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the mighty THOR

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

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THE **CAPTAIN**
CAPTAIN



FRENZ BREEDING '87

THE HERO AND THE HAMMER!

ON HYDROBASE, THE ISLAND HEADQUARTERS OF EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES, A HEART-STIRRING BATTLE CRY SUDDENLY SHATTERS THE AFTER-NOON STILLNESS...

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WHAT IS IT, THOR? WHAT'S WRONG?

NOTHING IS WRONG, CAPTAIN MARVEL!

I MERELY WISHED TO ANNOUNCE THAT I HAVE FINALLY RETURNED FROM MY TRAVELS IN SPACE--

--AND THAT I AM ONCE MORE FREE TO TAKE MY PLACE AMONG THIS GALLANT GROUP OF HEROES!

THIS IS ONE GUY WHO REALLY KNOWS HOW TO MAKE AN ENTRANCE!



I ALSO POSSESS SOME STARTLING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CELESTIALS WHICH MUST BE ADDED TO OUR FILES!

BUT FIRST, WHO IS THIS STRANGER WHO STANDS AMONG US? HIS COSTUME APPEARS VERY FAMILIAR, BUT I HAVE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE!

IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MY IDENTITY, YOU COULD ALWAYS THROW YOUR HAMMER, AND--



-- TRY TO CONQUER ME!!

OD'S BLOOD!! ONLY ONE MORTAL CAN DODGE MY RICOCHETING HAMMER WITH SO LITTLE EFFORT!



CAPTAIN AMERICA! YOU HAVE DRAMATICALLY ALTERED YOUR APPEARANCE!

SO HAVE YOU, THUNDER GOD! THE LAST TIME WE MET, YOU WERE WEARING ARMOR AND SPORTING A FULL BEARD!

BUT WE CAN DISCUSS OUR NEW LOOKS LATER, OLD FRIEND! RIGHT NOW--



-- CAPTAIN MARVEL PUT ME IN CHARGE OF CLEANING AWAY THE DEBRIS CAUSED BY OUR RECENT BATTLE WITH THE SUPER-ADAPTOID! *

LET'S MOVE IT, PEOPLE!

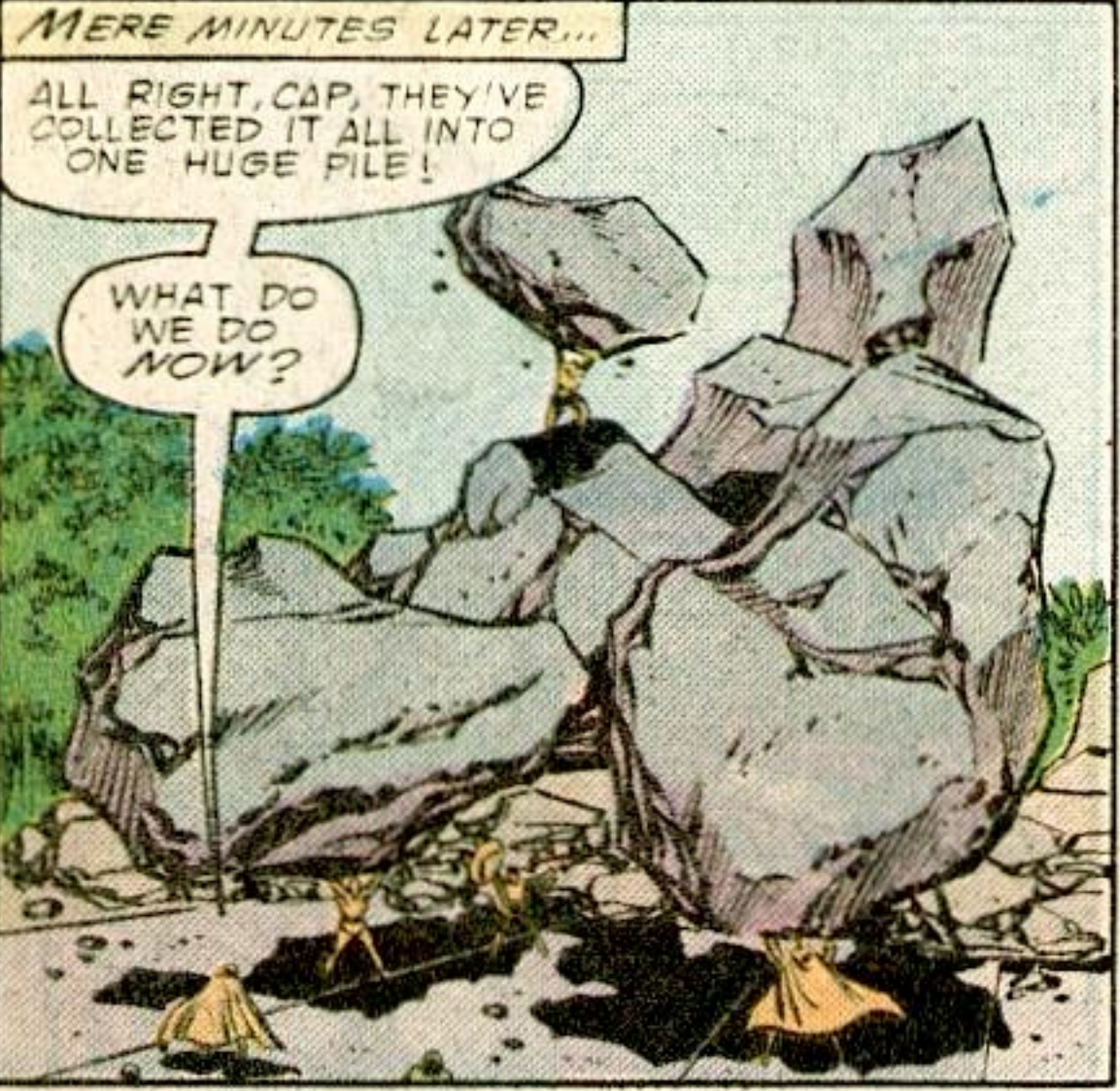
* SEE AVENGERS # 290... RALF!



THOR! SHE-HULK! SUB-MARINER! USE YOUR SUPER-STRENGTH TO PILE THOSE MASSIVE CHUNKS OF RUBBLE INTO ONE CENTRAL SPOT!

TALK ABOUT A NATURAL LEADER! LOOK AT THEM LEAPING TO OBEY HIM!

MAYBE HE SHOULD BE THE ONE RUNNING THE AVENGERS!



MERE MINUTES LATER...

ALL RIGHT, CAP, THEY'VE COLLECTED IT ALL INTO ONE HUGE PILE!

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

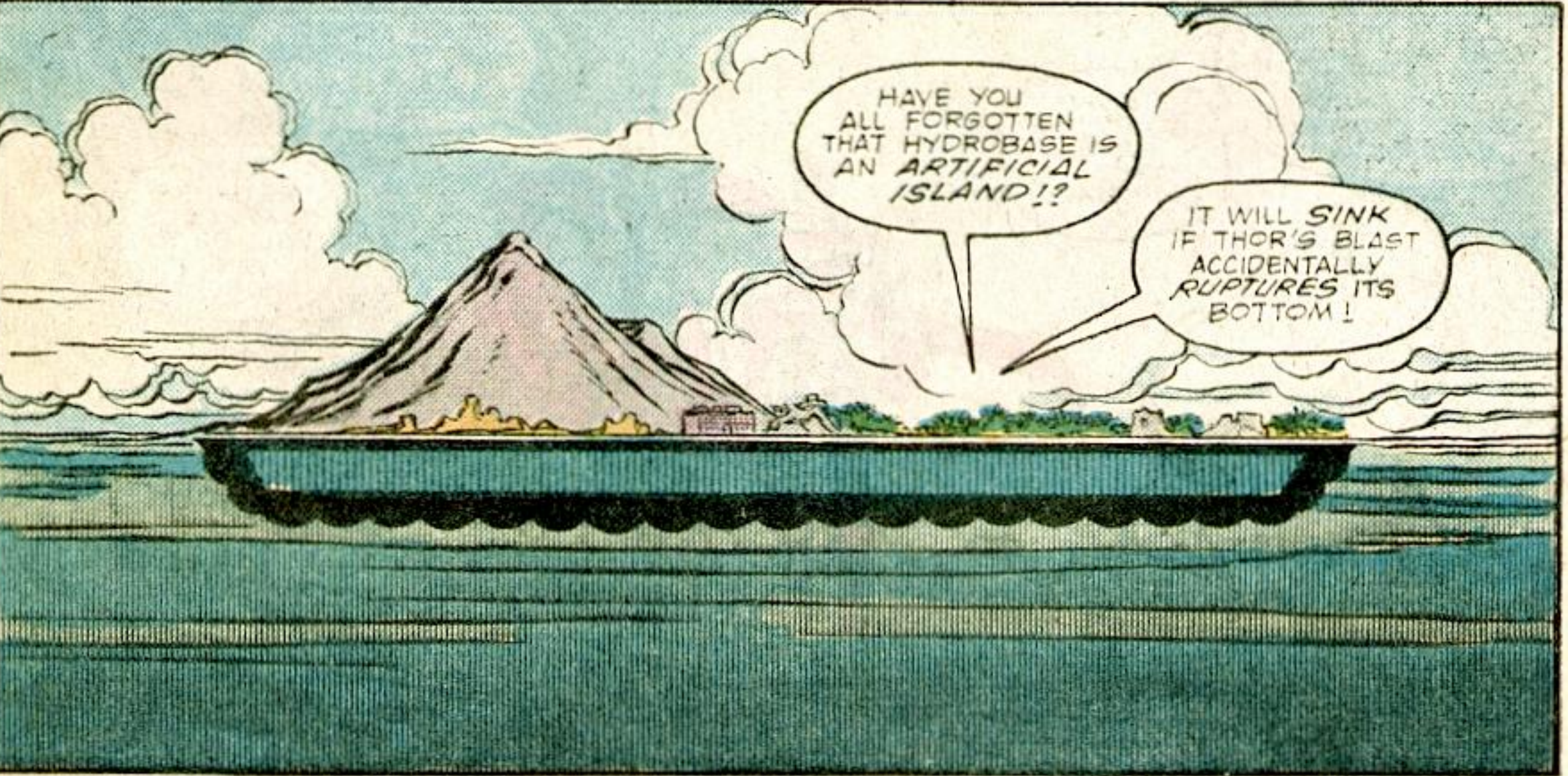


FEAR NOT, SIR KNIGHT!

MY SACRED LIRLI HAMMER SHALL BLAST IT ALL TO NOTHINGNESS!

NO! STOP!!

WHAT TROUBLES YOU, CAPTAIN?



HAVE YOU ALL FORGOTTEN THAT HYDROBASE IS AN ARTIFICIAL ISLAND!?

IT WILL SINK IF THOR'S BLAST ACCIDENTALLY RUPTURES ITS BOTTOM!



WE CAN DISPOSE OF THAT DEBRIS LATER! RIGHT NOW, I THINK WE'RE ALL ENTITLED TO A LITTLE TIME OFF!

I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE LAB TO FINISH SOME EXPERIMENTS!

COULD YOU GIVE ME A LIFT TO NEW YORK, DR. DRUID?

MY PLEASURE, SHE-HULK!

I'LL BE HOME IN NEW ORLEANS IF ANYONE NEEDS ME.

SUB-MARINER, MARRINA, AND I WILL BE WORKING OFF THE REEFS PERFORMING OCEANOGRAPHIC TESTS!

COME ALONG, STING-RAY!

WHERE IS EVERYONE GOING??

BACK TO THEIR SEPARATE LIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, THOR.



THE AVENGERS HAVE CHANGED, CAPTAIN.

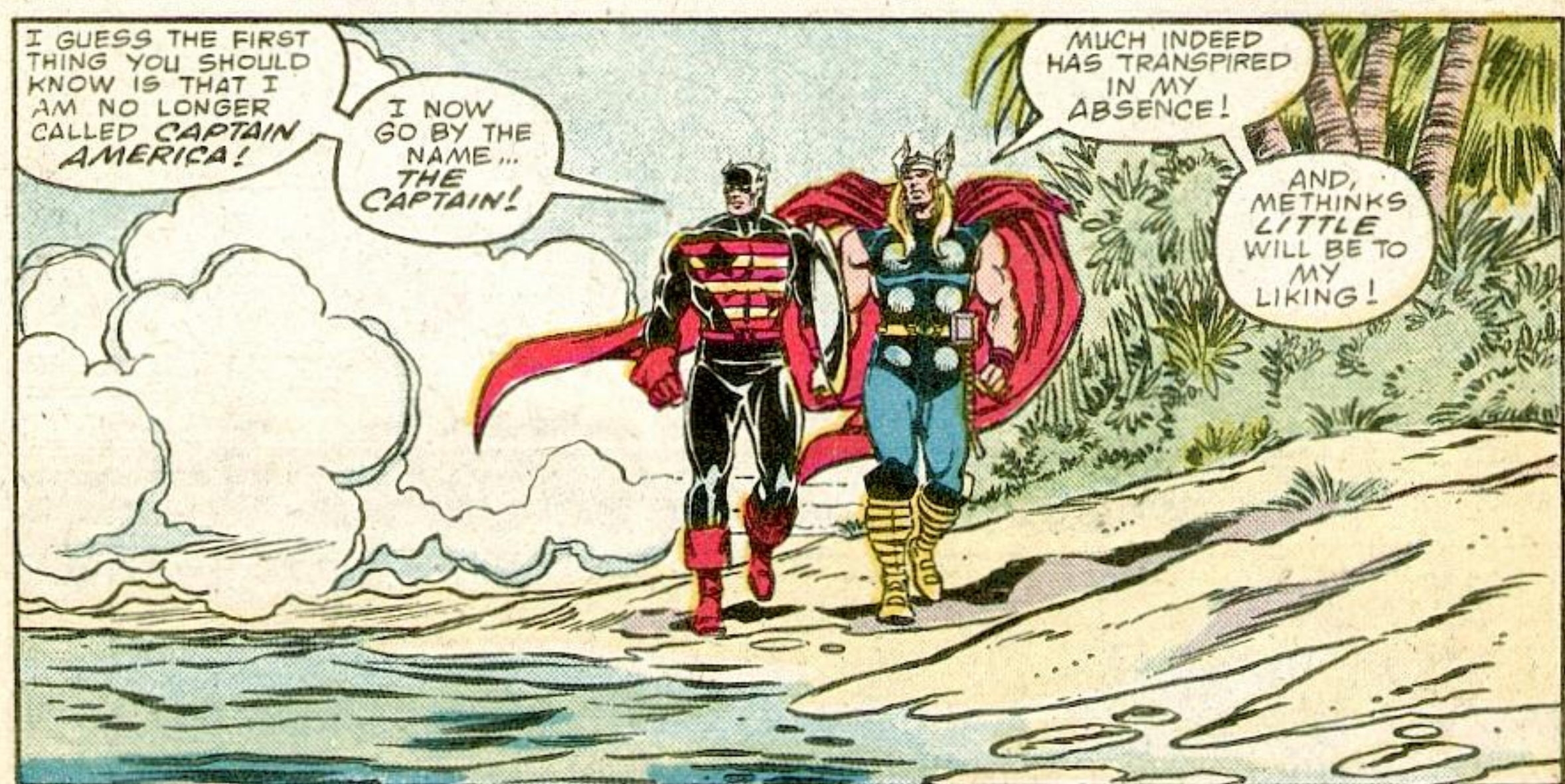
'TIS NOT LIKE THE DAYS OF OLD!

FEW THINGS ARE.



COME ON, OLD FRIEND. IT'S TIME WE TALKED!

AYE, CAPTAIN AMERICA!



I GUESS THE FIRST THING YOU SHOULD KNOW IS THAT I AM NO LONGER CALLED CAPTAIN AMERICA!

I NOW GO BY THE NAME... THE CAPTAIN!

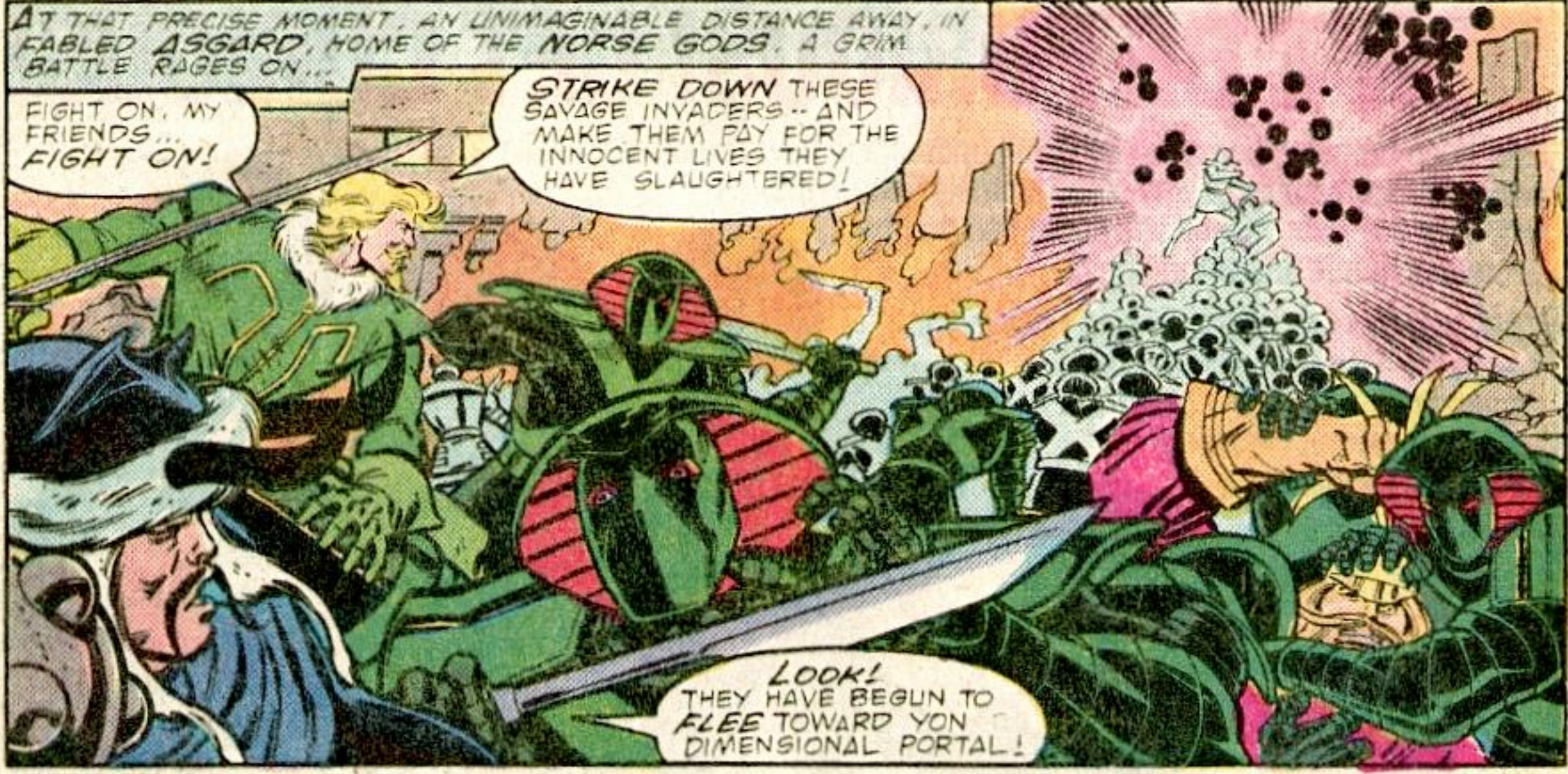
MUCH INDEED HAS TRANSPIRED IN MY ABSENCE!

AND, METHINKS LITTLE WILL BE TO MY LIKING!

AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT, AN UNIMAGINABLE DISTANCE AWAY, IN FABLED ASGARD, HOME OF THE NORSE GODS, A GRIM BATTLE RAGES ON...

FIGHT ON, MY FRIENDS... FIGHT ON!

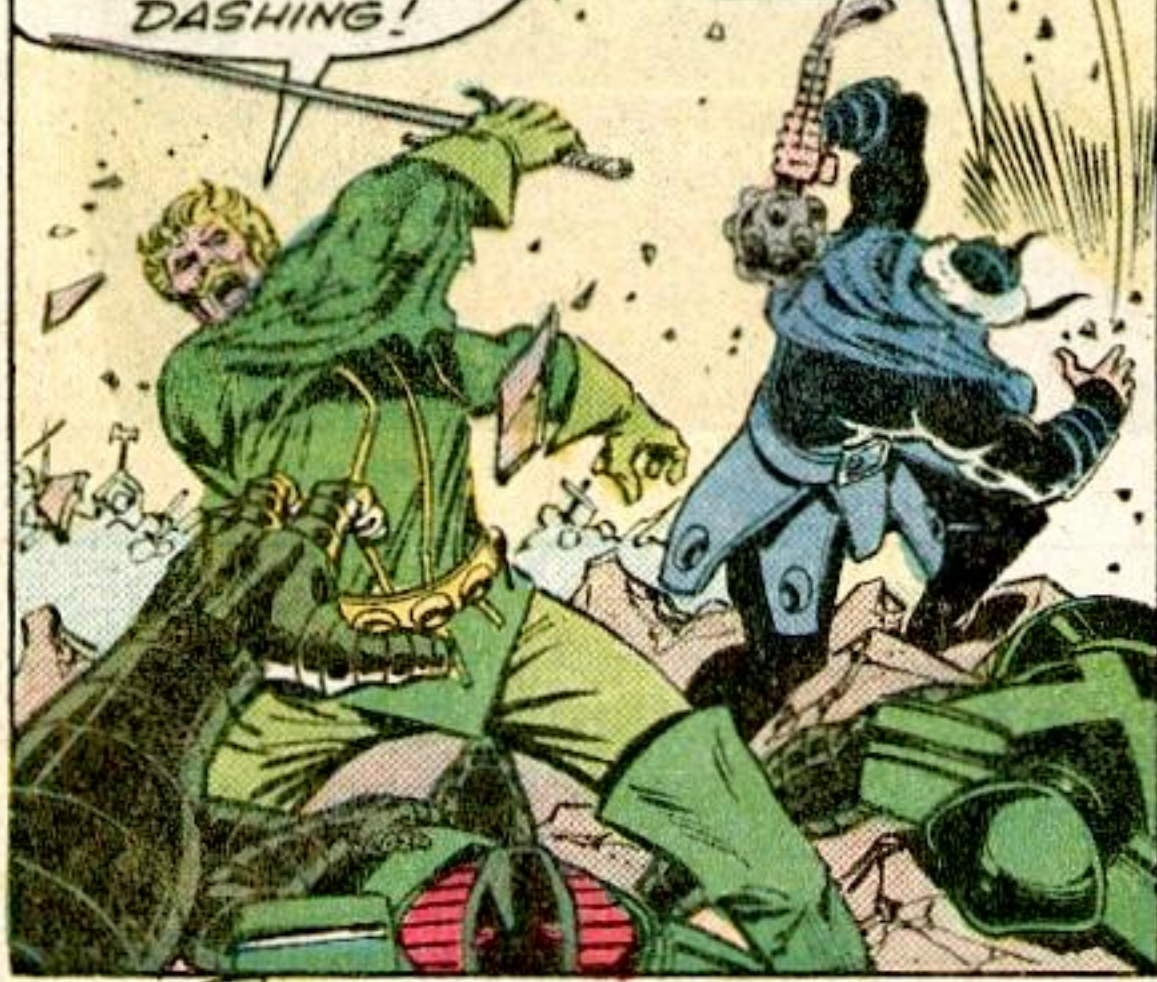
STRIKE DOWN THESE SAVAGE INVADERS-- AND MAKE THEM PAY FOR THE INNOCENT LIVES THEY HAVE SLAUGHTERED!



LOOK! THEY HAVE BEGUN TO FLEE TOWARD YON DIMENSIONAL PORTAL!

STOP THEM! THEY MUST NOT ESCAPE THE FLASHING SWORD OF FANDRAL THE DASHING!

NOR THE MERCILESS MACE OF HOGUN THE GRIM!!



AND, DO NOT FORGET THE GALLANT GIRTH OF INVINCIBLE VOLSTAEGG!

THE MERE SIGHT OF MY NOBLE BULK FILLS THESE KNAVES WITH TERROR!



AYE! AND JUST THINK WHAT A FEW BLOWS OF THY SWORD COULD DO!

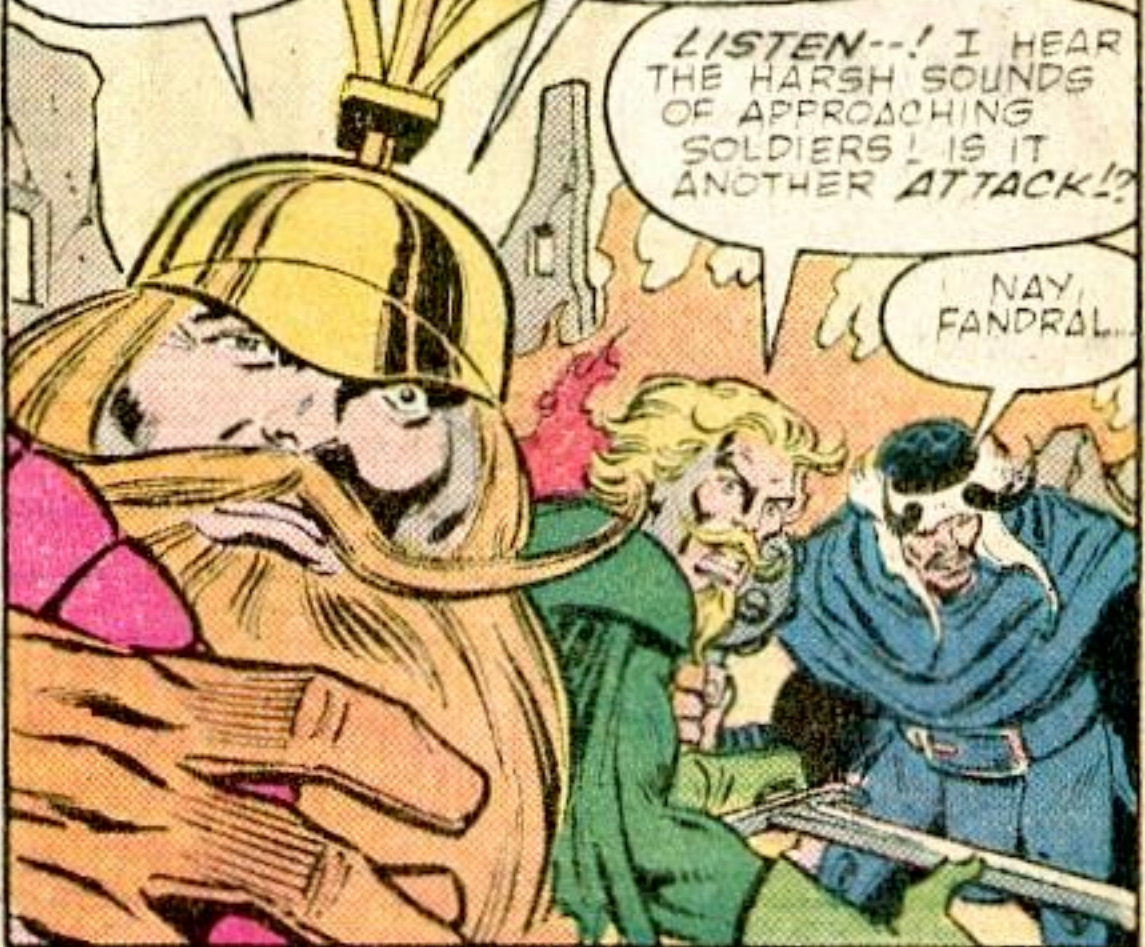
BUT THEN...



BEHOLD! THE LAST OF THE INVADERS HAVE REACHED THE PORTAL-- AND IT'S CLOSING BEHIND THEM!

NEVER BEFORE HATH ASGARD FACED SUCH DEADLY FOES!

HOW CAN WE DEFEND 'GAINST AN ENEMY WHO CAN APPEAR AND VANISH AT WILL!?



LISTEN--! I HEAR THE HARSH SOUNDS OF APPROACHING SOLDIERS! IS IT ANOTHER ATTACK!?

NAY, FANDRAL...

"... 'TIS NAUGHT BUT THE HONOR GUARD OF NOBLE **BALDER**, THE LIEGE LORD OF ALL ASGARD!"

ARISE, VALIANT WARRIORS! WOULD THAT WE COULD HAVE ARRIVED SOONER, BUT WE WERE ENGAGING THE INVADERS IN ANOTHER SECTION OF THE CITY!



HOW FARED THE BATTLE HERE?!

POORLY, MY LORD!



HOW MANY ARE DEAD?

AT LEAST A **HUNDRED**... MOSTLY INNOCENT WOMEN AND CHILDREN!

MY LORD, WE MUST IMMEDIATELY BEGIN FORTIFYING THE CITY, AND--

WE CAN DISCUSS STRATEGY LATER, MY FRIEND!

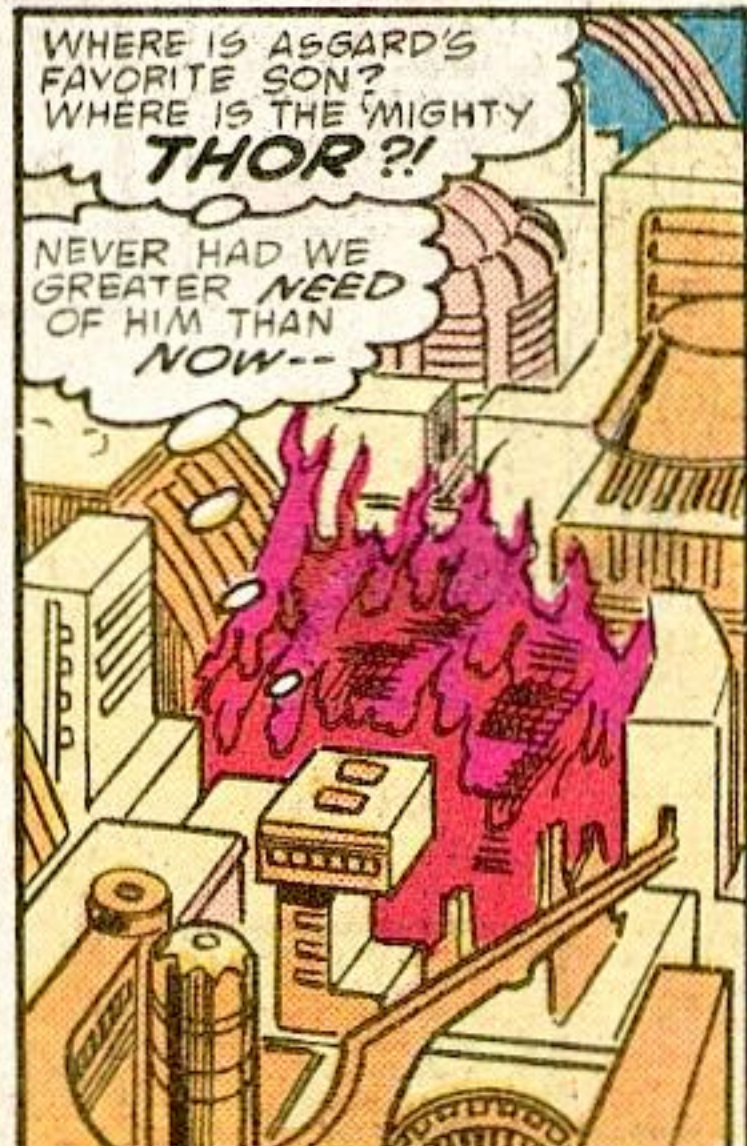


NOW WE MUST TEND TO OUR WOUNDED AND HONOR OUR DEAD!



THIS IS SURELY ASGARD'S DARKEST HOUR!

WE ARE UNDER SIEGE BY A BRUTAL, UNKNOWN FORCE... FOR UNKNOWN REASONS!

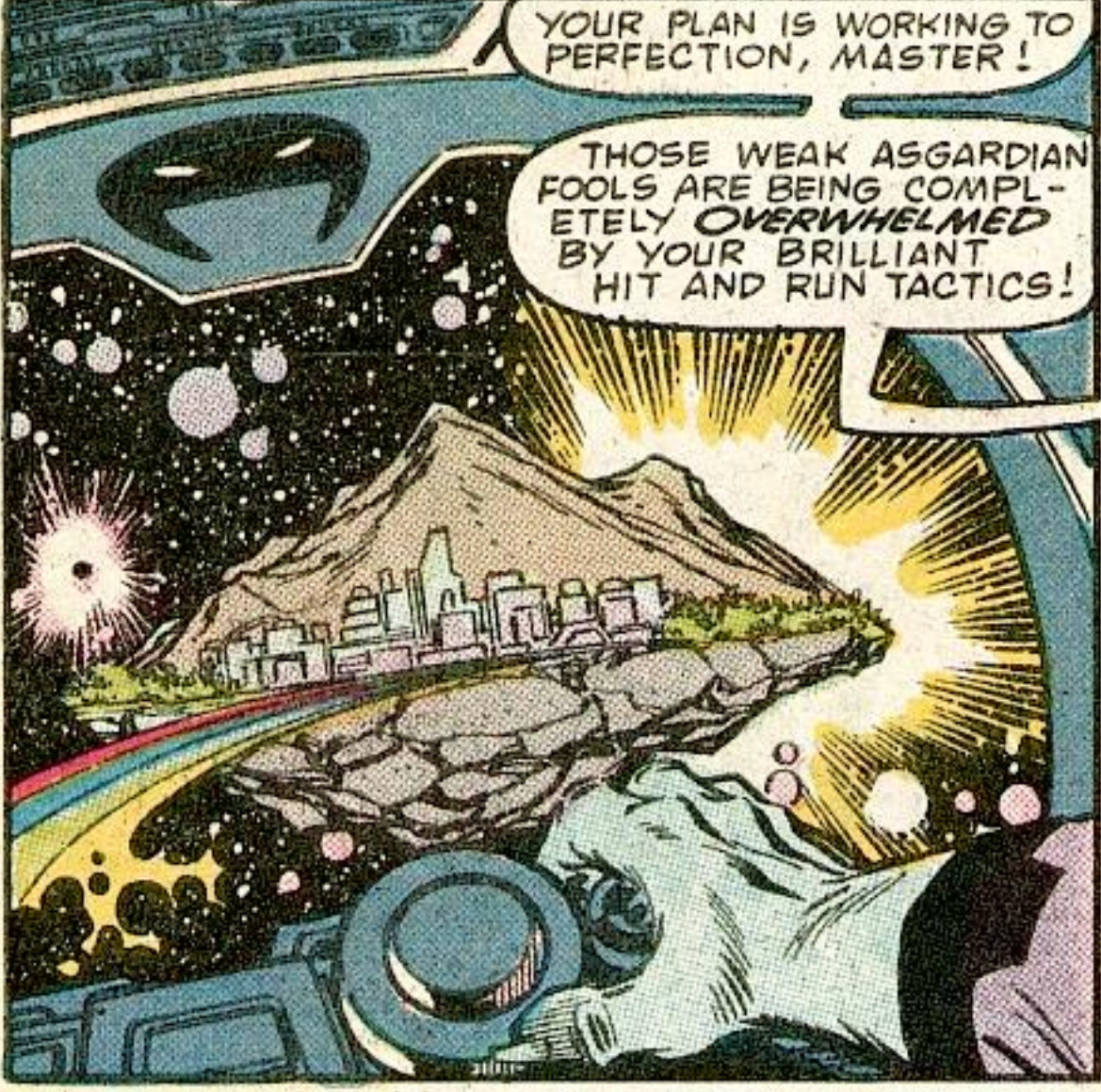


WHERE IS ASGARD'S FAVORITE SON? WHERE IS THE MIGHTY **THOR**?!

NEVER HAD WE GREATER NEED OF HIM THAN NOW--



-- BUT WE KNOW NOT IF HE E'EN STILL LIVES!!



YOUR PLAN IS WORKING TO PERFECTION, MASTER!

THOSE WEAK ASGARDIAN FOOLS ARE BEING COMPLETELY **OVERWHELMED** BY YOUR BRILLIANT HIT AND RUN TACTICS!



OF COURSE! THEY HAVE BEEN RIPE FOR CONQUEST EVER SINCE THEIR FORMER RULER, THE ALL-FATHER **ODIN**, VANISHED FROM THEIR PLANE OF REALITY!



AND, CONQUERING THESE IMMORTAL UPSTARTS WILL BRING GREAT JOY TO--

--**SETH THE SERPENT GOD OF DEATH!!**

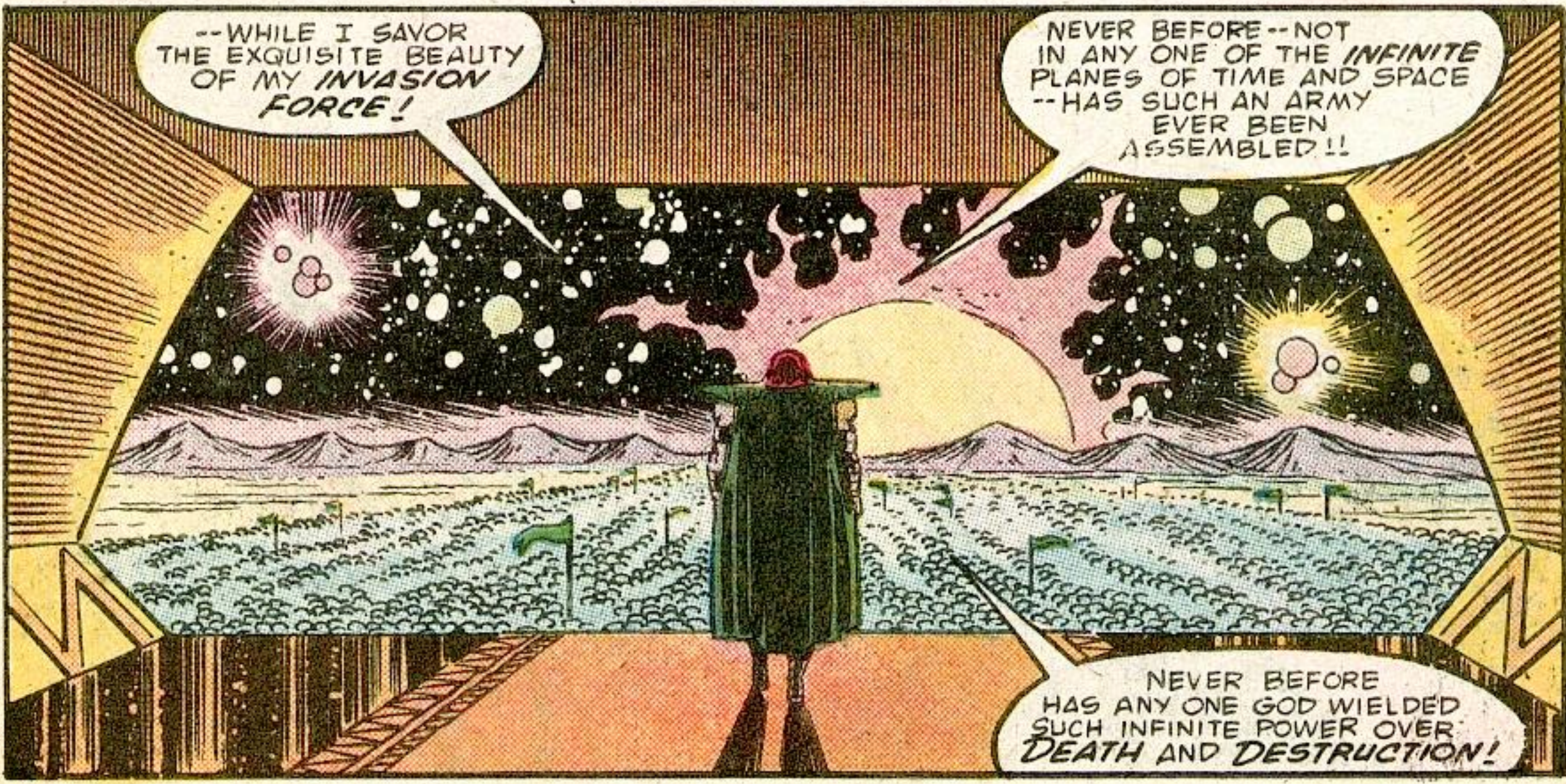


WHEN DO YOU INTEND TO LAUNCH A **FULL SCALE** INVASION!?

SOON, BUT I AM NOT READY YET!

GO! YOU ARE DISMISSED FOR NOW!

I WISH TO BE **ALONE--**



--WHILE I SAVOR THE EXQUISITE BEAUTY OF MY **INVASION FORCE!**

NEVER BEFORE--NOT IN ANY ONE OF THE **INFINITE** PLANES OF TIME AND SPACE --HAS SUCH AN ARMY EVER BEEN ASSEMBLED!!

NEVER BEFORE HAS ANY ONE GOD WIELDED SUCH INFINITE POWER OVER **DEATH AND DESTRUCTION!**

MASTER! I BEG YOUR INDULGENCE FOR THIS UNTIMELY INTERRUPTION, BUT OUR SPIES HAVE FINALLY LOCATED THE THUNDER GOD!



WHERE IS HE?!

ON THE PLANET EARTH, EXALTED ONE!

WELL DONE, FAITHFUL GROG! I NOW HAVE ANOTHER TASK FOR YOU TO PERFORM!

I LIVE TO SERVE YOU, MASTER!



ASSEMBLE A FORCE OF YOUR MIGHTIEST WARRICKS AND GO TO EARTH--

-- WHERE YOU WILL RELIEVE THE THUNDER GOD OF THE HORRIBLE BURDEN OF EXISTENCE!

IT WILL BE AS YOU COMMAND!



AT LAST!! AT LONG LAST! I WILL HAVE MY JUST REVENGE ON THE HATED THOR!!

HE WHO IS SOLEY RESPON-SIBLE FOR THE LOSS OF MY RIGHT HAND!



EVER SINCE THEIR FAMED RAINBOW BRIDGE WAS DESTROYED, THE ASGARDIANS HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY CUT OFF FROM THE MORTAL PLANE!

I AM CERTAIN THAT THEY DO NOT EVEN KNOW THAT HE IS ON EARTH!

ONCE HE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED, NOTHING CAN PREVENT ME FROM DESTROYING ASGARD AND USING IT AS A STEPPING STONE TO INVADE EVERY OTHER PLANE OF REALITY!



DEATH WILL REIGN SUPREME!

AND AT THAT SELFSAME INSTANT...



NO! IT CANNOT BE!!

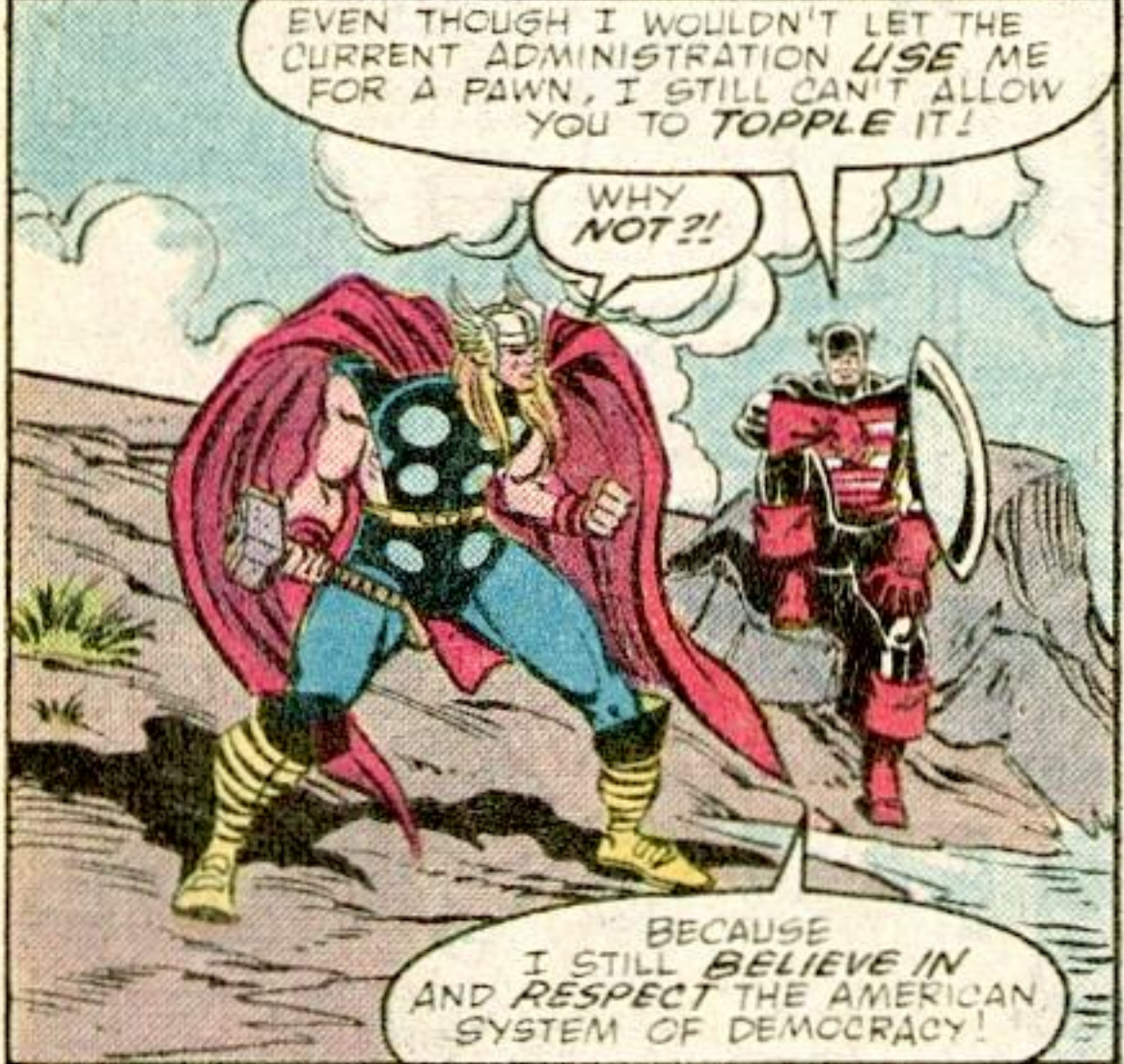
THE GOVERNMENT HAS FORCED YOU TO ABANDON YOUR IDENTITY AS CAPTAIN AMERICA, AND APPOINTED ANOTHER IN YOUR PLACE?!

SUCH TREACHERY CANNOT GO UNPUNISHED!!



WE MUST JOURNEY TO WASHINGTON -- AND OVERTHROW THESE MADMEN!

WHOA, BIG FELLA!



EVEN THOUGH I WOULDN'T LET THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION USE ME FOR A PAWN, I STILL CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO TOPPLE IT!

WHY NOT?!

BECAUSE I STILL BELIEVE IN AND RESPECT THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DEMOCRACY!



BESIDES, I HAVE AN EVEN MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM TO DEAL WITH!

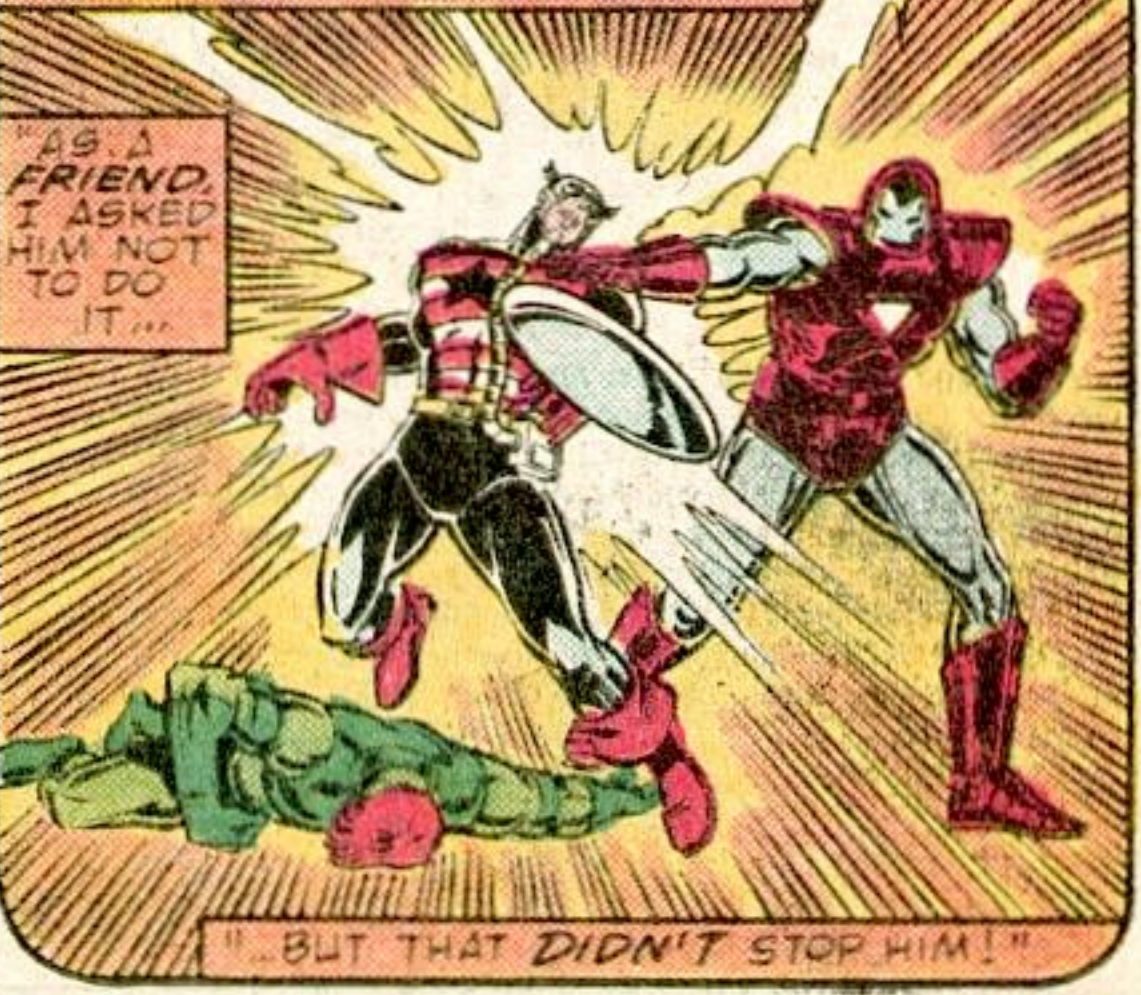
IT'S REAL PERSONAL... AND IT CONCERNS A MUTUAL FRIEND... TONY STARK!

"I RECENTLY CONTACTED TONY AND ASKED HIM FOR A FAVOR... I NEEDED A NEW SHIELD TO REPLACE THE ONE THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN AWAY FROM ME!"



"HE SEEMED GLAD TO HELP--"

"--BUT THAT WAS ONLY BECAUSE, AS IRON MAN, HE WAS PLANNING TO ATTACK A SECRET GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION, AND DIDN'T WANT ME TO INTERFERE!"



"AS A FRIEND, I ASKED HIM NOT TO DO IT..."

"...BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP HIM!"

I'M SURE TONY HAD REASONS FOR WHAT HE DID *... BUT HE BETRAYED OUR FRIENDSHIP!

I NO LONGER TRUST HIM OR WISH TO BE IN HIS DEBT.

I AM GOING TO BORROW AN AVENGERS QUINJET, AND FLY TO THE WEST COAST, SO THAT I CAN RETURN THIS SHIELD TO HIM!

I HAVE NEVER KNOWN A MORTAL AS HONORABLE AND NOBLE AS CAPTAIN AMERICA!

AND YET I HAVE ALWAYS NUMBERED IRON MAN AMONG MY CLOSEST FRIENDS!

HOW CAN THESE TWO BE IN CONFLICT?!

*YOU'D ALREADY KNOW 'EM IF YOU READ IRON MAN #228--RESEARCH-CONSCIOUS RALF!

ONE OF THEM IS OBVIOUSLY WRONG... BUT WHICH ONE?!

HAS IRON MAN ONCE AGAIN FALLEN VICTIM TO DRINK?

OR, DOES THE FAULT LIE WITH THE CAPTAIN?!

HAS HE CHANGED... GONE MAD... WORSE? IS THAT WHY THE GOVERNMENT WAS FORCED TO RENOUNCE HIM?

I... AM SO CONFUSED!!

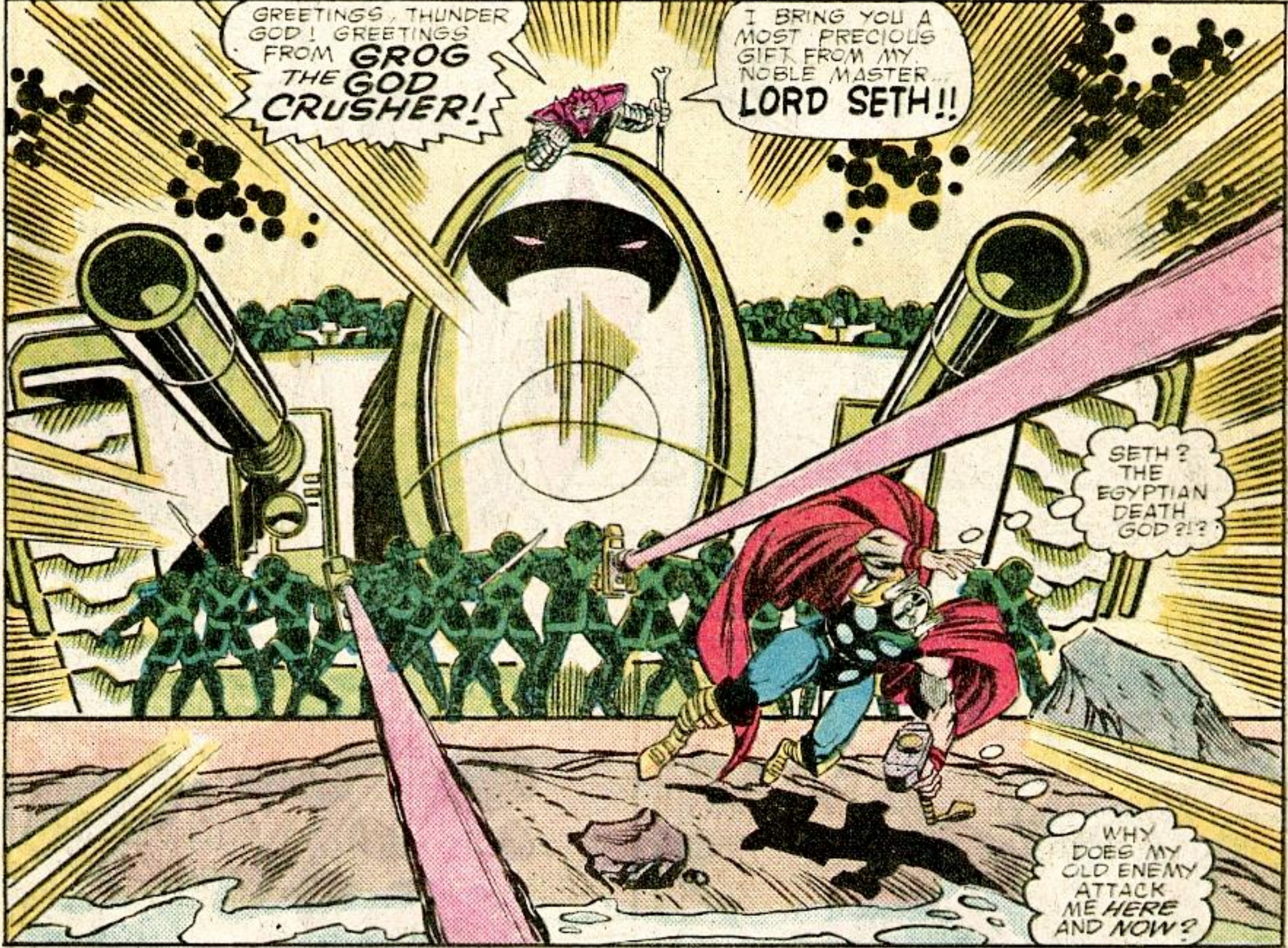
WHAT GOOD IS ALL MY POWER AGAINST THE SHADOWS OF UNCERTAINTY?!

DOES THE GOD OF THUNDER TRULY BELONG ON A WORLD THAT HATH BECOME SO COMPLEX AND DEVICIOUS?!

LOST AMID THE SWIRLING SEA OF HIS OWN CONFLICTING EMOTIONS, THE SON OF ODIN FAILS TO NOTICE THE DIMENSIONAL WARP OPENING BEHIND HIM...

UNTIL...

KA-BOOM

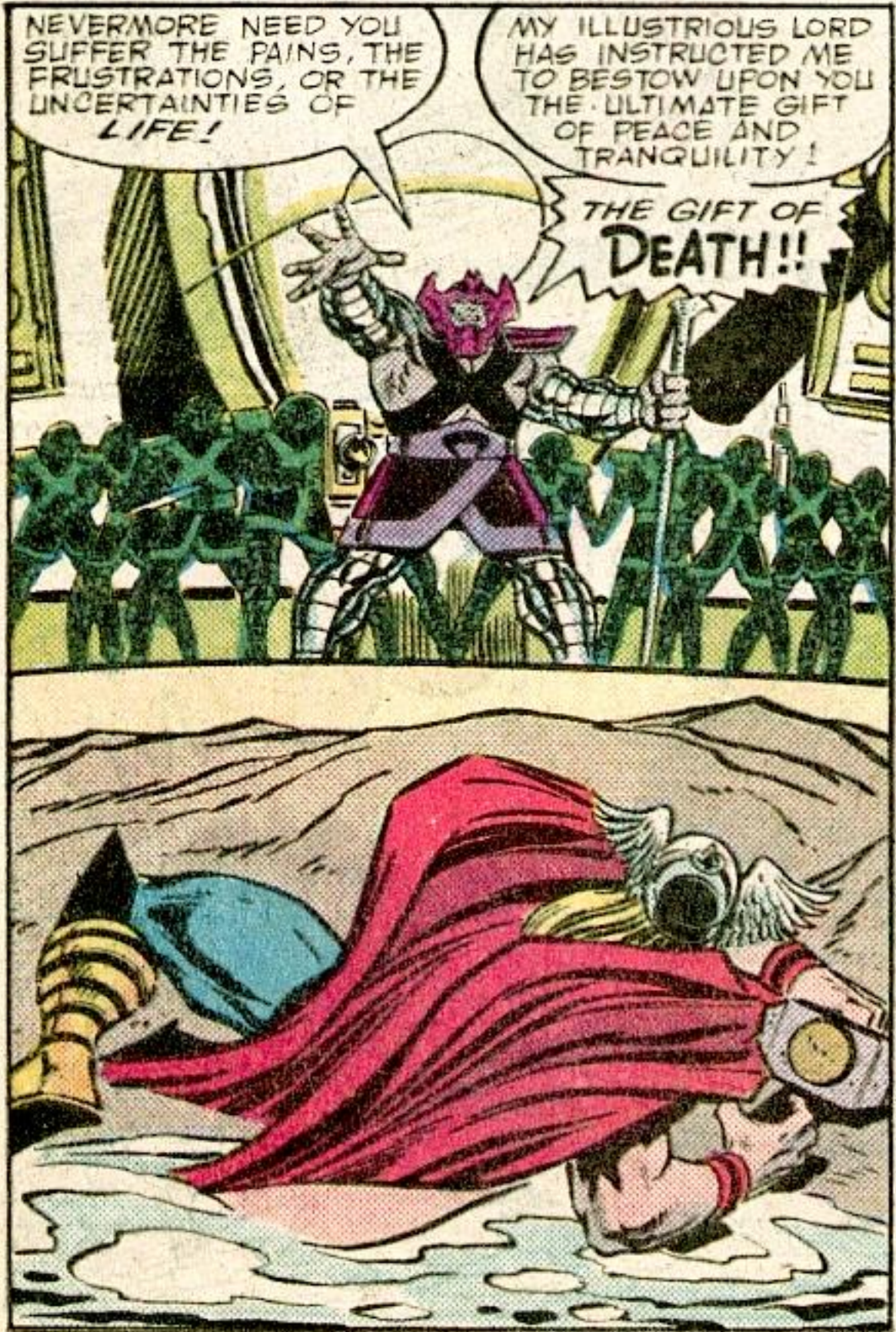


GREETINGS, THUNDER GOD! GREETINGS FROM **GROG THE GOD CRUSHER!**

I BRING YOU A MOST PRECIOUS GIFT FROM MY NOBLE MASTER... **LORD SETH!!**

SETH? THE EGYPTIAN DEATH GOD?!!?

WHY DOES MY OLD ENEMY ATTACK ME HERE AND NOW?



NEVERMORE NEED YOU SUFFER THE PAINS, THE FRUSTRATIONS, OR THE UNCERTAINTIES OF LIFE!

MY ILLUSTRIOUS LORD HAS INSTRUCTED ME TO BESTOW UPON YOU THE ULTIMATE GIFT OF PEACE AND TRANQUILITY!

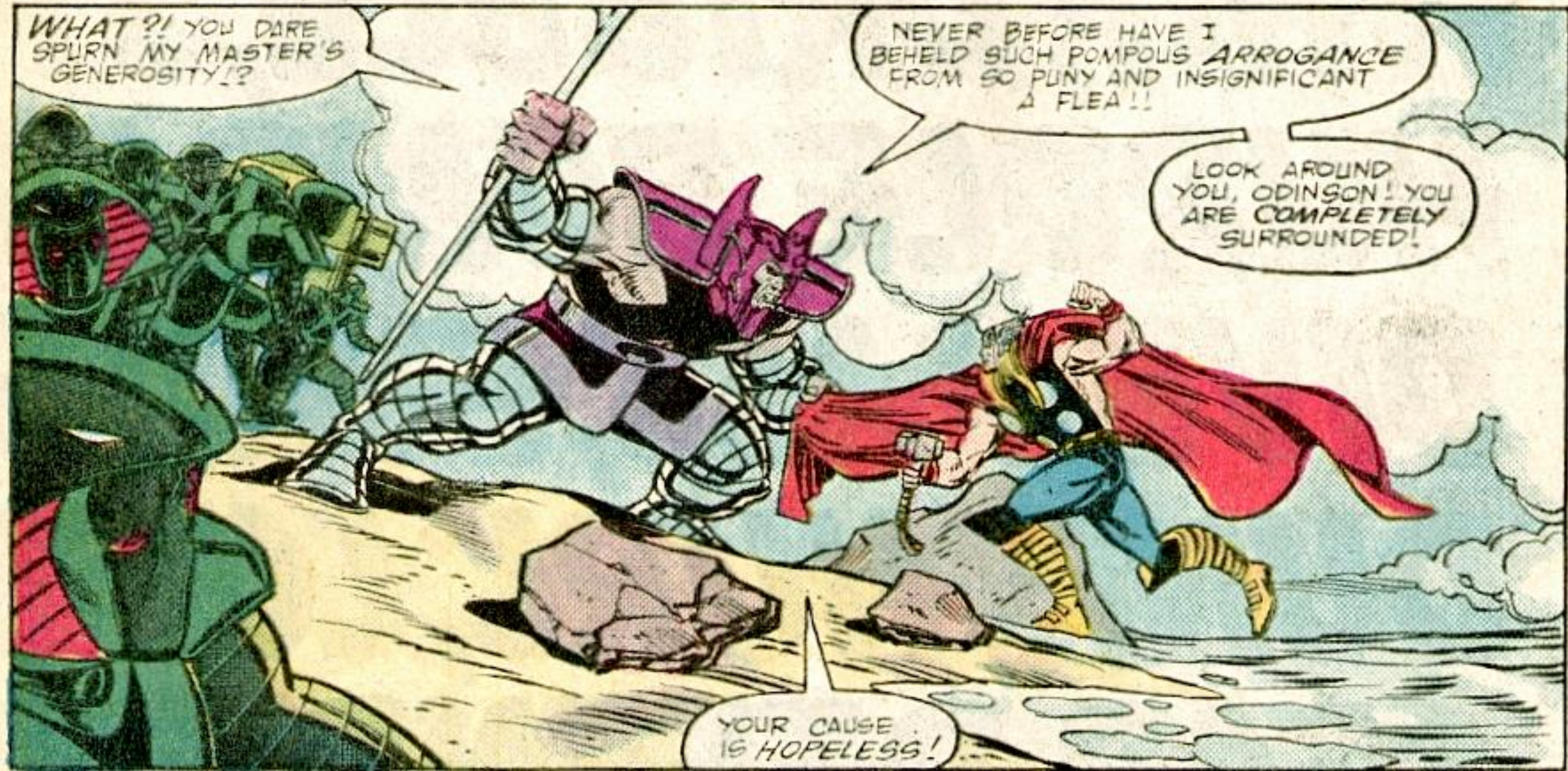
THE GIFT OF DEATH!!



ONLY A FOOL, A WEAKLING, OR A COWARD WOULD WILLINGLY ACCEPT YOUR VILE OFFER!

HOWEVER, YOUR ARRIVAL IS MOST FORTUITOUS!!

THOR PRESENTLY HATH NEED OF THE TOTAL DISTRACTION-- AND THE PHYSICAL EXHILARATION-- WHICH ONLY GRIM COMBAT DOTH PROVIDE!



WHAT?! YOU DARE SPURN MY MASTER'S GENEROSITY!?

NEVER BEFORE HAVE I BEHELD SUCH POMPUS ARROGANCE FROM SO PUNY AND INSIGNIFICANT A FLEA!!

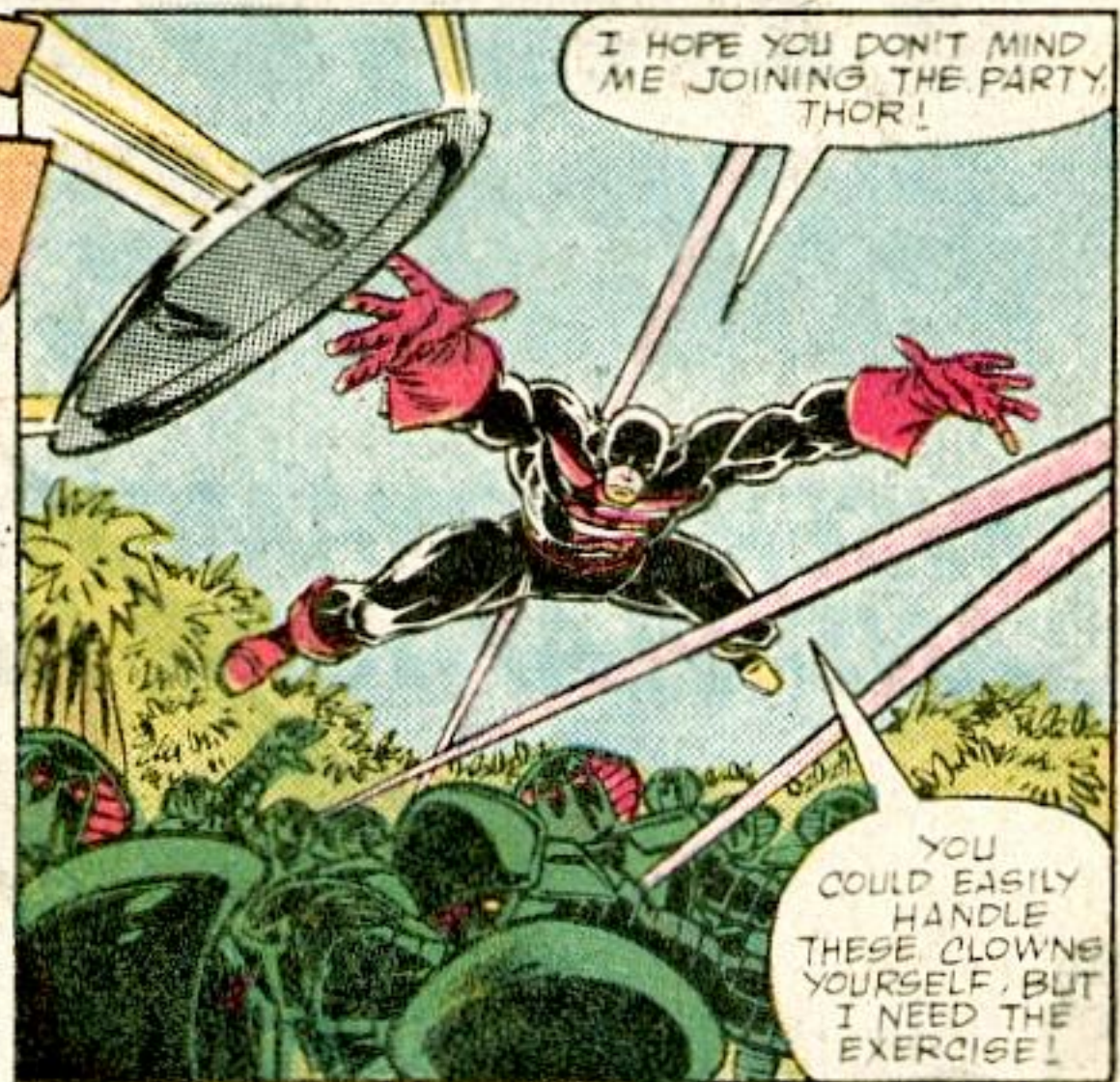
LOOK AROUND YOU, ODINSON! YOU ARE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED!

YOUR CAUSE IS HOPELESS!



KIWANGGG

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, MISTER!!



I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME JOINING THE PARTY, THOR!

YOU COULD EASILY HANDLE THESE CLOWNS YOURSELF, BUT I NEED THE EXERCISE!



YOUR PRESENCE IS MOST WELCOME, CAPTAIN AMER... CAPTAIN!

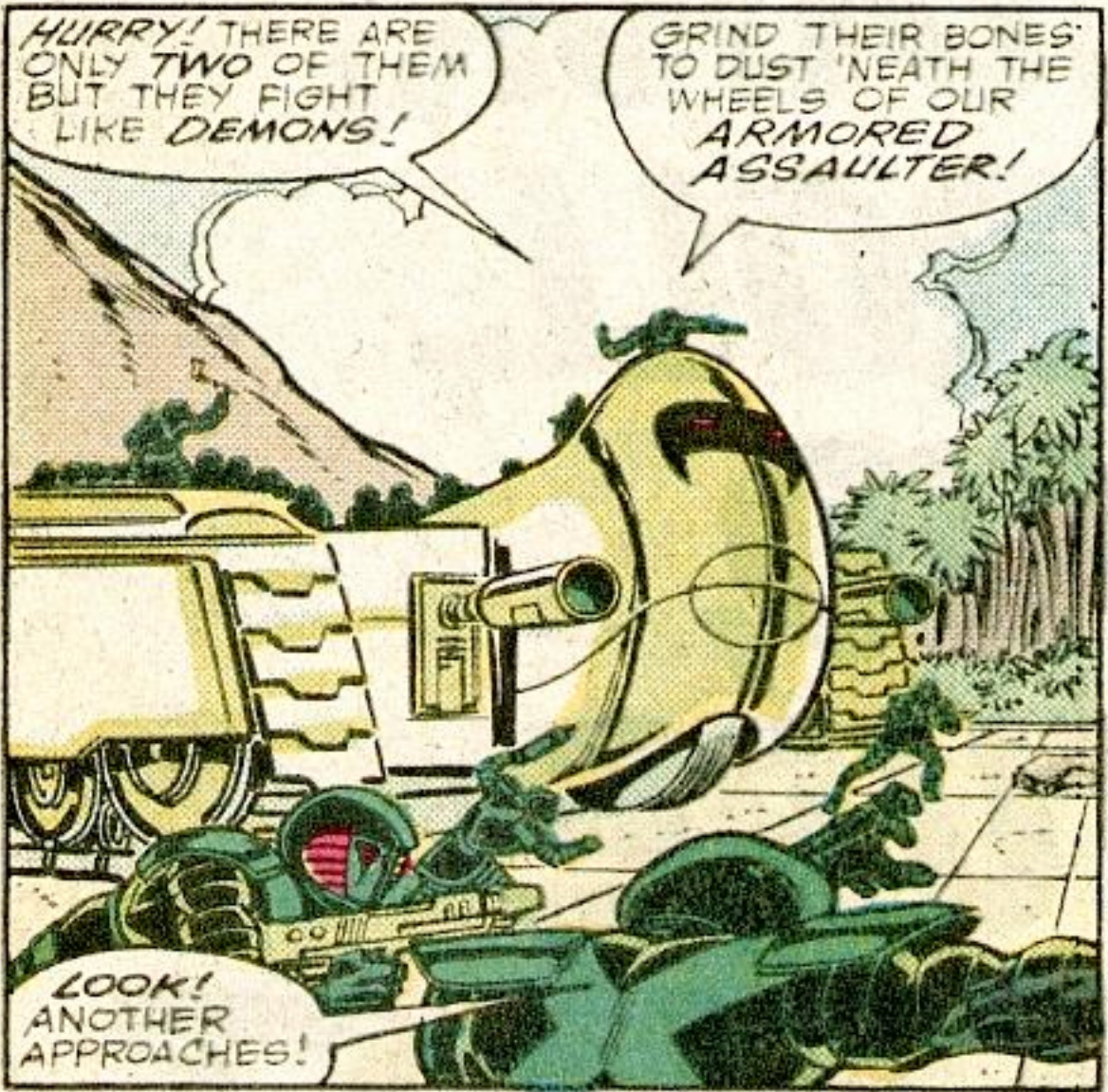
TOGETHER, THEN, WE SHALL FIGHT!



FOR VICTORY! FOR GLORY!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE !!

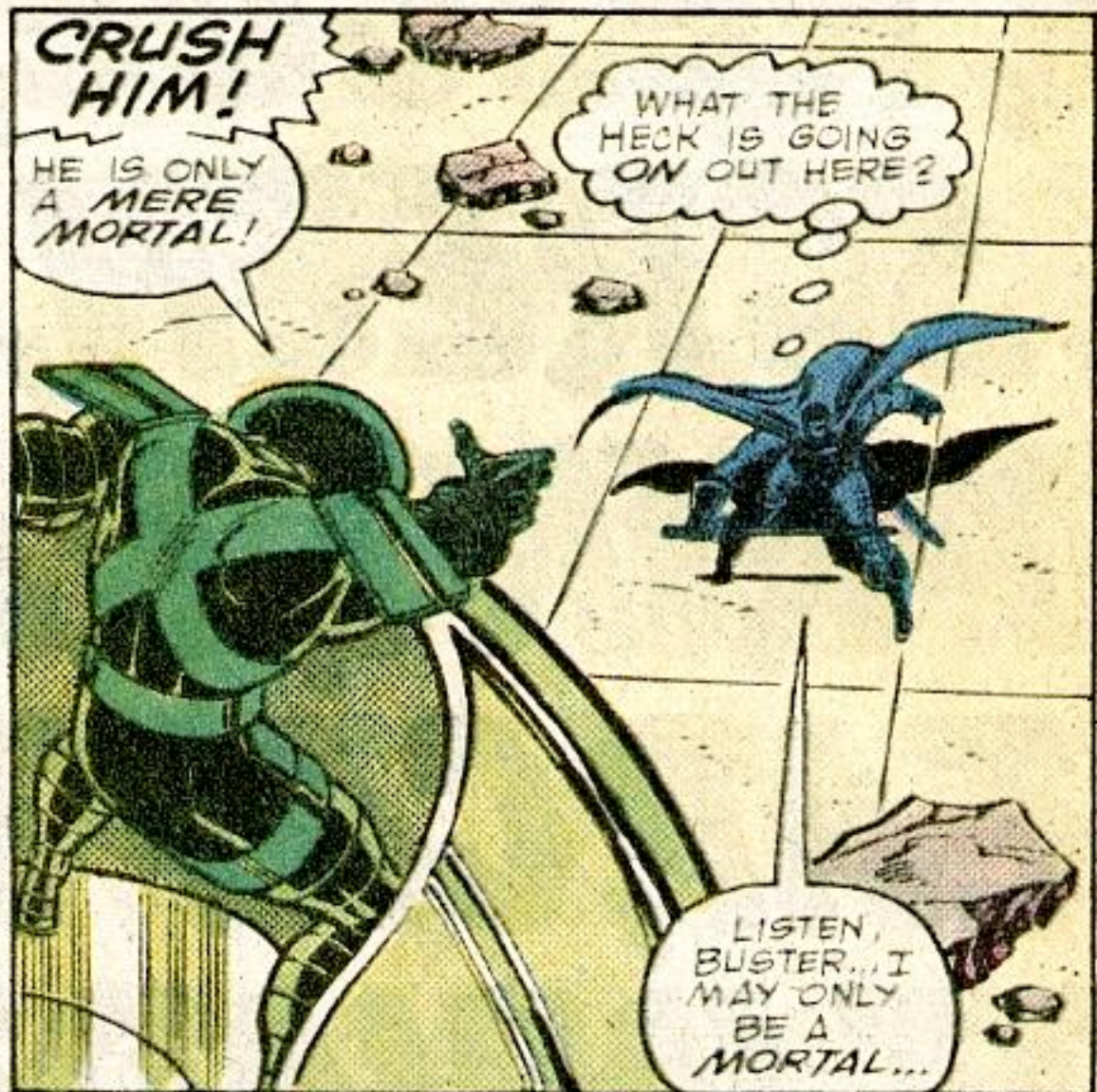
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HURRY! THERE ARE ONLY TWO OF THEM BUT THEY FIGHT LIKE DEMONS!

GRIND THEIR BONES TO DUST 'NEATH THE WHEELS OF OUR ARMORED ASSAULTER!

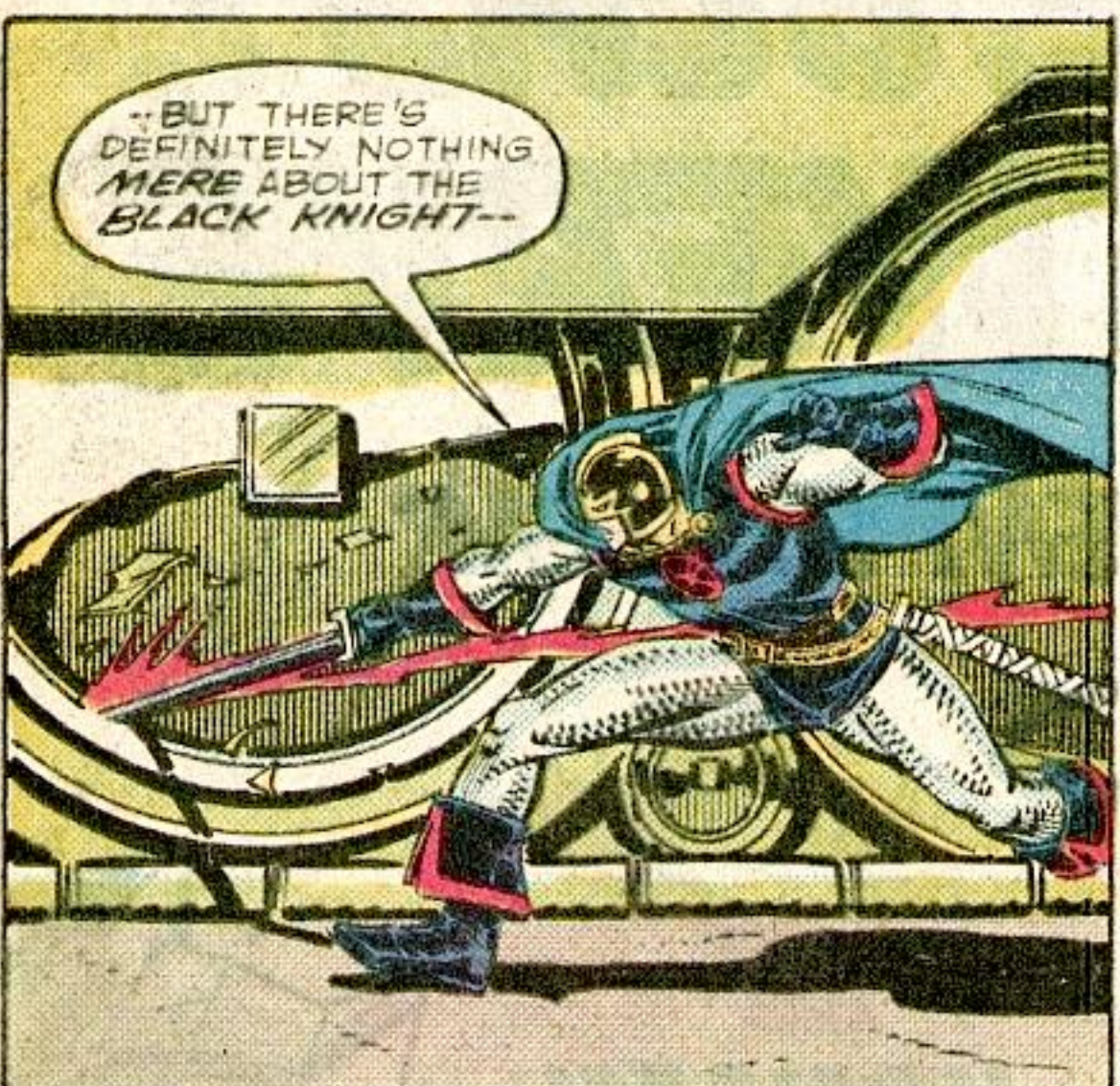
LOOK! ANOTHER APPROACHES!



CRUSH HIM!
HE IS ONLY A MERE MORTAL!

WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON OUT HERE?

LISTEN, BUSTER... I MAY ONLY BE A MORTAL...



--BUT THERE'S DEFINITELY NOTHING MERE ABOUT THE BLACK KNIGHT--



--OR HIS INVINCIBLE EBONY SWORD!



BACK OFF! I'M IN NO MOOD FOR GAMES!!

WHERE'S CAP AND THOR?!



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH--

SUDDENLY, THE AVENGER'S EYES GROW WIDE WITH UNEXPECTED WONDER AS HE TURNS TO SEE...

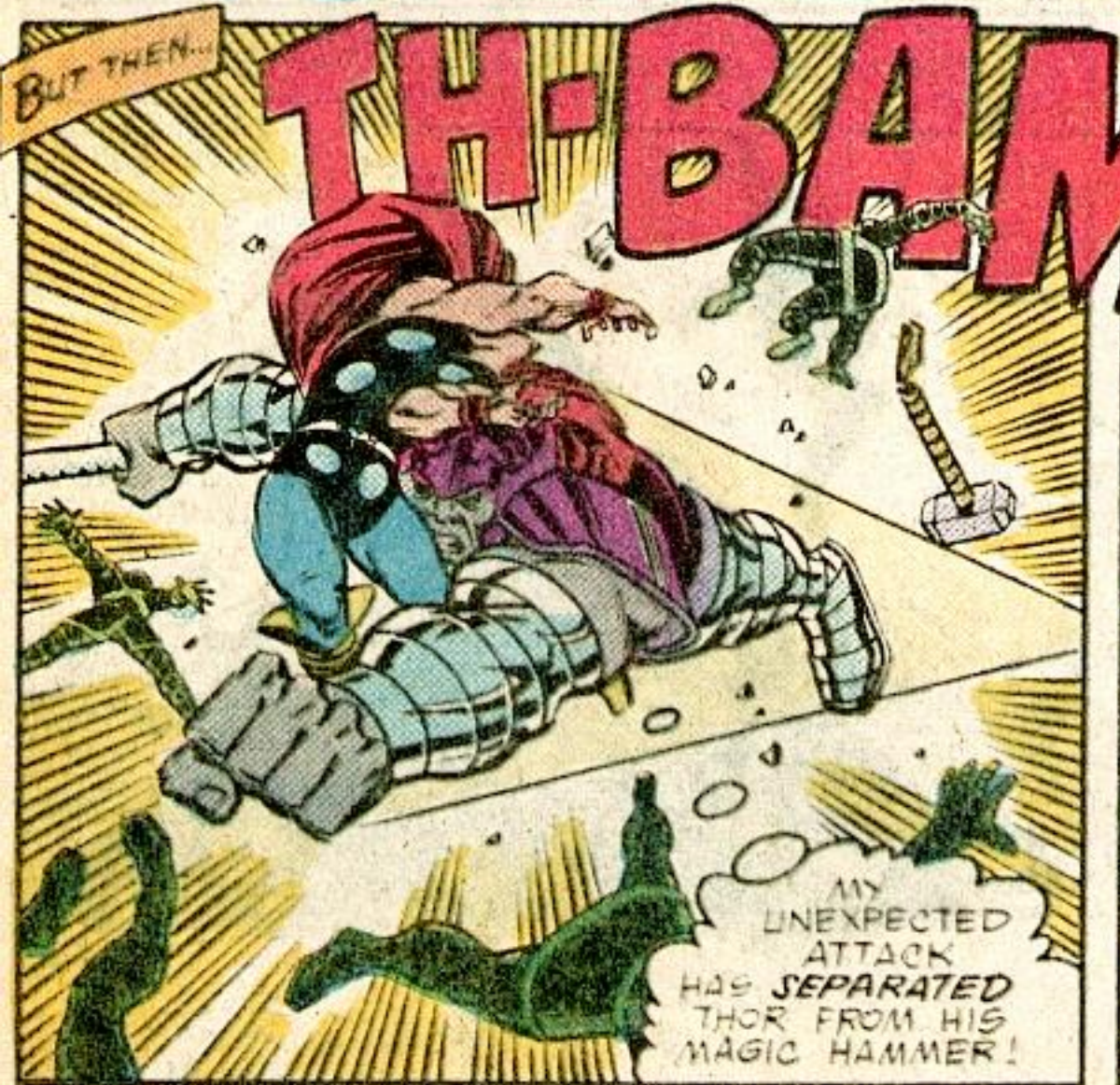
-- TWO PROUD HEROES STAND FIRM AGAINST A SAVAGE ONSLAUGHT OF OVERWHELMING ODDS --

STAND FIRM... AND PUSH IT BACK! BACK! **BACK!!**

WITH RAW COURAGE AND GRIM DETERMINATION, THEY SHATTER ITS MOMENTUM AND CRUSH ITS SPIRIT.



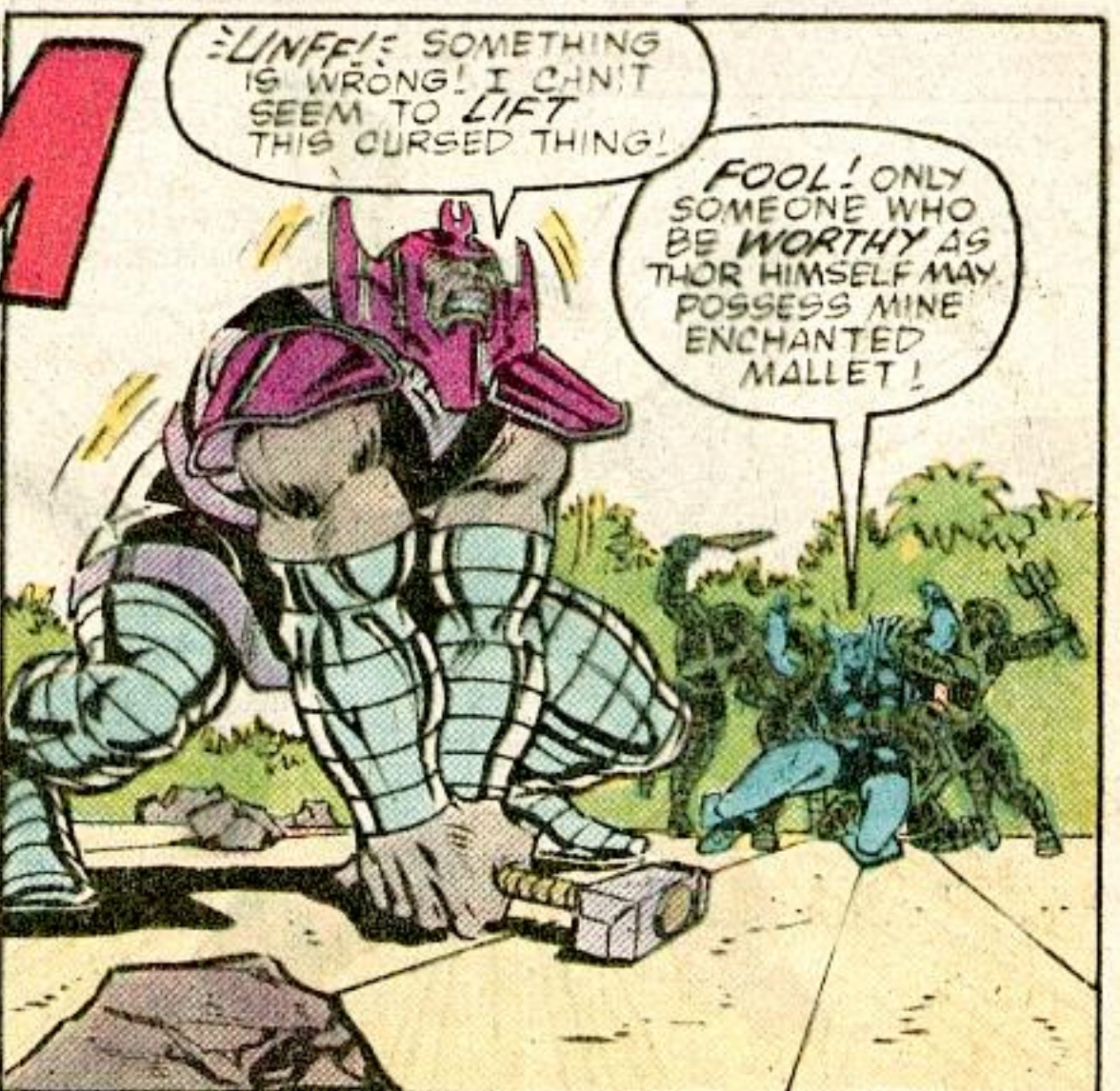
'TIS A BATTLE WHICH WILL SURELY GIVE BIRTH TO LEGENDS!



TH-BAM

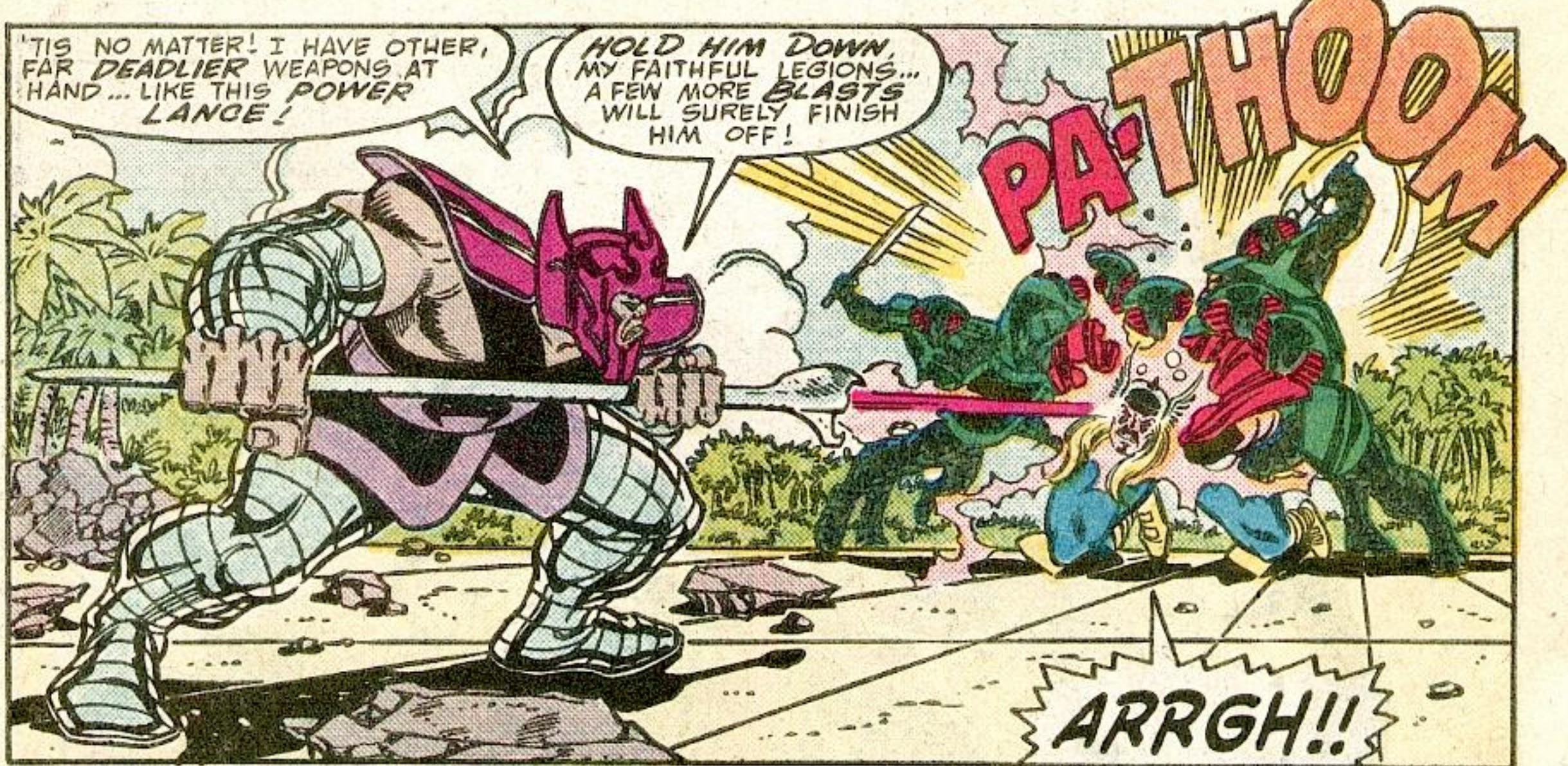
BUT THEN...

MY UNEXPECTED ATTACK HAS SEPARATED THOR FROM HIS MAGIC HAMMER!



LINEE! SOMETHING IS WRONG! I CAN'T SEEM TO LIFT THIS CURSED THING!

FOOL! ONLY SOMEONE WHO BE WORTHY AS THOR HIMSELF MAY POSSESS MINE ENCHANTED MALLET!

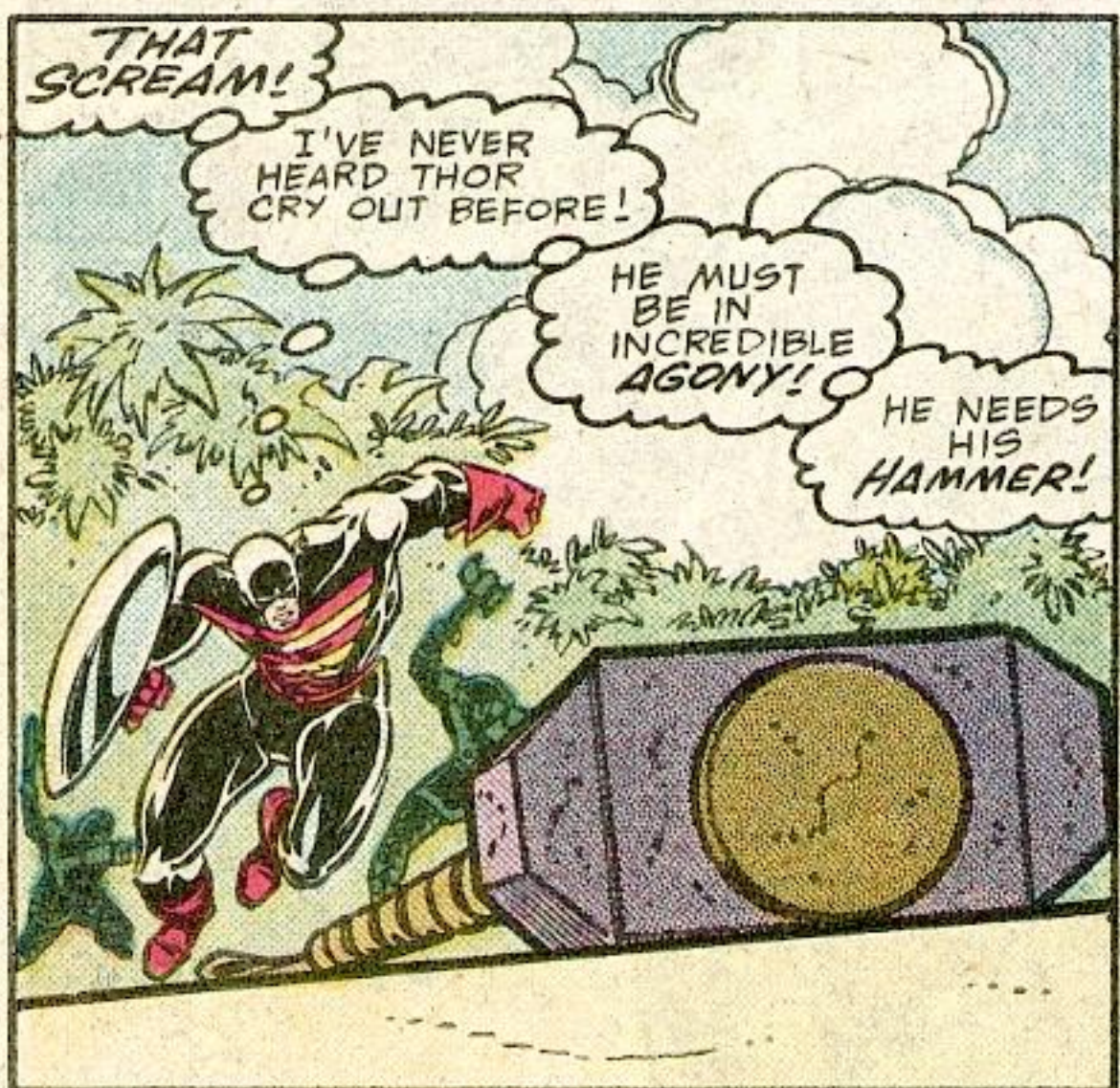


'TIS NO MATTER! I HAVE OTHER, FAR DEADLIER WEAPONS AT HAND... LIKE THIS POWER LANCE!

HOLD HIM DOWN, MY FAITHFUL LEGIONS... A FEW MORE BLASTS WILL SURELY FINISH HIM OFF!

PA-THOON!

ARRGH!!



THAT SCREAM!

I'VE NEVER HEARD THOR CRY OUT BEFORE!

HE MUST BE IN INCREDIBLE AGONY!

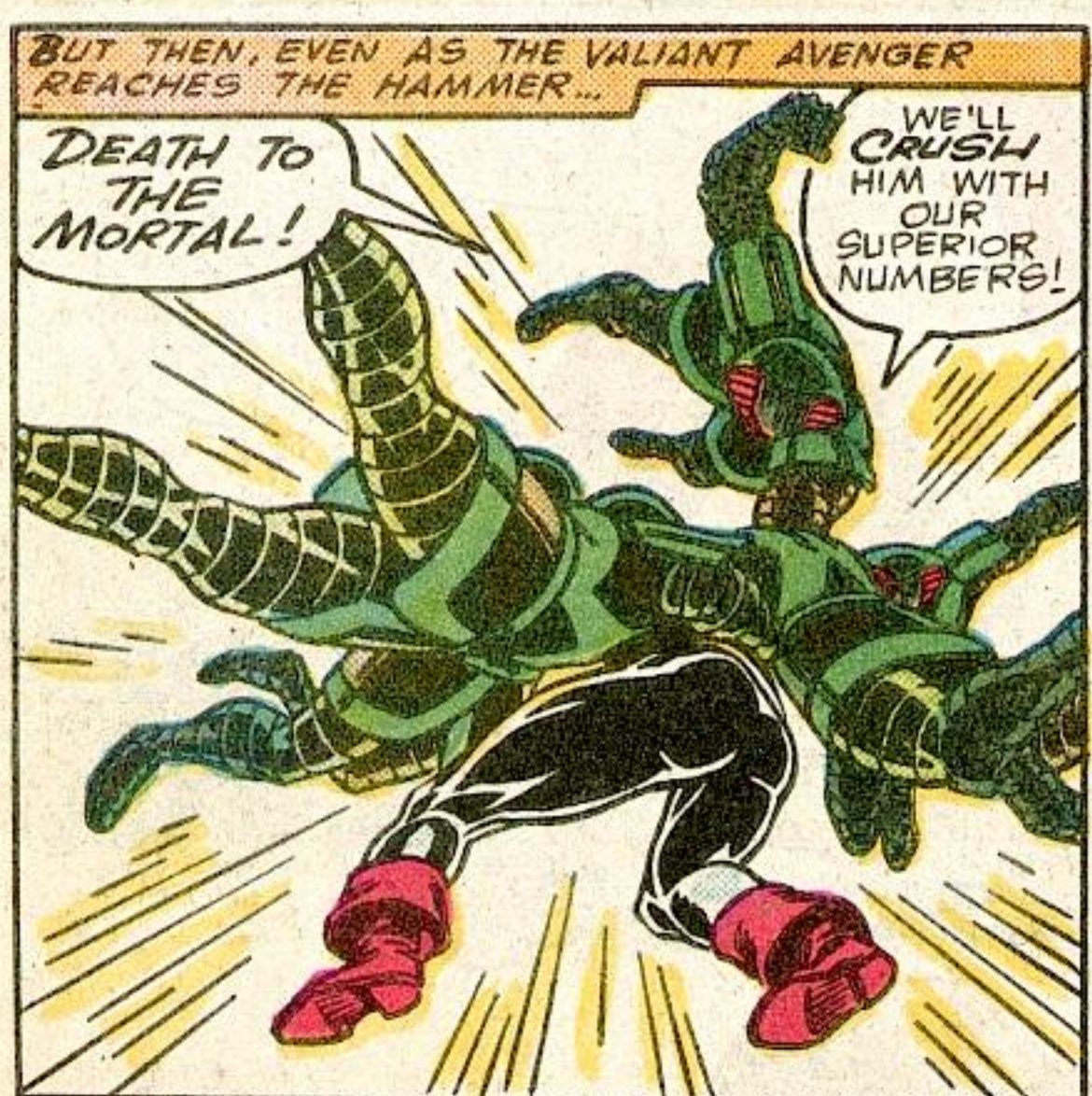
HE NEEDS HIS HAMMER!



SOMEHOW, I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO MOVE IT... TO GET IT TO HIM... OR HIM TO IT!

BUT HOW? HOW? IF A BIG BRUISER LIKE GROG COULDN'T DO IT... WHAT CHANCE WILL I HAVE?!

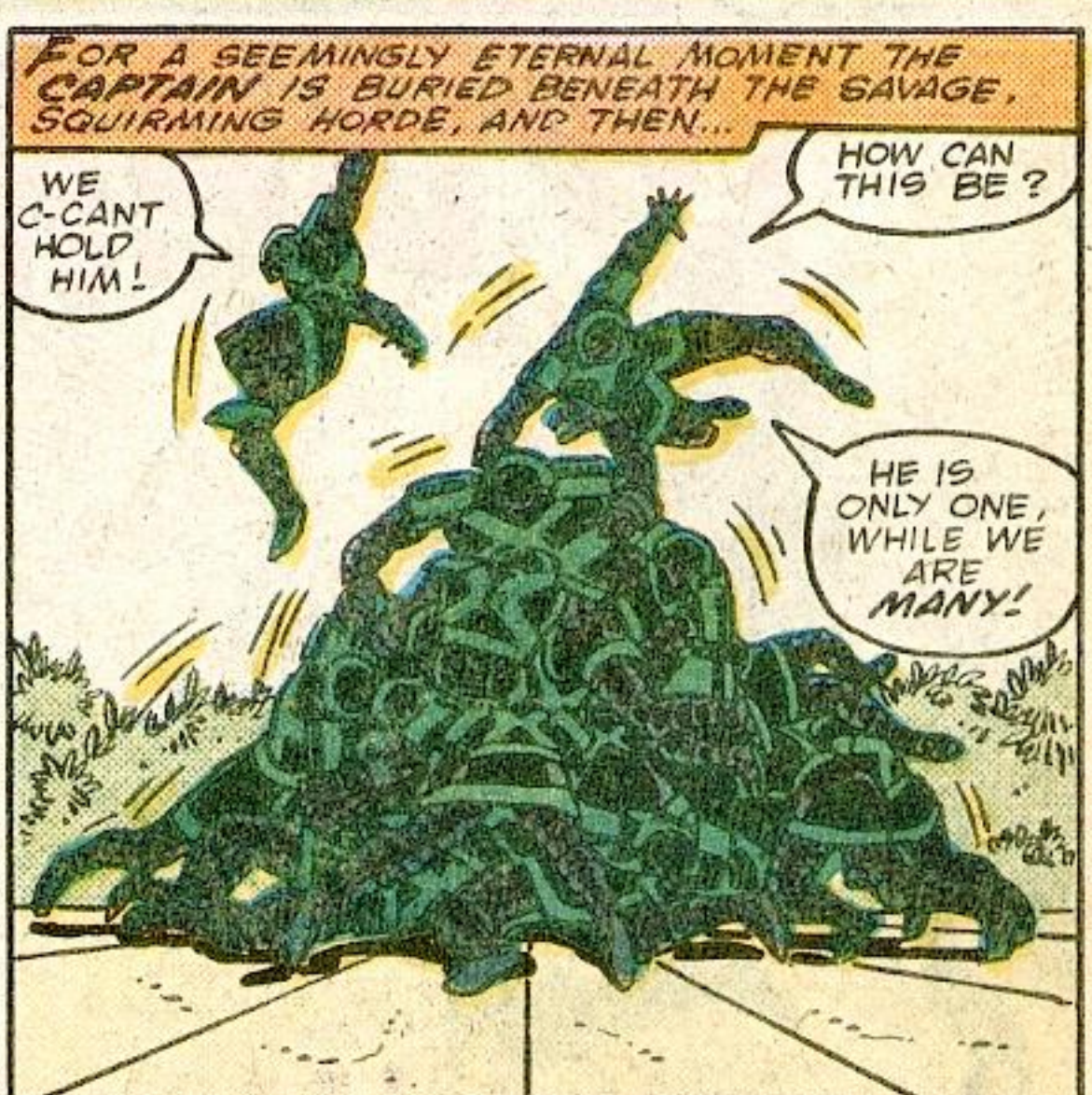
STILL, I'VE GOT TO TRY!



BUT THEN, EVEN AS THE VALIANT AVENGER REACHES THE HAMMER...

DEATH TO THE MORTAL!

WE'LL CRUSH HIM WITH OUR SUPERIOR NUMBERS!



FOR A SEEMINGLY ETERNAL MOMENT THE CAPTAIN IS BURIED BENEATH THE SAVAGE, SQUIRMING HORDE, AND THEN...

WE C-CANT HOLD HIM!

HOW CAN THIS BE?

HE IS ONLY ONE, WHILE WE ARE MANY!

I'VE GOT A FLASH FOR YOU, MISTER-- THERE'S PLENTY ONE MAN CAN DO--

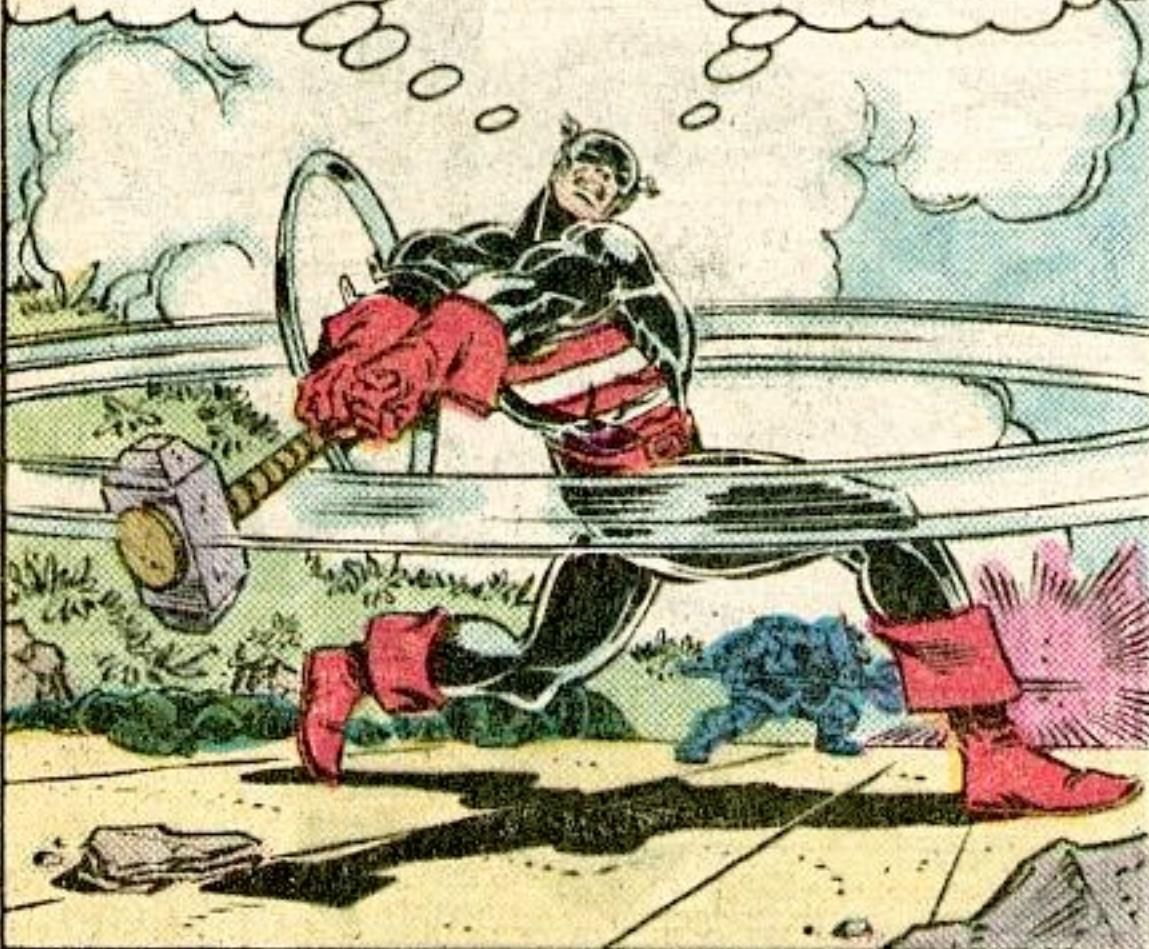
-- IF HE'S THE RIGHT MAN !!

THIS IS ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE. SOMEHOW I'M ABLE TO LIFT THOR'S HAMMER WHILE OTHERS FAR STRONGER THAN I COULDN'T EVEN BUDGE IT!!

KA-PWAK

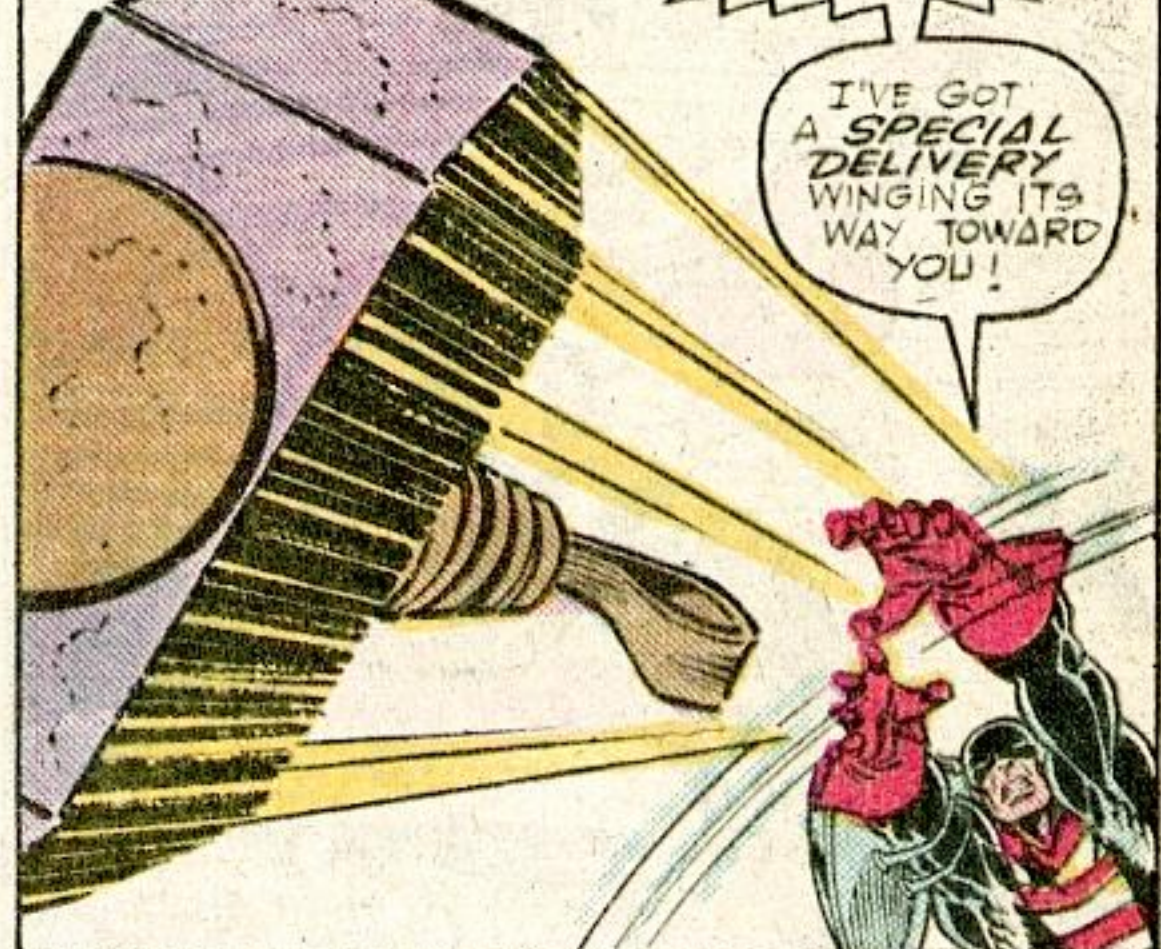
I'VE NEVER WIELDED SUCH **LIMITLESS** POWER BEFORE! IT'S ALMOST INTOXICATING!

BUT THIS HAMMER RIGHTFULLY BELONGS TO **THOR!** AND HE NEEDS IT A LOT MORE THAN I DO!



HEADS UP, AVENGER!!

I'VE GOT A **SPECIAL DELIVERY** WINGING ITS WAY TOWARD YOU!



MY HAMMER!!

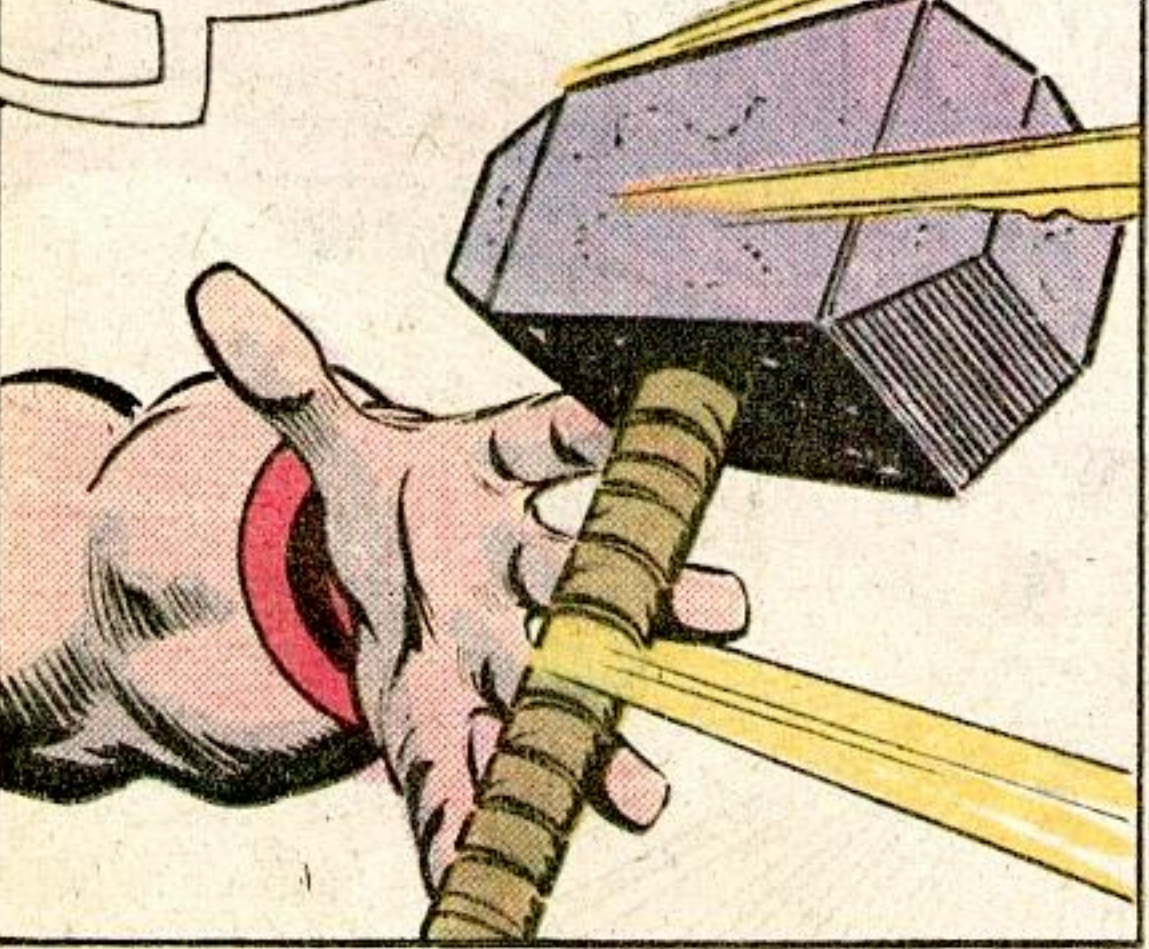


AWAY FROM ME, VERMIN!

NONE MAY SEPARATE THE GOD OF THUNDER FROM HIS SACRED **URU HAMMER!**



NONE MAY PREVENT **MIGHTY MJOLNIR** FROM RETURNING TO ITS MASTER'S HAND!



BEHOLD THE **POWER** AND THE **GLORY** OF THE **SON OF ODIN!!**

WOE TO THOSE **WICKED ENOW** TO DESERVE MY **RIGHTEOUS RETRIBUTION!**

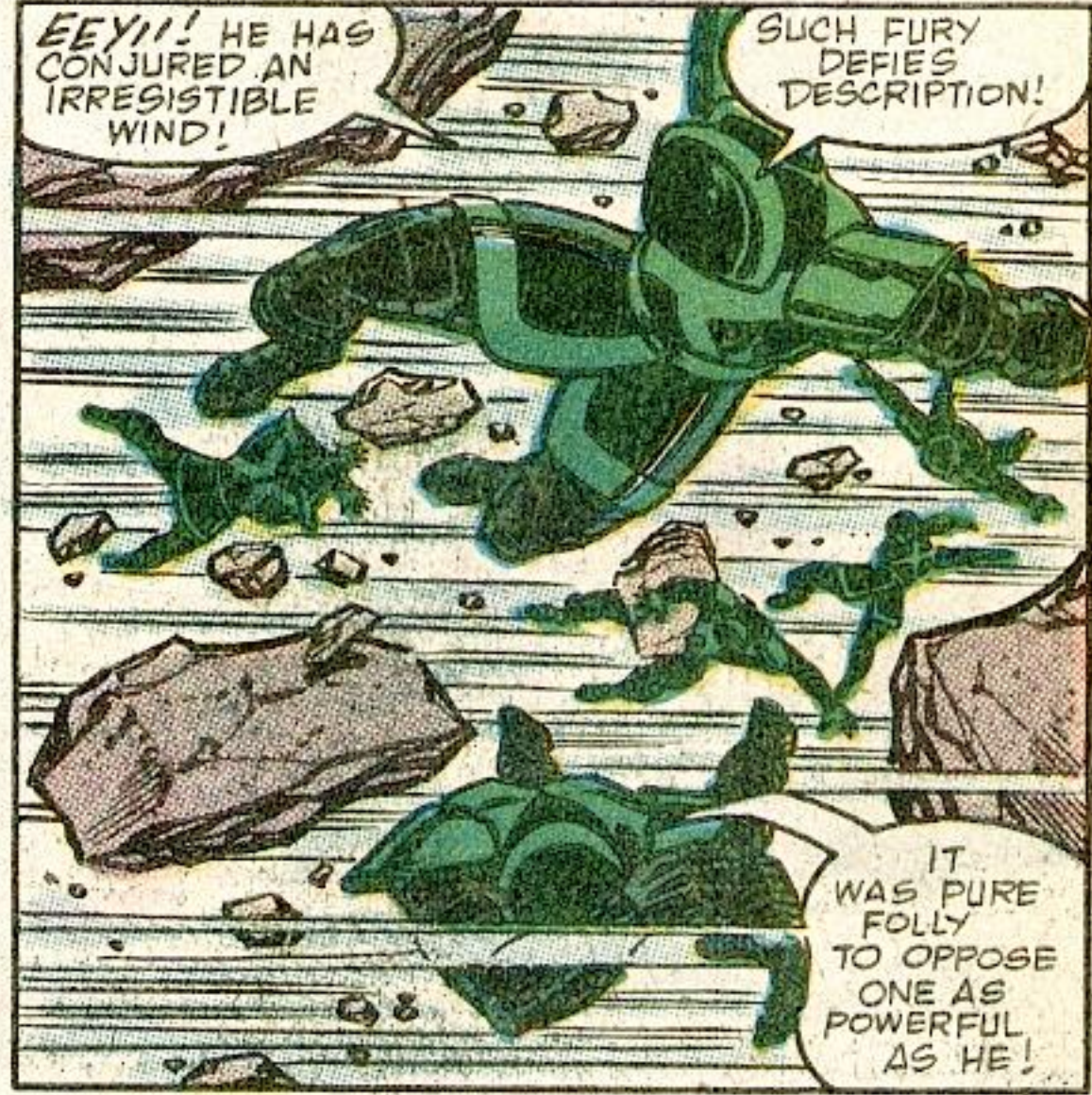




RUN, CAPTAIN!
SEEK COVER!

YOU HAVE
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MORE THAN
YOUR PART!

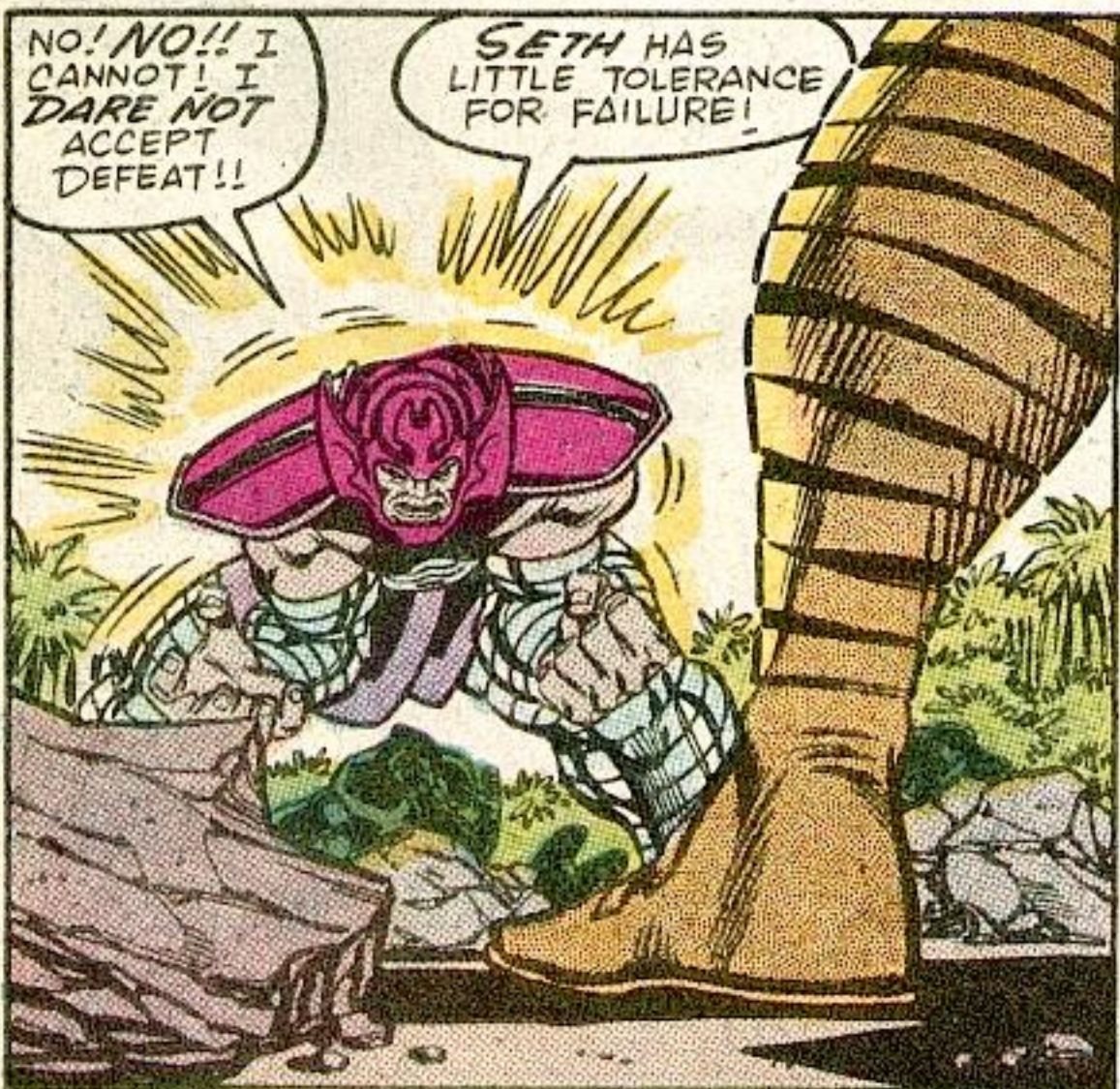
THOR SHALL
NOW DO HIS!



EYII!! HE HAS
CONJURED AN
IRRESISTIBLE
WIND!

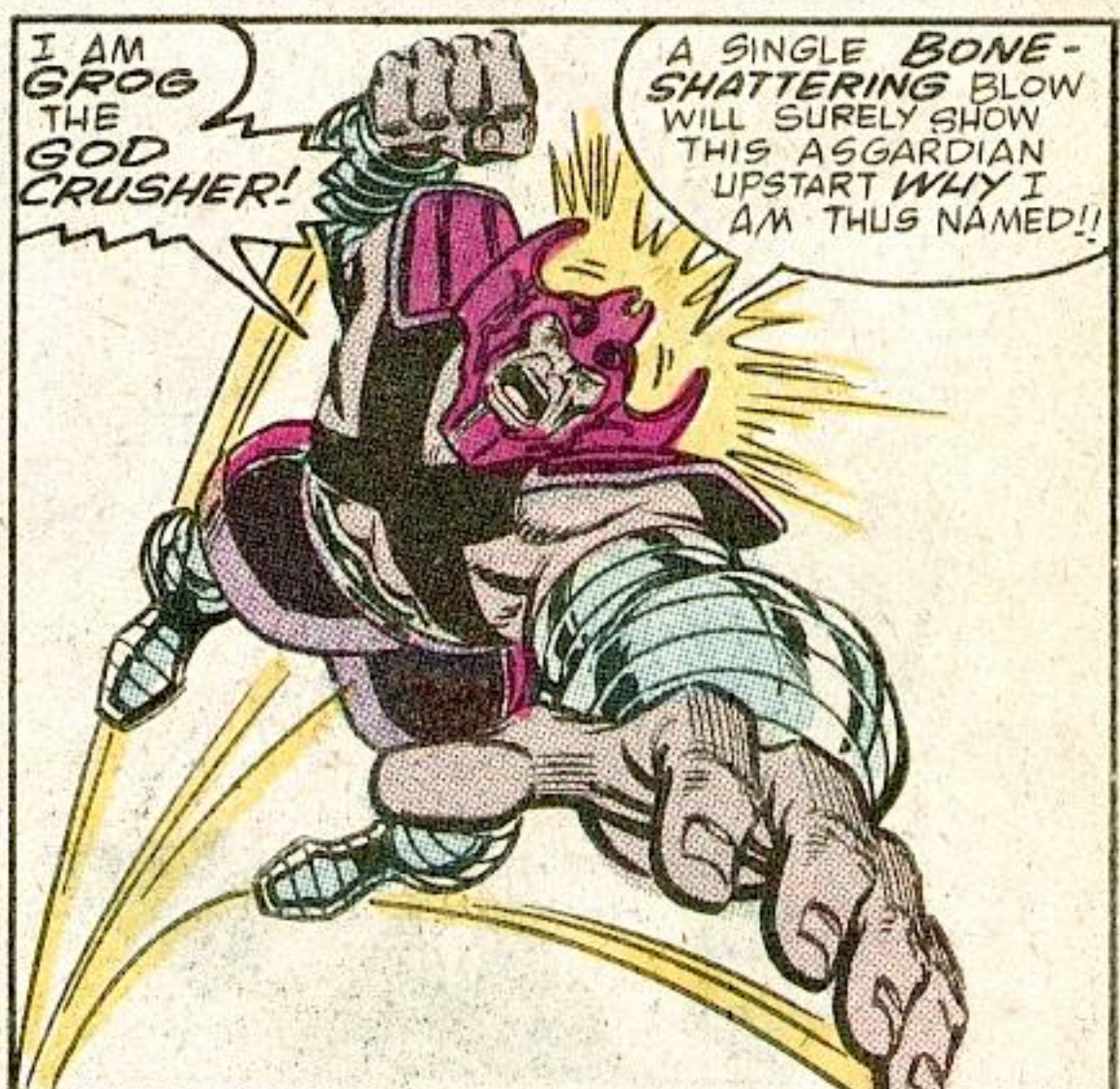
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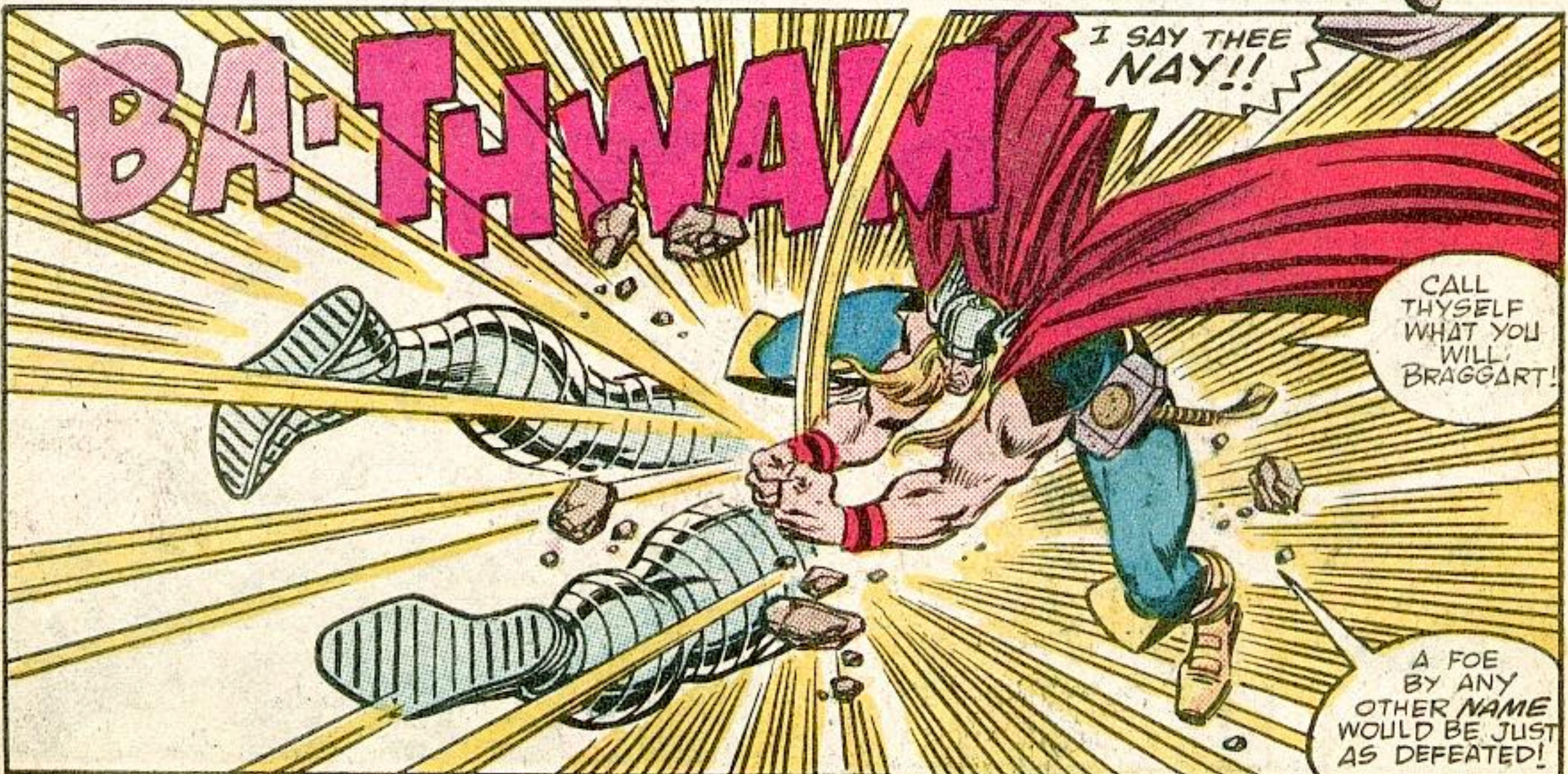
NO! NO!! I
CANNOT! I
DARE NOT
ACCEPT
DEFEAT!!

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LITTLE TOLERANCE
FOR FAILURE!



I AM
GROG
THE
GOD
CRUSHER!

A SINGLE BONE-
SHATTERING BLOW
WILL SURELY SHOW
THIS ASGARDIAN
UPSTART WHY I
AM THIS NAMED!!



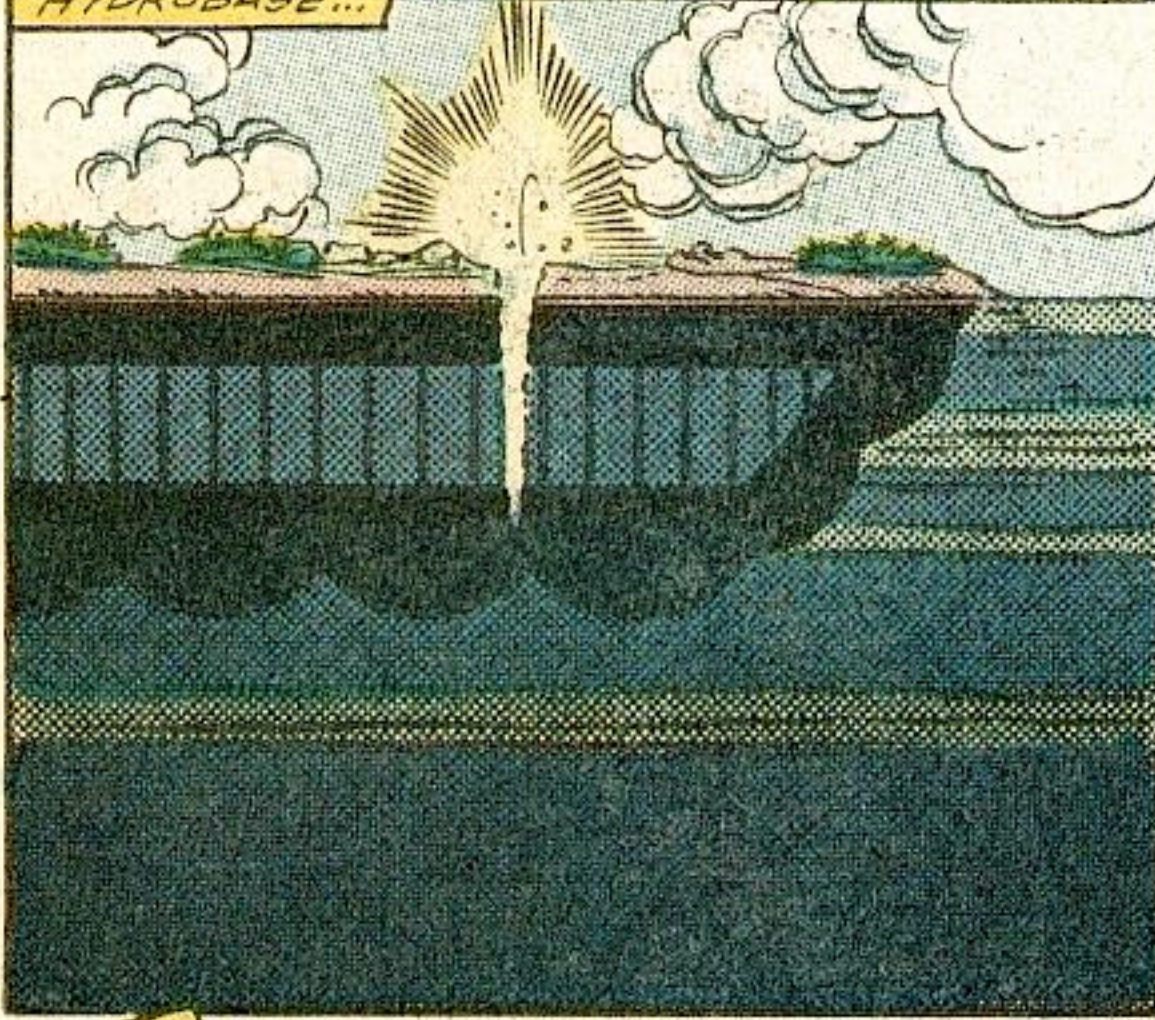
BA-THWAM!

I SAY THEE
NAY!!

CALL
THYSELF
WHAT YOU
WILL,
BRAGGART!

A FOE
BY ANY
OTHER NAME
WOULD BE JUST
AS DEFEATED!

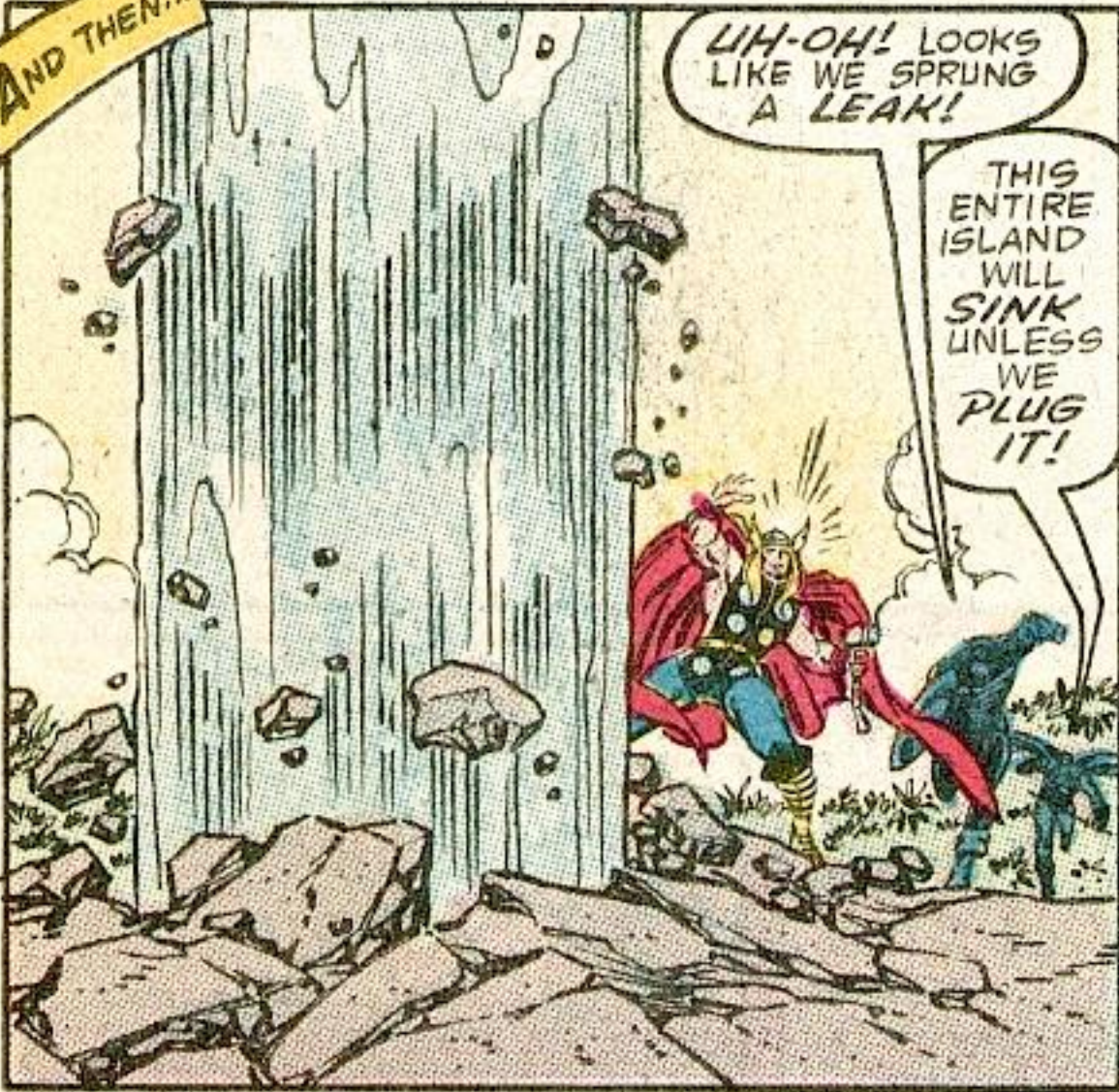
SO DEVASTATINGLY POWERFUL, SO UNDENIABLY FORCEFUL IS THE THUNDER GOD'S BLOW, THAT GROG IS DRIVEN COMPLETELY THROUGH HYDROBASE...



--AND INTO THE DARK OCEAN BELOW...



AND THEN...



UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE WE SPRUNG A LEAK!

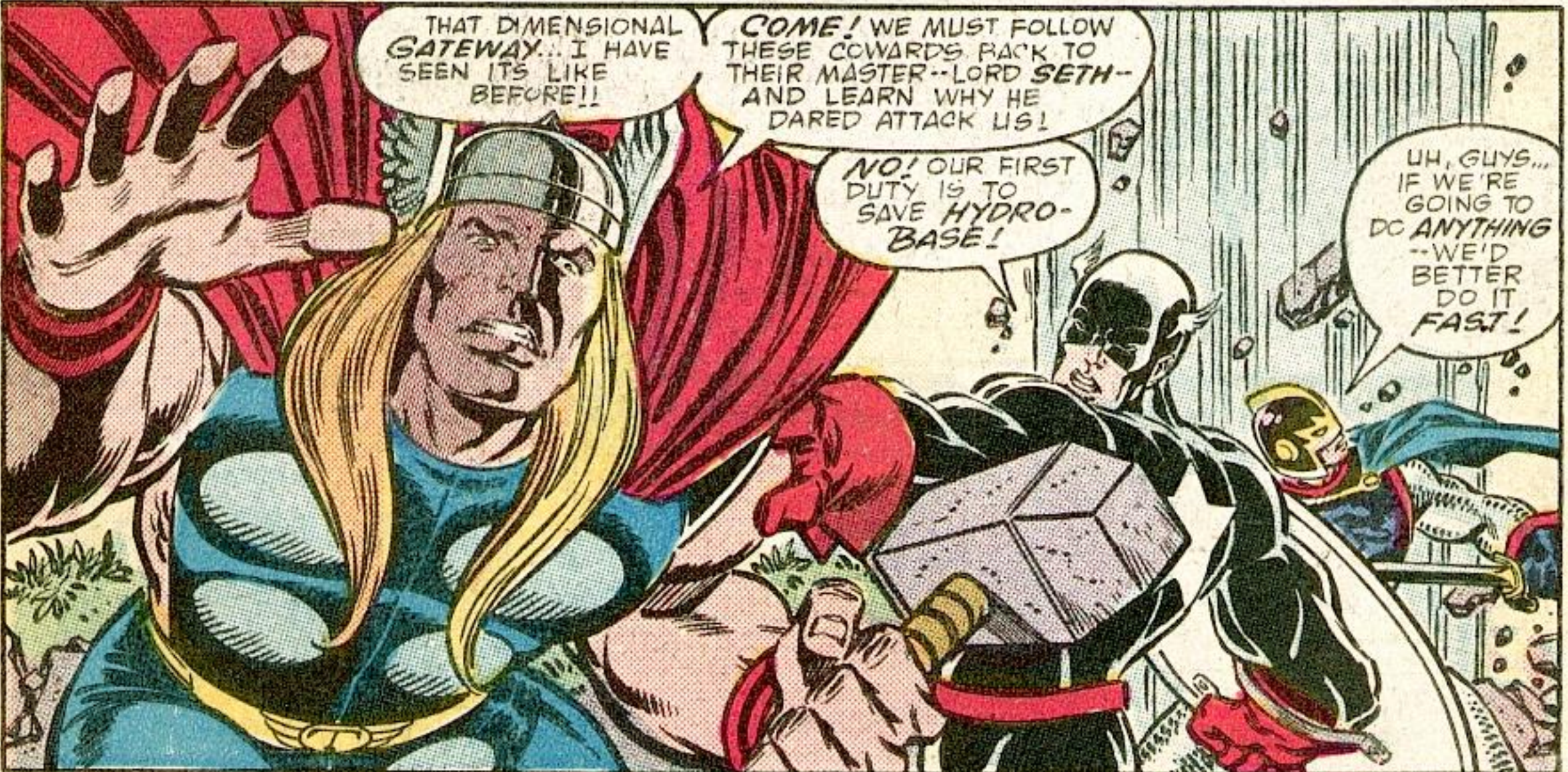
THIS ENTIRE ISLAND WILL SINK UNLESS WE PLUG IT!

AND, AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT...



OPEN THE DIMENSIONAL WARP! NOW IS OUR CHANCE TO ESCAPE!

HURRY! OUR ENEMIES WON'T BE DISTRACTED FOR LONG!



THAT DIMENSIONAL GATEWAY... I HAVE SEEN ITS LIKE BEFORE!!

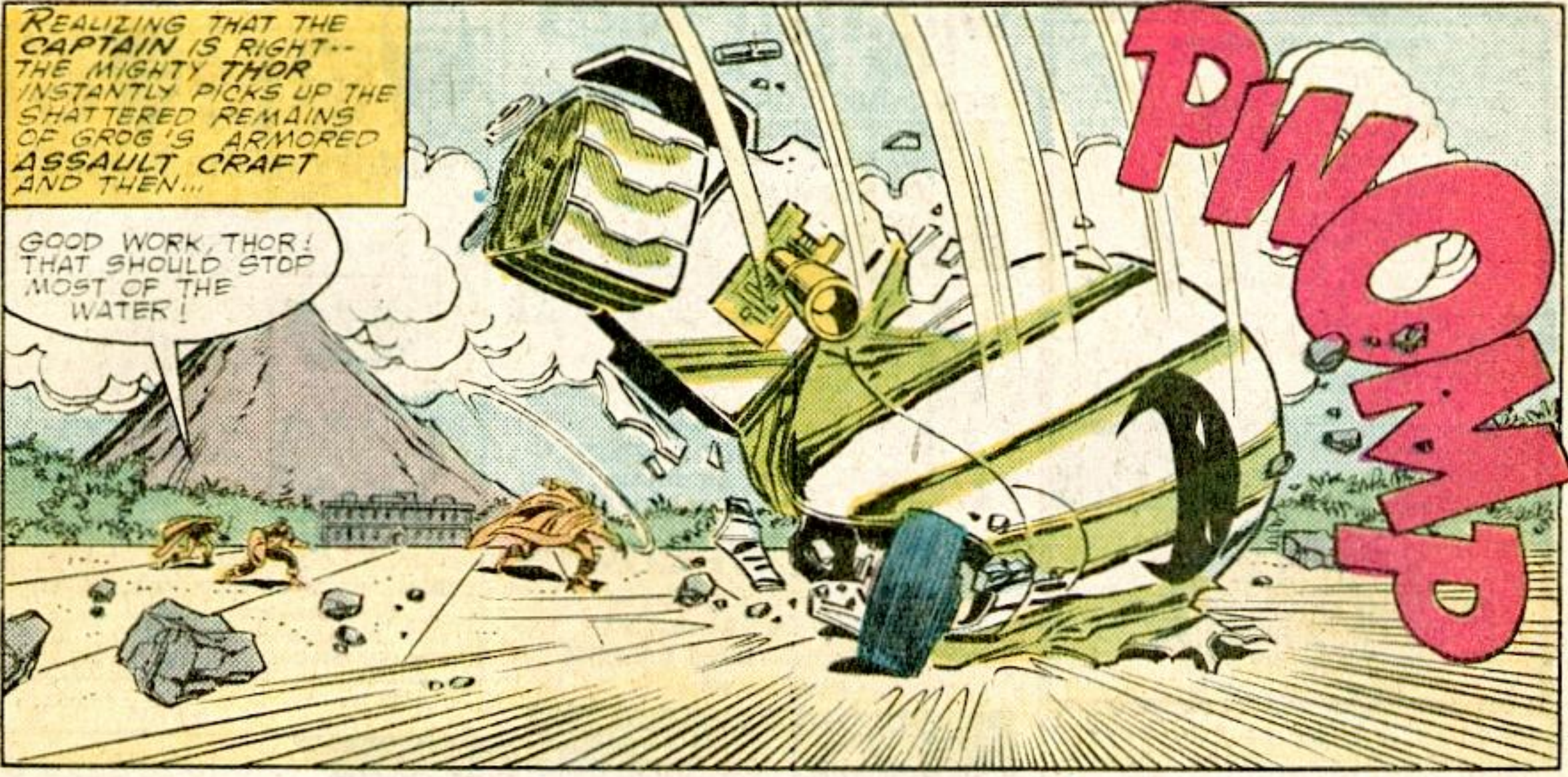
COME! WE MUST FOLLOW THESE COWARDS BACK TO THEIR MASTER--LORD SETH-- AND LEARN WHY HE DARED ATTACK US!

NO! OUR FIRST DUTY IS TO SAVE HYDRO-BASE!

UH, GUYS... IF WE'RE GOING TO DO ANYTHING --WE'D BETTER DO IT FAST!

REALIZING THAT THE CAPTAIN IS RIGHT-- THE MIGHTY THOR INSTANTLY PICKS UP THE SHATTERED REMAINS OF GROG'S ARMORED ASSAULT CRAFT AND THEN...

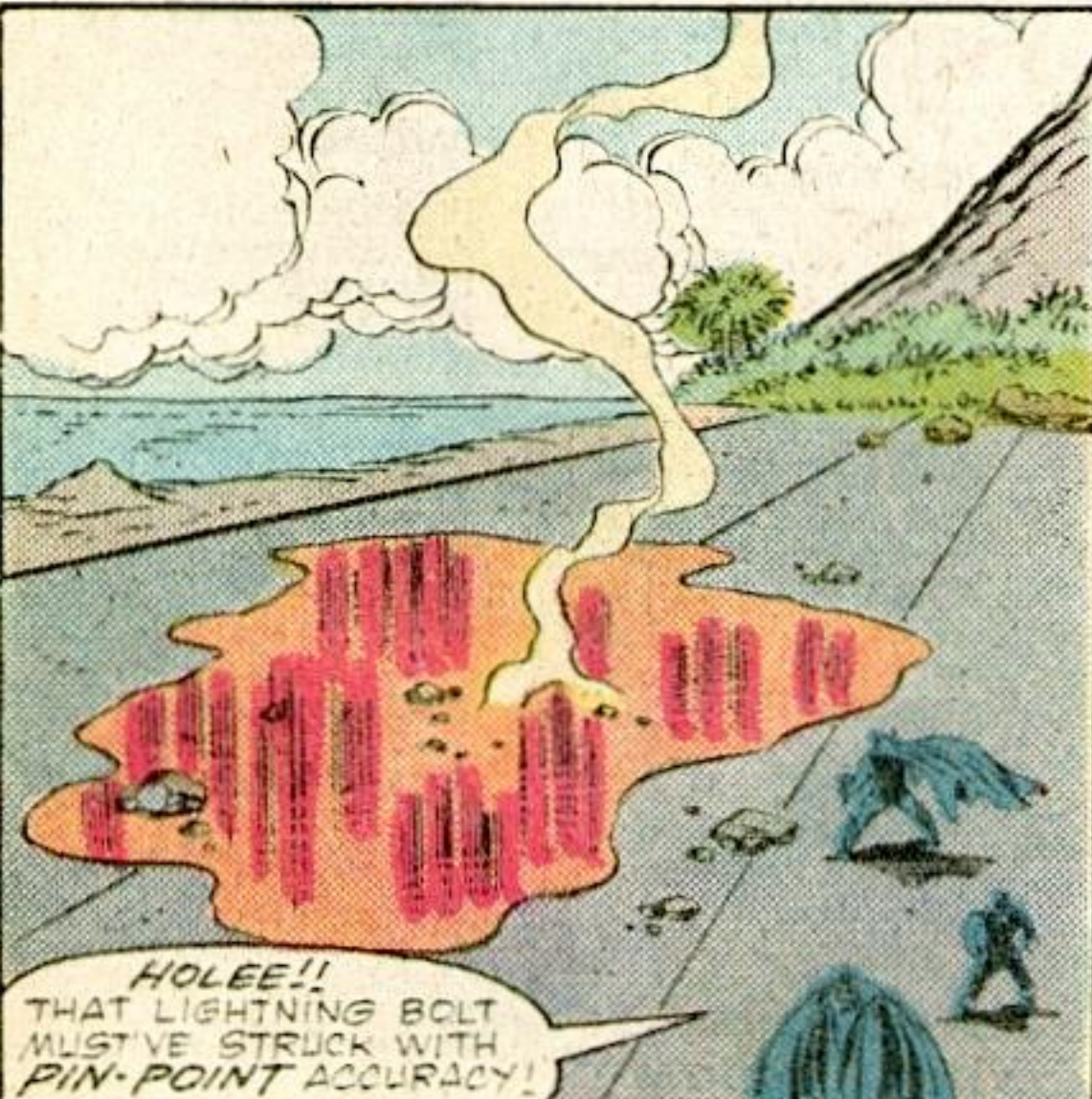
GOOD WORK, THOR! THAT SHOULD STOP MOST OF THE WATER!



FEAR NOT, SIR KNIGHT! THOR HAS NOT YET COMPLETED HIS TASK! I SHALL CALL FORTH LIGHTNING FROM THE SKY--



--AND COMMAND IT TO DO MY BIDDING!



HOLEE!! THAT LIGHTNING BOLT MUST'VE STRUCK WITH PIN-POINT ACCURACY!

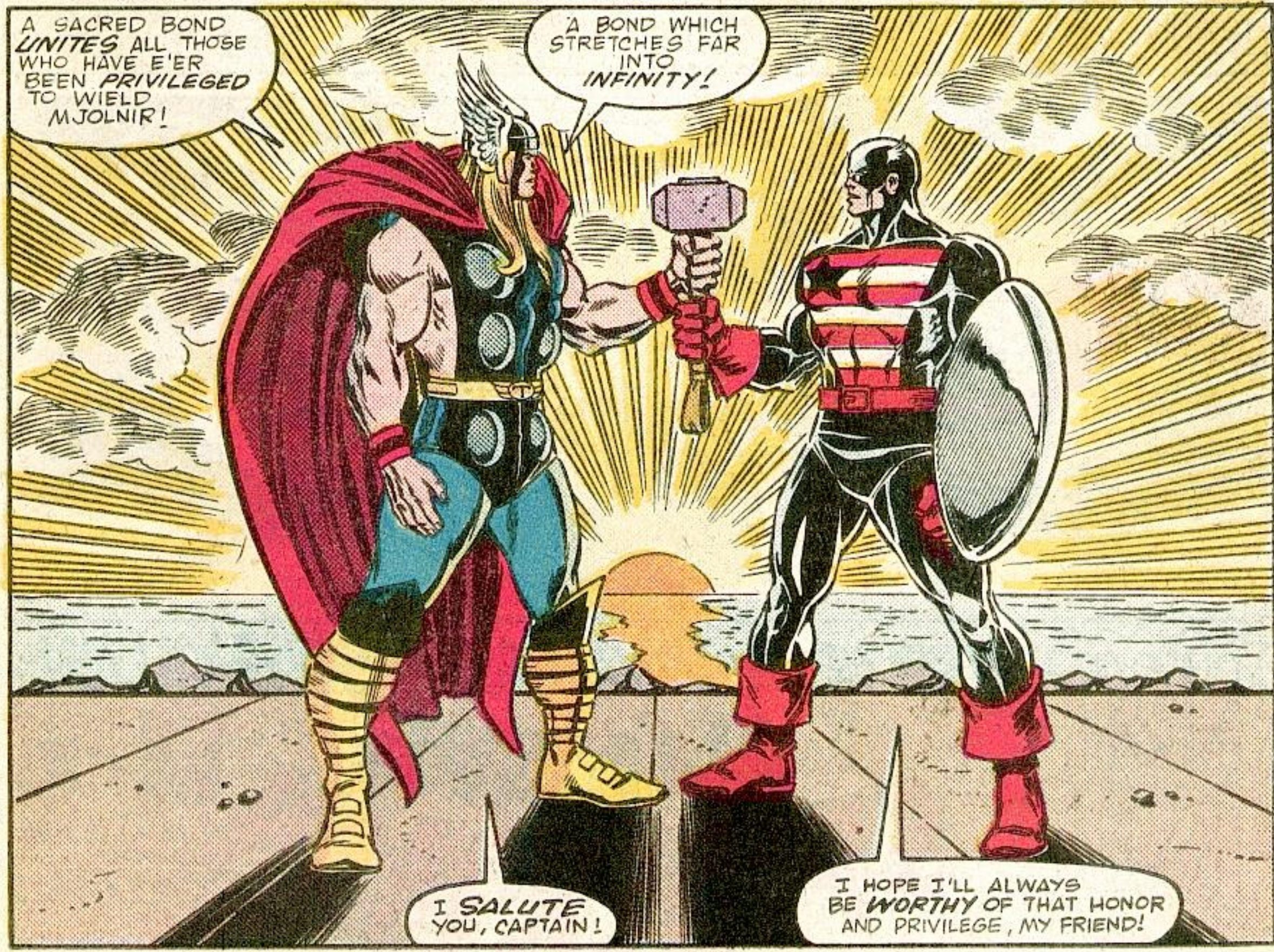
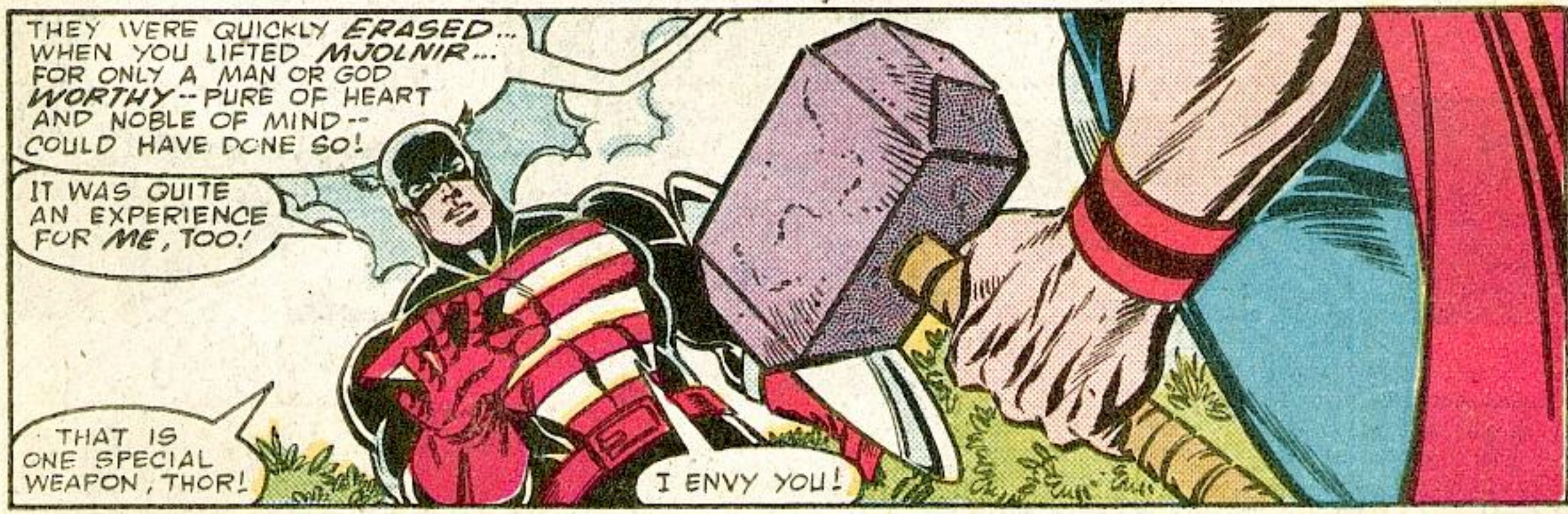
IT MELTED ALL THAT DEBRIS AND COMPLETELY SEALED THE HOLE!

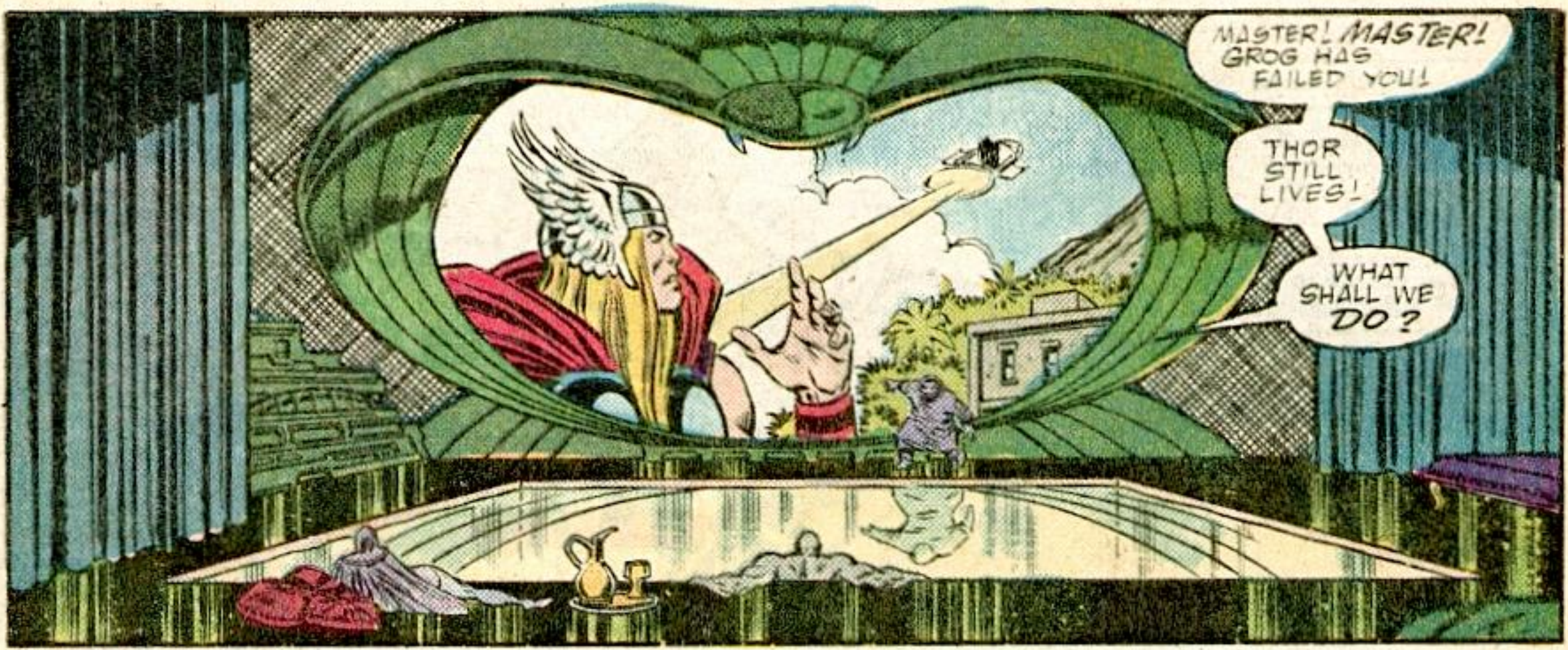
OF COURSE! THAT WAS OBVIOUSLY HIS PLAN FROM THE BEGINNING!



BUT--BUT THAT'S SCIENTIFICALLY IMPOSSIBLE!

NOT TO A THUNDER GOD!





MASTER! MASTER!
GROG HAS FAILED YOU!

THOR STILL LIVES!

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

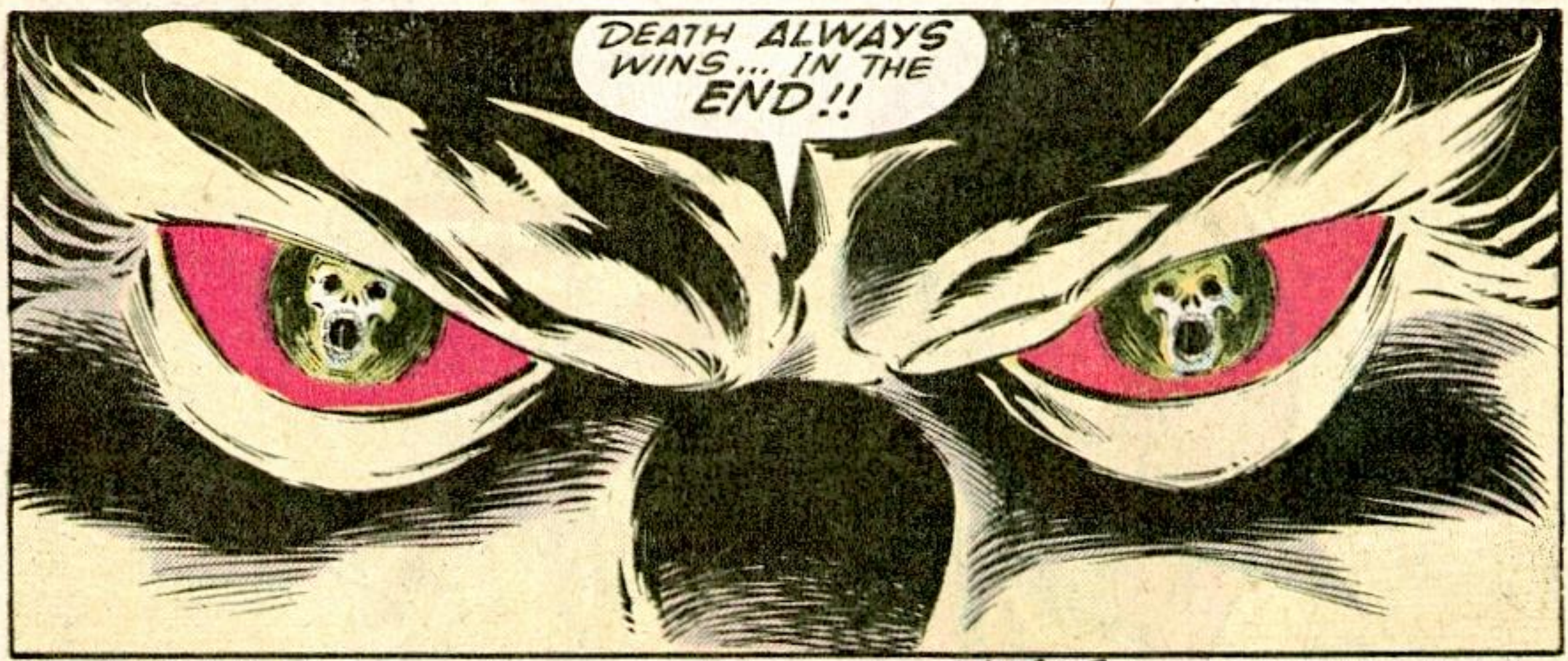


NOTHING... FOR NOW...

THE SON OF ODIN HAS ELUDED ME ONCE AGAIN!

EVENTUALLY, HE WILL FALL... ALL MY ENEMIES DO! IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME!

NO ONE CAN ESCAPE ME FOREVER!



DEATH ALWAYS WINS... IN THE END!!

NEXT ISSUE

THOR BATTLES A DYNAMIC NEW SUPER-VILLAIN-
SIDE BY SIDE WITH... **the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN**

DON'T MISS NEXT ISSUE!
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