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THE STUNNING SECRET
OF THE 'PRISONERS
OF THE
BLACK PYRAMID!'

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STARTLING SOURCE
OF **SETH'S**
MYSTERIOUS
SUPER-POWER!



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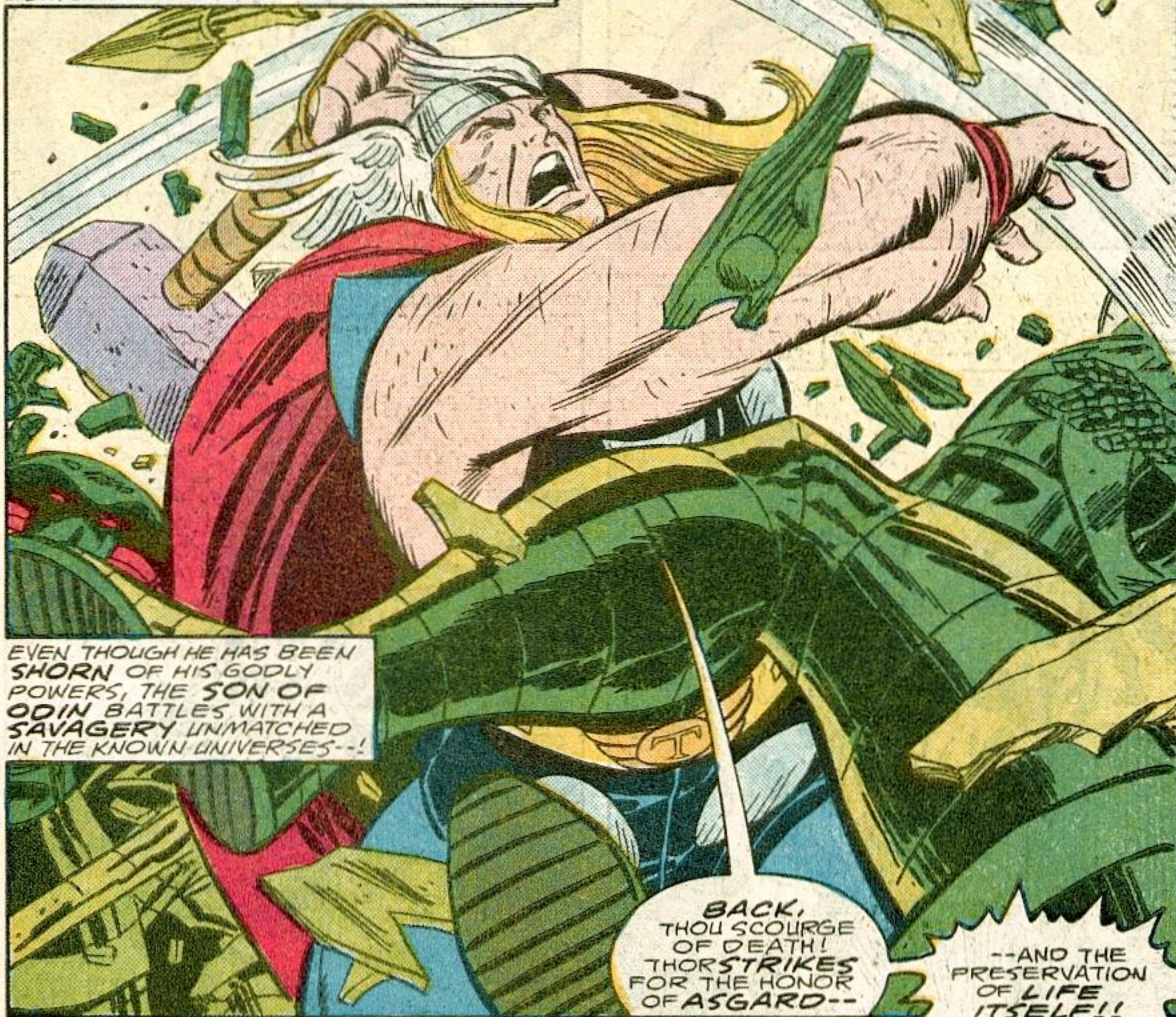
STAN LEE
PRESENTS **the MIGHTY THOR**

THE PRISONERS OF THE BLACK PYRAMID!

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SETH, THE SERPENT-GOD OF DEATH HAS
INVADDED ASGARD-- THE FIRST STEP IN
HIS MASTER PLAN TO BRING AN END
TO ALL LIFE!

MEANWHILE, IN SETH'S OWN DIMENSION
OF DEATH, THE MIGHTY THOR AND HIS
VALIANT COMRADES HAVE MANAGED TO
RECOVER THEIR WEAPONS AFTER HAVING
ESCAPED FROM THE DUNGEONS OF THE
BLACK PYRAMID!



EVEN THOUGH HE HAS BEEN
SHORN OF HIS GODLY
POWERS, THE SON OF
ODIN BATTLES WITH A
SAVAGERY UNMATCHED
IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSES--!

BACK,
THOU SCOURGE
OF DEATH!
THOR STRIKES
FOR THE HONOR
OF ASGARD--

--AND THE
PRESERVATION
OF LIFE
ITSELF!!

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INVISIBLE AND INTANGIBLE, HIS EVIL PRESENCE UNKNOWN TO ALL, LOKI--THE GOD OF EVIL--WATCHES THE BATTLE AND PONDER'S DARK THOUGHTS...



MY FOOLISH HALF-BROTHER RISKS HIS OWN LIFE FOR THE SAFETY OF COUNTLESS OTHERS!

I AM HERE BECAUSE I LEARNED THAT SETH POSSESSES AN INVINCIBLE NEW SOURCE OF POWER--

--AND I WISH TO CLAIM IT FOR MY VERY OWN!

A TERRIBLE TOLL IS ALSO TAKEN BY THE INCREDIBLE STRENGTH OF THE GIGANTIC EARTH-LORD--



I OWE MY LIFE AND MY POWER TO SETH-- BUT I WILL LOSE IT ALL UNLESS HE IS DEFEATED!

--THE AERIAL AGILITY OF THE SAVAGE SKYHAWK--

SWINGING HIS MACE WITH MERCILESS FURY, HOGUN THE GRIM RECKLESSLY WADES INTO THE DEMONIC TIDE--



NOTHING HAVE I TO LOSE! SETH HAS ALREADY MARKED MY CHEEK WITH HIS SIGN OF DEATH!

MY FATE IS SEALED! 'TIS MY DESTINY TO DIE ... WHEN NEXT SETH AND I DO MEET!

--AND THE UNSTOPPABLE EBONY SWORD OF THE BLACK KNIGHT!



HOGUN CAN'T KEEP FIGHTING AT THIS PACE!

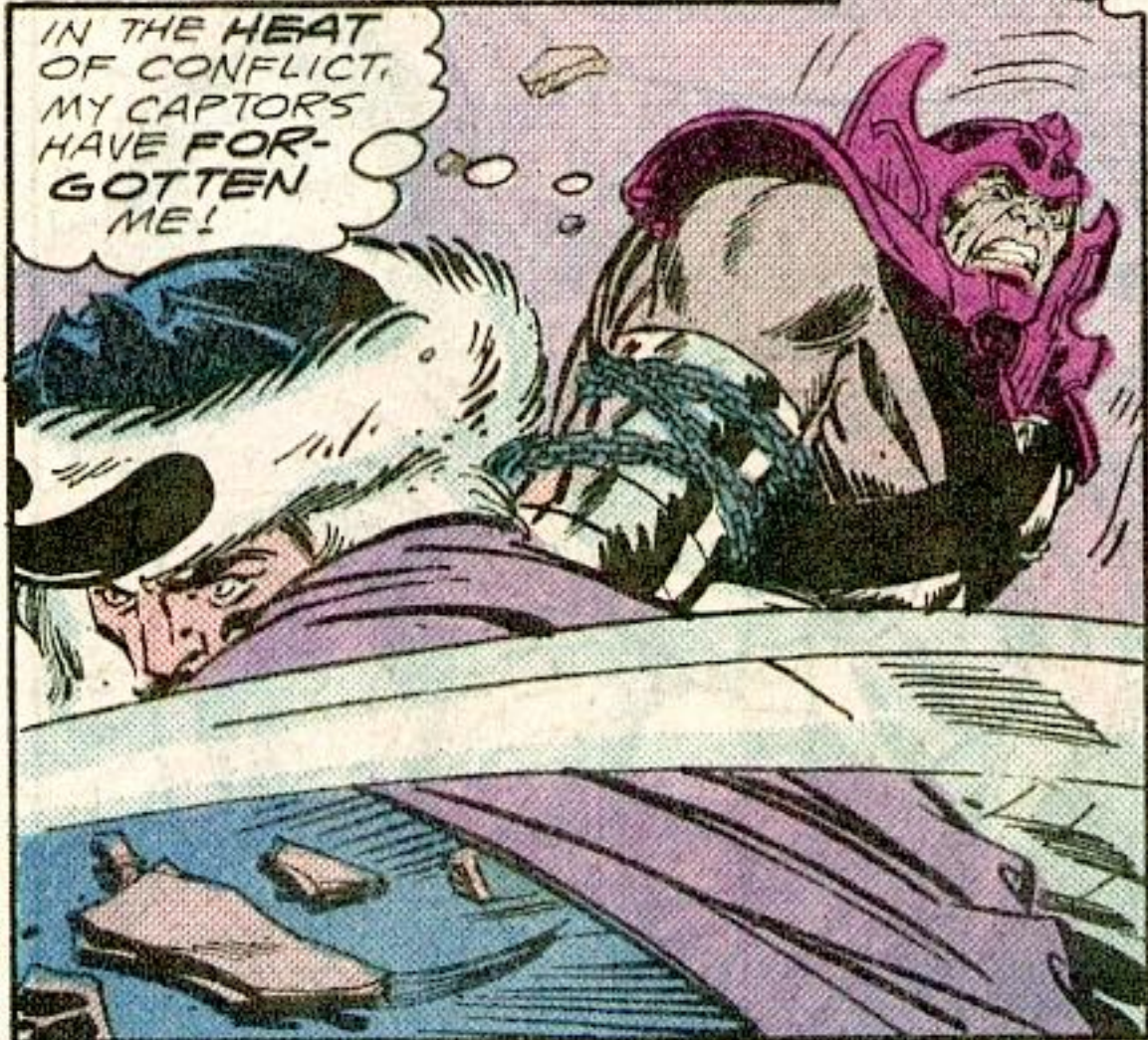
AN ANCIENT BLOOD CURSE HAS FUSED ME TO MY ARMOR-- AND IS PARALYZING MY BODY!

I WOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO STAND IF IT WEREN'T FOR THIS EXO-SKELETON!

I CAME TO HELP THOR-- BUT I MAY PROVE TO BE MORE OF A HINDRANCE!

AND, EVEN AS THE BATTLE RAGES,
GROG THE GOD-CRUSHER
SUDDENLY SPRINGS FORWARD...

IN THE HEAT
OF CONFLICT,
MY CAPTORS
HAVE FOR-
GOTTEN
ME!



NOW IS MY
CHANCE

I CAN ESCAPE TO
THE INNER RECESSES
OF THE BLACK
PYRAMID AND
SOUND THE
ALARM---

WITHIN MERE
MOMENTS
REIN-
FORCE-
MENTS WILL
ARRIVE TO
CRUSH THIS
PETTY
REBELLION!



BUT THEN...

BEHOLD,
MY LORD!
GROG
ESCAPES!

NO! WE
CANNOT
ALLOW HIM
TO WARN
HIS COM-
RADES!



MJOLNIR
WILL PUT
AN END
TO HIS
HASTY
RETREAT!



OD'S BLOOD---!
IT PAINS ME TOO
SEE MY FAITHFUL
HAMMER JUST
LIE THERE...

IT WAS STRIPPED
OF ITS ROYAL EN-
CHANTMENTS WHEN
I LOST MY ASGARDIAN
POWERS!

KEEP BACK!
PLEASE---

I MEANT
NO HARM!

DON'T
KILL
ME!



SPARE MY LIFE,
I BEG THEE--!

LET ME
LIVE!!

LOOK AT HIM WHIMPER!
I ALMOST CAN'T BELIEVE
HE'S THE SAME SADISTIC
BULLY WHO TORTURED
US!

'TIS EASY TO
STRUT AND
THREATEN--

--WHEN
YOUR VICTIMS
ARE BOUND
AND HELPLESS!

SILENCE HIM,
MY PRINCE! PUT
AN END TO HIS
UNMANLY
WHININGS!

HAVE
MERCY!

I... WAS ONLY
FOLLOWING
ORDERS!

RELEASE ME
AND I SHALL DO
ANYTHING--!

THOU WOULDST
EVEN BETRAY
THY MASTER SETH?

AYE, I WILL
SHOW YOU THE
SECRET OF
HIS POWER!

I WILL TAKE YOU TO
THE VERY CENTER
OF THE BLACK
PYRAMID
ITSELF!

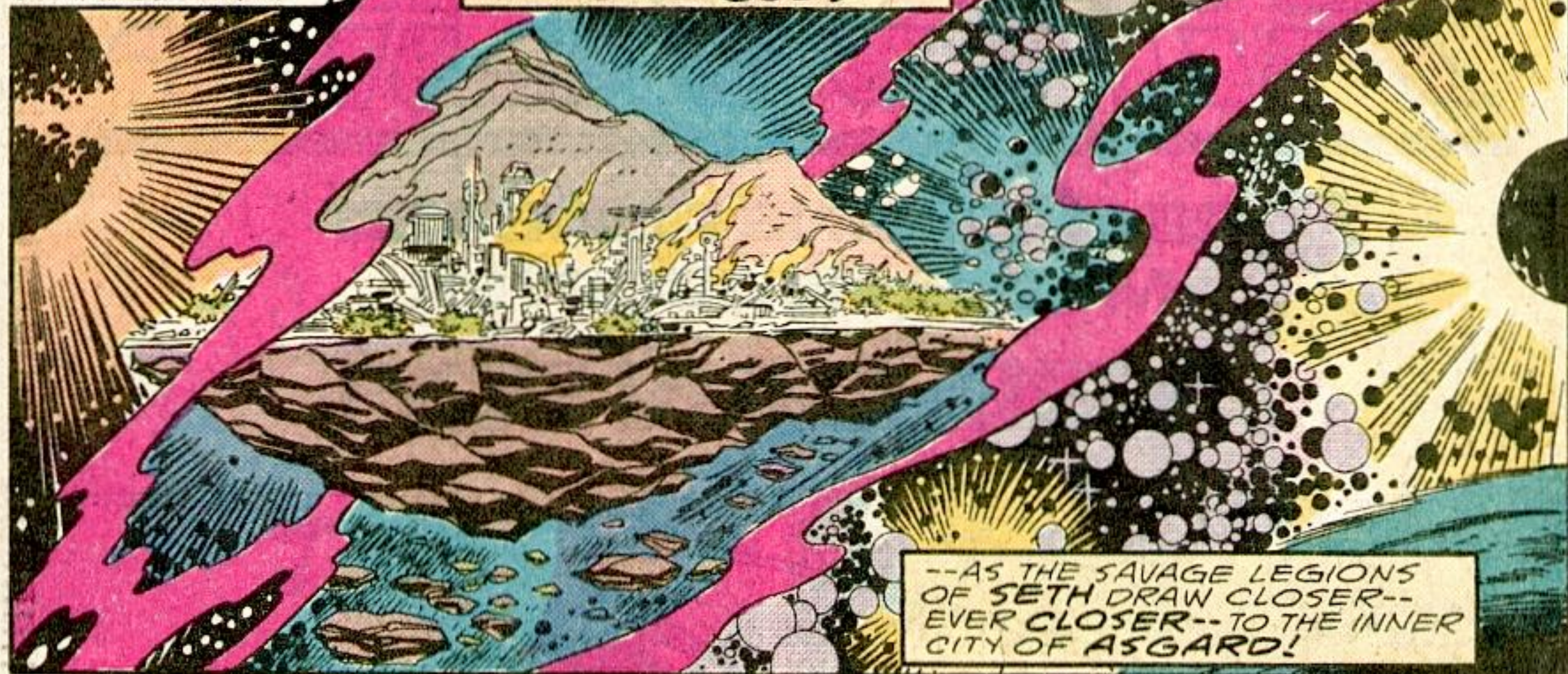
SO
BE
IT!

AT LAST! I WILL FINALLY
LEARN WHY SETH BELIEVES
THAT HE WILL SUCCEED IN
HIS MAD PLAN TO EXTER-
MINATE ALL LIFE!

BUT HAVE
I GAINED THIS
KNOWLEDGE IN
TIME TO SAVE
ASGARD?!

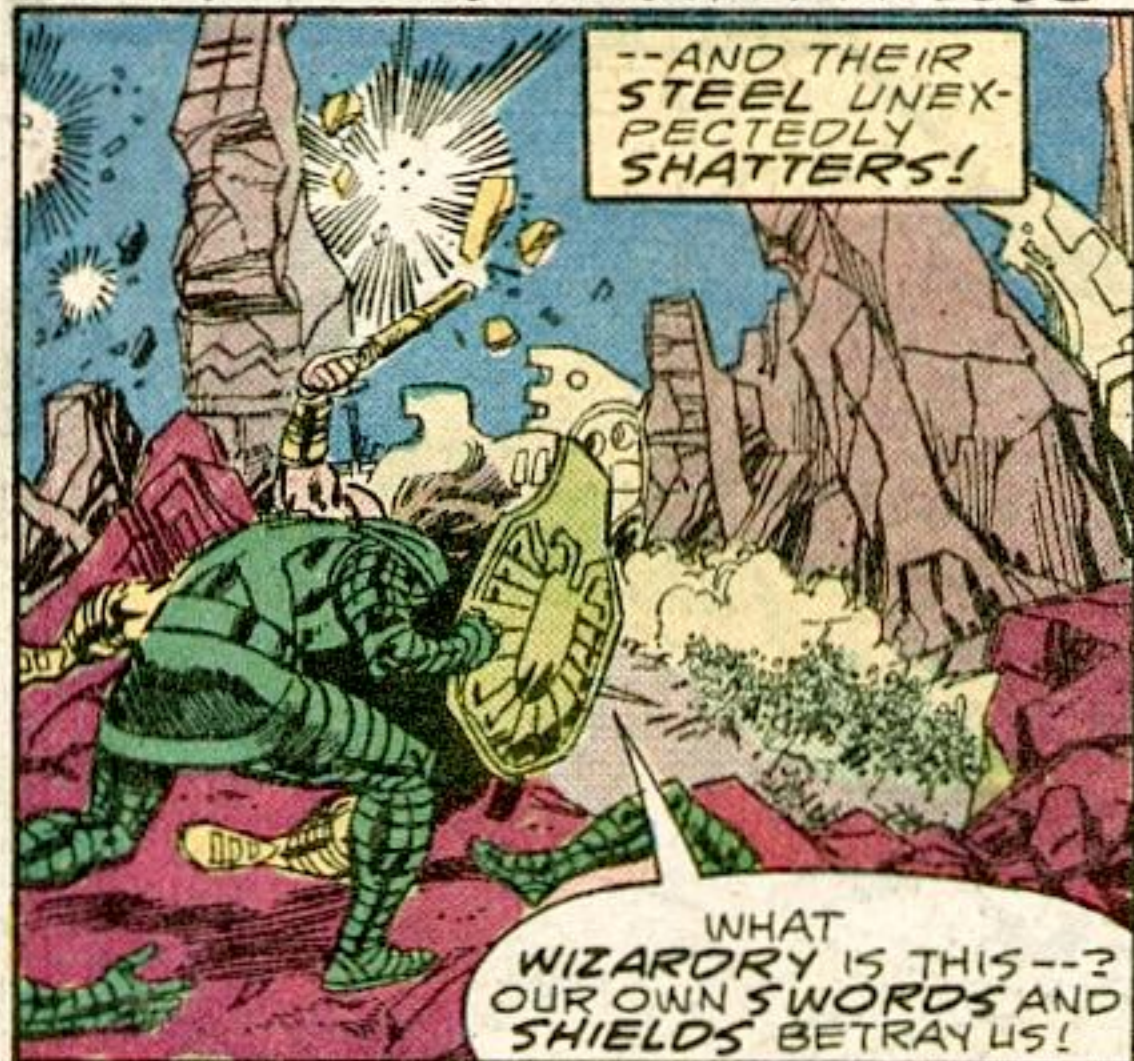
AT THAT PRECISE
MOMENT, AN UN-
RECORDABLE
DISTANCE AWAY--

--FLAMES RAVAGE THE
LEGENDARY HOME OF
THE NORSE GODS--



--AS THE SAVAGE LEGIONS
OF SETH DRAW CLOSER--
EVER CLOSER-- TO THE INNER
CITY OF ASGARD!

FATE HERSELF SEEMS TO HAVE TURNED
AGAINST THE VALIANT ASGARDIANS AS
THEIR WEAPONS SUDDENLY IMplode--



--AND THEIR
STEEL UNEX-
PECTEDLY
SHATTERS!

WHAT
WIZARDRY IS THIS--?
OUR OWN SWORDS AND
SHIELDS BETRAY US!

BALDER, MY
KING, WE MUST
RETREAT--!

WE MUST FALL BACK
TO THE GATES OF THE IN-
NER CITY BEFORE WE
ARE COMPLETELY CUT
OFF FROM THE REST
OF OUR ARMY!



AYE, LOYAL
HEIMDALL...

BUT FIRST I
MUST PROVIDE
OUR FOES WITH
A SUITABLE
DISTRACTION!



SKWAKK!

THOU HAST BOUGHT
US PRECIOUS
SECONDS, SIRE...
BUT WHY DOST
THOU CLUTCH
THY SIDE?!

'TIS HUGN;
NOTHING, LADY
SIF!

HEED
HIM
NOT,
SISTER!



HE HATH
REOPENED
HIS WOUND!

ON A NEARBY HILLTOP, OVERLOOKING THE UNEQUAL BATTLE, STANDS THE MENACING FIGURE OF SETH, THE SERPENT GOD OF DEATH...

THOSE PATHETIC FOOLS--!

THEY MUST REALIZE THAT THEY ARE ALL DESTINED TO FAIL... AND DIE!

WHY DO THEY CONTINUE TO DEFY ME?!

AND SO, MERE MOMENTS LATER... THE SKIES--!

LOOK TO THE SKIES!

OD'S BLOOD--! IS THERE NO END TO THE HORRORS OF SETH?! HOW CAN WE DEFEAT SUCH MONSTERS?!

THOUGH I PRESENTLY POSSESS THE POWER OF THOR, I LACK THE MILITARY GENIUS...

...AND EXPERIENCE OF HIS FATHER ODIN, OUR FORMER RULER!

WHERE IS THE ALL-FATHER NOW?

HOW CAN ASGARD SURVIVE WITHOUT HIS WISDOM AND GUIDANCE?

ARGGGH!~

HEIM-DALL--!

WITH NO THOUGHT TO HIS OWN SAFETY, BALDER THE BRAVE INSTANTLY LEAPS TO THE SIDE OF HIS STRICKEN COMRADE...

MY BROTHER! IS HE--?!

HE LIVES! THEN TAKE HIM TO A PLACE OF SAFETY... WHILST I GUARD THY BACK!

WAIT! I SHALL JOIN THEE--!

PERHAPS THE TIME HAS COME TO FINALLY SHOW THEM THE UTTER HOPELESSNESS OF THEIR POSITION...

GENERAL, UNLEASH... THE HARPIES OF DOOM!

Y-YES, MASTER!



NAY,
MY LADY
SIF!

I SAY
THEE,
NAY!

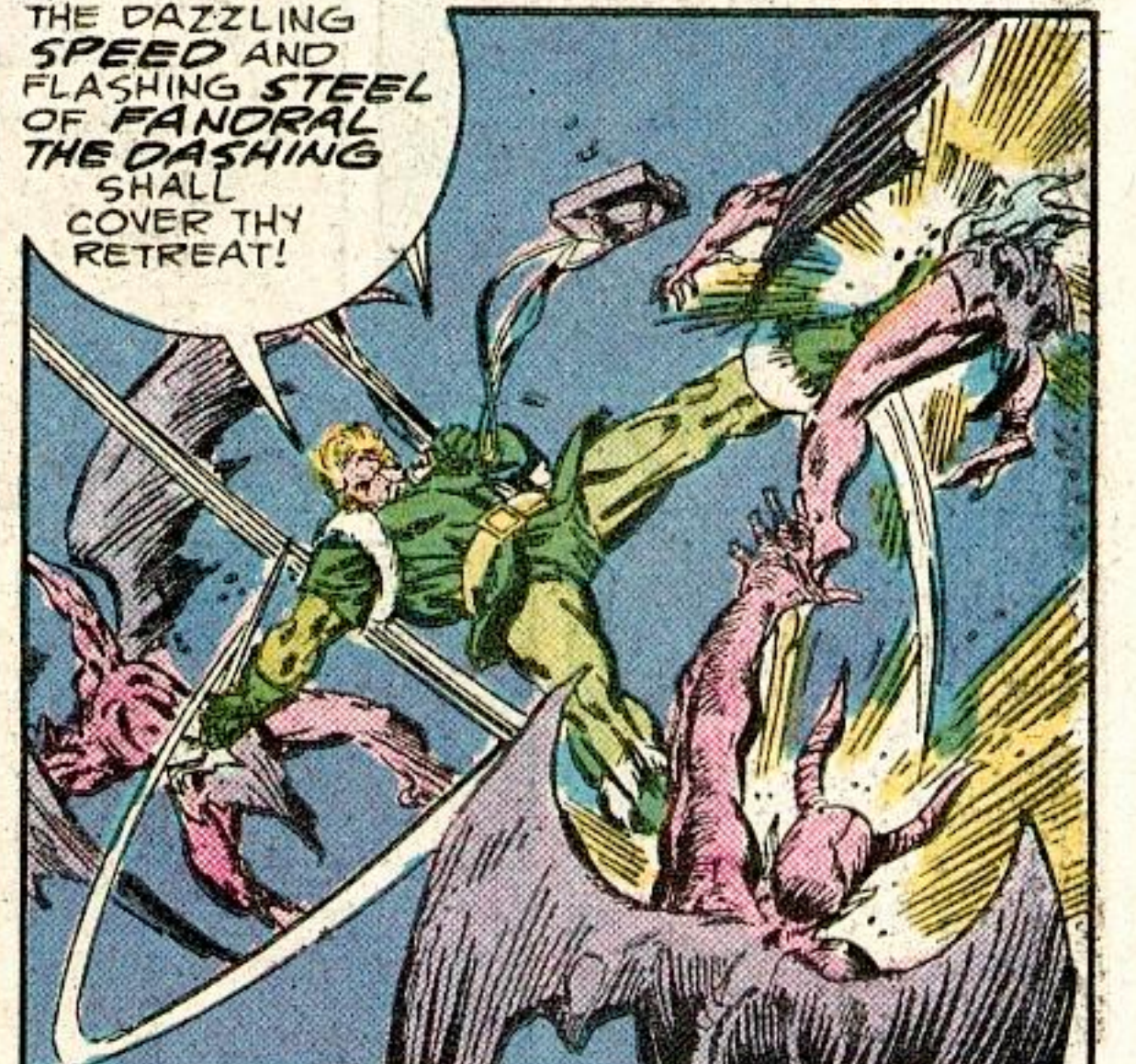


POKK! **WAPP!**

THOUGH THOU
TRULY ARE
A **WARRIOR-
GODDESS**, THY
DUTY IS CLEAR--!



PROTECT
THY **CHARGES**
--AND **HIE**
THEM TO THE
CITY GATES!



THE DAZZLING
SPEED AND
FLASHING **STEEL**
OF **FANDRAL**
THE **DASHING**
SHALL
COVER THY
RETREAT!



BAH! PITTING
MY SLASHING **SWORD**
AGAINST THESE DULLARDS
IS LIKE USING **THOR'S
HAMMER** TO
SWAT FLIES!



HOWEVER, WHAT
THESE MONSTERS
LACK IN **QUALITY** IS
MORE THAN
BALANCED WITH
QUANTITY--

--FOR
THEY ARE AS
NUMBERLESS AS
THE **TEEMING FISH**
IN THE OCEAN!

EVEN AS THE BLINDING BLADE
OF FANDRAL SINGS ITS
SAVAGE TUNE, A MASSIVE
BOULDER IS SUDDENLY
HURLED SKYWARD AND--

GRAKKK!!

BY THE
SHINING
SPIRES OF
ASGARD

AN UNKNOWN
ALLY HAVE I
...BUT WHO?!

DOST THOU THINK
THAT THE VALOROUS
VOLSTAGG WOULD
ABANDON HIS
FELLOW
STALWART?!

NAY! NOT
WHILE THE
NEXT TAVERN
TAB BE
THINE!

WHATE'ER THY
REASONS, I AM
PROUD TO CALL
THEE FRIEND!

WHO
ELSE,
MY
FRIEND
?

VOLSTAGG?!
ART THOU
MAD?

YON DEMON
HORDE IS
ENDLESS!

THEY
SHALL OVER-
WHELM US BY
SHEER WEIGHT
OF NUMBERS!

RUN!!
ESCAPE
WHILST
THOU CAN!

TOGETHER
SHALL WE
STAND!

SHOULDER
TO SHOULDER
SHALL WE
FIGHT!

THE POETS
SHALL SING OF
THIS DAY... WHEN
TWO CHALLENGED
MANY... AND
THE ASGARDIAN
GODS PROVED--

--THAT THEY
COULD DIE AS
COURAGEOUSLY
AS THEY
FOUGHT!

MEANWHILE, IN SETH'S
DIMENSION OF
DEATH--

--THE DARK CORRIDORS
OF THE **BLACK PYRA-
MID** ECHO WITH THE
HOWLS OF THE
WOUNDED--

--AS THE MIGHTY **THOR** AND HIS
COMRADES BURST INTO THE
CENTRAL COMMAND
CHAMBER!

**FIGHT ON!
FIGHT ON!**

THE SECRET
OF SETH'S
POWER
IS NIGH!

WE MUST FIND IT
FOR THE SAKE OF
ALL WHO LIVE!

UGN! MY BODY'S
GROWING **STIFFER**...
GETTING **HARDER**
TO MOVE...BUT I
CAN'T FAIL **THOR**
AND THE OTHERS!
I CAN'T!!

THE
BATTLE
IS
OURS!

WE HAVE
PUT THEM TO
ROUT!

AYE, MY
PRINCE! THEY
FALL BACK...
RETREATING
FROM THE
CHAMBER!

UH-
OH! IT LOOKS LIKE
GROG IS TRYING
TO GO WITH
THEM!

IT'S
TOO
LATE
TO STOP ME,
FOOL!

ONCE I HAVE
FREED MYSELF
FROM THESE
HATED BONDS,
I SHALL
RETURN...

...WITH A
STRIKEFORCE
OF SUCH
SAVAGERY
AS NONE HAVE
EVER FACED
BEFORE!

I... I'M
SORRY!
I COULDN'T
REACH
HIM IN
TIME!

THOU DID
TRY THY BEST,
EARTH-LORD!
NONE COULD...

WHAT IS IT,
MY PRINCE?
WHY DOST THOU
STARE AT YON
GLISTENING
GLOBE?



METHINKS IT
DOTH POSSESS
THE **ANSWERS**
WE SEEK!

IN THAT CASE, I'D
BETTER DO A QUICK
RECON AND--**HEY!**
THERE'S SOMEBODY
INSIDE IT!?!



RELEASE
ME, YOU
FOOL!

EVERY
MOMENT IS
PRECIOUS!

DON'T GET YER
GUMS IN AN UP-
ROAR, PAL!

YUFF! BE
CAREFUL, YOU
CLUMSY OAF!



WE'LL
FREE
YOU!

REAL
GRATEFUL,
ISN'T
HE?

NO SOONER IS THE
GLOBE PLACED UPON
THE GROUND THAN...

STAND YE
BACK!

WE KNOW NOT
THE **NATURE** OF
THE FORCES
M^JOLNIR IS
NOW TO
UNLEASH!



KRAK!

OD'S
BLOOD--!

CAN THE
SOURCE OF
SETH'S DREAMS--
THE **SECRET** OF
HIS POWER--
TRULY BE...

DO MINE
EYES
DE-
CEIVE
ME?!

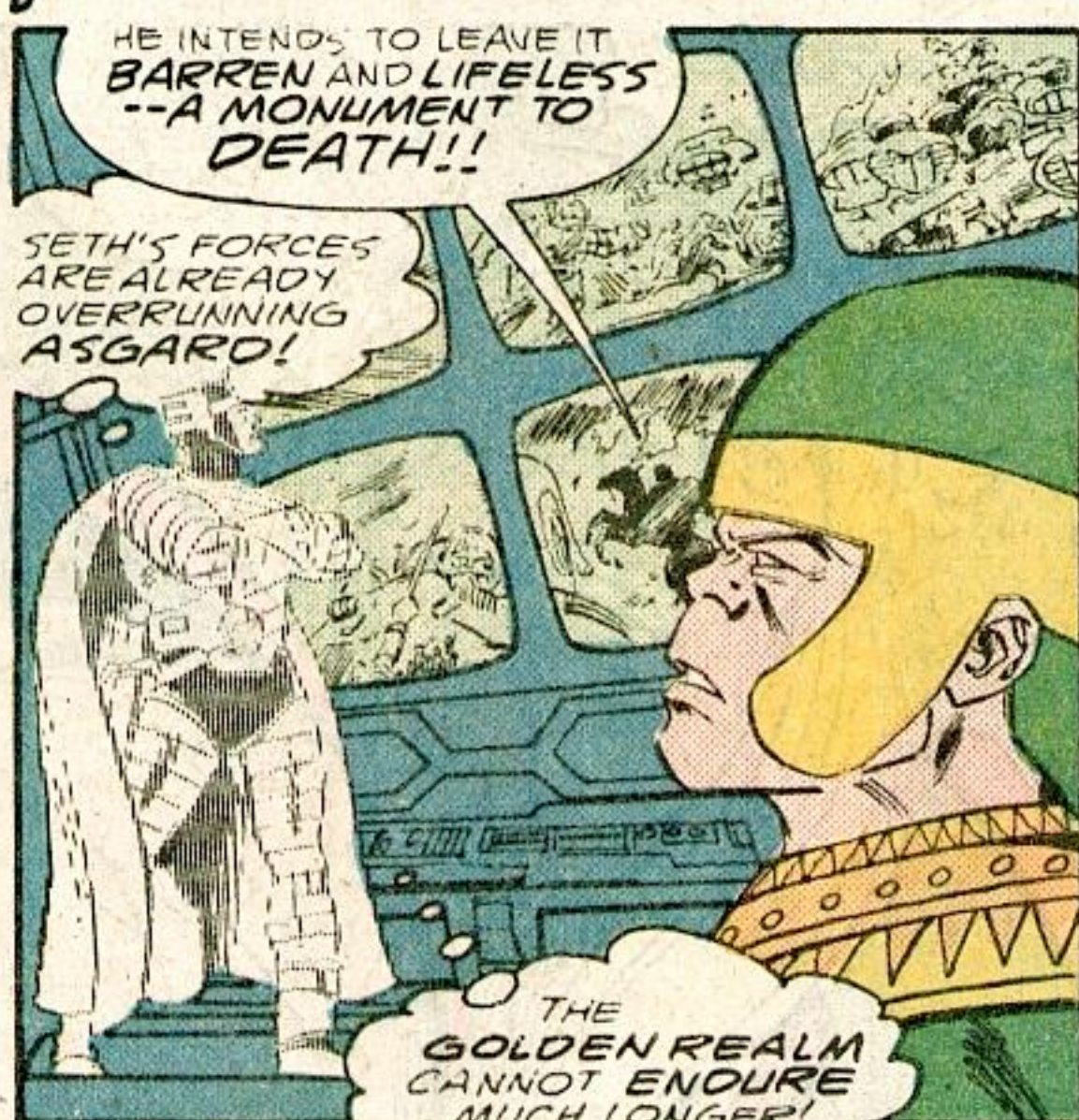




"ONCE HE MANAGED TO CAPTURE ME, HE FORCED ME TO MANIPULATE THE ODDS SO THAT HE COULD DEFEAT THE OTHER EGYPTIAN GODS... AND ABSORB THEIR POWERS!"

"THEN HE BEGAN TO OPEN INTERDIMENSIONAL WARPS AT RANDOM... SO THAT HE COULD LAUNCH ATTACKS AGAINST OTHER PLANES OF REALITY!"

"SETH PLANS TO RAVAGE THE ENTIRE MULTIVERSE!"



WE MUST FIND A WAY TO REACH ASGARD!

WAIT--! I SUDDENLY SENSE...

...THAT FATE HAS OTHER PLANS FOR YOU!

YOUR DESTINY LIES... ELSEWHERE!

DON'T TRUST HIM, THOR! HE MAY STILL BE WORKING FOR SETH!

SPEAK! TELL ME THE MEANING BEHIND THAT PRONOUNCEMENT!

I CAN NOT...

...FOR MY WORDS WERE BORNE BY INTUITION, NOT INTELLECT!

MY HALF-BROTHER IS SO SICKENINGLY HONORABLE... THAT HE OFTEN FAILS TO SEE DECEIT IN THOSE HE ENCOUNTERS!

I HATE THOR ABOVE ALL OTHERS! HIS VERY PRESENCE DISGUSTS ME... REVOLTS ME!

IT TRULY PAINS ME TO AID HIM, BUT... I MUST! I MUST!!

SETH MUST BE DEFEATED AT ANY COST!

ASGARD MAY ALREADY BE LOST, BUT LOKI MUST NOT DIE!

WITH A GESTURE, LOKI GINGERLY IMPARTS HALF OF HIS ASGARDIAN STRENGTH TO HIS UNSUSPECTING SIBLING...

THEN, SEEKING A PLACE OF SAFETY, HE TAKES HIS LEAVE OF THE DIMENSION OF DEATH WHILE--

BWAM! BWAM! BWAM!

METHINKS GROG HATH RETURNED!

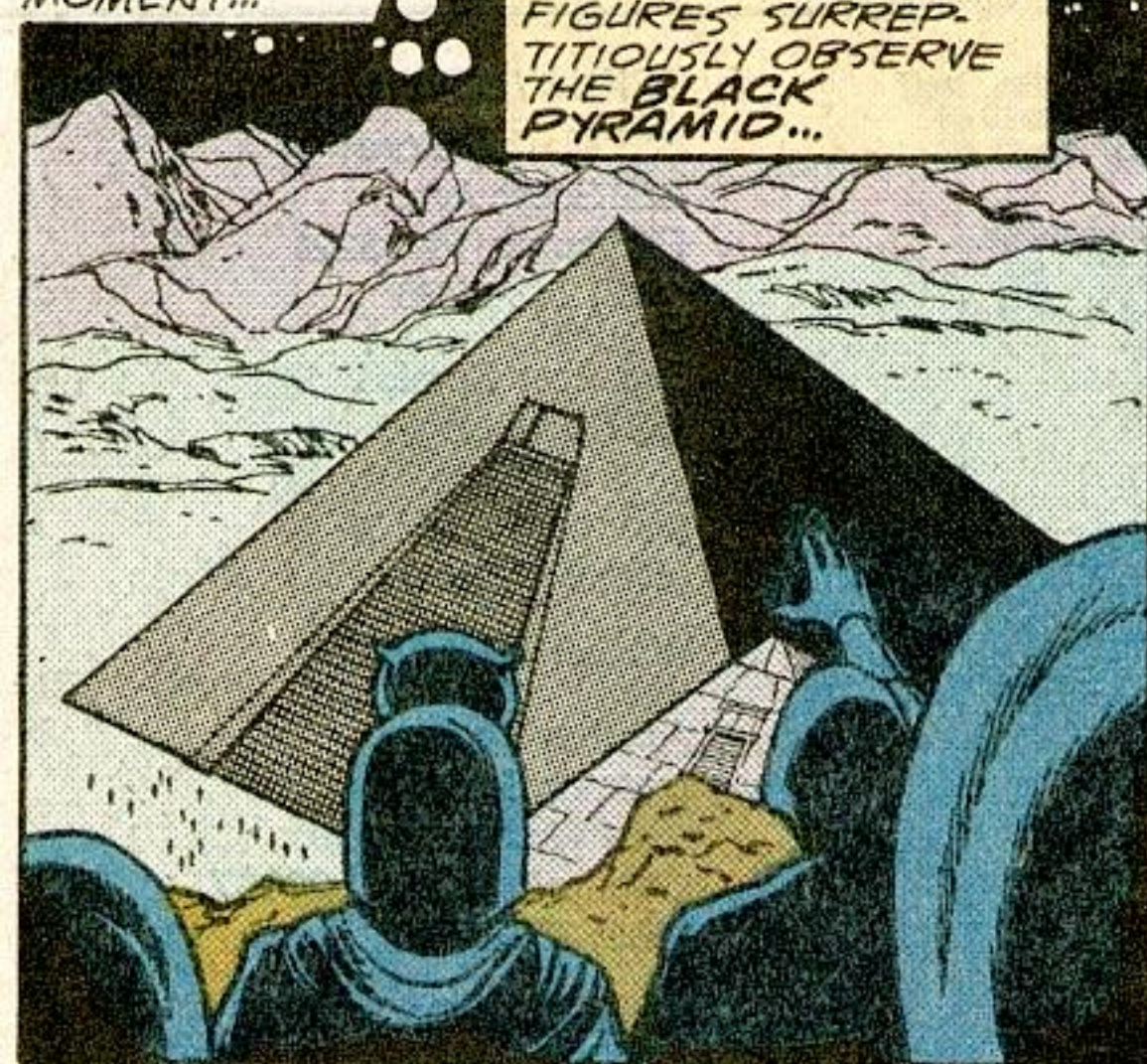
FROM THE SOUNDS OF THAT RACKET, HE DIDN'T COME ALONE!

FOLLOW ME--!

I KNOW A SECRET PASSAGE WHICH WILL TAKE US TO THE VERY TOP OF THIS PYRAMID!

ELSEWHERE AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

STRANGE, MENACING FIGURES SURREPTITIOUSLY OBSERVE THE **BLACK PYRAMID**...



WE ARE THE **LOST ONES**-- GODS DEPRIVED OF THEIR **POWER** BY **SETH**!

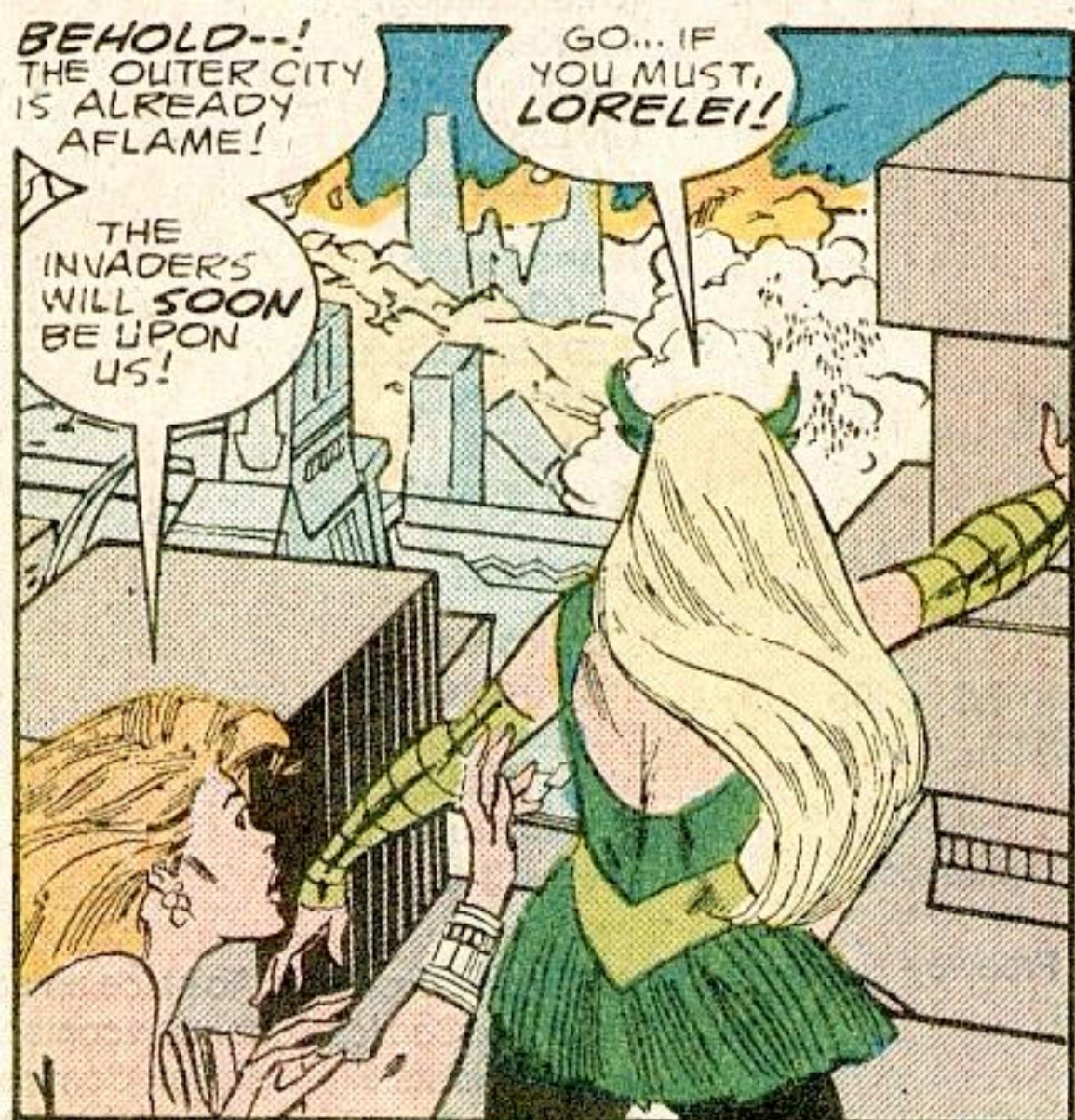
WE **CANNOT** ALLOW HIM TO **ROB** THE UNIVERSE OF **LIFE**!



NO... I GUESS WE CAN'T!

BEHOLD--! THE OUTER CITY IS ALREADY **AFLAME**!

GO... IF YOU MUST, **LORELEI!**



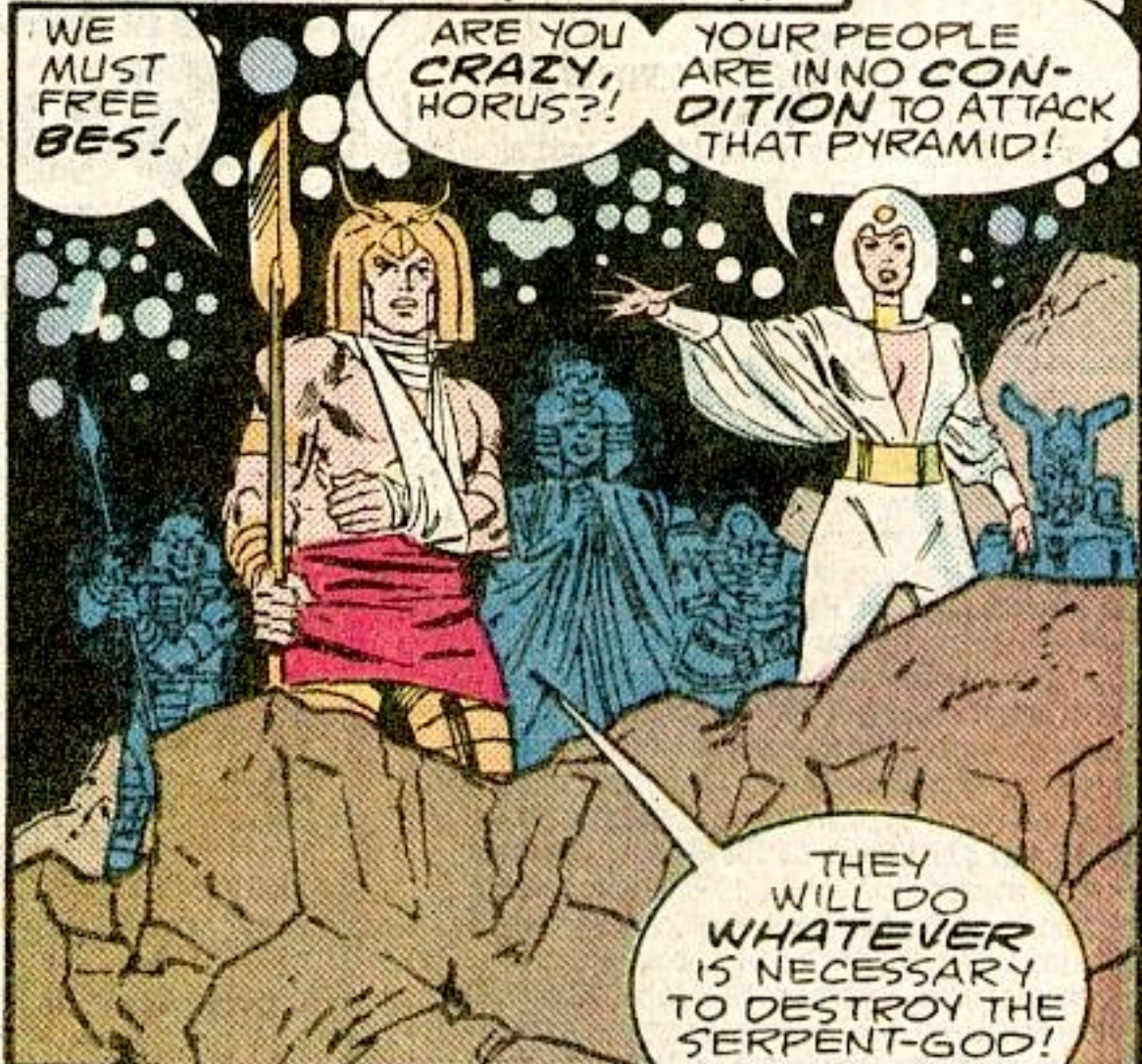
THE **INVADERS** WILL **SOON** BE UPON US!

...AND STANDING AMONG THEM IS **PAMELA SHAW, THE WIND-WARRIOR!**

WE MUST **FREE BES**!

ARE YOU **CRAZY, HORUS?**!

YOUR PEOPLE ARE IN NO **CONDITION** TO ATTACK THAT **PYRAMID**!

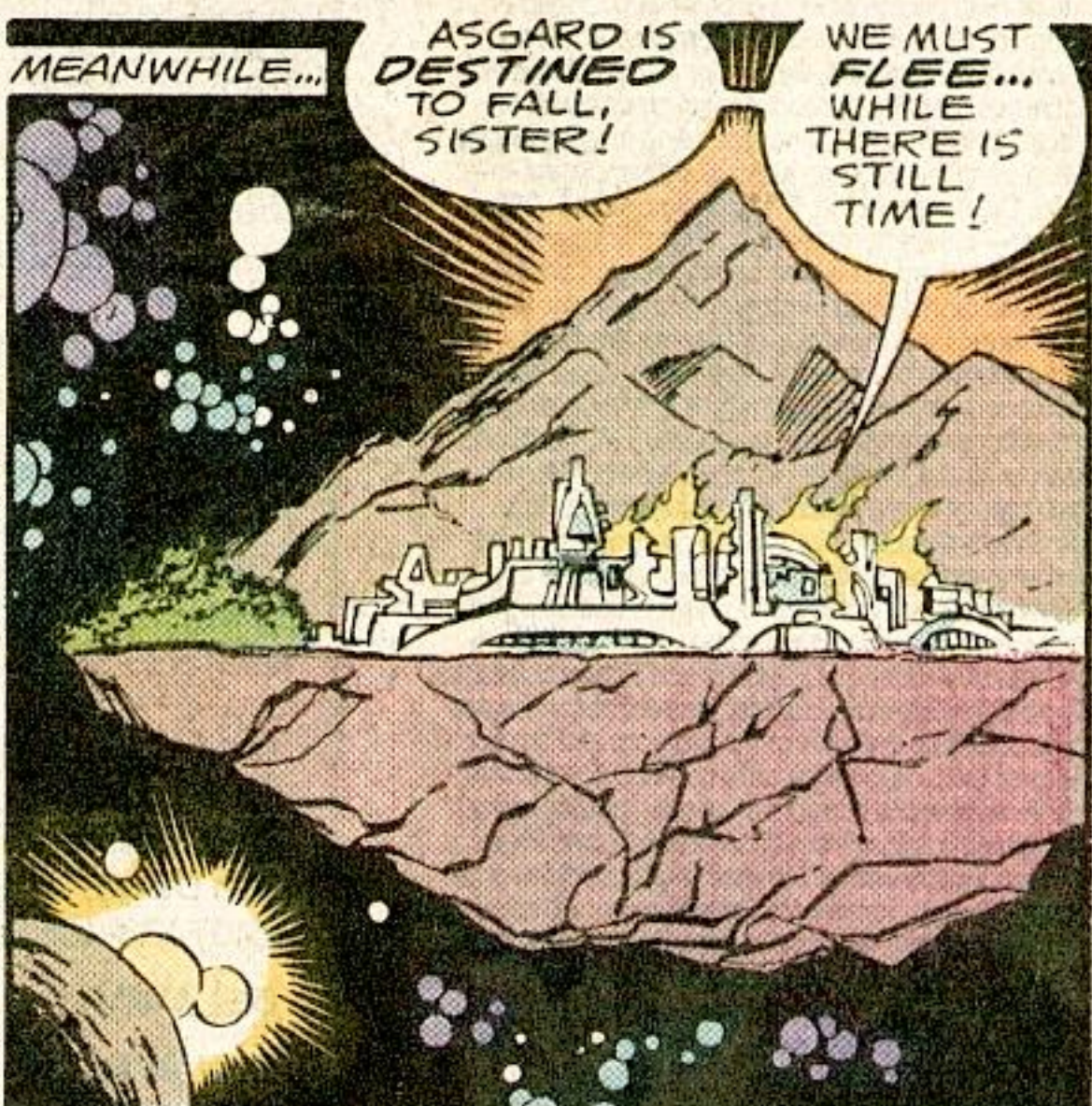


THEY WILL DO **WHATEVER** IS NECESSARY TO DESTROY THE **SERPENT-GOD**!

MEANWHILE...

ASGARD IS **DESTINED** TO FALL, **SISTER**!

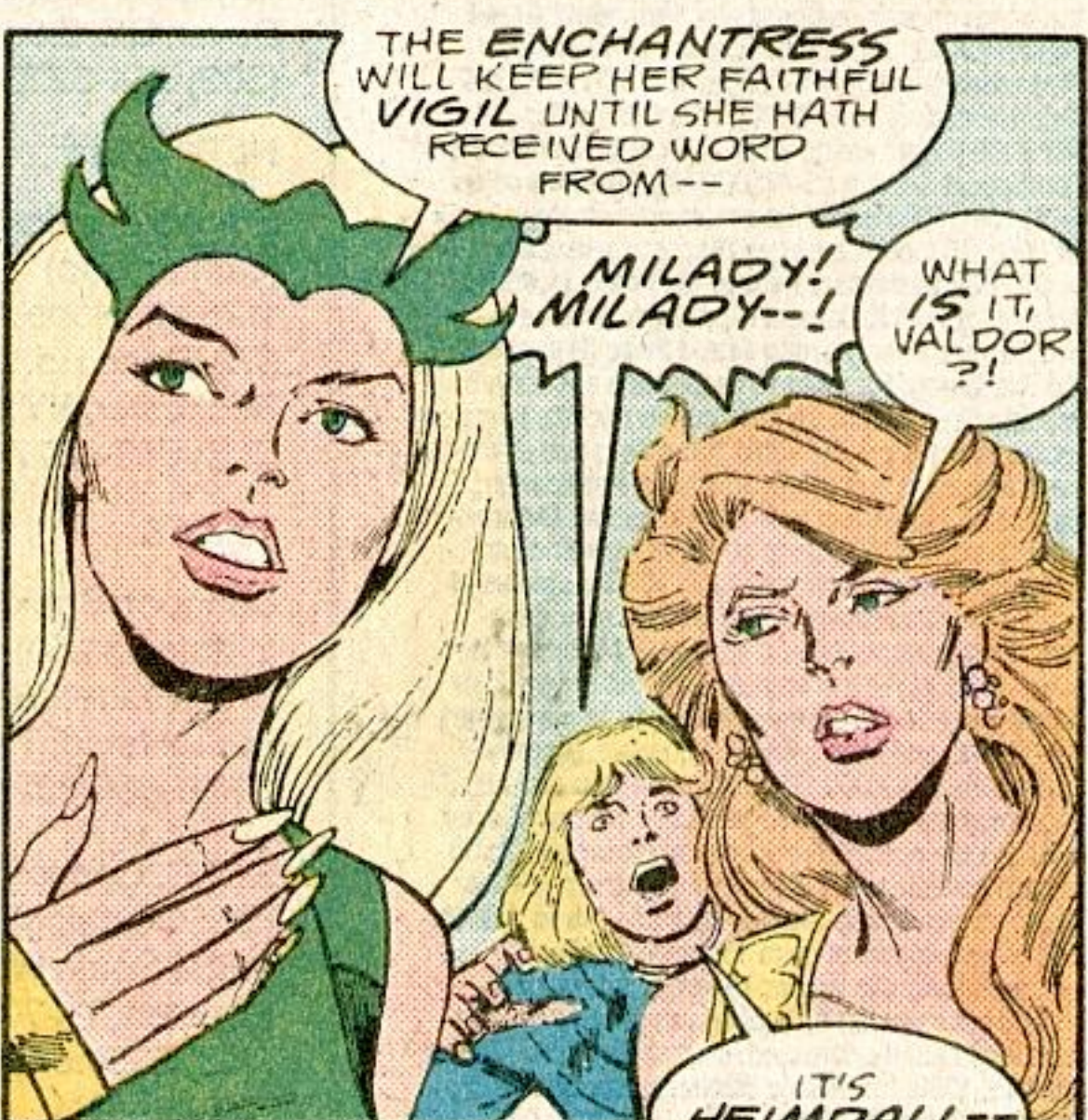
WE MUST **FLEE**... WHILE THERE IS STILL **TIME**!



THE **ENCHANTRESS** WILL KEEP HER FAITHFUL **VIGIL** UNTIL SHE HATH RECEIVED WORD FROM--

MILADY! MILADY--!

WHAT IS IT, **VALDOR**?



IT'S **HEIMDALL--**

"--HE WAS STRUCK DOWN IN BATTLE!"

H-HE IS SO STILL ...SO SILENT!

S-SURELY SOMETHING CAN BE DONE TO EASE HIS SUFFERING!

I FEAR THAT HIS WOUNDS ARE FAR BEYOND THE HEALING PROPERTIES OF SCIENCE AND SORCERY!

A-AMORA --?!

I... I AM HERE, HEIM-DALL!

S-SHED NO TEARS, WOMAN! T-THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR DESPAIR!

A-ASGARD WILL ENDURE!

A-ASGARD MUST ENDURE!

NO--! NO!

THIS IS NOT THE WAY IT SHOULD BE!

WE ARE GODS! IMMORTALS! THE RULERS OF THE HEAVENS!

OUR LIVES SHOULD BE FILLED WITH ENDLESS PLEASURES AND INDOLENT WHIMS!

HEARTBREAK AND GRIEF ARE FOR LESSER BEINGS! NOT US!

NOT US!

WE ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO DIE!!

CONSUMED BY GRIEF, BURSTING WITH RAGE, THE ENCHANTRESS SUDDENLY UNLEASHES HER PAIN--

--IN A TERRIFYING, INHUMAN SCREAM OF PRIMAL PASSION WHICH TRANSCENDS THE MYRIAD BORDERS OF TIME AND SPACE--

--BLAZING ACROSS EVERY DARK CORNER IN THE THOUSAND GALAXIES...

--EXPOSING EVERY DEEPLY-ROOTED FEAR, FREEING EVERY NAMELESS DREAD--

--UNTIL EVERY PANTHEON OF THE GODS CONVULSES WITH CHILLED HORROR AT THE DEATH-SONG OF AN ASGARDIAN GODDESS!



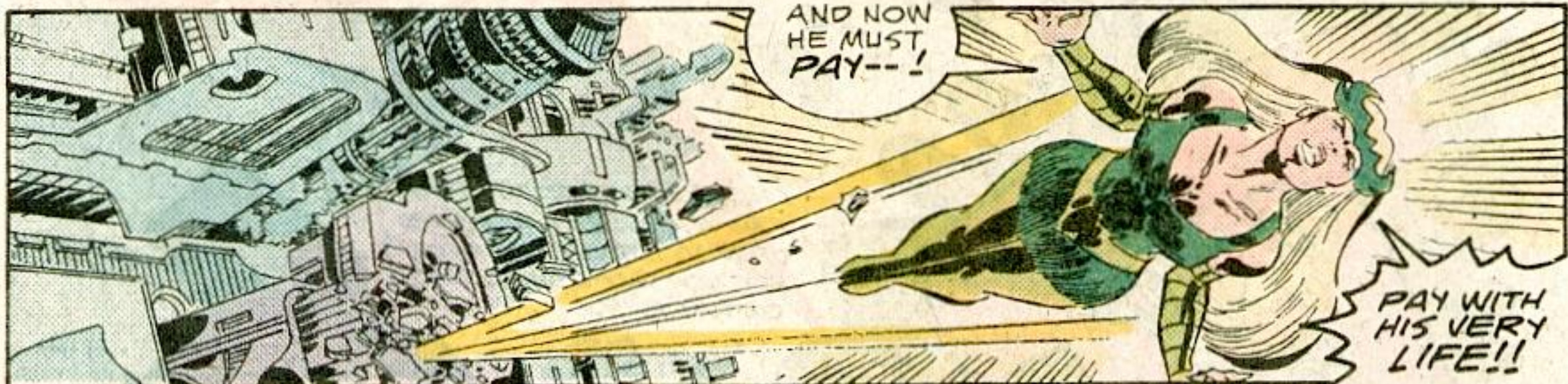
AND THEN...



SETH
IS THE
SERPENT
IN OUR
GARDEN!

HE HATH
DESECRATED
OUR PARADISE!

SHATTERED OUR
ILLUSIONS OF
IMMORTALITY!



AND NOW
HE MUST
PAY---

PAY WITH
HIS VERY
LIFE!!

LIKE A BURNING, VENGE-
FUL COMET, THE
ENCHANTRESS
BLAZES ACROSS THE
HEAVENS...



A MISSILE
IS STREAKING
TOWARD US!

EVACUATE
THE AREA!
NOW---!!

EVEN AS HIS DEATH
TROOPERS RACE
TO SAFETY, SETH
TAKES A STEP
FORWARD, RAIS-
ING HIS ARMS AS IF
TO EMBRACE AN
APPROACHING
LOVER...



AND THEN...



MY SISTER
--!!



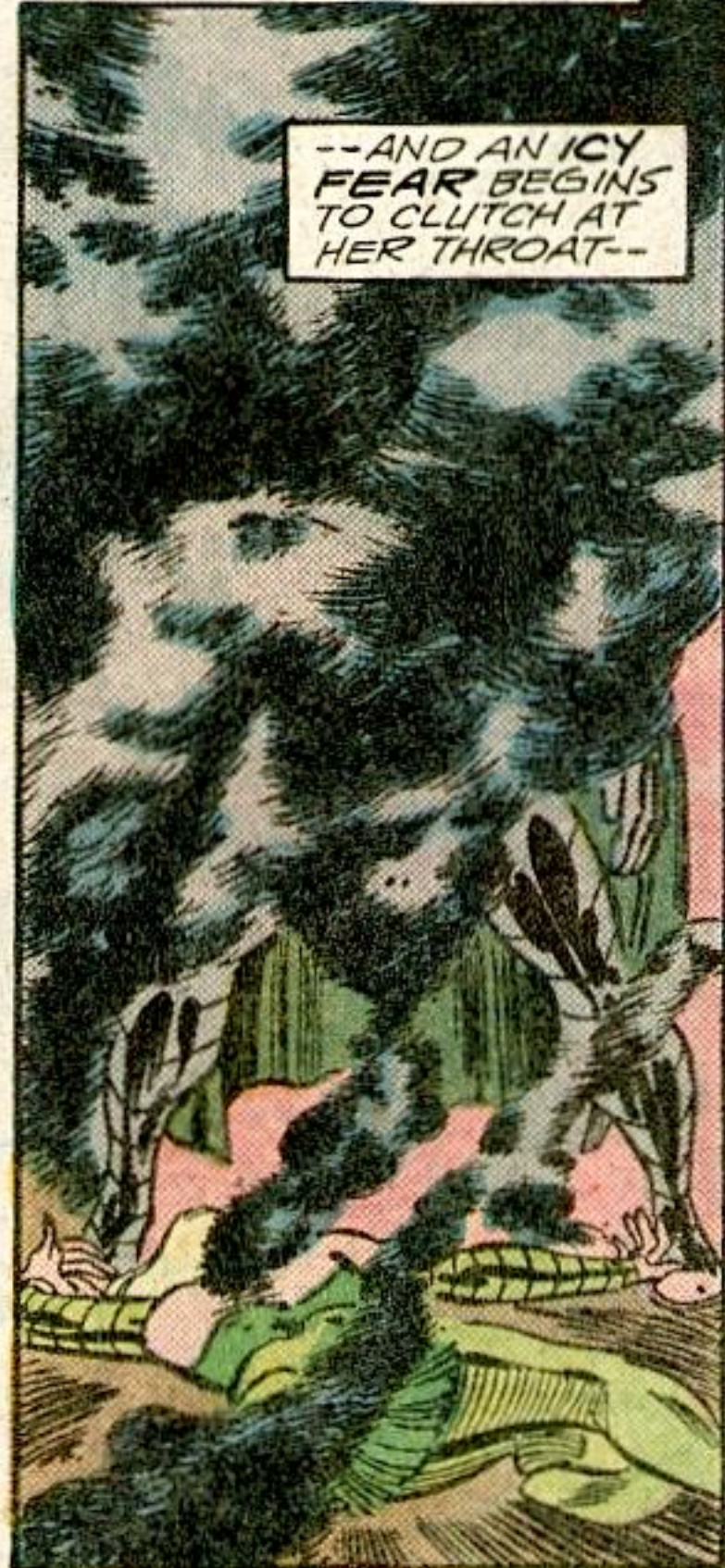
HAVE
FAITH,
LORELEI!
PERHAPS
THE EN-
CHANTRESS
YET LIVES!

NO, VIZIER!
SHE IS DEAD!
I KNOW... BE-
CAUSE MY HEART
FEELS AS IF IT HAS
BEEN TORN FROM
MY BREAST!

WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD,
LORELEI STRAINS HER
EYES TO PIERCE THE
DARK SMOKE
WHICH NOW COVERS
THE BATTLEFIELD...

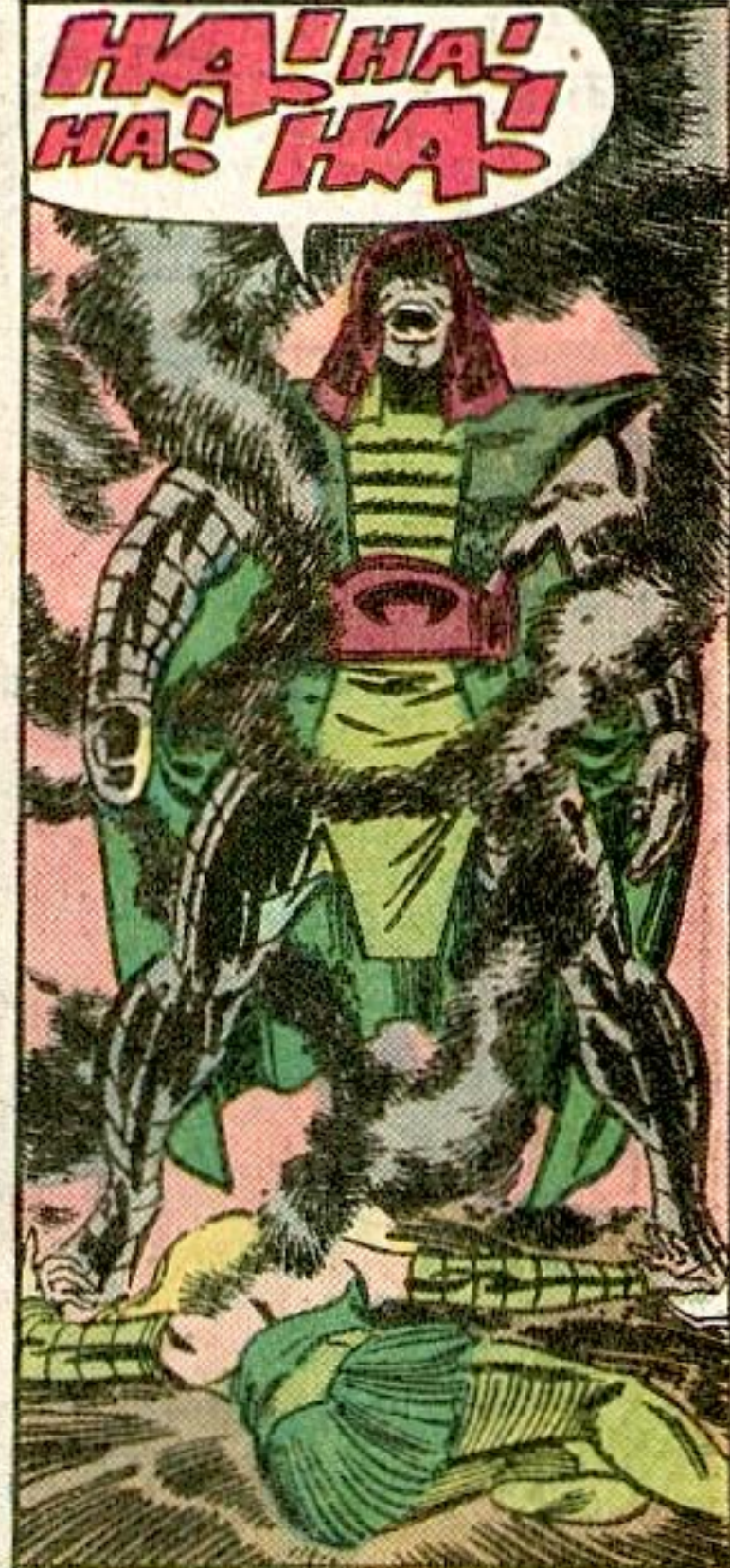


SLOWLY, HALTINGLY IT
STARTS TO DISSIPATE --



--AND AN ICY
FEAR BEGINS
TO CLUTCH AT
HER THROAT--

--AS SHE SUDDENLY SEES
THAT HER SISTER'S SACRI-
FICE WAS IN VAIN!



HA! HA!
HA! HA!

MEANWHILE, IN
THE CENTER OF
THE BESIEGED
CITY...



MY PEOPLE ARE DYING
AROUND ME! I HAVE
FAILED IN MY DUTY
TO PROTECT ASGARD!

IF
ONLY
ODIN
HAD
BEEN
HERE--!

SIRE!!
LOOK
TO THE
SQUARE--!

AN INTER-
DIMENSIONAL
WARP HATH
SUDDENLY
APPEARED!



WE ARE
SURELY
DOOMED
...IF SETH HATH
LAUNCHED
ANOTHER
ATTACK!

BUT INSTEAD OF THE
DEADLY LEGIONS OF
SETH, THE ASGARDIANS
ARE STARTLED TO SEE--

MAKE WAY! MAKE WAY
FOR THE FIERCEST, MOST
FEROCIOUS WARRIORS
IN ALL CREATION! MAKE
WAY FOR THE CELTIC
GODS OF AVALON--

--AND
LEIR,
THE LORD OF
LIGHTNING AND
THE GOD OF
THE SPEAR!

WOE
TO THE
ENEMIES OF
ASGARD!

THE SONS
OF DANU HAVE
COME IN RESPONSE
TO THE DISTRESS
CRY OF AN
ASGARDIAN
GODDESS!



I DO NOT UNDER-
STAND WHY YOU
HAVE COME!

HEREDITARY
ENEMIES
HAVE OUR TWO
PEOPLES E'ER
BEEN!

THOR ONCE HELPED
MY PEOPLE--AND WE
FELT HONOR-BOUND
TO AID HIS!

HE WAS A GOOD
FRIEND AND A
VALIANT WARRIOR!
WE SHALL DRINK
TO HIS MEMORY--

--AFTER WE
HAVE CRUSHED
HIS ENEMIES!!

WHERE
IS THE
GOD OF
THUNDER
?!

I FEAR THAT
HE MAY HAVE
ALREADY
FALLEN
IN BATTLE!

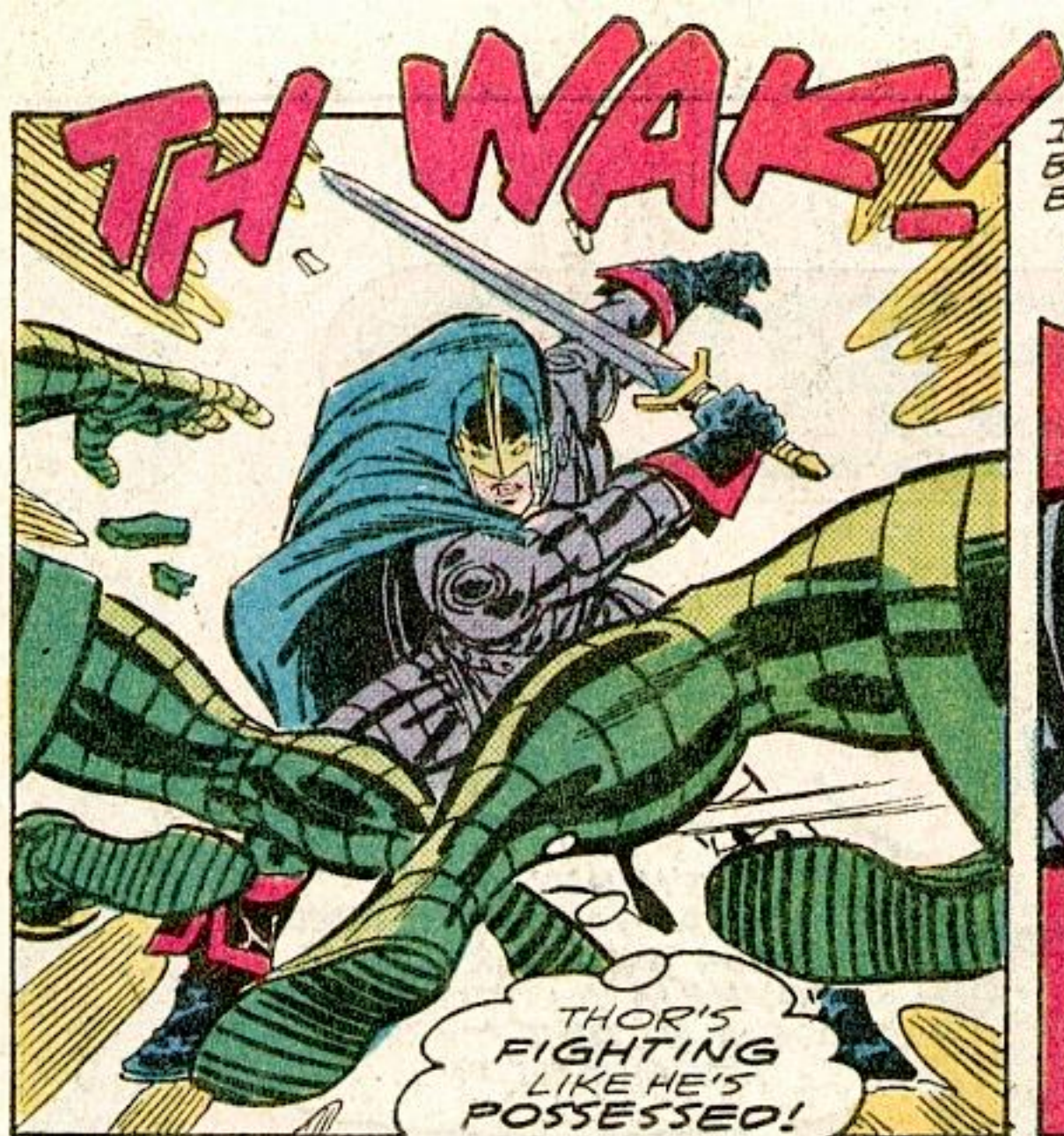
--THE SON OF
ODIN CONTINUES
TO AID HIS
PEOPLE!!

FOREWARD,
MY
FRIENDS!!

THEN WE
ARE ALLIES...
JOINED TO FIGHT
FOR ASGARD...
FOR THOR!!

EVEN
IN HIS
ABSENCE--

WE MUST
WIN OUR WAY
TO THE TOP OF
THIS BLACK
PYRAMID IF WE
ARE E'ER TO
DEFEAT
SETH!



I WISH I COULD
BE MORE HELP,
BUT I'M ON THE
VERGE OF
COLLAPSE!

MY BODY'S GROWING
MORE **STONE-LIKE**
WITH EVERY
SECOND!

IT'S ALMOST
AS IF I WERE
SLOWLY BECOM-
ING A LIVING
EXTENSION
OF MY
EBONY
SWORD!

THOR'S
FIGHTING
LIKE HE'S
POSSESSED!

HOWEVER, SCANT
MOMENTS LATER...

WHEW! WE'VE
FINALLY BEATEN
THE **LAST** OF
THESE
GUARDS!

AYE, BUT GROG IS STILL
BEHIND US... WITH
COUNTLESS
REINFORCEMENTS!



HURRY!
THIS
WAY--!

WHATEVER FATE
AWAITS ME, I
SHALL FACE IT
LIKE A
WARRIOR
BORN!



OUR GOAL
LIES **BEHIND**
THIS DOOR!

BE
CAUTIOUS,
THUNDERER!
I SENSE THE
APPROACH OF A
PIVOTAL POINT
IN YOUR DESTINY!

EVEN AS HE ENTERS THE CHAMBER, THOR'S
EYES SUDDENLY SPRING WIDE WITH
HORROR...

NO! NO!
IT CAN-
NOT
BE--!



THAT
RAGGED,
HELPLESS
FIGURE
HANGING
FROM THE
RAFTERS

IT'S
ODIN,
THE ALL-
FATHER
!!

M-MY
SON... THOU
HAST COME
AT LAST!

I... I
KNEW THAT
THOU WOULDST
NEVER
ABANDON
ME!

next issue: THE SECRET BEHIND
THE IMPRISONMENT
OF **ODIN!** THE VENGEANCE OF
LORELEI! A BATTLE TO THE DEATH
BETWEEN **BALDER** AND **SETH!**
AND MUCH, MUCH MORE...

WHEN ASGARD DIES..!