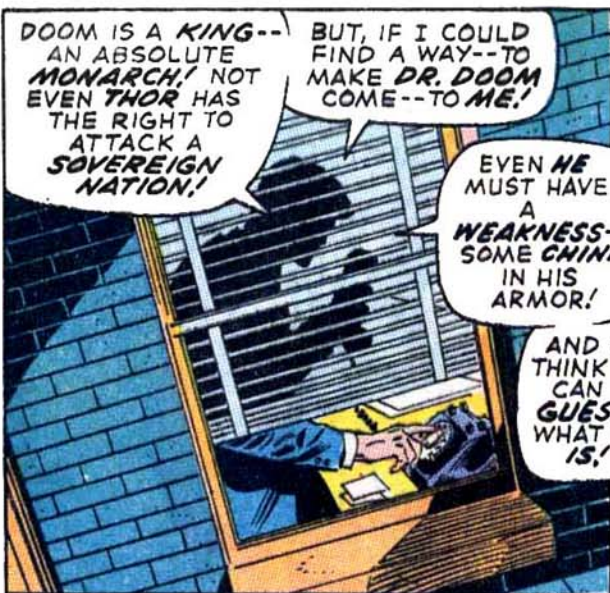
PERHAPS IT IS **STILL**
NOT TOO LATE! PERHAPS
THERE IS **STILL** ONE
WHO CAN HELP!

WHO, DOCTOR?
WHO COULD
POSSIBLY
POSSESS THE
POWER--?

THERE IS **ONE** MAN I KNOW!
PERHAPS I CAN **REACH** HIM
IN TIME!

GO HOME
NOW,
COSETTE!
YOU'LL
HEAR FROM
ME AGAIN--
I **PROMISE!**

SOMEHOW
I **TRUST**
YOU! I--
BELIEVE
YOU!



DOOM IS A KING--
AN ABSOLUTE
MONARCH! NOT
EVEN THOR HAS
THE RIGHT TO
ATTACK A
SOVEREIGN
NATION!

BUT, IF I COULD
FIND A WAY--TO
MAKE DR. DOOM
COME--TO ME!

EVEN HE
MUST HAVE
A
WEAKNESS--
SOME CHINK
IN HIS
ARMOR!

AND I
THINK I
CAN
GUESS
WHAT IT
IS!



THE IRON MASK HE
WEARS--MUST CON-
CEAL SOME UGLY
DISFIGUREMENT!

HELLO,
AFFILIATED
PRESS? LET
ME TALK TO
HARRIS
HOBBS!



WHAT'S THAT,
DOC? YOU'VE
GOT A STORY
FOR ME? OKAY--
OKAY--SHOOT!

ANY GUY WHO'S A
FRIEND OF THOR'S
CAN GET ME TO
LISTEN ANY TIME!



SECONDS LATER--

THAT'S THAT!
NOW, IF HE'LL
WRITE IT JUST
THE WAY I--
WHA--?!!

AT THE
WINDOW!
THAT
FACE--
IN THE
SKY--!

A FACE
THAT
ONLY
I CAN
SEE!



THE
FACE
OF
ALMIGHTY
ODIN!

COME
TO ME,
MY SON!



THY
FATHER
AWAITS
THEE--IN
HALLOWED
ASGARD!



A
SUMMONS
FROM
MY
LIEGE!

AS I BE
FLESH OF
HIS FLESH--
BLOOD
OF HIS
BLOOD--



--I CAN DO
NAUGHT--
BUT OBEY!



MY SON, STAND
THEE FORTH!
THERE BE WORDS
WE MUST SAY--

THE TIME
IS COME
TO SPEAK
OF--

--THE
WORLD
BEYOND!



THY WORD IS WISDOM
ABSOLUTE! THY WISH,
COMMAND ETERNAL!

BUT, MOST
NOBLE SIRE--
I BEG A
BOON--

RETURN
ME TO
EARTH--
WHERE I
BE SORELY
NEEDED!

THEN,
WHEN MY
TASK BE
DONE--I'LL
HASTEN TO
THY SIDE!



BELOVED PRINCE!
MINE EARS DID
HEAR THE WORLD
BEYOND--AND
FEAR FOR THEE
DIDST CLUTCH
MY HEART!

MY LADY
SIF--BE
NOT
DISMAYED!

I--
COULD
NOT
BEAR--
TO LOSE
THEE!

WHO SPEAKS OF LOSS?
WHERE THOR BE
THREATENED--THERE
SHALL BALDE STAND
AS WELL!

NE'ER DIDST GOD
OR MORTAL MAN
RECEIVE SUCH LOVE
AS UNDESERVING
THOR!

WHERE'ER THOU
GOEST, LET THY
LADY SIF BE AT
THY SIDE!

STAND ASIDE
--BOTH SIF
AND THOR!

MINE EARS
HAVE
HEARD
ENDOW!

FOR LIFE IS
DEATH--IF
SIF MUST
LIVE
WITHOUT
THEE!

THUNDER GOD,
I GRANT THY
BOON! THOU
SHALT RETURN
TO EARTH!

BUT AS THOU CAME--SO
SHALT THOU LEAVE--

I SAY
THEE--
GO
ALONE!

HOMAGE
TO THE ALL-
FATHER!
ETERNAL
BE THY
NAME!

UPON THY RETURN WE'LL
SPEAK ANEW--OF THE
WONDROUS WORLD BEYOND!

SO SAY
WE ALL,
O LORD
AND
LEIGE!

HOW MANY QUESTS--
HOW MANY BATTLES--
CAN EVEN THE
THUNDER GOD SURVIVE?

O GOOD MY LORD, IF
THOR SHOULD FALL--
THE HEART OF SIF
MUST TURN TO ASHES!

I
GRIEVE
FOR
THEE,
MY
LADY!

THOU HATH
CHOSEN TO
LOVE A GOD
--AND SO
MUST PAY
THE PRICE!

MEANWHILE, BACK ON EARTH--WITHIN
THE CLOSELY-GUARDED LATVERIAN
EMBASSY--

NO NEWS BUT
THIS COULD
HAVE BROUGHT
ME TO
AMERICA!

DAILY BUGLE
NEW PLASTIC
SURGERY METHOD
ANNOUNCED!

SENSATIONAL
BREAKTHRU!

ANY FACE, NO
MATTER HOW DIS-
FIGURED, CAN BE
MADE NORMAL
AGAIN, SAYS DR.
DONALD BLAKE.

I HAVE **WEALTH** UNTOLD--
POWER BEYOND MEASURE--
I AM THE **LAW** UNTO
MYSELF!

AND **YET**-- MY
UGLINESS MAKES
ME LESS A MAN
THAN THE **LOWLIEST**
CLOD ON EARTH!



BUT--IF **BLAKE** CAN
CURE ME--IF HE CAN
MAKE MY **SCARRED** AND
BATTERED FACE SEEM
HUMAN ONCE AGAIN--



--THEN
HE
MUST!
HE
MUST!
HE
MUST!

FOR, NOT
EVEN I CAN
BEAR TO
REMOVE
MY **GRISLY**
MASK--



NOT EVEN
I CAN
ENDURE
THE
SIGHT
THAT
LIES
BENEATH!



NOT
EVEN
I--I--
I!!

MAJESTY!
THAT **NOISE**
I HEARD--!

ARE YOU--ARE
YOU ALL RIGHT,
YOUR
HIGHNESS?



HAVE
YOU NO
EYES TO
SEE,
YOU
DOLT?!!

AM I NOT **UNMATCHED**
IN **SHEER BRILLIANCE**,
POWER, AND **WEAPONRY**?

NOTHING
CAN HARM ME
--UNLESS I
ALLOW IT!

NOW
SUMMON
THE **CAR**--
AT ONCE!



YES,
SIRE!
OF
COURSE!

WE ARE
CALLING ON--
DR. BLAKE!

WE WILL LEAVE BY THE
REAR--TO AVOID
ANY **DEMONSTRATORS**
WHO MAY BE WAITING!

LATVERIAN
EMBASSY

I AM IN
NO **MOOD**
FOR THEIR
OVER-
ZEALOUS
BANALITIES!

WOULD YOU
CARE FOR
REFRESHMENTS,
YOUR MAJESTY?

SILENCE, YOU CLOD! I
AM STUDYING THE
REPORTS MY AGENTS HAVE
OBTAINED ABOUT **DR. BLAKE!**

THERE IS
MUCH ABOUT
HIM THAT I
FIND--
MOST
INTERESTING!

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MINUTES LATER--

THIS IS HIS
ADDRESS, SIRE!
WHAT IS YOUR
COMMAND?

GET **BACK**
IN THE
CAR! WE
HAVE
ONLY TO
WAIT!

SHORTLY THEREAFTER--

I HOPE
DOOM HAS
SEEN THE
NEWSPAPER
WRITEUP
BY NOW!

HE'S **SEEN** IT, ALL RIGHT!
THAT'S HIS BIG, OFFICIAL
EMBASSY CAR TAILING ME!

HE'S PROBABLY
INSIDE, WITH
THE **LATVERIAN**
AMBASSADOR!

EASY,
DOC!
YOU
DON'T
DARE
LOSE
YOUR
COOL!

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REDUCE YOUR SPEED! NO MATTER WHAT YOU SEE, CONTINUE TO DRIVE ON!

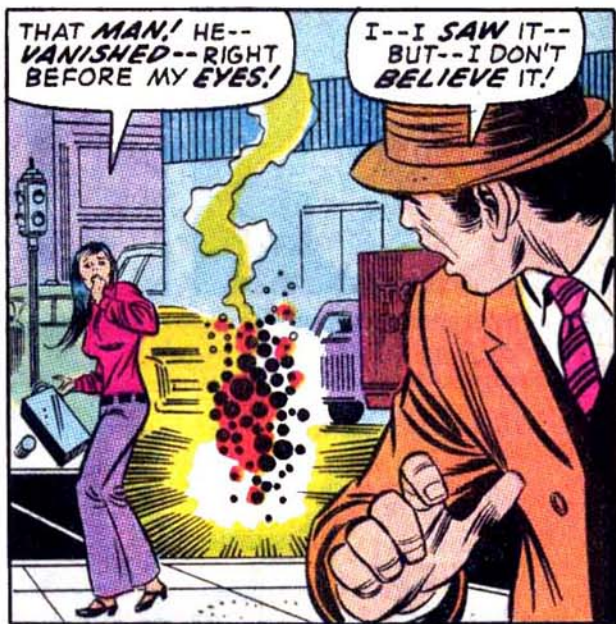
YES, EXCELLENCY!



ONE SUDDEN BURST FROM MY MOLECULE DISPLACER, AND THEN--

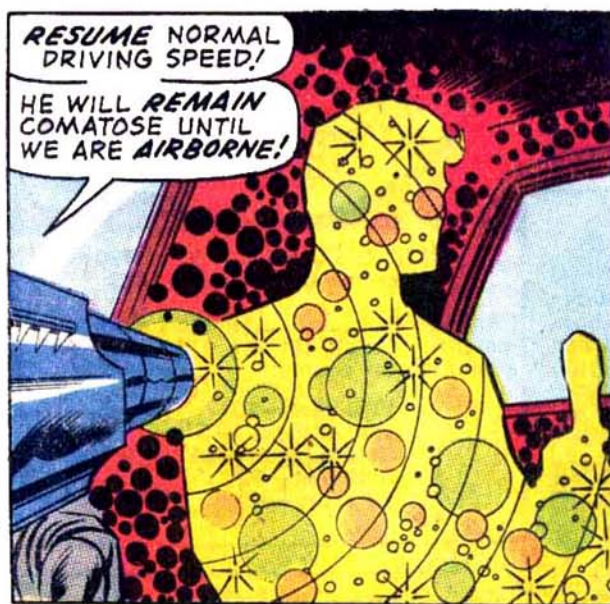


WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? ALL OF A SUDDEN, I-- I--



THAT MAN! HE-- VANISHED-- RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES!

I--I SAW IT-- BUT--I DON'T BELIEVE IT!



RESUME NORMAL DRIVING SPEED!

HE WILL REMAIN COMATOSE UNTIL WE ARE AIRBORNE!



THAT WEAPON, SIRE! THAT MIRACULOUS RAY-BURST! NEVER HAVE I--

SILENCE, BUFFOON! DO YOU THINK I WOULD DISCUSS SO WONDROUS A DEVICE WITH A SERVITOR LIKE YOU?

DRIVER! TO THE HIDDEN HANGER!

MINUTES LATER--

**QUICKLY!
ACTIVATE
THE
HYDRAULIC
CAMOUFLAGE!**

**AT
ONCE,
SIRE!**



**NOW--
CARRY MY
CAPTIVE
INTO THE
WAITING
AIRCRAFT!**

**AS YOU
COMMAND,
SIRE!**

**EXCELLENCY--
IF YOU TAKE
HIM TO
LATVERIA--
AGAINST
HIS WILL--**

**HOLD
YOUR
TONGUE!
I CAN DO
ANYTHING!
ANYTHING!**

**AM I NOT RULER
OF A SOVEREIGN
STATE? DO I NOT
ENJOY TOTAL
DIPLOMATIC
IMMUNITY?**



**RETURN
TO THE
EMBASSY!
YOUR
WORK IS
DONE!**

NOT EVEN THE **UNITED STATES** WILL GO TO WAR OVER THE CAPTURE OF **ONE LONE** CITIZEN!

BESIDES, I CALL HIM MY **GUEST**, RATHER THAN **PRISONER**!

SO! YOU REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS! **GOOD!** I WOULD HAVE YOU KNOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN MOST HIGHLY **HONORED!**

IT **WORKED!** HE REACTED AS I **HOPED** HE WOULD!

THE **KING OF LATVERIA** IS NOW **PERSONALLY** TRANSPORTING YOU TO HIS **IMPERIAL PALACE** WHERE YOU SHALL BE PRIVILEGED TO **SERVE** HIM!

AND WHO WOULD DARE DISPUTE THE **WORD** OF **LATVERIA'S** ABSOLUTE **MONARCH?!!**

BUT I MUST BE ON MY **GUARD--** EVERY **SECOND!**

SETTLE **BACK**, DR. **BLAKE!** I AM ABOUT TO INCREASE OUR **SPEED!**

BY SIMPLY **RETRACTING** THE ROTOR BLADES AND **REVERTING** TO **FULL JET** POWER--

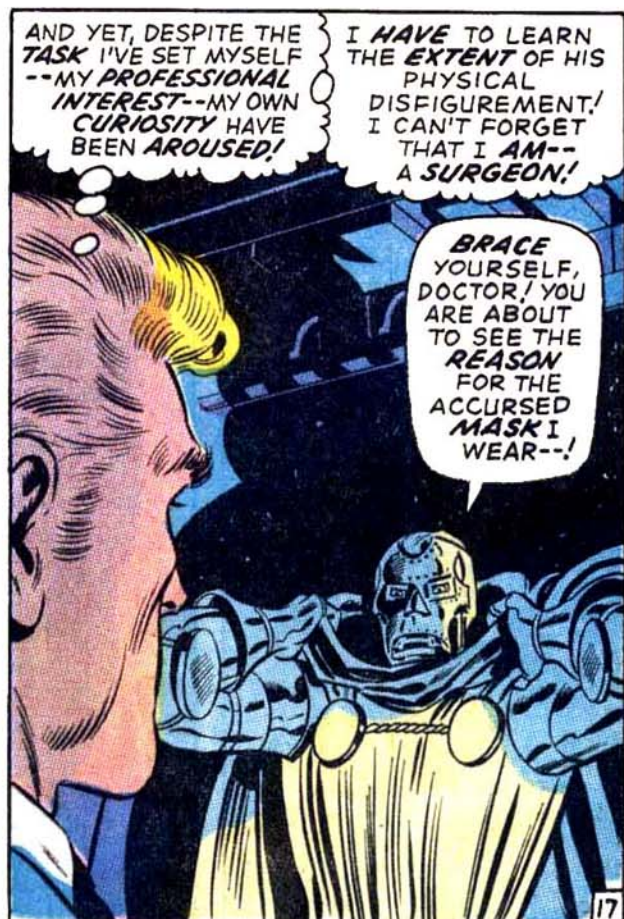
I **TRANSFORM** THIS SHIP INTO A **GLOBE-GIRDLING** FLYING **MISSILE!**

A **MISSILE** WHICH CAN SPAN THE **OCEAN** IN A MATTER OF **FLEET** **MINUTES!**

BELOW US-- THE KINGDOM OF **LATVERIA!** WE'VE **ARRIVED!**

WHY HAVE YOU **BROUGHT** ME HERE? WHAT IS THE **PURPOSE** OF ALL THIS?

FOLLOW ME, DOCTOR! YOU MAY CONSIDER IT A **COMMAND** **PERFORMANCE!**



HE'S **UNHINGING** THE COMPLICATED **LOCKS** ON EACH SIDE OF THE IRON CASING!



I NEVER **SUSPECTED** THERE COULD BE SUCH **POWER**--YET SUCH **RARE SENSITIVITY**--IN THOSE METAL-COVERED **FINGERS**!



HE'S **HESITATING**! EVEN THOUGH HE FEELS I'M HIS ONLY **HOPE**--HE CAN'T BRING HIMSELF TO UNCOVER HIS **FACE**!



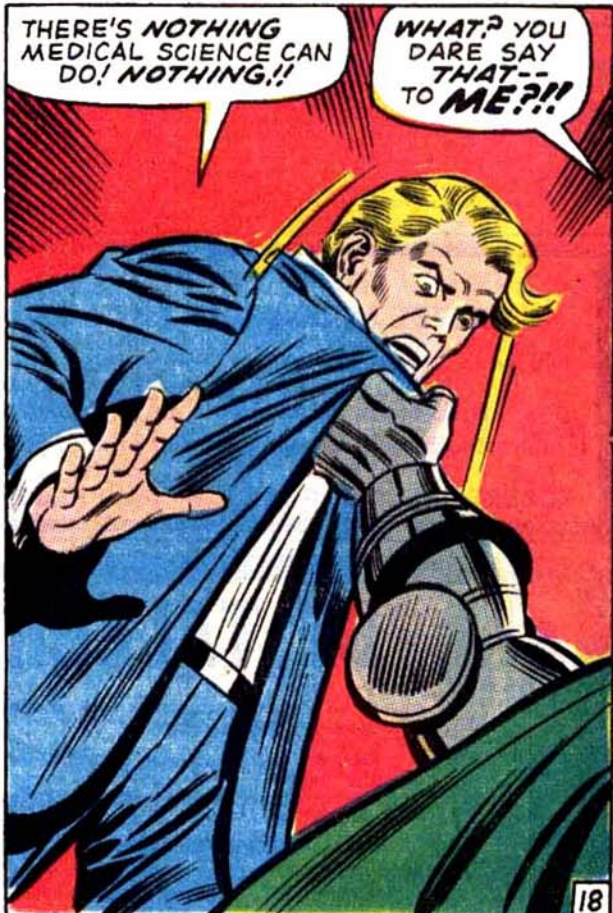
HE'S **DOING IT**! HE'S **LOWERING** THE MASK! BUT, HERE IN THE **CANDLE-LIGHT**, HOW CAN I-- I--



OH NO! **NO!** IN THE NAME OF **HEAVEN**--I NEVER DREAMT--IT WOULD BE--LIKE **THAT!!**



THERE'S **NOTHING** MEDICAL SCIENCE CAN DO! **NOTHING!!**



WHAT? YOU DARE SAY **THAT--** TO **ME?!!**

