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the mighty **THOR**[®]

TOE-TO-TOE WITH
THE INCREDIBLE
HULK![®]
HOOO-BOY!!



**FEATURING:
AN UNTOLD
TALE OF THE
THUNDER
GOD'S PAST!**

FRENZ & MILGROM



BE THOU GOD OR MONSTER!

KNOW YE... THE CRUEL LESSONS OF LIFE MUST E'EN BE LEARNED BY THE IMMORTALS.

AND SO, AT A TIME IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT PAST, WHEN THE GOD OF THUNDER WENT BEARDLESS AND HIS BELOVED FATHER ODIN STILL STRODE THE HALLS OF ASGARD-- LIFE DID TEACH THE MIGHTY THOR A PAINFUL LESSON IN THE EVIL OF PRIDE.

AND IN THIS GREAT DRAMA OF THE GODS, THIS BRITISH SLEEPING FIGURE WILL PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE.

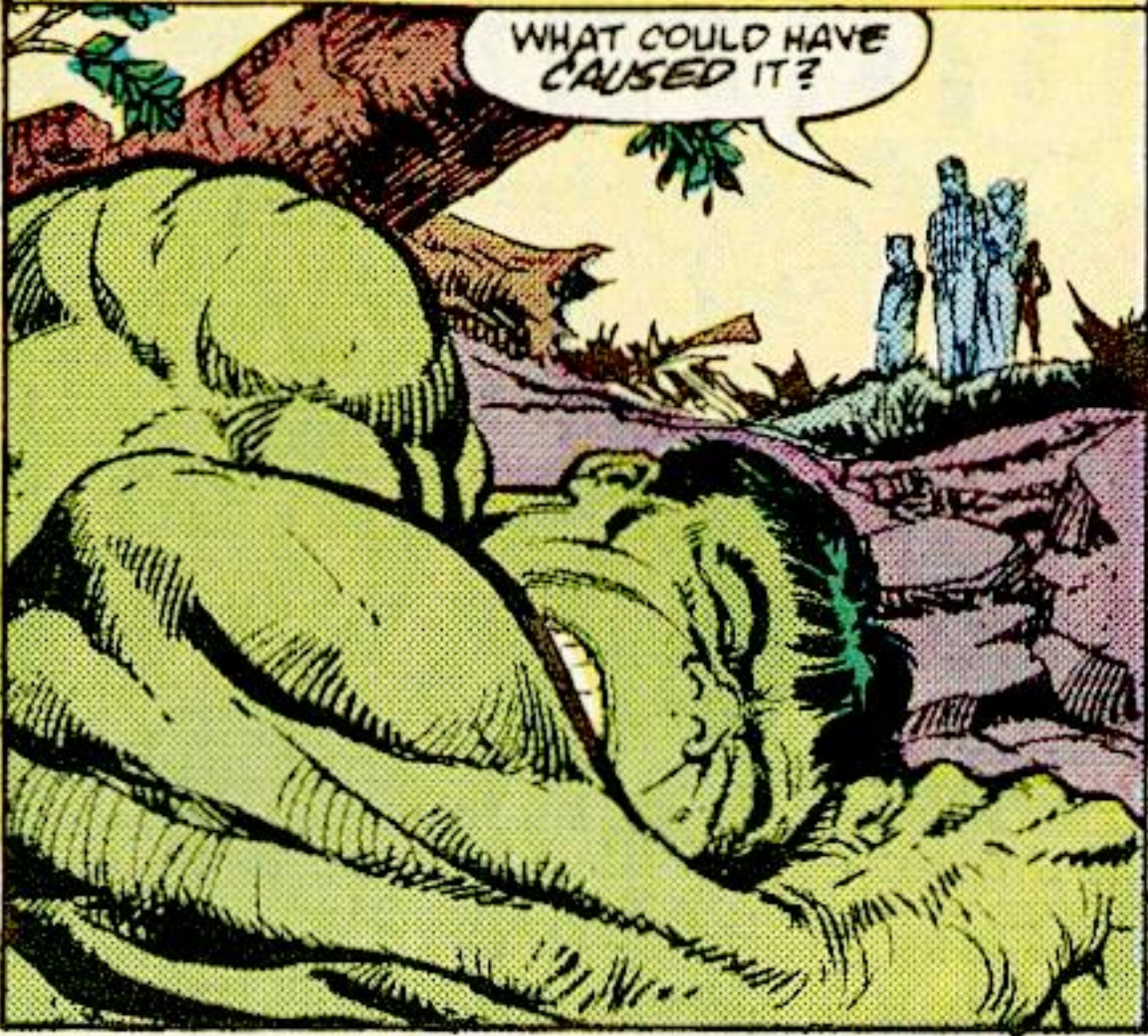


SLEEP, MONSTER, SLEEP! LET YOUR TORTURED SOUL AND RAGING HEART REMAIN AT REST! YOU'VE DESTROYED HALF A FOREST IN YOUR MINDLESS FURY, AND WHEN YOU AWAKE, THE VIOLENCE WILL START ANEW!

A MONSTER YOU WERE! A MONSTER YOU ARE! A MONSTER YOU EVER SHALL BE--FOR THE CONSCIENCE OF BRUCE BANNER NO LONGER DWELLS WITHIN YOUR SAVAGE BREAST!

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SHOCKED BY THE MINDLESS DESTRUCTION, A FAMILY OF CAMPERS GAPES IN BEWILDERMENT...

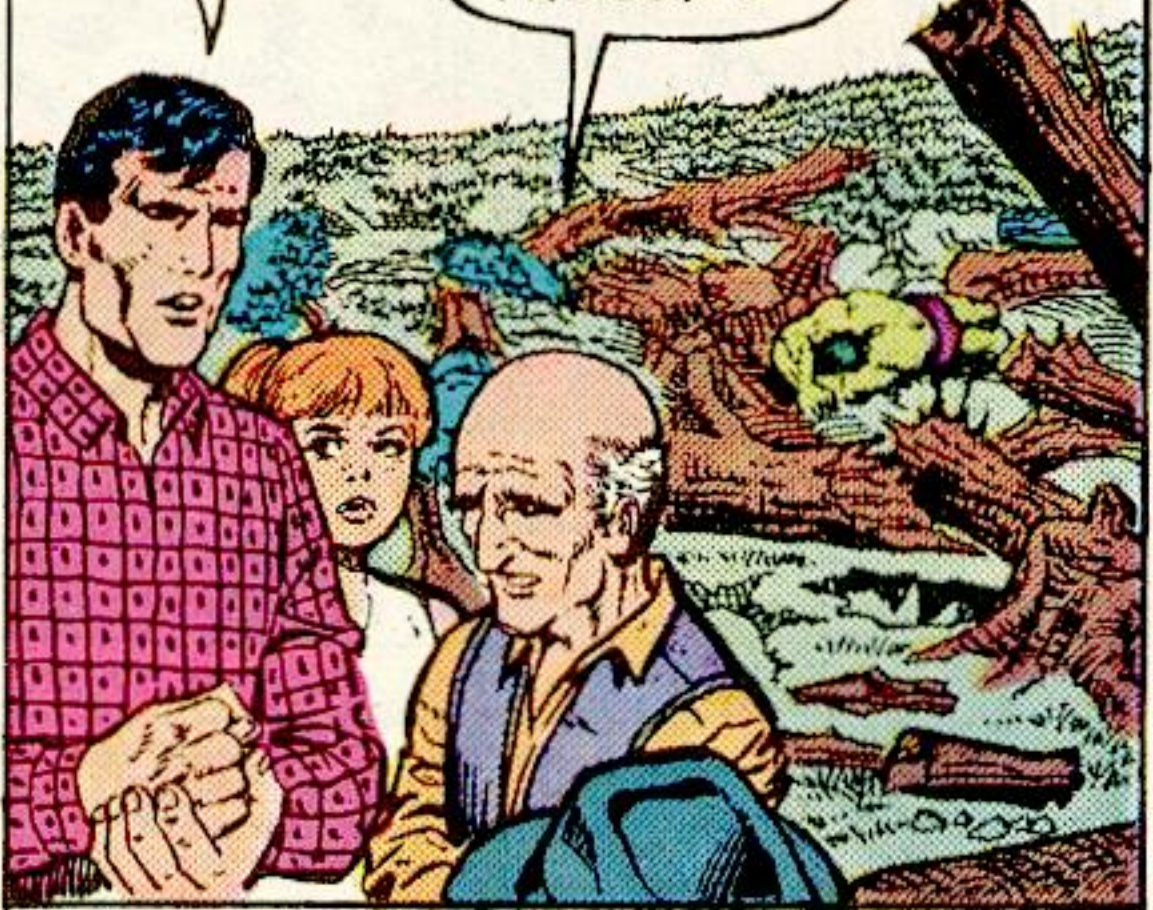


WHAT COULD HAVE CAUSED IT?

IT WASN'T AN EARTHQUAKE, OR A FIRE, OR ANY FORCE OF NATURE!

THEN THERE'S ONLY ONE OTHER EXPLANATION!

-- IF I'M RIGHT!

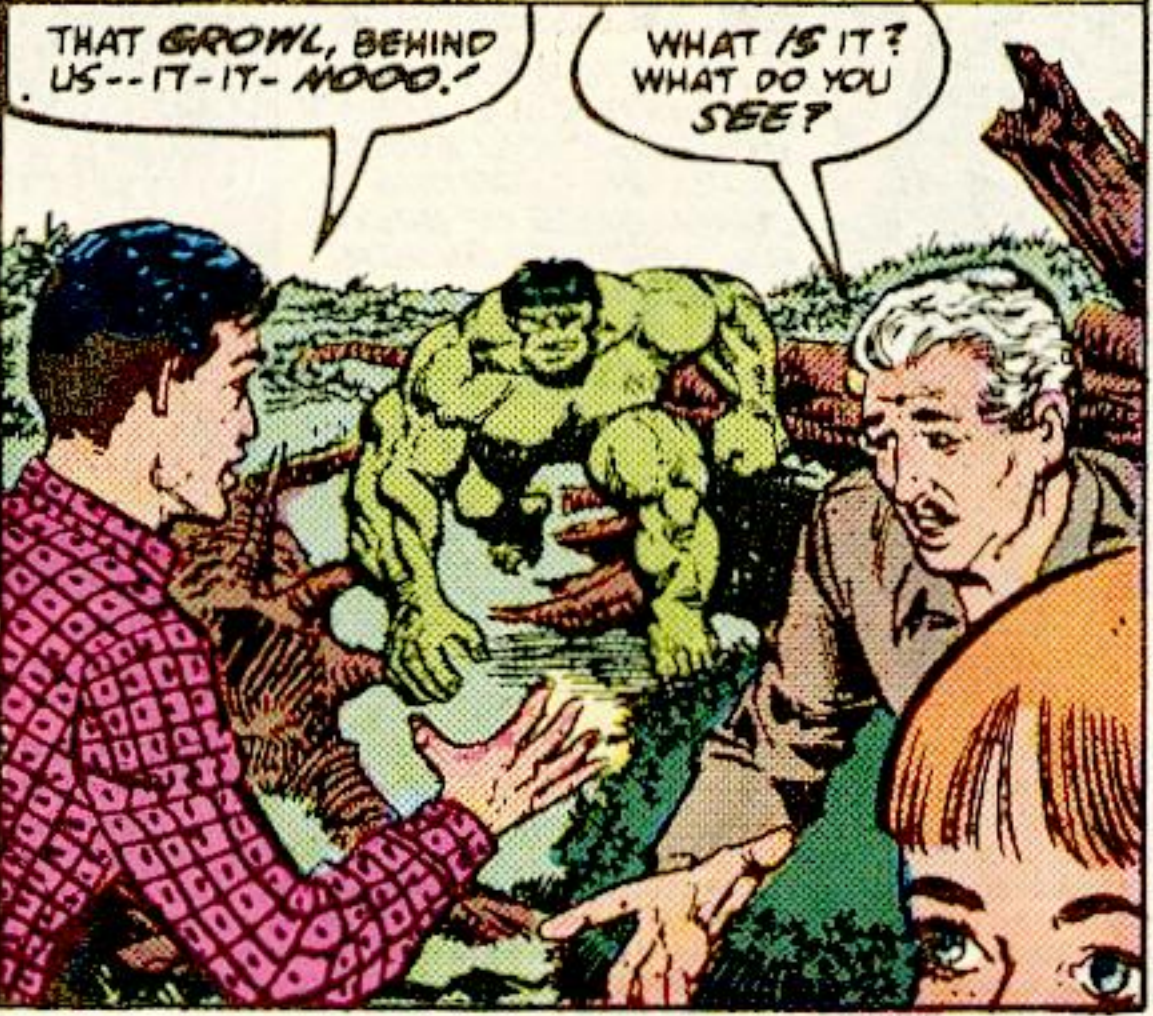


AND MAY THE LORD PROTECT US--



IT CAN ONLY BE-- THE HULK!

LIKE A JUNGLE BEAST, THE HULK AWAKENS-- INSTANTLY ALERT, ANGRY, LOOKING FOR SOMETHING, ANYTHING TO STRIKE OUT AGAINST!



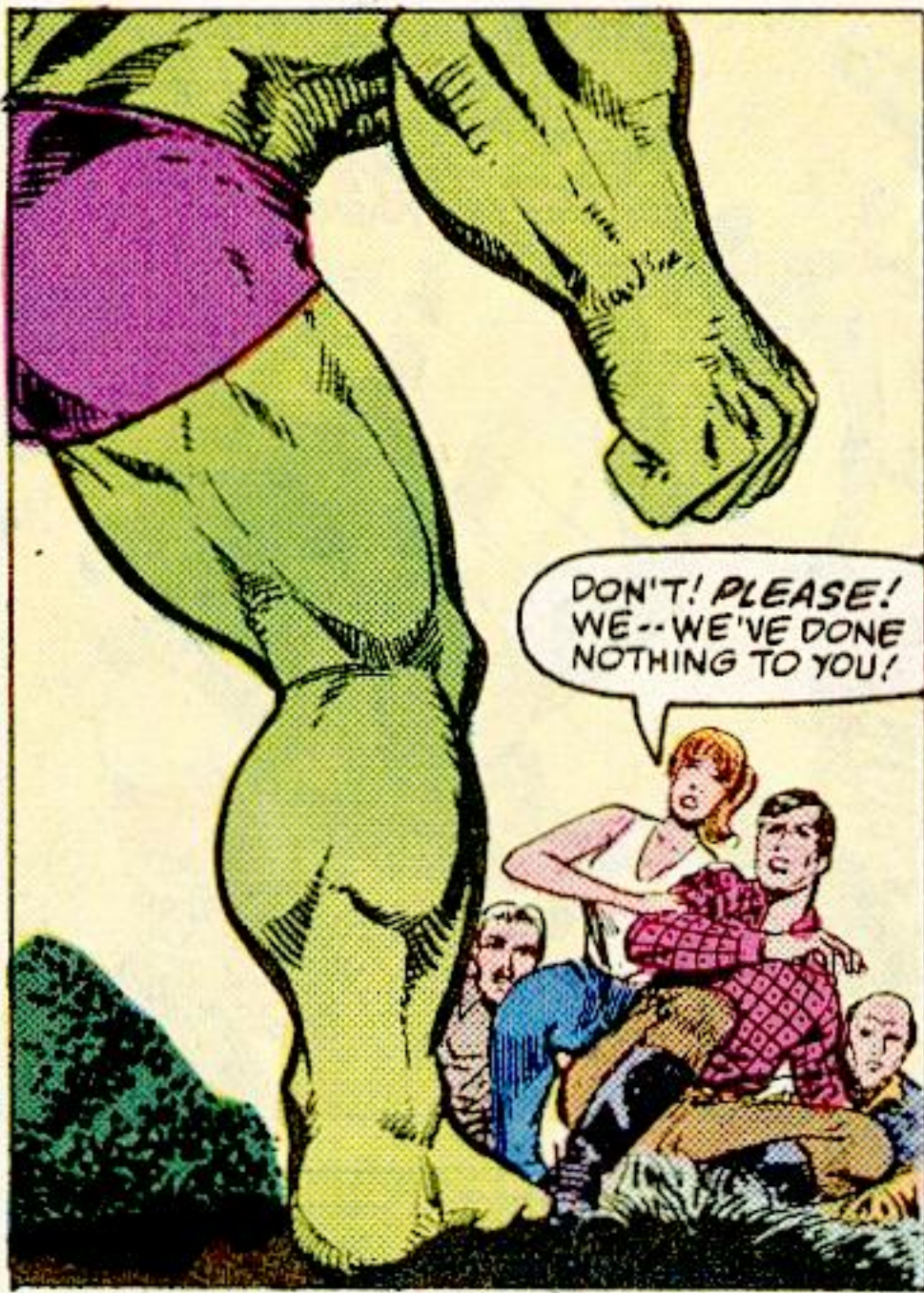
THAT GROWL, BEHIND US-- IT-IT- MOOO!

WHAT IS IT? WHAT DO YOU SEE?

HE NEVER HAS A CHANCE TO ANSWER!

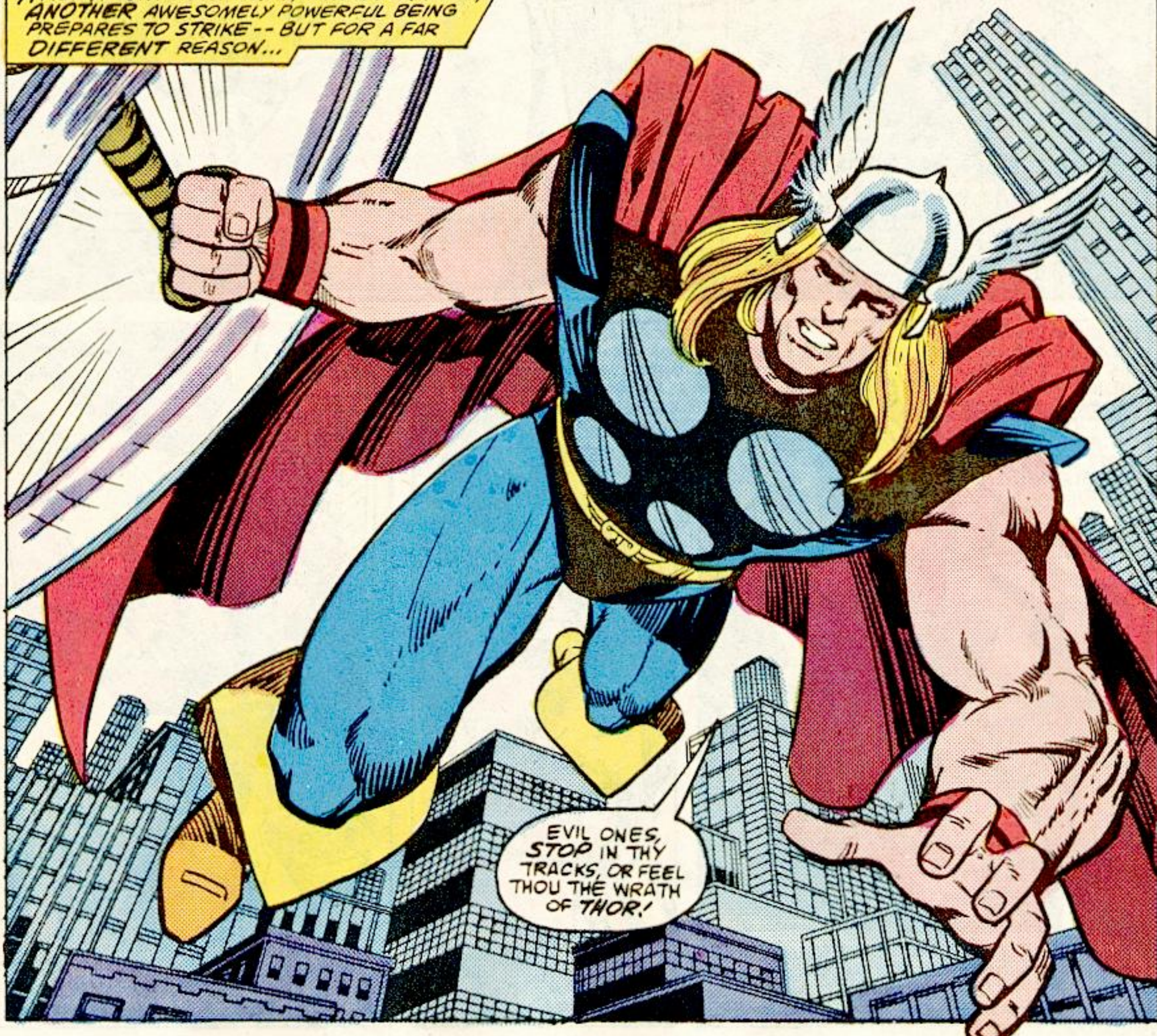


THOOM!



BOOM!

HALF A CONTINENT AWAY, IN NEW YORK CITY, ANOTHER AWESOMELY POWERFUL BEING PREPARES TO STRIKE-- BUT FOR A FAR DIFFERENT REASON...





HE THREATENED A FAMILY OF CAMPERS --ACTUALLY SMASHED THE GROUND IN FRONT OF THEM-- AND THEN WANDERED AWAY. FAMILY'S OKAY, THOUGH... JUST SHAKEN UP.

IT SHALL BE A TRIUMPH TO SAVOR!

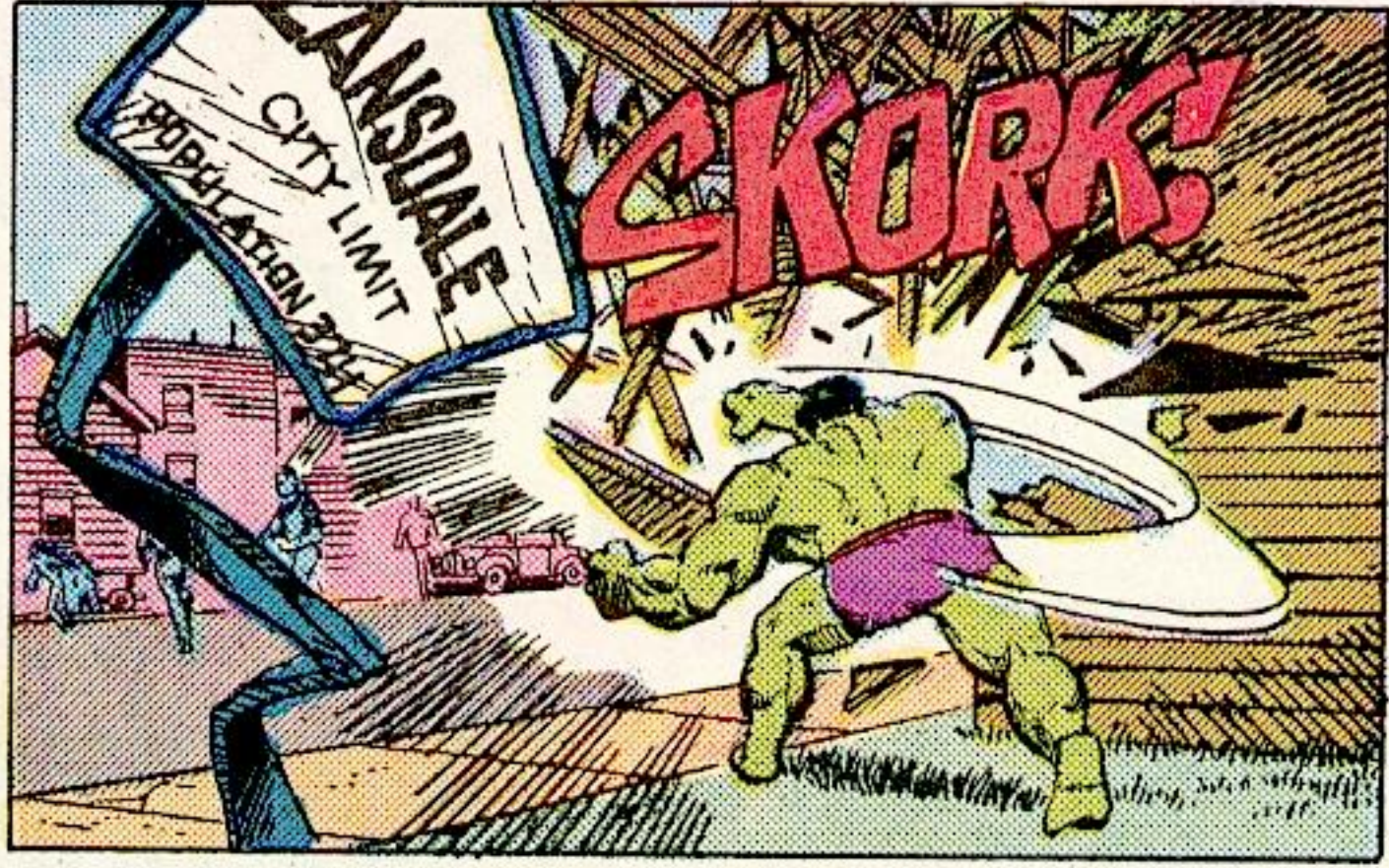
HIS HOURS ARE NUMBERED!



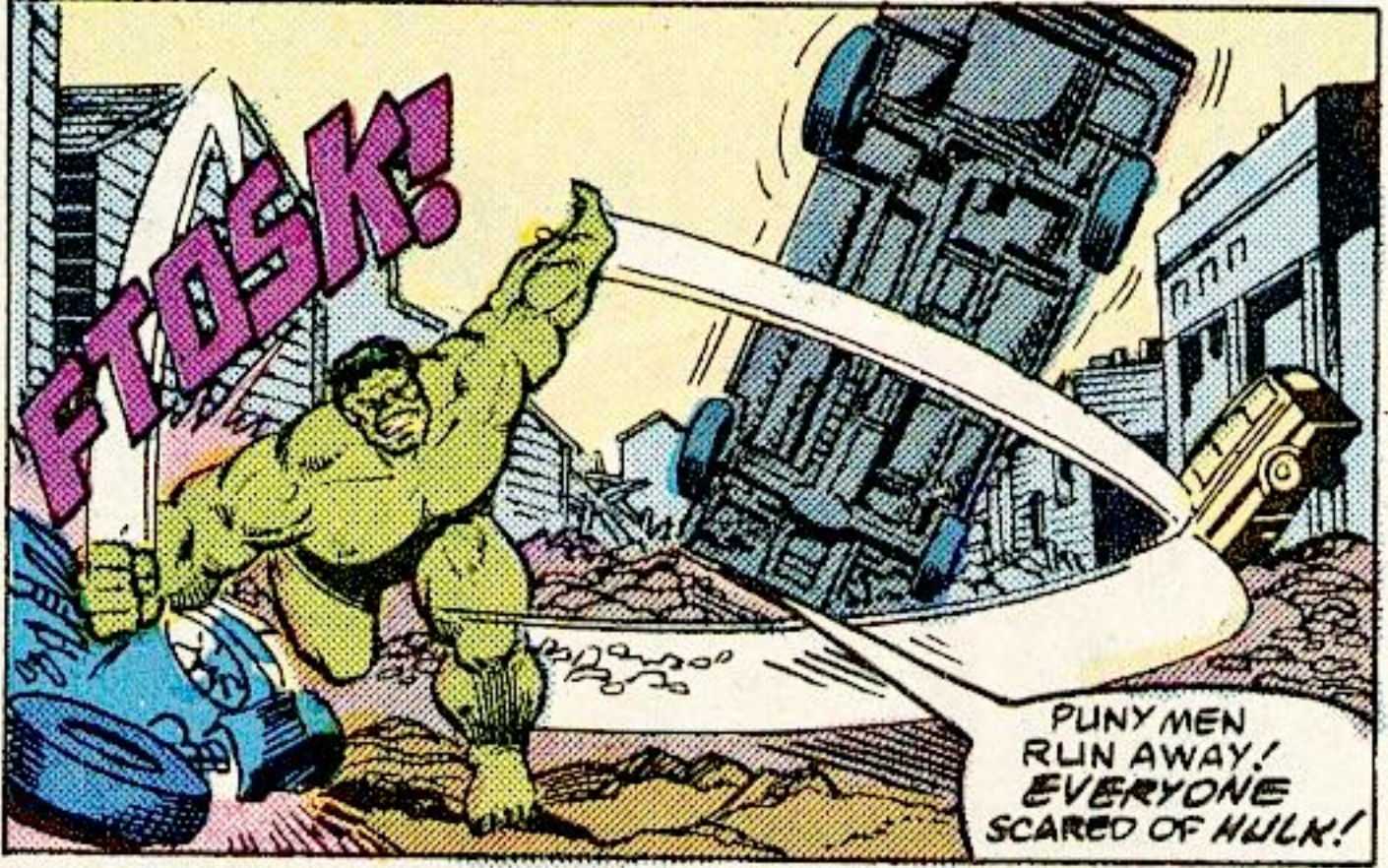
LATER... SECURE IN HIS POWER, HE MAKES NO EFFORTS TO COVER HIS TRACKS!

NONE BUT THE HULK COULD HAVE CAUSED SUCH CARNAGE.

EVEN AS I DRAW NEAR, MIGHTY MJOLNIR DOETH TINGLE FOR BATTLE!



SKORK!



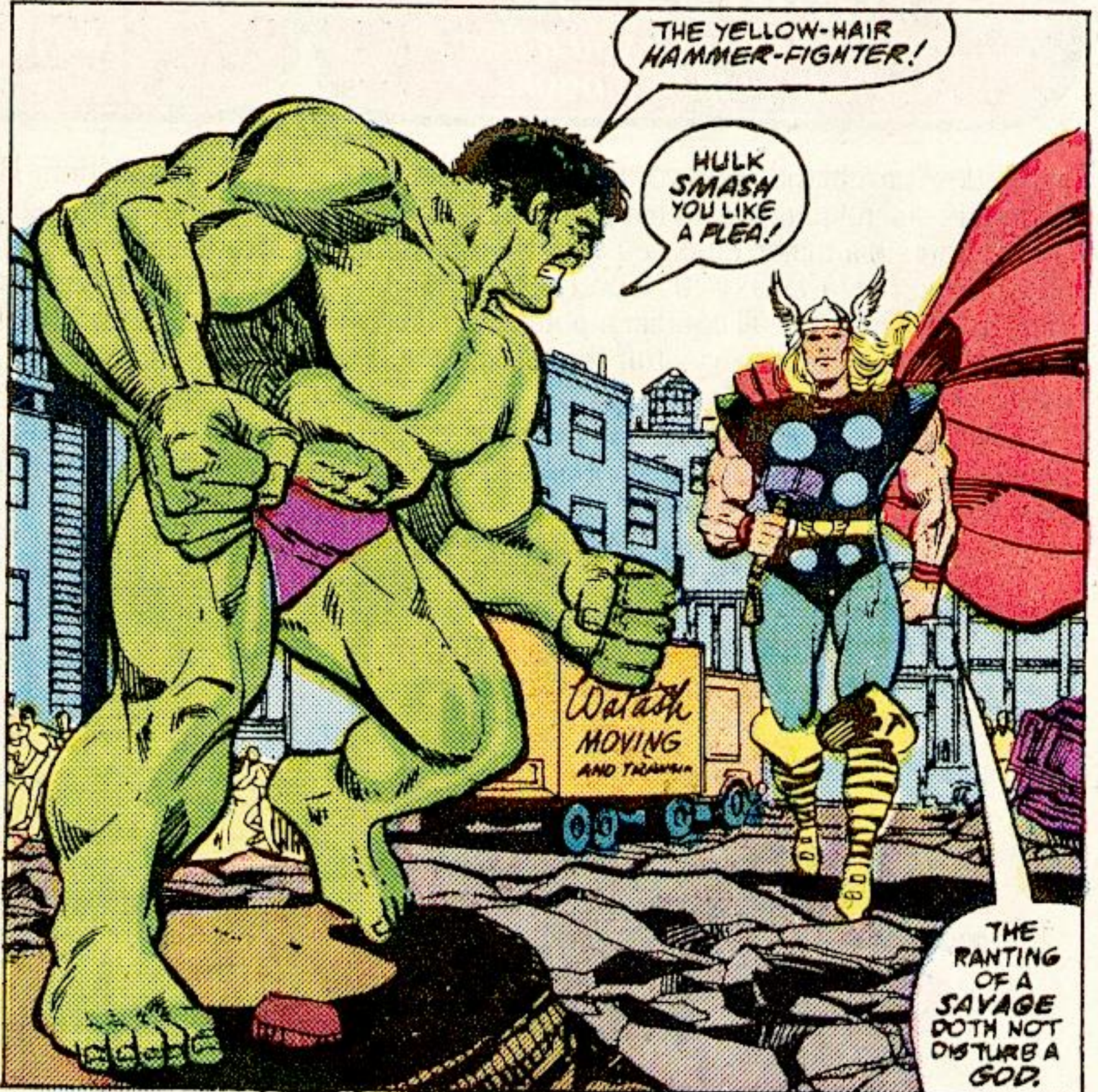
FLOSK!

PUNY MEN RUN AWAY! EVERYONE SCARED OF HULK!



I SAY THEE NAY, RAMPAGER!

THAT VOICE! HULK HEARD IT BEFORE!



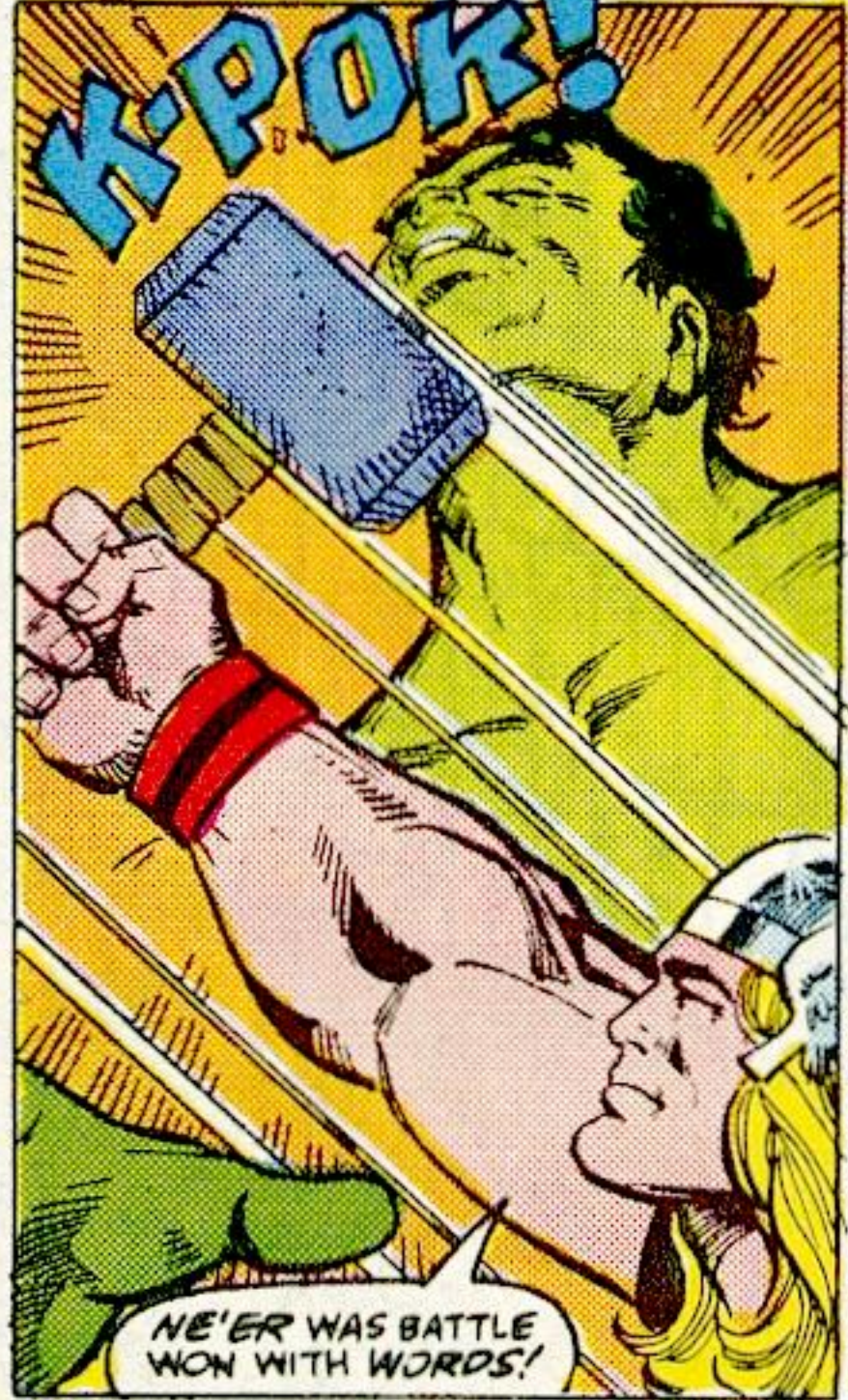
THE YELLOW-HAIR HAMMER-FIGHTER!

HULK SMASH YOU LIKE A FLEA!

THE RANTING OF A SAVAGE DOETH NOT DISTURB A GOD.



HULK BIGGER! HULK STRONGER! HULK STOMP YOU INTO GROUND!



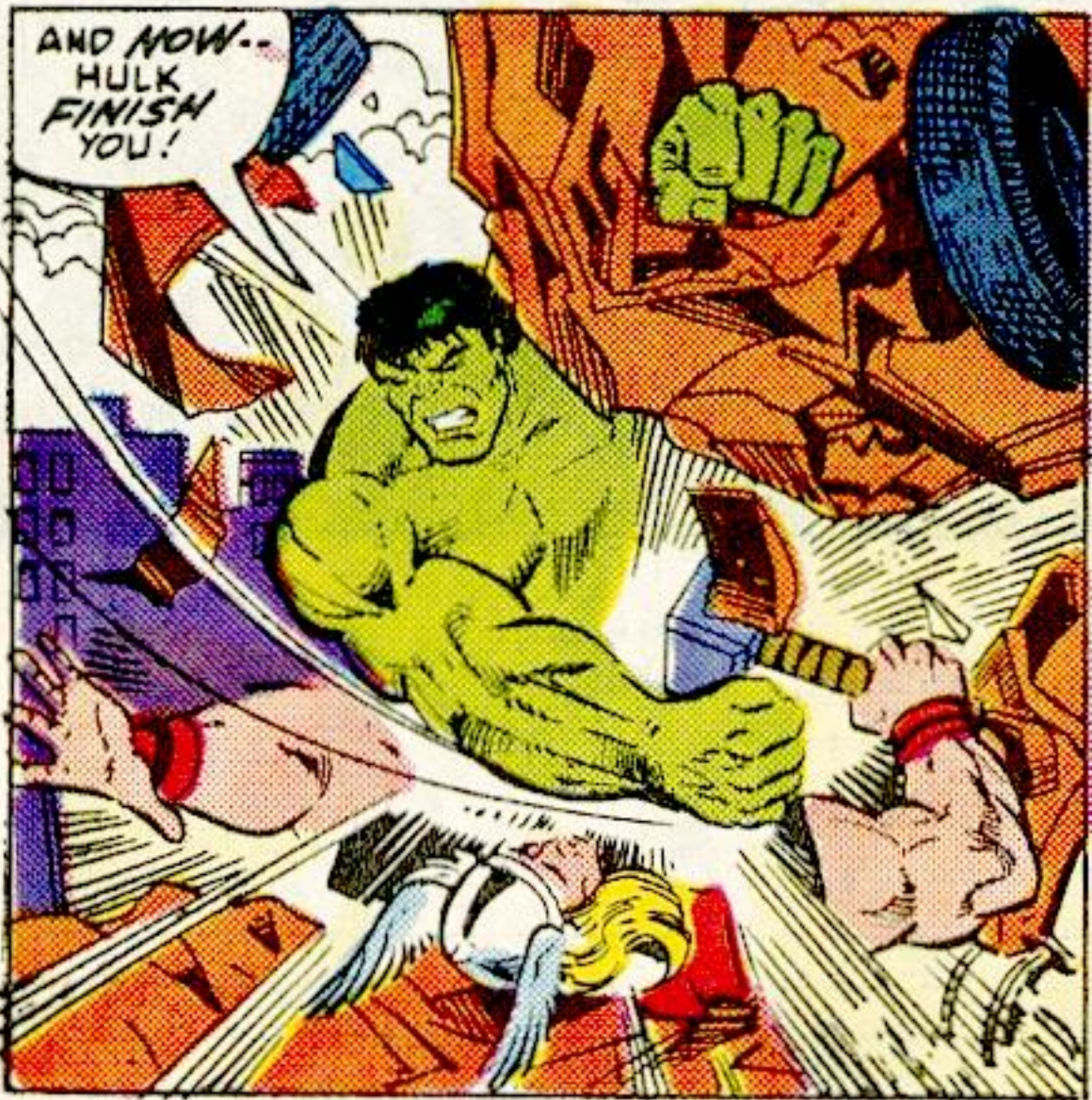
K-POK!

NE'ER WAS BATTLE WON WITH WORDS!

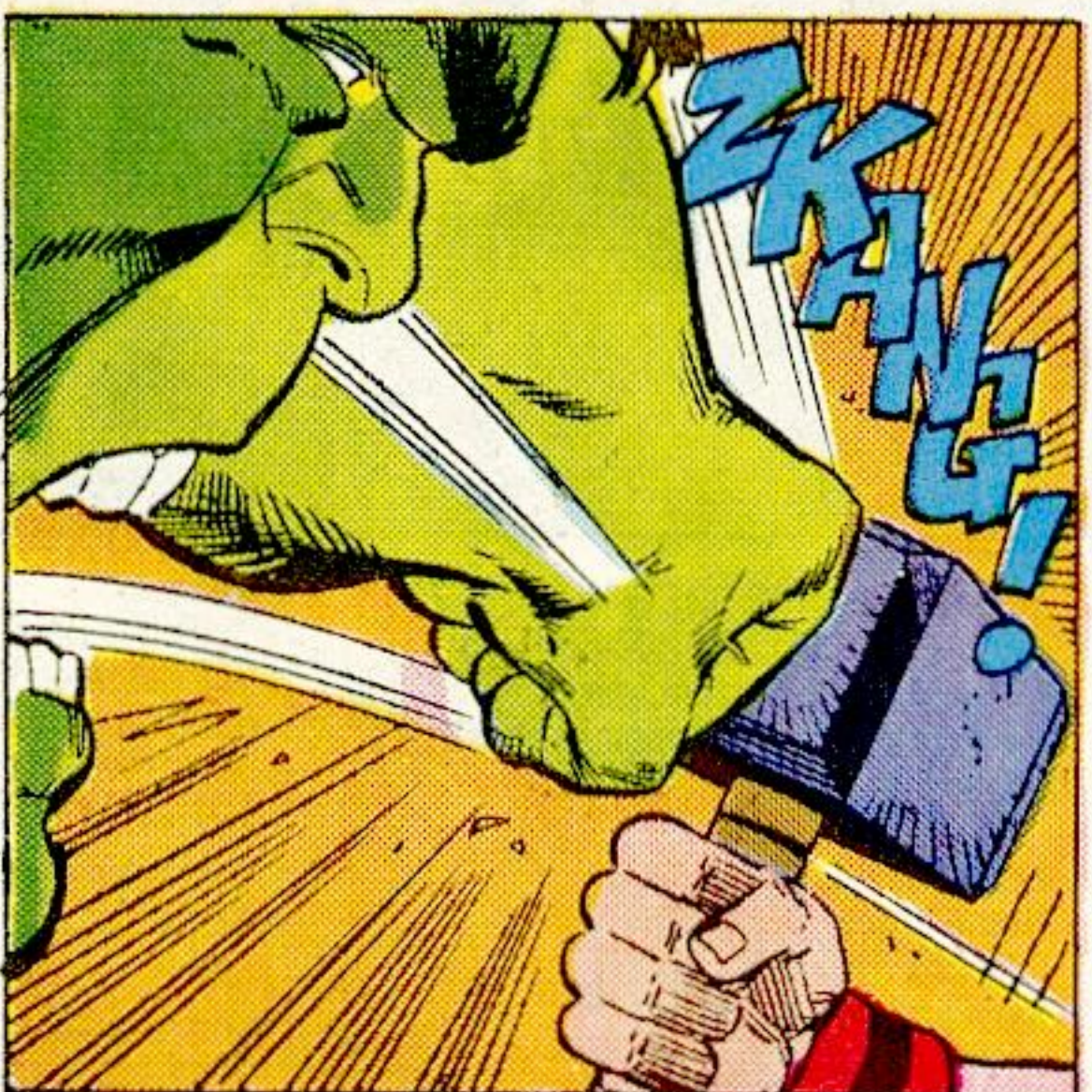


MORE HULK FIGHTS-- STRONGER HULK GETS!

NOTHING HURTS HULK!



AND NOW-- HULK FINISH YOU!



ZKANG!

THOU HATH GONE TOO FAR!



YEA, AND COMMITTED THE UNPARDONABLE SIN!



THOU HATH AROUSED THE RAGE OF A GOD!

SPOK



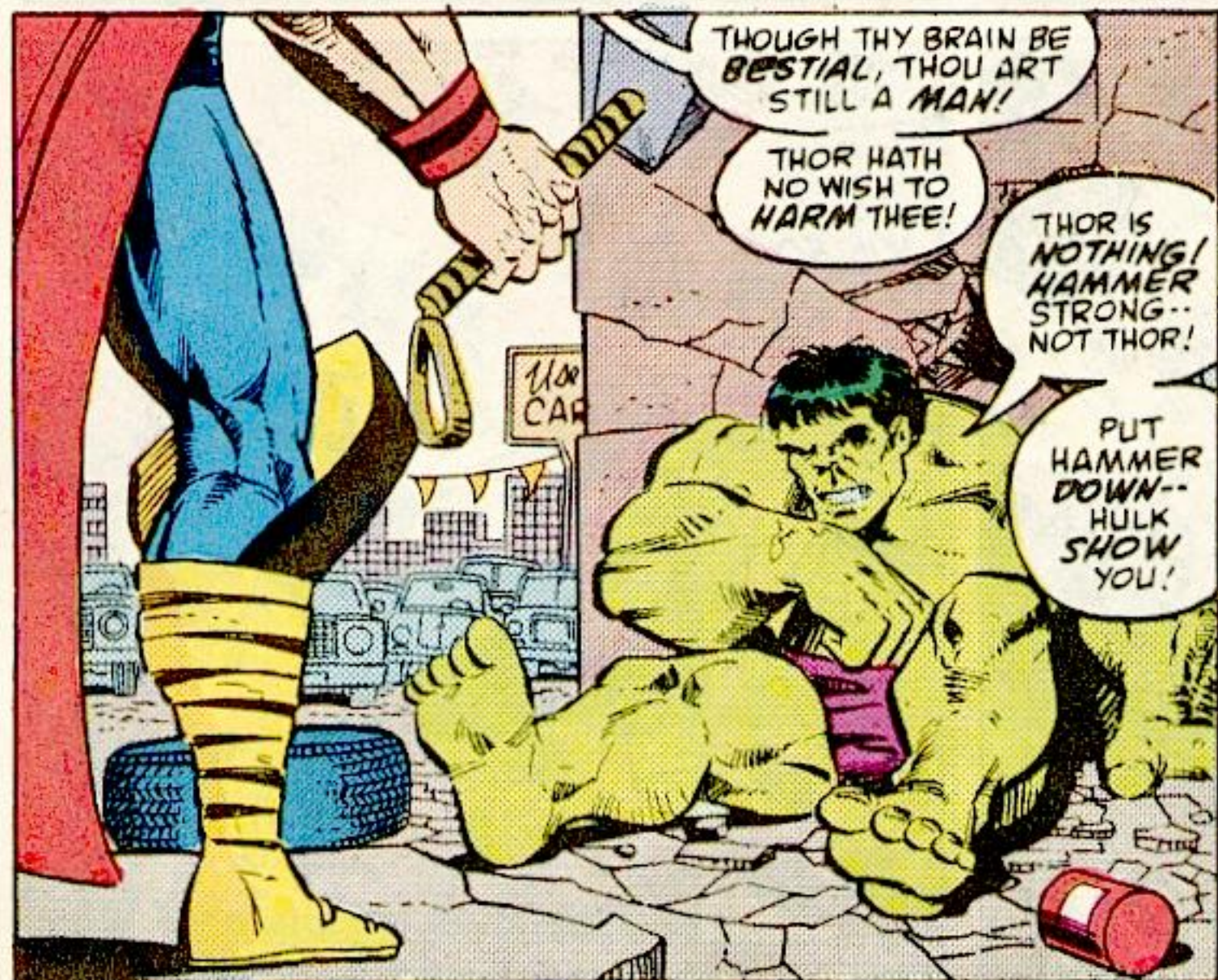
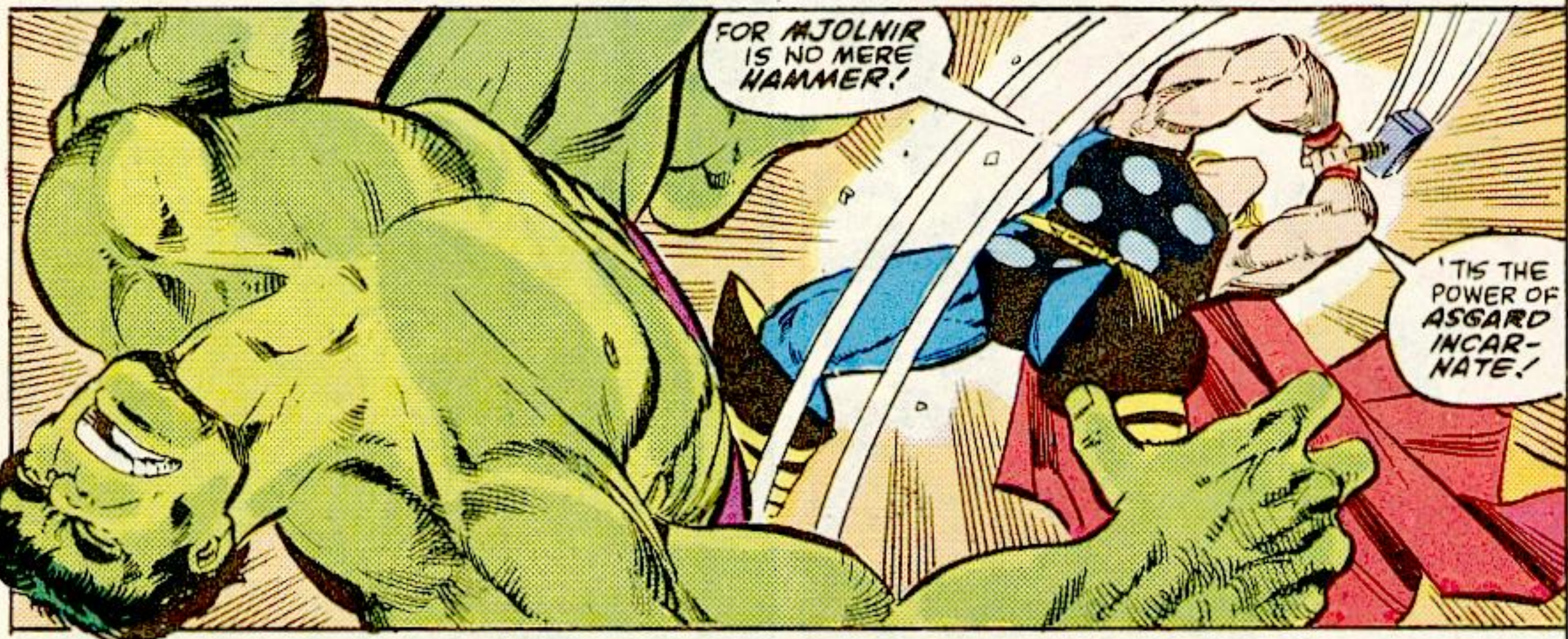
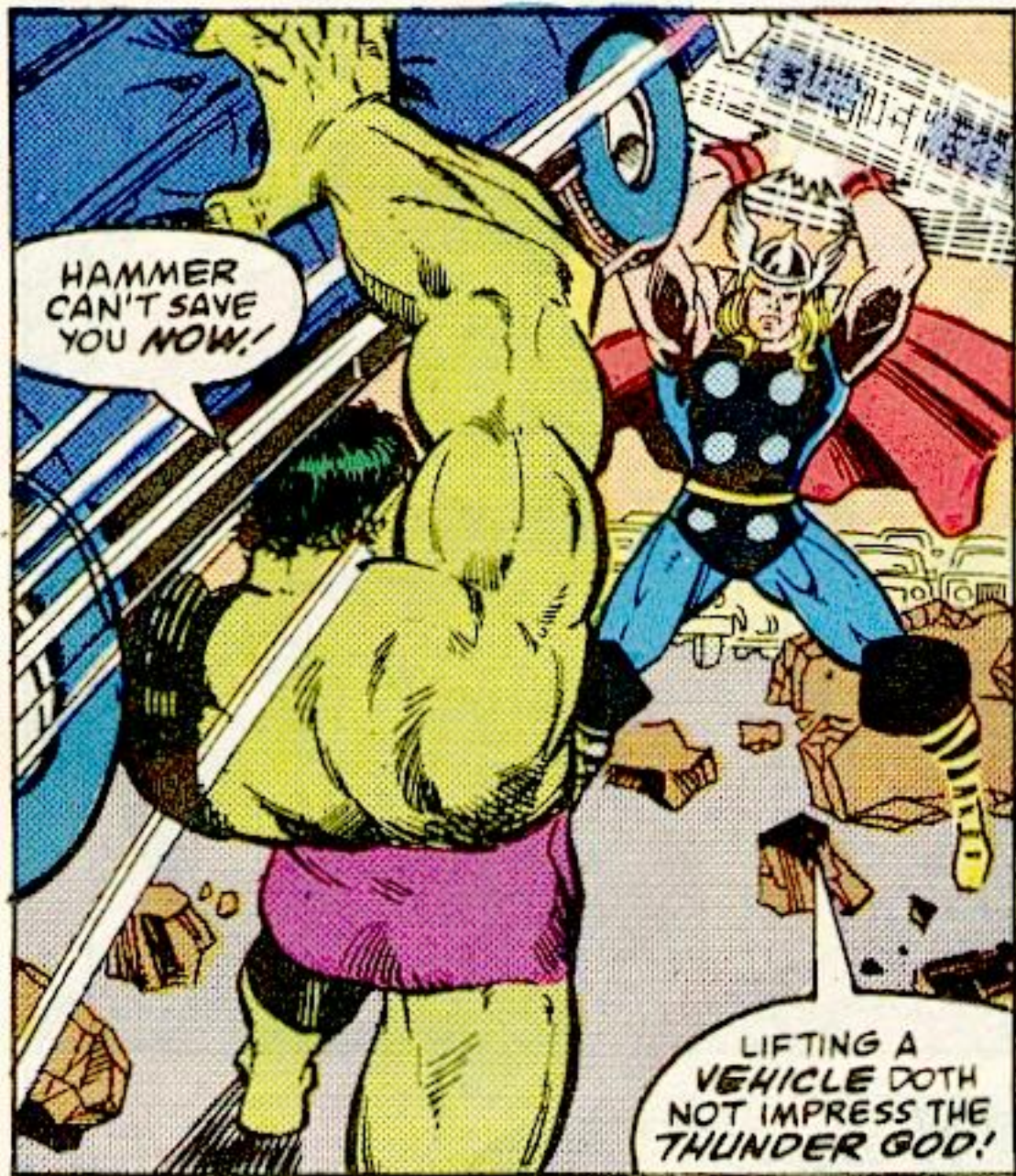
NOW LET THE BATTLE CEASE!



THOR HATH WARNED THEE, MORTAL!

NOBODY WARNS HULK!
NOBODY!!



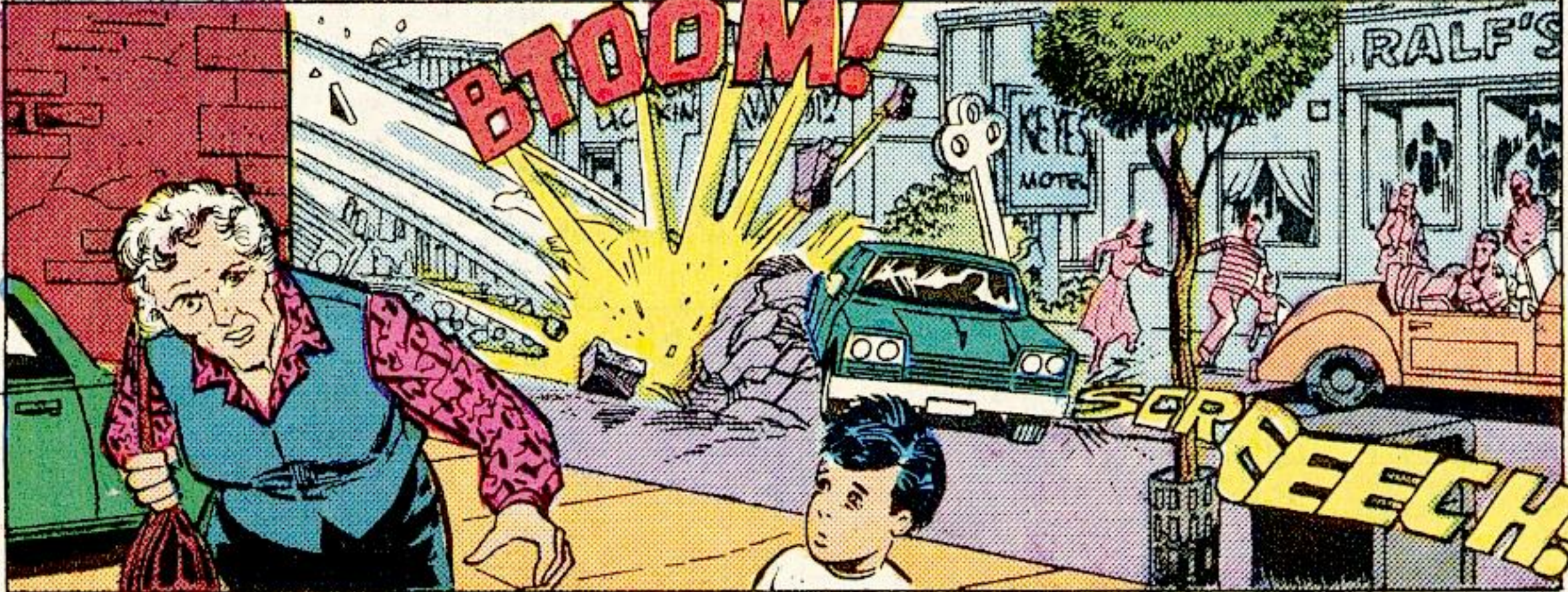




THEN THOR IS
COWARD!
THUNDER GOD
FEARS HULK!



BUT HULK
FEARS
NOTHING!



BTOOOM!

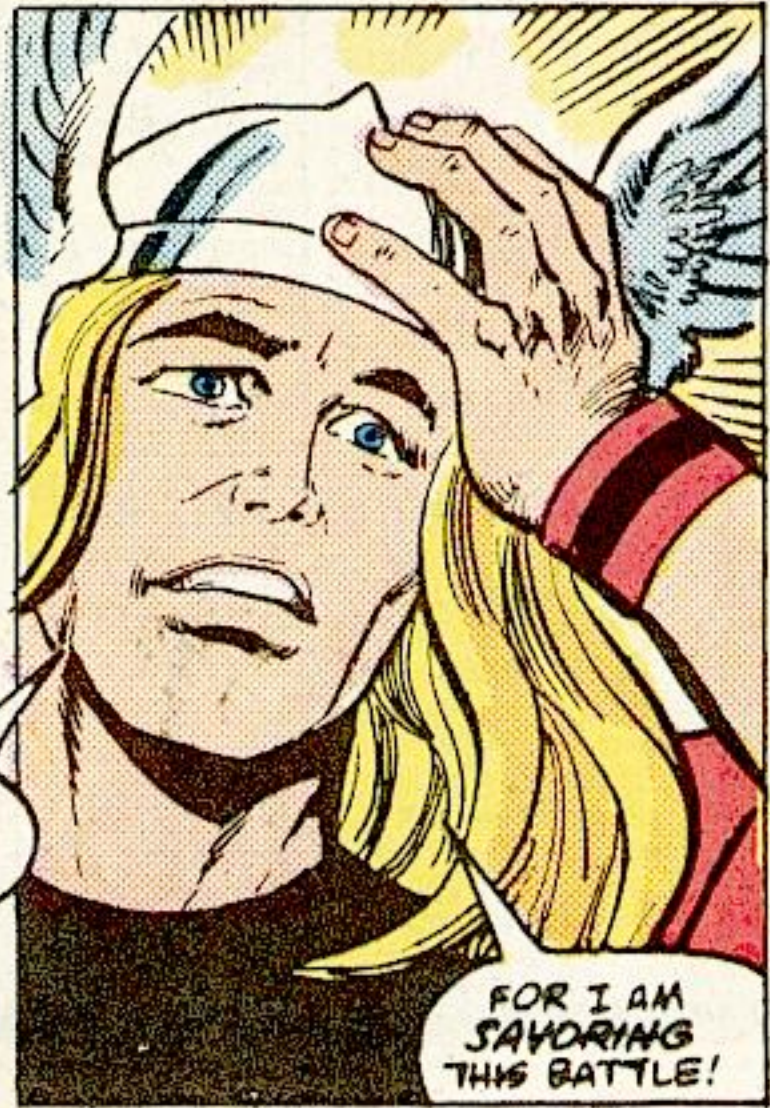
SORREEECH!



THOU ART WORSE
THAN BESTIAL! TRULY
THOU ART MAD!

ZAK!

BUT AM
I NOT MAD
AS WELL?



FOR I AM
SAVORING
THIS BATTLE!

I SOUGHT NOT TO INJURE THE MONSTER! BUT HE HATH LEFT ME NO CHOICE!

KEYES MOTEL

I SHALL TEND HIS WOUNDS, FOR HE KNOWETH NOT WHAT HE HATH DONE!

SKROK!

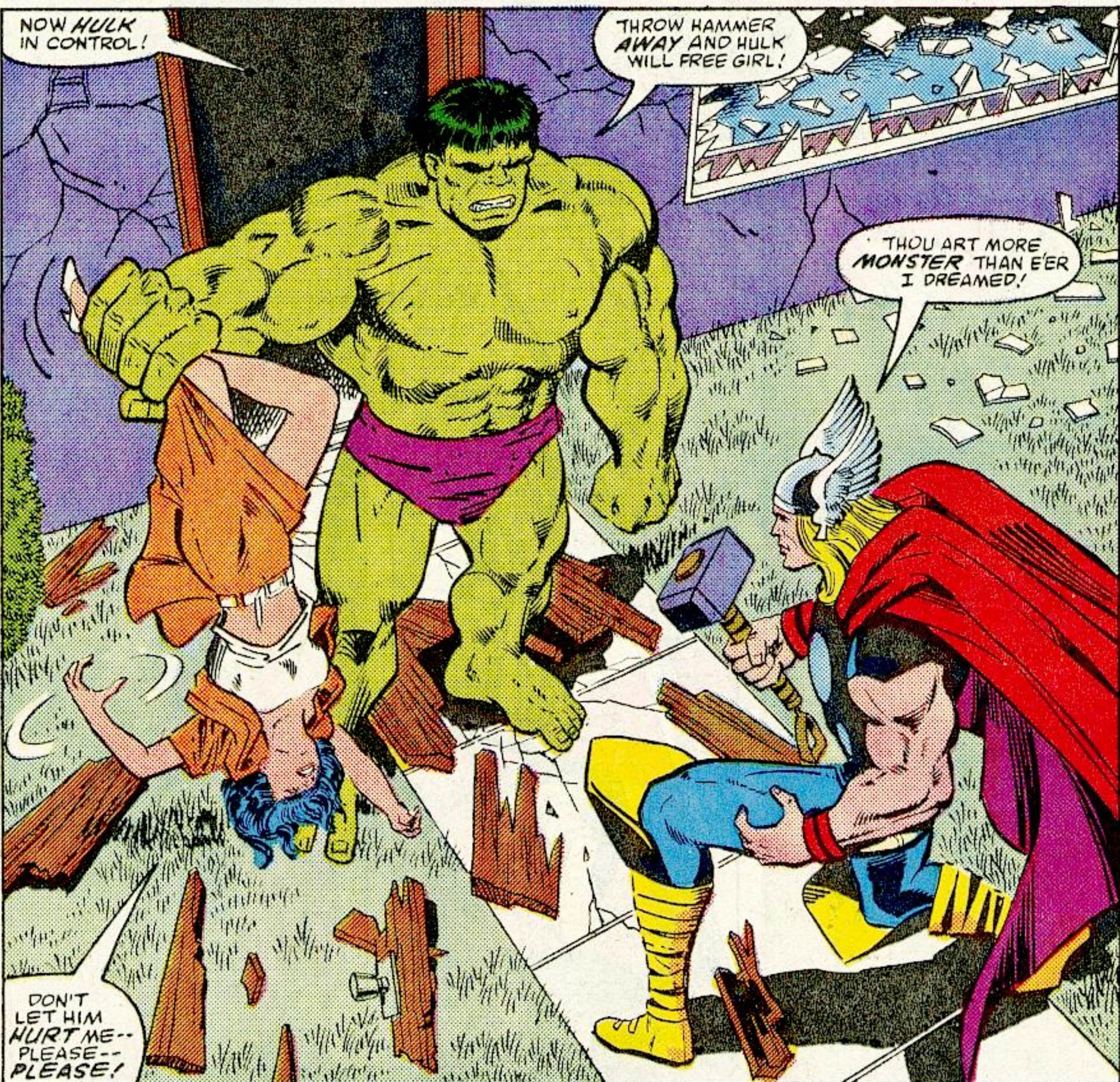
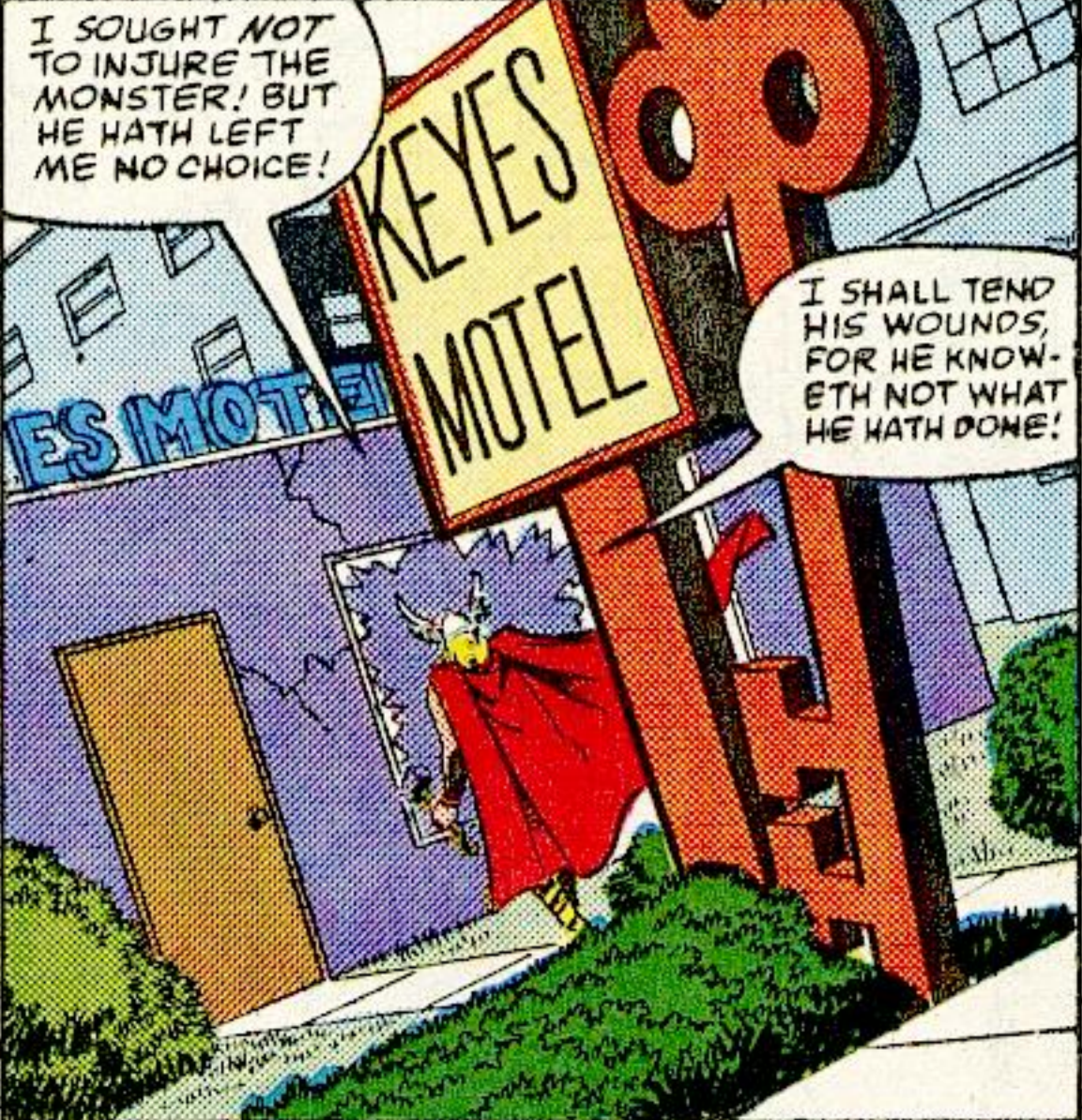
BY ODIN'S BEARD! HE IS UNHARMED!

NOW HULK IN CONTROL!

THROW HAMMER AWAY AND HULK WILL FREE GIRL!

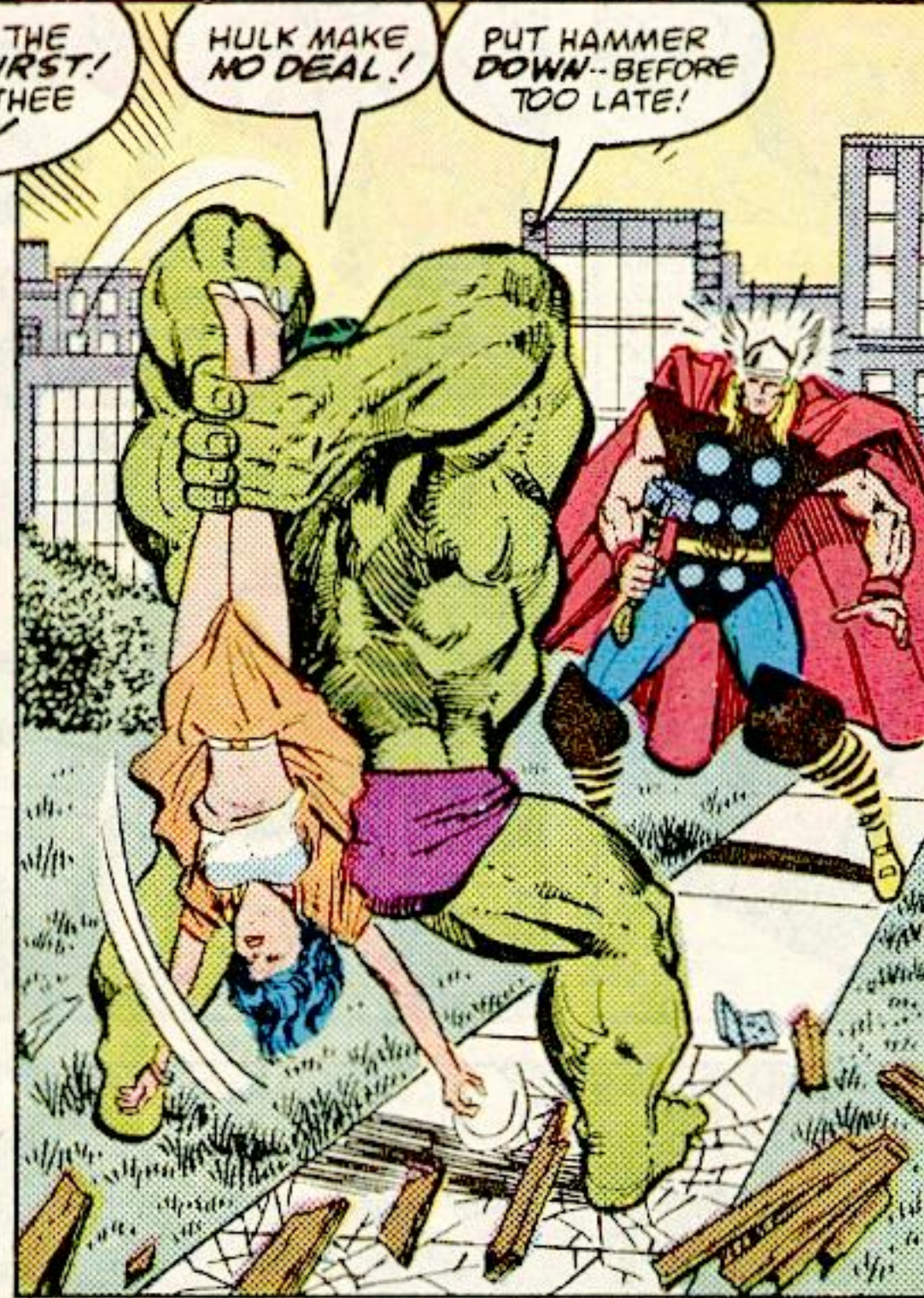
THOU ART MORE MONSTER THAN E'ER I DREAMED!

DON'T LET HIM HURT ME-- PLEASE-- PLEASE!



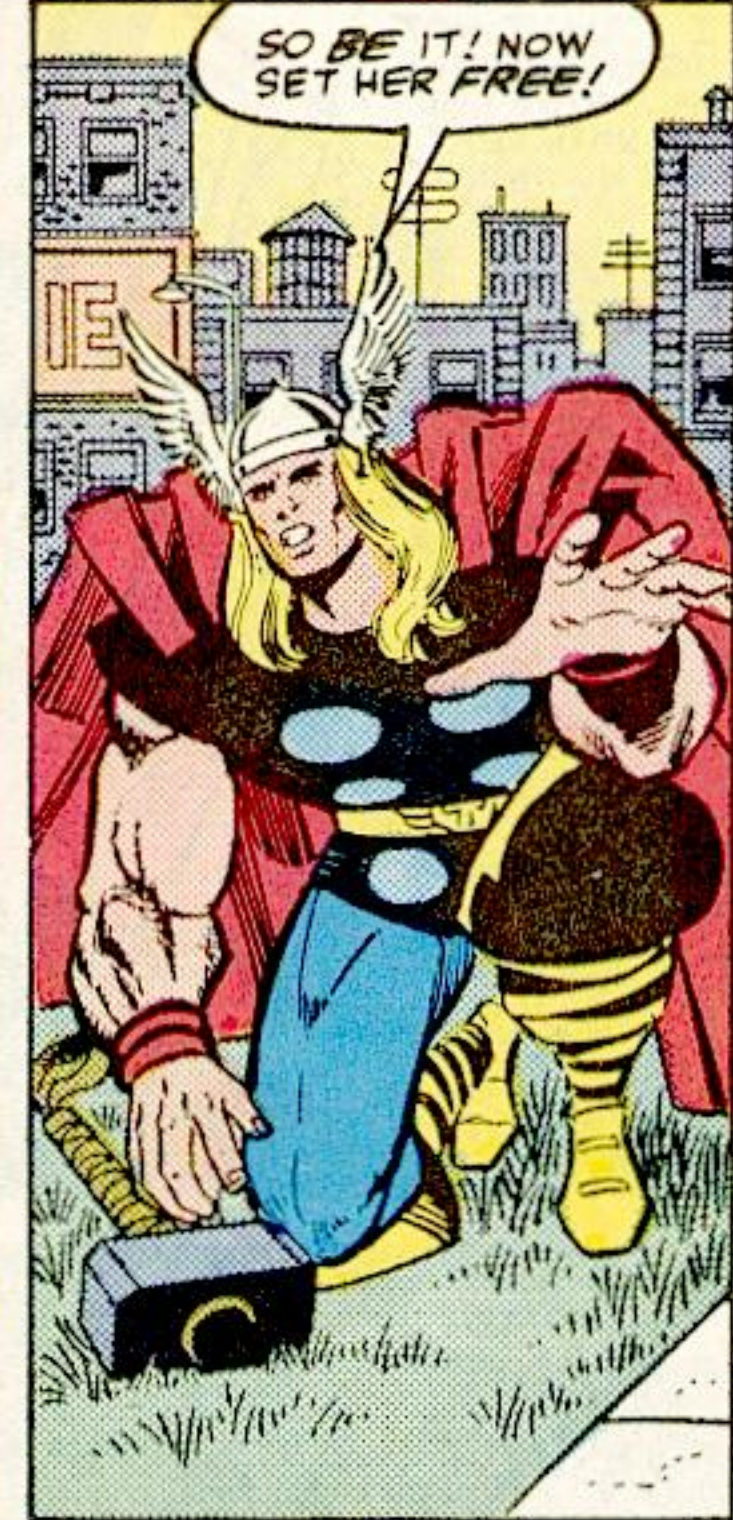


RELEASE THE FEMALE FIRST!
I TRUST THEE NOT!



HULK MAKE NO DEAL!

PUT HAMMER DOWN--BEFORE TOO LATE!



SO BE IT! NOW SET HER FREE!



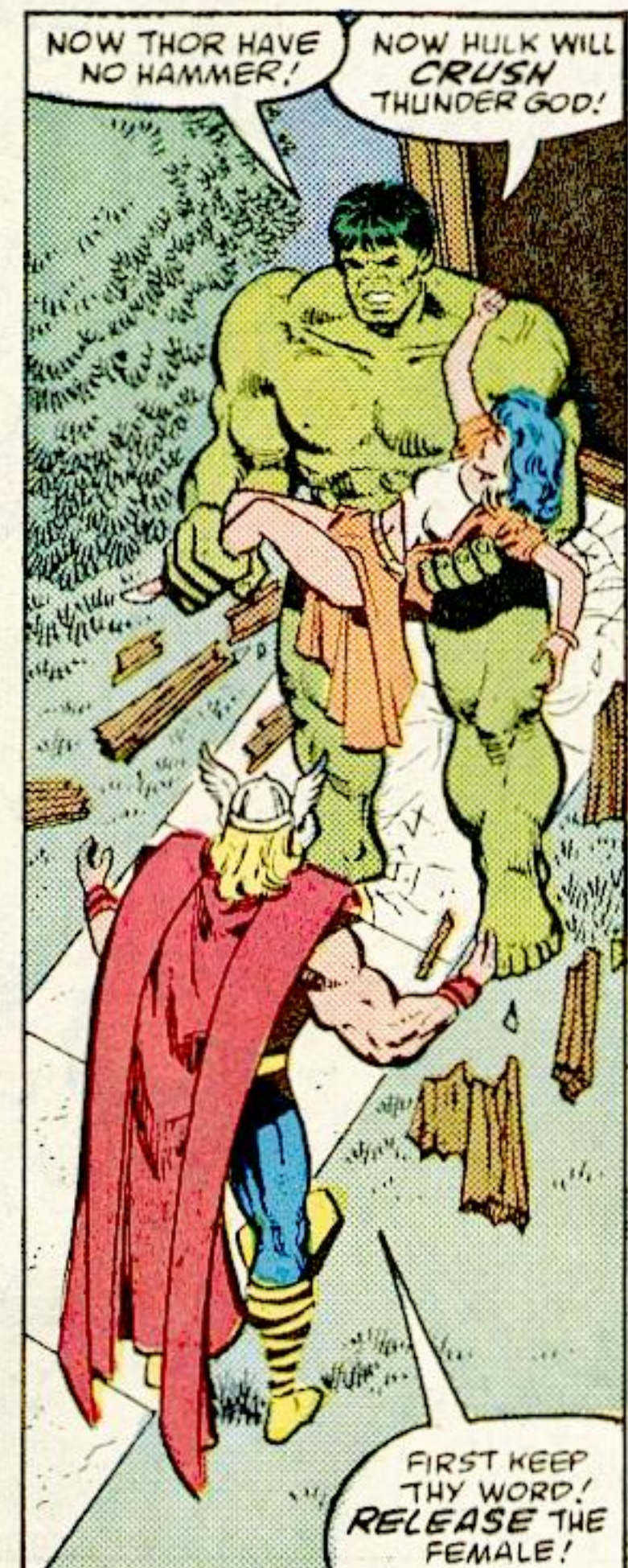
NO! NOW THROW HAMMER AWAY!



MY FATHERS ENCHANTMENT DECREES THAT MY HAMMER MUST E'ER RETURN TO MY HAND!

PERHAPS IF I THROW MJOLNIR A GREAT DISTANCE, 'T WILL TAKE MINUTES BEFORE IT RETURNS TO ITS MASTER.

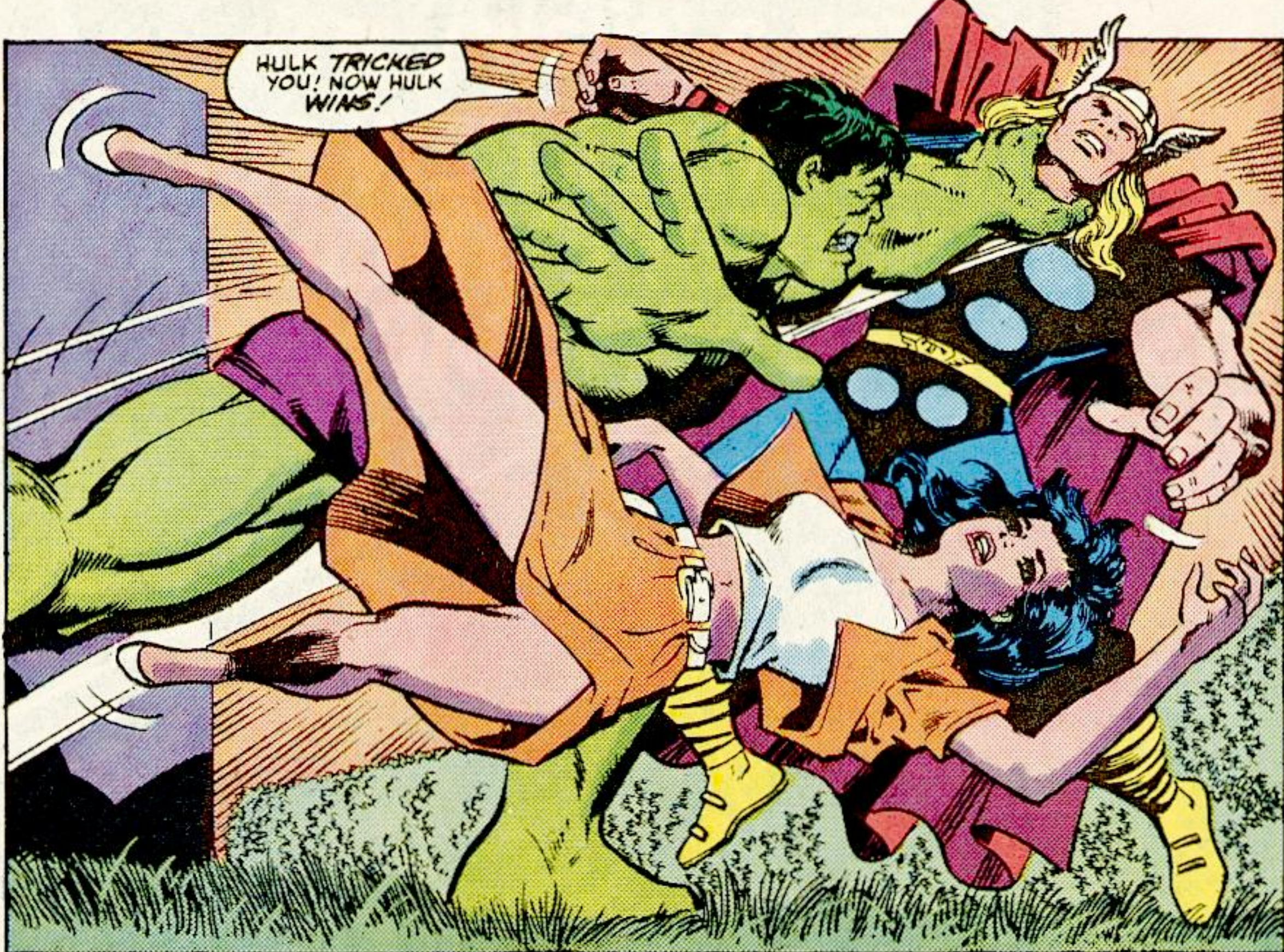
IN THAT SPAN OF TIME -- I MAY YET TRIUMPH!



NOW THOR HAVE NO HAMMER!

NOW HULK WILL CRUSH THUNDER GOD!

FIRST KEEP THY WORD! RELEASE THE FEMALE!



HULK TRICKED YOU! NOW HULK WINS!



WITHOUT HAMMER, THOR IS NOTHING!

HULK STRONGEST OF ALL!

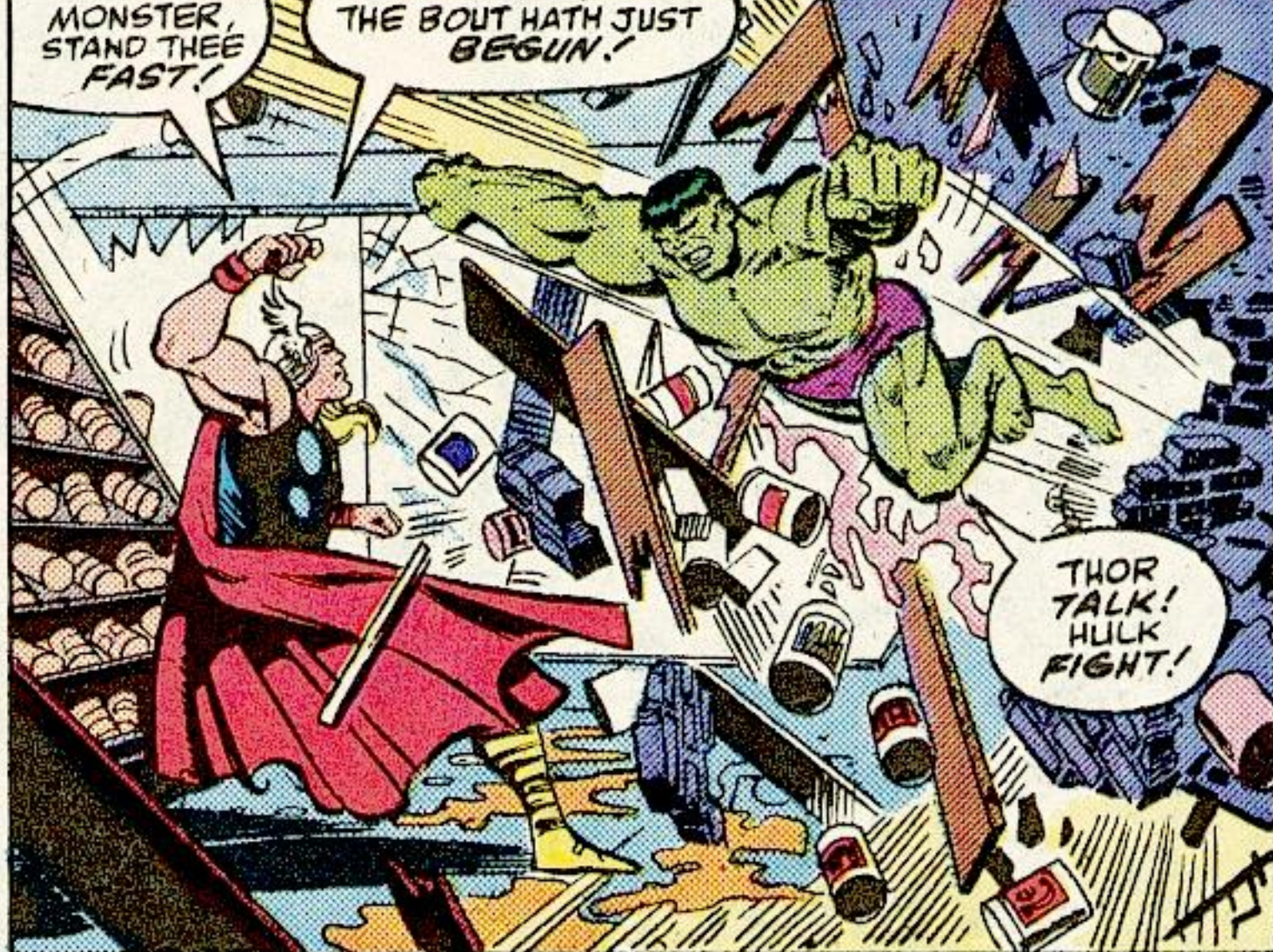
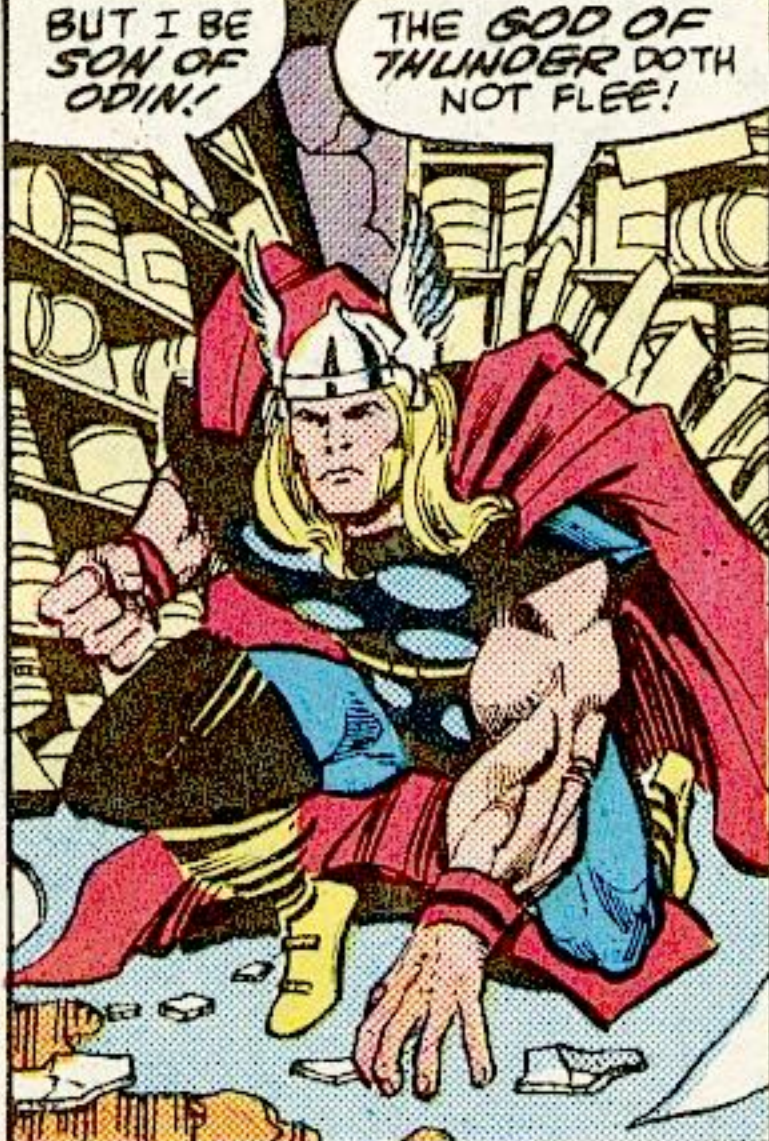


KLANK!



HE HATH UNWITTINGLY GIVEN ME MY CHANCE!

IF THOR SHOULD FLEE, HIS RAGE MAY SUBSIDE AND NONE WILL BE HARMED!





NONE MAY SAY THAT THOR BE WEAK!

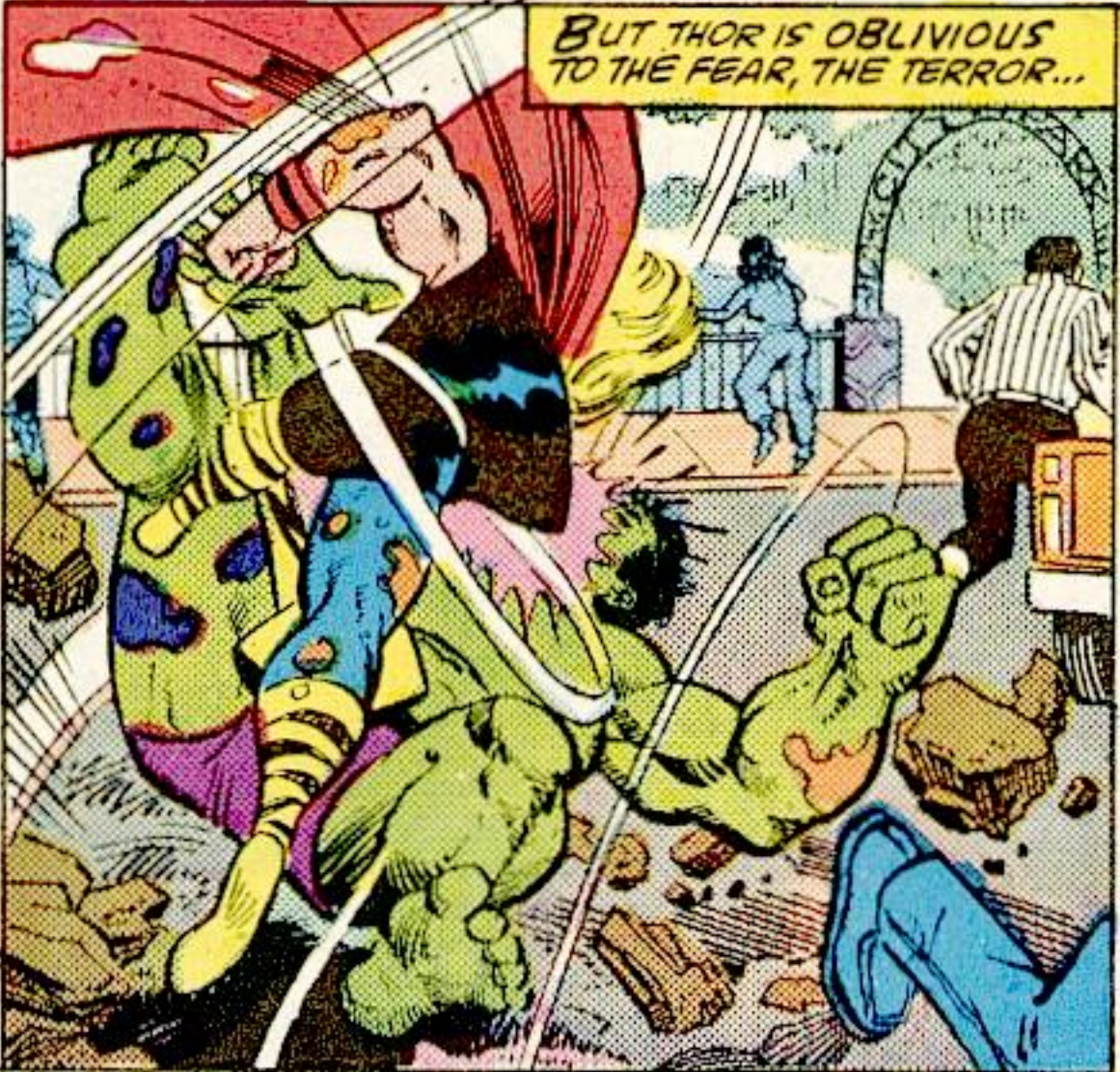
I SHALL NOT SHAME MY BIRTHRIGHT!



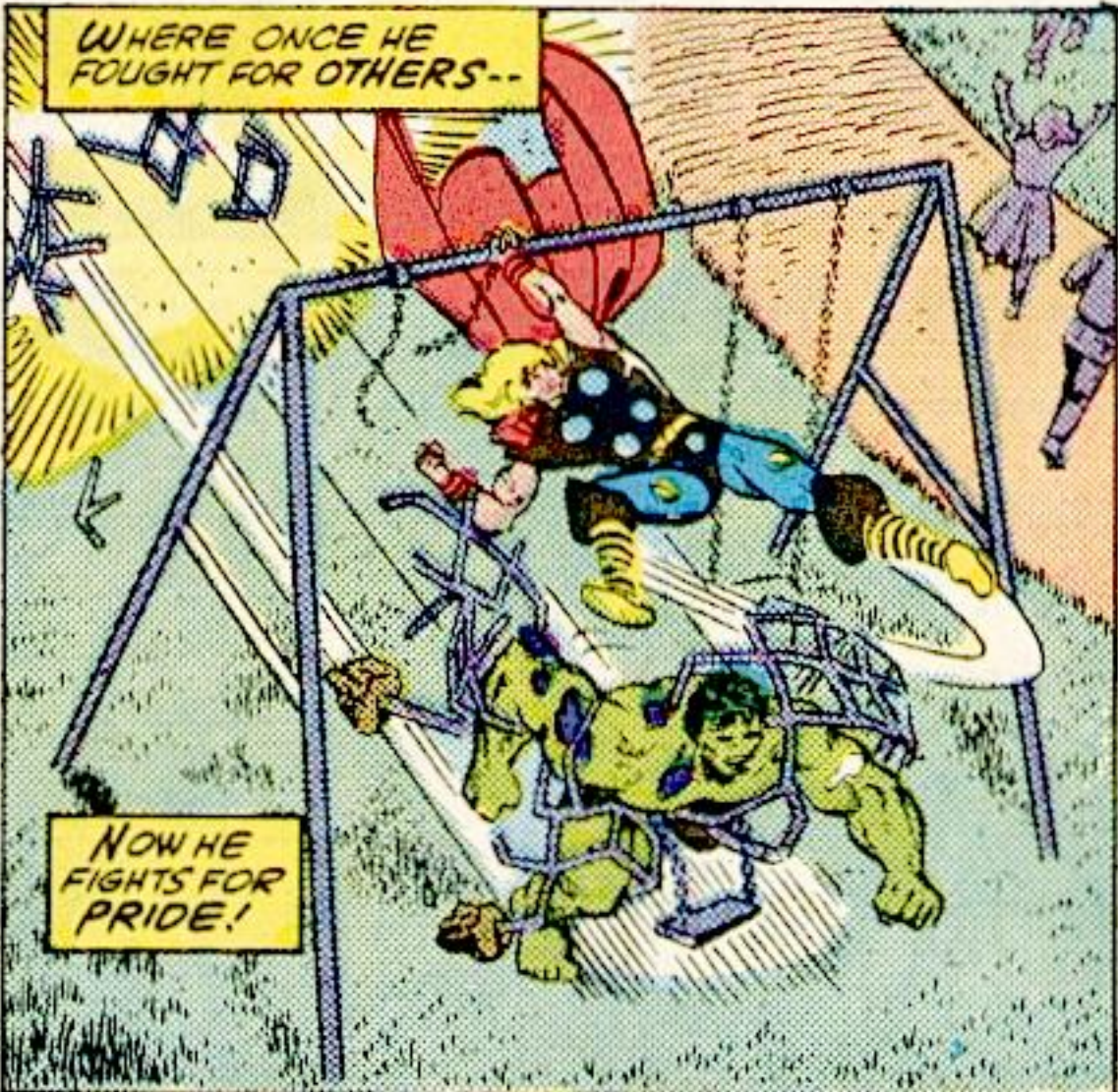
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! THEY'RE DESTROYING THE CITY!

GET OFF THE STREETS! NOBODY'S SAFE! NOTHING CAN STOP THEM!

MY FAMILY! I'VE GOT TO GET THEM!

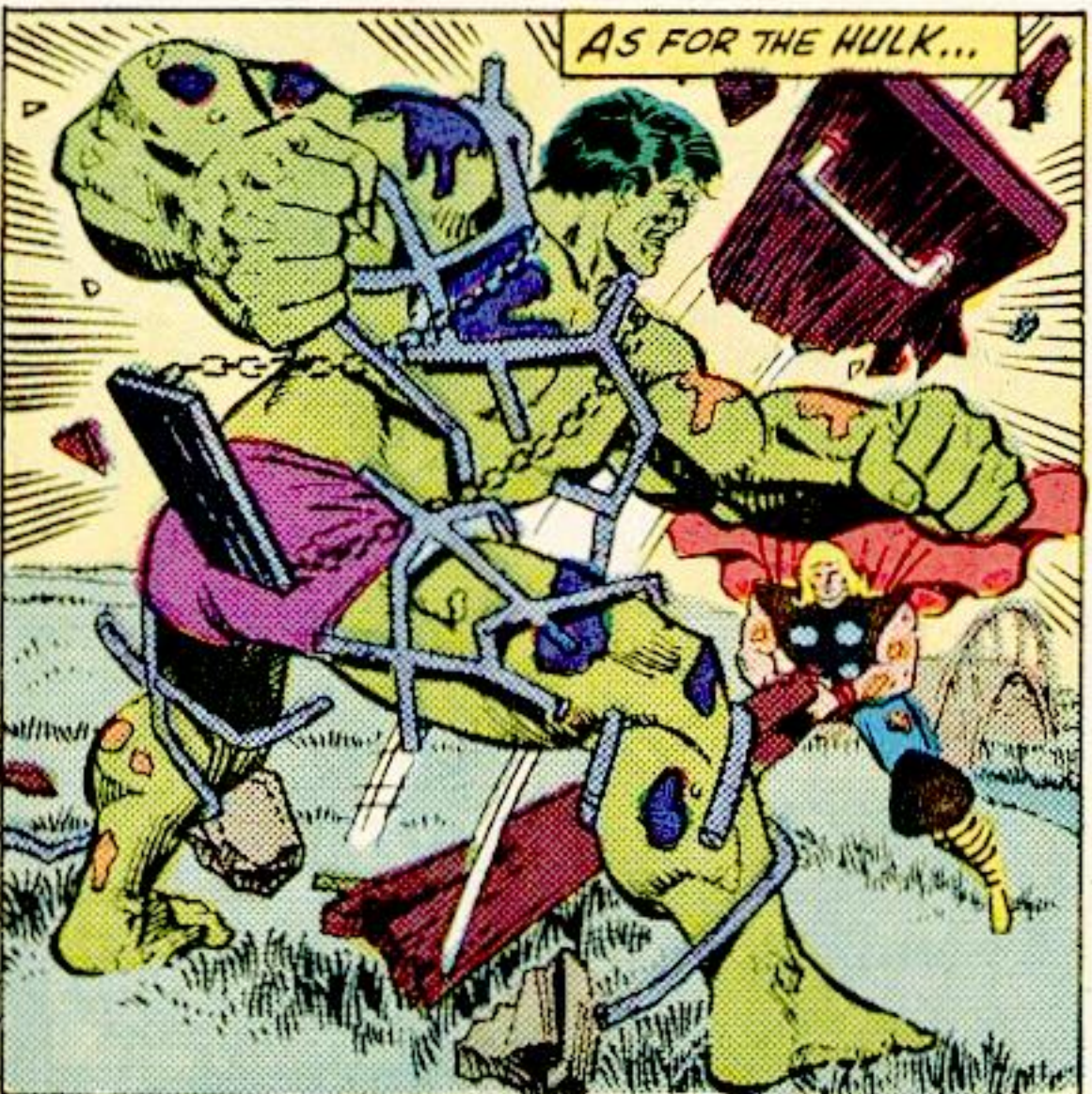


BUT THOR IS OBLIVIOUS TO THE FEAR, THE TERROR...



WHERE ONCE HE FOUGHT FOR OTHERS--

NOW HE FIGHTS FOR PRIDE!



AS FOR THE HULK...



HE NEEDS NO REASON TO FIGHT!

HIS CLOUDED BRAIN, NOW FREE OF BRUCE BANNER'S INFLUENCE, KNOWS ONLY NAKED SAVAGERY!



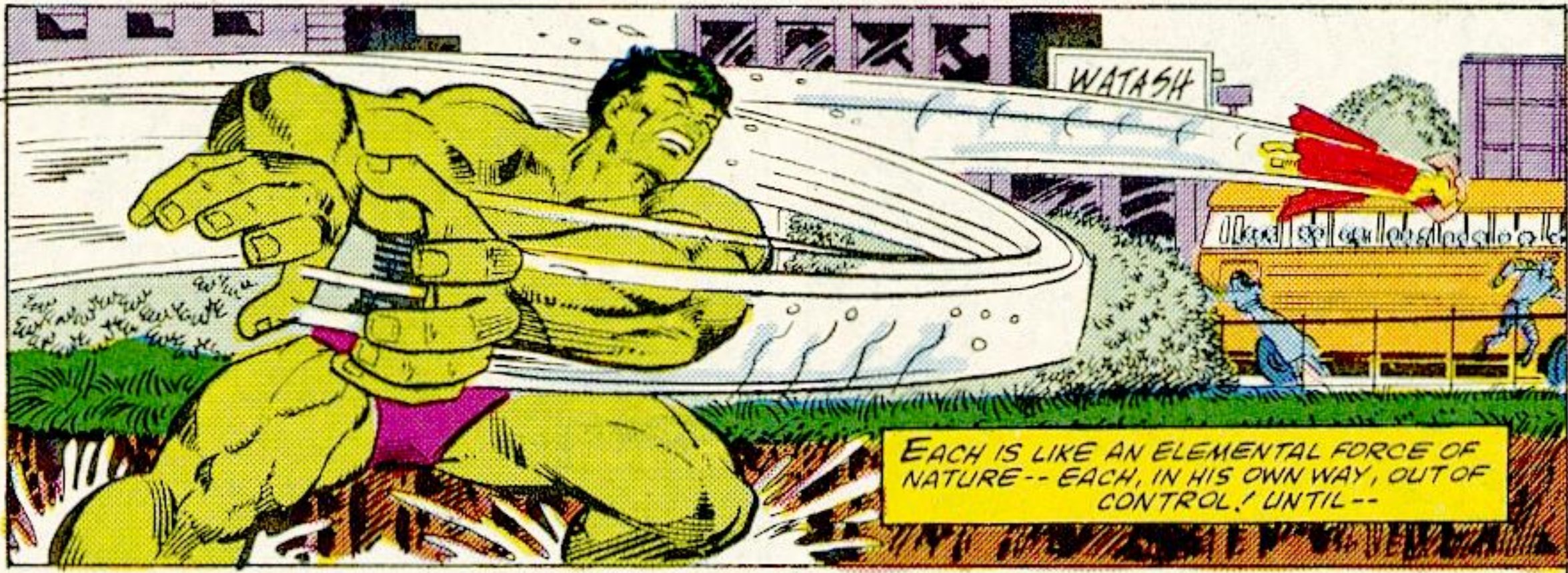
HE FIGHTS FOR THE SAKE OF BATTLE ALONE!



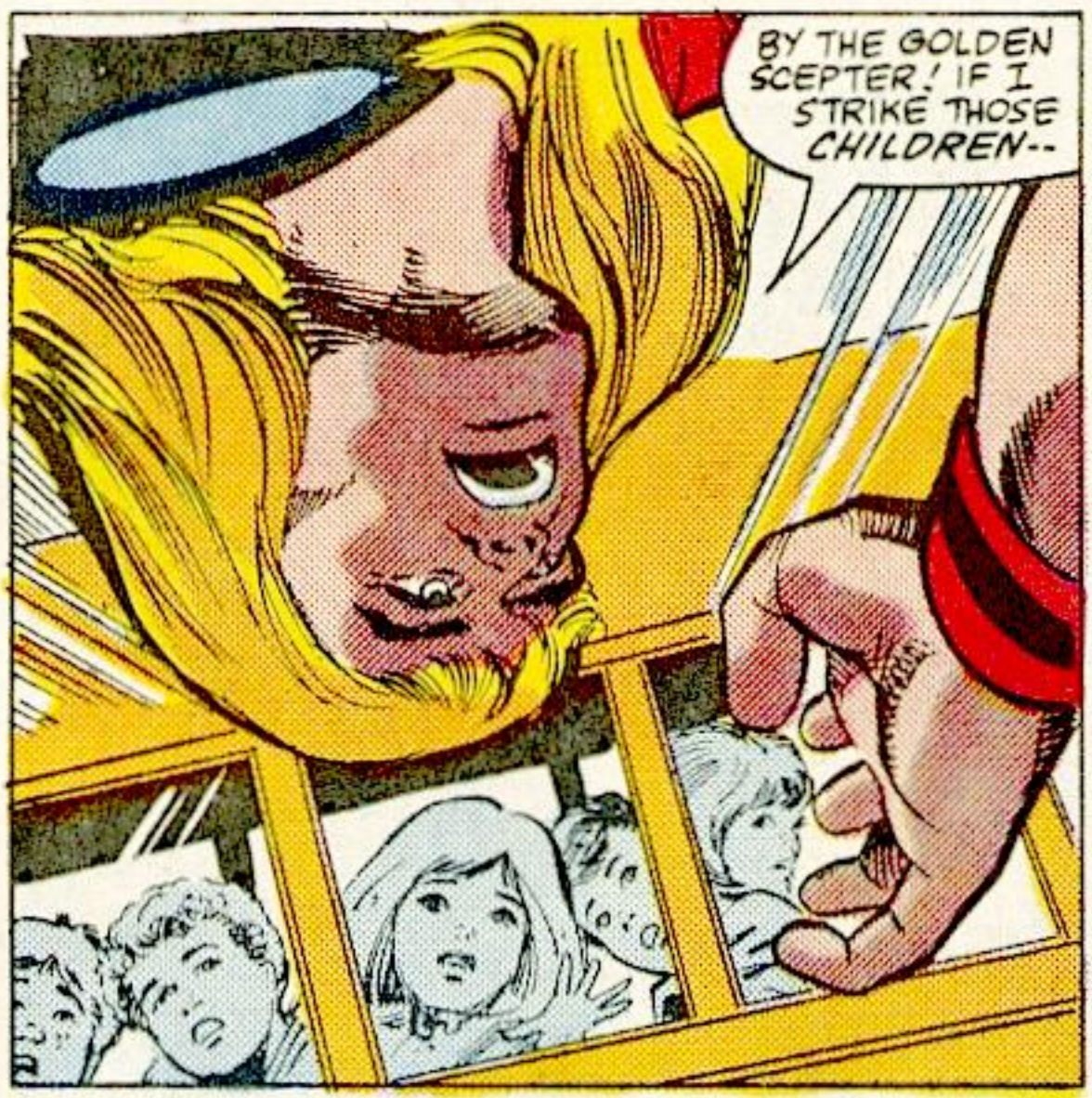
THOK!



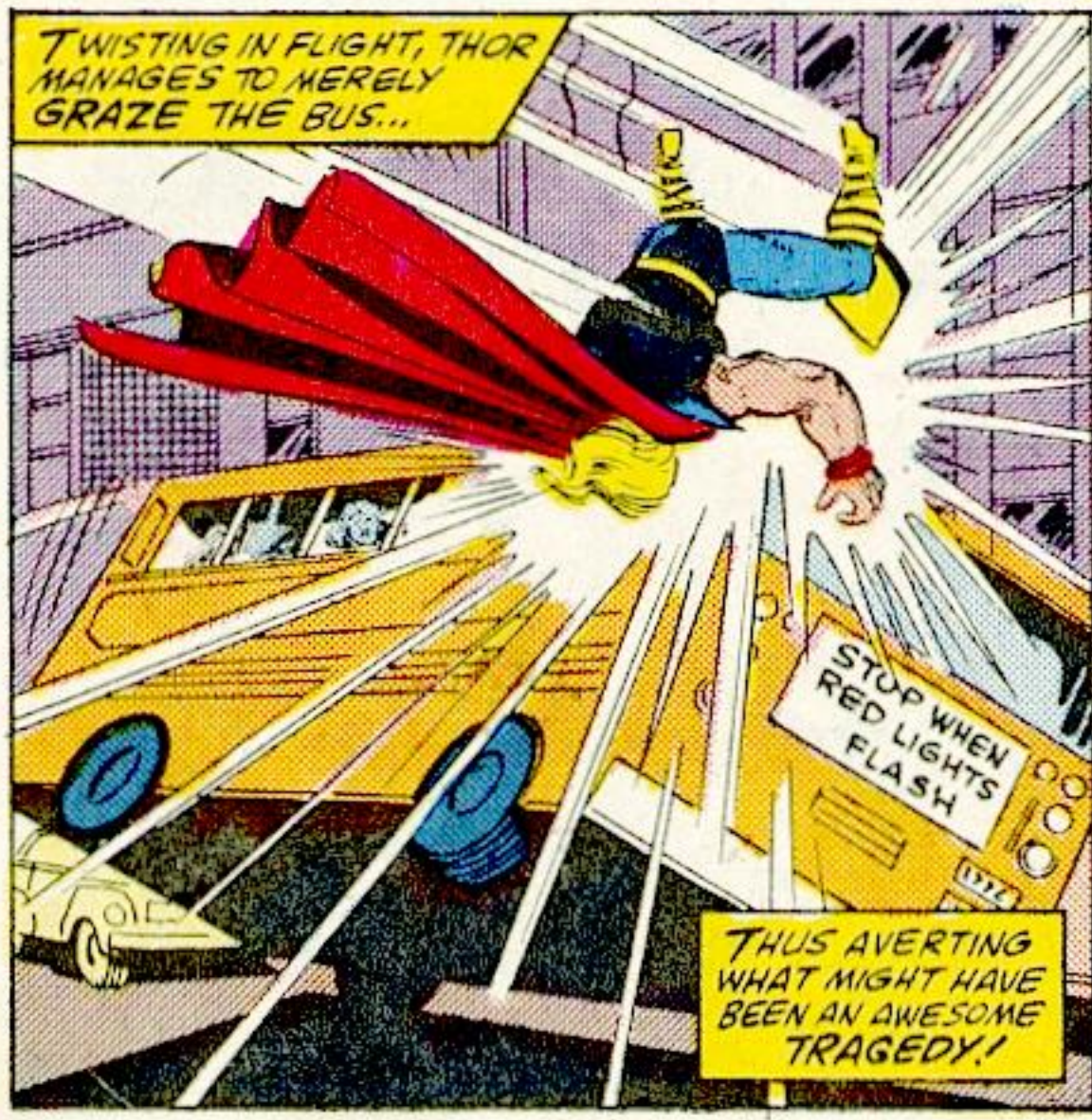
ONE A MONSTER, ONE A GOD, AND YET-- IN THIS FATEFUL SPLIT-SECOND OF ETERNITY--



EACH IS LIKE AN ELEMENTAL FORCE OF NATURE-- EACH, IN HIS OWN WAY, OUT OF CONTROL! UNTIL--

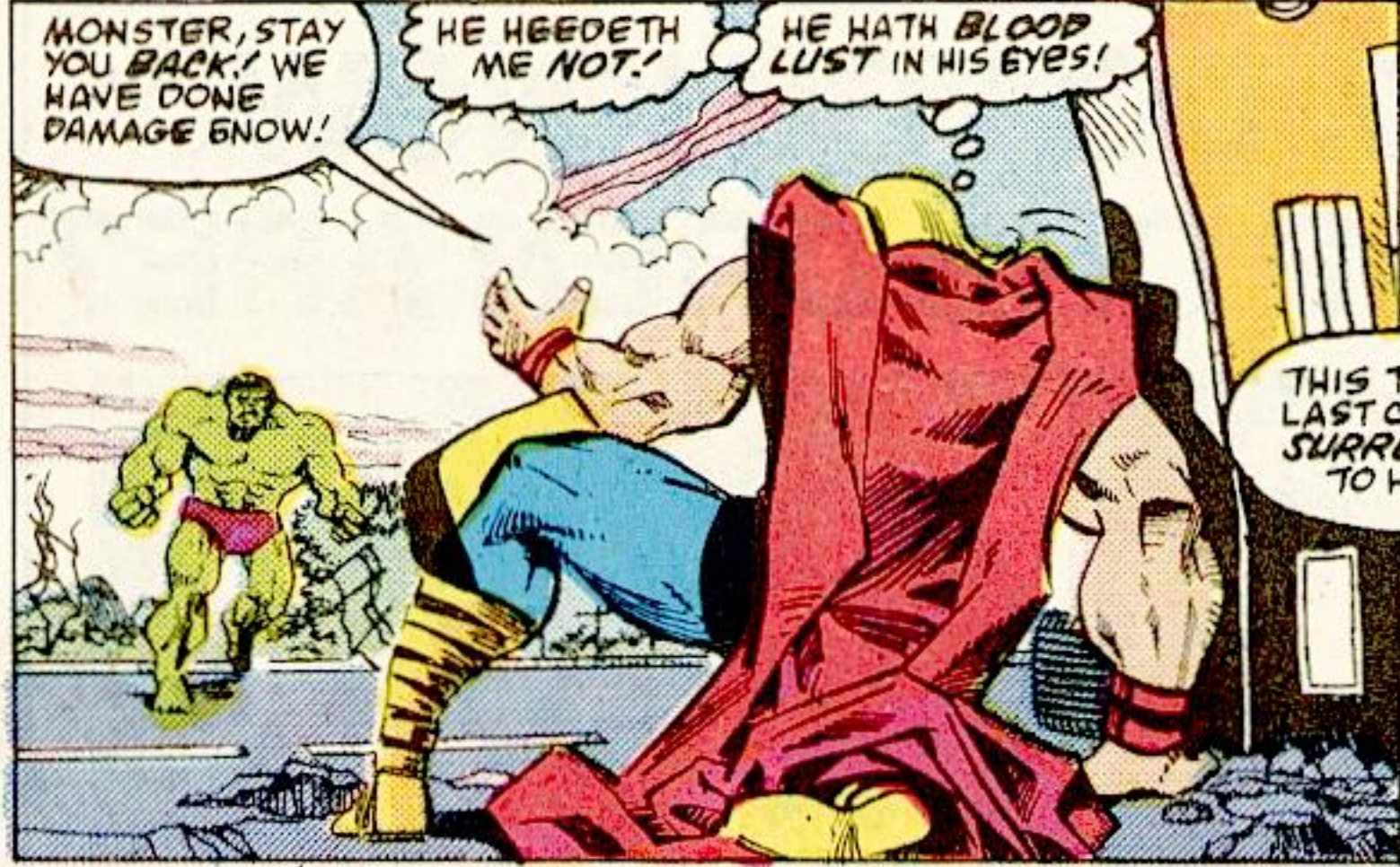


BY THE GOLDEN SCEPTER! IF I STRIKE THOSE CHILDREN--



TWISTING IN FLIGHT, THOR MANAGES TO MERELY GRAZE THE BUS...

THUS AVERTING WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN AN AWESOME TRAGEDY!



MONSTER, STAY YOU BACK! WE HAVE DONE DAMAGE ENOW!

HE HEEDETH ME NOT!

HE HATH BLOOD LUST IN HIS EYES!

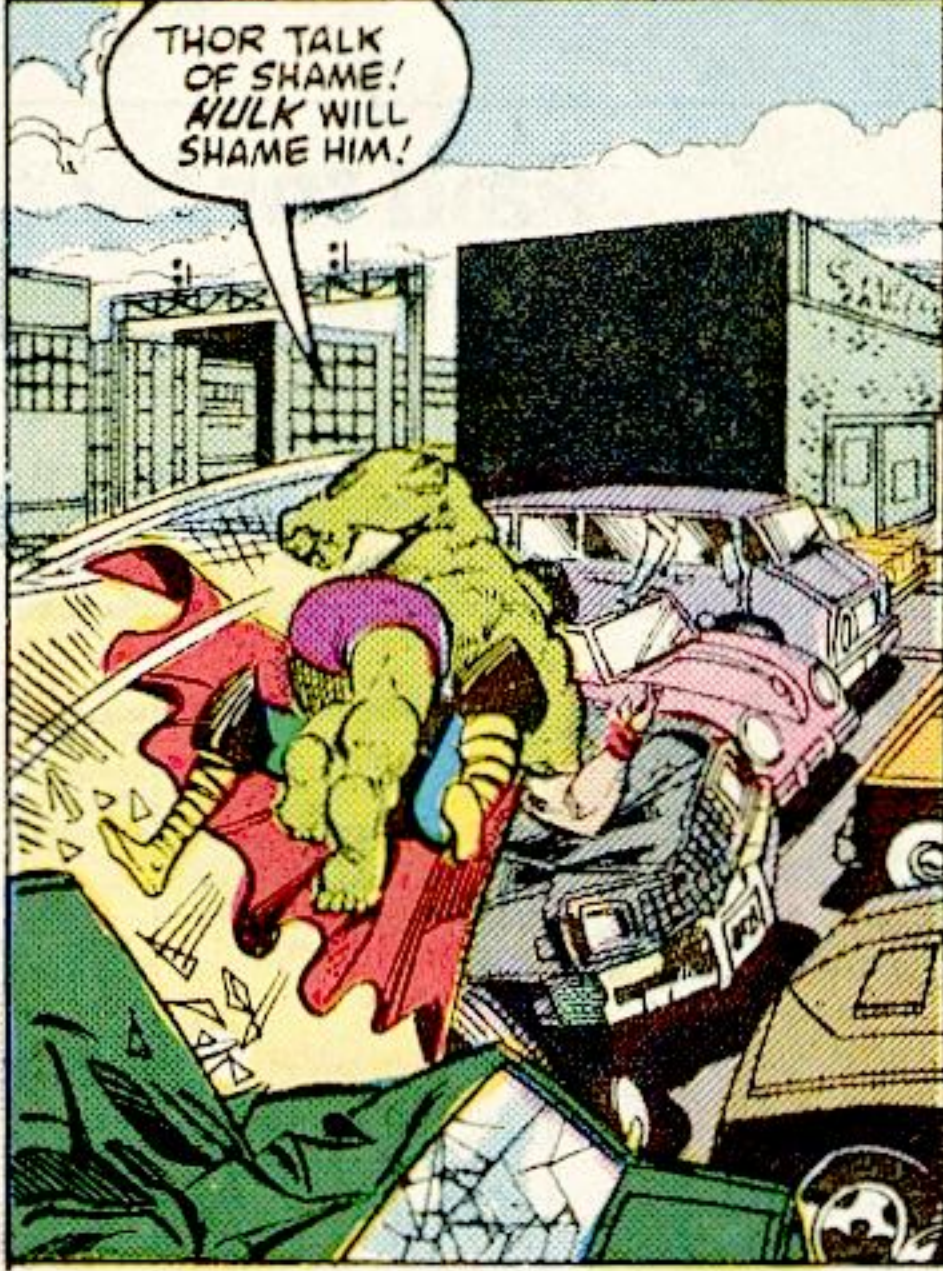
THIS THOR'S LAST CHANCE! SURRENDER TO HULK!



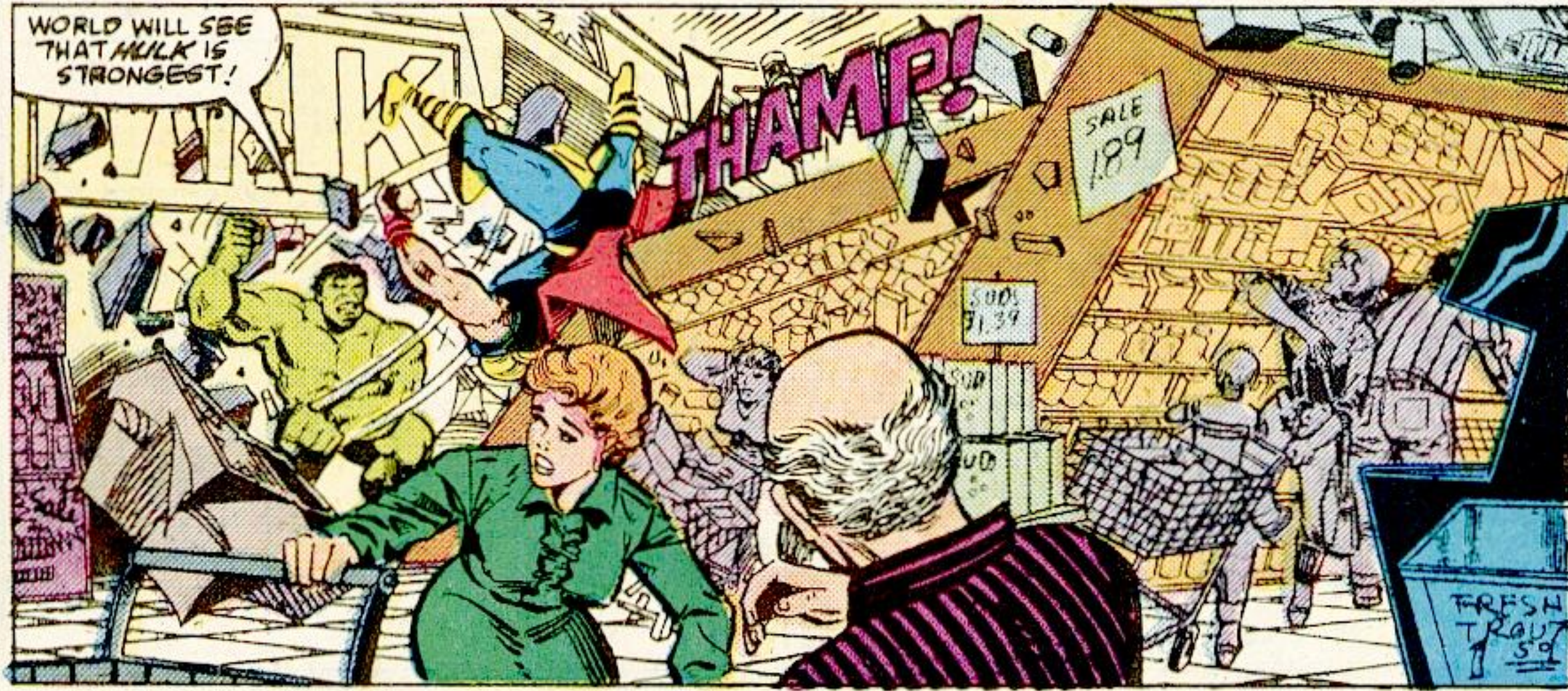
PTOK

BRING SHAME TO ASGARD?! NEVER!

THE THUNDER GOD'S BLOW WOULD HAVE FELLED A MOUNTAIN! BUT, OF THE HULK ALONE CAN IT BE SAID -- THE MORE HE FIGHTS, THE STRONGER HE GROWS!



THOR TALK OF SHAME! HULK WILL SHAME HIM!



WORLD WILL SEE THAT HULK IS STRONGEST!

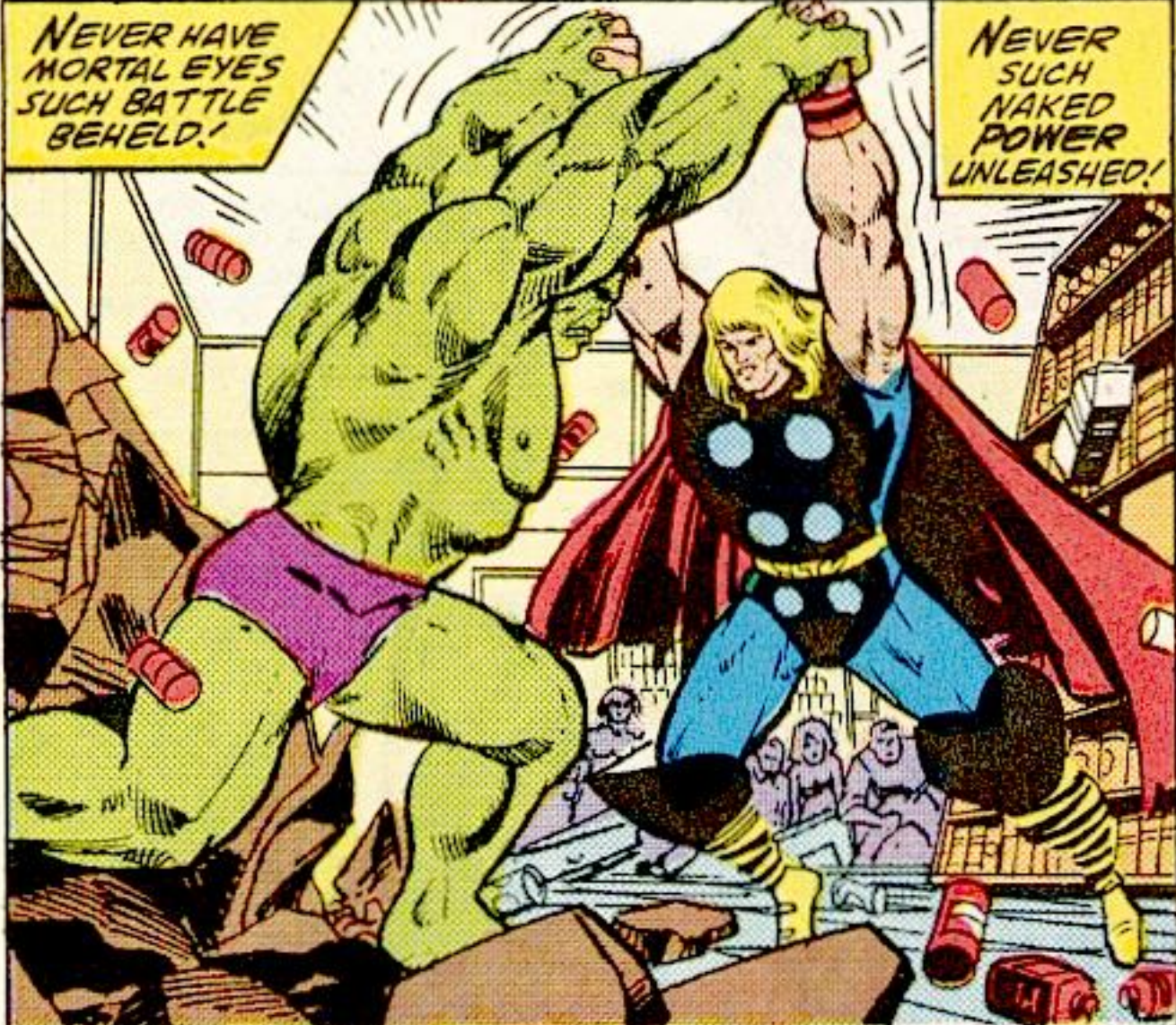
THAMPI!

SALE 189

SUDS 31.39

FRESH TROUT 59

NEVER HAVE MORTAL EYES SUCH BATTLE BEHELD!



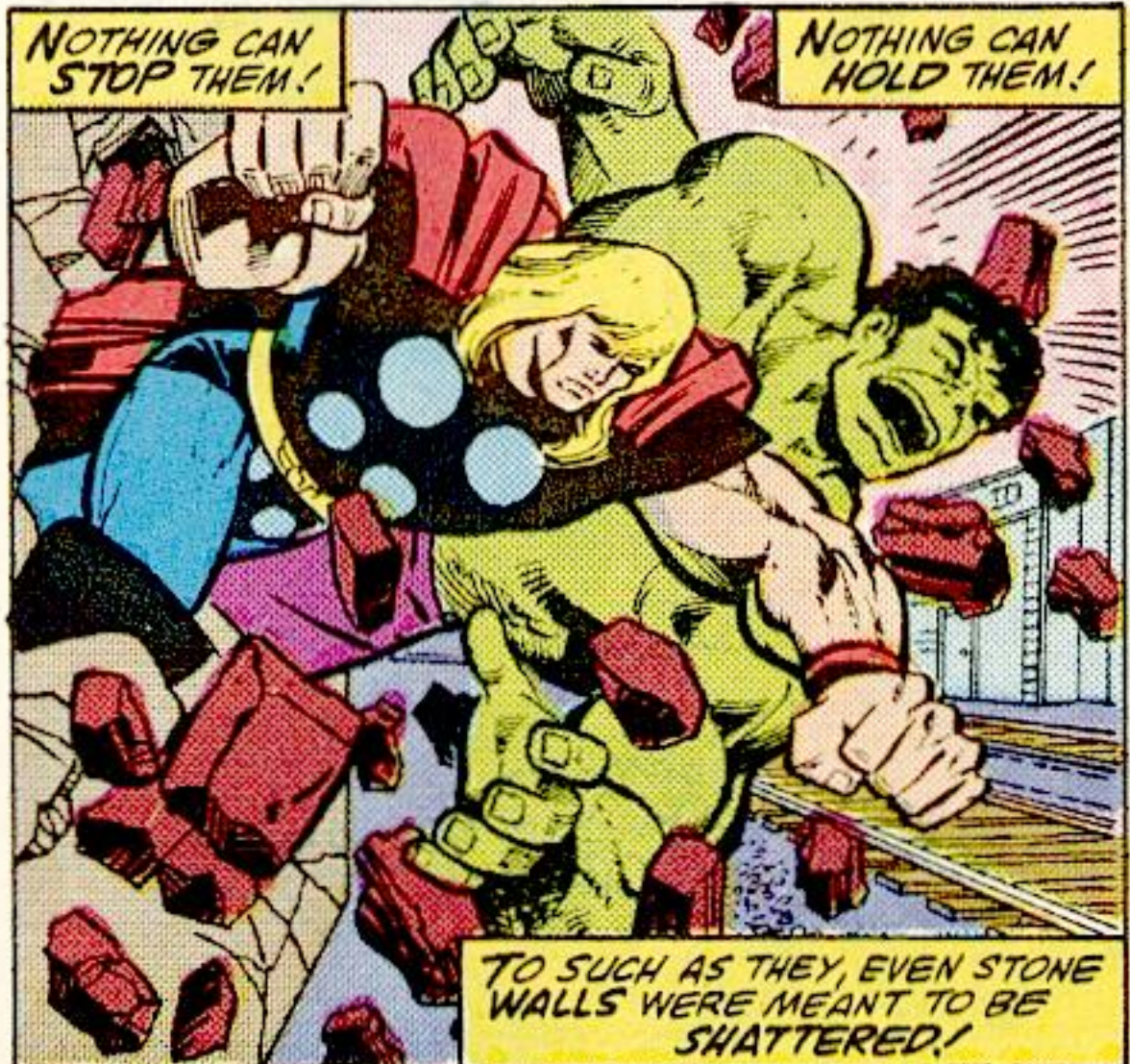
NEVER SUCH NAKED POWER UNLEASHED!

ALL BUT FORGOTTEN IS THE RISK TO OTHERS...



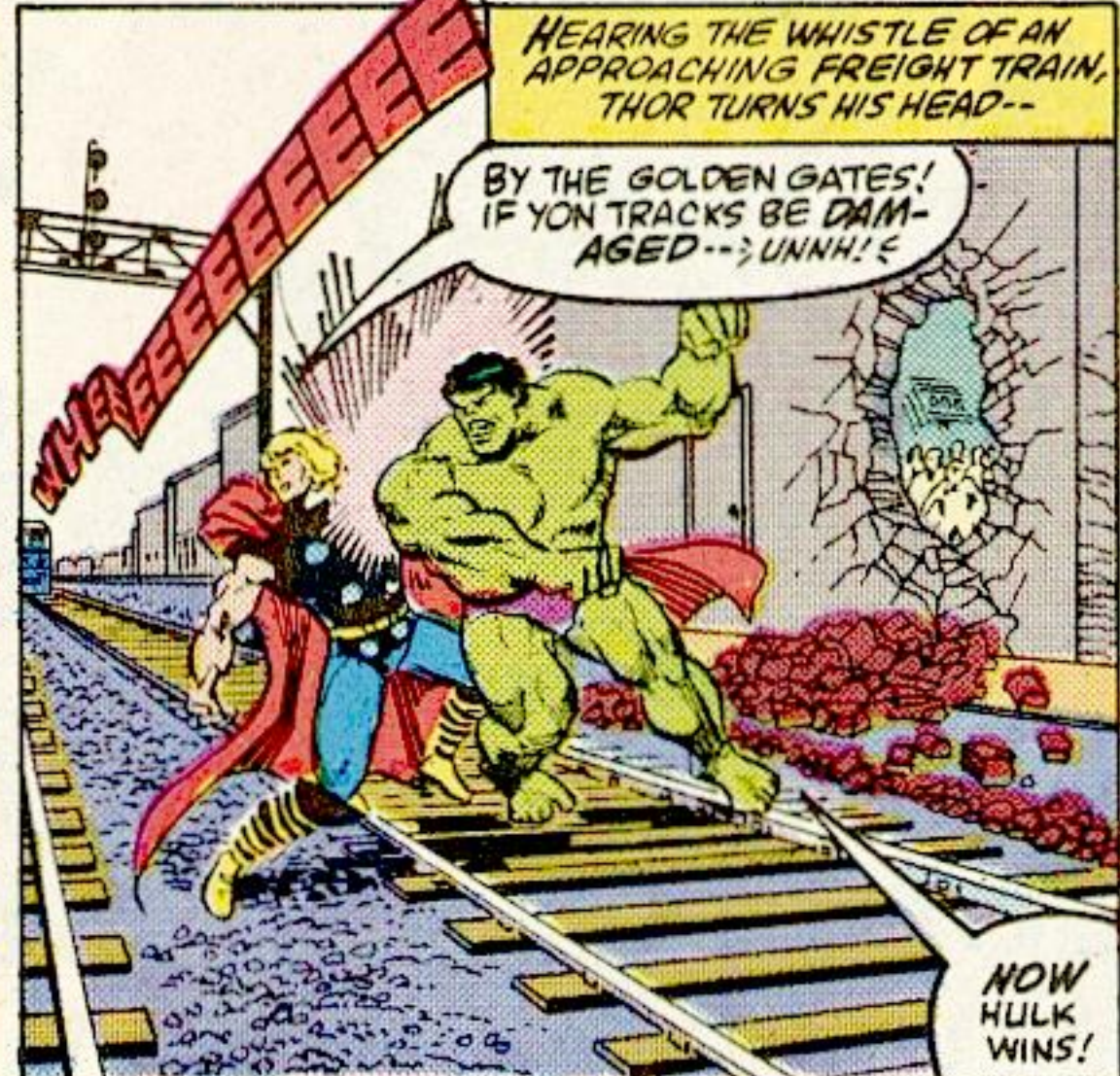
ONLY THE BATTLE FEVER REMAINS!

NOTHING CAN STOP THEM!



NOTHING CAN HOLD THEM!

TO SUCH AS THEY, EVEN STONE WALLS WERE MEANT TO BE SHATTERED!



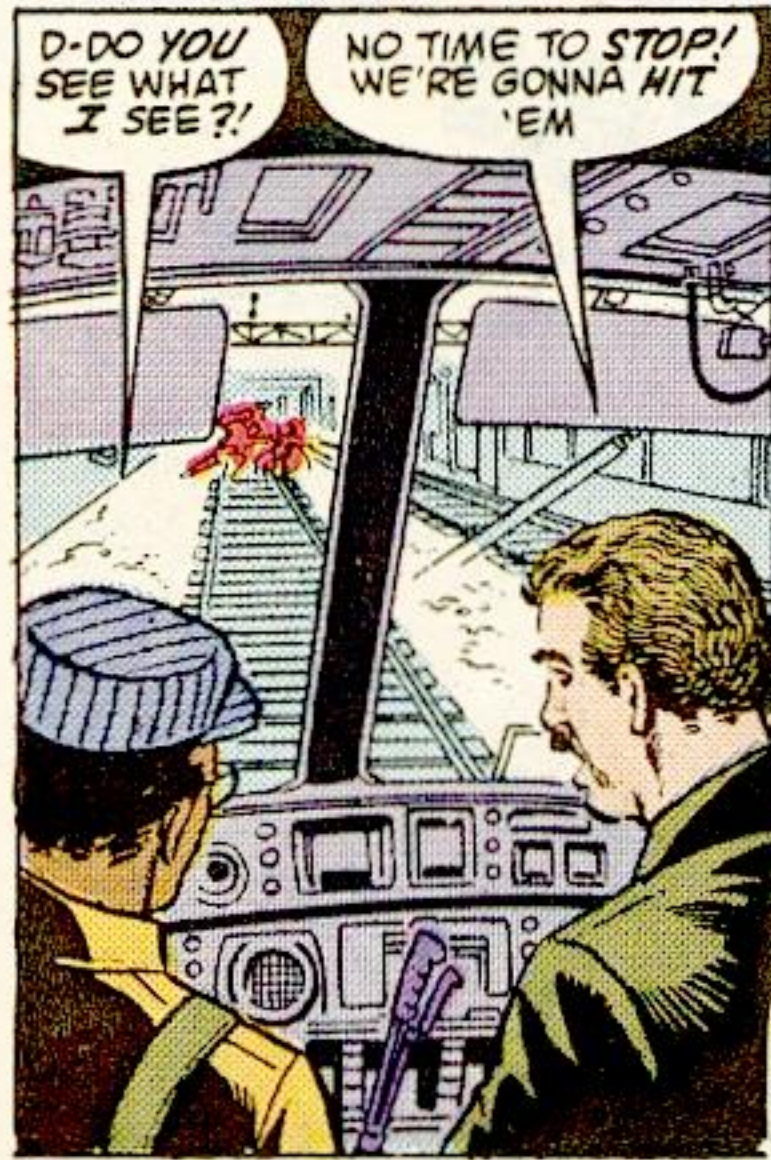
HEARING THE WHISTLE OF AN APPROACHING FREIGHT TRAIN, THOR TURNS HIS HEAD--

BY THE GOLDEN GATES! IF YON TRACKS BE DAMAGED--UNNH! E

NOW HULK WINS!

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D-DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?!



NO TIME TO STOP! WE'RE GONNA HIT 'EM

JUMP!



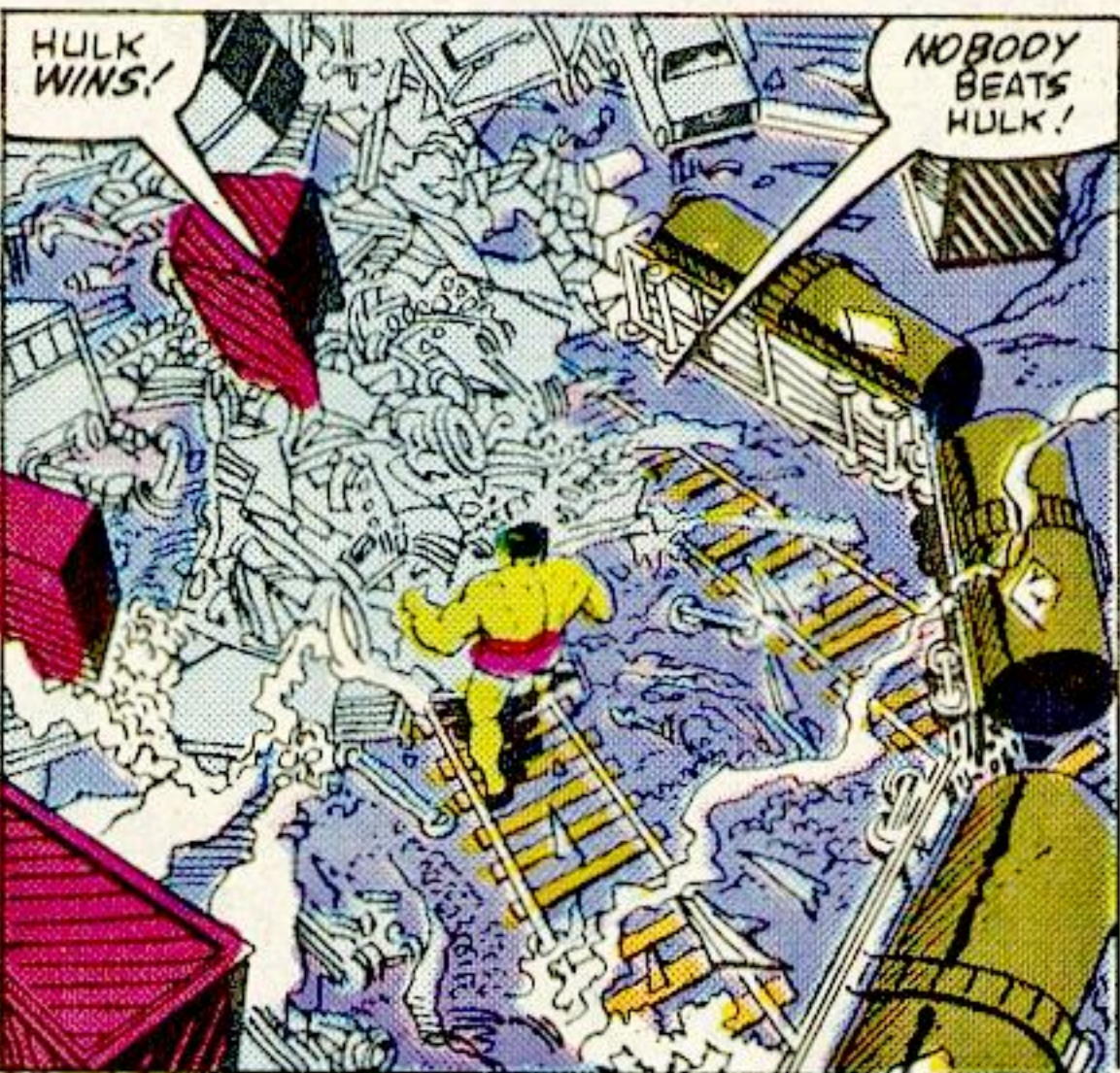
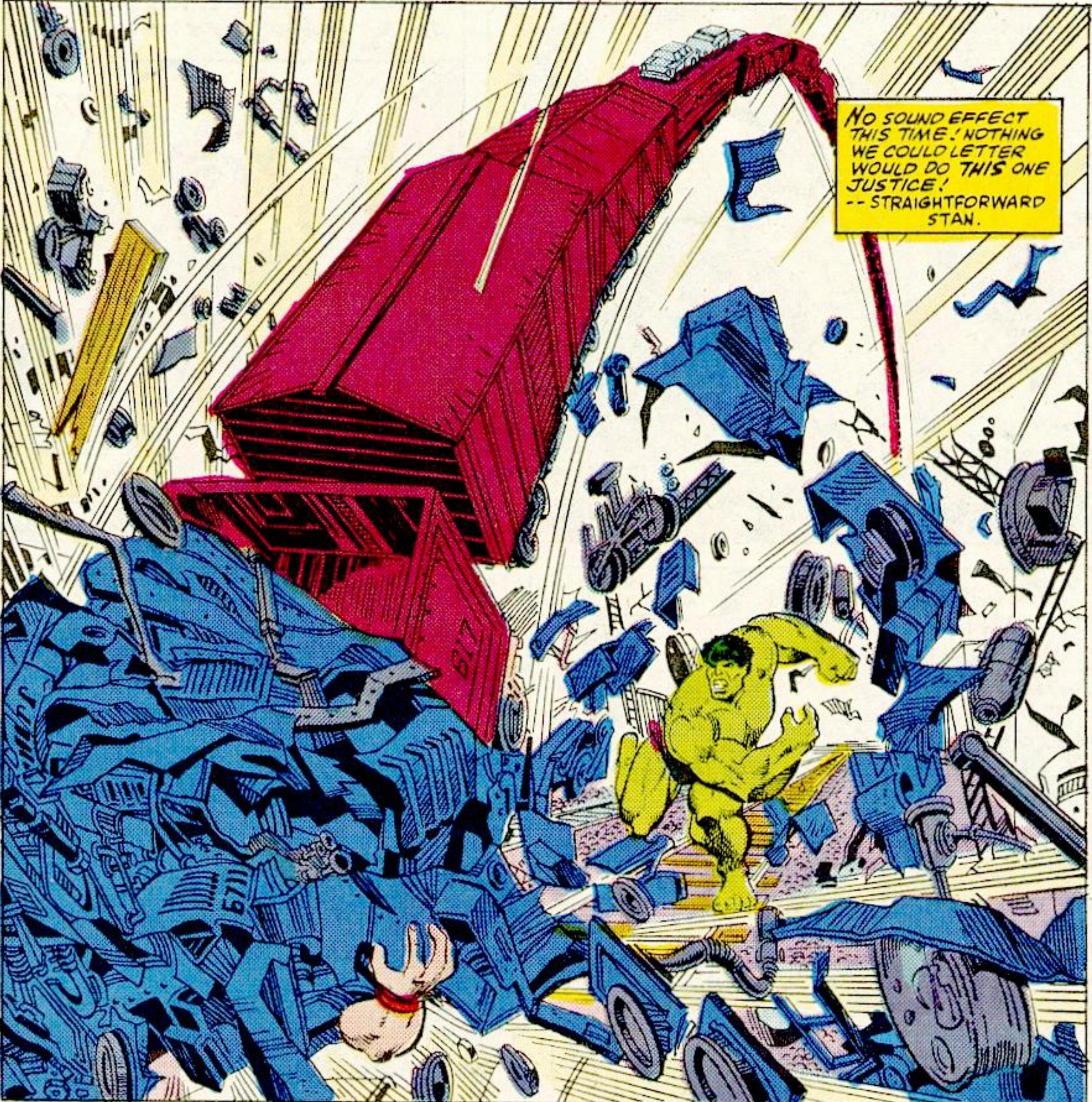
INEXORABLY, THE TRAIN ROARS ON, UNTIL IT STRIKES THE HULK!

BUT IT ONLY SERVES TO ANGER HIM!

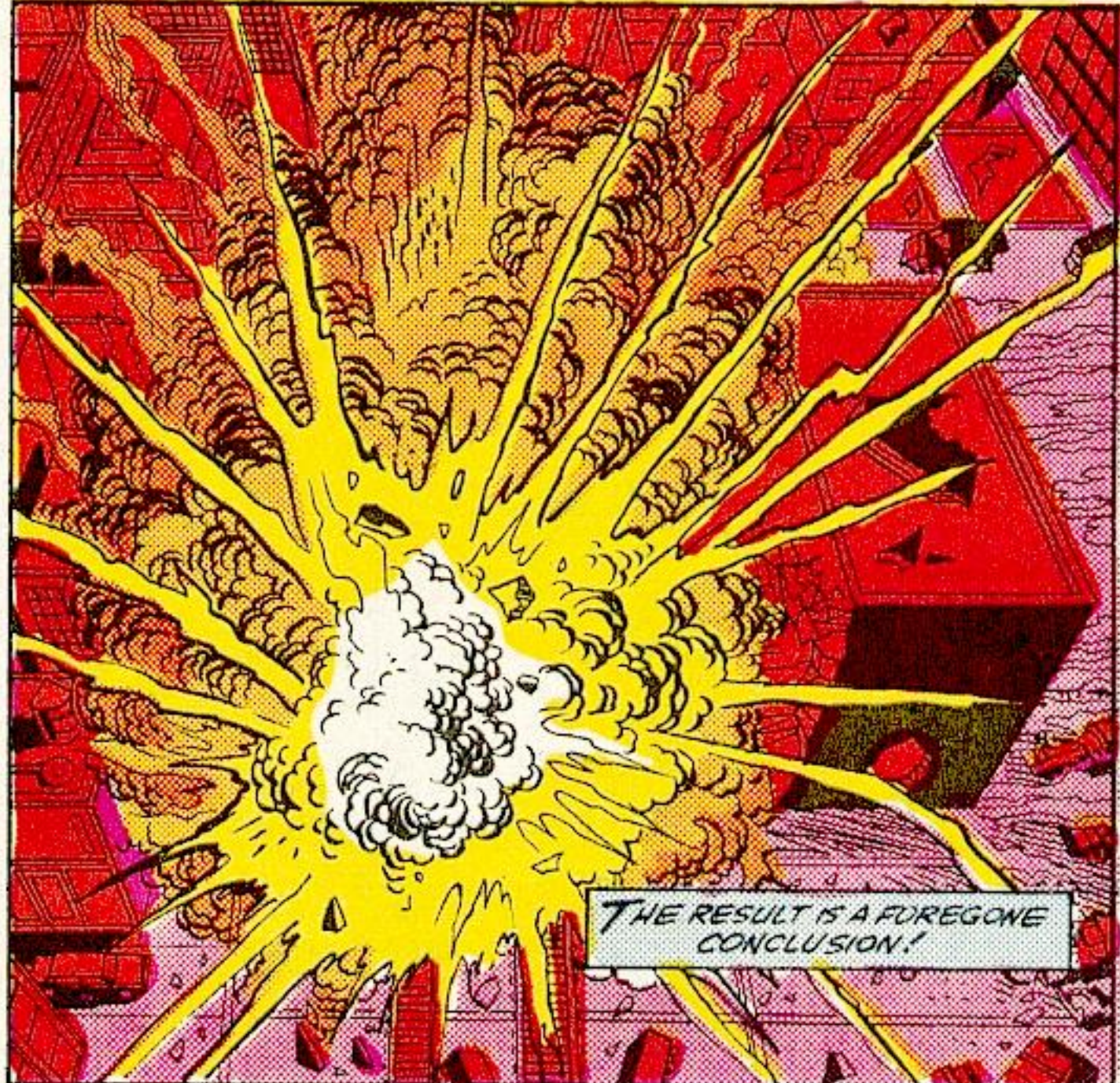
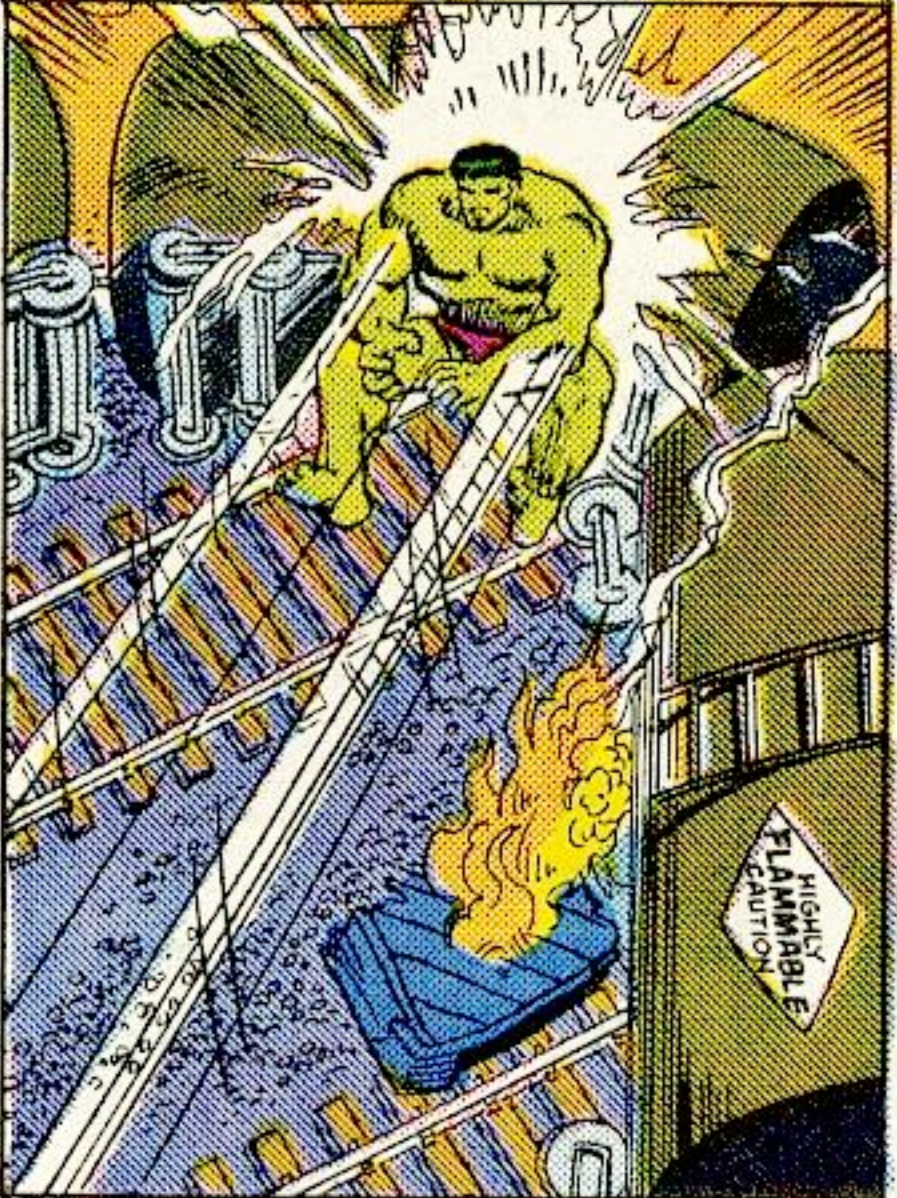


NOW HULK FINISH YOU!

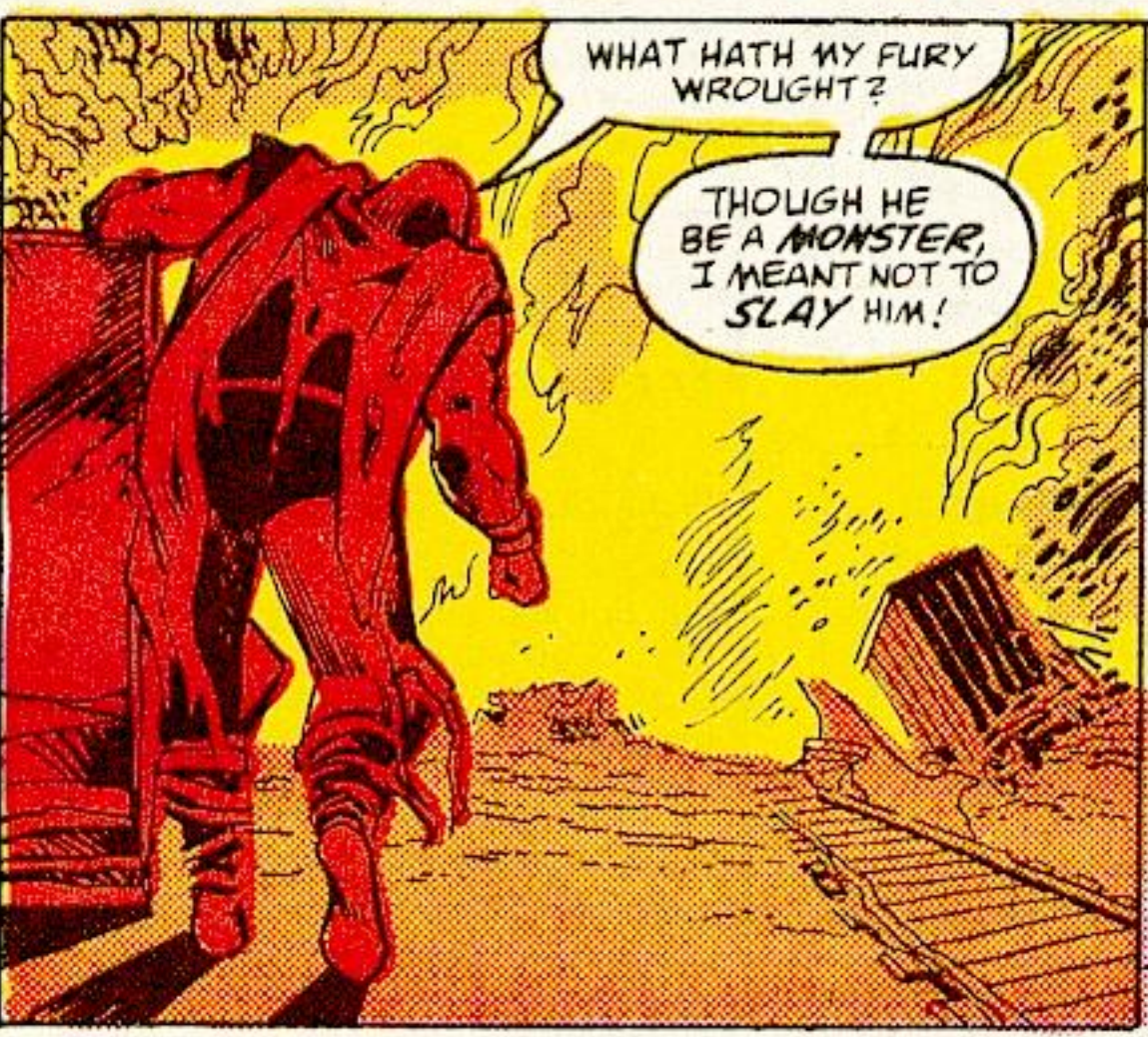
NO SOUND EFFECT
THIS TIME! NOTHING
WE COULD LETTER
WOULD DO THIS ONE
JUSTICE!
-- STRAIGHTFORWARD
STAN.



HURLED BACK LIKE A PROJECTILE BY THE FORCE OF THE THUNDER GOD'S BLOW, THE HULK SMASHES AGAINST TWO OVERTURNED OIL CARS!

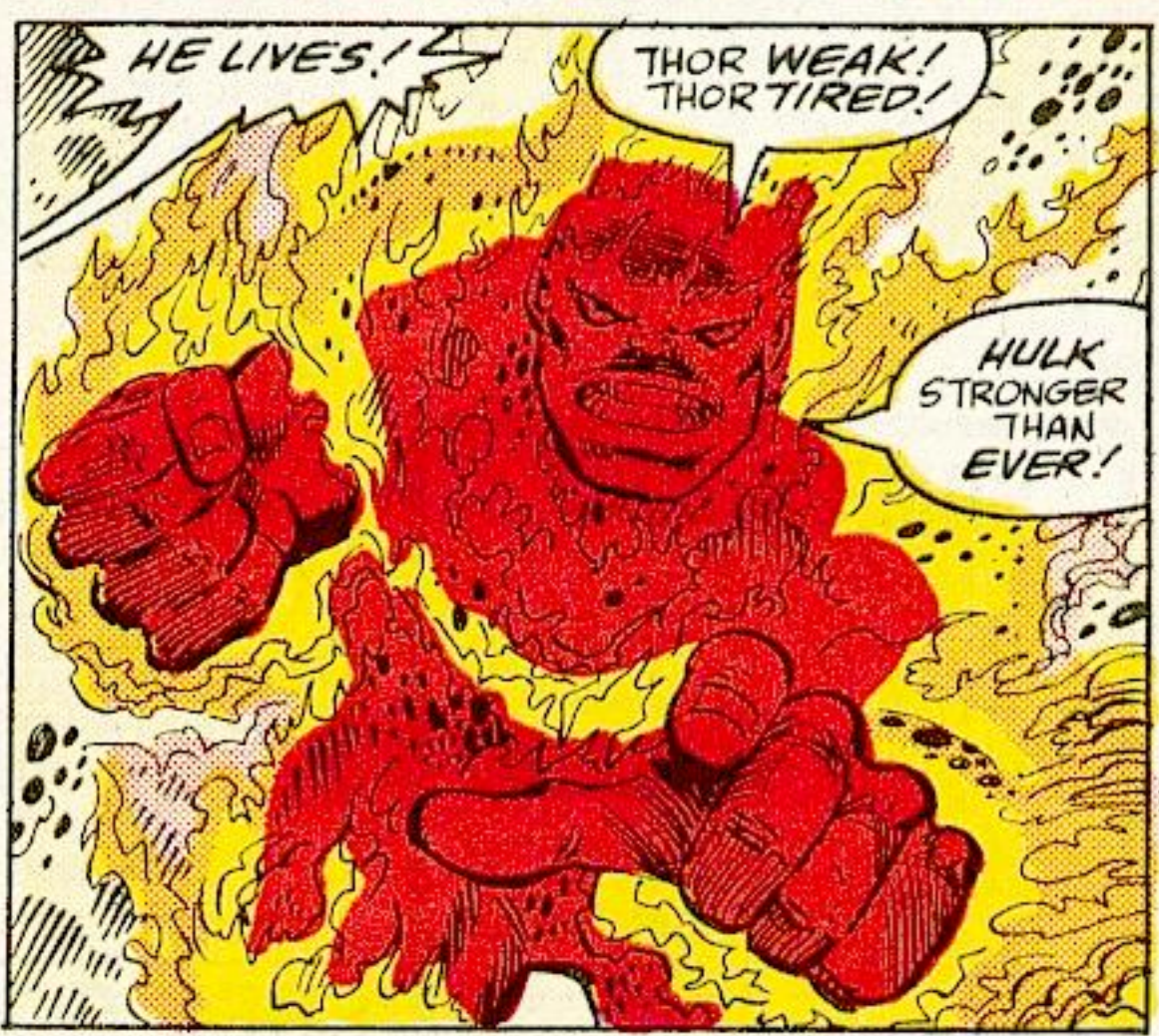


THE RESULT IS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION!



WHAT HATH MY FURY WROUGHT?

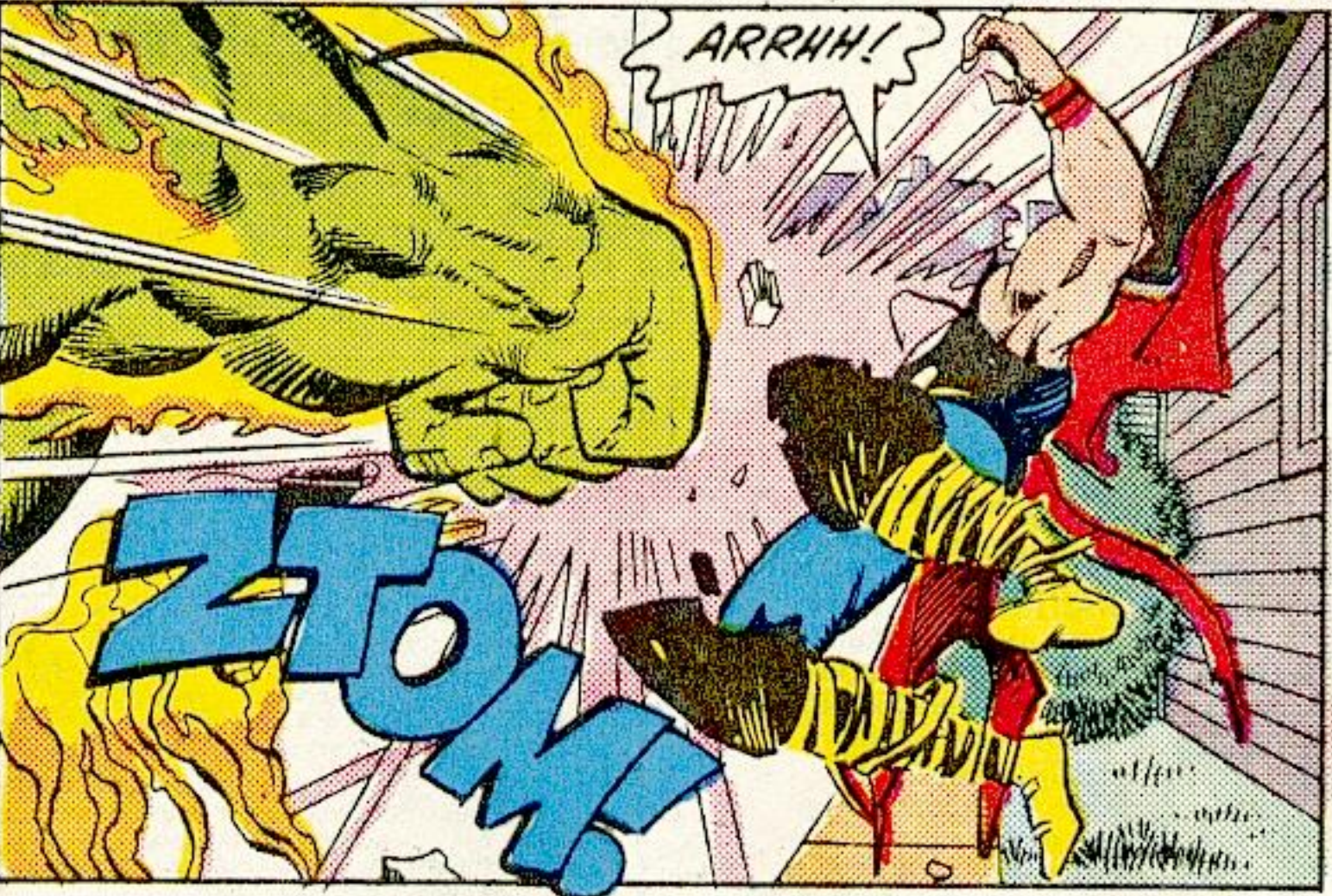
THOUGH HE BE A MONSTER, I MEANT NOT TO SLAY HIM!



HE LIVES!

THOR WEAK! THOR TIRED!

HULK STRONGER THAN EVER!



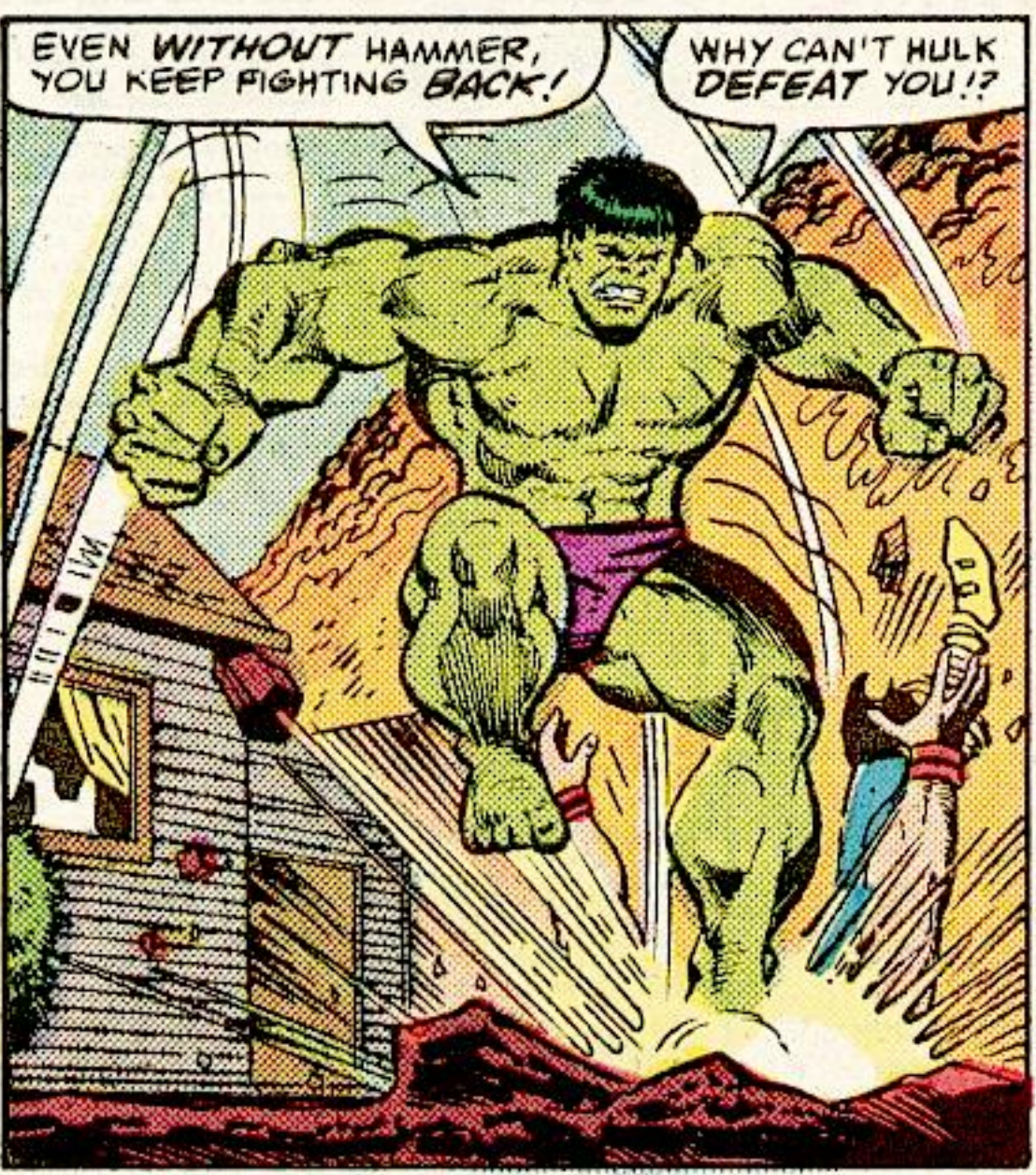
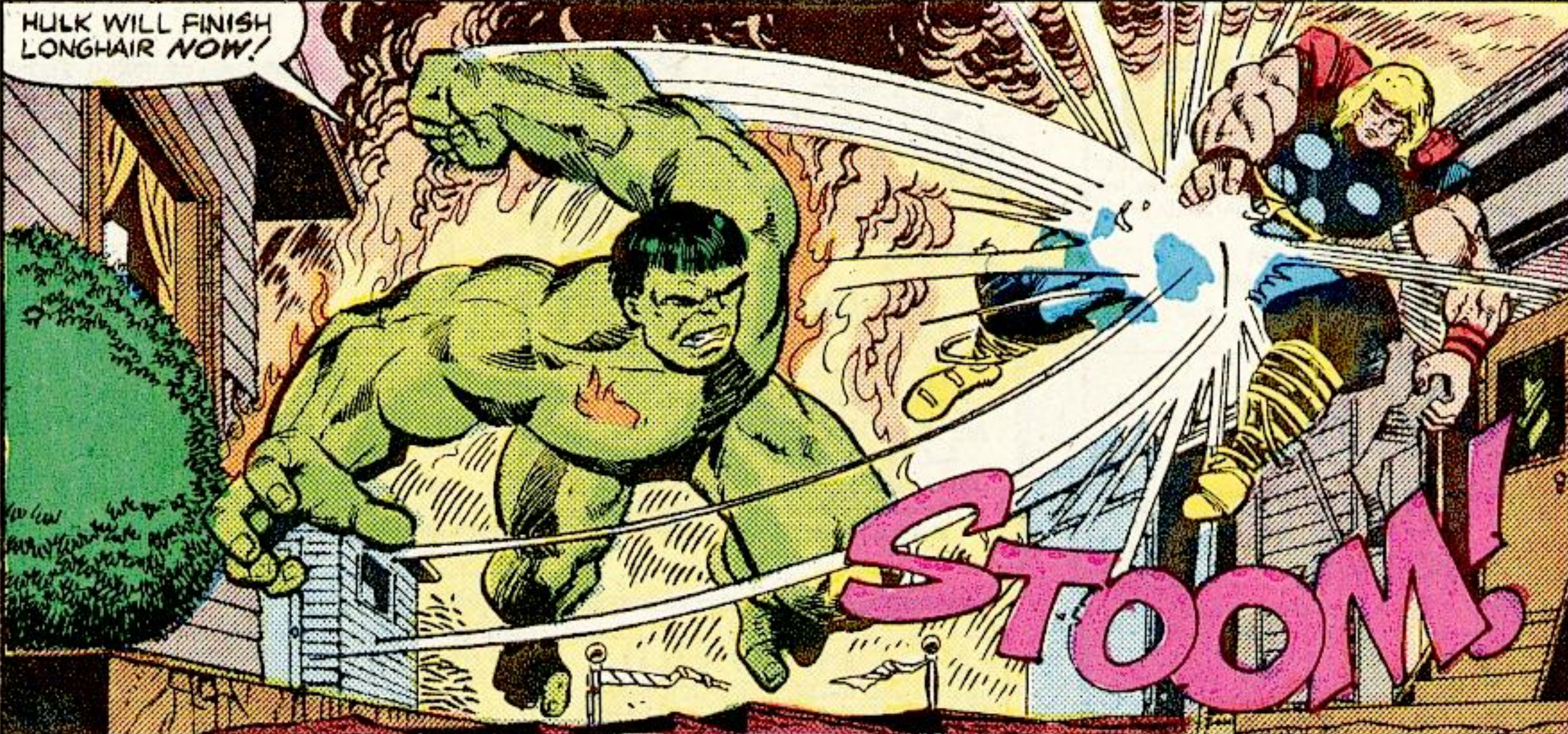
ARRRH!

ZTOOM!



IS THERE NO LIMIT TO THE BEAST'S STRENGTH?

HULK WILL FINISH LONGHAIR NOW!



EVEN WITHOUT HAMMER, YOU KEEP FIGHTING BACK!

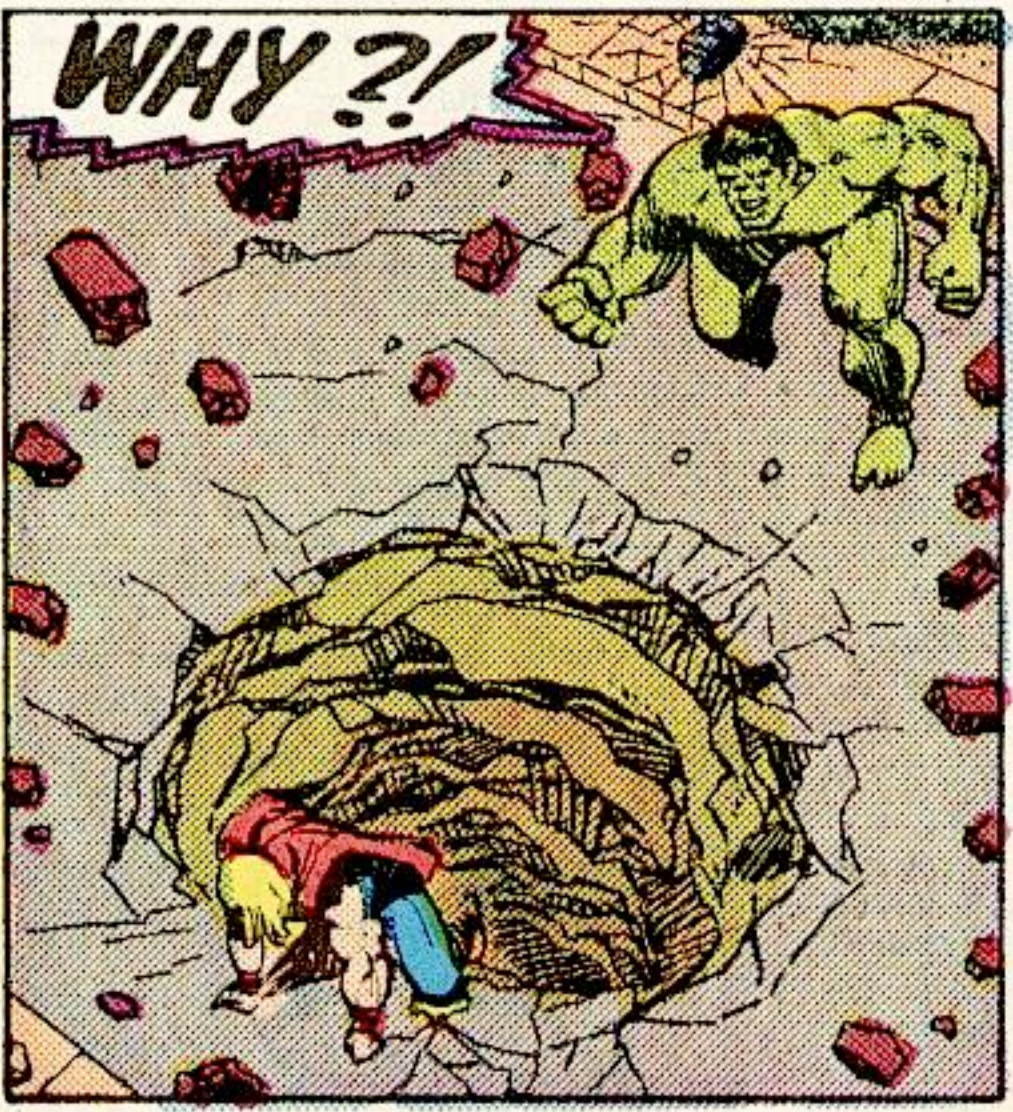
WHY CAN'T HULK DEFEAT YOU!?



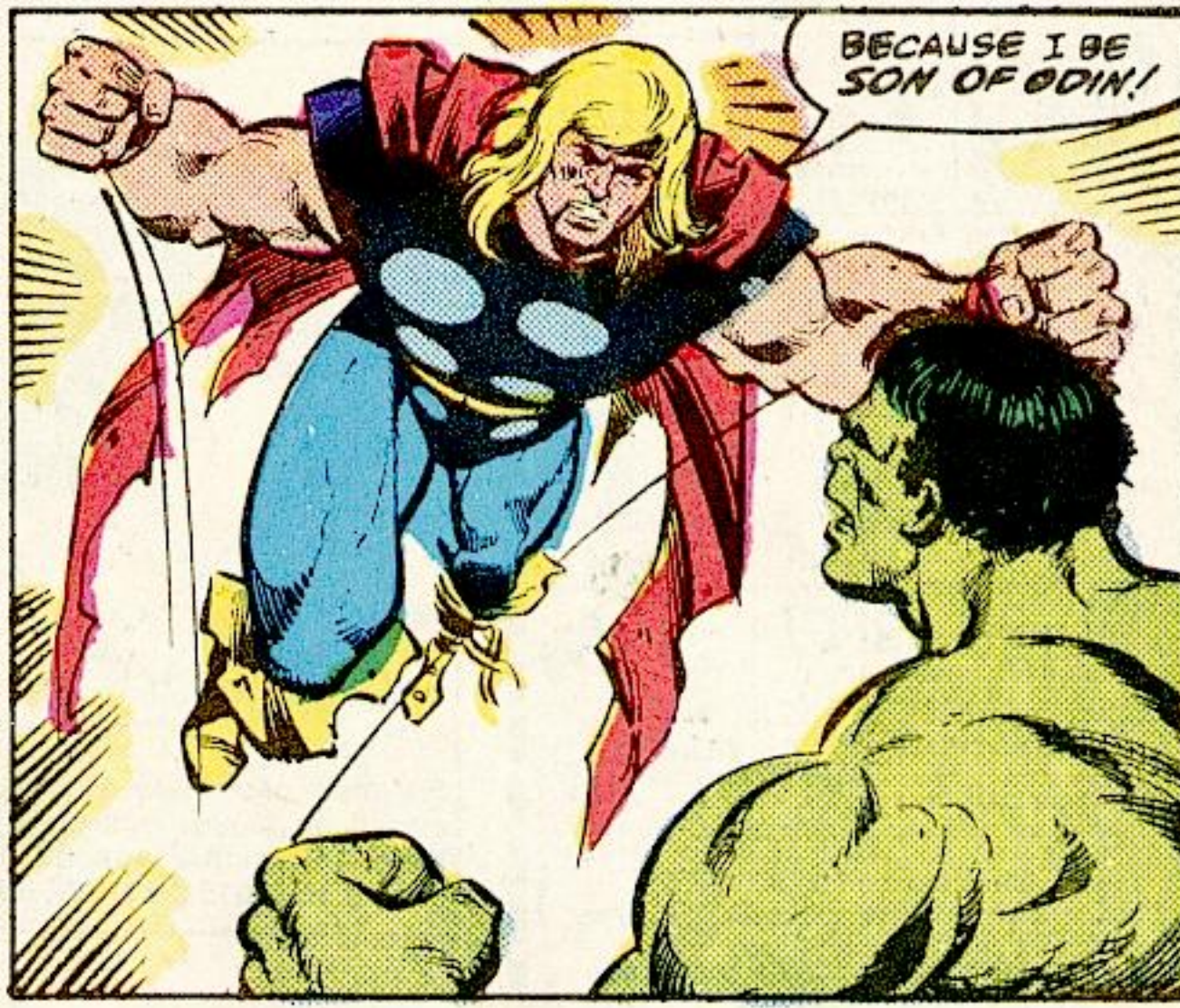
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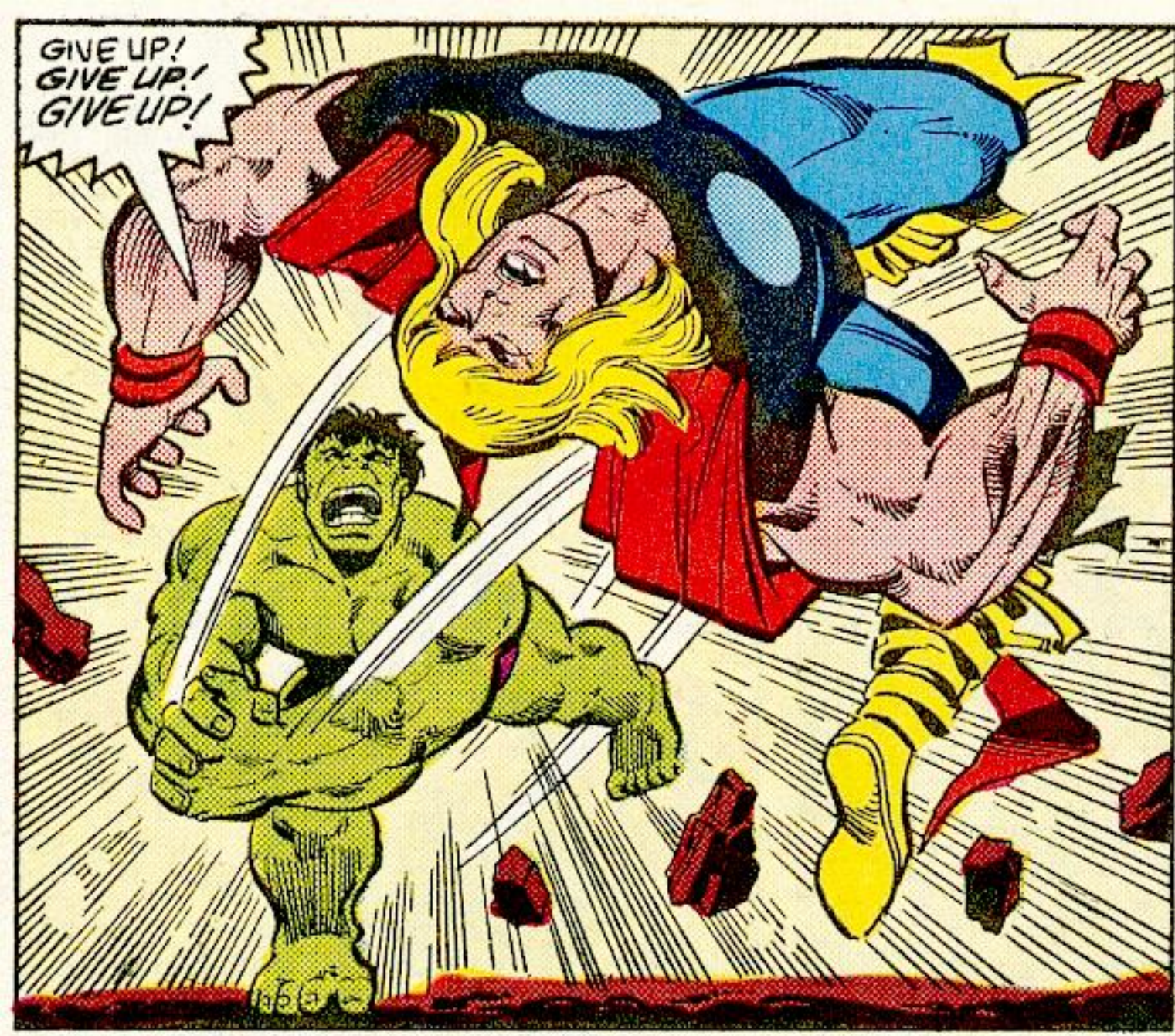
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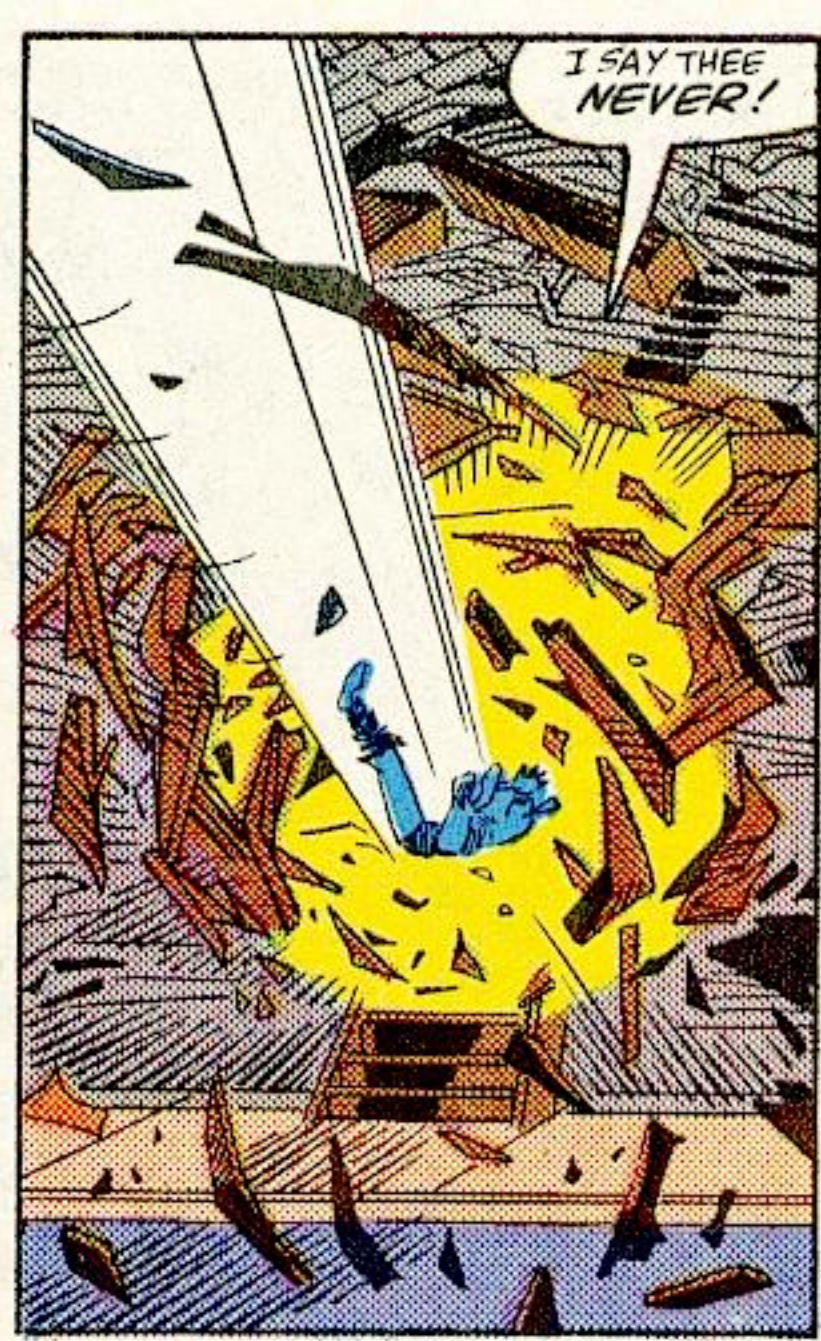
WHY?!



BECAUSE I BE SON OF ODIN!



GIVE UP!
GIVE UP!
GIVE UP!



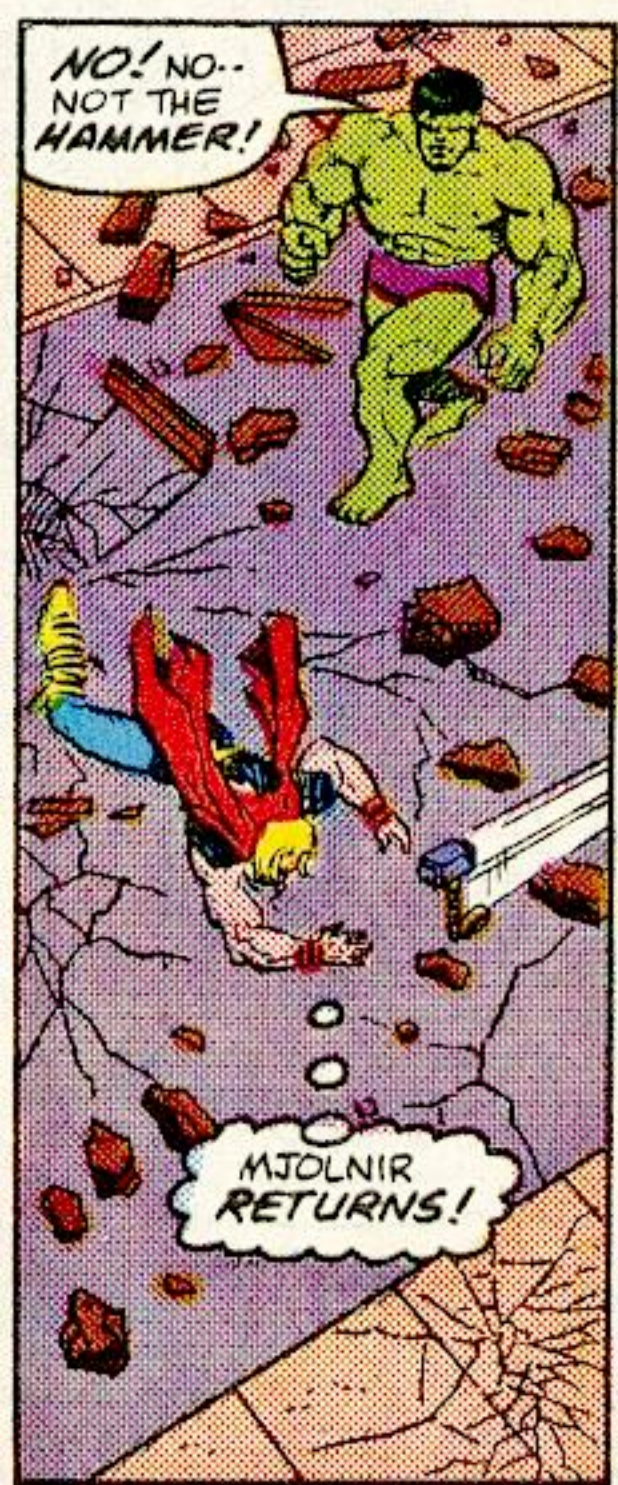
I SAY THEE
NEVER!



'TIS MADNESS!
'TIS SHEEREST
FOLLY! WHY DO
WE FIGHT? WHAT
IS TO GAIN?

AND WHAT OF THE
INCALCULABLE
DAMAGE WE HAVE
WROUGHT?!!

STAY DOWN!
HULK MUST
WIN!



NO! NO--
NOT THE
HAMMER!

MJOLNIR
RETURNS!

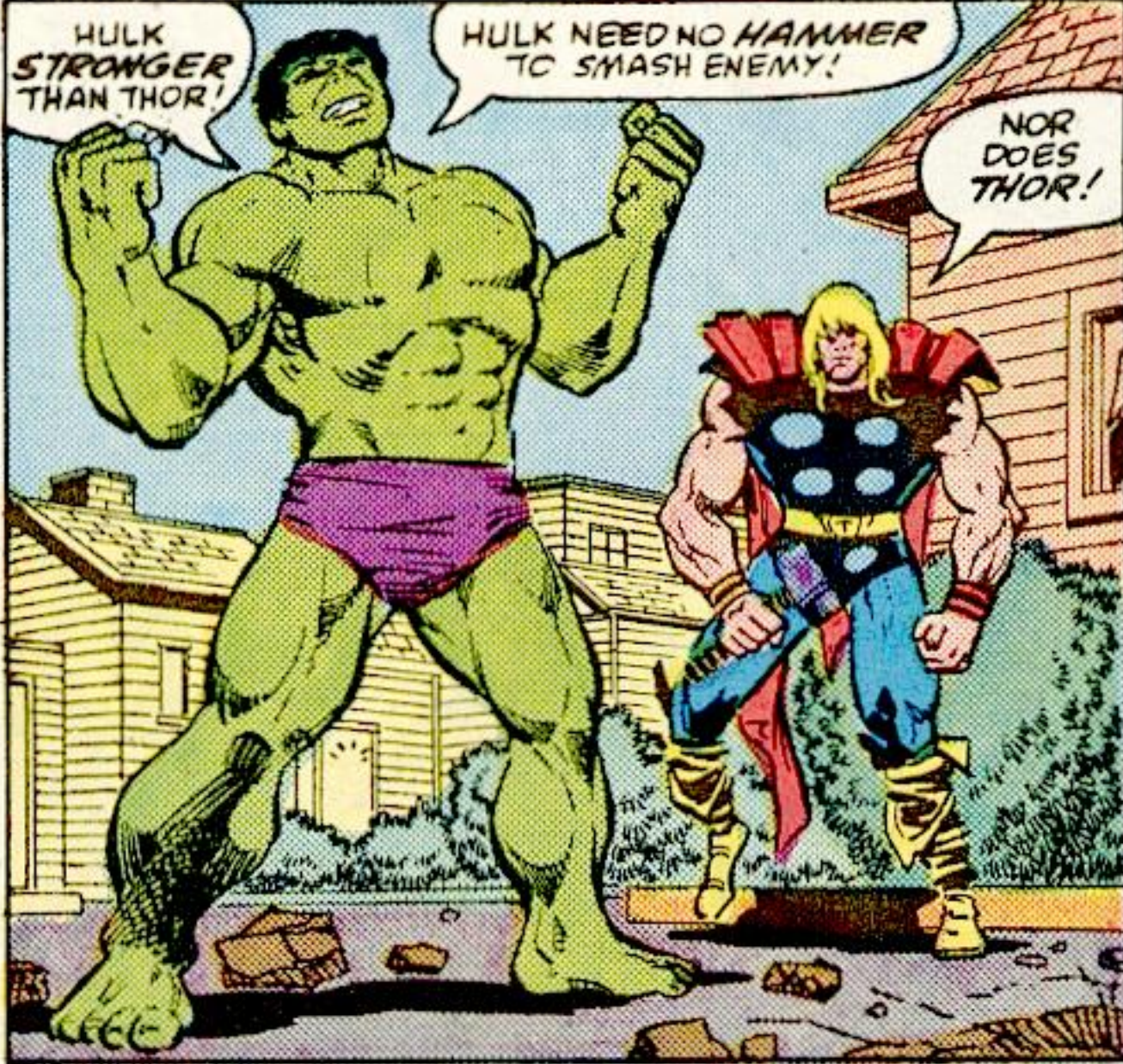


WHY STOP THOU,
MONSTER? IS IT
BECAUSE THOU
FACETH THE WRATH
OF ASGARD
ONCE AGAIN!

HULK
NOT
AFRAID!



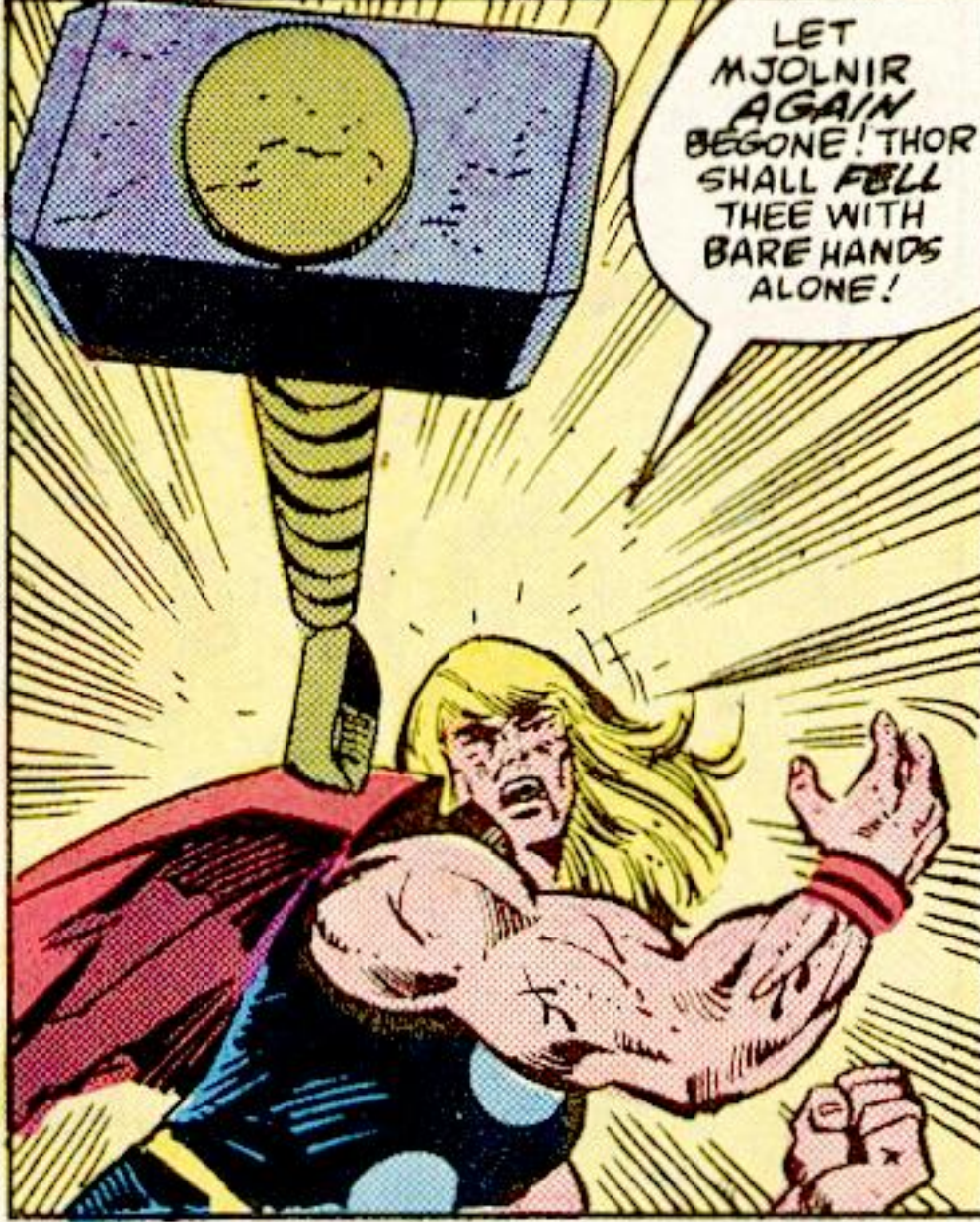
HULK NOT AFRAID OF
ANY MAN! BUT THOR
NOT MAN! THOR
GOD OF THUNDER!



HULK STRONGER THAN THOR!

HULK NEED NO HAMMER TO SMASH ENEMY!

NOR DOES THOR!



LET MJOLNIR AGAIN BEGONE! THOR SHALL FALL THEE WITH BARE HANDS ALONE!



NO! KEEP HAMMER! HULK DOESN'T CARE!



HULK ONLY FIGHTS WHEN ANGRY!

ANGER GONE NOW!

HULK WILL CRUSH THOR NEXT TIME!

THEN RETURN TO THY MASTER MIGHTY MJOLNIR!



FOR ONE BRIEF MOMENT IN TIME, A GOD HATH FOUGHT A MONSTER!

AND THE TASTE OF BATTLE STILL CLINGS BITTER TO MY LIPS!



I, WHO AM SPRUNG FROM GODS, TURNED SAVAGE AS HE!

GOADED BY A LUSTING FOR VICTORY, MY RAGE BLINDED ME TO THE DAMAGE, THE SUFFERING THUS CAUSED!

WHAT DOETH IT MATTER WHO BE THE STRONGER? 'T WAS HE WHO ENDED THE FRAY, WHILST I HUNGURED TO BATTLE ON, IN THE NAME OF-- EMPTY PRIDE!

YEA, TO MY ETERNAL SHAME, ON THIS BLEAK DAY A GOD TURNED MONSTER, TOO!

END