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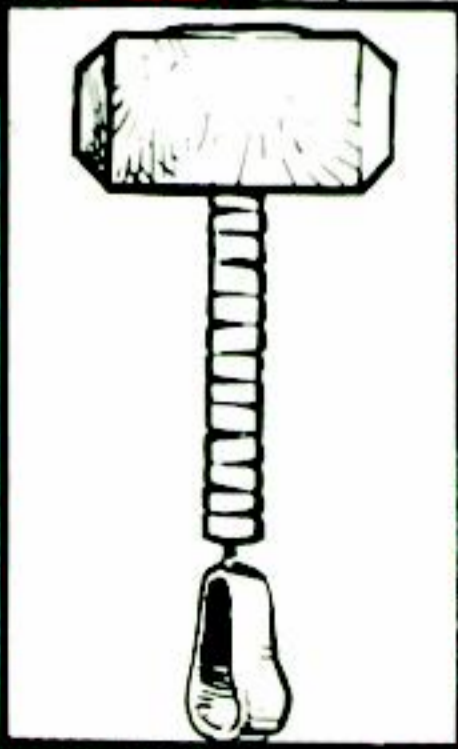
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CRISIS ON BATTLEWORLD!



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Stan Lee PROUDLY PRESENTS AN UNTOLD TALE OF THE SECRET WARS
STARRING THE MIGHTY THOR!

"THIS SECRET LOVE--!"

A CASTLE DRAWBRIDGE IN THE OTHER-DIMENSIONAL REALM OF ASGARD, HOME OF THE MIGHTY NORSE GODS.*

STAND THEE BACK, LITTLE MAN!

FLEE FROM MY SIGHT-- OR YOUR LIFE IS FORFEIT!

FOR I HAVE SWORN THAT NONE MAY CROSS THIS BRIDGE THAT I DO GUARD!

THEN, HAVE AT THEE, MONSTER!

DAILLUS THE DARING DESIRES ENTRANCE INTO YON CASTLE--

*THE EVENTS IN THIS STORY OCCUR BEFORE THOR #377 -- RALF

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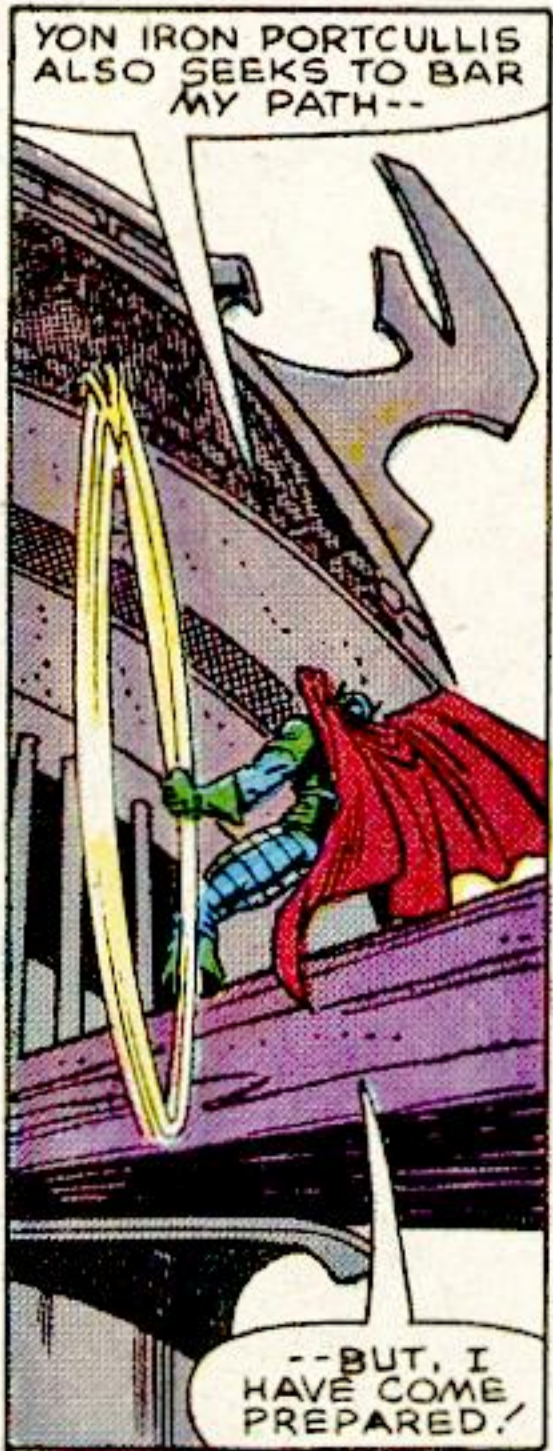
QUAKK!

--AND I WILL NOT BE DENIED!



FARE THEE WELL, MONSTER!

WHISPER MY NAME TO WHATEVER VALKYRIE CLAIMS THEE!

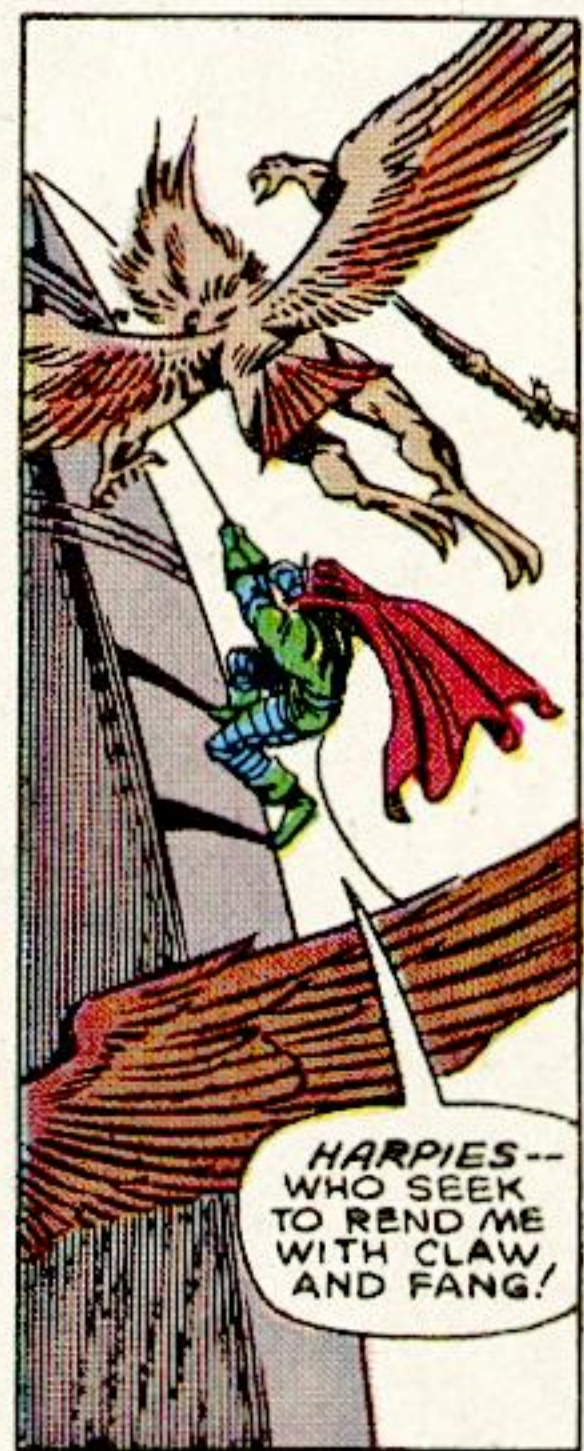


YON IRON PORTCULLIS ALSO SEEKS TO BAR MY PATH--

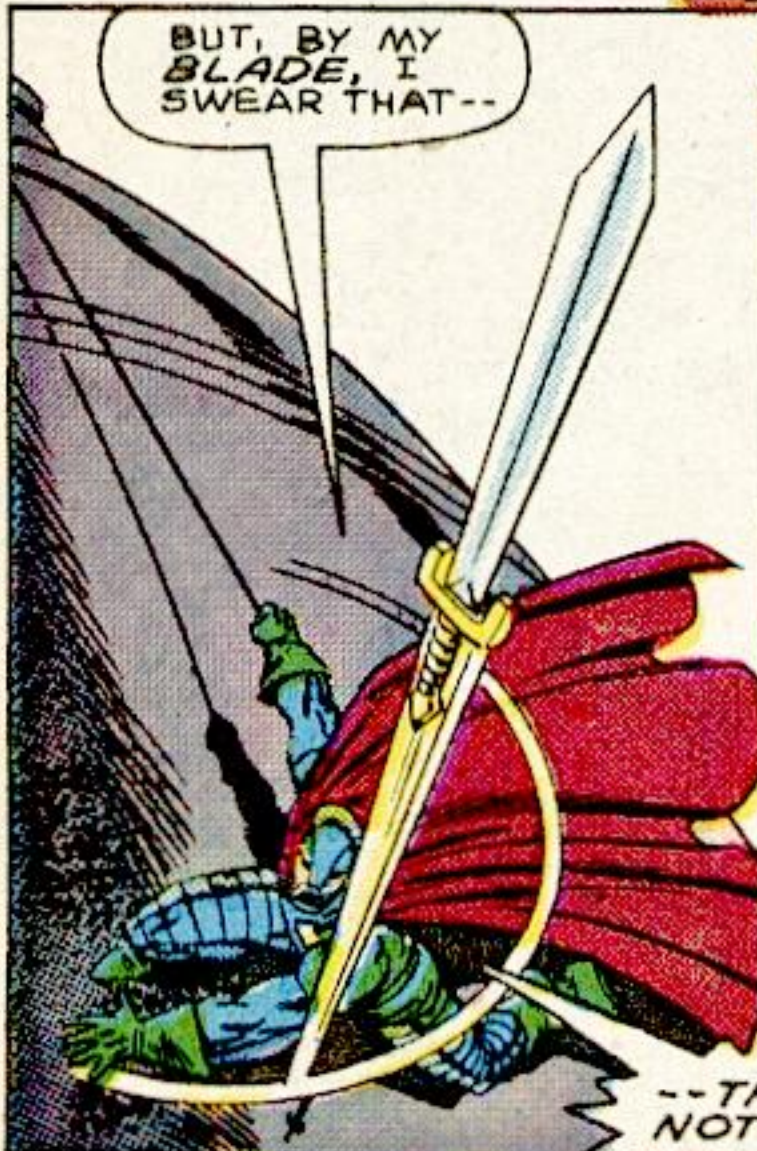
--BUT, I HAVE COME PREPARED!



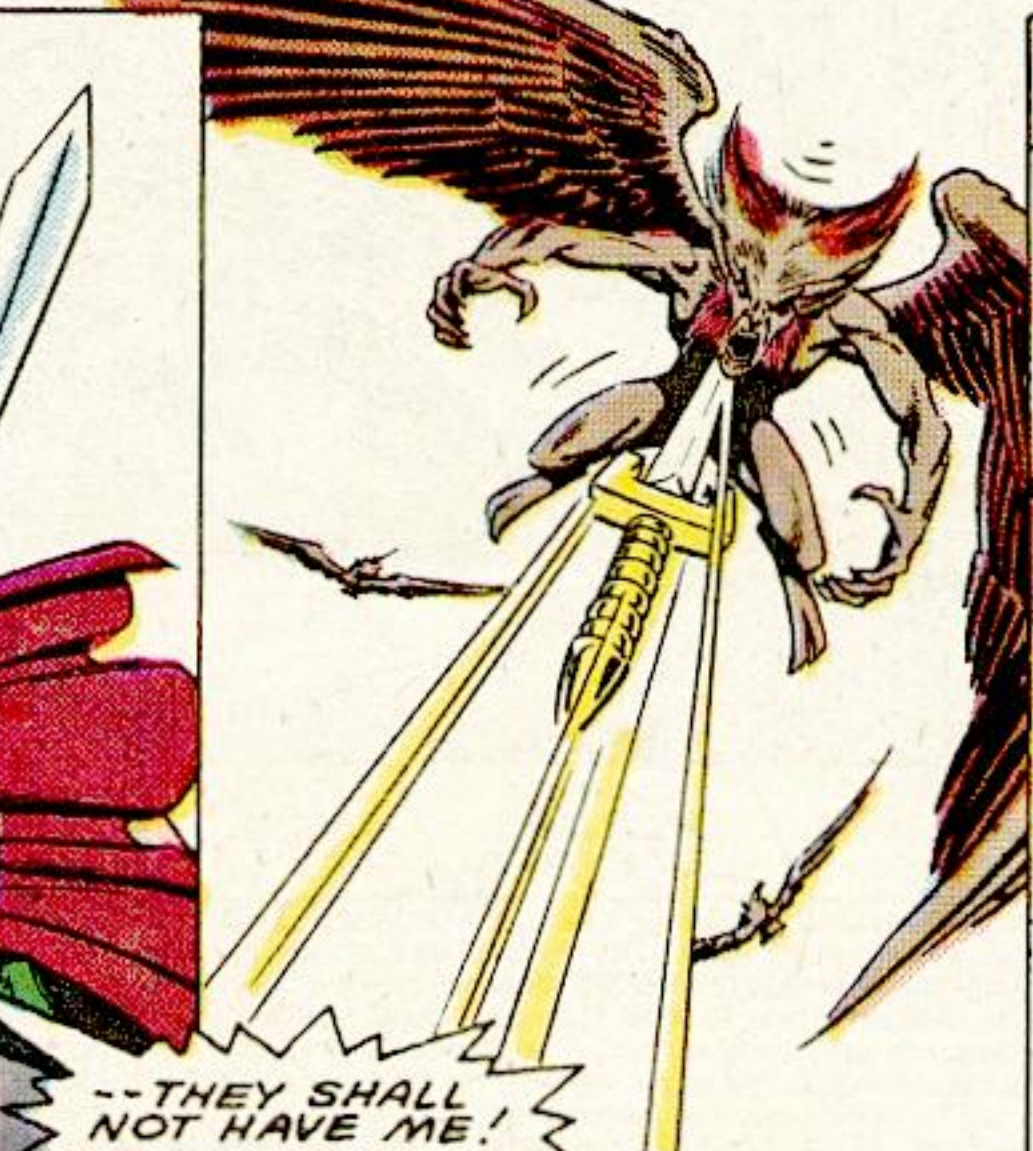
BEHOLD! WHAT WINGED CREATURES ARE THESE THAT NOW RUSH TO GREET ME?



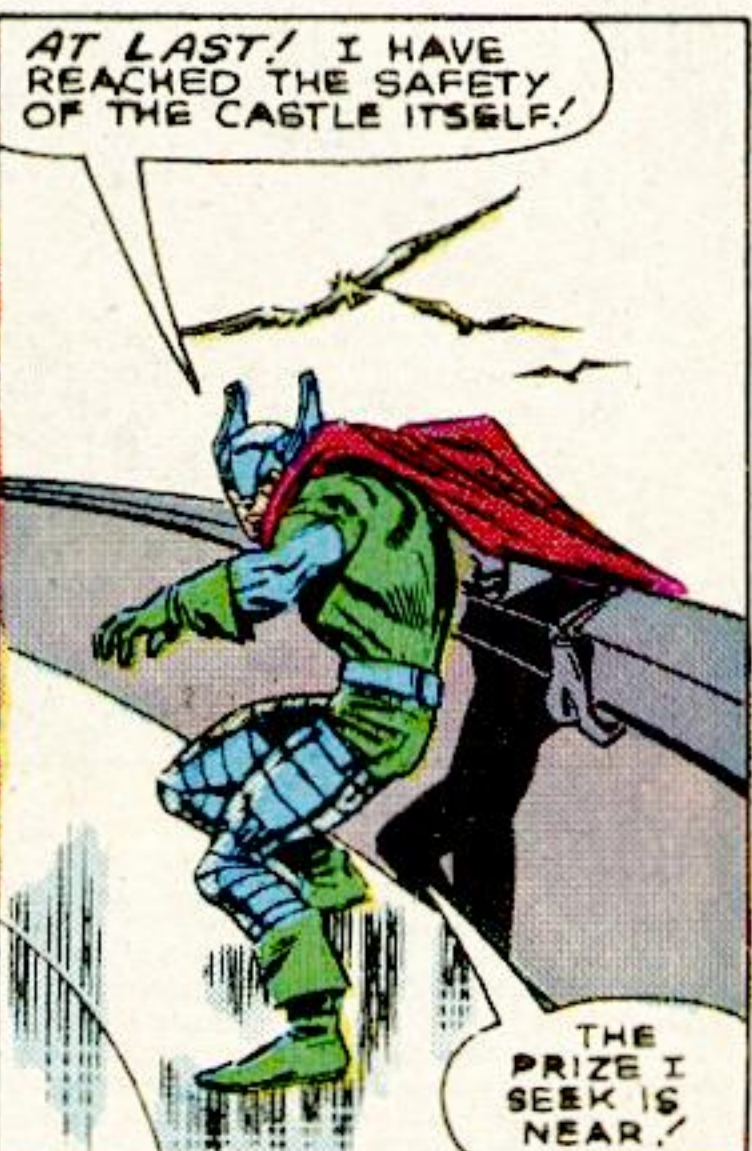
HARPIES-- WHO SEEK TO REND ME WITH CLAW AND FANG!



BUT, BY MY BLADE, I SWEAR THAT--

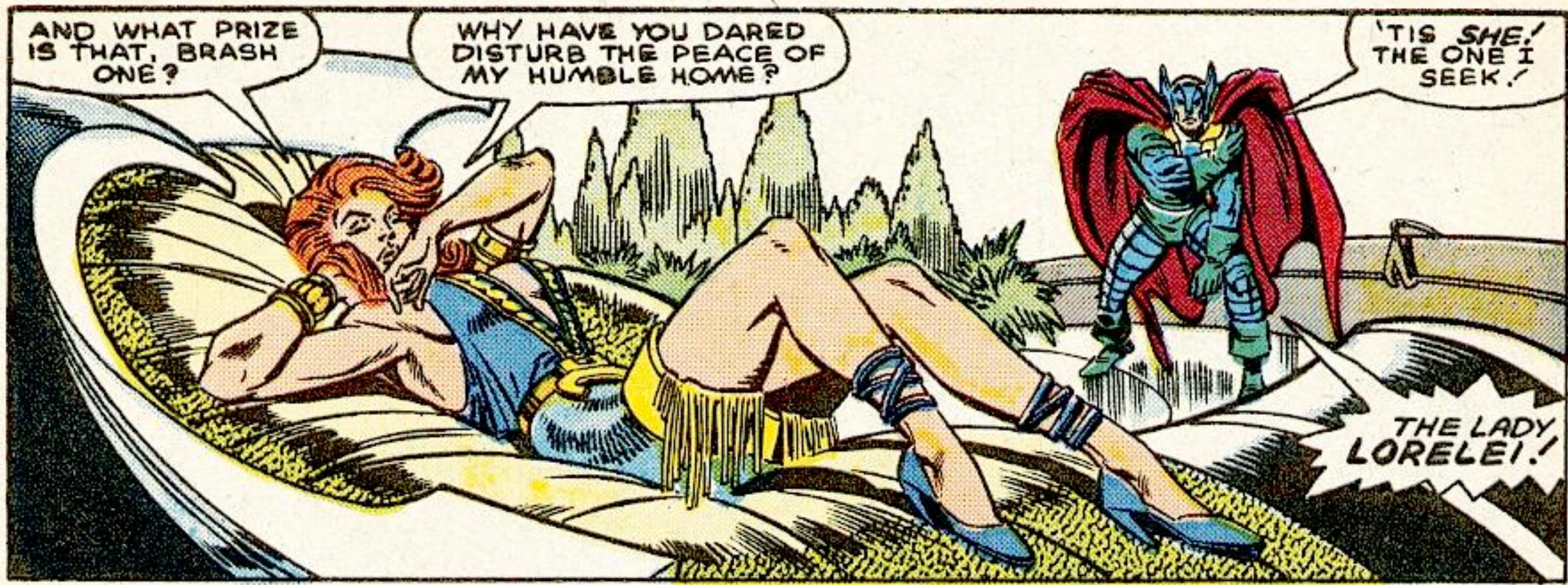


--THEY SHALL NOT HAVE ME!



AT LAST! I HAVE REACHED THE SAFETY OF THE CASTLE ITSELF!

THE PRIZE I SEEK IS NEAR!



AND WHAT PRIZE IS THAT, BRASH ONE?

WHY HAVE YOU DARED DISTURB THE PEACE OF MY HUMBLE HOME?

'TIS SHE! THE ONE I SEEK!

THE LADY LORELEI!



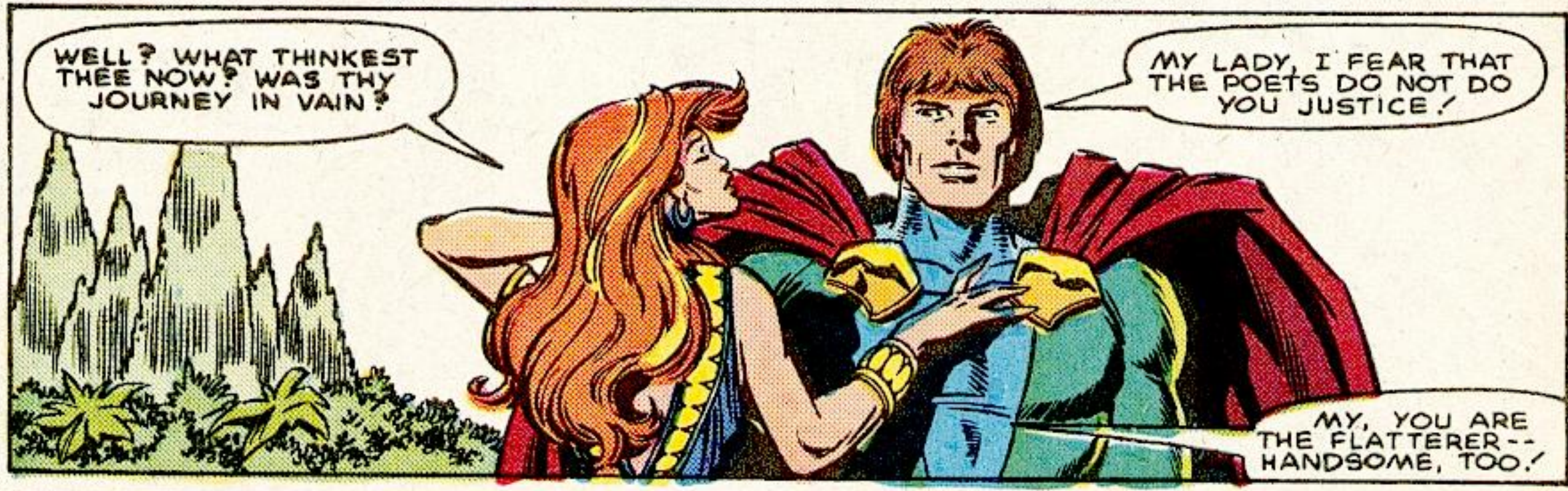
YOU SEEK ME?

WHY?

THE POETS HAVE SUNG OF YOUR MATCHLESS BEAUTY FOR COUNTLESS YEARS!

I JUST HAD TO SEE FOR MYSELF IF ANY WOMAN COULD BE AS BEAUTIFUL AS THEY CLAIMED!

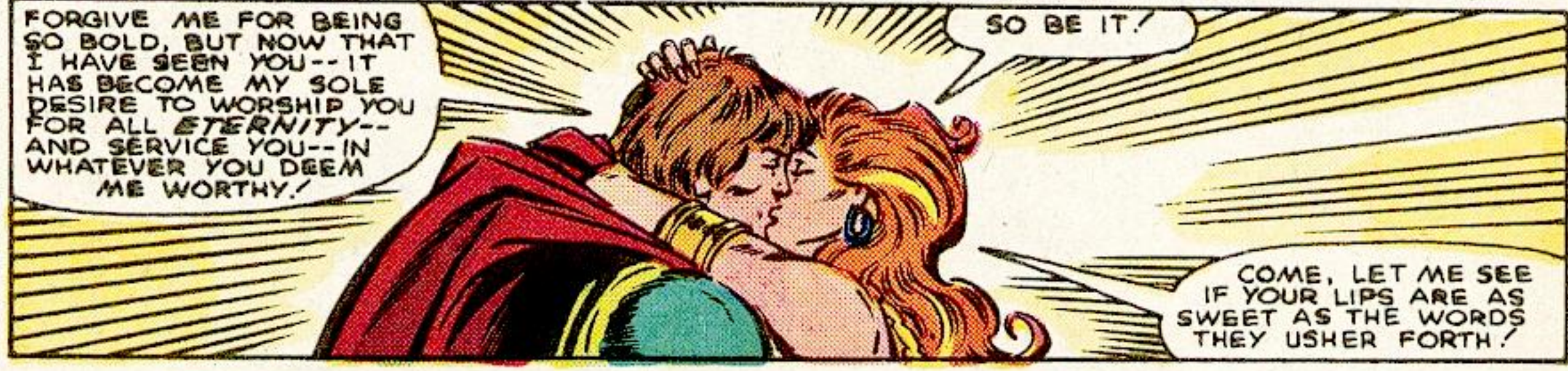
AND SO, FOR THE PAST FORTY DAYS AND NIGHTS I HAVE BRAVED THE SAVAGE WASTELANDS TO JOURNEY HERE!



WELL? WHAT THINKEST THEE NOW? WAS THY JOURNEY IN VAIN?

MY LADY, I FEAR THAT THE POETS DO NOT DO YOU JUSTICE!

MY, YOU ARE THE FLATTERER-- HANDSOME, TOO!



FORGIVE ME FOR BEING SO BOLD, BUT NOW THAT I HAVE SEEN YOU-- IT HAS BECOME MY SOLE DESIRE TO WORSHIP YOU FOR ALL ETERNITY-- AND SERVICE YOU-- IN WHATEVER YOU DEEM ME WORTHY!

SO BE IT!

COME, LET ME SEE IF YOUR LIPS ARE AS SWEET AS THE WORDS THEY USHER FORTH!



THERE, MY BRAVE WARRIOR, YOUR FONDEST WISH HAS JUST BEEN GRANTED!

YOU MAY WORSHIP ME FOREVERMORE... AS LONG AS STONE DOTH ENDURE!



HA! HA!
HA!

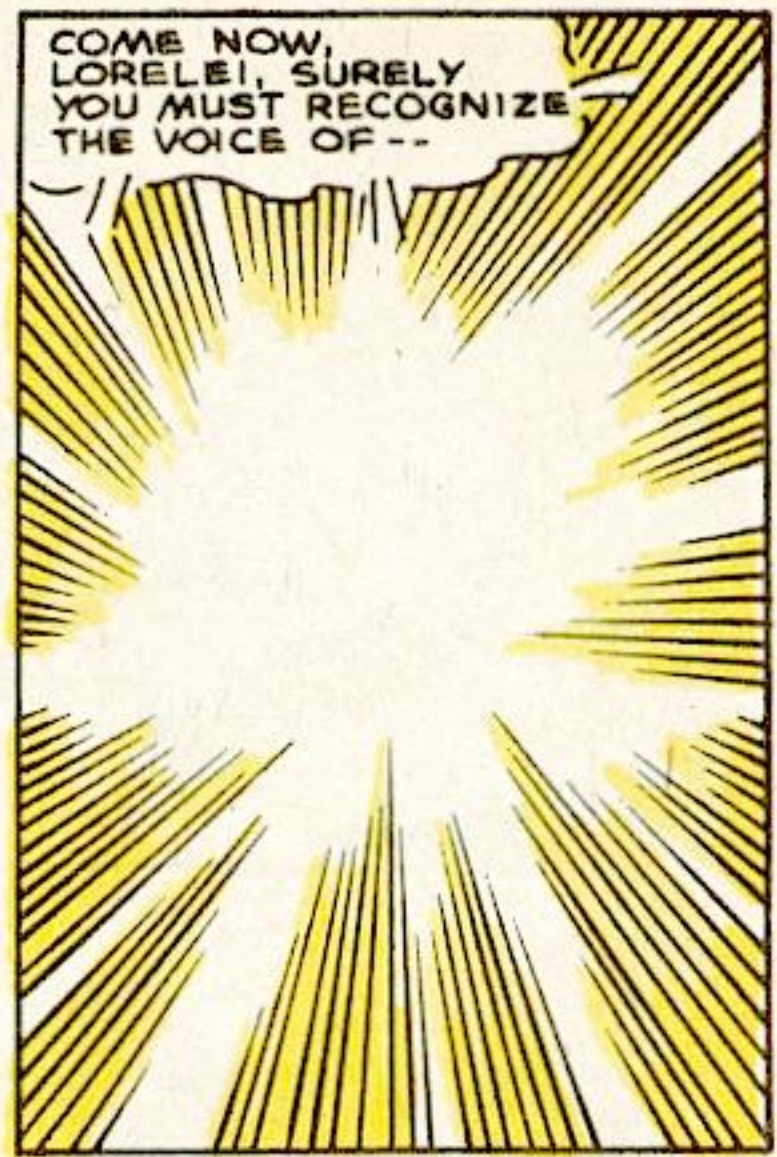
STILL
SQUANDERING
MEN AS IF
THEY WERE
COPPER COINS,
LORELEI?



WHEN WILL YOU LEARN
THAT LOVE IS A RARE
GUEST-- WHO SHOULD BE
WELCOMED WITH JOY--
NOT DISDAIN?!

WHAA--?!

WHO
DARES--?



COME NOW,
LORELEI, SURELY
YOU MUST RECOGNIZE
THE VOICE OF--



-- YOUR
OWN SISTER!

THE
ENCHANT-
RESS!



SUCH A
FOOLISH
WASTE OF
MASCULINE
BEAUTY!



PERHAPS,
BUT WHAT
CARE I
FOR
COMMON
GODLINGS!

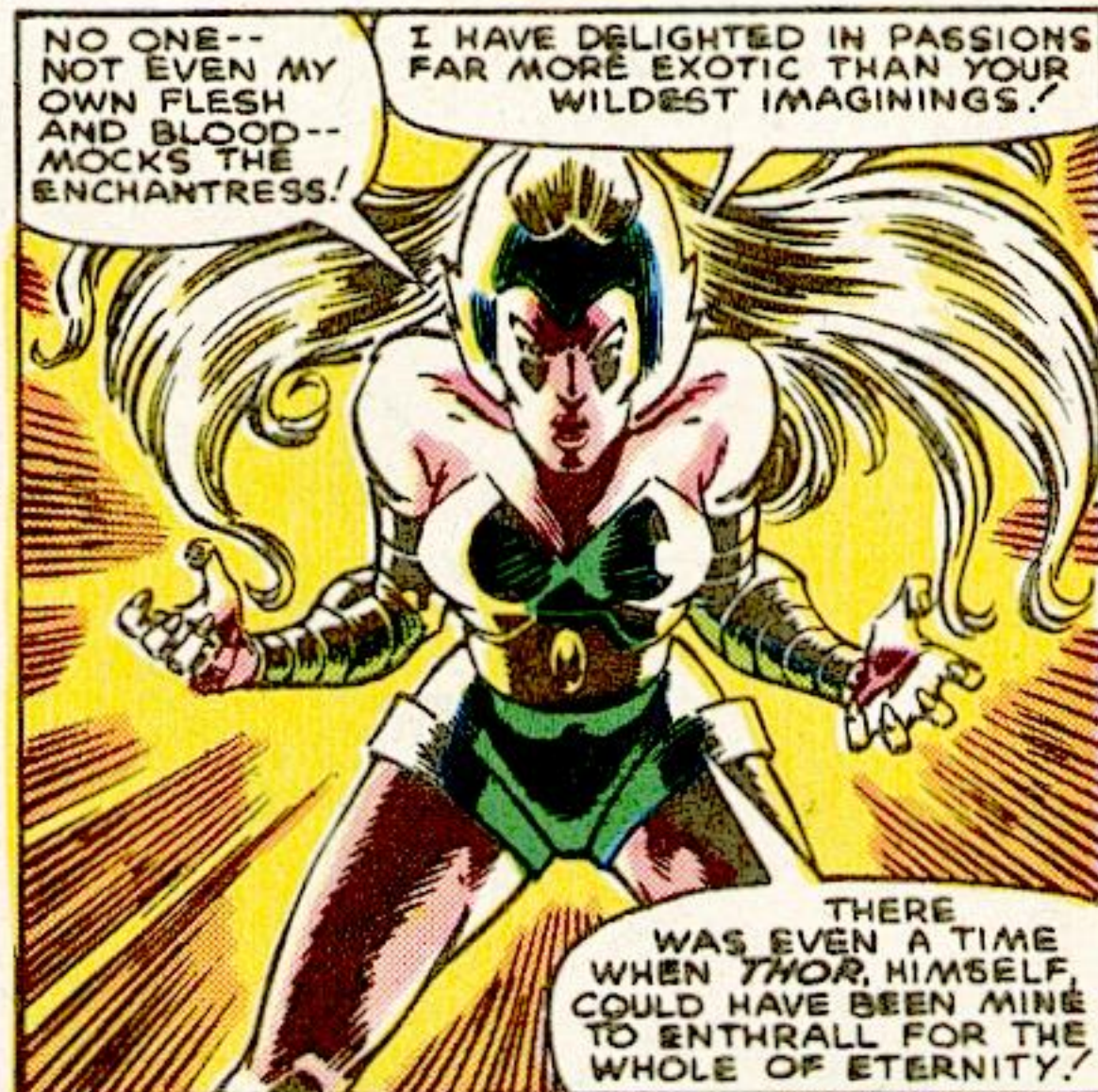
I WHO HAVE
POSSESSED
THE HEARTS OF
MIGHTY **THOR**
-- AND CRAFTY
LOKI!



MY STANDARDS
FOR LOVE AND
PASSION ARE
FAR GREATER
THAN MOST!

I SHALL NOT SETTLE FOR
ANYTHING LESS-- AS YOU
HAVE DONE WITH BORING
OLD **HEIMDALL!**

HAVE A CARE,
SISTER!



NO ONE--
NOT EVEN MY
OWN FLESH
AND BLOOD--
MOCKS THE
ENCHANTRESS!

I HAVE DELIGHTED IN PASSIONS
FAR MORE EXOTIC THAN YOUR
WILDEST IMAGININGS!

THERE
WAS EVEN A TIME
WHEN **THOR**, HIMSELF,
COULD HAVE BEEN MINE
TO ENTHRALL FOR THE
WHOLE OF ETERNITY!

Y-YOU AND THOR--?!

WHEN WAS THIS?

LISTEN WELL SISTER DEAR, AND I WILL TELL YOU OF THE TIME --

--WHEN I, TOO, SQUANDERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW TRUE LOVE..

"A FEW MONTHS AGO*, AS THE MORTALS RECKON TIME, THE GREATEST EARTHLY HEROES OF ALL --

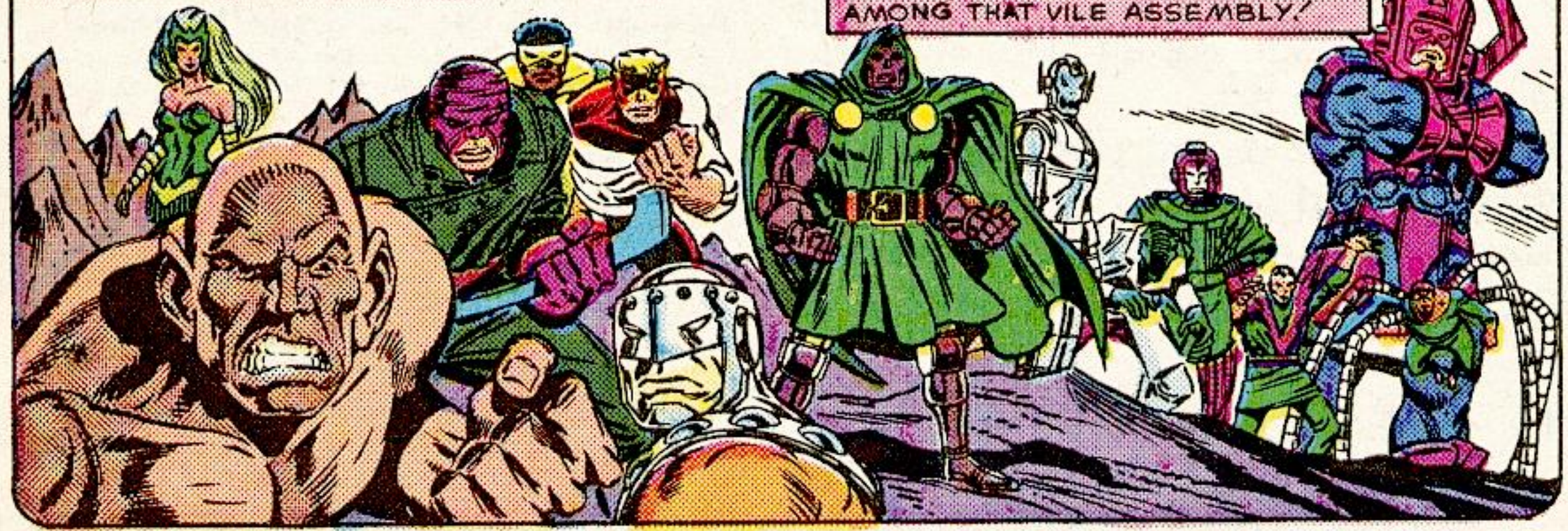
"-- WERE SUDDENLY PLUCKED FROM THEIR PLANET --



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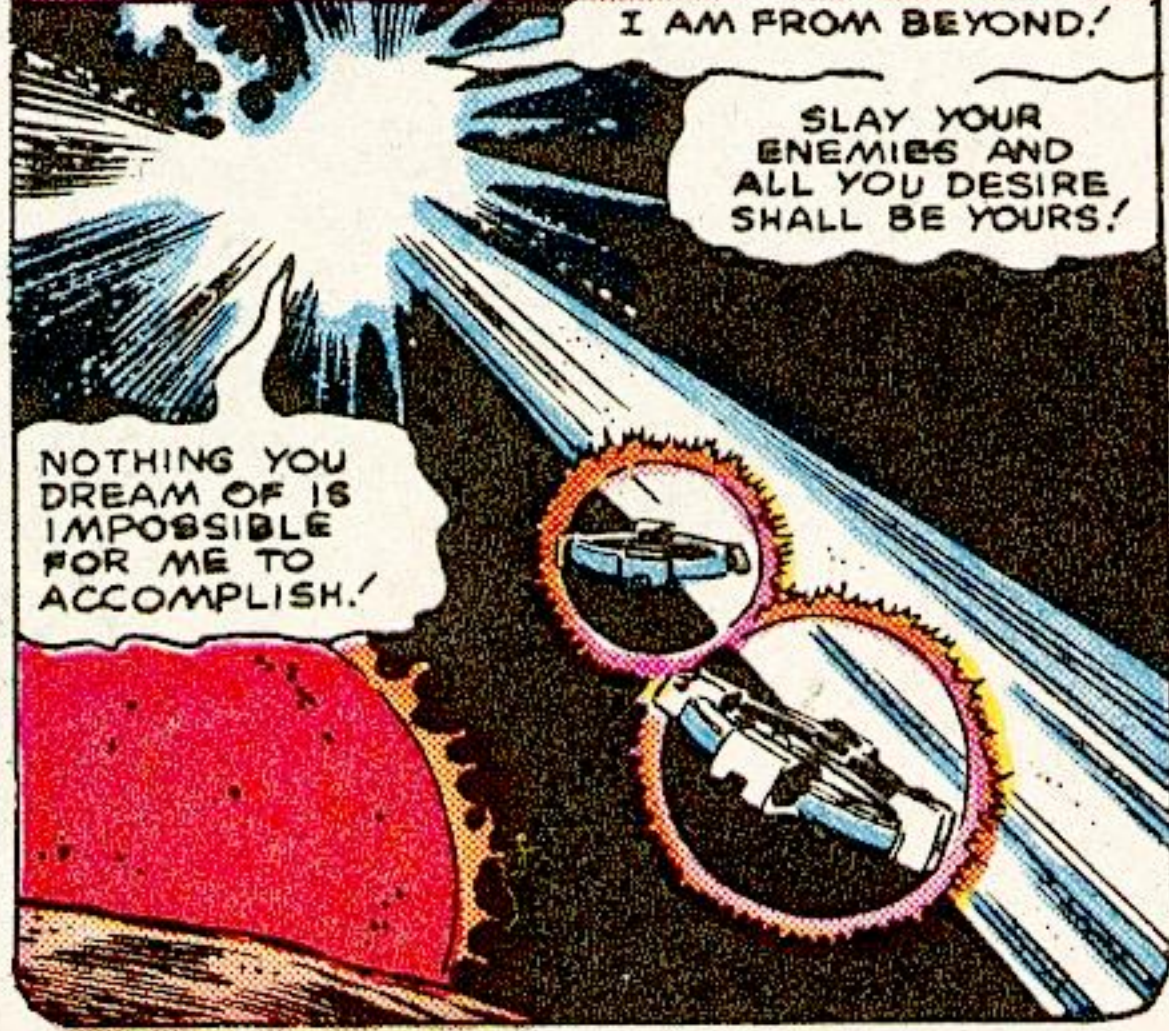
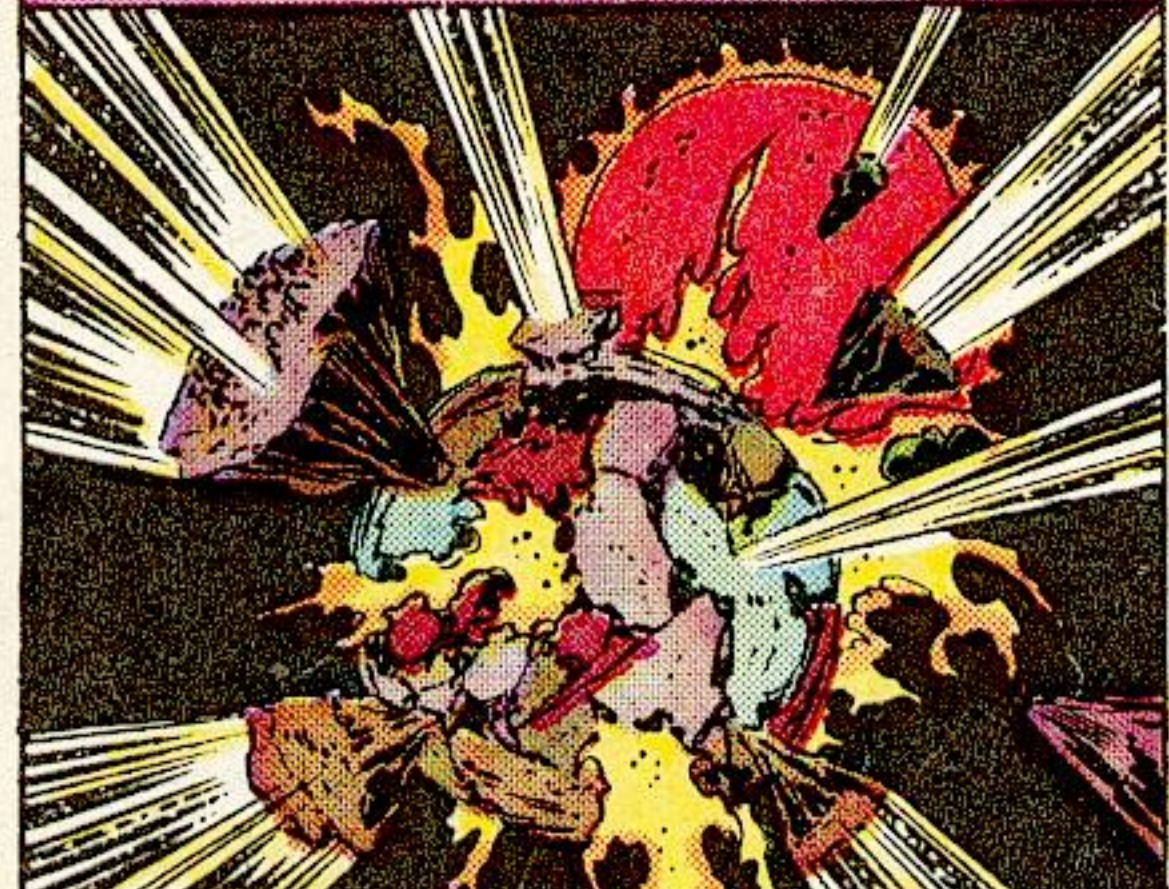
"-- AS WERE SOME OF THE MOST POWERFUL VILLAINS IN THE GALAXY!

"TO THIS VERY DAY, I HAVE BEEN PUZZLED AS TO THE REASON WHY I, MYSELF, WAS INCLUDED AMONG THAT VILE ASSEMBLY!



"IN ANY EVENT, WE WERE ALL TRANSPORTED TO A DISTANT CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE --

"THAT WAS WHEN OUR HOST, A BEING OF INCALCULABLE POWER, ISSUED A MOST STARTLING CHALLENGE...



I AM FROM BEYOND!

SLAY YOUR ENEMIES AND ALL YOU DESIRE SHALL BE YOURS!

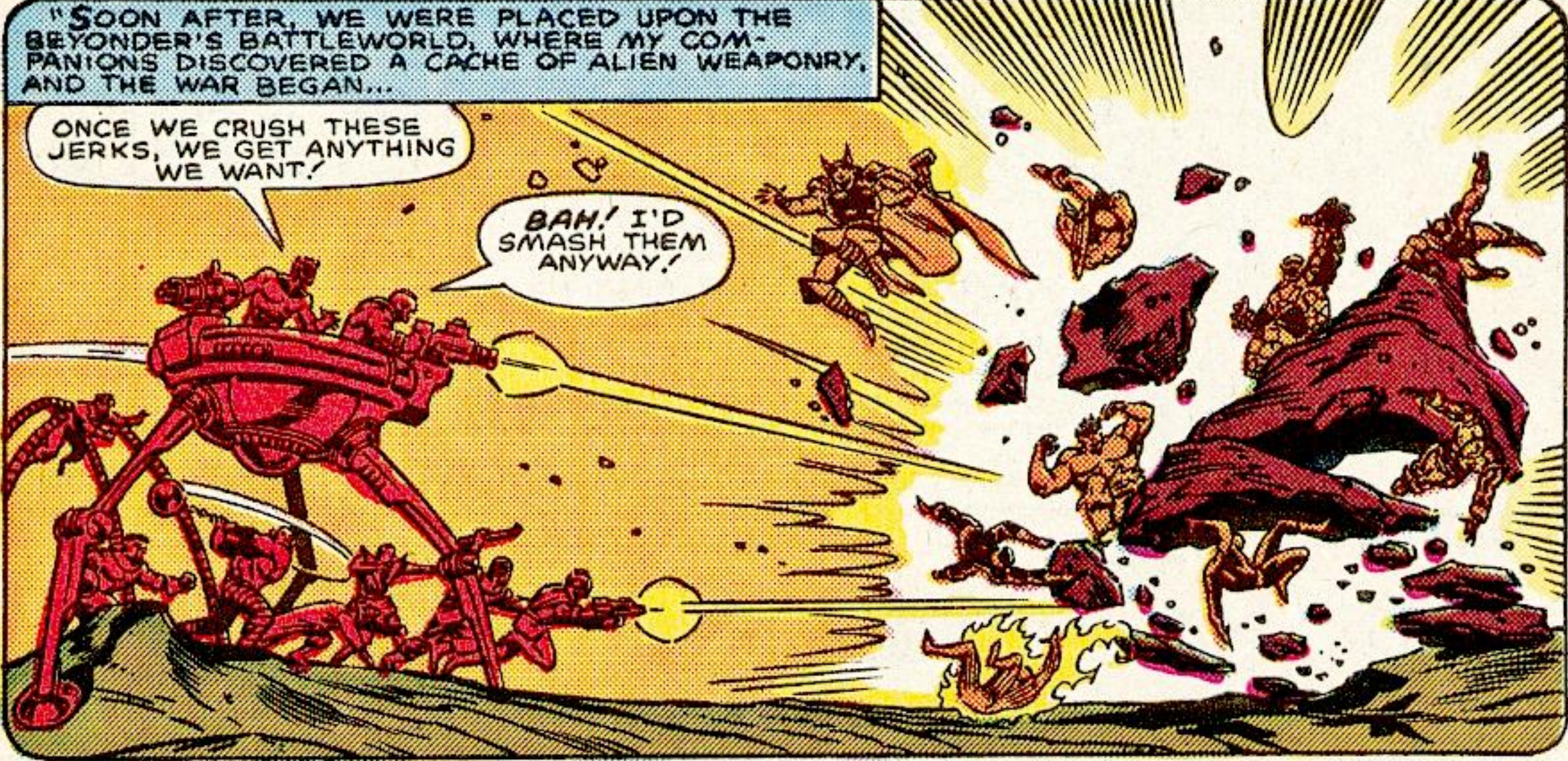
NOTHING YOU DREAM OF IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ACCOMPLISH!

"-- WHERE A VAST PATCHWORK PLANET WAS SUDDENLY ASSEMBLED BEFORE OUR AWESTRUCK EYES!

"SOON AFTER, WE WERE PLACED UPON THE BEYONDER'S BATTLEWORLD, WHERE MY COMPANIONS DISCOVERED A CACHE OF ALIEN WEAPONRY, AND THE WAR BEGAN..."

ONCE WE CRUSH THESE JERKS, WE GET ANYTHING WE WANT!

BAH! I'D SMASH THEM ANYWAY!



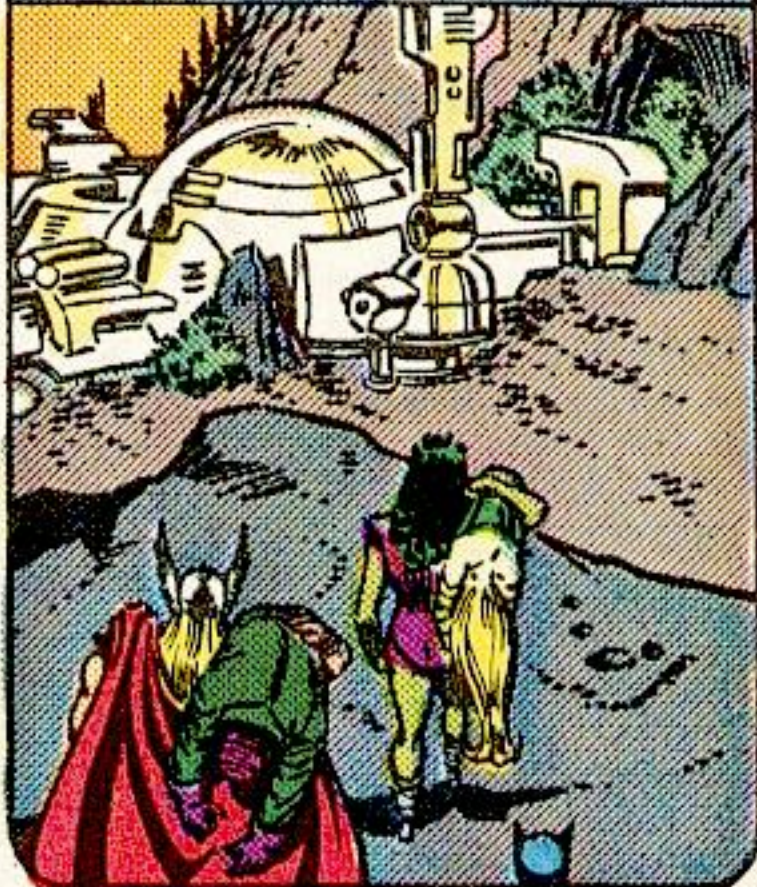
"HAVING NO WISH TO SOIL MY HANDS WITH COMMON COMBAT, I RETIRED FROM THE BATTLEFIELD..."



"...BUT, MY PEACEFUL INTENTIONS WERE OF NO INTEREST TO A BESTIAL CREATURE KNOWN AS THE SHE-HULK!"



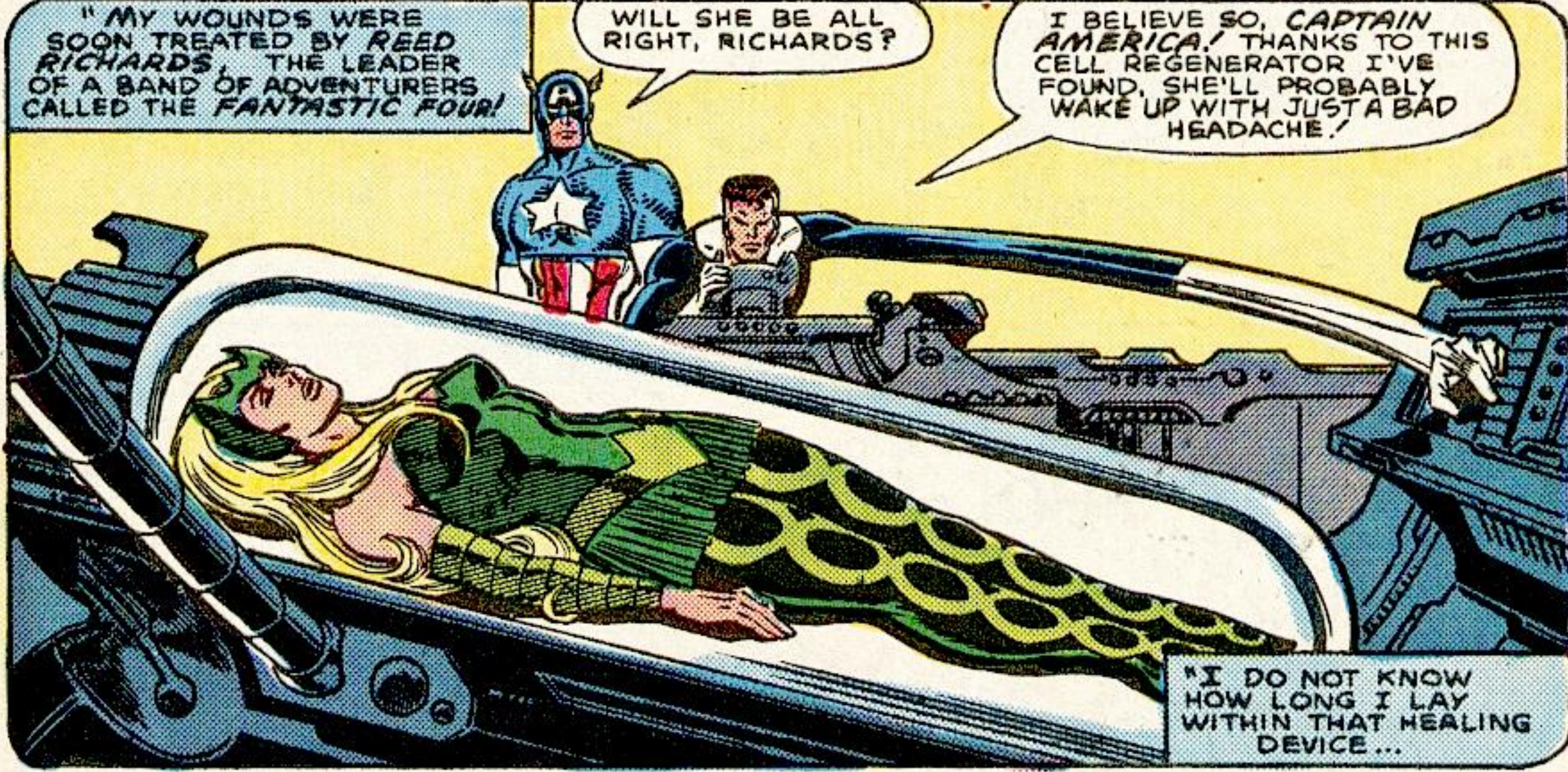
"UNCONSCIOUS, I WAS TAKEN PRISONER AND UN CEREMONIOUSLY CARRIED TO A FORTRESS WHICH THE BEYONDER HAD PROVIDED FOR THE EARTHLY HEROES..."



"MY WOUNDS WERE SOON TREATED BY REED RICHARDS, THE LEADER OF A BAND OF ADVENTURERS CALLED THE FANTASTIC FOUR!"

WILL SHE BE ALL RIGHT, RICHARDS?

I BELIEVE SO, CAPTAIN AMERICA! THANKS TO THIS CELL REGENERATOR I'VE FOUND, SHE'LL PROBABLY WAKE UP WITH JUST A BAD HEADACHE!



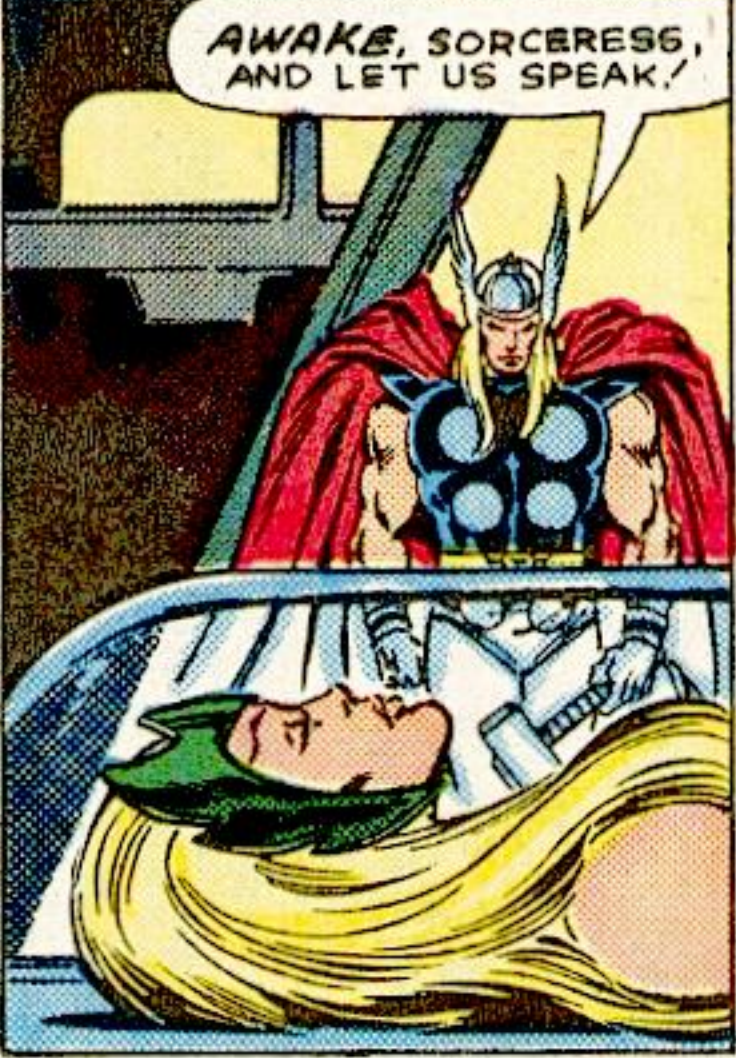
"I DO NOT KNOW HOW LONG I LAY WITHIN THAT HEALING DEVICE..."

"... BUT, EVENTUALLY, THERE CAME A MAJESTIC FIGURE TO THE CAVERNOUS PRISON HALL --



"-- PAST THE BLOCK OF CELLS WHERE PILE-DRIVER, BULLDOZER, THUNDERBALL AND KANG THE CONQUEROR WERE HELD IN PSYCHOSTASIS--

"-- TO THE CHAMBER WHERE I LAY SLEEPING.!"



AWAKE, SORCERESS, AND LET US SPEAK!

THOR! WHY HAVE YOU COME HITHER? DID YOUR MORTAL FRIENDS FORSAKE YOU?



NAY... BUT THEY ARE MORTAL! THERE ARE THINGS OF WHICH ONLY GODS MAY SPEAK, AND WHICH ONLY GODS CAN UNDERSTAND!

YOU AND I ARE THE ONLY TWO IMMORTALS OF ASGARD ON THIS WORLD... WE MUST TALK!



VERY WELL... BUT ELSEWHERE! I WILL ENDURE THIS DUNGEON NO LONGER!

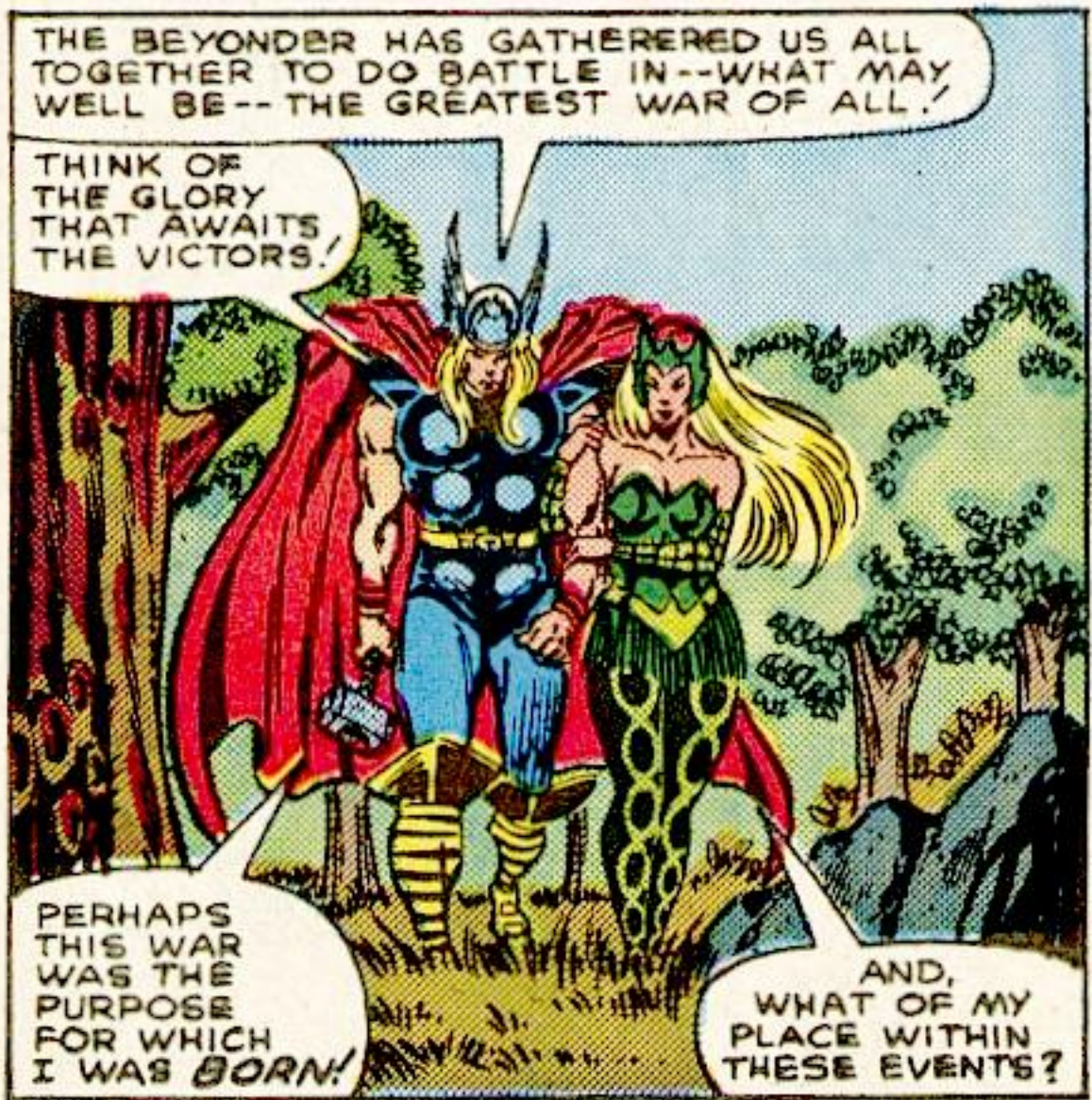
AYE... BUT, HERE OR ELSEWHERE, YOU ARE STILL MY PRISONER!

PERHAPS...



COME, THUNDER GOD!

LET US SEE WHAT DELIGHTS THIS PATCHWORK WORLD DOTH OFFER!



THE BEYONDER HAS GATHERERED US ALL TOGETHER TO DO BATTLE IN--WHAT MAY WELL BE-- THE GREATEST WAR OF ALL!

THINK OF THE GLORY THAT AWAITS THE VICTORS!

PERHAPS THIS WAR WAS THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH I WAS BORN!

AND, WHAT OF MY PLACE WITHIN THESE EVENTS?



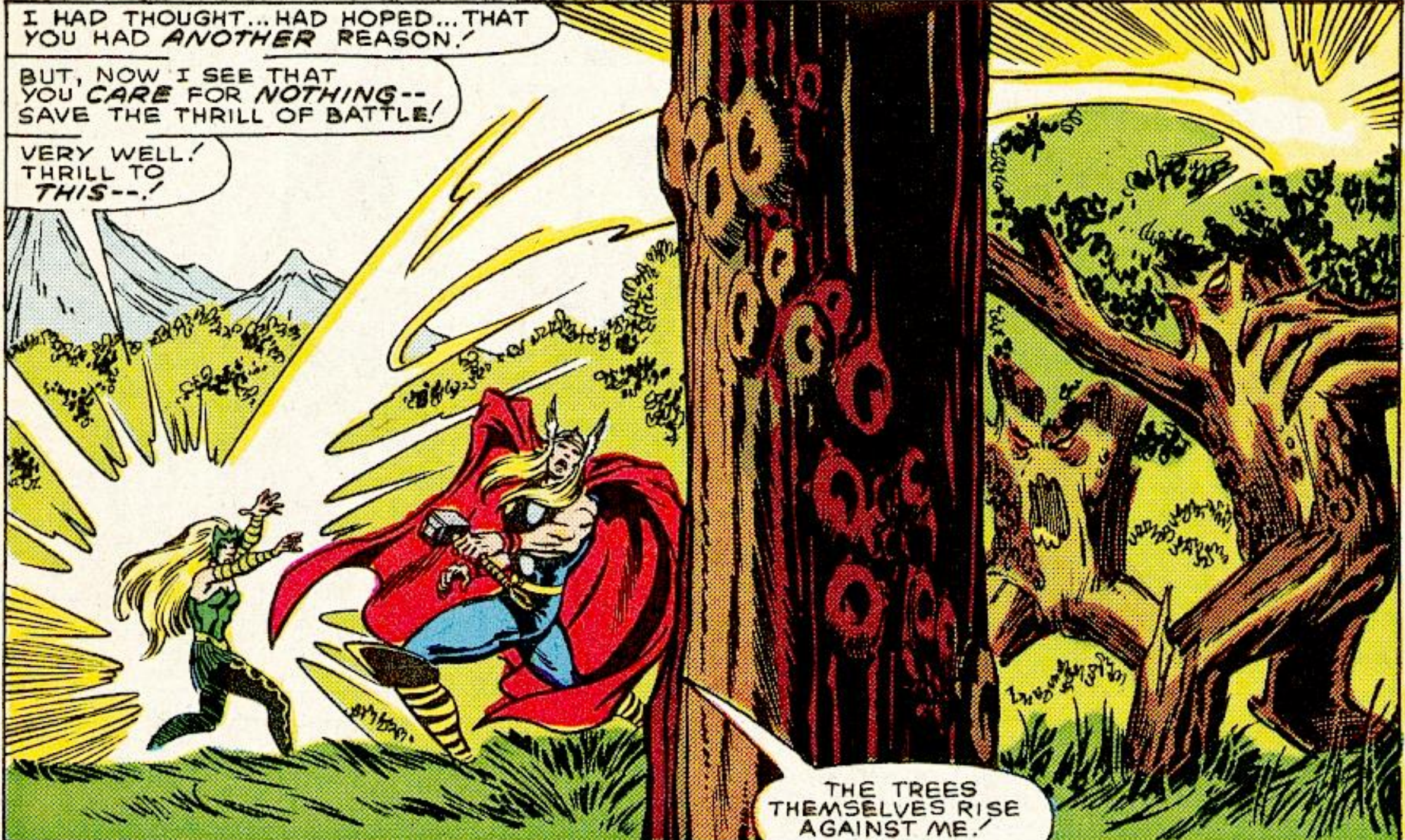
YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO REDEEM YOURSELF-- TO PROVE YOURSELF WORTHY OF YOUR ASGARDIAN HERITAGE!

SO! YOU CAME TO ME... MERELY BECAUSE YOU SOUGHT TO RECRUIT ANOTHER ALLY... IN YOUR FOOLISH QUEST FOR GLORY!

I HAD THOUGHT...HAD HOPED...THAT YOU HAD ANOTHER REASON!

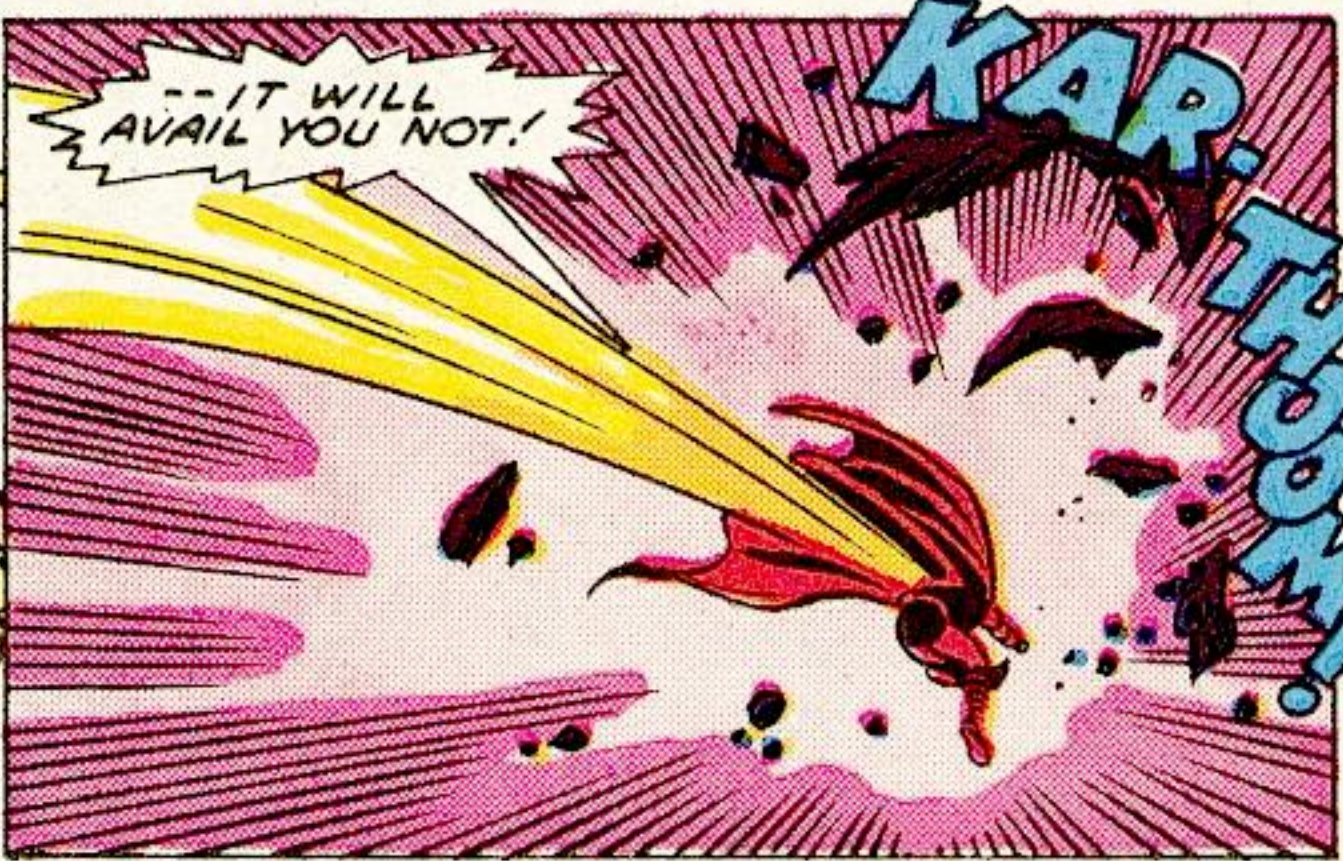
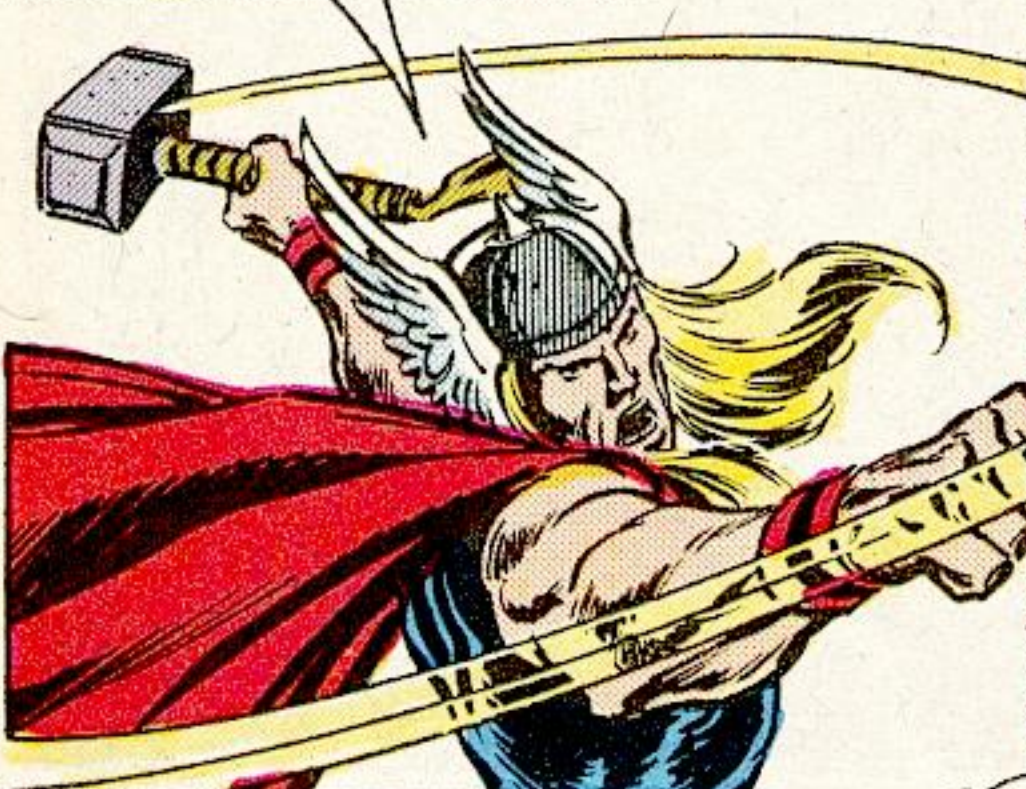
BUT, NOW I SEE THAT YOU CARE FOR NOTHING-- SAVE THE THRILL OF BATTLE!

VERY WELL! THRILL TO THIS--!



THE TREES THEMSELVES RISE AGAINST ME!

I WARN YOU, WOMAN! IF THIS BE A PLOY TO AID YOU IN ESCAPE--

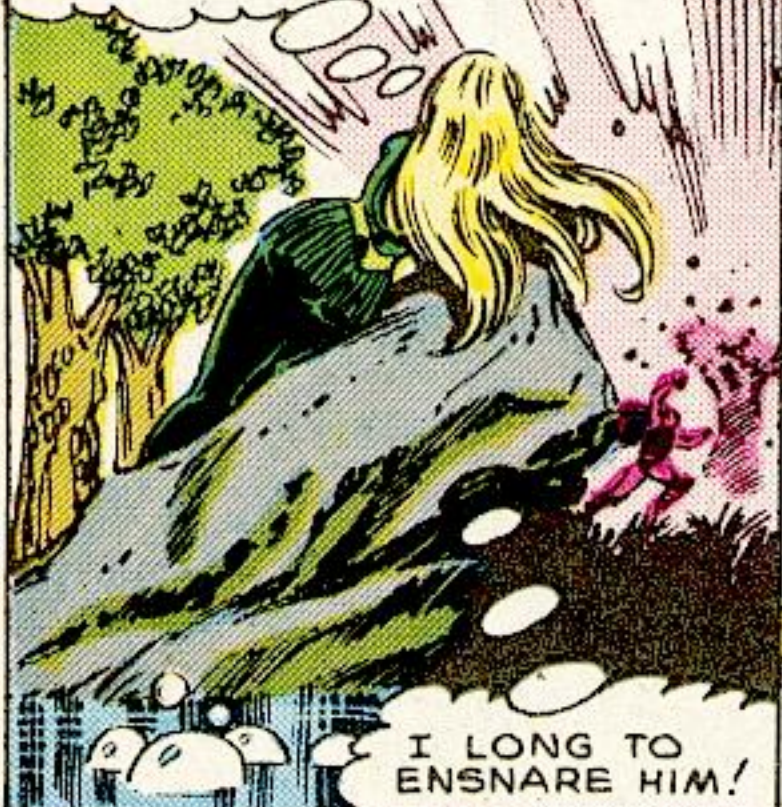


-- IT WILL AVAIL YOU NOT!

KAR-TROOK!

A PITY HIS WIT IS NOT THE EQUAL OF HIS STRONG RIGHT ARM!

I HAVE NO INTEREST IN ESCAPING HIM! QUITE THE CONTRARY...



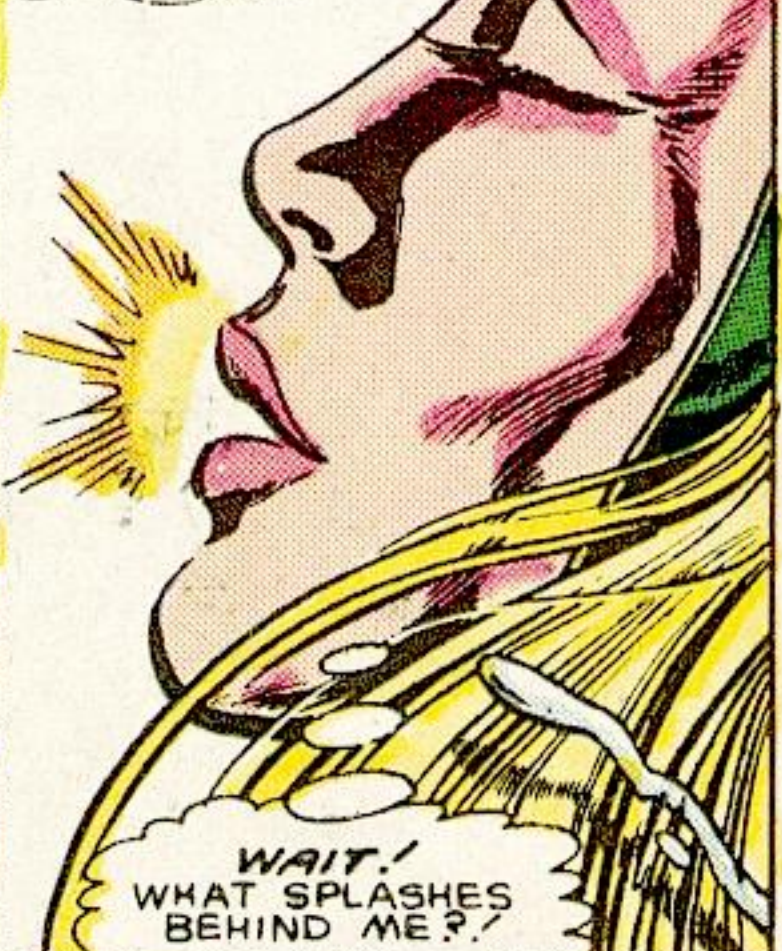
I LONG TO ENSNARE HIM!

AND SO, WHILE HE IS DISTRACTED IN BATTLE, I SHALL GATHER ALL MY SORCEROUS POWER INTO--



--MY LIPS!

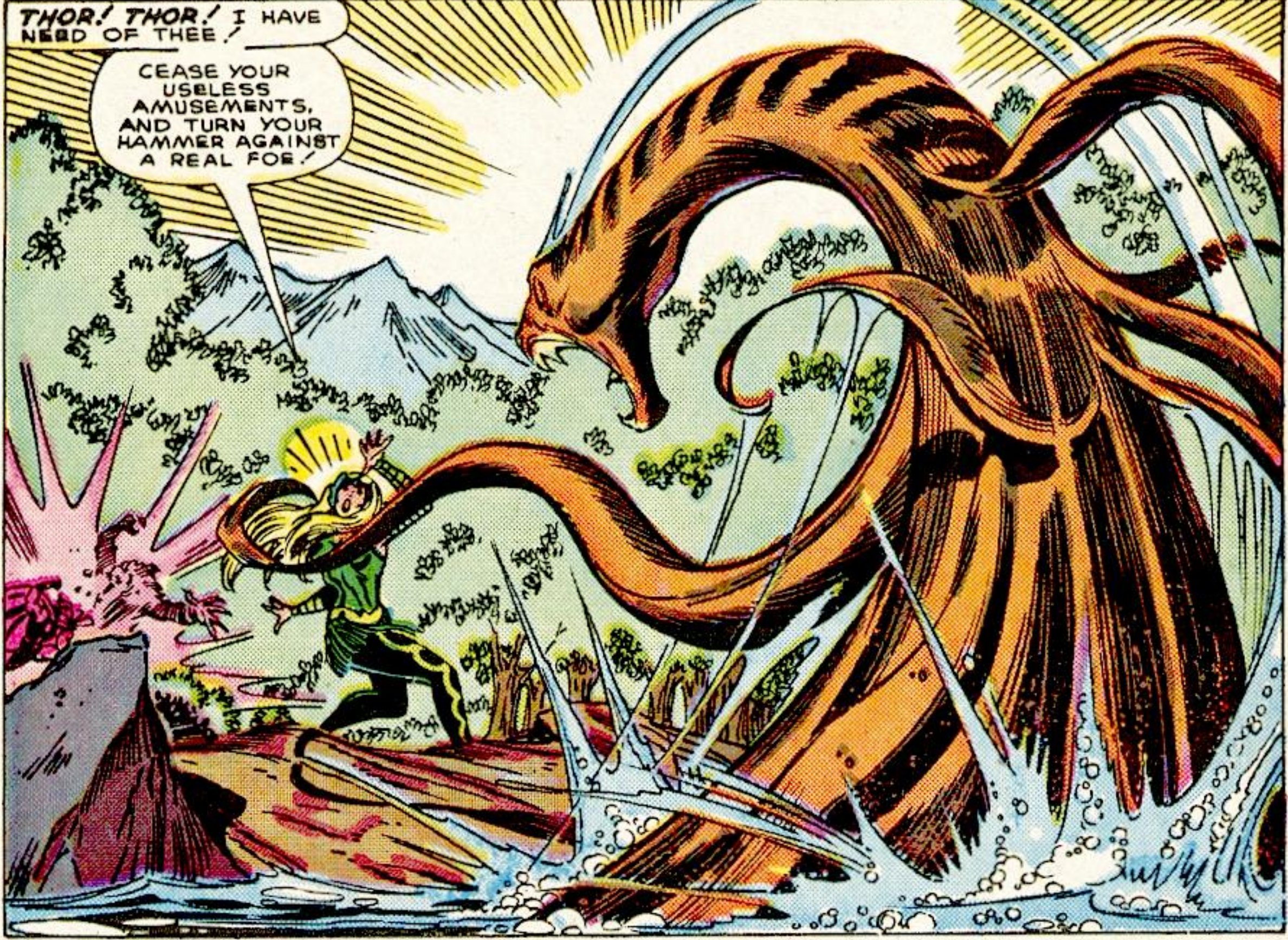
ONE KISS, AND HE SHALL BE MINE FOREVER!



WAIT! WHAT SPLASHES BEHIND ME?!

THOR! THOR! I HAVE NEED OF THEE!

CEASE YOUR USELESS AMUSEMENTS, AND TURN YOUR HAMMER AGAINST A REAL FOE!



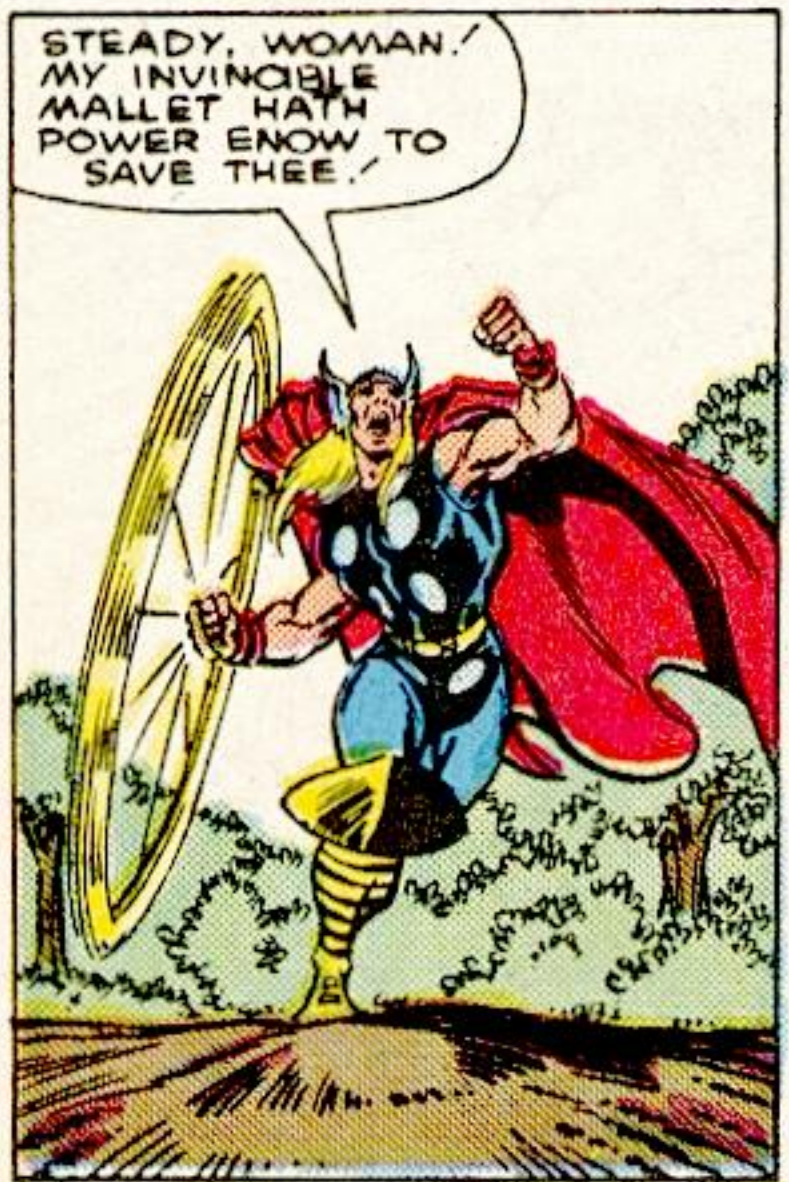
WHAT IS THIS CREATURE WHICH NOW THREATENS THE ENCHANTRESS?

IS IT ANOTHER ONE OF HER ENCHANTMENTS, OR--?!

NO! METHINKS THE TERROR IN HER VOICE SOUNDS ALL TOO REAL!



STEADY, WOMAN! MY INVINCIBLE Mallet HATH POWER ENOW TO SAVE THEE!



KA-BWOK KI!!

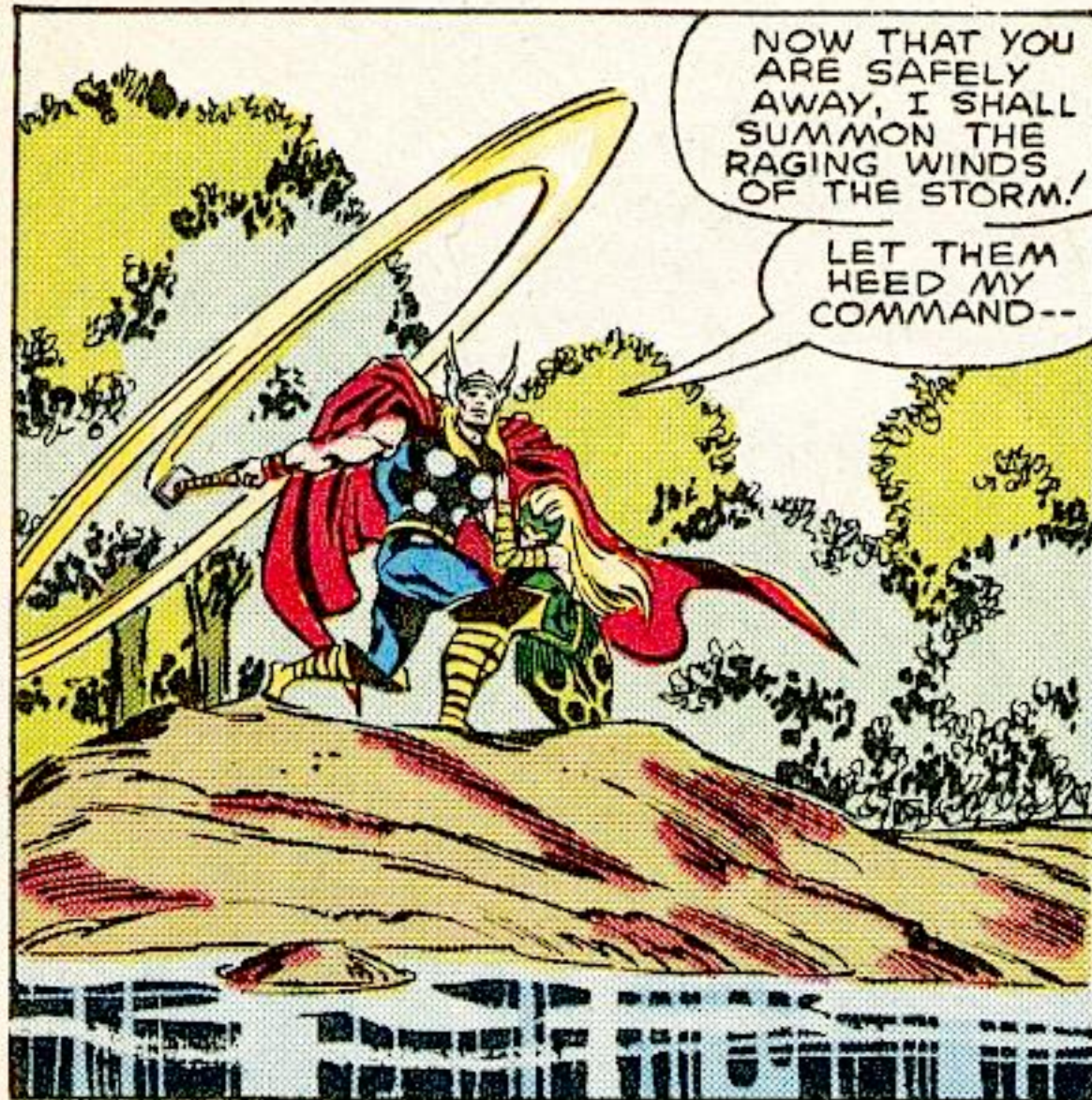


HELP! I'M FALLING--!

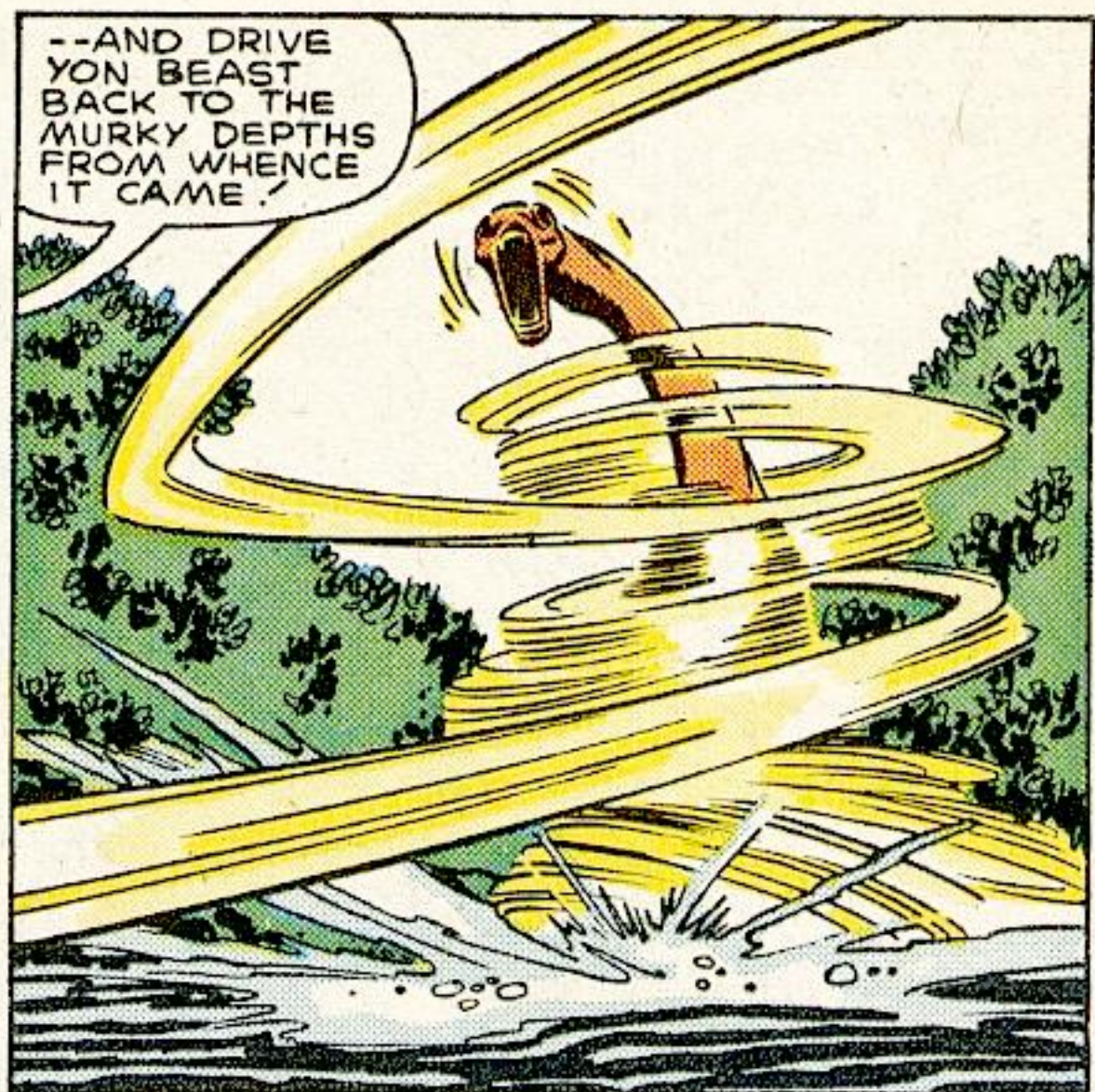
NEVER FEAR, SORCEROUS ONE! I DID NOT RESCUE THEE--



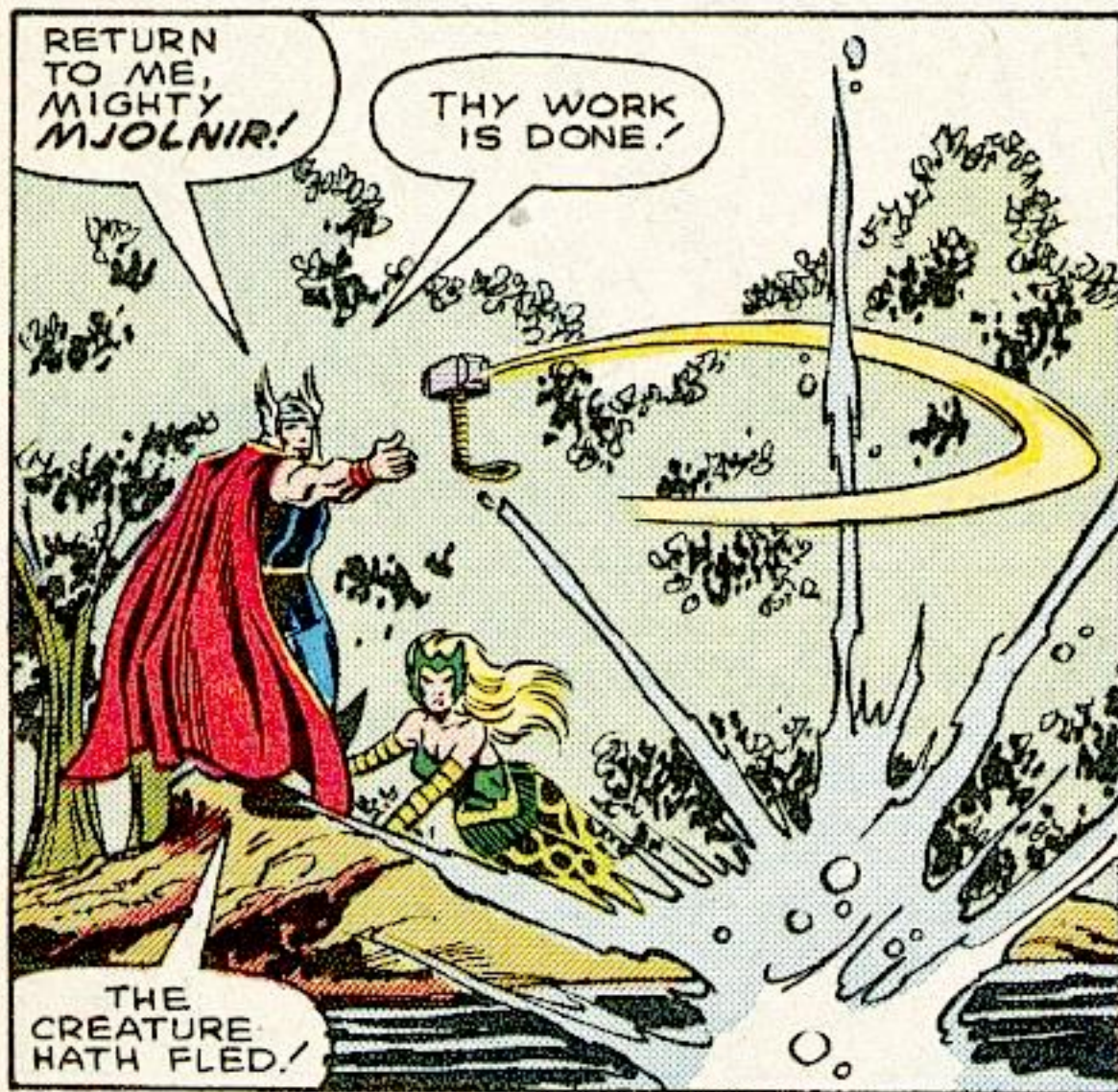
--ONLY TO WATCH AS THY BODY BE DASHED TO THE GROUND!



NOW THAT YOU ARE SAFELY AWAY, I SHALL SUMMON THE RAGING WINDS OF THE STORM!
LET THEM HEED MY COMMAND--

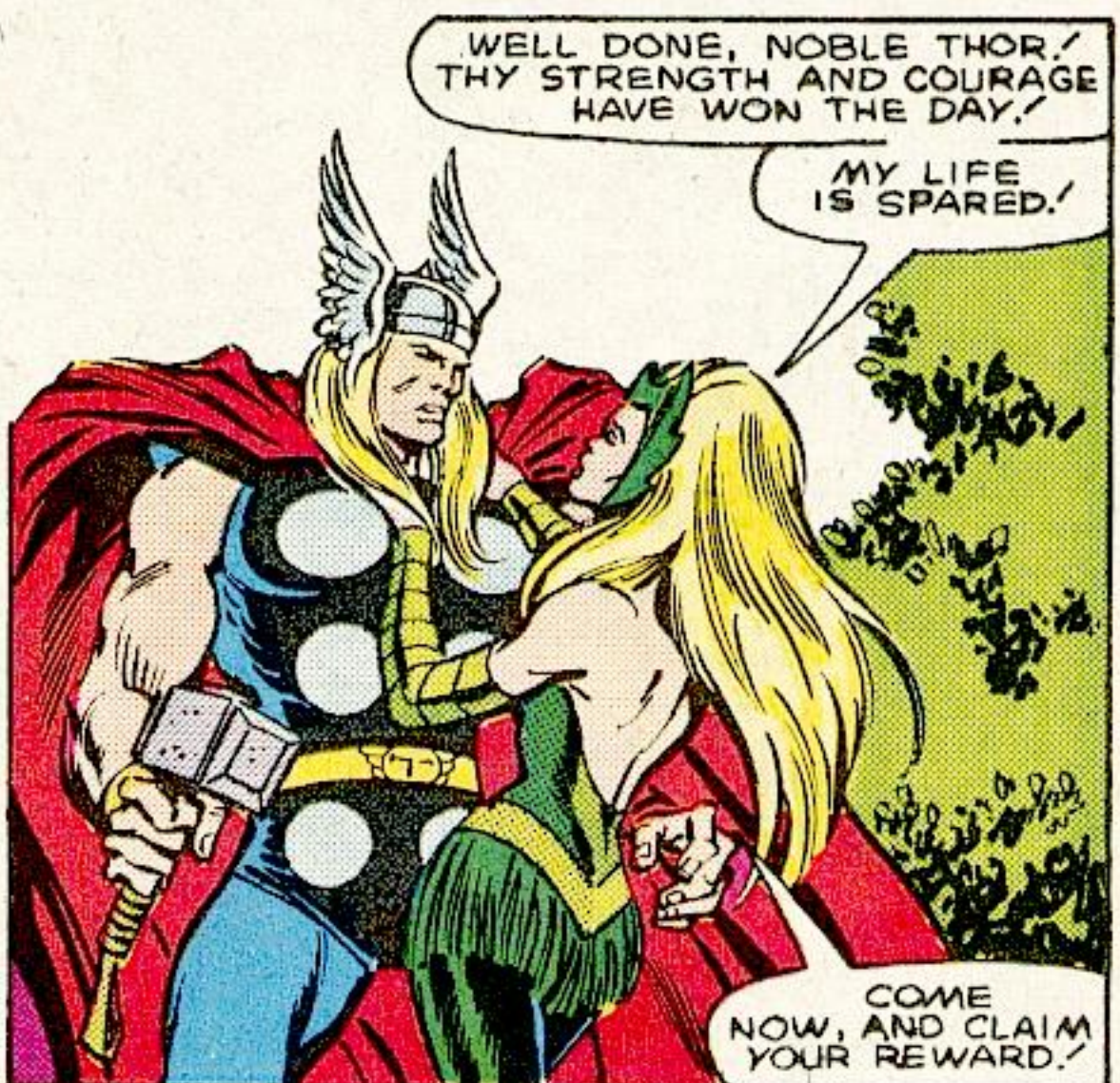


--AND DRIVE YON BEAST BACK TO THE MURKY DEPTHS FROM WHENCE IT CAME!



RETURN TO ME, MIGHTY MJOLNIR!
THY WORK IS DONE!

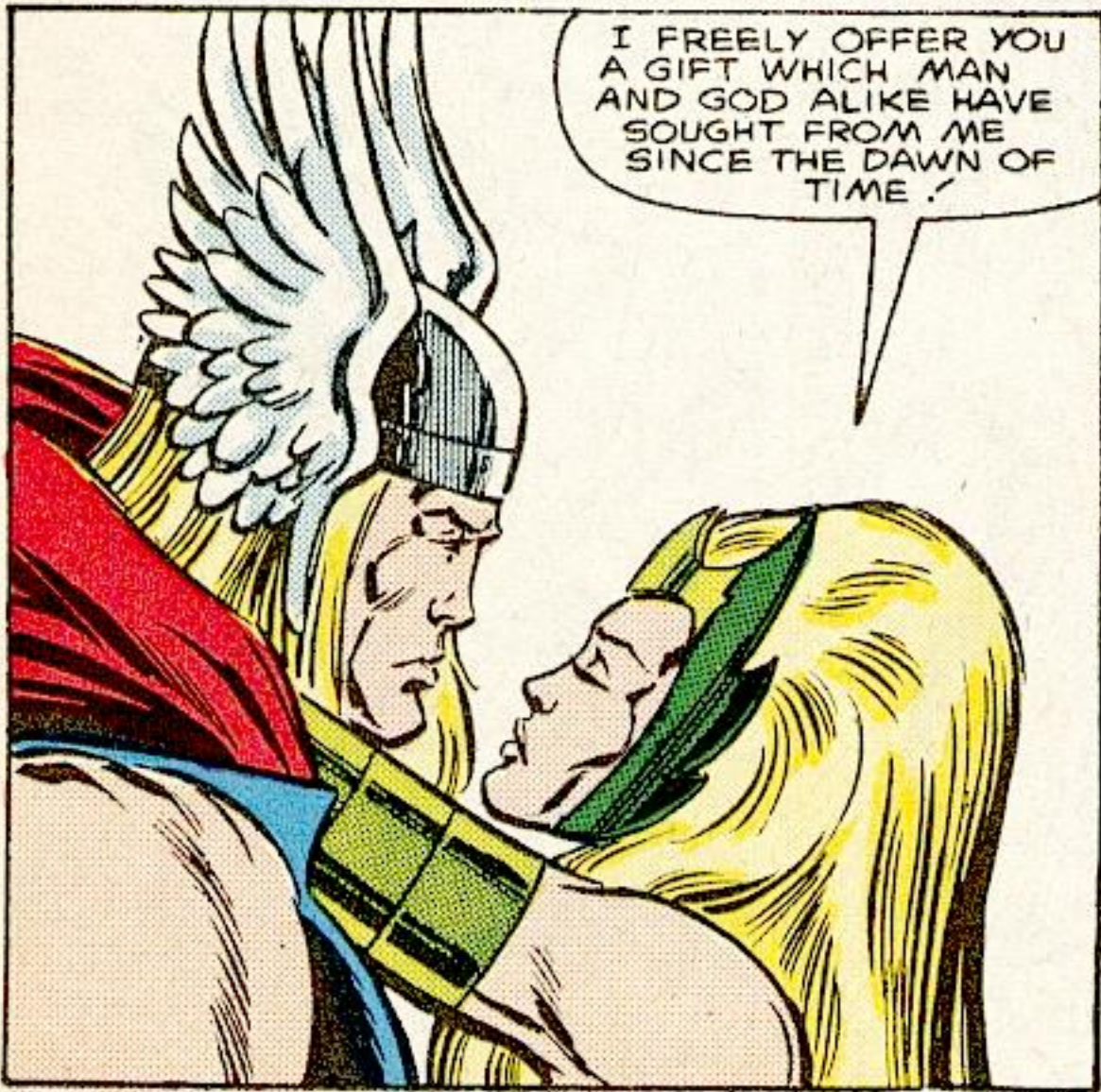
THE CREATURE HATH FLED!



WELL DONE, NOBLE THOR! THY STRENGTH AND COURAGE HAVE WON THE DAY!

MY LIFE IS SPARED!

COME NOW, AND CLAIM YOUR REWARD!



I FREELY OFFER YOU A GIFT WHICH MAN AND GOD ALIKE HAVE SOUGHT FROM ME SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME!



WHY DO YOU TURN AWAY?

IN TRUTH, I FEAR THE GREAT PRICE YOUR 'GIFT' WILL DEMAND OF ME!

OH, THOR, THOU ART SO FOOLISH...

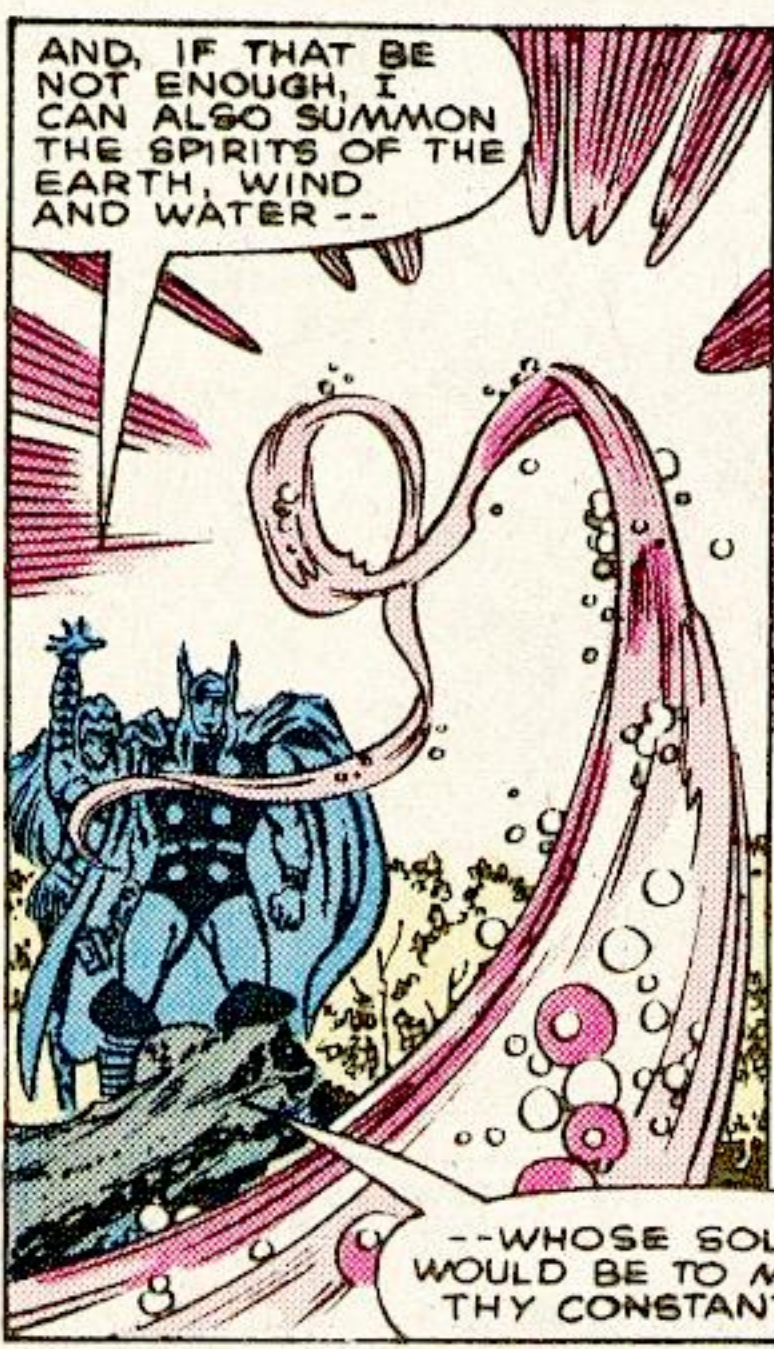


WHY DENY THYSELF THE EXQUISITE PLEASURES THAT ARE MINE ALONE TO GIVE?

I CAN BE ANY-- AND EVERY-- WOMAN THOU HAST EVER DESIRED!

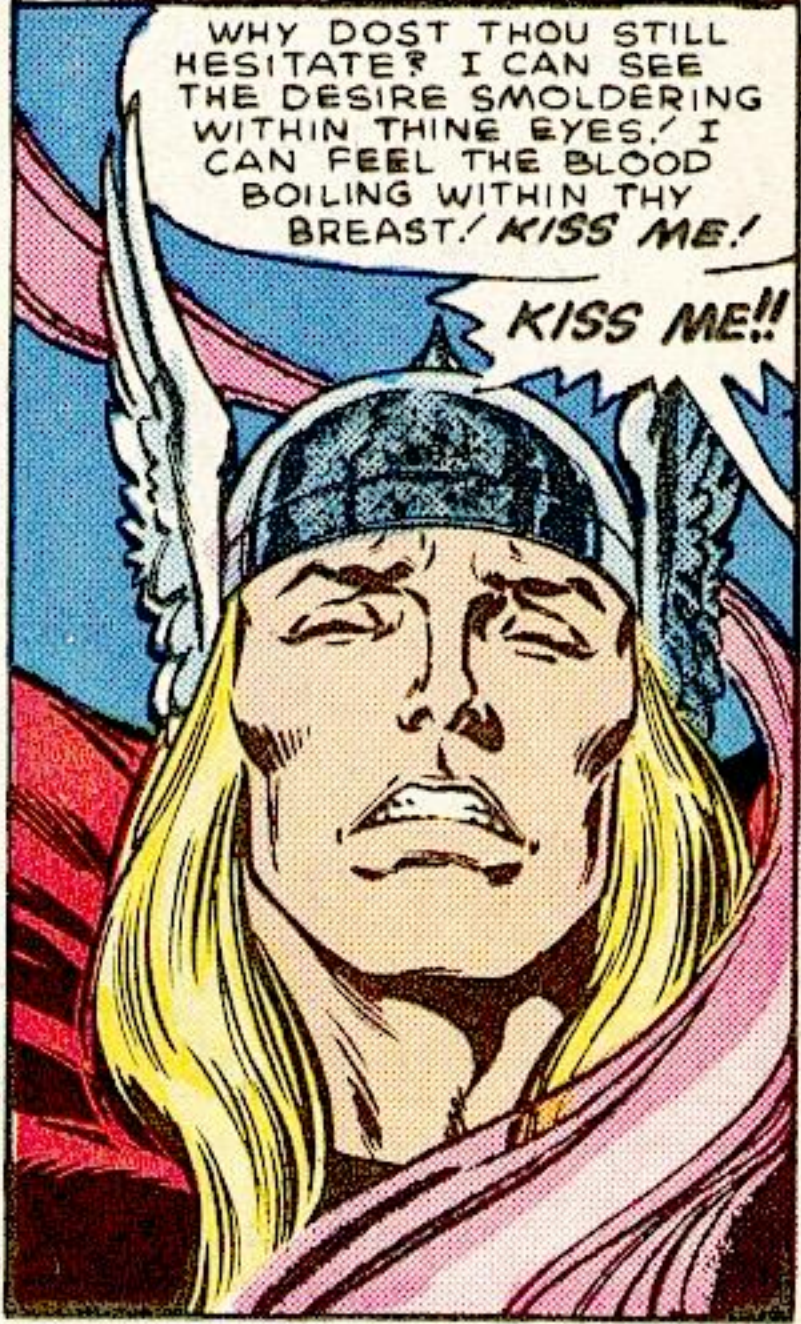
THY EVERY FANTASY MADE REAL!

THOUGH WE WOULD LOVE FOR AN ETERNITY, THOU WOULD NEVER KNOW A MOMENT'S BOREDOM!



AND, IF THAT BE NOT ENOUGH, I CAN ALSO SUMMON THE SPIRITS OF THE EARTH, WIND AND WATER --

--WHOSE SOLE DUTY WOULD BE TO MAINTAIN THY CONSTANT JOY!



WHY DOST THOU STILL HESITATE? I CAN SEE THE DESIRE SMOLDERING WITHIN THINE EYES! I CAN FEEL THE BLOOD BOILING WITHIN THY BREAST! KISS ME!

KISS ME!!



I SAY THEE, NAY!!

THOUGH THOU HAST CHARMS ENOW TO TEMPT EVEN LORD ODIN, ALL-FATHER OF ASGARD, I SHALL NOT SUCCUMB TO THEM!

I WILL REMAIN STRONG! VIRTUOUS!

KRA-KRA-KRA

BWOOOM



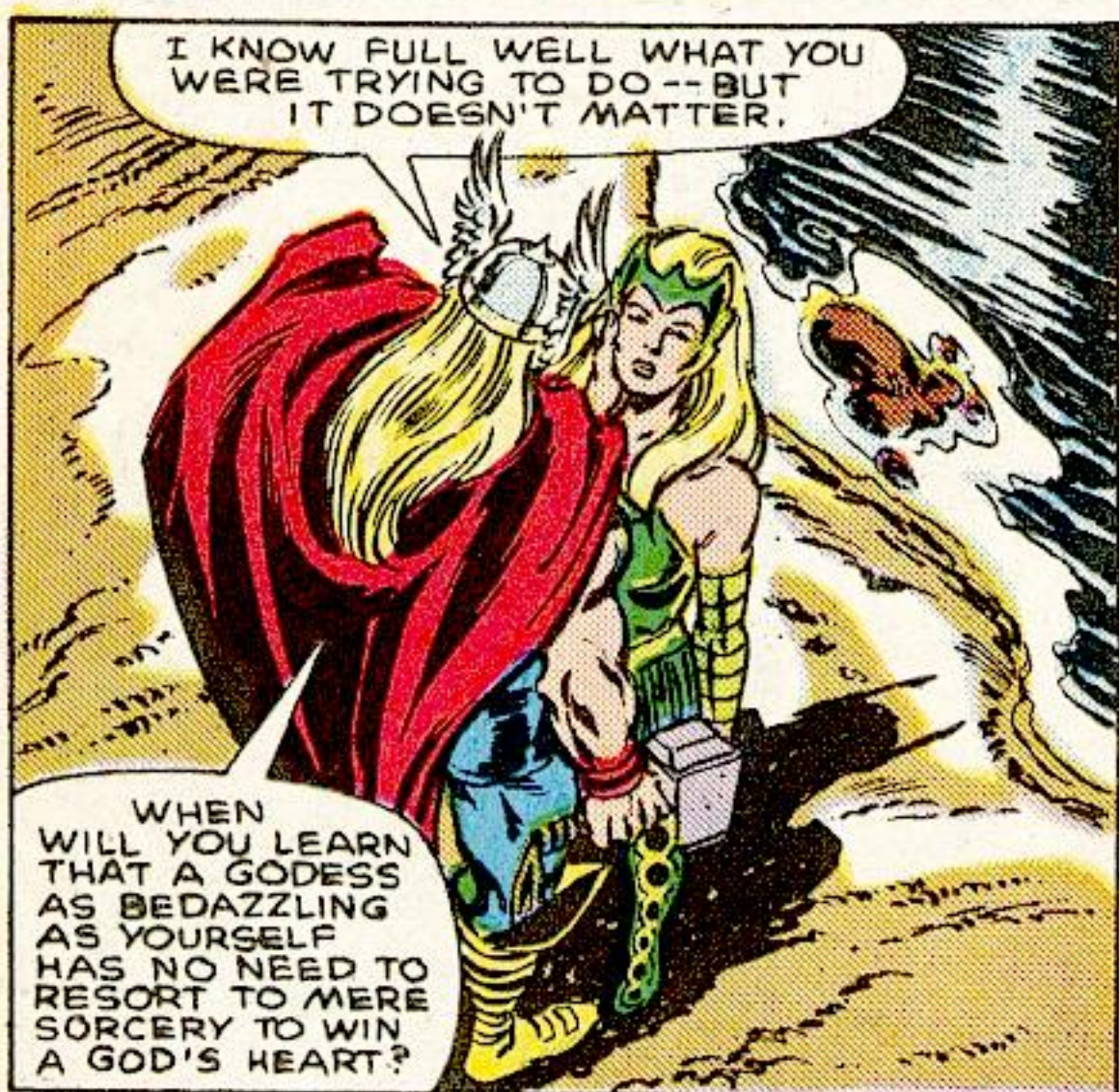
F-FORGIVE ME, THOR!

P- PLEASE FORGIVE ME!



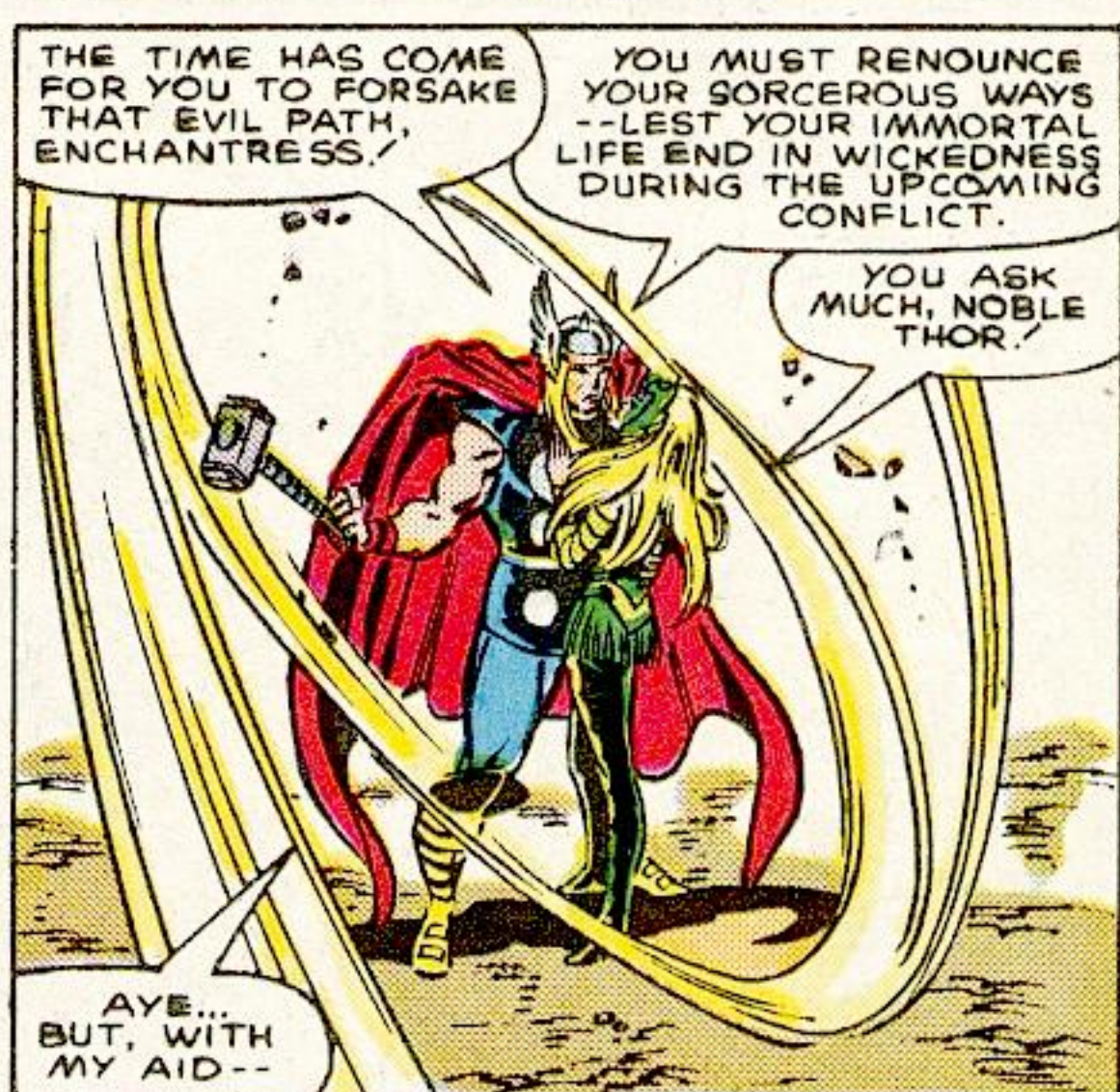
I... I MEANT NO HARM! I... I WAS ONLY TRYING TO...TO...

CALM YOURSELF, WOMAN. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM ME.



I KNOW FULL WELL WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO DO -- BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER.

WHEN WILL YOU LEARN THAT A GODDESS AS BEDAZZLING AS YOURSELF HAS NO NEED TO RESORT TO MERE SORCERY TO WIN A GOD'S HEART?

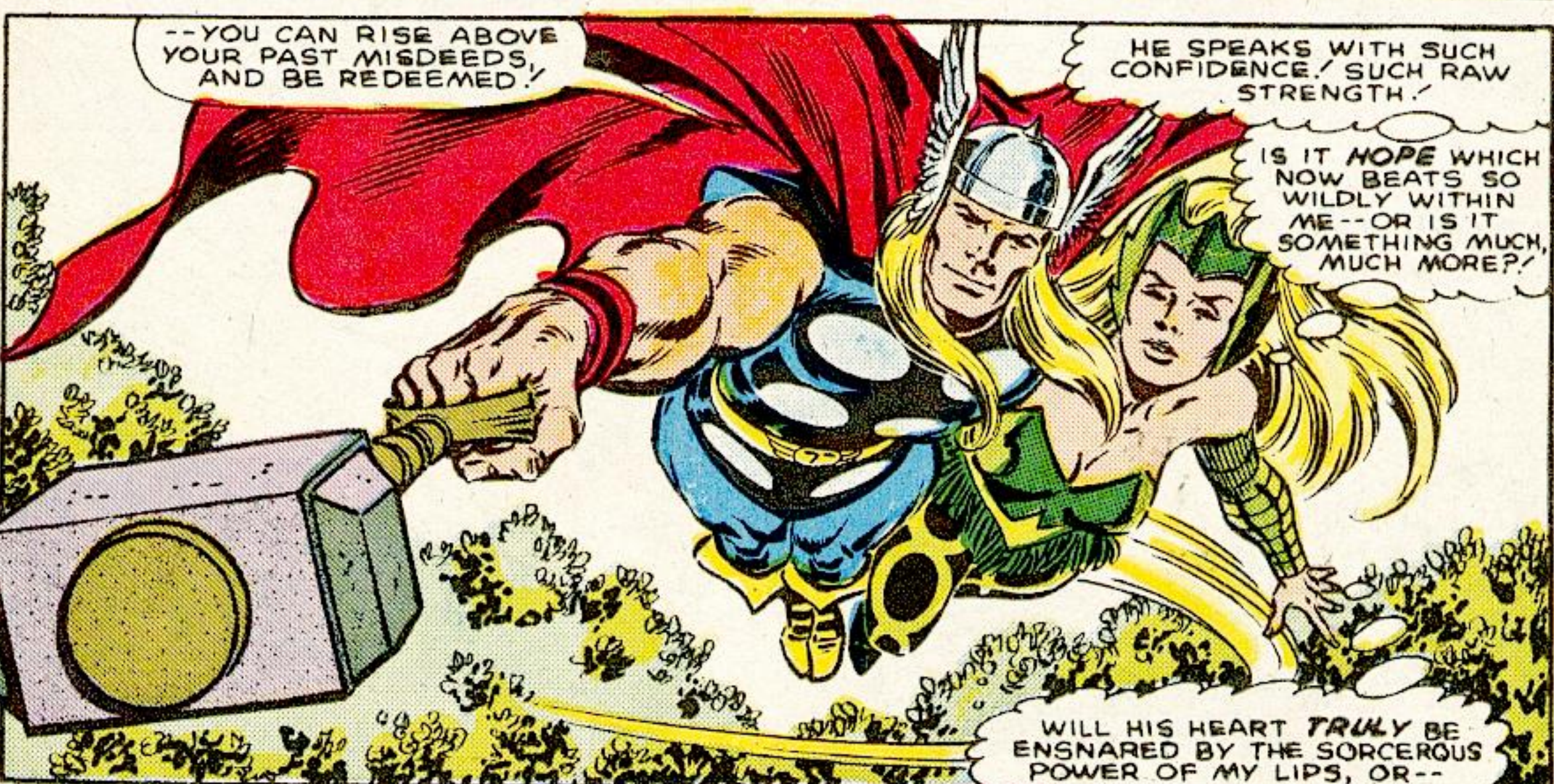


THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO FORSAKE THAT EVIL PATH, ENCHANTRESS!

YOU MUST RENOUNCE YOUR SORCEROUS WAYS -- LEST YOUR IMMORTAL LIFE END IN WICKEDNESS DURING THE UPCOMING CONFLICT.

YOU ASK MUCH, NOBLE THOR!

AYE... BUT, WITH MY AID--



-- YOU CAN RISE ABOVE YOUR PAST MISDEEDS, AND BE REDEEMED!

HE SPEAKS WITH SUCH CONFIDENCE! SUCH RAW STRENGTH!

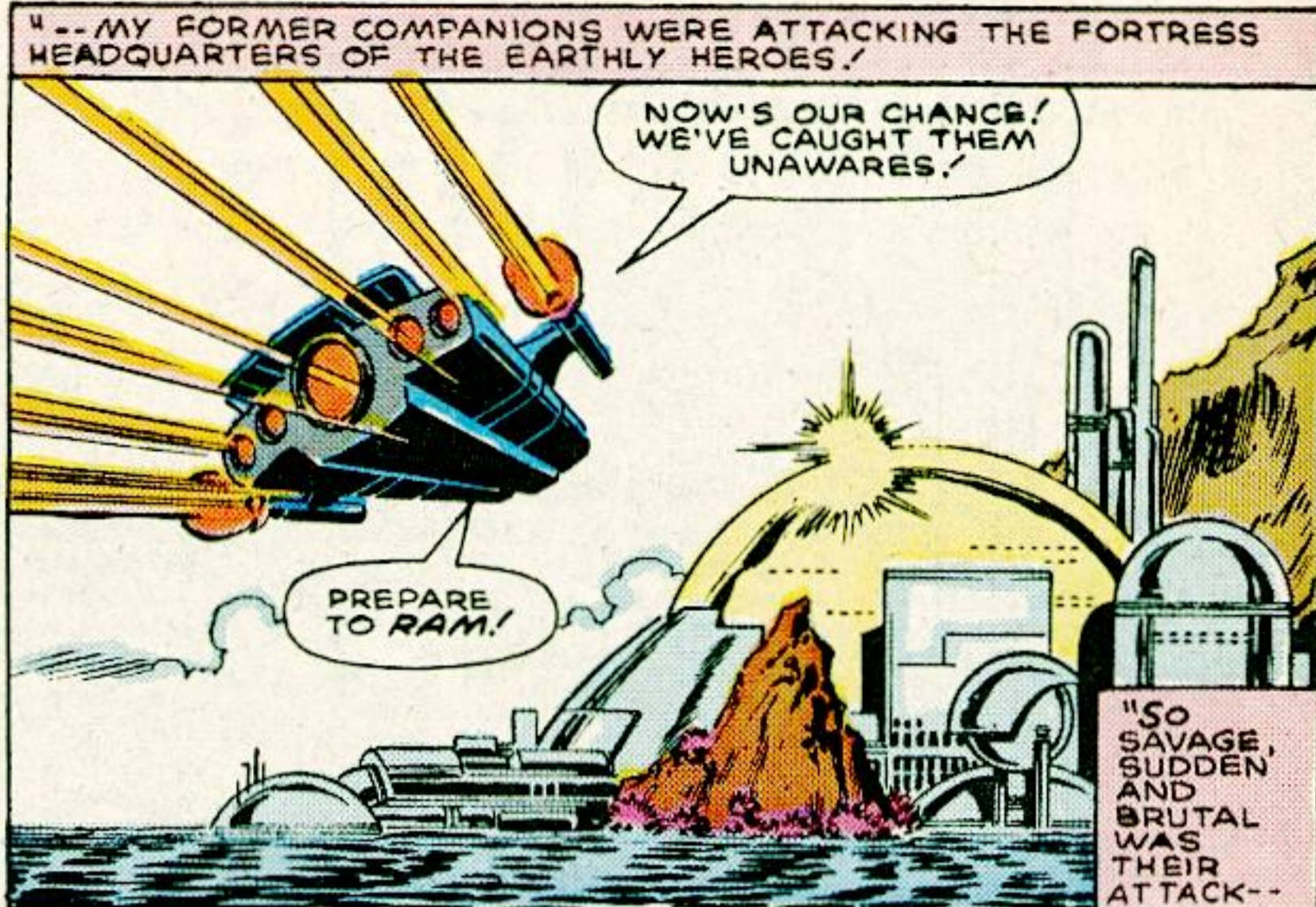
IS IT HOPE WHICH NOW BEATS SO WILDLY WITHIN ME -- OR IS IT SOMETHING MUCH, MUCH MORE?!

WILL HIS HEART TRULY BE ENSNARED BY THE SORCEROUS POWER OF MY LIPS, OR--



"AND, EVEN AS I PONDERED THAT PAINFUL QUESTION--

-- WILL MINE?!



"-- MY FORMER COMPANIONS WERE ATTACKING THE FORTRESS HEADQUARTERS OF THE EARTHLY HEROES.!

NOW'S OUR CHANCE! WE'VE CAUGHT THEM UNAWARES.!

PREPARE TO RAM!

"SO SAVAGE, SUDDEN AND BRUTAL WAS THEIR ATTACK--



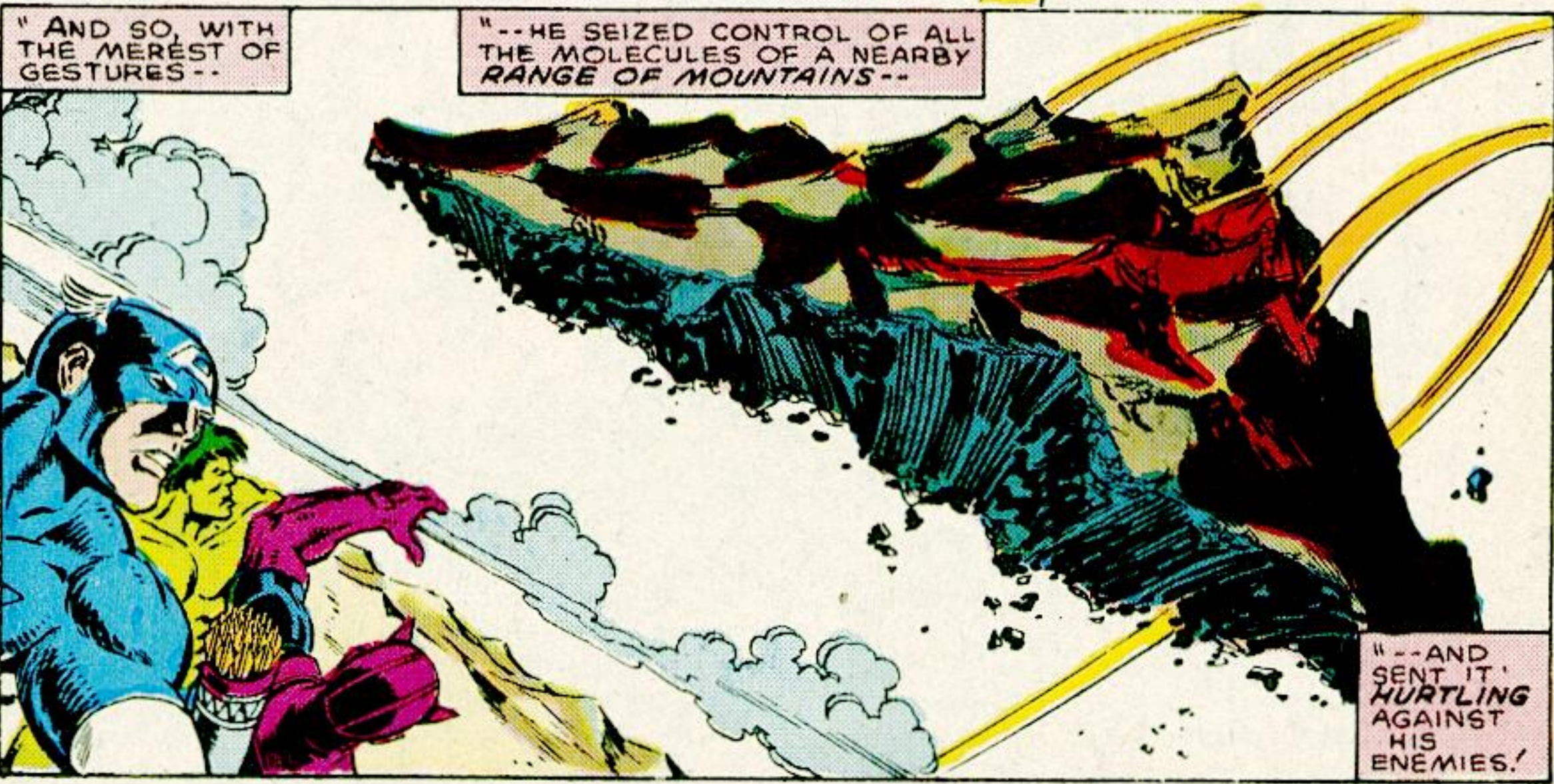
"-- THAT, BLOODIED AND BATTERED, THE HEROES WERE FORCED TO FLEE FOR THEIR VERY LIVES.!



"BUT, THEY COULDN'T ESCAPE THE AWESOME POWER OF OWEN REECE, THE MOLECULE MAN.!

I CAN TAKE CARE OF THOSE SO-CALLED HEROES ONCE AND FOR ALL.!

JUST WATCH.!



"AND SO, WITH THE MEREST OF GESTURES --

"-- HE SEIZED CONTROL OF ALL THE MOLECULES OF A NEARBY RANGE OF MOUNTAINS--

"-- AND SENT IT HURLING AGAINST HIS ENEMIES.!

"MEANWHILE, HALF A WORLD AWAY, THOR AND I WERE BLISSFULLY UNAWARE OF SUCH HAPPENINGS..."

THE BEYONDER HAS OFFERED TO EACH OF THE VICTORS ANY PRIZE HE MAY ASK. WHAT WOULD YOU ASK FOR--?

I WOULD ONLY ASK FOR YOUR LOVE, THOR -- BECAUSE, FOR MILLENNIA, I HAVE DESIRED YOU!

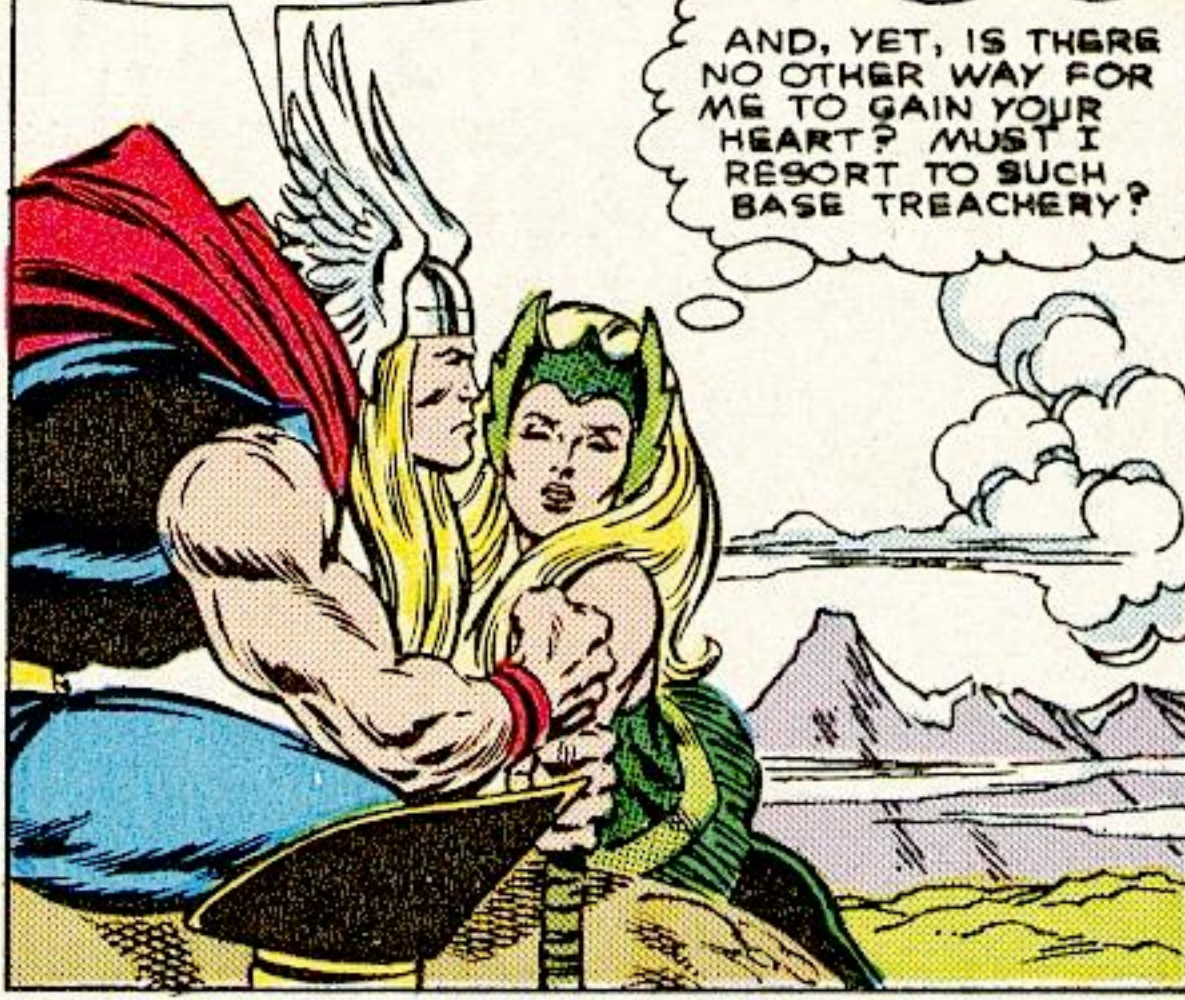


AS WELL YOU KNOW--! FOR I STOP AT NOTHING TO SATISFY MY SELFISH DESIRES, AND I HAVE OFTEN SOUGHT TO TAKE YOUR LOVE BY DECEIT OR FORCE!

LOVE IS NOT AN OBJECT TO BE SEIZED OR STOLEN. IT CAN ONLY BE GIVEN.

NOT SO! A SINGLE KISS CAN PROVE YOU WRONG!

AND, YET, IS THERE NO OTHER WAY FOR ME TO GAIN YOUR HEART? MUST I RESORT TO SUCH BASE TREACHERY?



OR, DO I DARE TRY TO WIN YOU ON MY OWN?!

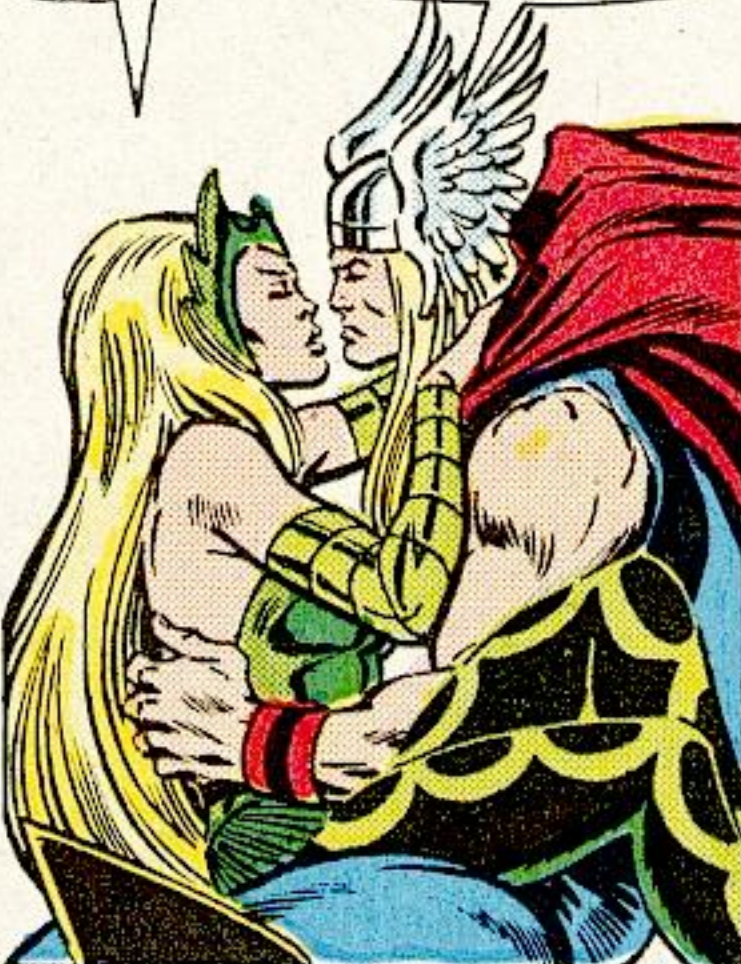
COULD YOU EVER LOVE ME THOR?



I--I KNOW NOT!

AM I NOT BEAUTIFUL?

WITHOUT, SURELY... BUT TRUE BEAUTY IS A THING OF THE SPIRIT.



WHY IS THAT NOT YOUR QUEST, FAIR ONE--? WHY NOT OVERCOME PETTY GREED AND LUST--AND UNFETTER THE BEAUTY OF YOUR GODLY SPIRIT?

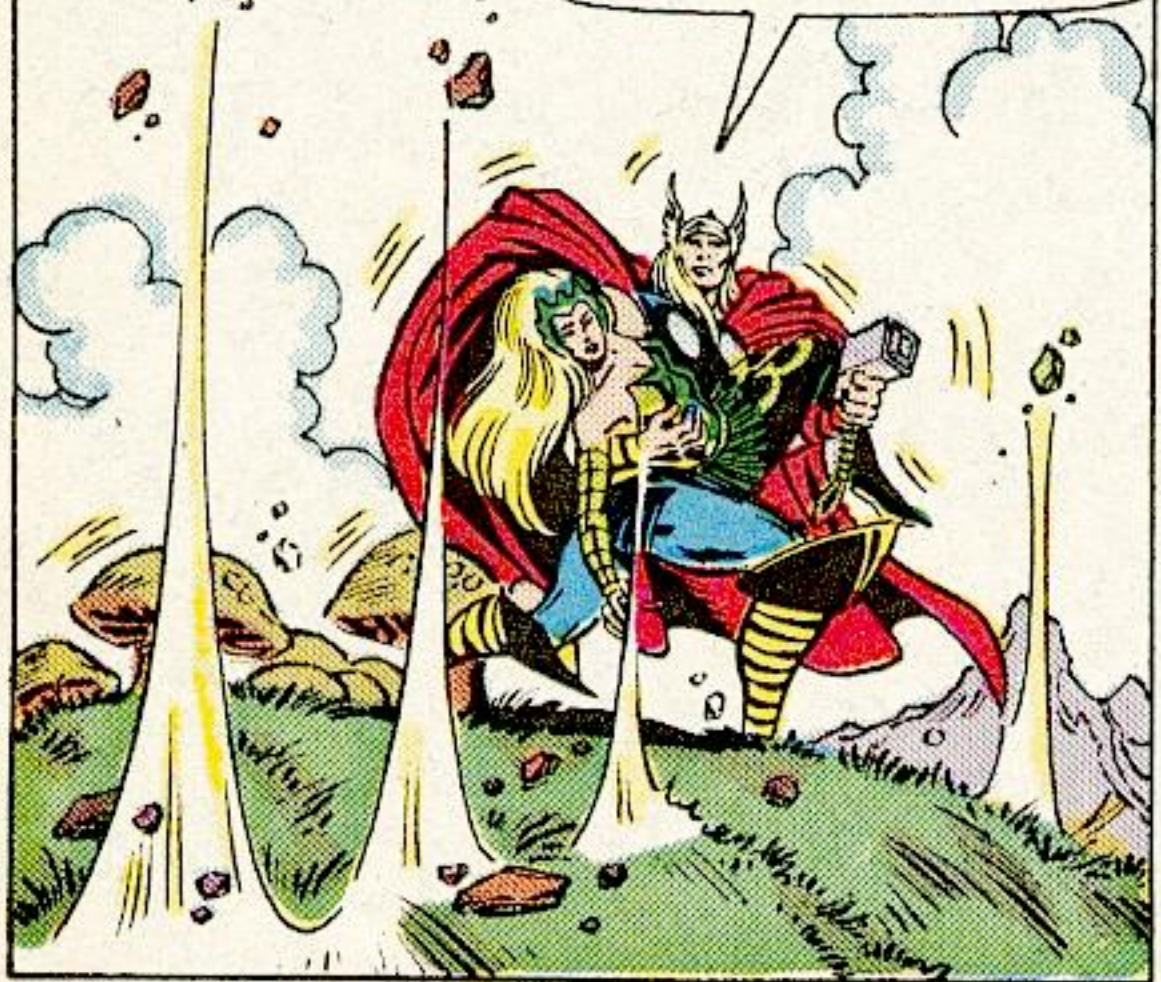


KISS ME, THOR...GIVE ME A GLIMMER OF HOPE... AND I WILL TRY!

FORGIVE ME!

"BUT SUDDENLY..."

BY ODIN'S BEARD! AN EARTHQUAKE--!!



'TIS NOT A NATURAL OCCURRENCE! I HAVE A SENSE OF THESE THINGS...

IT COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN A SHOCKWAVE FROM SOME CATAclysmic BLOW--MIGHTY ENOUGH TO SHAKE THIS ENTIRE WORLD!



THEN... I MUST RETURN TO MY FRIENDS!

AND I WITH THEE, NOBLE THOR!



"BUT, THEN..."

AND THE ENCHANTRESS! I GUESS THEY'VE BEEN OFF PARTYIN'!

WHAT'S THIS--? OUR FORTRESS LAID WASTE--?!

WHERE ARE MY COMRADES? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THEM, DOCTOR DOOM?!

HOLY COW! THOR!

THEY ARE DEAD! WE HAVE SLAIN THEM ALL... BY DROPPING A MOUNTAIN RANGE ON TOP OF THEM!



NOW, LISTEN WELL! YOU ARE HOPELESSLY OUTNUMBERED! SUBMIT--AND I WILL GUARANTEE YOU A MERCIFUL DEATH!

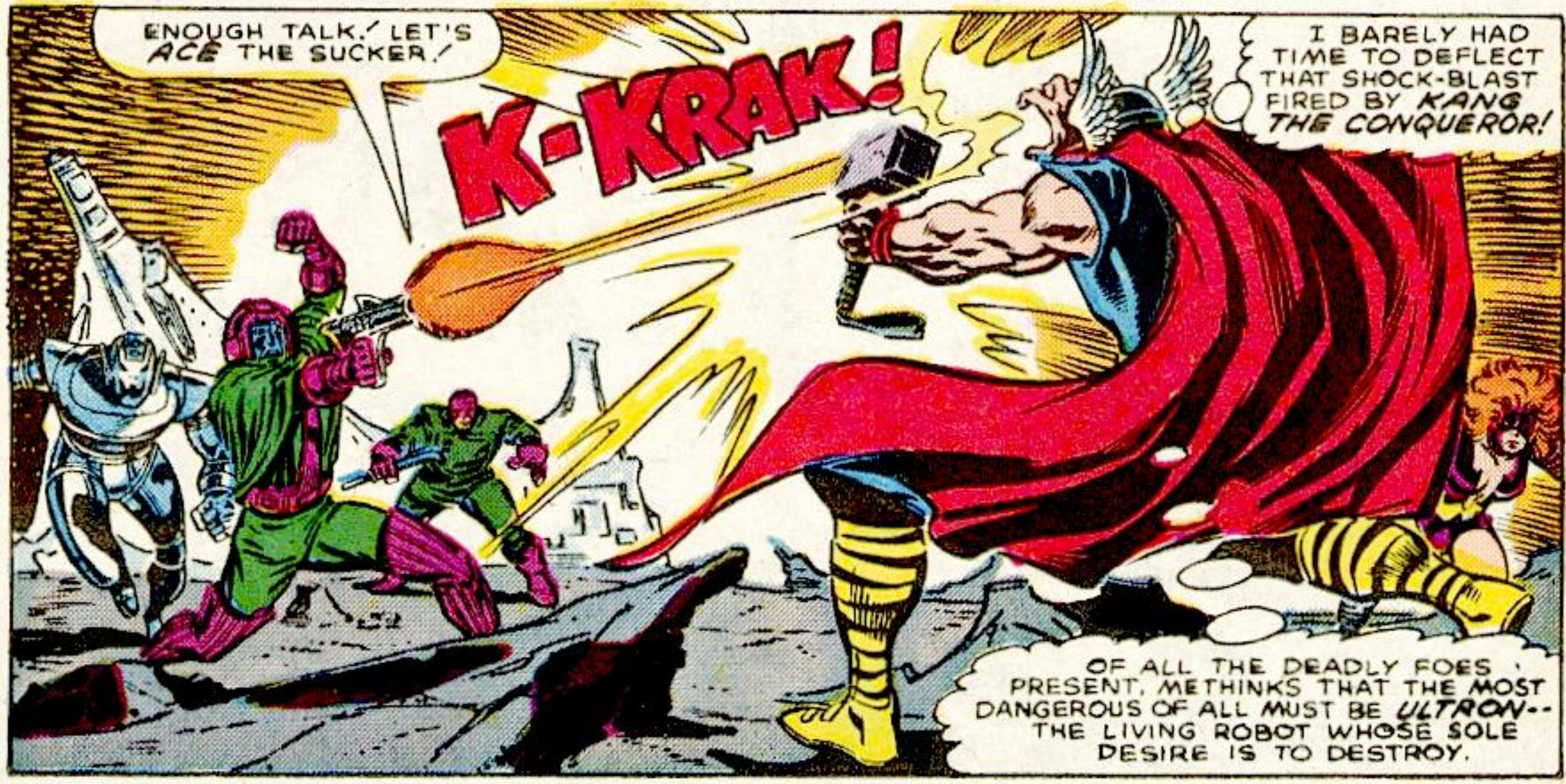
IT IS THIRTEEN TO ONE AGAINST YOU...

PERHAPS...



SO BE IT!

THOR FIGHTS ALONE!



ENOUGH TALK! LET'S ACE THE SUCKER!

K-KRAK!

I BARELY HAD TIME TO DEFLECT THAT SHOCK-BLAST FIRED BY KANG THE CONQUEROR!

OF ALL THE DEADLY FOES PRESENT, METHINKS THAT THE MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL MUST BE ULTRON-- THE LIVING ROBOT WHOSE SOLE DESIRE IS TO DESTROY.

HIS BODY IS CONSTRUCTED OF PUREST ADAMANTIUM STEEL -- THE HARDEST METAL ON THE PLANET EARTH!

CAN E'EN MJOLNIR GIVE HIM PAUSE?!

STUPID! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE THROWN AWAY THAT CLUB--! IT MIGHT'VE GIVEN YOU A CHANCE AGAINST ME... TITANIA!

TITANIA--! THE WOMAN WHO KILLED THOR WITH HER BARE HANDS! THAT'S WHAT THEY'LL CALL ME!

KTANGI!!

MAYHAP, WOMAN--

-- WHEN ICICLES ORNAMENT SURTUR'S FIERY REALM!

KA-PWAMM!

EXCELLENT! THAT FOOLISH COW SERVED HER PURPOSE BY DISTRACTING THOR LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO BLAST HIS FOOTING OUT BENEATH HIM!

YOU DID IT, KANG! YOU MANAGED TO KNOCK HIM OFF-BALANCE! AND NOW, DOCTOR OCTOPUS WILL DO HIS PART--

JUST MAKE SURE YOU HOLD HIM DOWN FOR A FEW SECONDS, OCK, WHILE I TAKE ON THE PROPERTIES OF THIS ALIEN METAL--

THOR HATH GREAT NEED OF ME NOW! THIS TRULY IS MY CHANCE TO PROVE MYSELF WORTHY OF HIS LOVE! BUT, I AM...

...AFRAID!

-- THEN, THE ABSORBING MAN WILL BASH HIS HEAD IN FOR YA!

UGNN CAN'T HOLD ON ANY LONGER! HE'S TOO STRONG!

KRA-PWOOOM!

IT AIN'T POSSIBLE--! HE BLOCKED IT! HE ACTUALLY BLOCKED MY BALL AND CHAIN!

WHY DOES THAT ASTONISH THEE? WAS IT NOT MY INTENTION TO DO SO?!

DESPITE THY MIND-STAGGERING ABILITY TO ABSORB THE POWER OF ANYTHING THOU DOTHTOUCH, THOU ART ONLY MORTAL!

BWAKK!

WHILE I AM AN IMMORTAL OF ASGARD-- THE SON OF ODIN, HIMSELF!

I AM... THE MIGHTY THOR!!

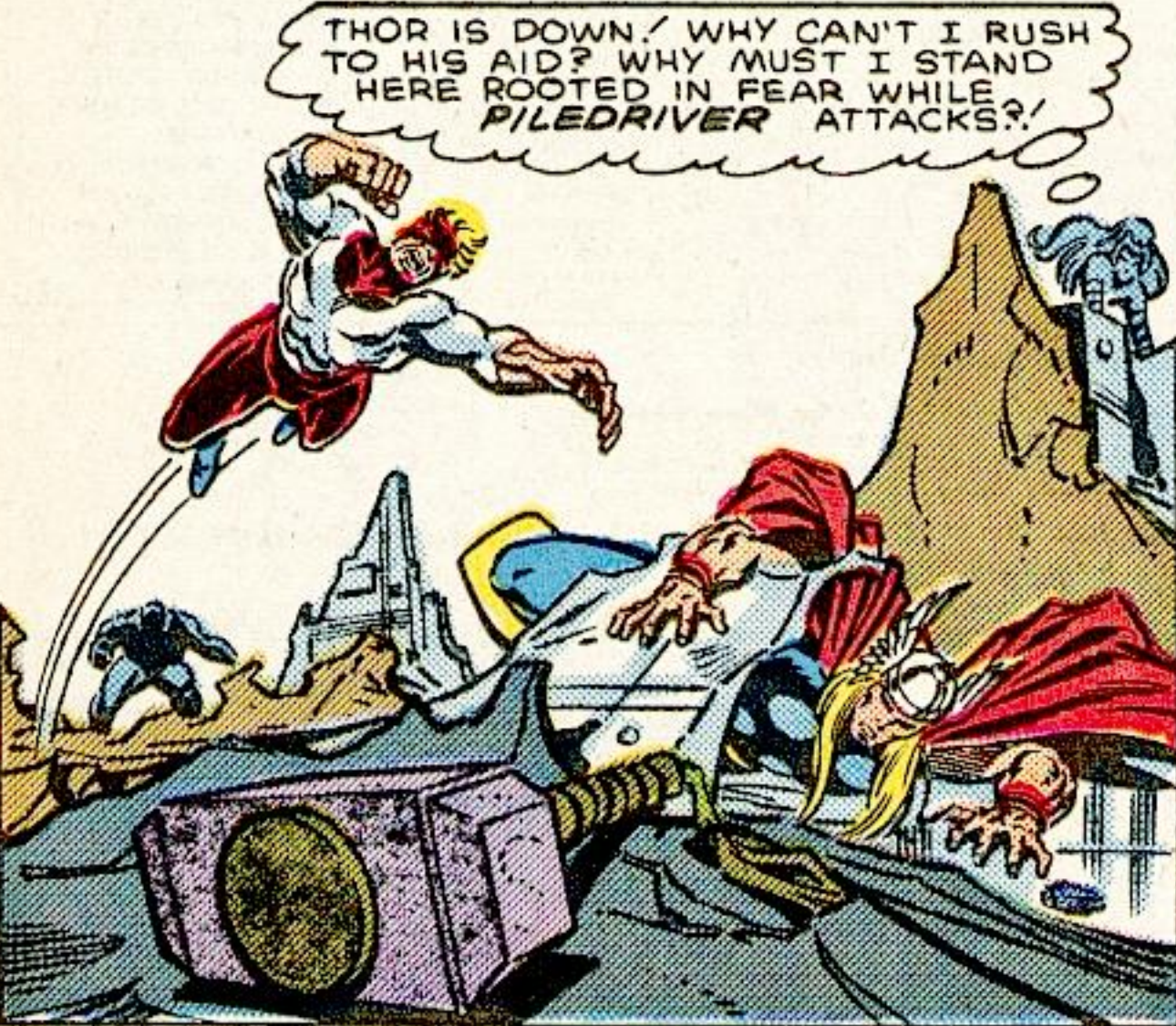
PWOMP!!

FANCY WORDS DON'T IMPRESS BULLDOZER!

NO MATTER HOW STRONG YA ARE, AN UNEXPECTED SHOT TO YER STOMACH--

-- WILL LEAVE YA HELPLESS-- AND GASPING FOR AIR-- THE SAME AS ANYBODY ELSE!

KWAK!



THOR IS DOWN! WHY CAN'T I RUSH TO HIS AID? WHY MUST I STAND HERE ROOTED IN FEAR WHILE PILEDRIVER ATTACKS?!



NOW'S MY CHANCE TO FINISH HIM OFF --!

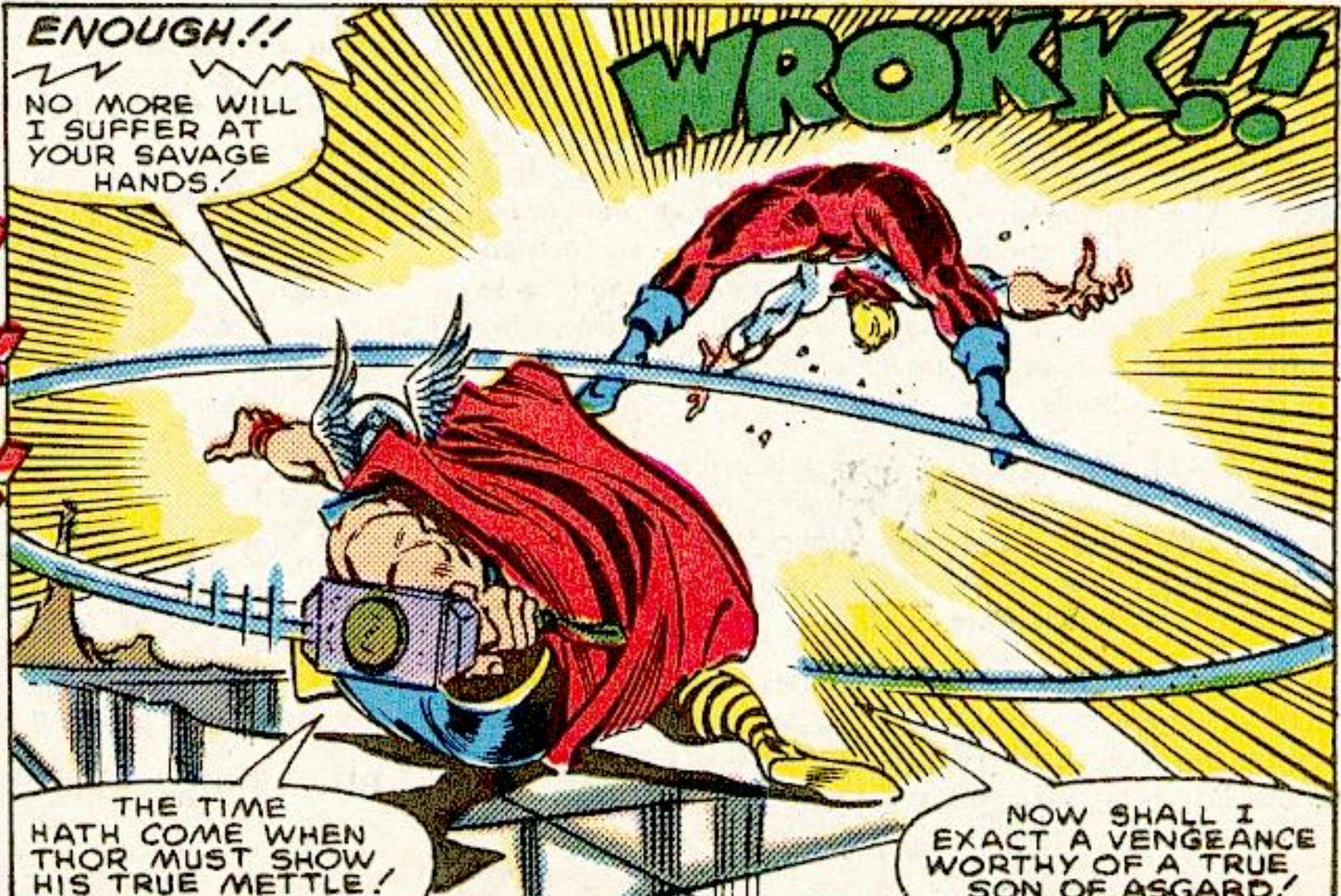
ALL I GOTTA DO IS KEEP HITTING HIM -- AGAIN AND AGAIN -- IN THE EXACT SAME SPOT --

**PWAM!
PWAM!
PWAM!**



-- UNTIL HIS FACE AIN'T NOTHING BUT MEAT SAUCE!

**PWAM!
PWAM!
PWAM!**



ENOUGH!!

NO MORE WILL I SUFFER AT YOUR SAVAGE HANDS!

WROKK!!

THE TIME HATH COME WHEN THOR MUST SHOW HIS TRUE METTLE!

NOW SHALL I EXACT A VENGEANCE WORTHY OF A TRUE SON OF ASGARD!

NOW SHALL I STRIKE WITH A POWER AND A FURY OF A WARRIOR BORN!!

THWAK!!



STRIKE ALL YA WANT, THUNDER GOD! IT AIN'T GONNA CHANGE A THING!

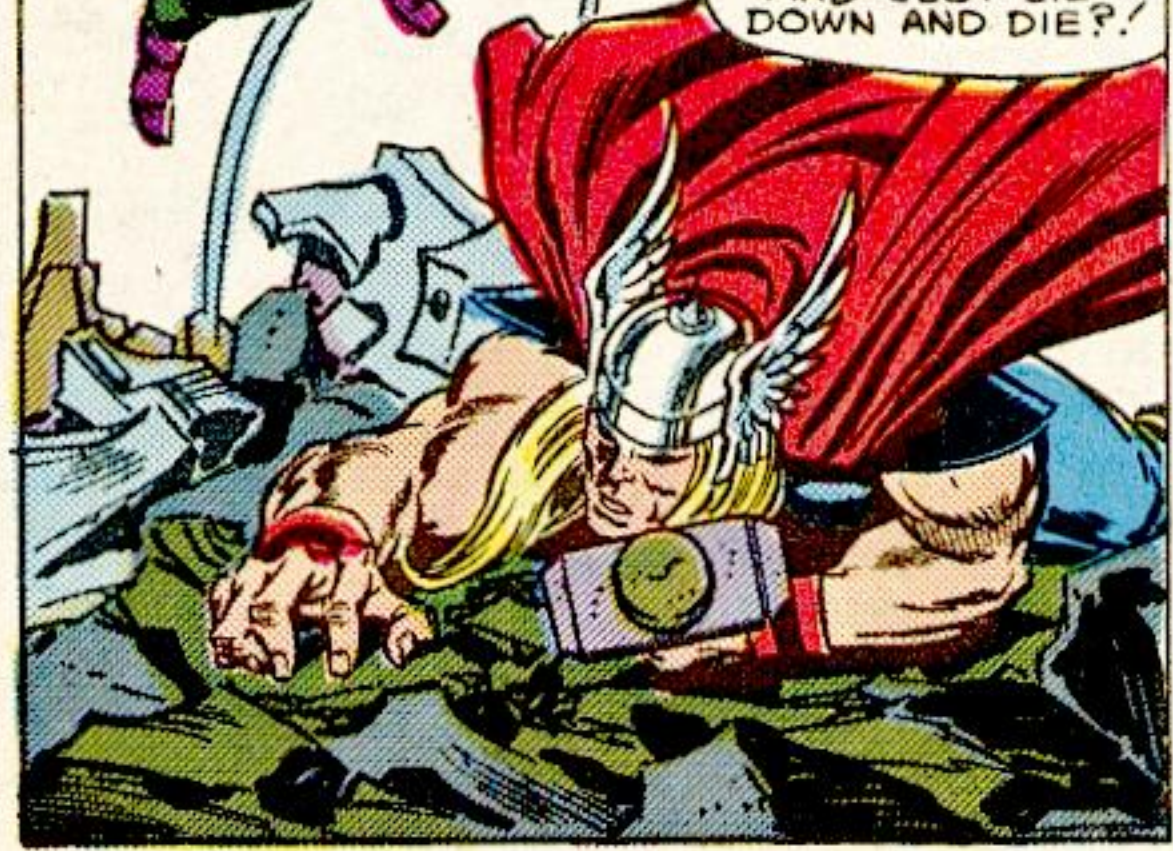
WE DON'T CARE HOW LONG IT TAKES! WE'RE GONNA KEEP COMING AT YA!

THE WRECKER--!



WE'RE GONNA CRUSH YA--TOTALLY AND WITHOUT MERCY--THE SAME WAY WE DID ALL YER FRIENDS!

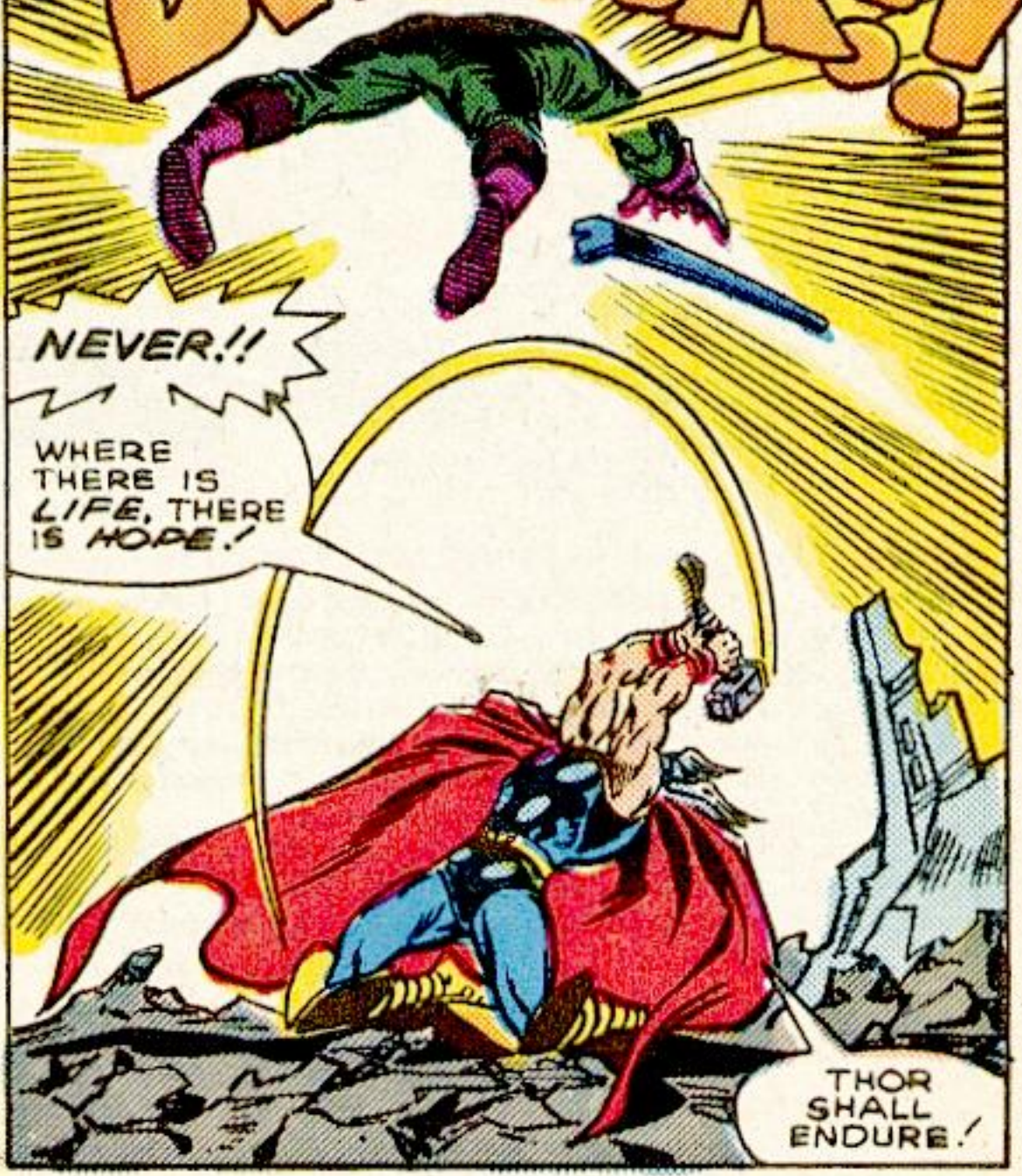
SO WHY DON'T YA SAVE YERSELF A LOT OF NEEDLESS GRIEF, AND JUST LIE DOWN AND DIE?!



BWONK!!

NEVER!!

WHERE THERE IS LIFE, THERE IS HOPE!



THOR SHALL ENDURE!



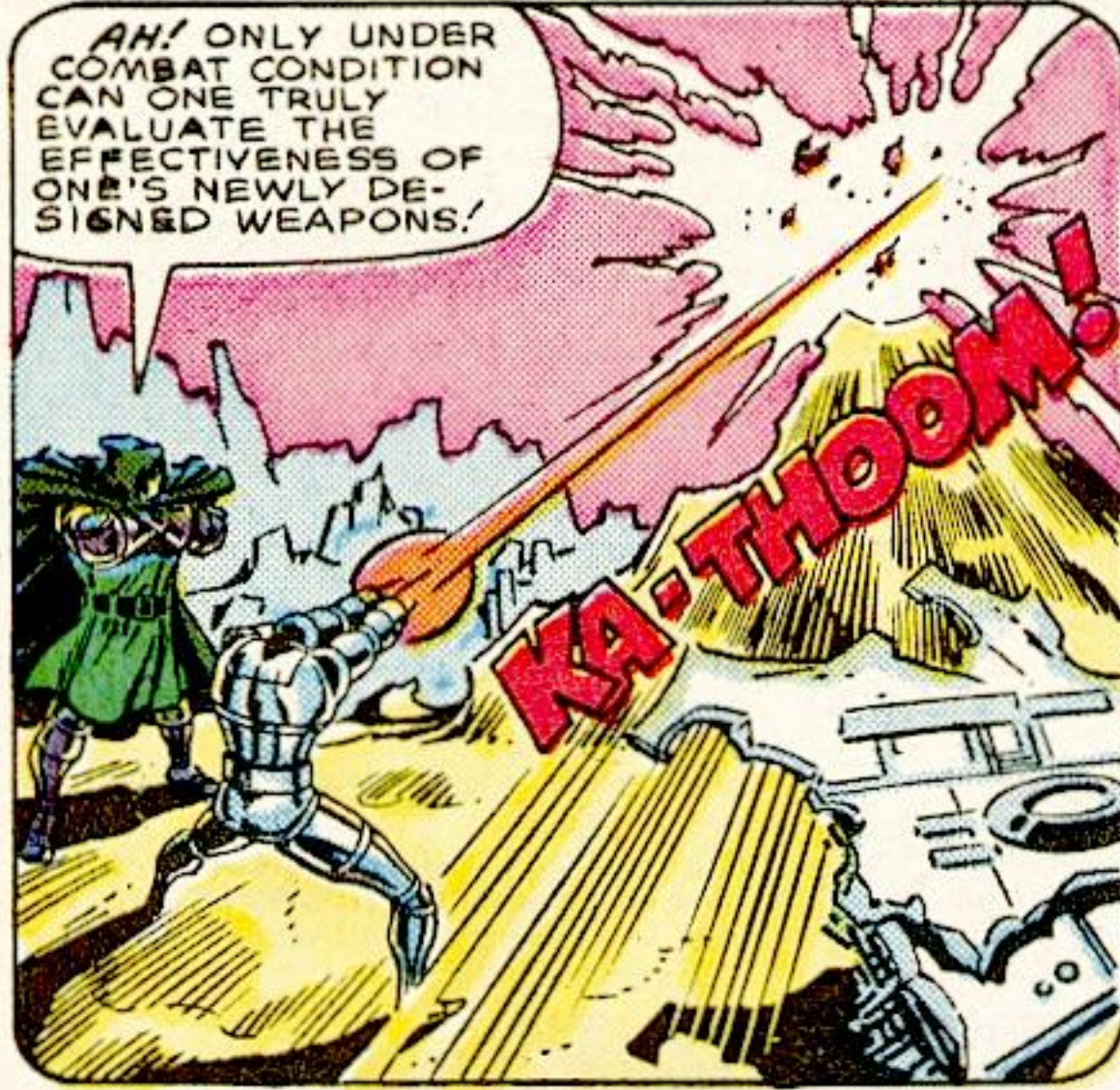
AT THE COMMAND OF THE GOD OF THUNDER, LET THE FURY OF THE SKIES SMITE MINE ENEMIES!

LOOK OUT!



ULTRON, IT'S A PITY THAT THOR DOESN'T REALIZE THAT I RECENTLY EMPLOYED MY SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE TO ADD A NEW WEAPON TO YOUR INVULNERABLE ROBOT BODY!

AN ENERGY BEAM WHICH CANCELS THE FORCES BONDING SUB-ATOMIC PARTICLES TOGETHER / A... **DISINTEGRATOR**, IF YOU WILL!



AH! ONLY UNDER COMBAT CONDITION CAN ONE TRULY EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ONE'S NEWLY DESIGNED WEAPONS!

KA-THOOM!



I BELIEVE THE TEST CAN BE CALLED A SUCCESS!

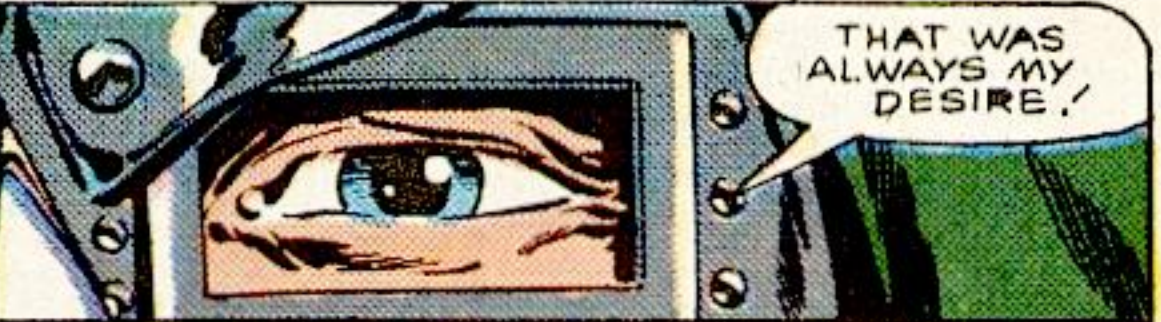
SO IT WOULD APPEAR, DR. DOOM! NOTHING LEFT OF THOR BUT HIS HELMET--

--AND SCRAPS OF HIS CAPE!

THOR IS DEAD?!



OF COURSE!



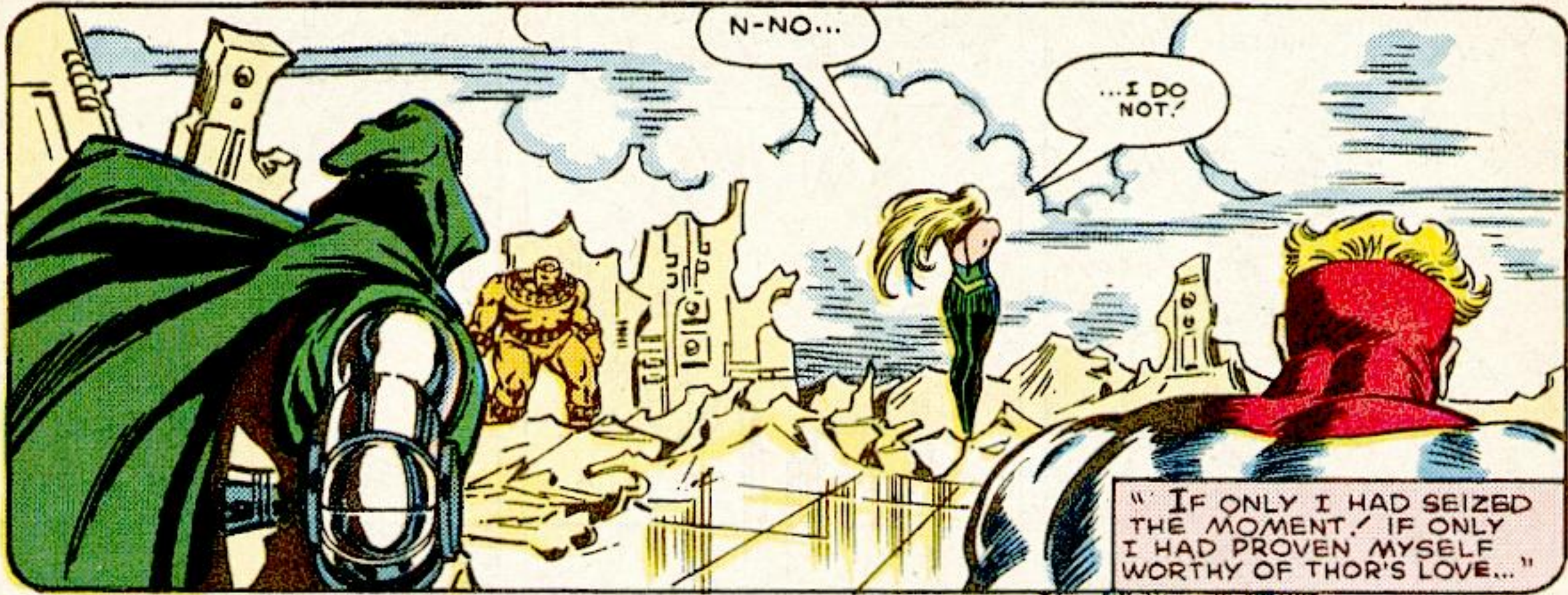
THAT WAS ALWAYS MY DESIRE!



WHY?

DO YOU DARE QUESTION THE WISDOM OF MY ACTIONS?





N-NO...

...I DO NOT!

" IF ONLY I HAD SEIZED THE MOMENT, IF ONLY I HAD PROVEN MYSELF WORTHY OF THOR'S LOVE..."

BUT, I FAILED HIM...AND MYSELF!

AS YOU WILL KNOW, THOR SURVIVED ULTRON'S COWARDLY ATTACK!



HE HAD NEVER TRULY BELIEVED THAT HIS FRIENDS WERE DEAD...

...AND SO, EVEN THOUGH HE THOUGHT IT UNMANLY TO LEAVE A BATTLE UNFINISHED, THE THUNDERER HAD SECRETLY SLIPPED AWAY TO GO OFF IN SEARCH OF THEM!

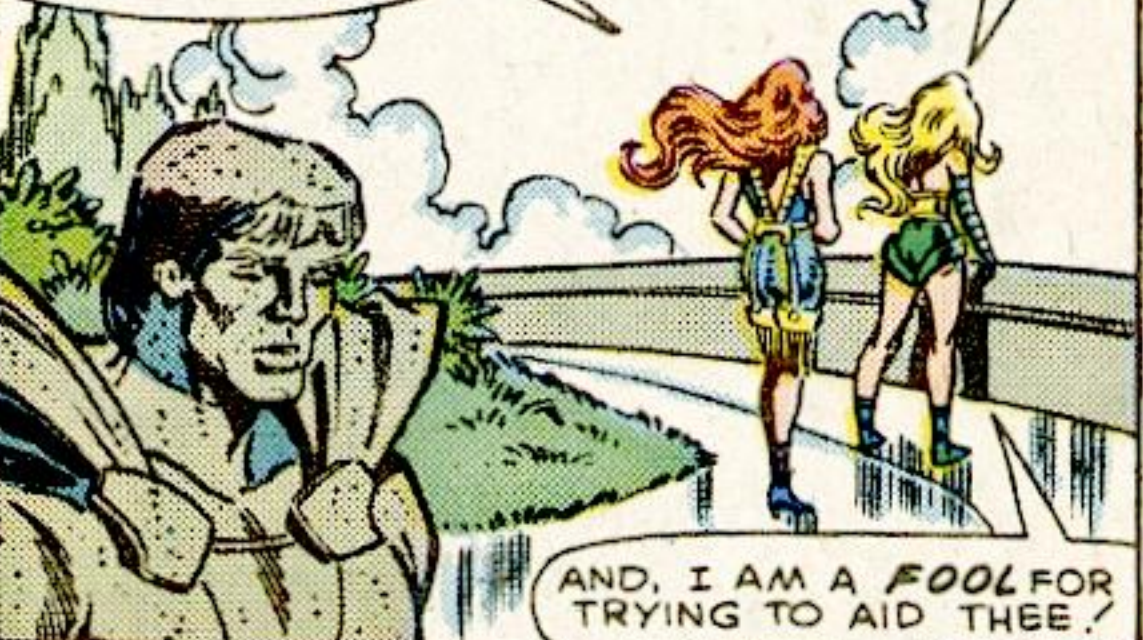
BUT, THAT'S AN EPIC UNTO ITSELF!*



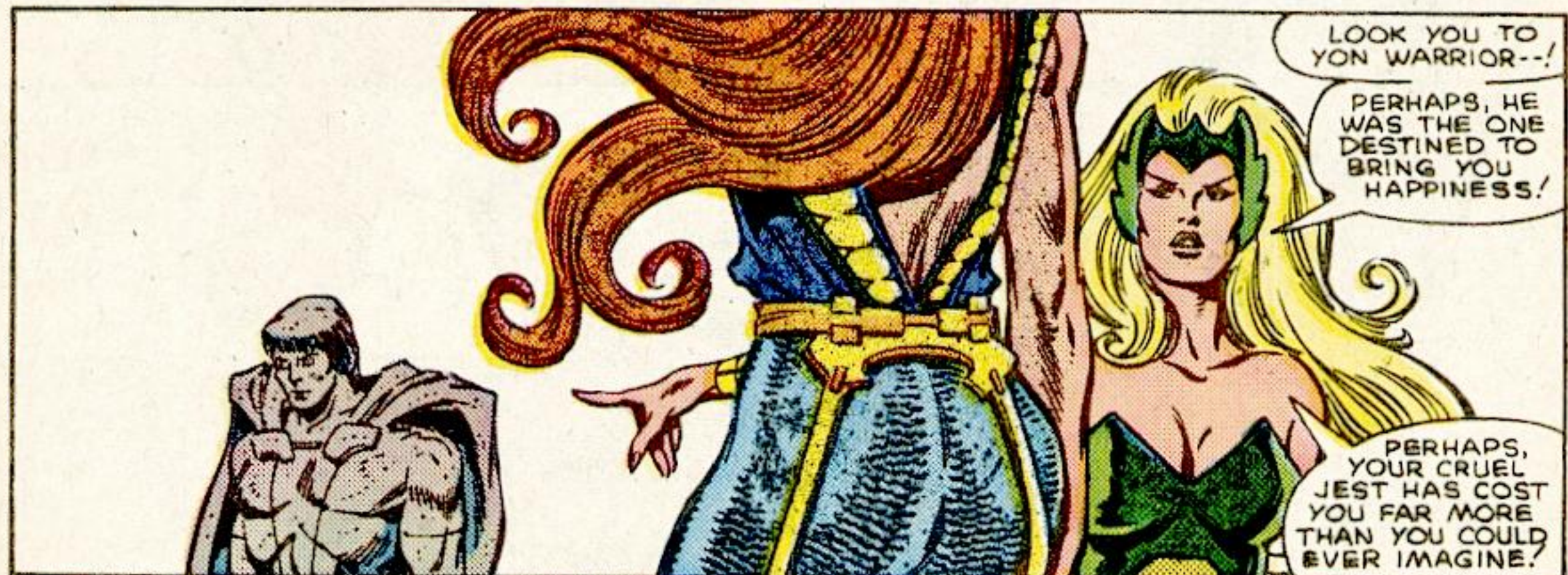
*ONE TOLD IN THE MARVEL SUPER HEROES SECRET WARS LIMITED SERIES--RALF-ETH!

T'WAS AN AMUSING TALE, SISTER DEAR, BUT I FAIL TO SEE ITS POINT!

THEN, THOU ART TRULY BLIND, LORELEI!



AND, I AM A FOOL FOR TRYING TO AID THEE!



LOOK YOU TO YON WARRIOR--!

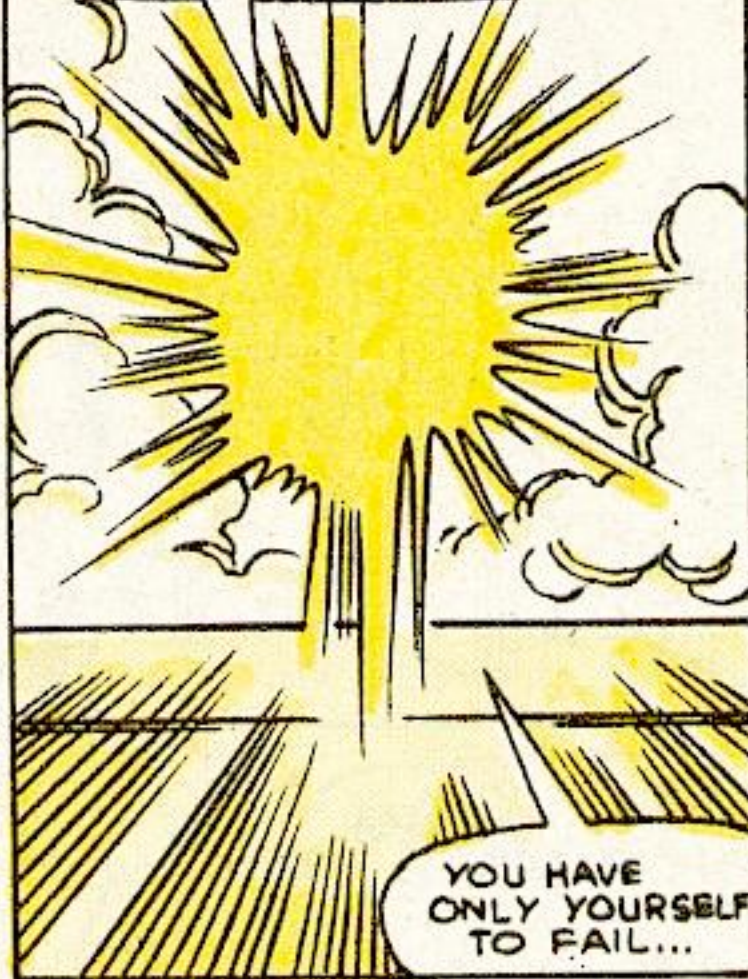
PERHAPS, HE WAS THE ONE DESTINED TO BRING YOU HAPPINESS!

PERHAPS, YOUR CRUEL JEST HAS COST YOU FAR MORE THAN YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE!

YOU HAVE HEARD MY WORDS, LORELEI-- AND KNOW THEIR TRUE MEANING!

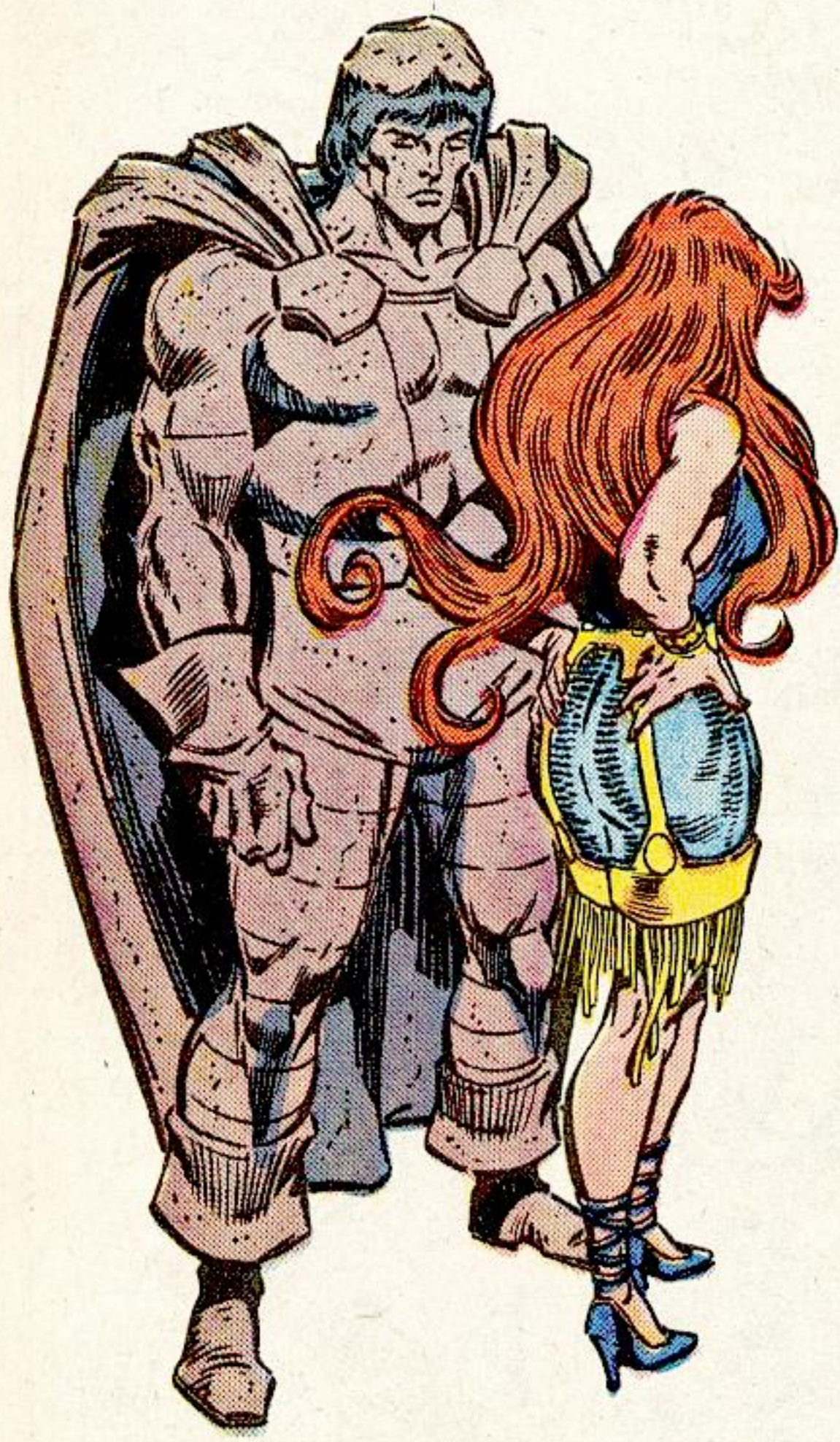
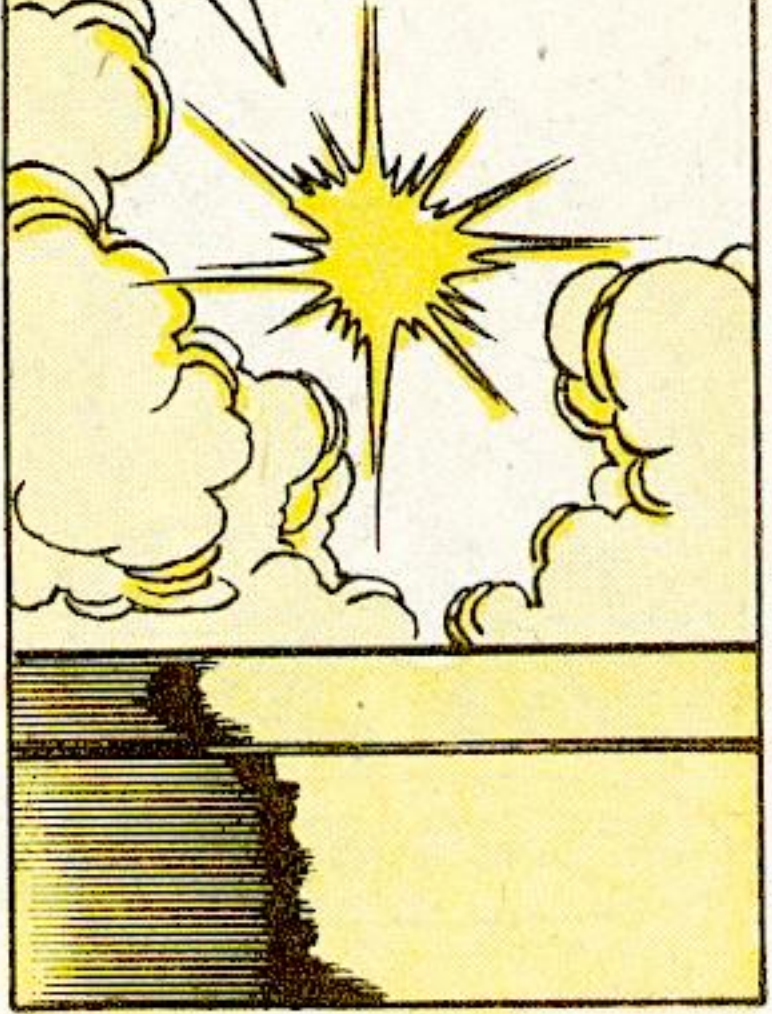


HEED THEM OR NOT--THE TAPESTRY OF YOUR LIFE IS YOURS TO WEAVE AS YOU WISH!



YOU HAVE ONLY YOURSELF TO FAIL...

...AND I'LL SHED NO TEARS FOR YOU!



HA!



HA! HA! HA!