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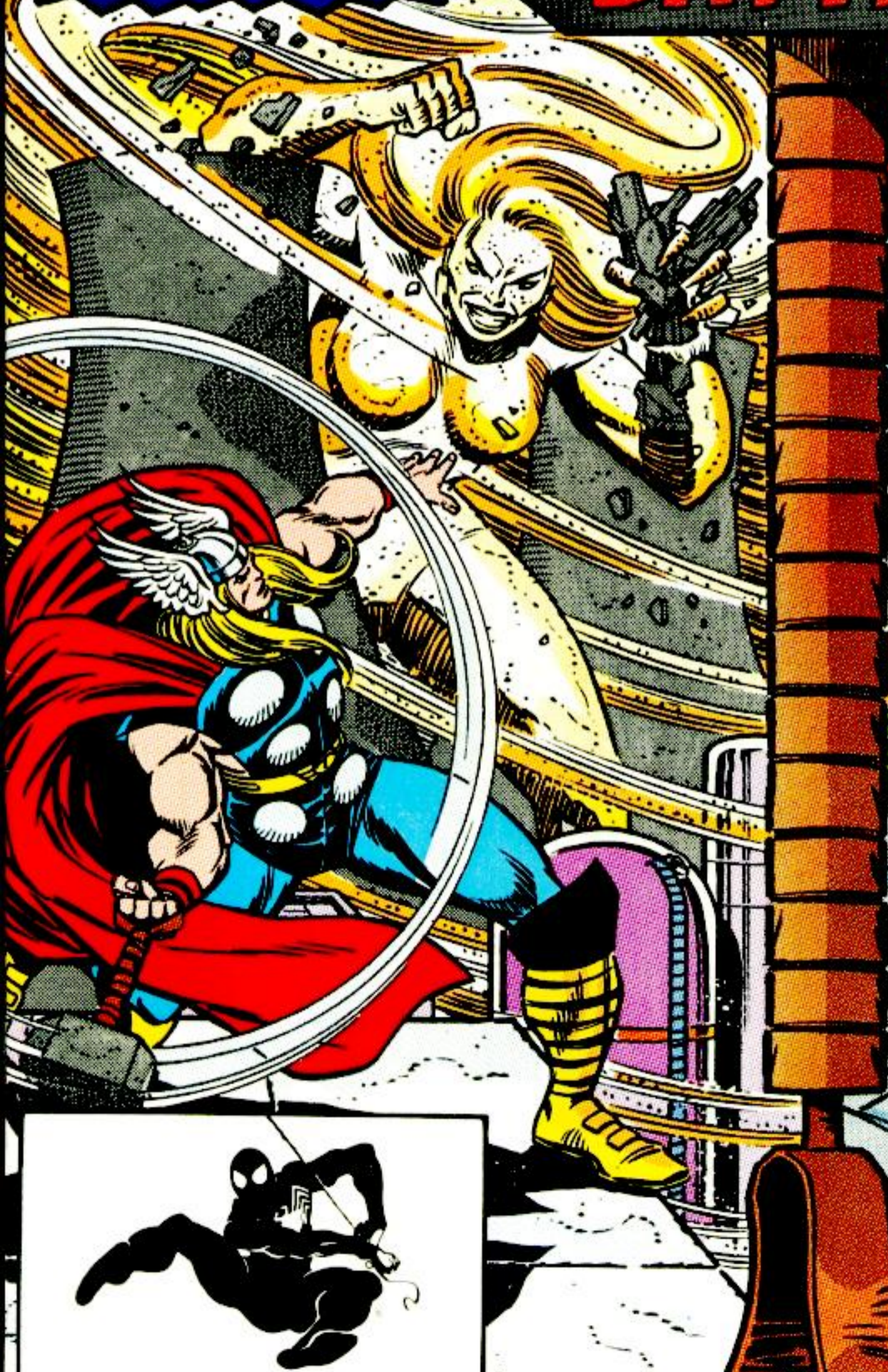
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THOR
VS.
QUICK-SAND!

BLAZE
BATTLE!

HOGUN THE GRIM
VS.
DAREDEVIL!



**ALL-
OUT ACTION**
IN THE BREATH-TAKING
MARVEL MANNER!

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THE BLAZE OF BATTLE!

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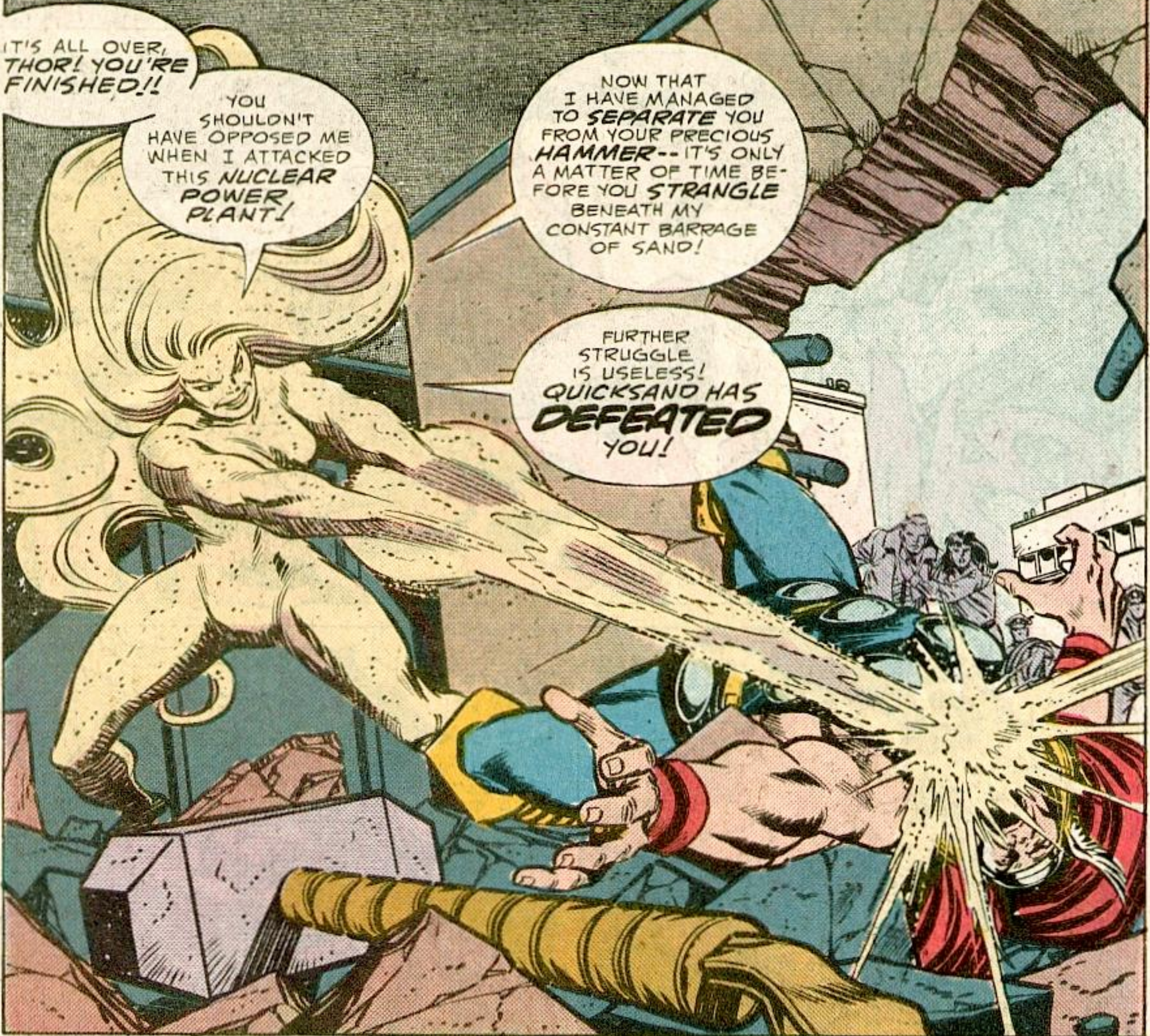
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IT'S ALL OVER,
THOR! YOU'RE
FINISHED!!

YOU
SHOULDN'T
HAVE OPPOSED ME
WHEN I ATTACKED
THIS **NUCLEAR
POWER
PLANT!**

NOW THAT
I HAVE MANAGED
TO **SEPARATE** YOU
FROM YOUR PRECIOUS
HAMMER-- IT'S ONLY
A MATTER OF TIME BE-
FORE YOU **STRANGLE**
BENEATH MY
CONSTANT BARRAGE
OF SAND!

FURTHER
STRUGGLE
IS USELESS!
**QUICKSAND HAS
DEFEATED
YOU!**





NAY, WOMAN!

I SAY THEE, MAY!

NO STRUGGLE IS EVER USELESS! ONLY DESPAIR LEADS TO FAILURE AND DEFEAT!



AND NEVER WILL THE SON OF ODIN KNOW DESPAIR!

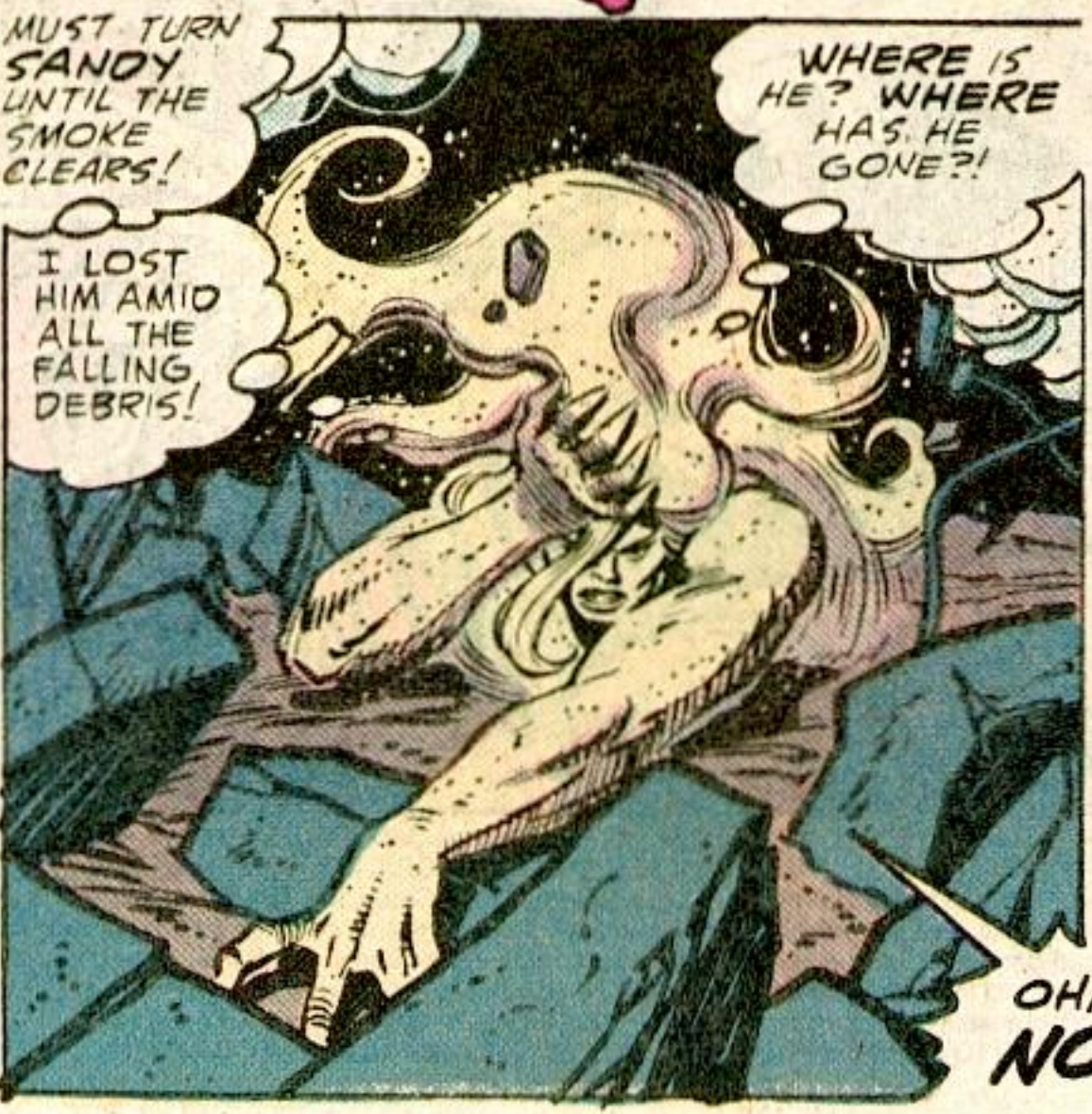
NEVER WILL HE SURRENDER!

WAA BOOM!



HE-- COMPLETELY SHATTERED-- THE CEMENT FLOOR!

BWAASSSHH!



MUST TURN SANDY UNTIL THE SMOKE CLEARS!

I LOST HIM AMID ALL THE FALLING DEBRIS!

WHERE IS HE? WHERE HAS HE GONE?!



AT LAST! I HAVE REGAINED MY ENCHANTED HAMMER!

MIGHTY MJOLNIR IS MINE ONCE MORE!

OH, NO! NO--!!

SHOW THYSELF, QUICKSAND!

STAND AND FACE THE MIGHTY **THOR**-- THE GOD OF THUNDER--AND THE WARRIOR-PRINCE OF ETERNAL ASGARD!

BEHOLD THE UNRELENTING FURY OF MY SAVAGE STORM!

GAZE IN AWE AT MY LIMITLESS POWER!

OHMIGOSH! HE'S FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN I EVER REALIZED! HE MUST HAVE BEEN HOLDING BACK--PULLING HIS PUNCHES BECAUSE I'M A WOMAN!

I DARE NOT BATTLE HIM NOW!

I'VE GOT TO ESCAPE THROUGH THIS AIR DUCT!

I NEED TIME TO THINK-- TO PLAN!

RETREAT IS FUTILE, WOMAN!

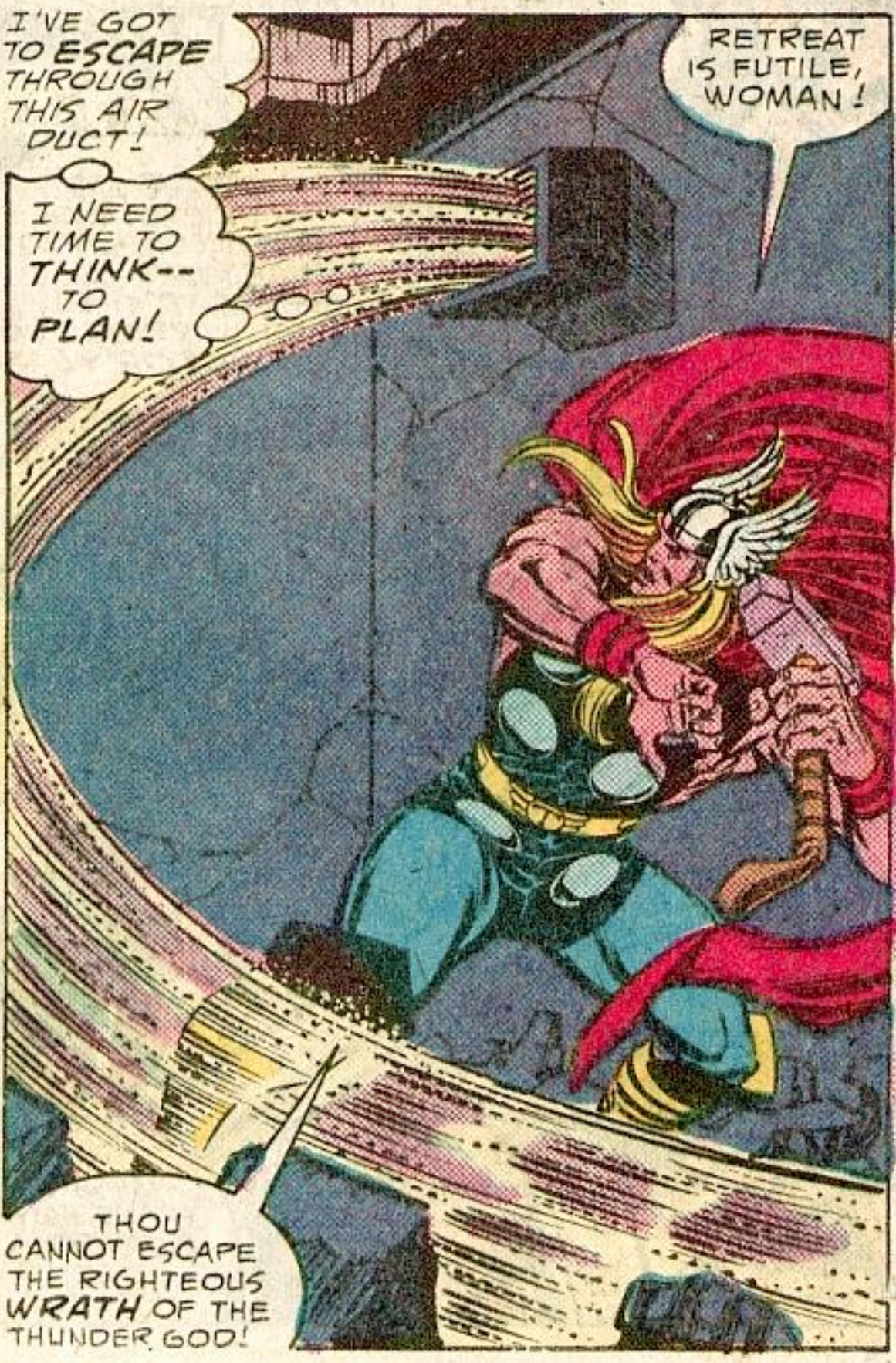
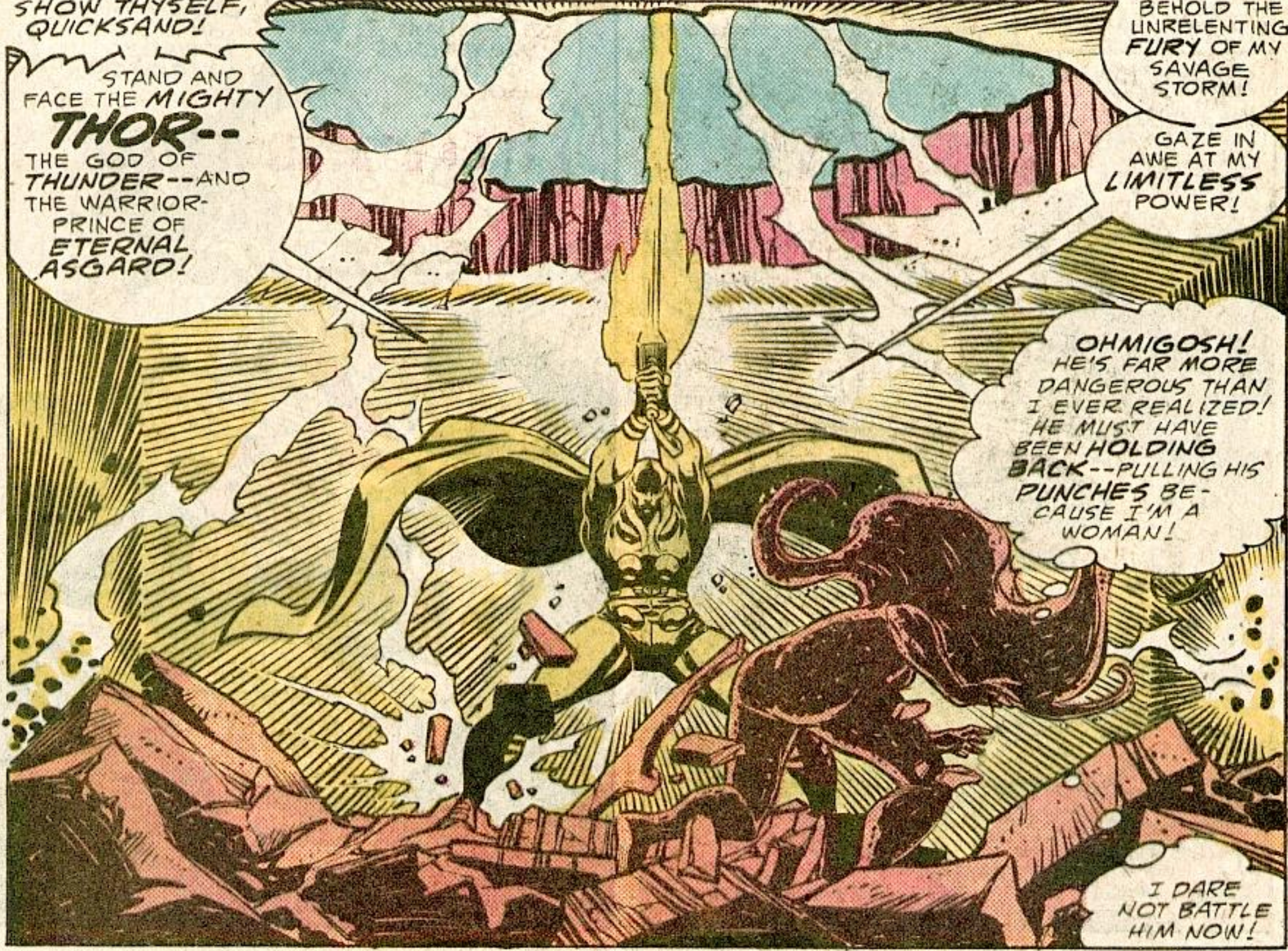
ERIC, DID YOU CATCH ALL THAT? I HAD HEARD ABOUT THOR-- READ ABOUT HIM-- BUT TO ACTUALLY SEE HIM IN ACTION -- WOW!

HE IS QUITE IMPRESSIVE, JACKIE!

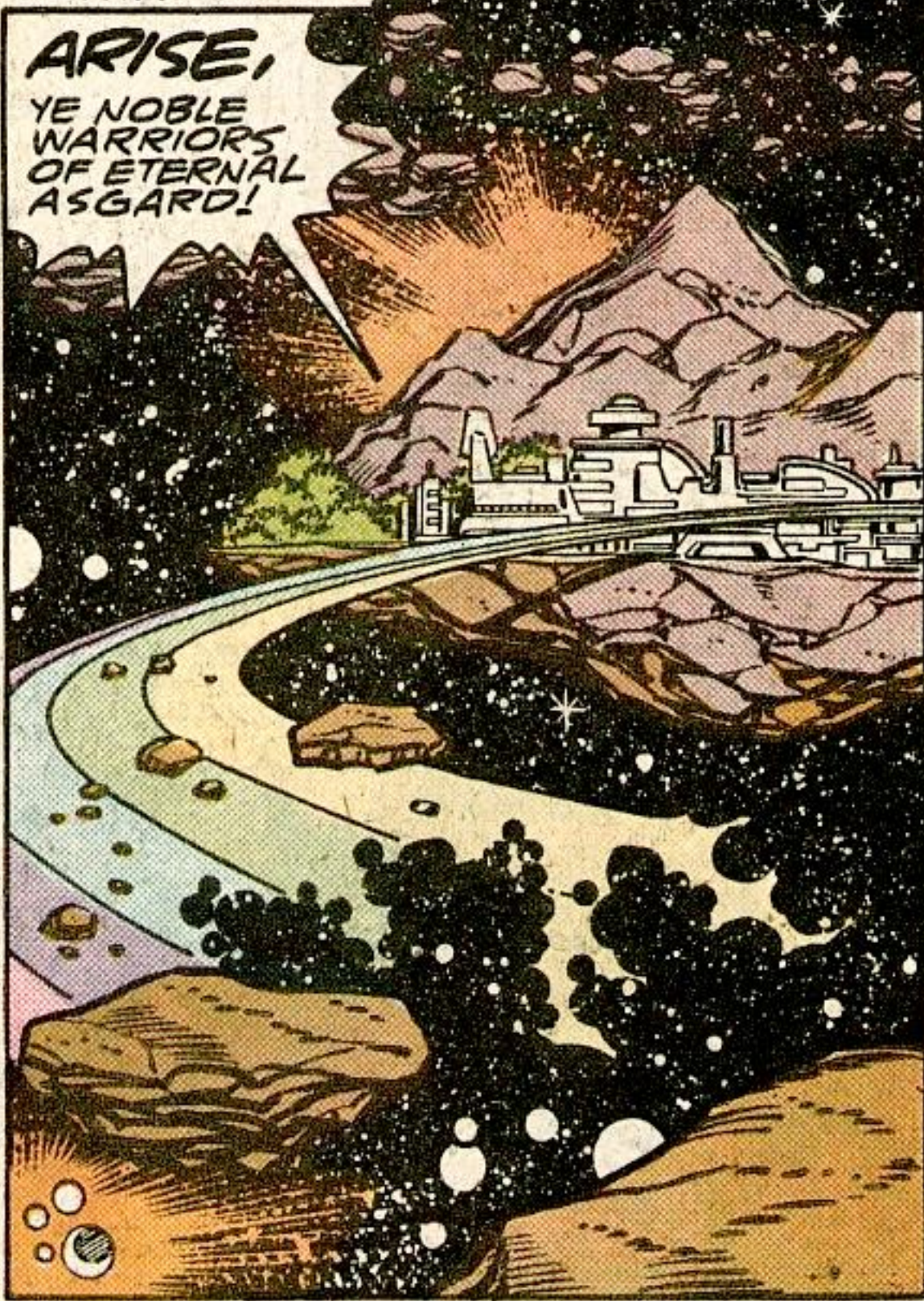
WHAT HAPPENED TO QUICKSAND?

SHE IS GONE... FOR THE MOMENT... BUT SHE WILL RETURN... AND FIND THOR WAITING!

THOU CANNOT ESCAPE THE RIGHTEOUS WRATH OF THE THUNDER GOD!



JUST THEN, AN INCOMPUTABLE DISTANCE AWAY, IN A LAND FAR BEYOND THE REACH OF MORTAL TIME...



ARISE,
YE NOBLE
WARRIORS
OF ETERNAL
ASGARD!

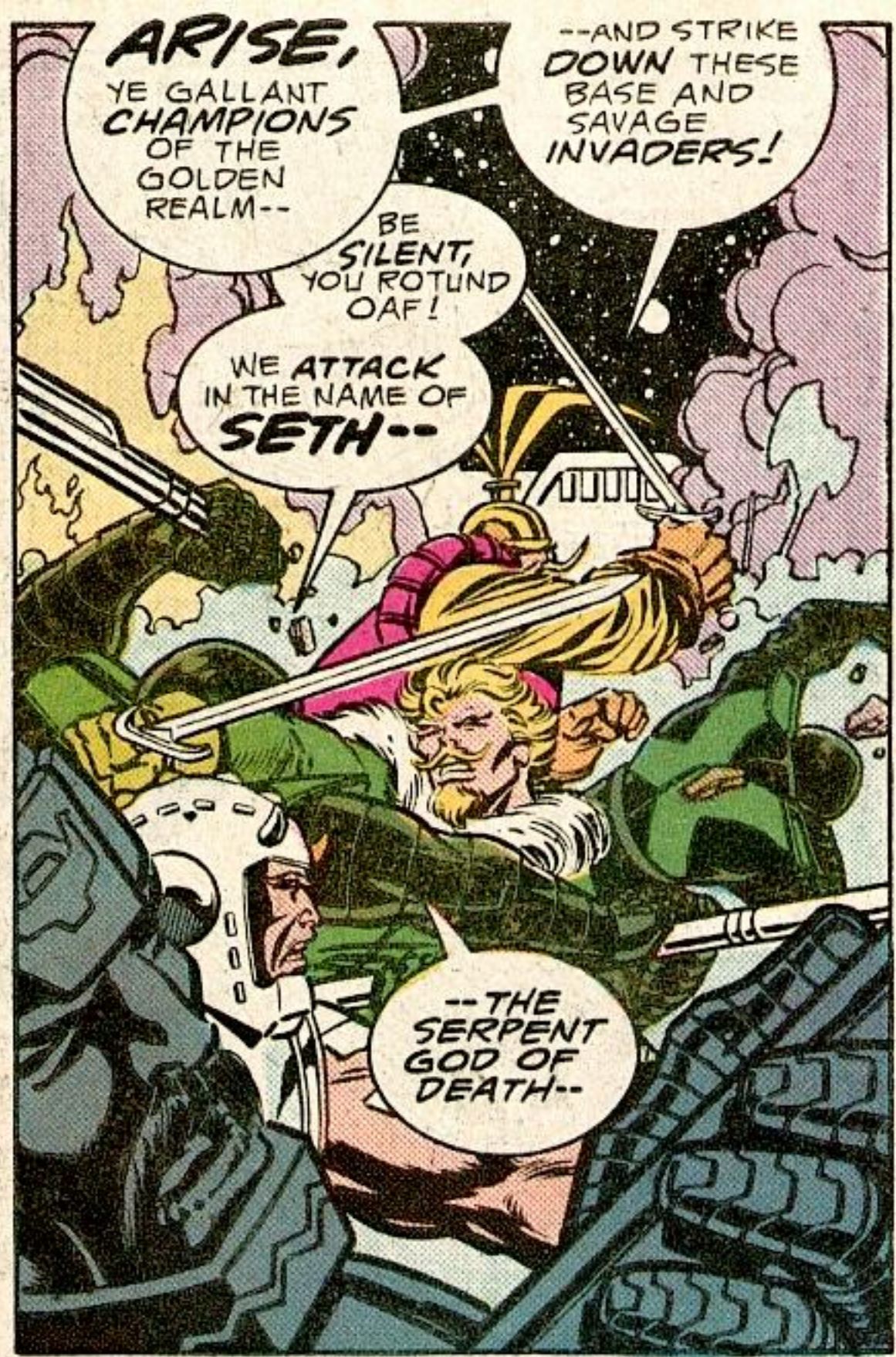
ARISE,
YE GALLANT
CHAMPIONS
OF THE
GOLDEN
REALM--

--AND STRIKE
DOWN THESE
BASE AND
SAVAGE
INVADERS!

BE
SILENT,
YOU ROTUND
OAF!

WE ATTACK
IN THE NAME OF
SETH--

--THE
SERPENT
GOD OF
DEATH--



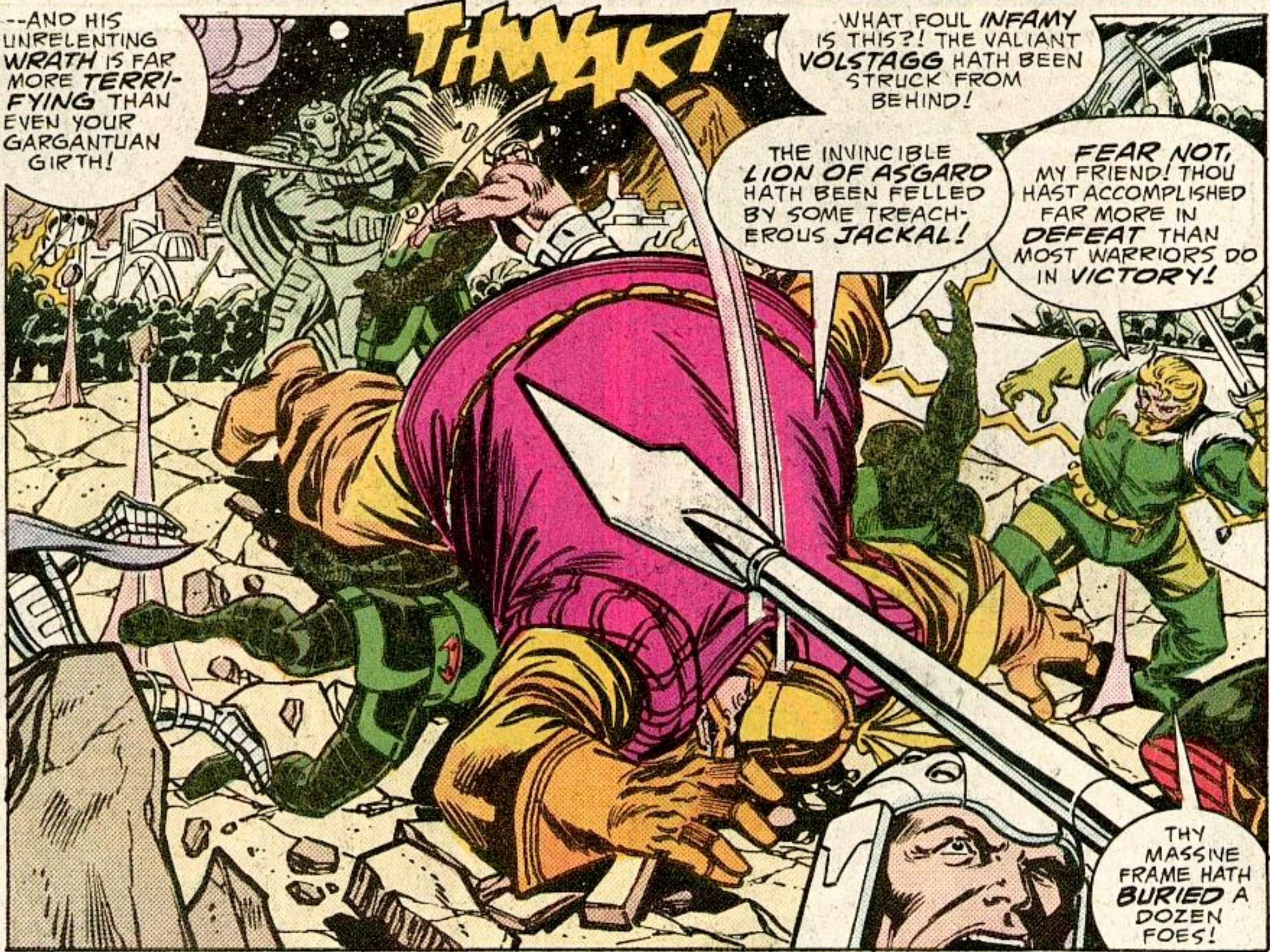
--AND HIS
UNRELENTING
WRATH IS FAR
MORE TERRI-
FYING THAN
EVEN YOUR
GARGANTUAN
GIRTH!

THWACK!

WHAT FOUL INFAMY
IS THIS?! THE VALIANT
VOLSTAGG HATH BEEN
STRUCK FROM
BEHIND!

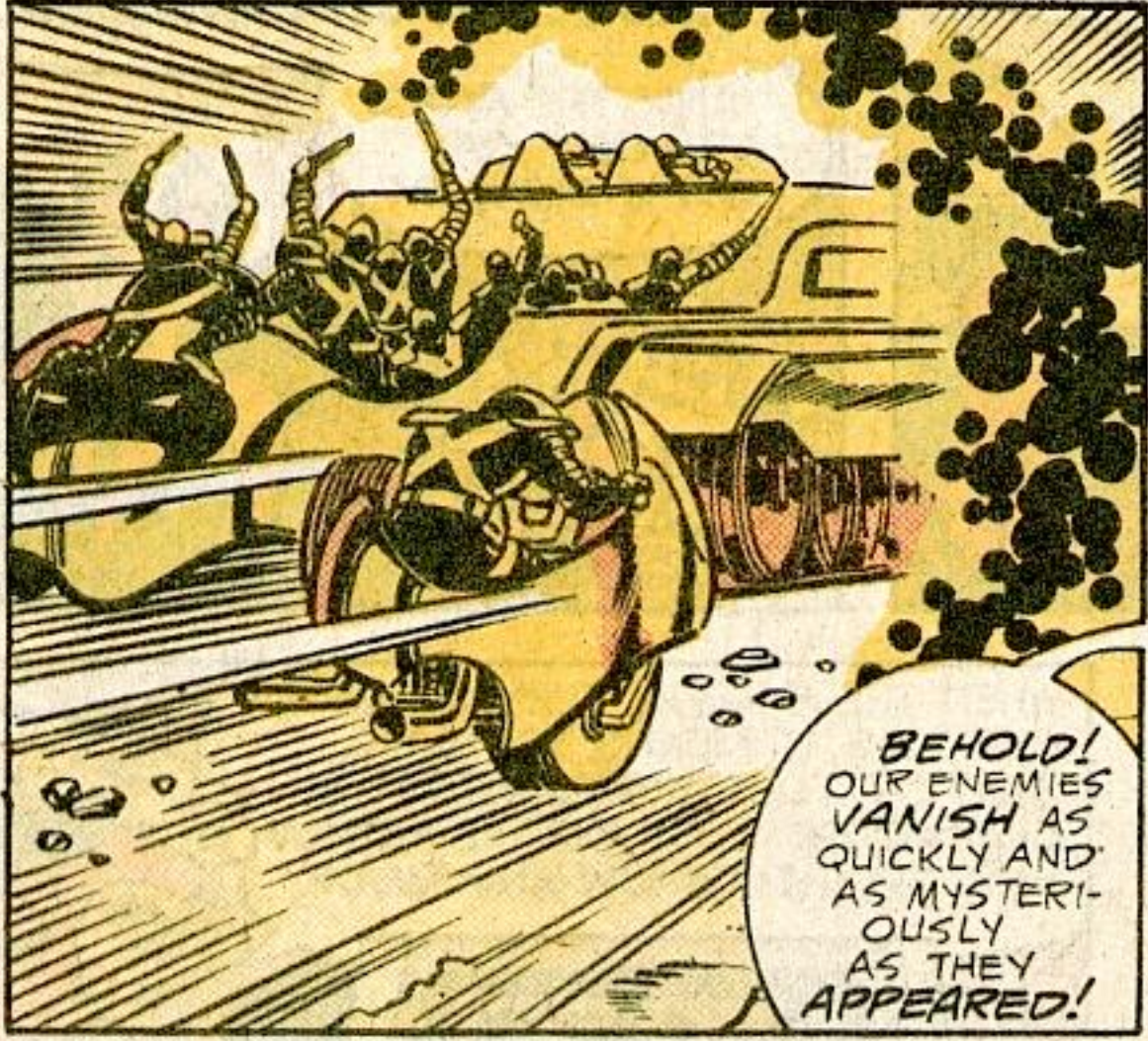
THE INVINCIBLE
LION OF ASGARD
HATH BEEN FELLED
BY SOME TREACH-
EROUS JACKAL!

FEAR NOT,
MY FRIEND! THOU
HAST ACCOMPLISHED
FAR MORE IN
DEFEAT THAN
MOST WARRIORS DO
IN VICTORY!



THY
MASSIVE
FRAME HATH
BURIED A
DOZEN
FOES!

BUT THEN, REALIZING THAT DEFEAT IS AT HAND, THE EGYPTIAN INTERLOPERS SUDDENLY CONJURE A DIMENSIONAL GATEWAY, AND--



BEHOLD! OUR ENEMIES VANISH AS QUICKLY AND AS MYSTERIOUSLY AS THEY APPEARED!



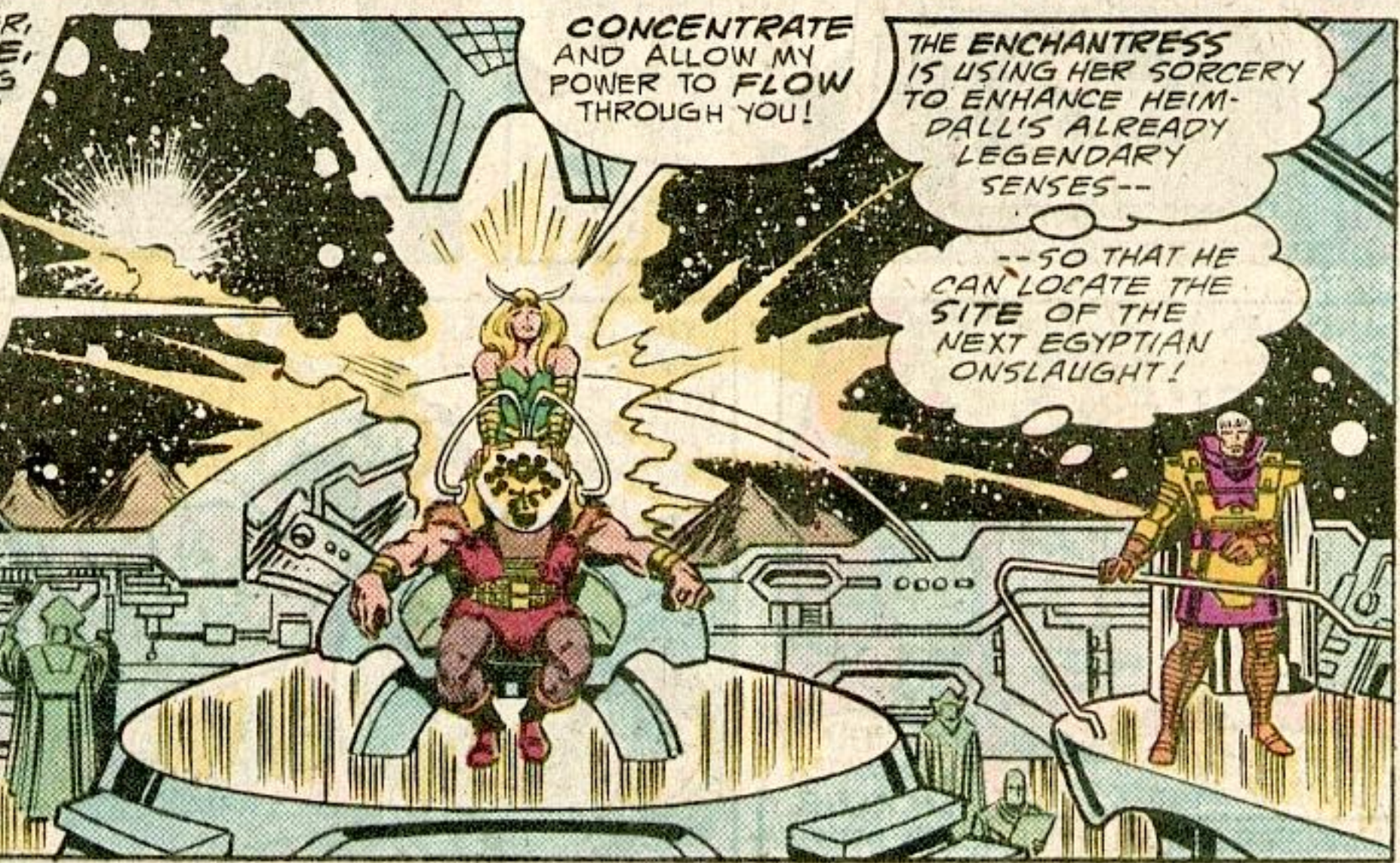
WE ARE NO MATCH FOR SUCH FOEMEN!

NO ONE CAN VANQUISH AN ARMY THAT CAN MATERIALIZE AND DISAPPEAR AT WILL!

TAKE HEART, COM-RADE...

"... OUR BELOVED RULER, BALDER THE BRAVE, IS ALREADY WORKING ON A PLAN TO STOP THESE SURPRISE ATTACKS!"

CONCENTRATE, HEIMDALL! YOU WHO CAN HEAR THE BEATING OF A BUTTERFLY'S WINGS A THOUSAND WORLDS AWAY!



CONCENTRATE AND ALLOW MY POWER TO FLOW THROUGH YOU!

THE ENCHANTRESS IS USING HER SORCERY TO ENHANCE HEIMDALL'S ALREADY LEGENDARY SENSES--

--SO THAT HE CAN LOCATE THE SITE OF THE NEXT EGYPTIAN ONSLAUGHT!

BUT THEN, A FEW MINUTES LATER...

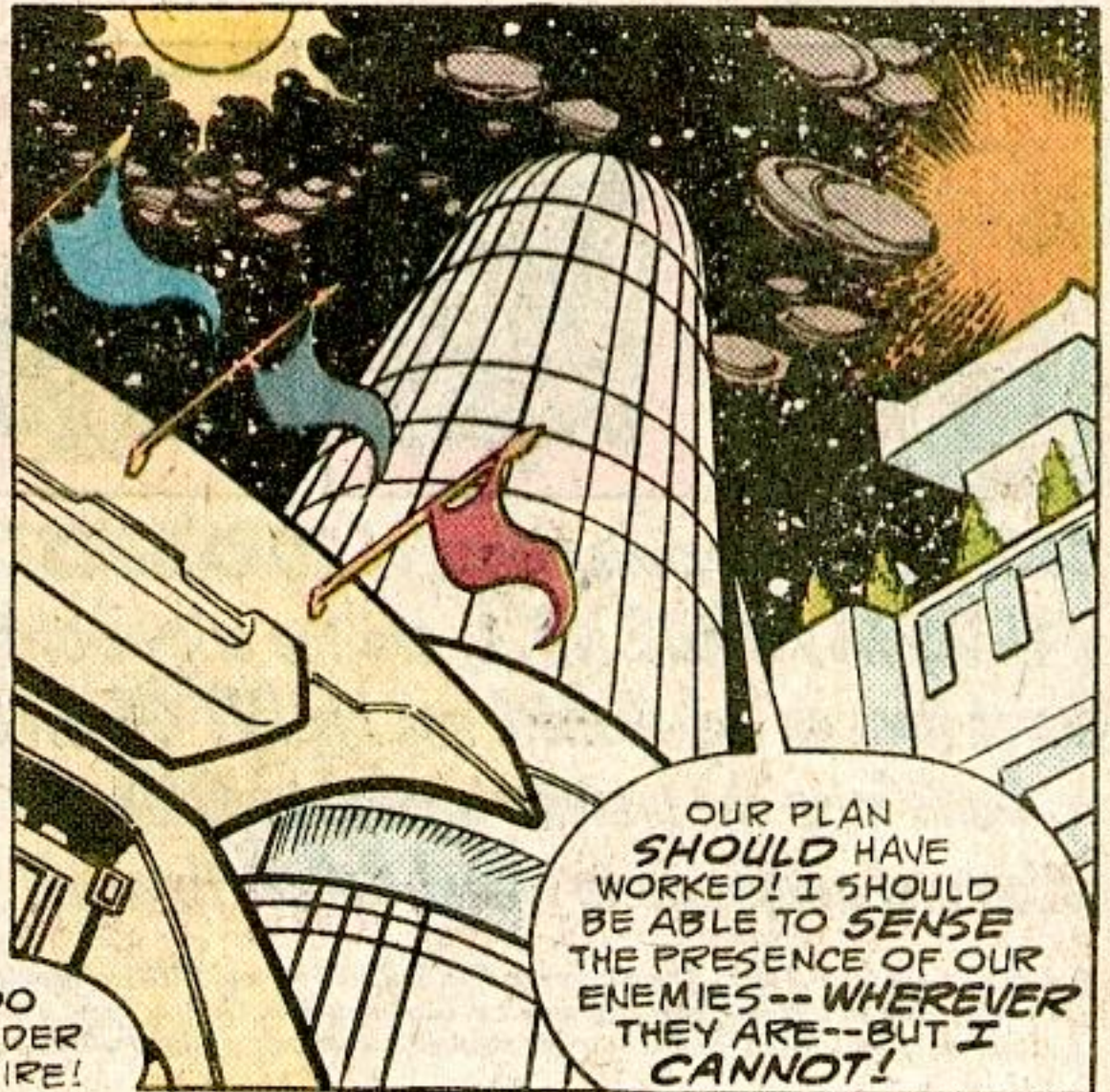


WELL --?

I FEAR THAT WE HAVE FAILED!

THOU DID TRY THY BEST!

YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND, SIRE!



OUR PLAN SHOULD HAVE WORKED! I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SENSE THE PRESENCE OF OUR ENEMIES-- WHEREVER THEY ARE-- BUT I CANNOT!

SOME OTHER-
WORLDLY FORCE
--A RANDOM
ELEMENT OF
INCALCULABLE
POWER-- MUST BE
MASKING THEM
FROM ME!

WAIT--!
WHO IS THIS
WILD-EYED YOUTH
THAT SO
BRASHLY BURSTS
INTO OUR
PRESENCE?

I AM VALDOR,
MY LADY--AND I
BRING AN
URGENT
MESSAGE
FOR NOBLE
BALDER!

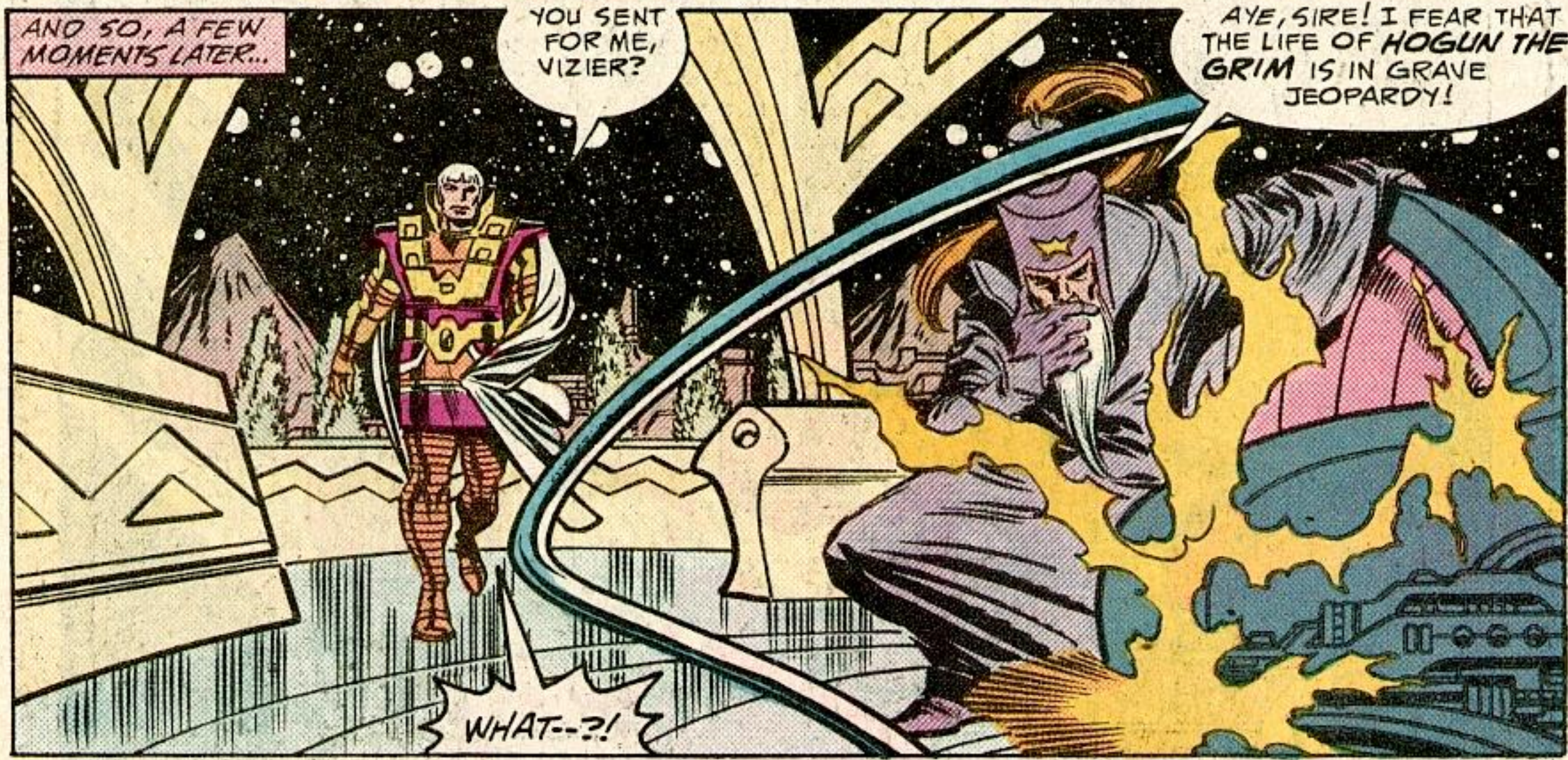


THE GRAND
VIZIER REQUESTS HIS
PRESENCE AT ONCE!

AND SO, A FEW
MOMENTS LATER...

YOU SENT
FOR ME,
VIZIER?

AYE, SIRE! I FEAR THAT
THE LIFE OF HOGUN THE
GRIM IS IN GRAVE
JEOPARDY!



WHAT--?!

WHEN I SENT HOGUN
TO THE MORTAL PLANE
IN SEARCH OF MIGHTY
THOR-- I TIED YON
FLAME TO HIS
LIFE-FORCE!

BEHOLD HOW IT
FLICKERS AND
CONVULSES!

HOGUN IS
OBVIOUSLY
SEVERELY
INJURED--
AND ENGAGED
IN BATTLE--
A DESPERATE
BATTLE--





SILENCE, MONSTER! CEASE THY SENSELESS GIBBERING!

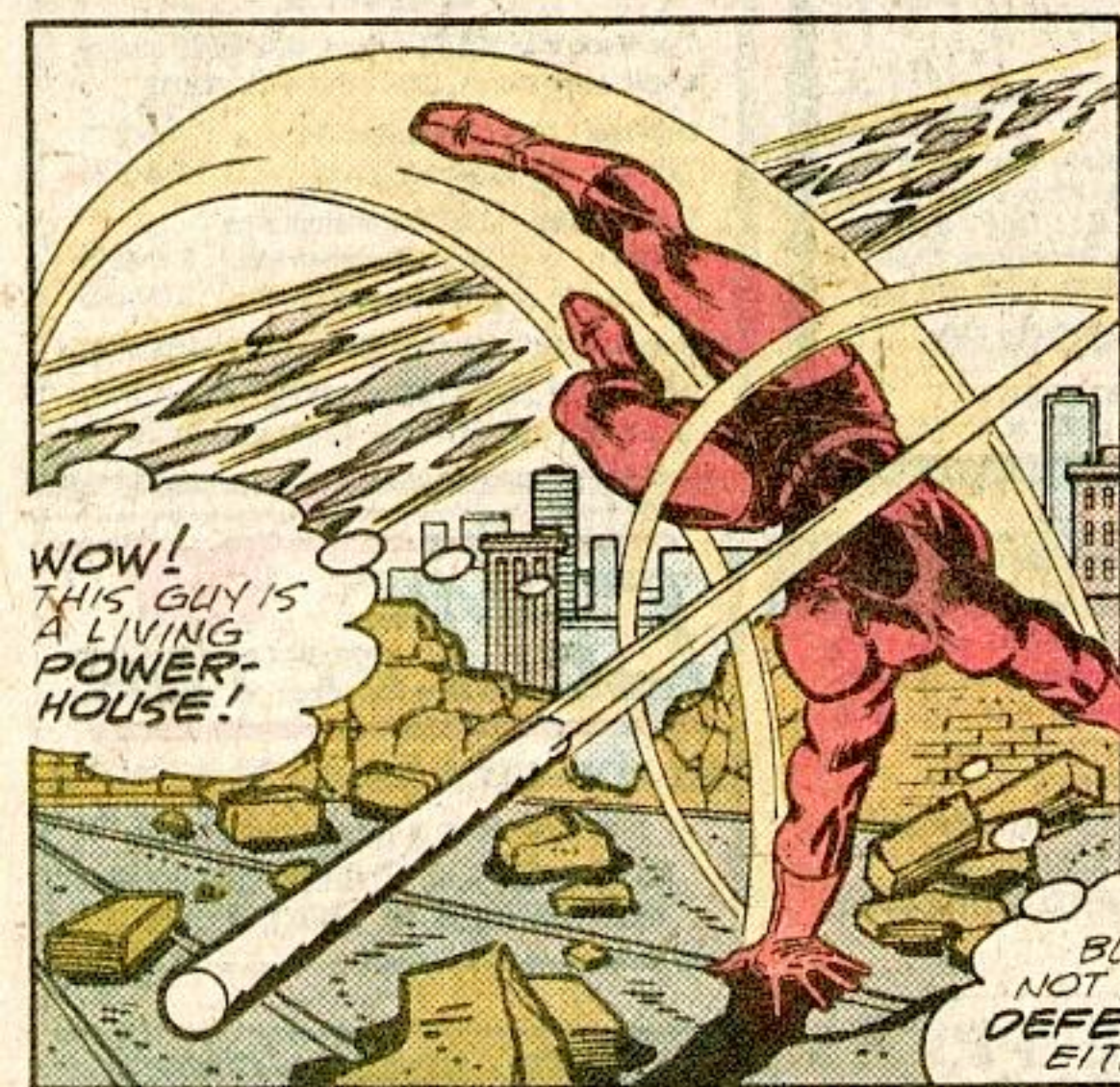
NO TIME HAVE I TO WASTE WITH THE LIKES OF THEE!



I MUST FIND THE MIGHTY THOR!

HIS PEOPLE HATH DIRE NEED OF HIM!

THWAM!



WOW! THIS GUY IS A LIVING POWER-HOUSE!

BUT I'M NOT EXACTLY DEFENSELESS, EITHER!



HUGUN: THY BATON MOVES AS IF IT WERE ALIVE!



BUT NO MERE WEAPON CAN STOP HOGUN THE GRIM!

I STRIKE FOR THE SALVATION OF MY PEOPLE--

CRACK!



--AND ASGARD ETERNAL!

THE WHOLE WALL'S COMING DOWN --AND THERE'S NO WAY I CAN AVOID IT!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE POWER PLANT...

HURRY! WE MUST FIND THE ONE CALLED QUICKSAND!



SEARCH EVERYWHERE! SHE MUST BE NEARBY--PLANNING HER NEXT ATTACK!

HEY, THOR DON'T FORGET ABOUT SIGURD JARLSON!

HE DISAPPEARED WHEN QUICKSAND INVADED THE PLANT--AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE! HE COULD BE HURT --DYING!



GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF, ERIC! I'M SURE SIGURD'S OKAY.

ESPECIALLY SINCE I KNOW THAT HE AND THOR ARE REALLY THE SAME PERSON!

WE CAN'T LET THE NEWSPAPERS GET AHOLD OF THIS STORY; MISTER THOR! THE PUBLIC MUST NEVER LEARN THAT QUICKSAND EN-DANGERED OUR POWER PLANT!

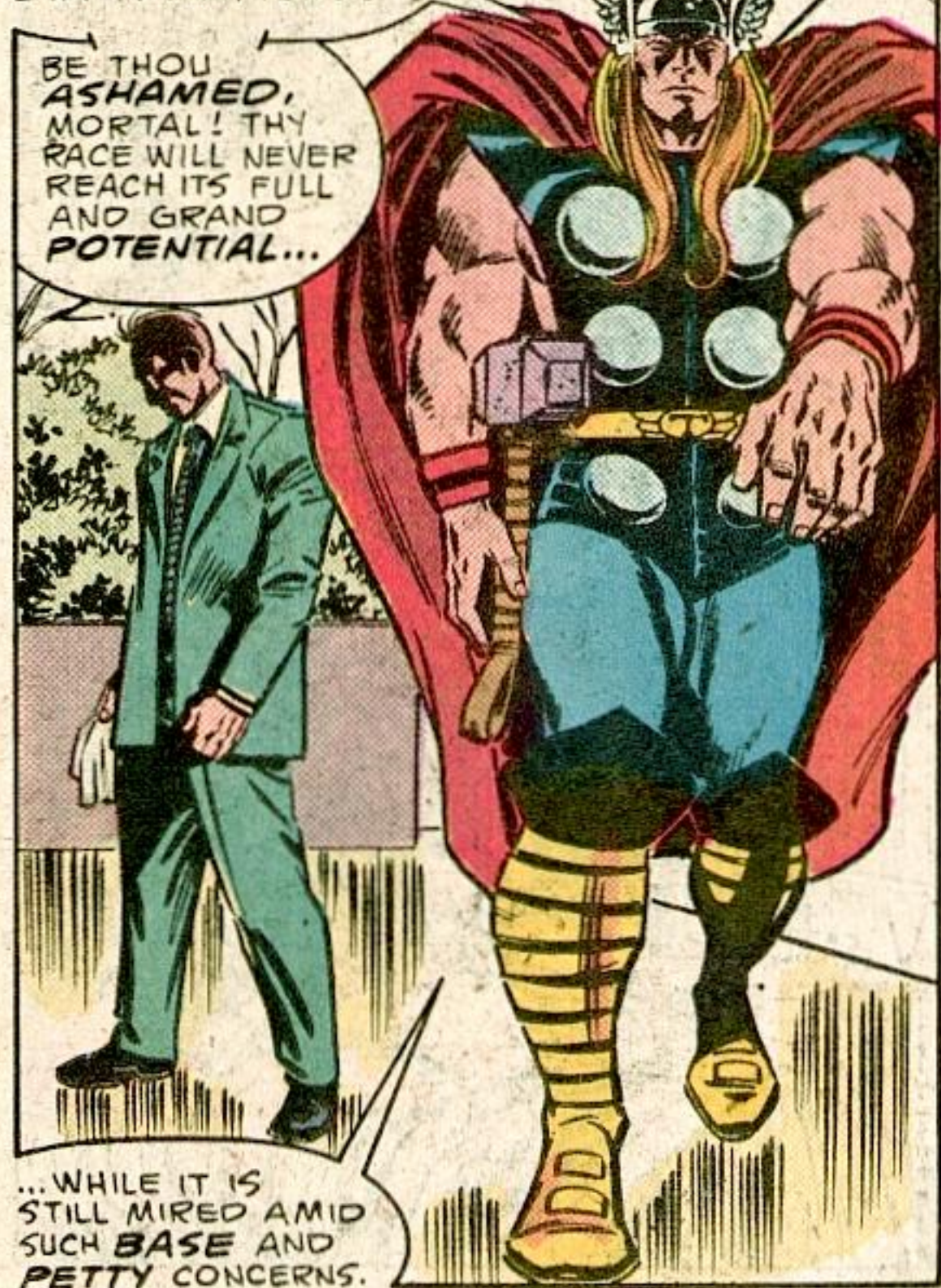
THE BAD PUBLICITY COULD CRIPPLE OUR CHANCES OF GETTING GOVERNMENT APPROVAL TO ACTIVATE OUR NUCLEAR REACTOR--AND THAT WOULD MEAN ECONOMIC DISASTER!



BE WARNED, MORTAL! I LOOK UPON THY WORDS WITH MOUNTING DISPLEASURE!

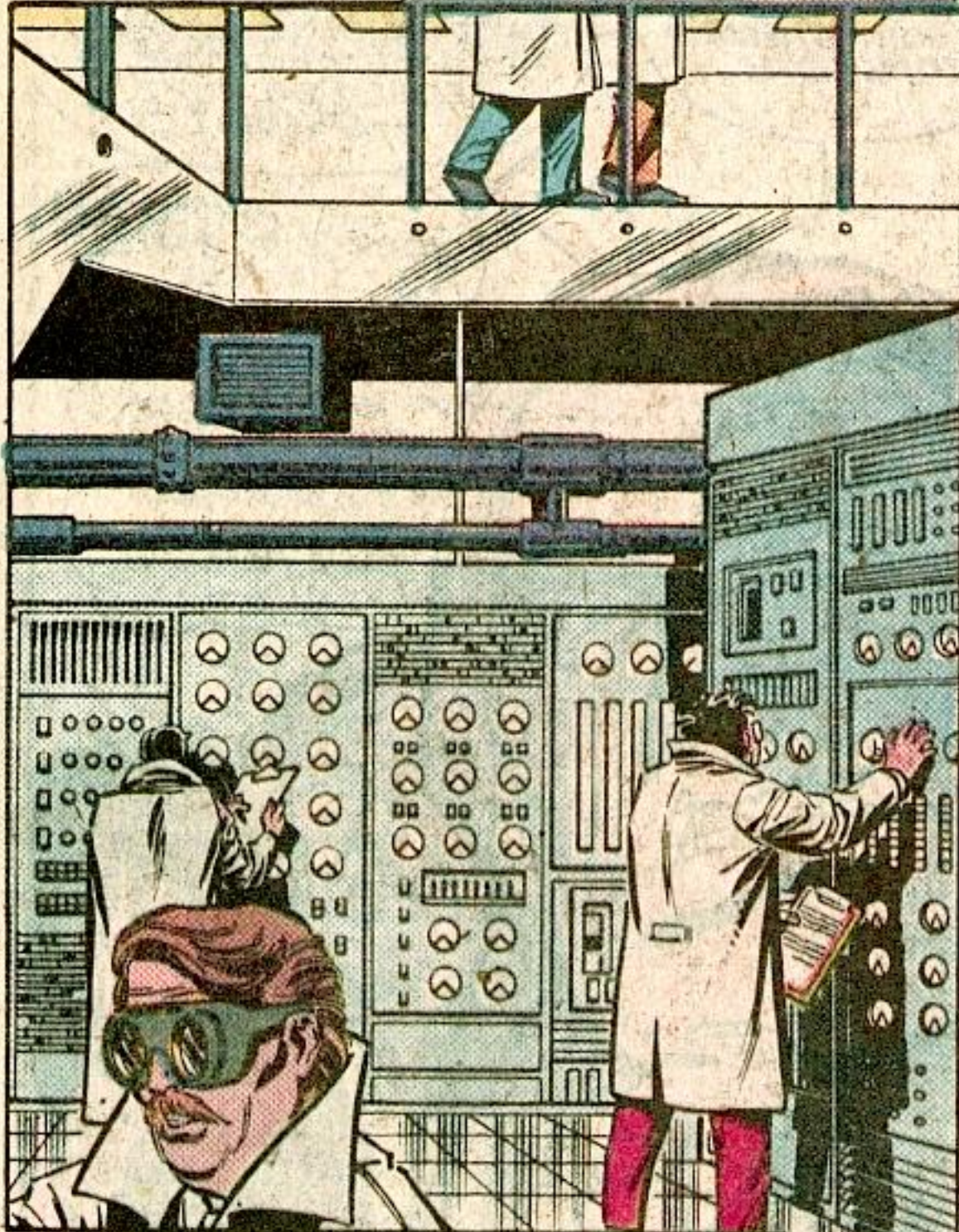
LIVES ARE AT STAKE --AND YOU SPEAK TO ME OF MERE MON-ETARY MATTERS!

BE THOU ASHAMED, MORTAL! THY RACE WILL NEVER REACH ITS FULL AND GRAND POTENTIAL...



...WHILE IT IS STILL MIRED AMID SUCH BASE AND PETTY CONCERNS.

ELSEWHERE, AT THAT VERY MOMENT--



--THE PLANT'S TECHNICIANS GO ABOUT THEIR DAILY DUTIES, MONITORING THE SLEEPING NUCLEAR REACTOR...



SUDDENLY, WITHOUT WARNING...



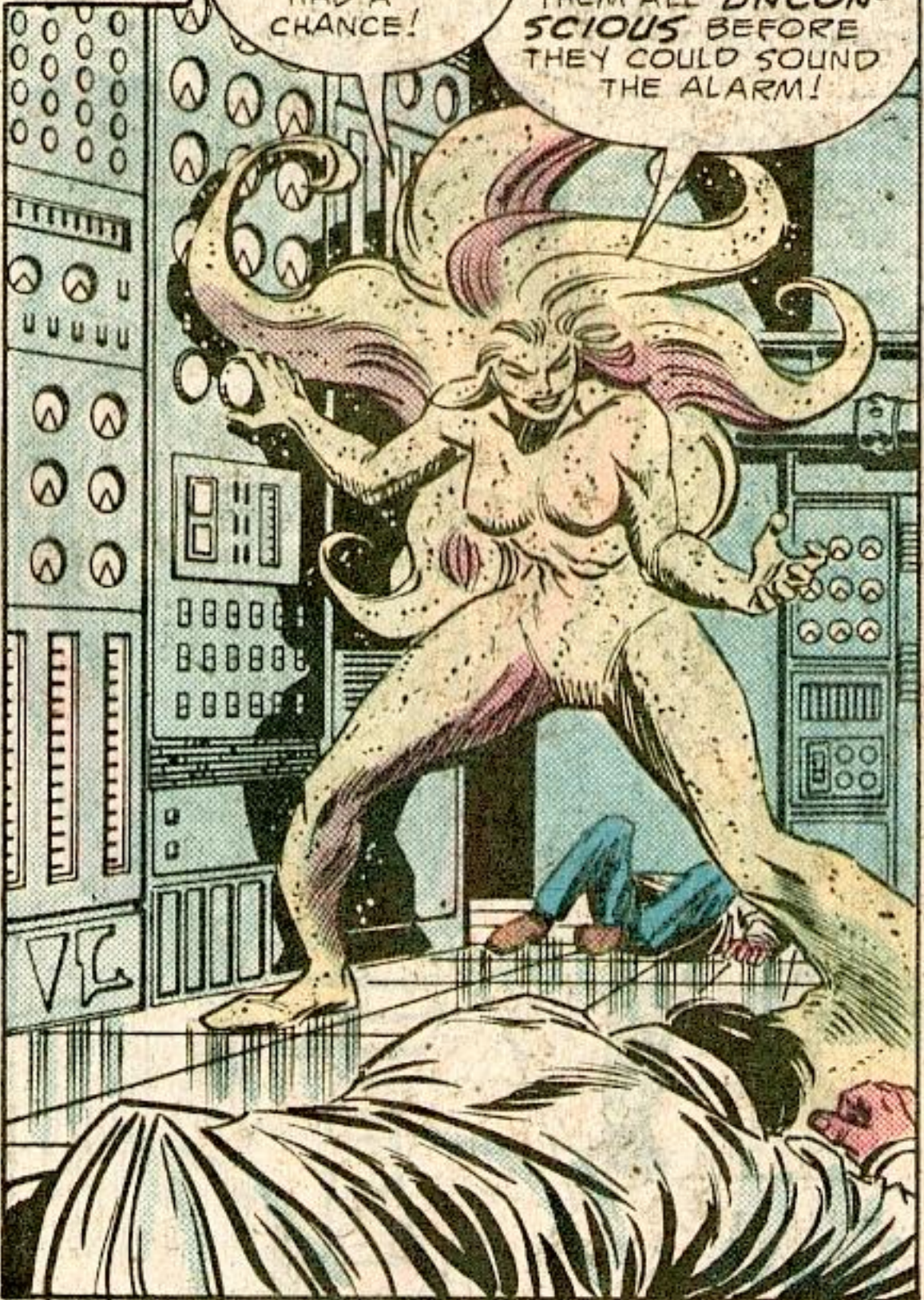
WHAT THE--?!

IT'S THAT QUICKSAND CREATURE! WE'VE GOT TO CALL SECURITY!

BUT, MERE MOMENTS LATER...

THE FOOLS! THEY NEVER HAD A CHANCE!

IT WAS CHILD'S PLAY FOR ME TO KNOCK THEM ALL UNCONSCIOUS BEFORE THEY COULD SOUND THE ALARM!



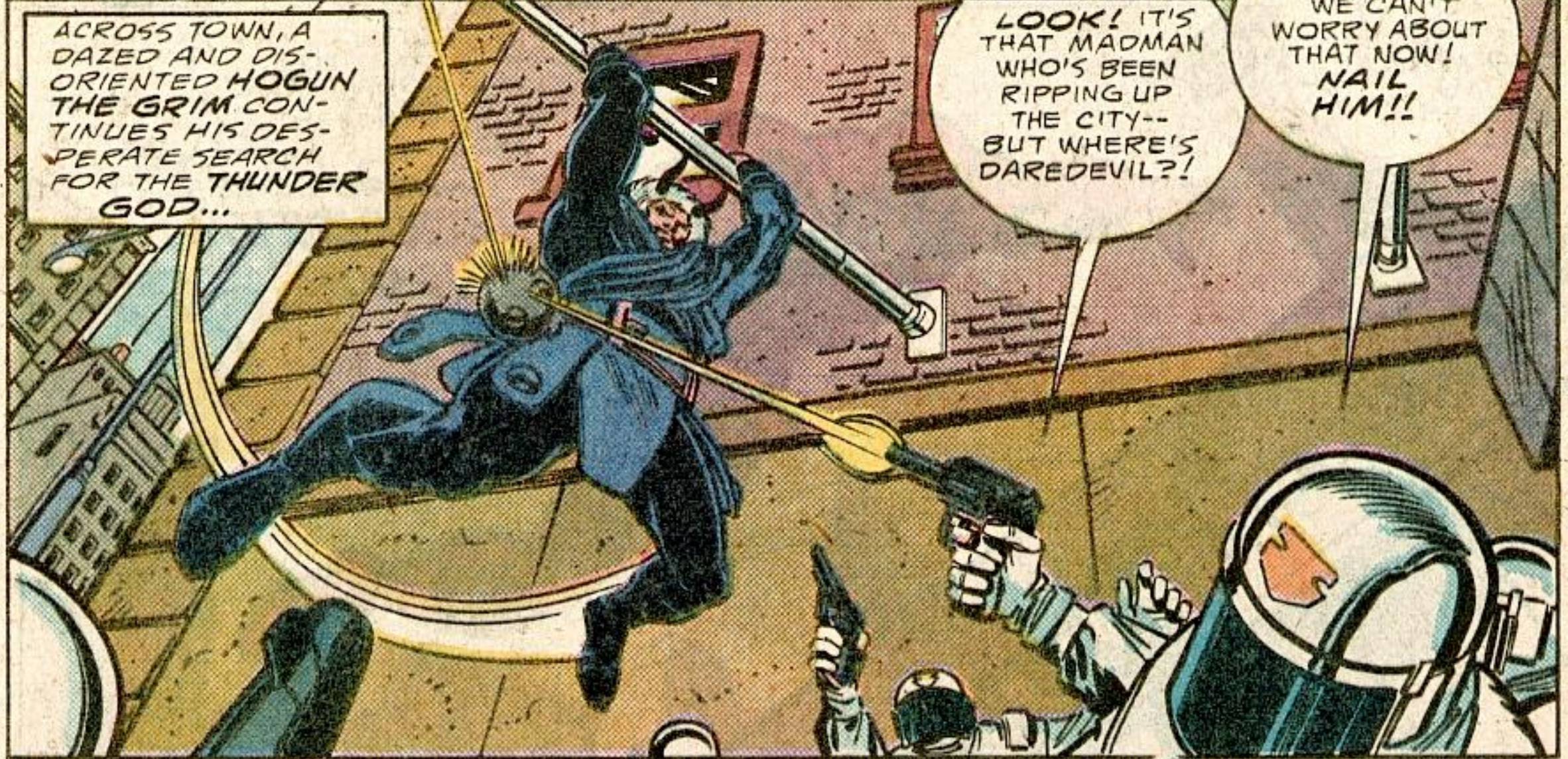
I'M GOING TO HAVE A BIG SURPRISE WAITING FOR THEM WHEN THEY WAKE UP!

A VERY BIG SURPRISE!

ACROSS TOWN, A DAZED AND DIS-ORIENTED HOGUN THE GRIM CONTINUES HIS DESPERATE SEARCH FOR THE THUNDER GOD...

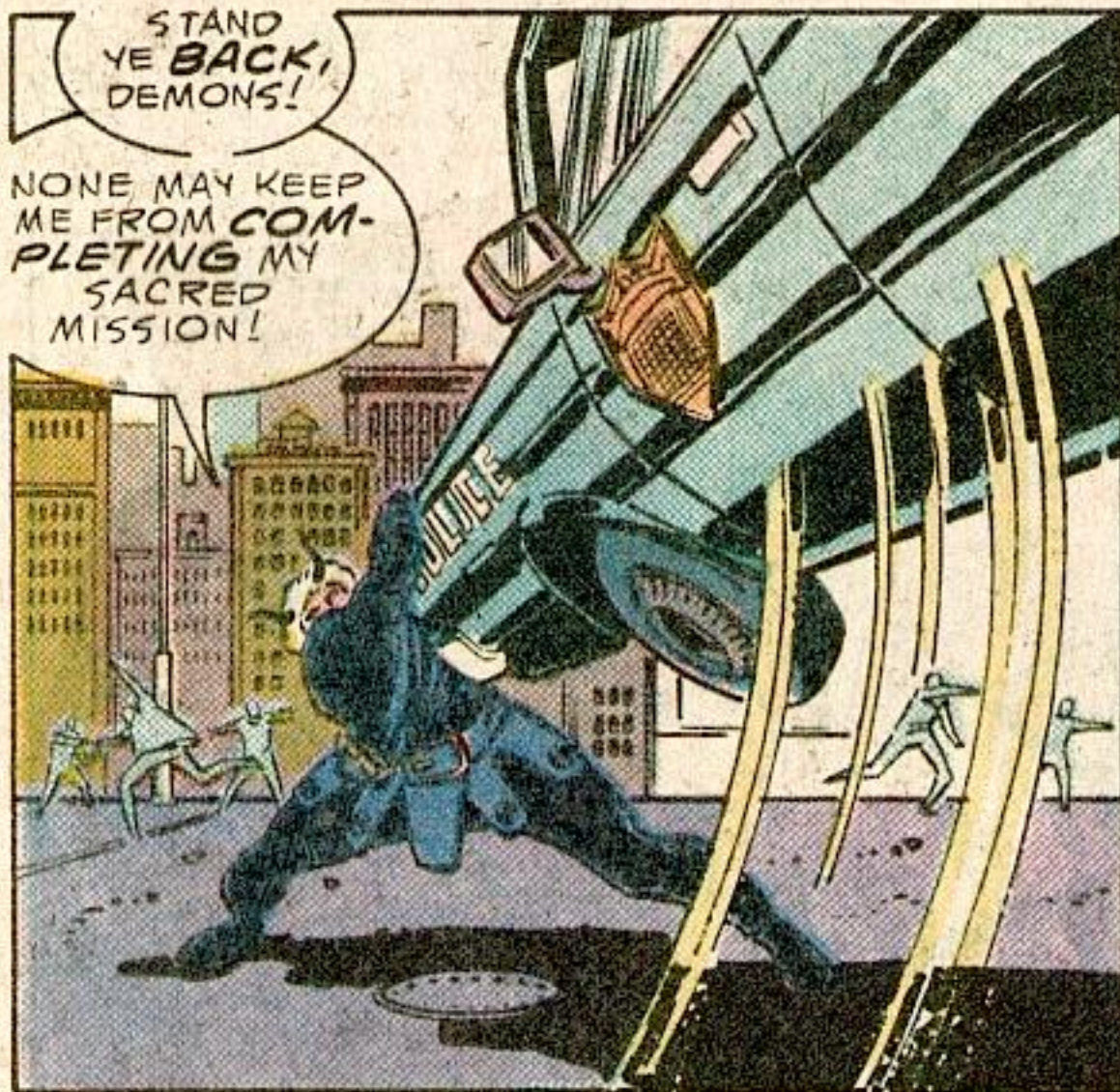
LOOK! IT'S THAT MADMAN WHO'S BEEN RIPPING UP THE CITY-- BUT WHERE'S DAREDEVIL?!

WE CAN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW! NAIL HIM!!



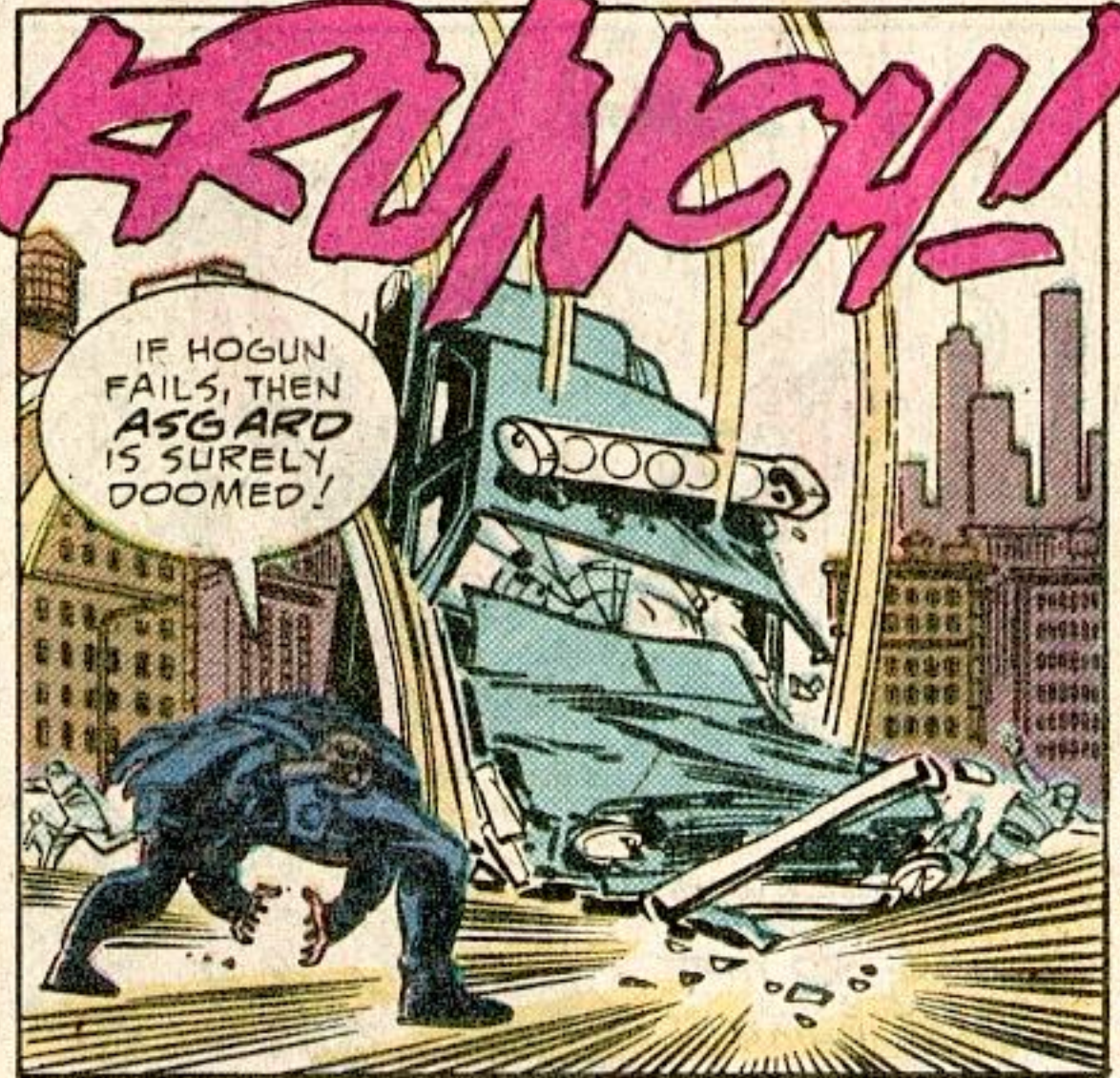
STAND YE BACK, DEMONS!

NONE MAY KEEP ME FROM COMPLETING MY SACRED MISSION!



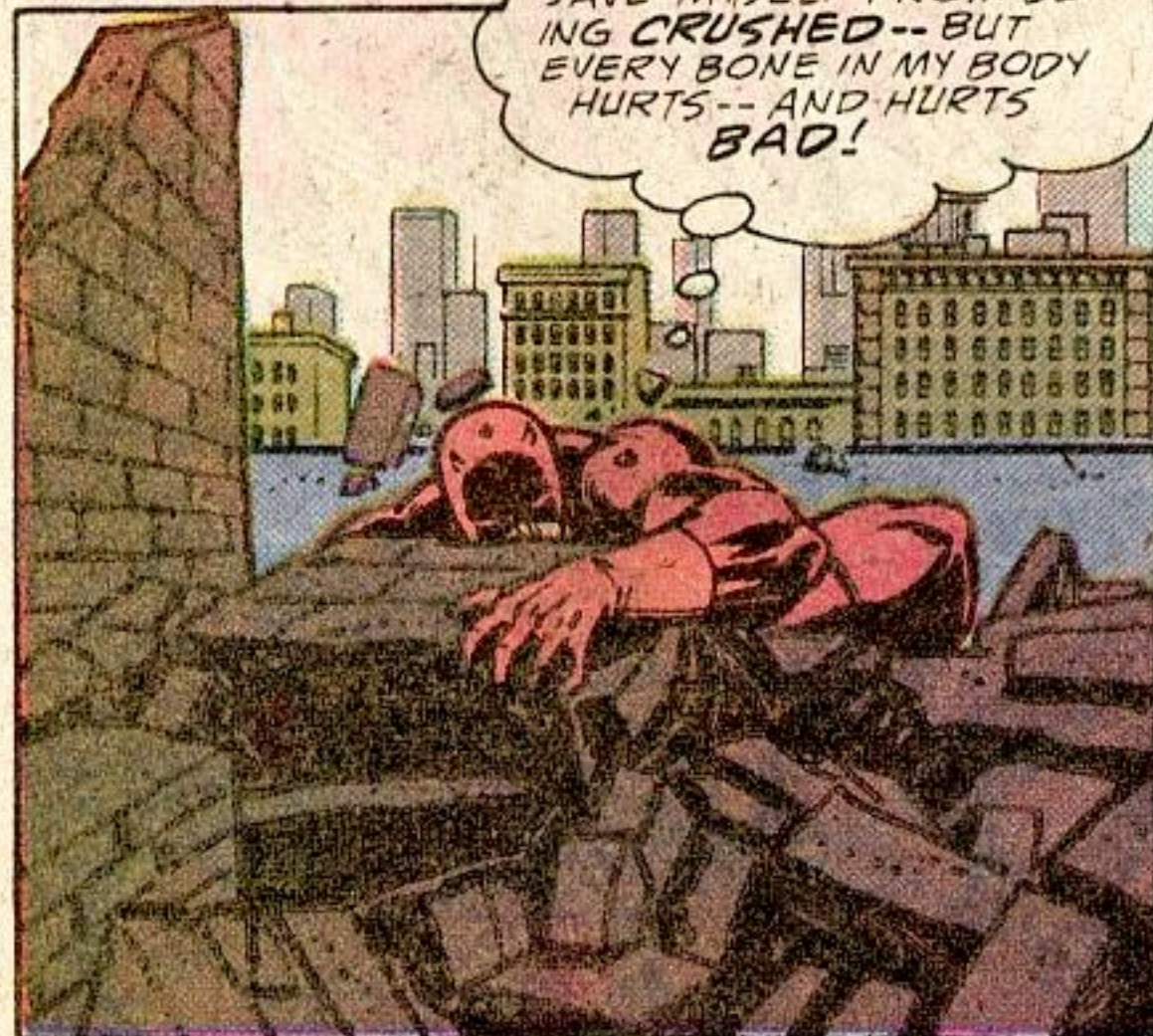
CRUNCH!!

IF HOGUN FAILS, THEN ASGARD IS SURELY DOOMED!



MEANWHILE, FAR ABOVE THE PANICKED STREETS...

UNNN= MANAGED TO TWIST JUST ENOUGH TO SAVE MYSELF FROM BEING CRUSHED-- BUT EVERY BONE IN MY BODY HURTS-- AND HURTS BAD!



ACCORDING TO MY RADAR SENSE, THAT MACE-WIELDING MISANTHROPE IS STILL MAKING A NUISANCE OF HIMSELF!

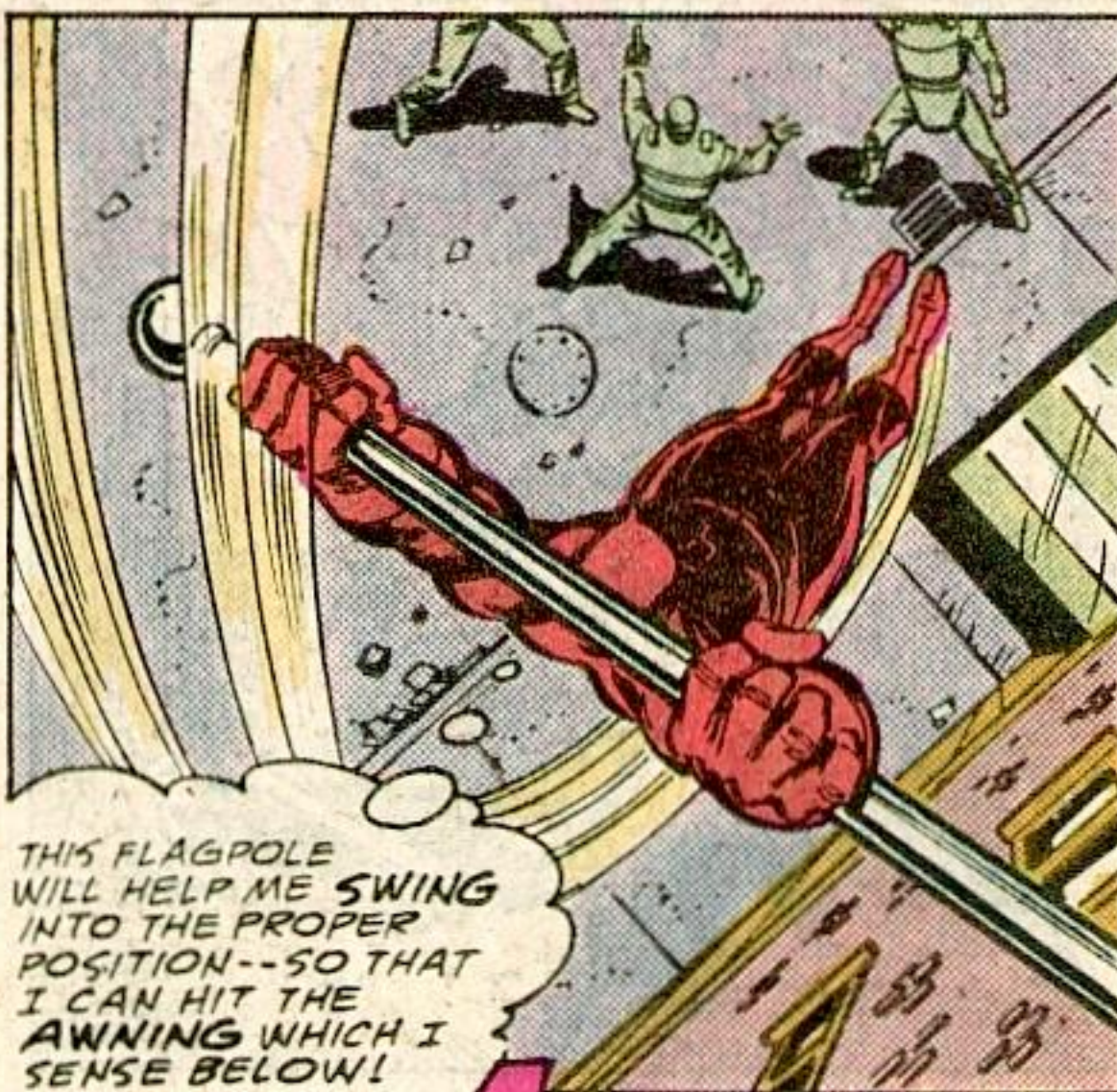


I DON'T THINK I'M IN ANY CONDITION TO FACE HIM NOW--

--BUT NO ONE
EVER SAID THAT
SWASHBUCK-
LING
WOULD BE
EASY!

HEADS UP,
HOTSHOT! IT'S
TIME FOR
ROUND TWO
BECAUSE--

--HERE COMES
DAREDEVIL!



THIS FLAGPOLE
WILL HELP ME SWING
INTO THE PROPER
POSITION--SO THAT
I CAN HIT THE
AWNING WHICH I
SENSE BELOW!



MADE
IT!

ONLY A BLIND MAN
OR A LUNATIC WOULD
EVEN ATTEMPT A
STUNT LIKE THIS!



BAA

THAM!

BE
THOU
MAD,
CREATURE
?!

HAST THOU NOT
ALREADY RECEIVED
ENOUGH PAIN AND
PUNISHMENT
AT MY HAND?

GOT TO TRY TO LURE HIM AWAY FROM THE COPS-- AND TOWARD THAT EMPTY LOT JUST AHEAD!

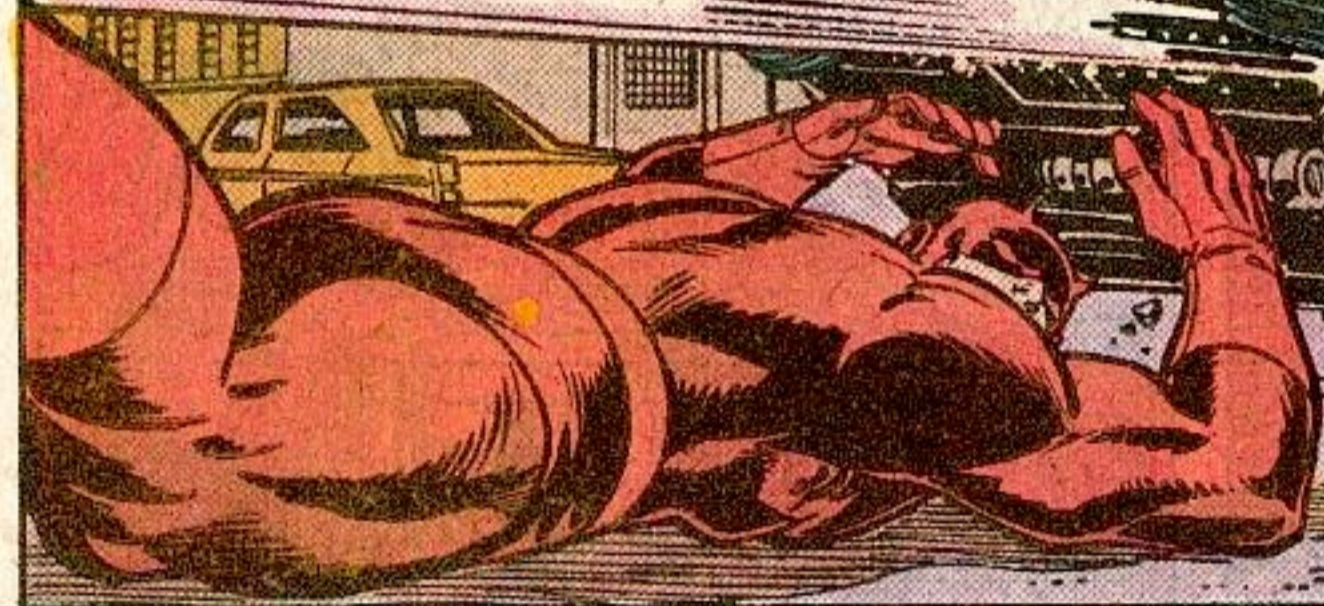
DON'T POOP OUT ON ME NOW, PLAY-MATE! THINGS ARE JUST GETTING INTERESTING!

I-I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF YOUR WORDS--

--BUT THE CHALLENGE BEHIND THY TAUNTING TONE IS CLEAR!



SPATA SAKA!



:-SHEESH:- IT'S TIMES LIKE THESE THAT I WISH I HAD SPIDER-MAN'S HOME PHONE NUMBER!

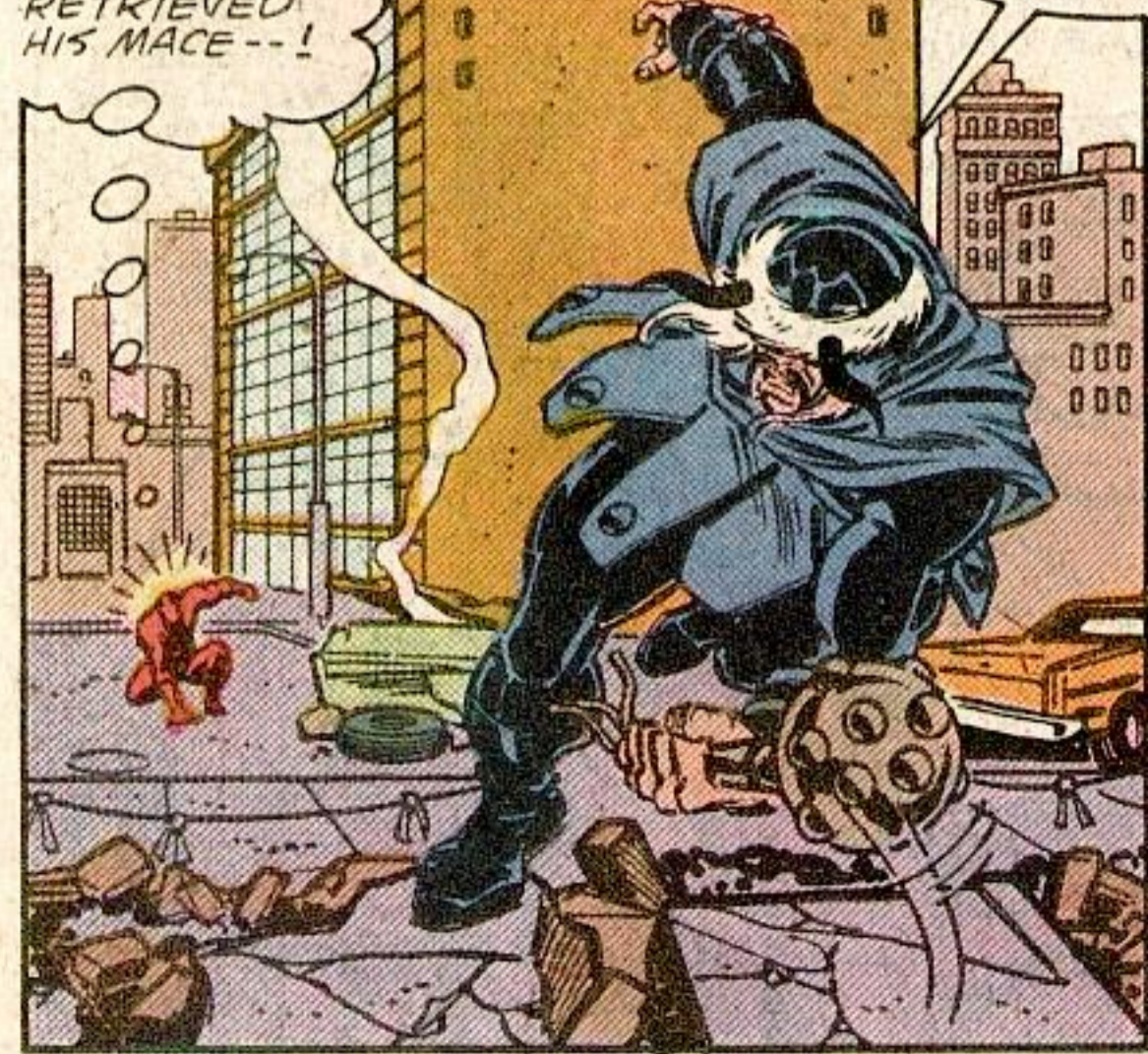
AFTER ALL, WHY SHOULD I HAVE ALL THE FUN?

OH, NO! HE'S ALREADY RETRIEVED HIS MACE--!

STAY DOWN, MONSTER!

NO WISH HAVE I...

...TO STAIN MY TRUSTED WEAPON WITH THY INHUMAN GORE!



MEANWHILE, IN THE BOWELS OF THE POWER PLANT...

SURRENDER, WOMAN!

KWANG!



THE GOD OF THUNDER HATH FOUND THEE AT LAST!

YOU'RE TOO LATE, BLONDIE!

I'VE ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED EVERYTHING I SET OUT TO DO!

WITHIN MERE MINUTES, THIS ENTIRE POWER PLANT --AND EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH IT-- IS GOING BYE-BYE!



YOU CAN'T STOP ME NOW!

WHAT'S SHE SAYING?



I-- I'M NOT SURE!

OH, NO! NO! IT ISN'T POSSIBLE--!

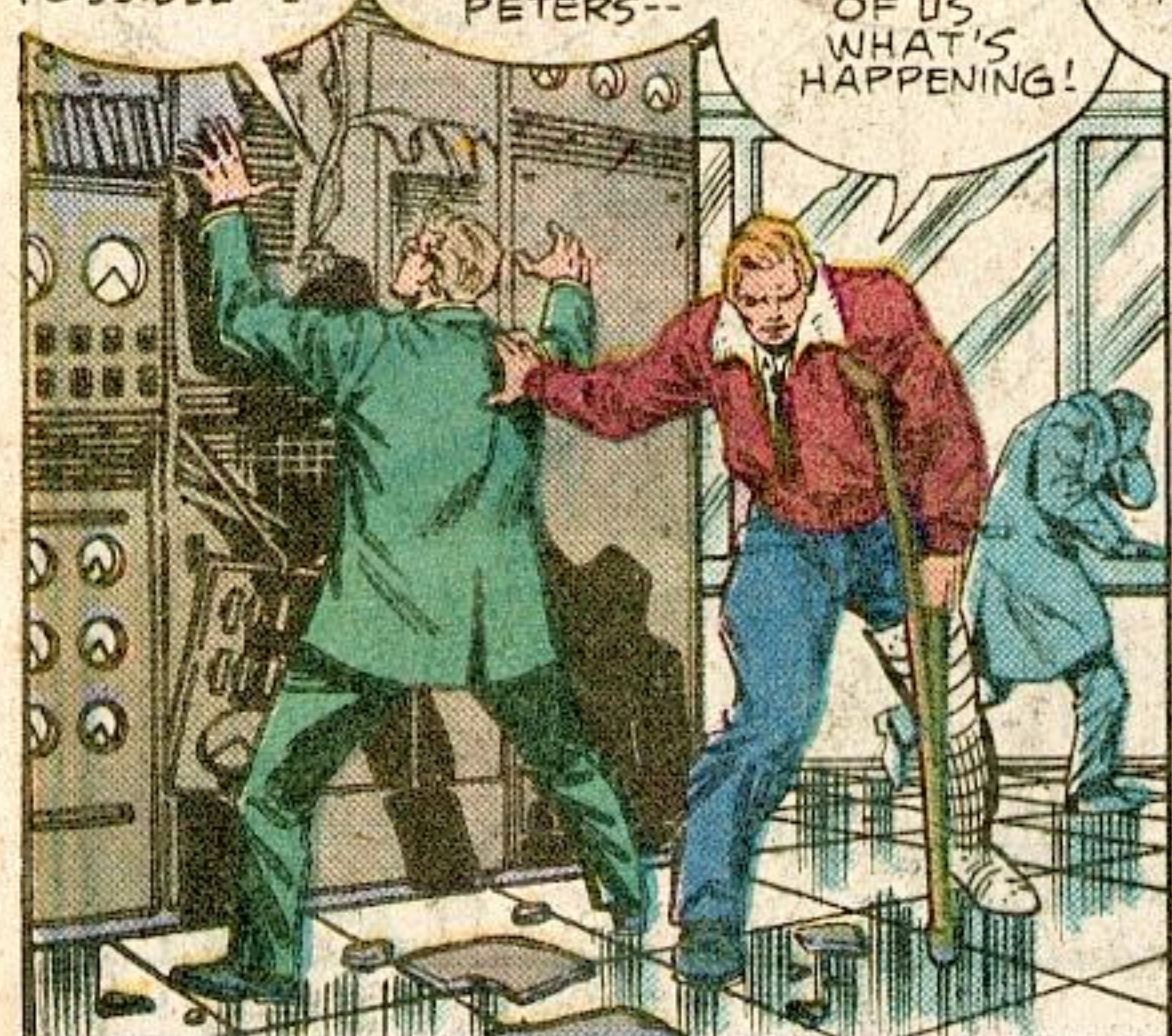
GET HOLD OF YOURSELF, PETERS--

--AND TELL THE REST OF US WHAT'S HAPPENING!

SOMEHOW SHE'S MANAGED TO BY-PASS ALL OF OUR FAIL-SAFE DEVICES--

--AND HAS ACTIVATED THE NUCLEAR CORE!

THIS PLANT IS ABOUT TO BECOME THE BIGGEST NUCLEAR BOMB IN HISTORY!



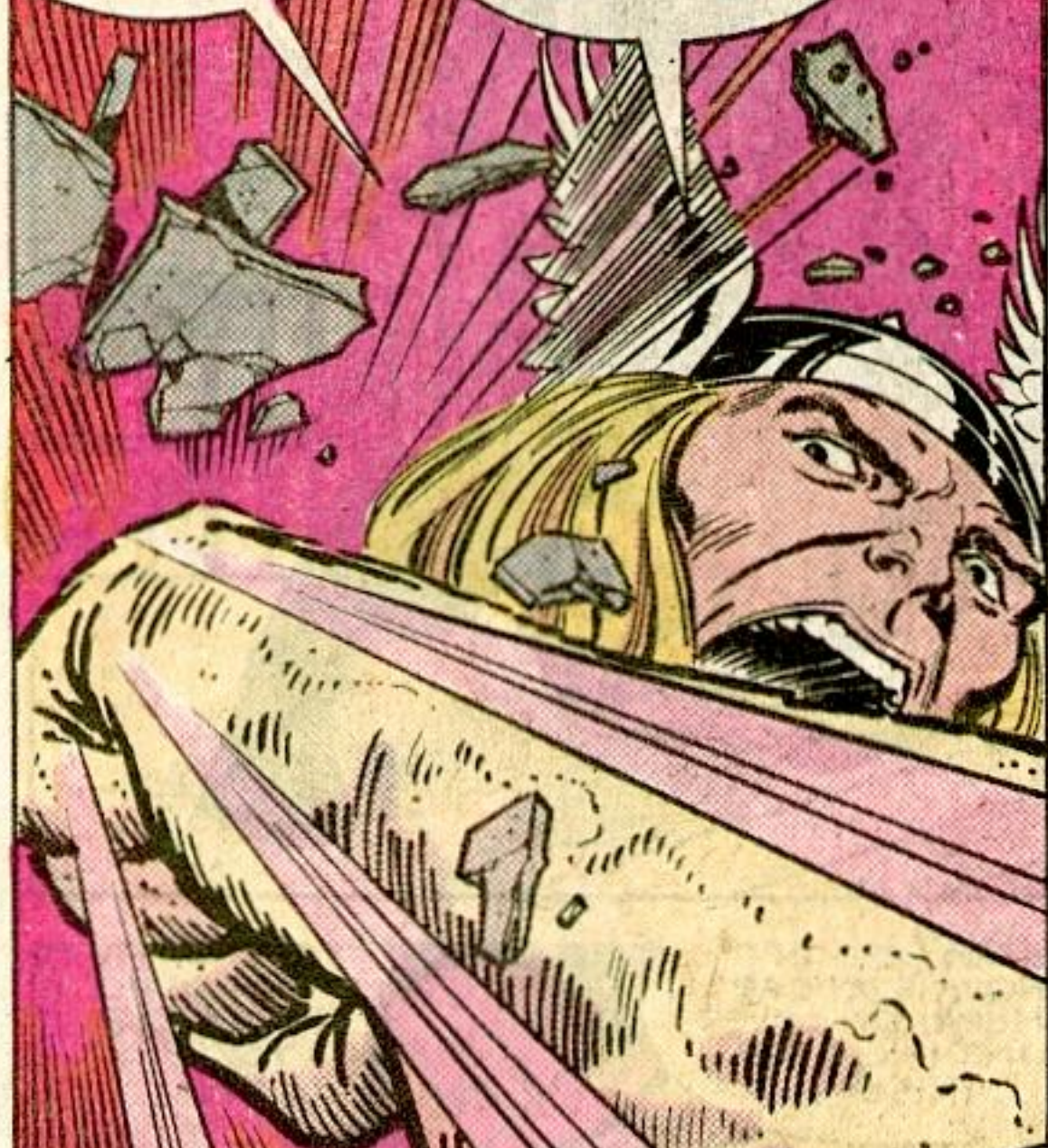
MY SON--! WHAT WILL BECOME OF KEVIN...

...IF I DIE?!

WHY, WOMAN? WHY HAST THOU COMMITTED THIS HEINOUS ACT?

THINK OF THE COUNTLESS INNOCENT LIVES THOU HAST ENDANGERED!

--AND I WANT MY REVENGE! --UGHN--



I DON'T CARE ABOUT THEM--OR ANYONE ELSE!

I USED TO BE A SCIENTIST! I WAS BEAUTIFUL--

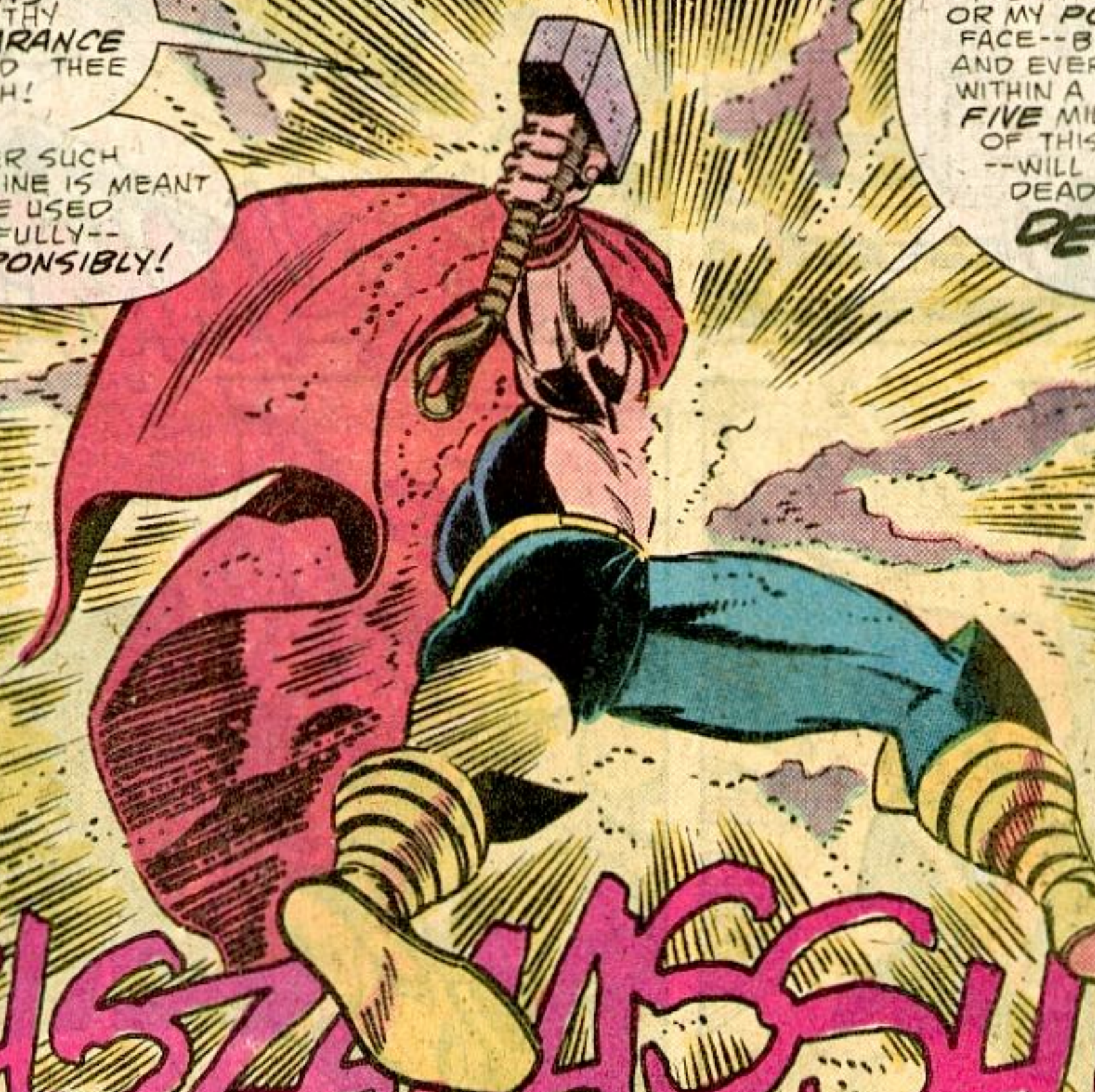
--BUT A NUCLEAR ACCIDENT TRANSFORMED ME INTO A FREAK-- A MONSTER--

THOU SPEAKEST TRUE! THOU ART A MONSTER--

--BUT THY ACTIONS --NOT THY APPEARANCE --BRAND THEE AS SUCH!

POWER SUCH AS THINE IS MEANT TO BE USED CAREFULLY-- RESPONSIBLY!

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK OF ME-- OR MY POWER, THUNDER-FACE-- BECAUSE YOU AND EVERYONE ELSE WITHIN A TWENTY-FIVE MILE RADIUS OF THIS PLACE --WILL SOON BE DEAD! DEAD! DEAD!



THIS WAS SHHH!!!

MEANWHILE, ACROSS TOWN, ANOTHER BATTLE CONTINUES TO RAGE...

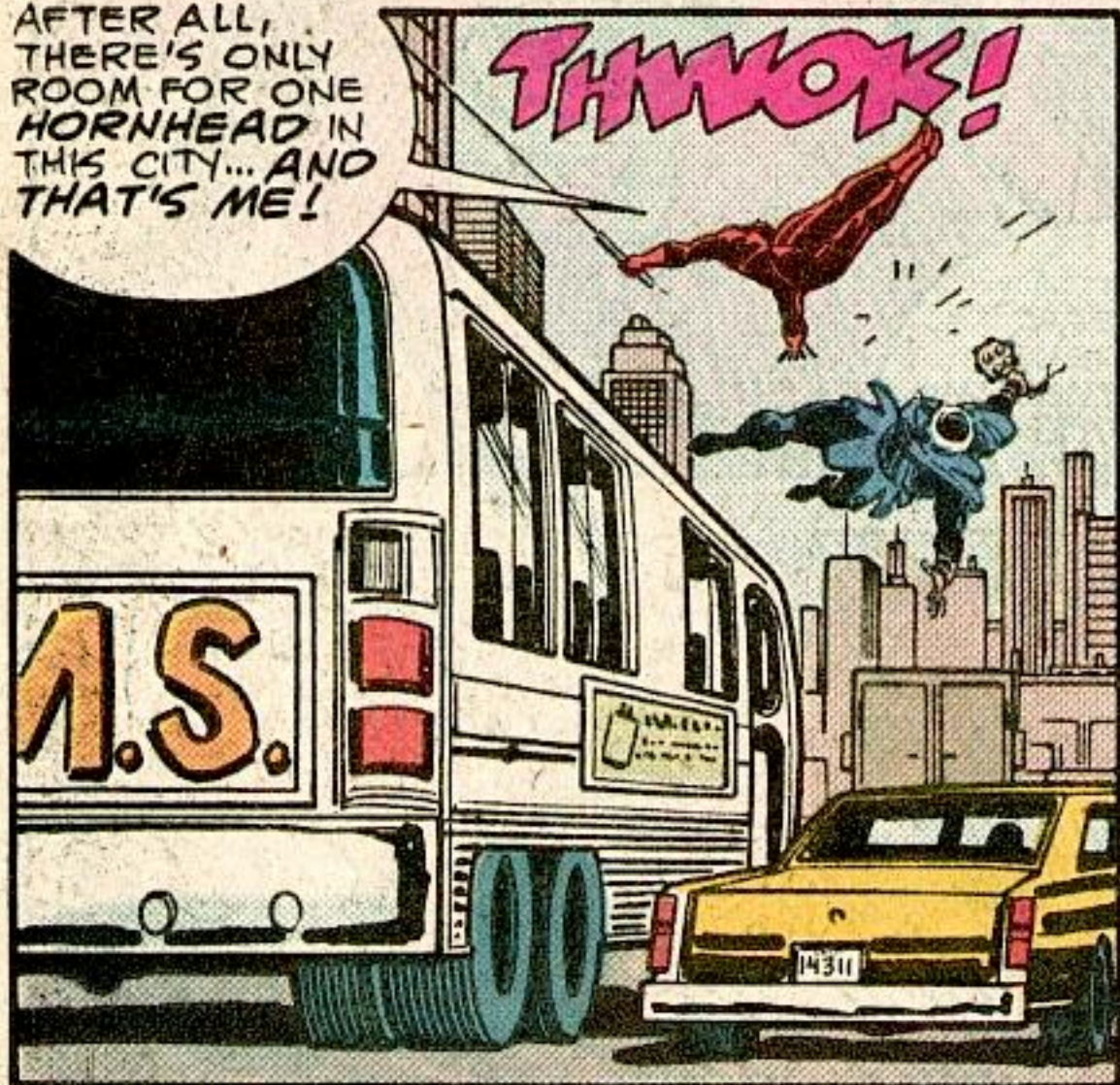
OD'S BLOOD!
THE DEVIL-BEAST
STILL PURSUES
ME! WHY?
WHY?!



MAYBE I
JUST DON'T
LIKE YOUR CHOICE
OF HEADGEAR,
HOTSHOT!

AFTER ALL,
THERE'S ONLY
ROOM FOR ONE
HORNHEAD IN
THIS CITY... AND
THAT'S ME!

THWOK!



YEOW! I DON'T
KNOW IF MY CAR
INSURANCE COVERS
ANYTHING LIKE
THIS!

FORGET IT,
MAN-- AND
RUN FOR
YOUR
LIFE!



KRUNK!

GOT TO
PRESS MY
ATTACK! CAN'T
GIVE HIM A
CHANCE TO
RECOVER!



BUT THEN...

ENOUGH,
DEMON! THINE
INHUMAN EFFORTS
ARE NOTHING
WHEN COMPARED
TO MINE
ASGARDIAN
POWER!



CEASE THY
FUTILE STRUGGLE
AND I MAY EVEN
SPARE THY LIFE!



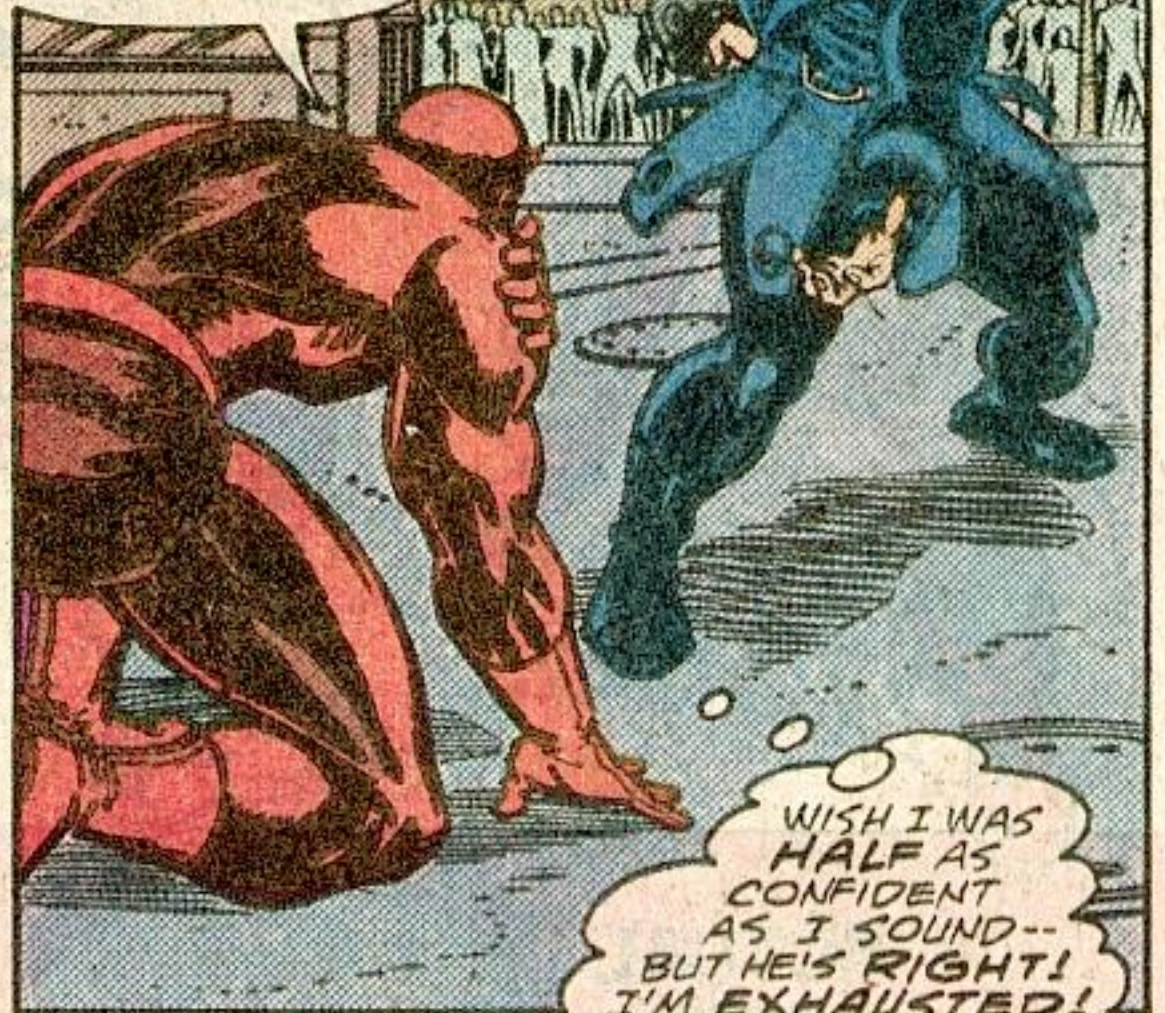
WHAT? STILL THOU DAREST TO FIGHT BACK?

WHY NOT? IF THIS REALLY IS DESTINED TO BE MY LAST FIGHT, I MIGHT AS WELL ENJOY IT WHILE I CAN!

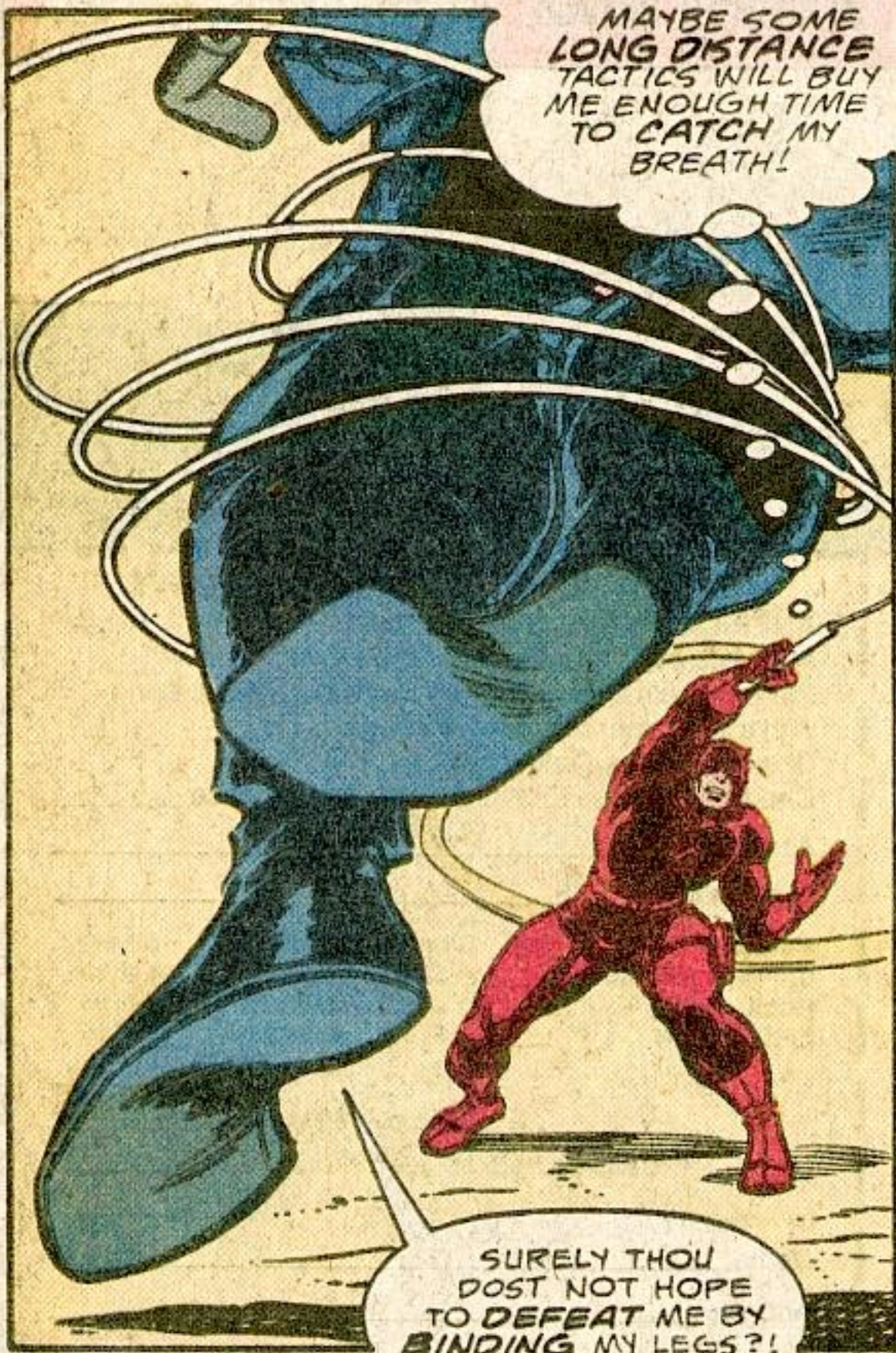
THOU ART MAD, DEMON! MAD! 'TIS MOST OBVIOUS TO ME THAT THOU ART ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE--AND STILL DOTH THOU REFUSE TO SURRENDER!

YOU KIDDING? I'D LOVE TO TOSS IN THE TOWEL--BUT I DON'T HAVE ONE HANDY!

THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH WEARING A SKIN-TIGHT COSTUME--NO POCKETS!



WISH I WAS HALF AS CONFIDENT AS I SOUND-- BUT HE'S RIGHT! I'M EXHAUSTED!



MAYBE SOME LONG DISTANCE TACTICS WILL BUY ME ENOUGH TIME TO CATCH MY BREATH!

SURELY THOU DOST NOT HOPE TO DEFEAT ME BY BINDING MY LEGS?!



WELL, IT DID SEEM LIKE A GOOD IDEA AT THE TIME!

BAH! LET THERE BE AN END TO THIS MOCKERY HERE AND NOW!

EVEN AS THE ENRAGED HOGUN FREES HIMSELF, PANIC REIGNS AT THE POWER PLANT...



RUN! RUN! THE WHOLE PLANT'S GOING UP!

WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!

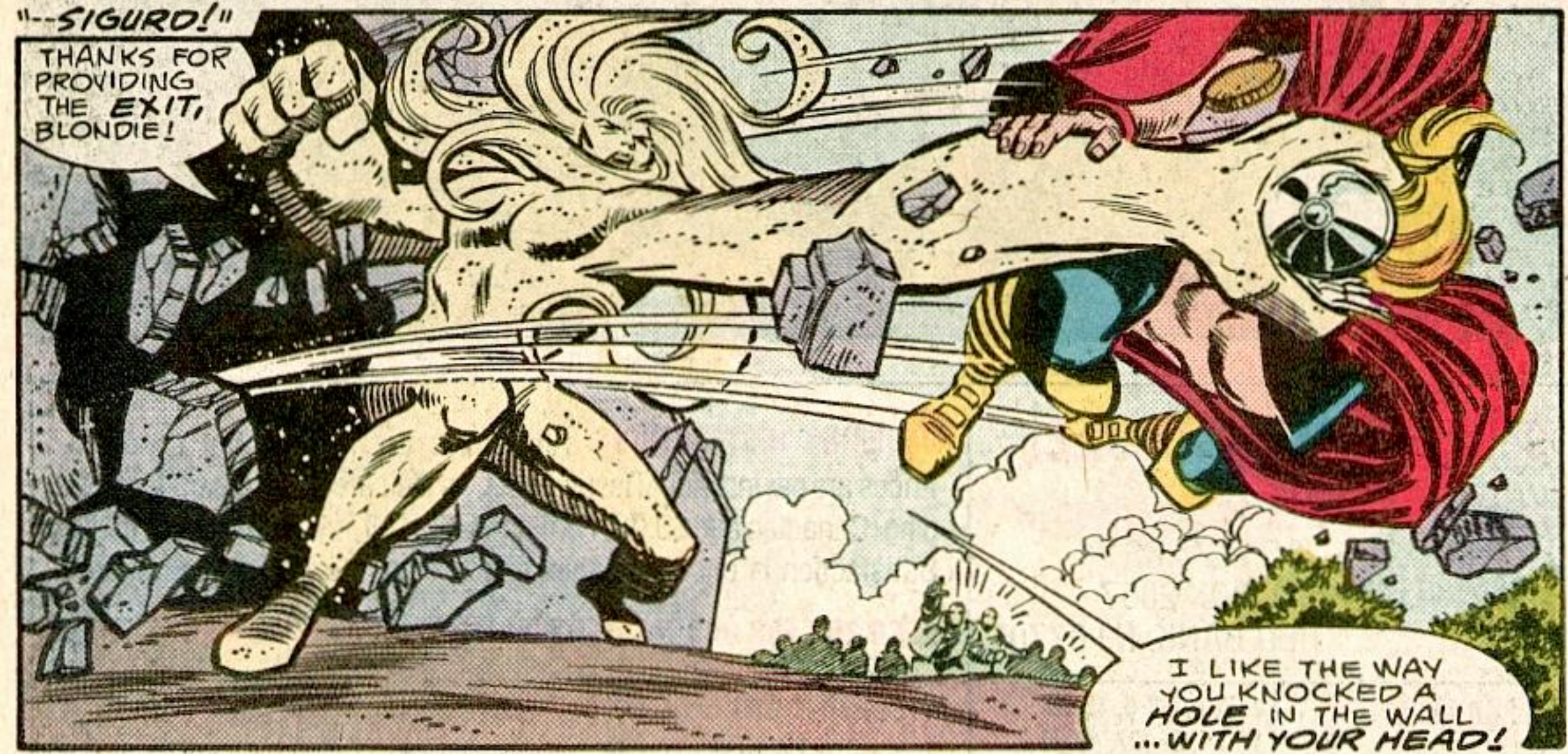


THIS IS MADNESS, JERRY! WE'LL NEVER ESCAPE THE BLAST AREA IN TIME!

WE GOTTA TRY, ERIC! OUR FAMILIES NEED US!

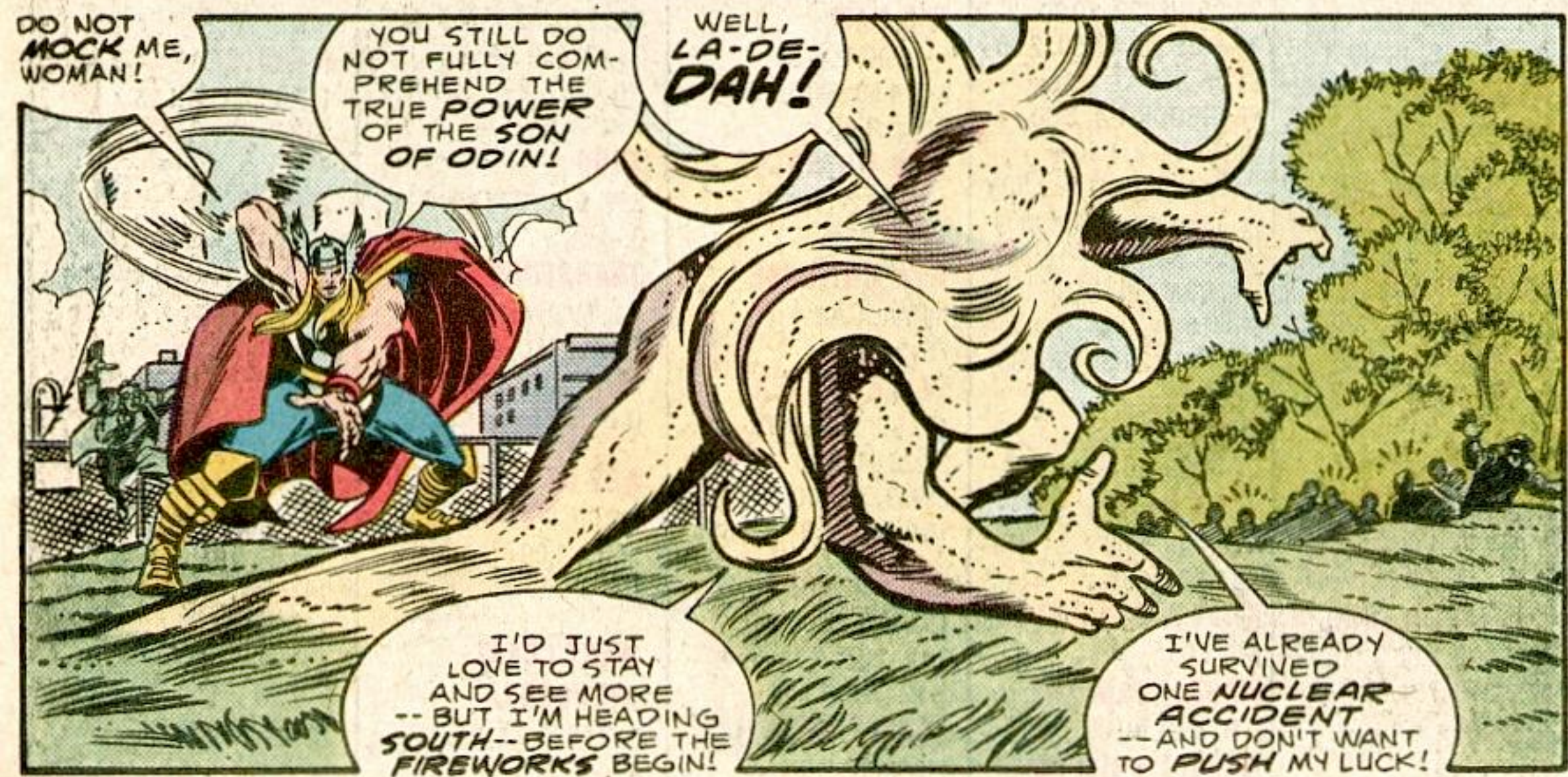
LISTEN TO THE MAN, BLUE EYES! LET'S MOVE!

ALL RIGHT, JACKIE! BUT I'D FEEL A WHOLE LOT BETTER IF I COULD FIND--



!--SIGURD!! THANKS FOR PROVIDING THE EXIT, BLONDIE!

I LIKE THE WAY YOU KNOCKED A HOLE IN THE WALL ...WITH YOUR HEAD!



DO NOT MOCK ME, WOMAN!

YOU STILL DO NOT FULLY COMPREHEND THE TRUE POWER OF THE SON OF ODIN!

WELL, LA-DE-DAH!

I'D JUST LOVE TO STAY AND SEE MORE -- BUT I'M HEADING SOUTH--BEFORE THE FIREWORKS BEGIN!

I'VE ALREADY SURVIVED ONE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT -- AND DON'T WANT TO PUSH MY LUCK!



BY THE BRISTLING BEARD OF MY FATHER--! MY BLOOD BOILS WITH THE DESIRE TO PURSUE AND DEFEAT HER! AND YET, MY COURSE IS CLEAR!

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY SAVE US ALL! HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DECIDE WHO LIVES--AND WHO DIES? HOW? HOW?

BE SILENT, MORTAL!

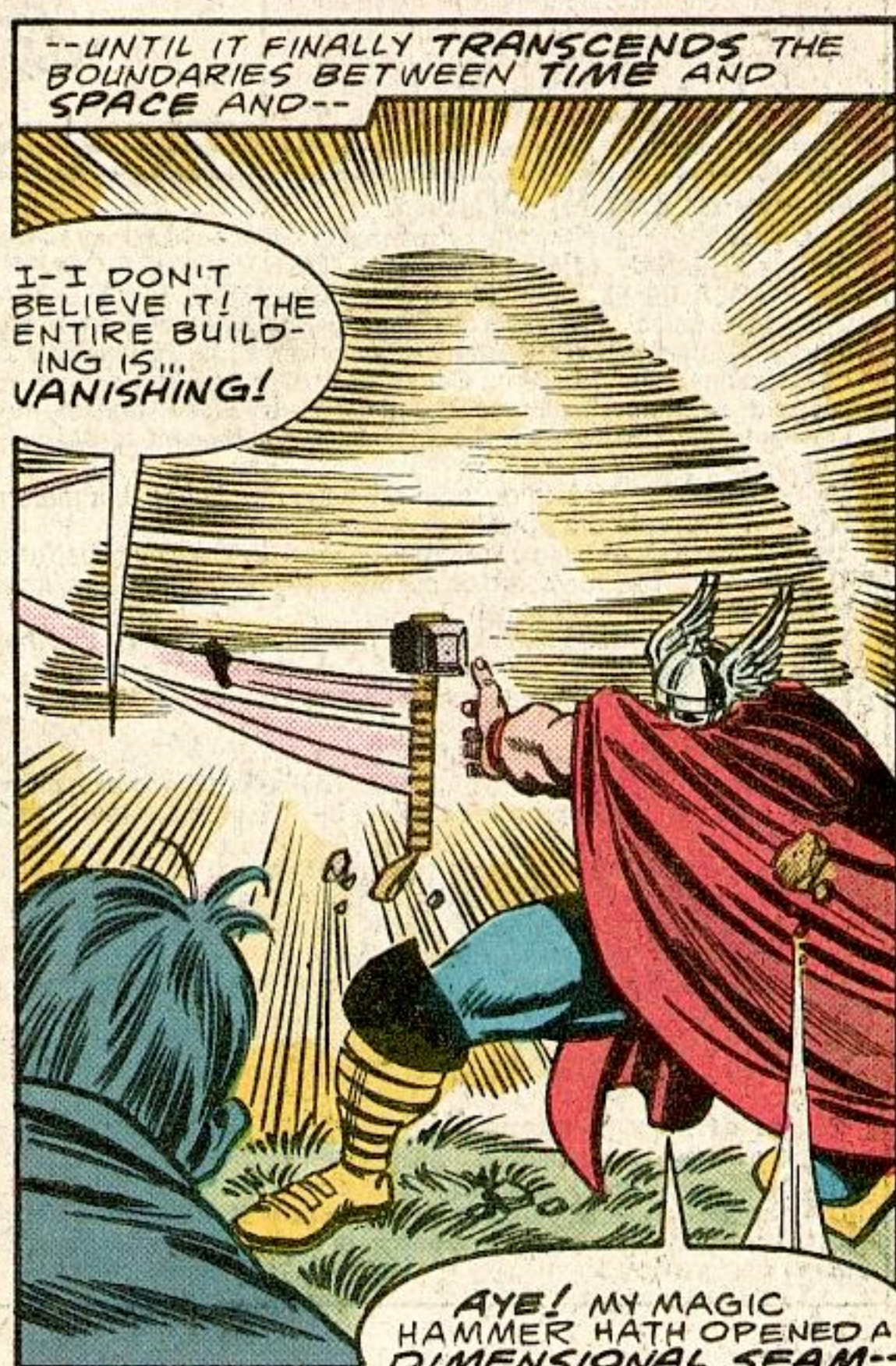
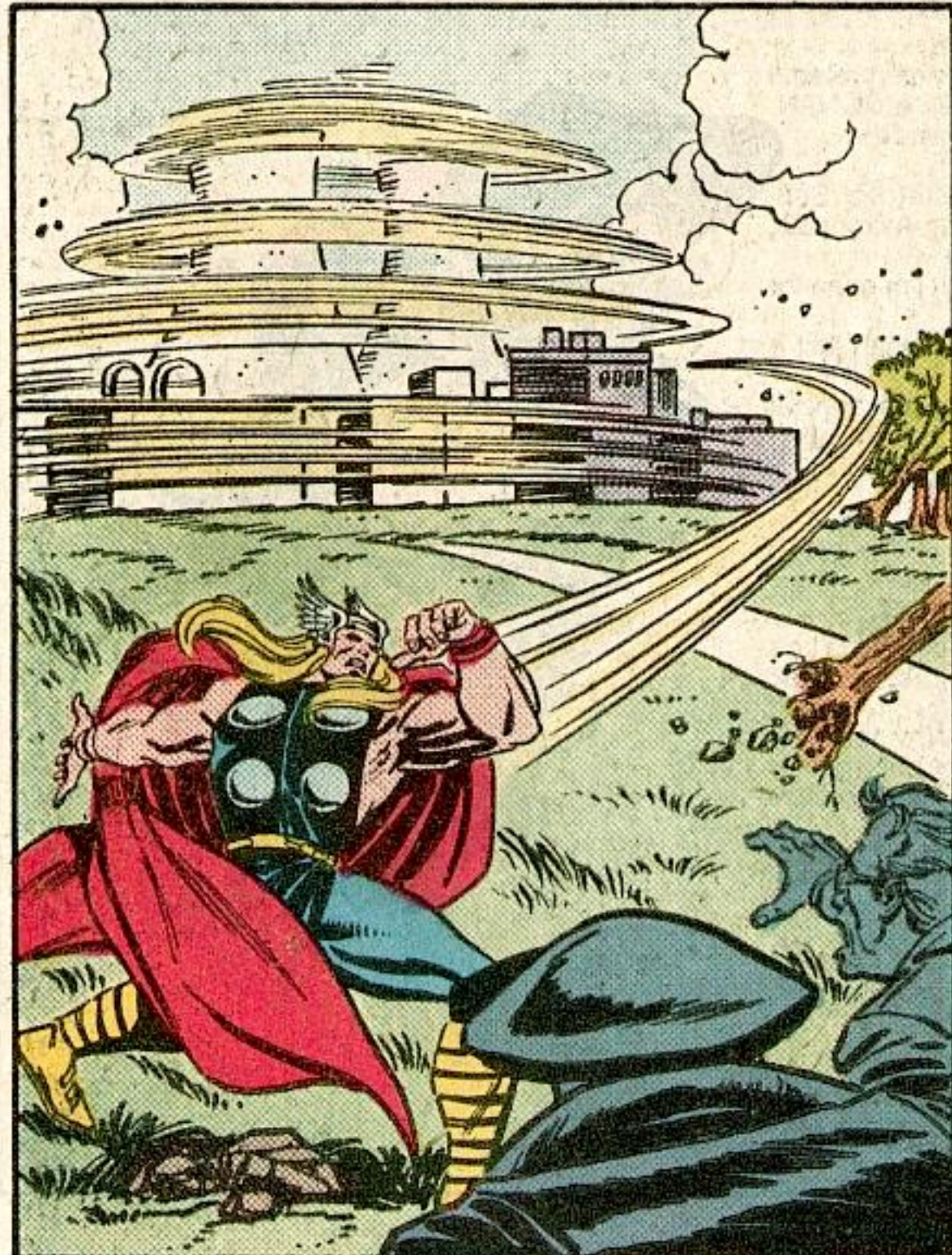


THE GOD OF THUNDER KNOWS...

...WHAT MUST BE DONE!

WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD, THE MIGHTY THOR BEGINS WHIRLING HIS ENCHANTED MALLET-- UNTIL IT IS MOVING FASTER-- FAR FASTER THAN THE MORTAL MIND CAN CONCEIVE!

THEN, WITH A POWERFUL SHRUG, HE SENDS IT WHIPPING AROUND THE POWER PLANT-- ITS SPEED INCREASING BY THE MICRO-SECOND --INCREASING-- **INCREASING--**

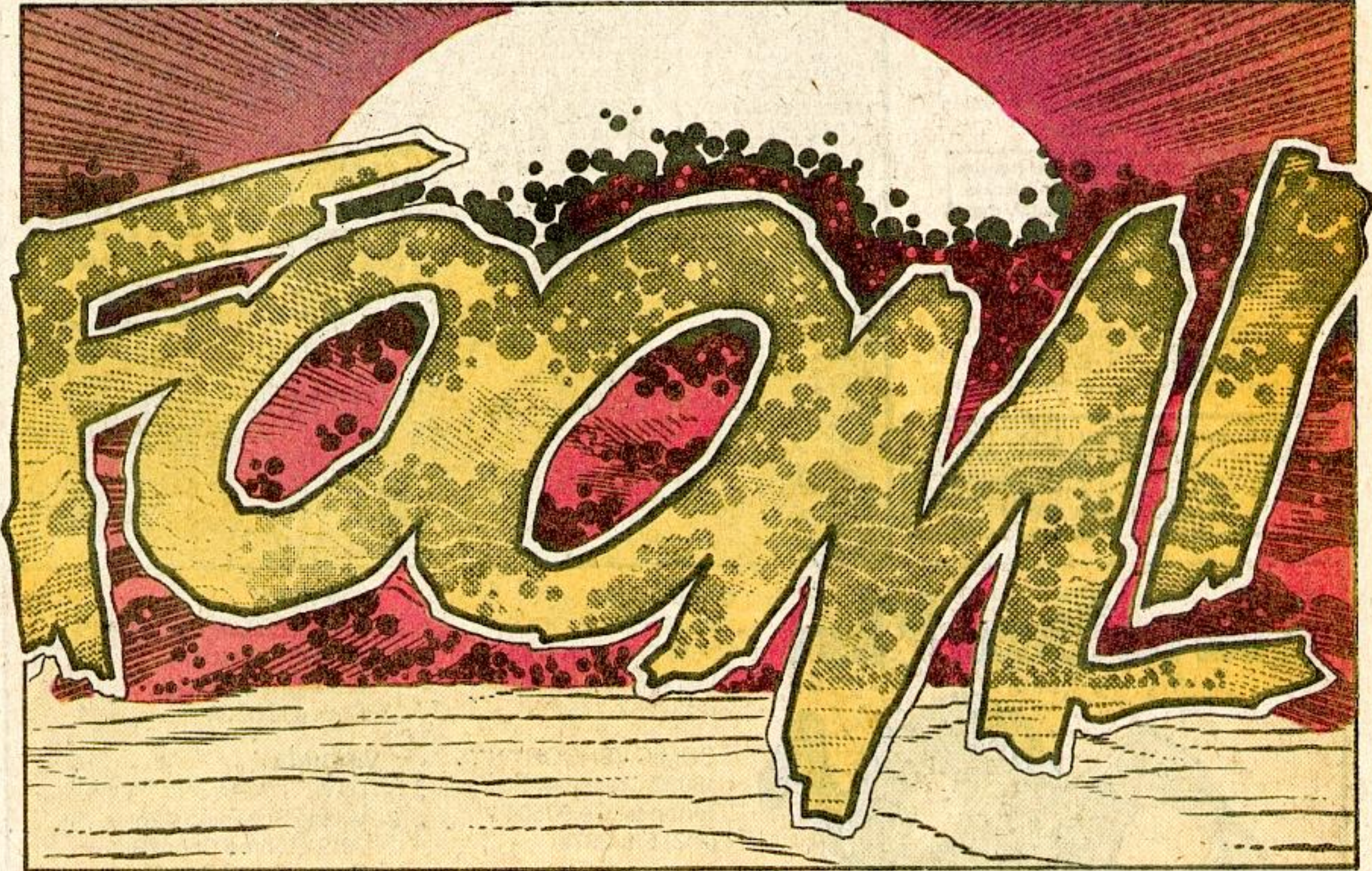
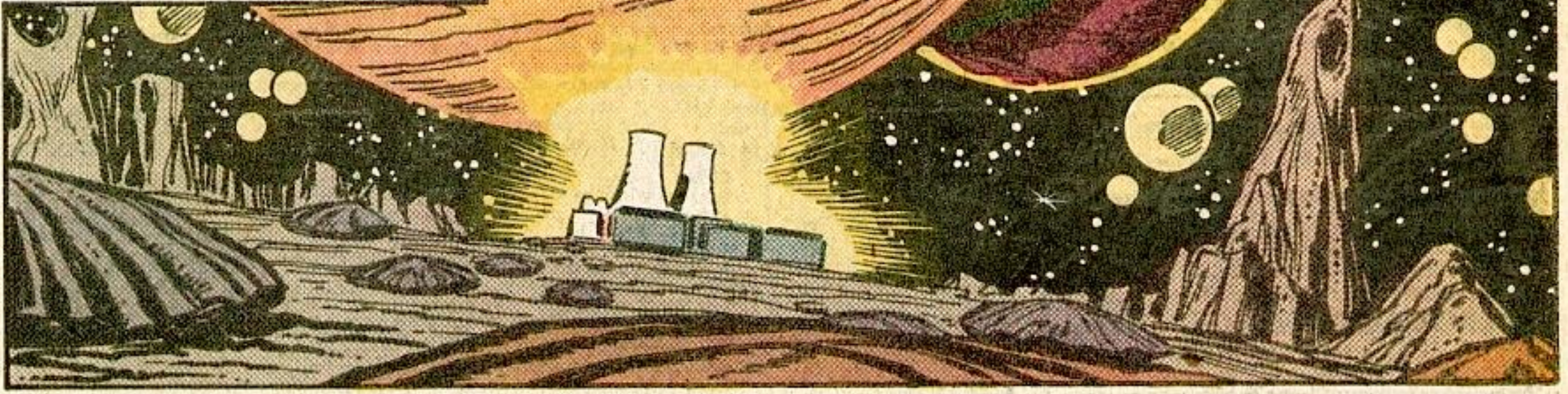


--UNTIL IT FINALLY TRANSCENDS THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN TIME AND SPACE AND--

I-I DON'T BELIEVE IT! THE ENTIRE BUILDING IS... VANISHING!

AYE! MY MAGIC HAMMER HATH OPENED A DIMENSIONAL SEAM--

"--AND TRANSPORTED YON BUILDING--FOUNDATIONS AND ALL--TO SOME DISTANT, DEAD WORLD!"



MOMENTS LATER, BACK ON EARTH...

WOW! THOR WASN'T KIDDING WHEN HE SAID HE INCLUDED THE FOUNDATIONS!

THIS HOLE MUST BE A MILE DEEP!



WE WERE SO CLOSE TO DEATH! IF ANYTHING HAD HAPPENED TO ERIC, I... NO! I CAN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!

HEY! WHERE'D THOR GO IN ALL THE CONFUSION?



I DON'T KNOW, ERIC, BUT LOOK WHO IS HERE!

SIGURD!

WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU, MAN!

I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, JERRY.



IS IT ONLY COINCIDENCE THAT HE REAPPEARED AFTER THOR VANISHED?!

I WONDER...

MEANWHILE, A FEW BLOCKS AWAY FROM THE EAST RIVER, ANOTHER BATTLE NEARS ITS FATEFUL CONCLUSION...



GOT TO KEEP LEADING HIM AWAY FROM THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND TOWARD THE RIVER!

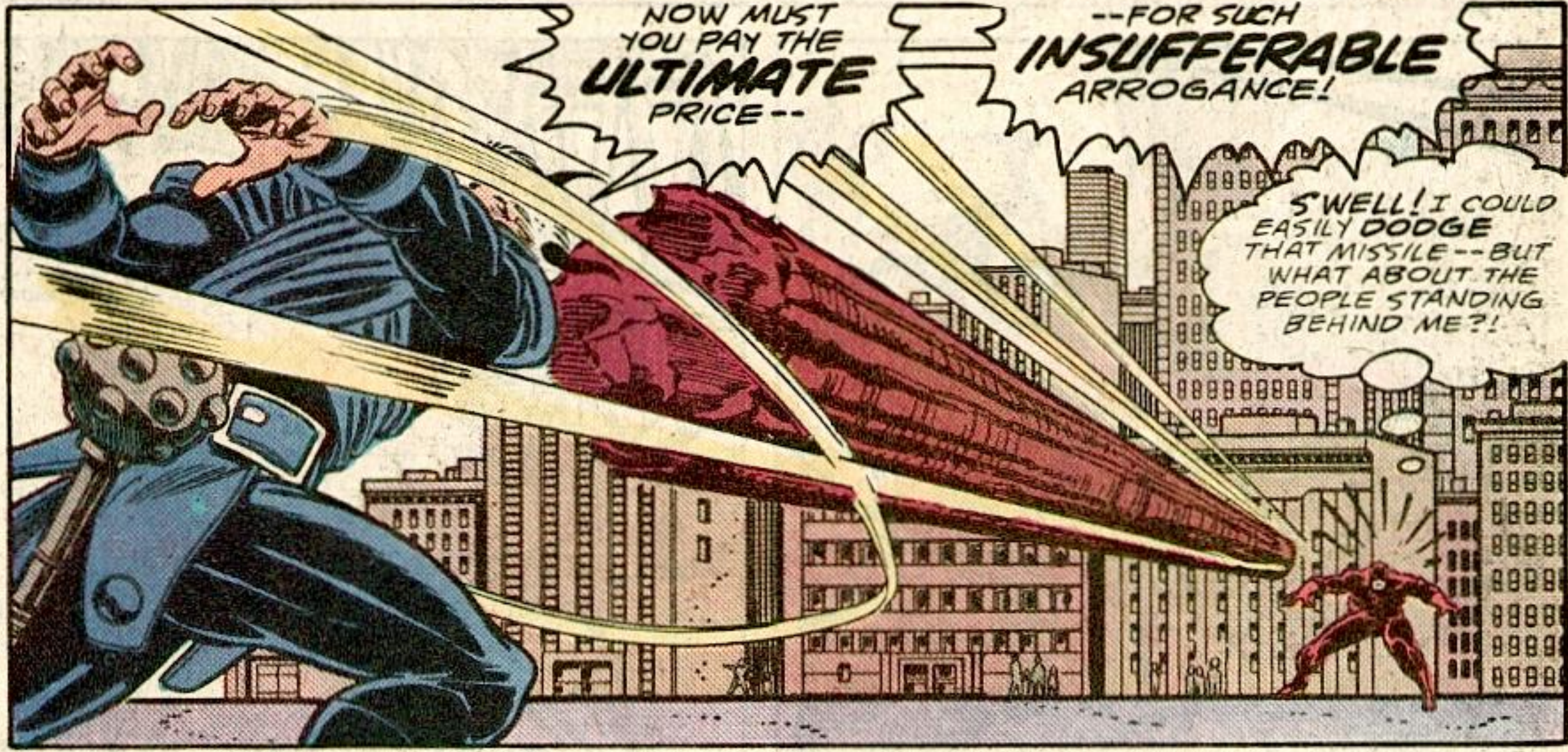
STAND FAST, DEMON! STAND AND FIGHT!

NO WAY, PAL! IF YOU WANT ME, YOU'LL HAVE TO CATCH ME!



BAH! YOU CANNOT ESCAPE ME BY FLEEING IN MINDLESS PANIC!

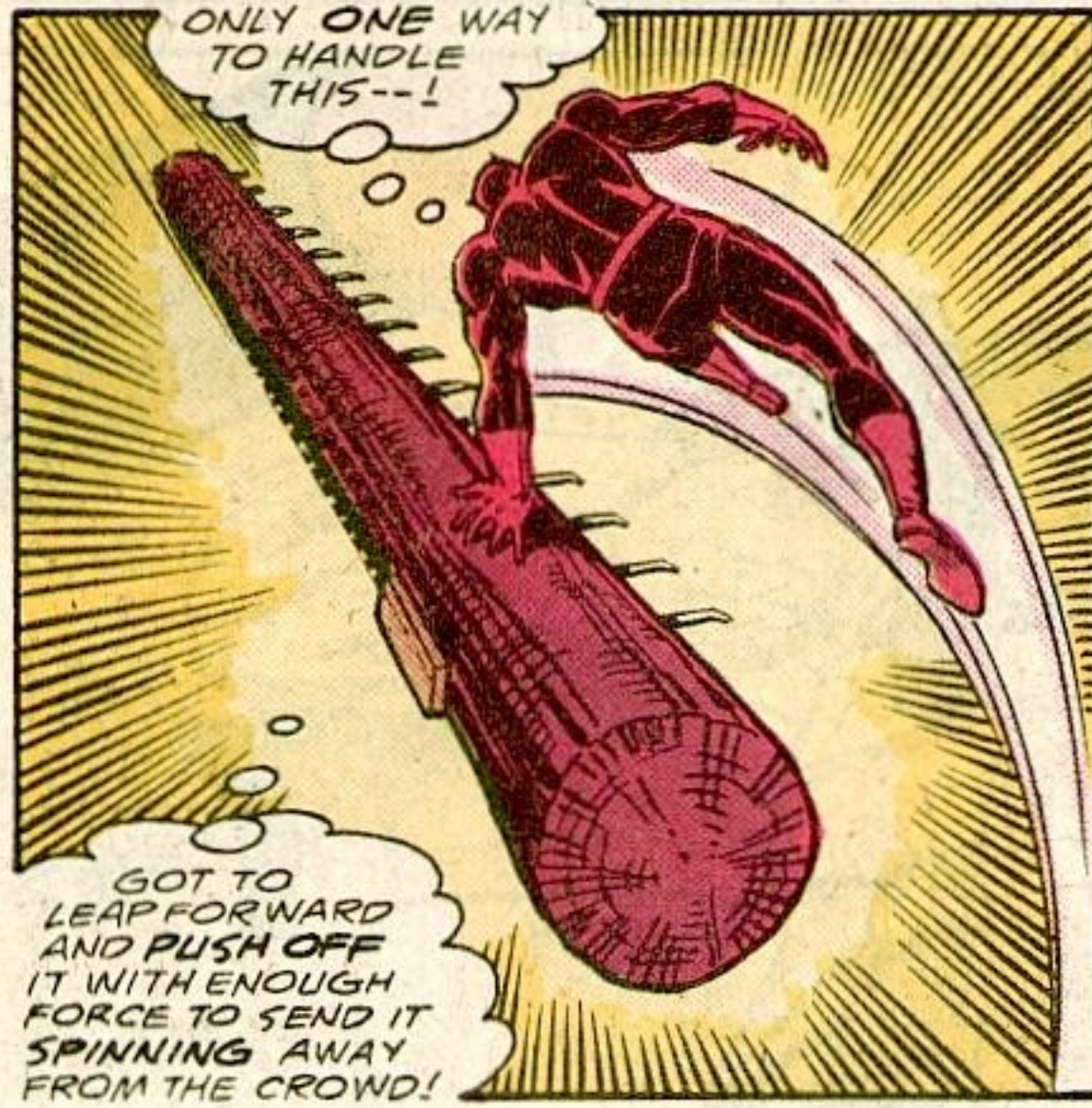
YOU DARED ATTACK HOGUN THE GRIM! YOU DARED CHALLENGE A WARRIOR OF ASGARD!



NOW MUST YOU PAY THE ULTIMATE PRICE--

--FOR SUCH INSUFFERABLE ARROGANCE!

S'WELL! I COULD EASILY DODGE THAT MISSILE-- BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE STANDING BEHIND ME?!



ONLY ONE WAY TO HANDLE THIS--!

GOT TO LEAP FORWARD AND PUSH OFF IT WITH ENOUGH FORCE TO SEND IT SPINNING AWAY FROM THE CROWD!



BUT THEN...

EEYII!!

OH, NO!! I DIDN'T HEAR THAT WOMAN'S HEARTBEAT IN ALL THE CONFUSION--

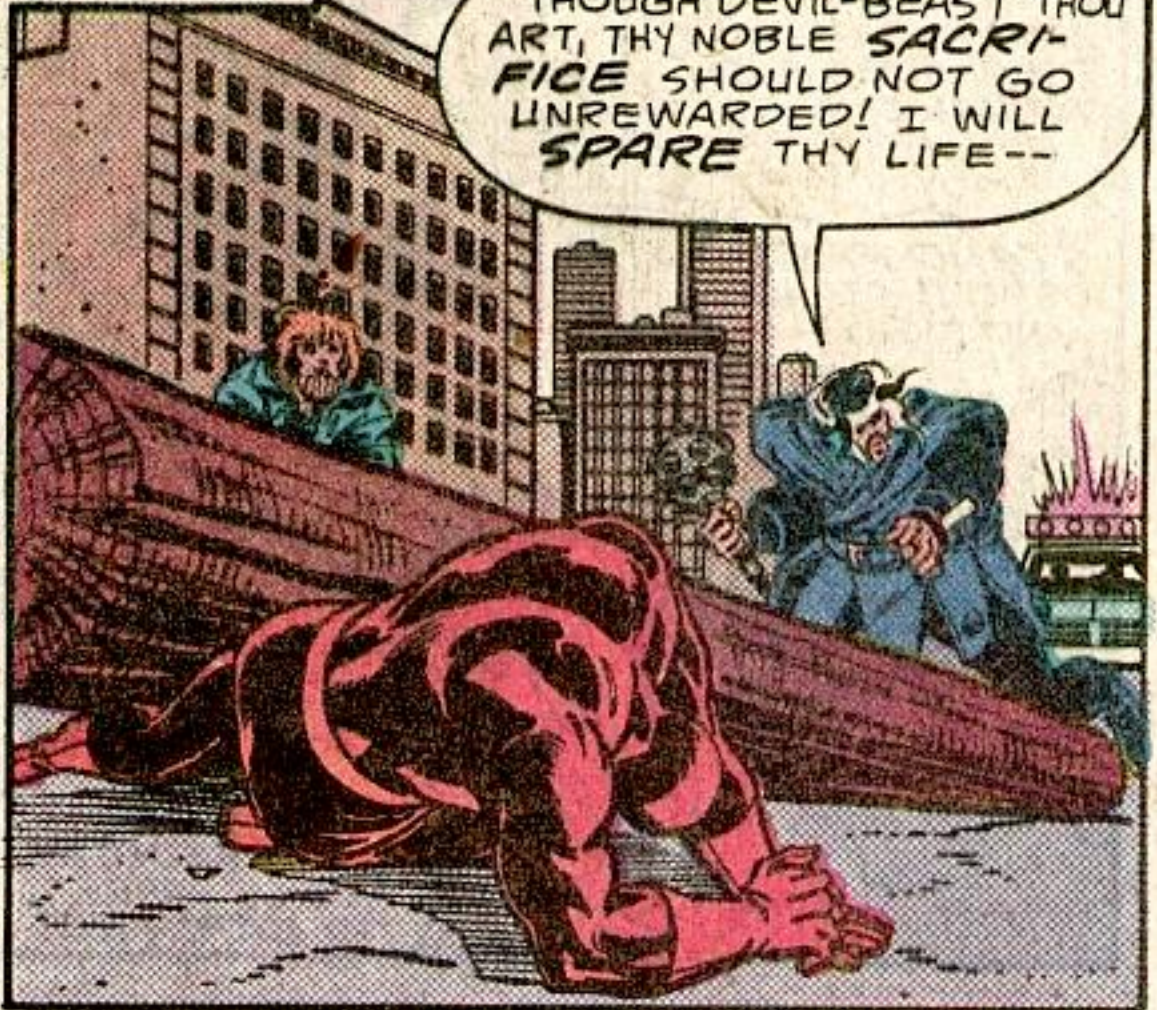
--AND I ACCIDENTALLY SENT IT HURLING TOWARD HER!

HEEDLESS OF THE DANGER, UNMINDFUL OF THE RISK, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR SOMERSAULTS DIRECTLY INTO THE PATH OF THE ONRUSHING POLE, AND...

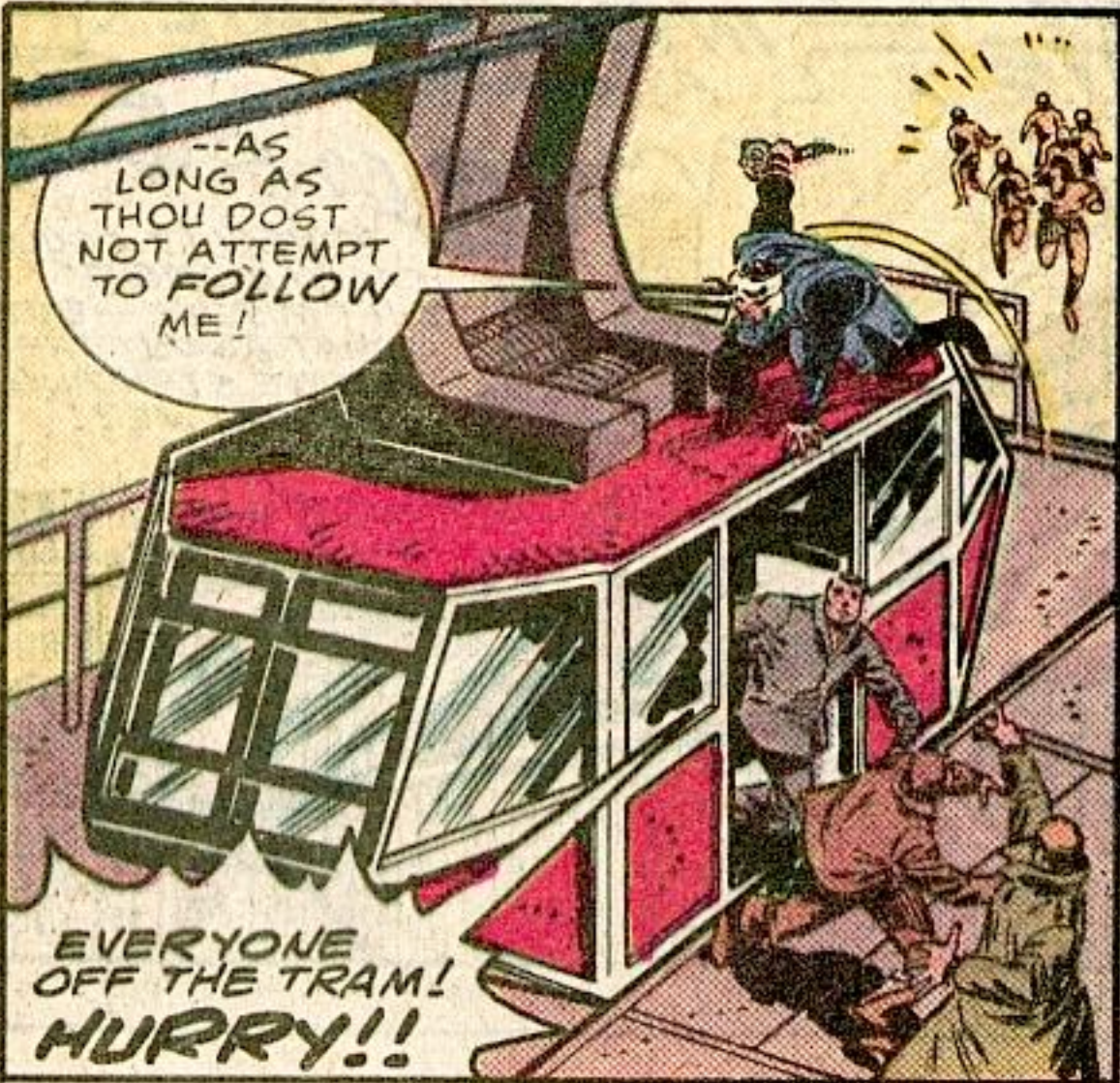


GET BACK! GET **UGNN!**

STUNNED BY THE RAW COURAGE AND UTTER SELFLESSNESS OF THE MAN CALLED DARE-DEVIL, HOGUN MAKES A SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED DECISION...



THOUGH DEVIL-BEAST THOU ART, THY NOBLE SACRIFICE SHOULD NOT GO UNREWARDED! I WILL SPARE THY LIFE--

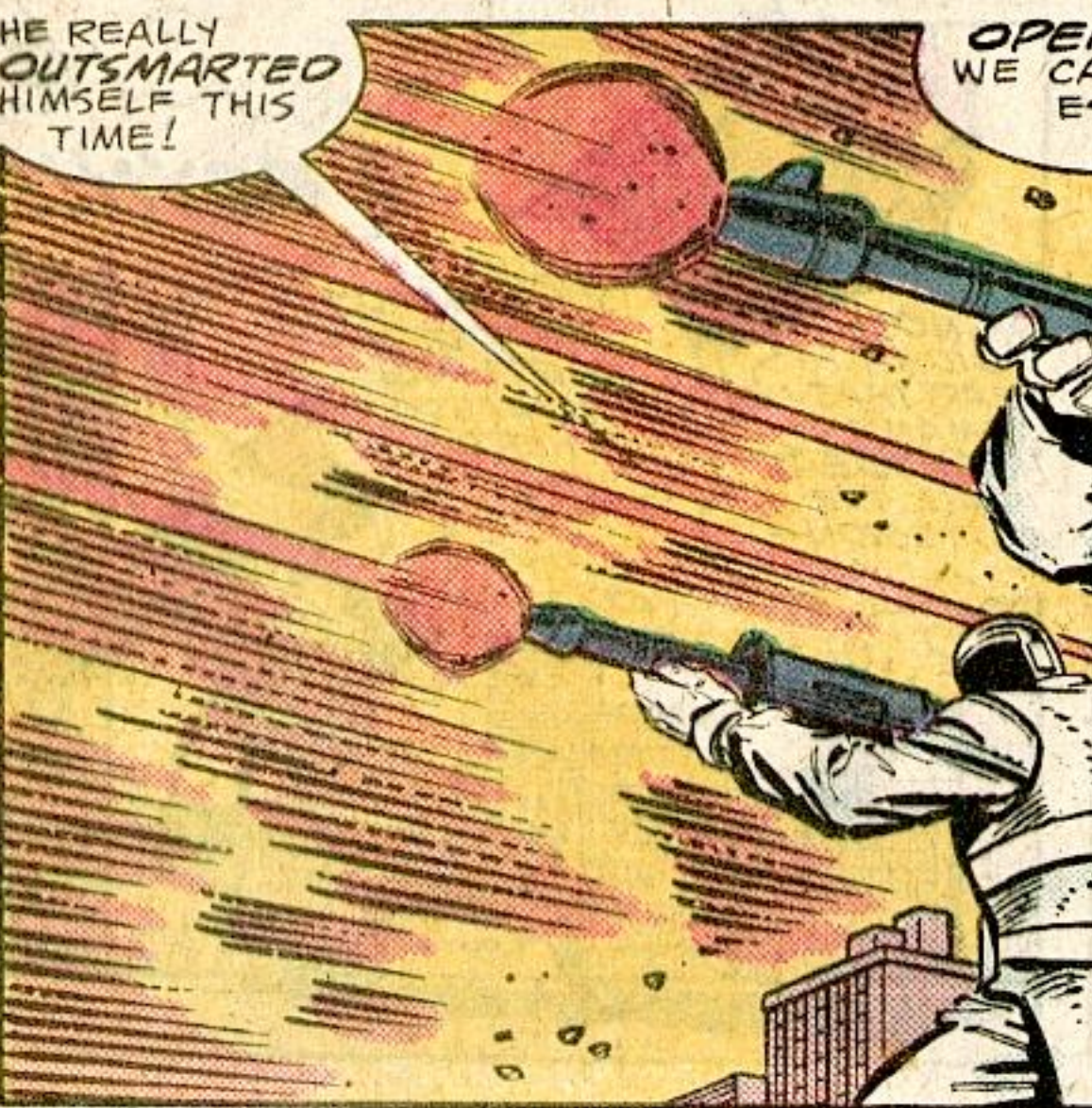


--AS LONG AS THOU DOST NOT ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW ME!

EVERYONE OFF THE TRAM! HURRY!!

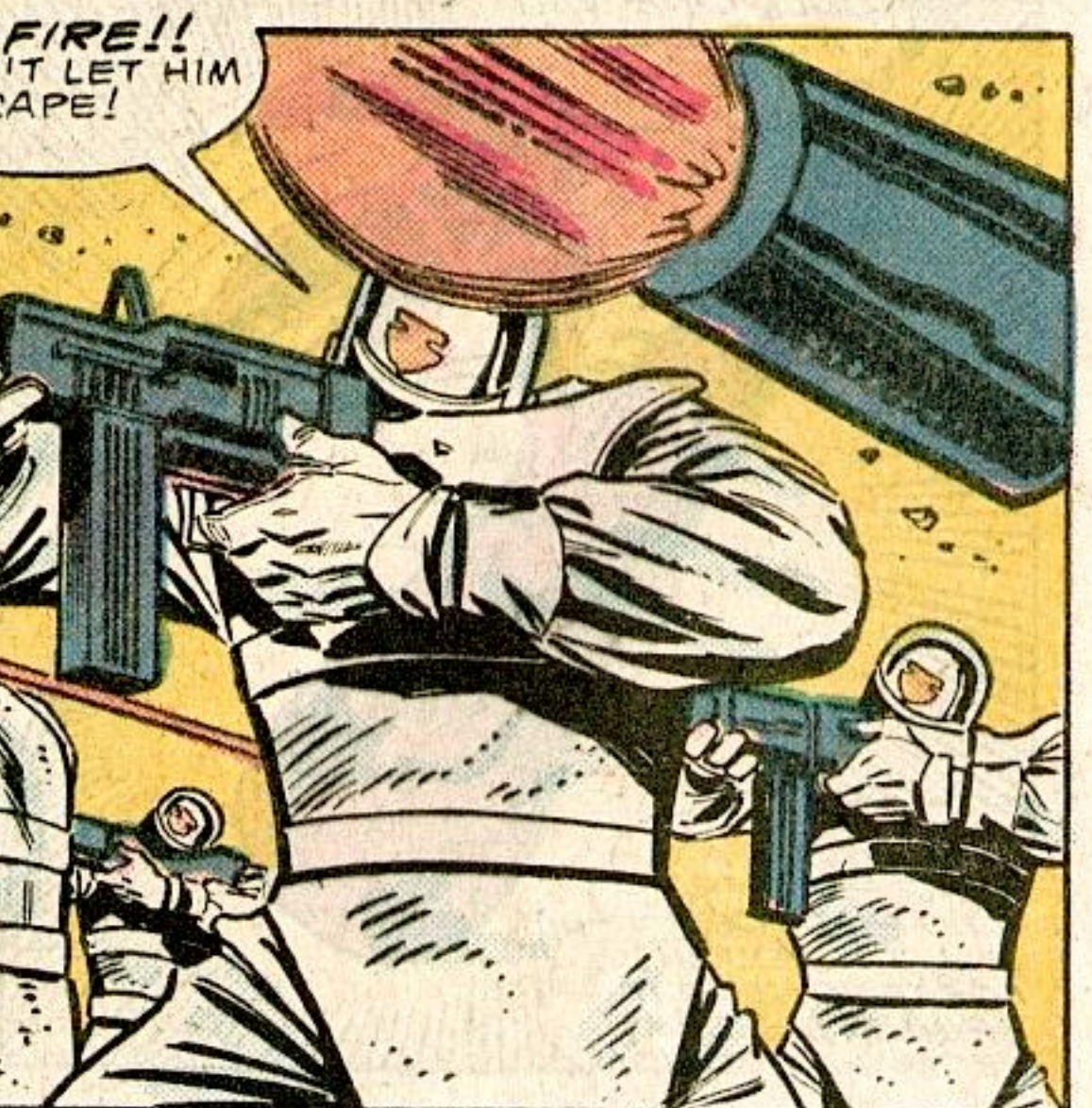


LOOK! HE LEAPED ATOP THE TRAMWAY TO ROOSEVELT ISLAND!



HE REALLY OUTSMARTED HIMSELF THIS TIME!

OPEN FIRE!! WE CAN'T LET HIM ESCAPE!





WE CAN'T LET HIM REACH THE ISLAND!



WE GOT HIM!

YEAH, HE NEVER HAD A CHANCE!



OH, NO!

NO!!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!



MY LORD--! COME QUICKLY!



WHAT IS IT, VIZIER?

THE FLAME ...!

IT BURNS... NO MORE!!



THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT, MY LORD! HOGUN THE GRIM IS...

...DEAD!!

TO BE CONTINUED—