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The mighty

THOR

RETURN TO WUNDAGORE!



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TALES OF ASGARD

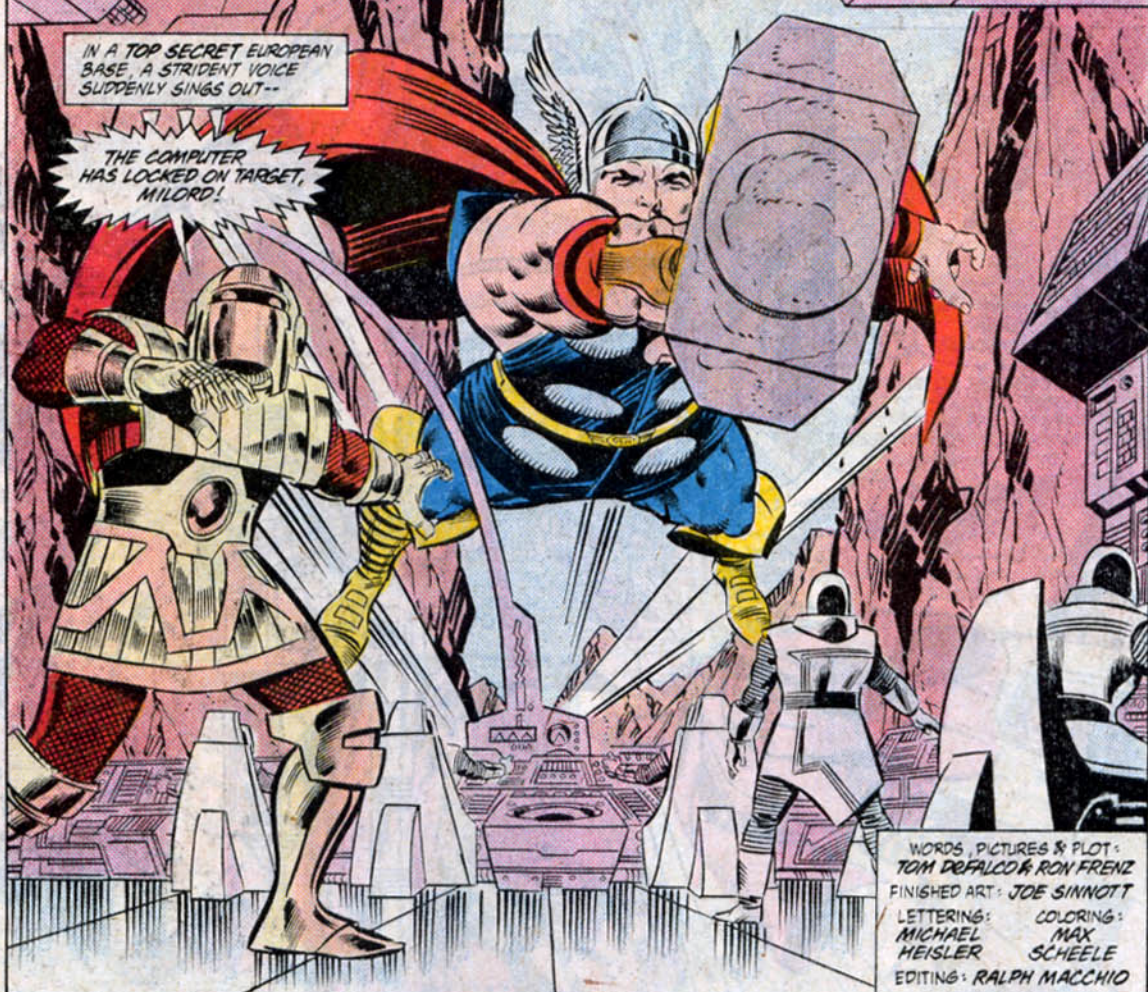
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STAN LEE PRESENTS **the MIGHTY THOR**

"WAR WITH WUNDAGORE!"

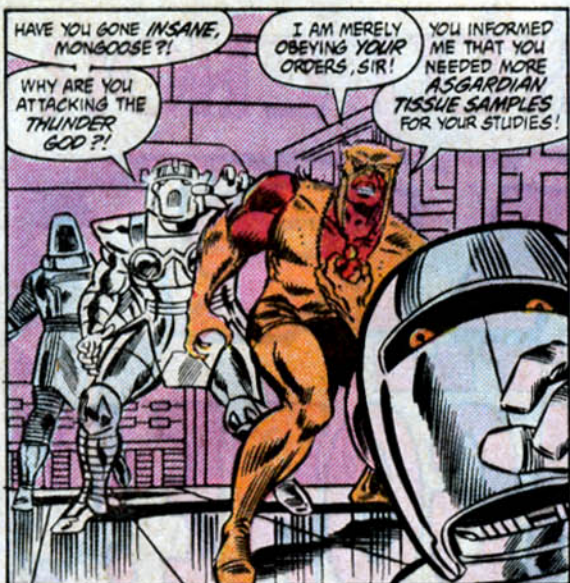
IN A TOP SECRET EUROPEAN BASE, A STRIDENT VOICE SUDDENLY SINGS OUT--

THE COMPUTER HAS LOCKED ON TARGET, MILORD!



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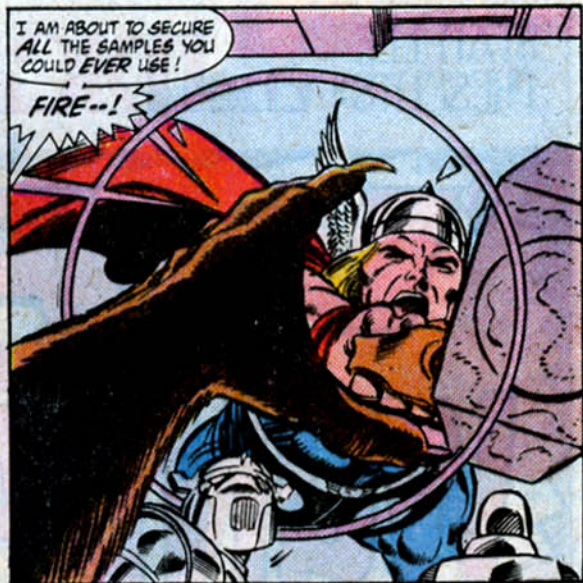


HAVE YOU GONE *INSANE*, MONGOOSE?!

WHY ARE YOU ATTACKING THE THUNDER GOD?!

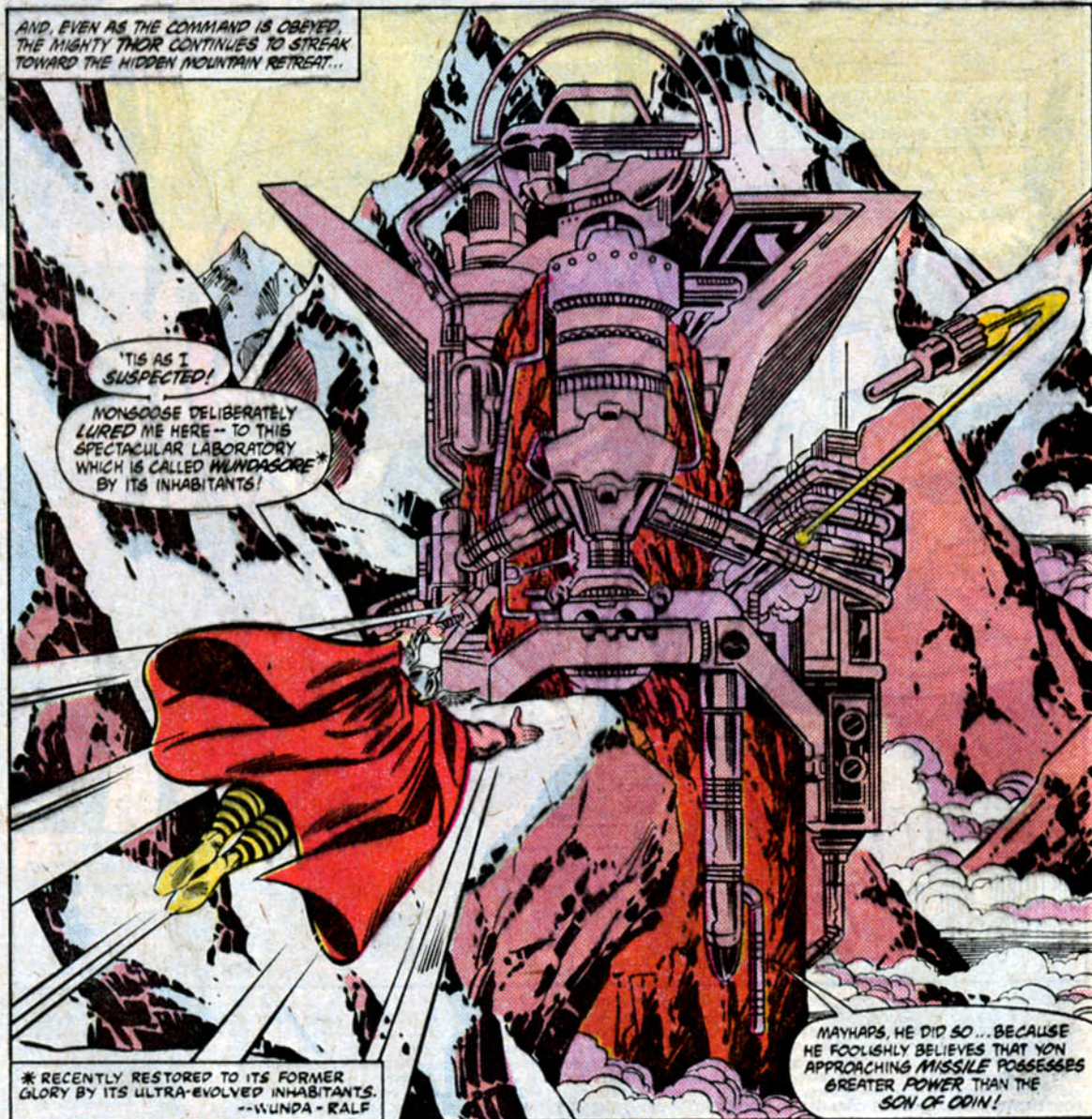
I AM MERELY OBEYING YOUR ORDERS, SIR!

YOU INFORMED ME THAT YOU NEEDED MORE ASGARDIAN TISSUE SAMPLES FOR YOUR STUDIES!



I AM ABOUT TO SECURE ALL THE SAMPLES YOU COULD EVER USE!

FIRE!!



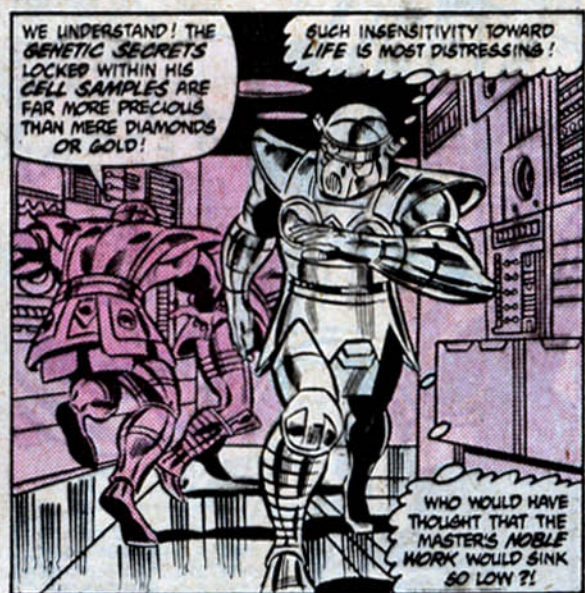
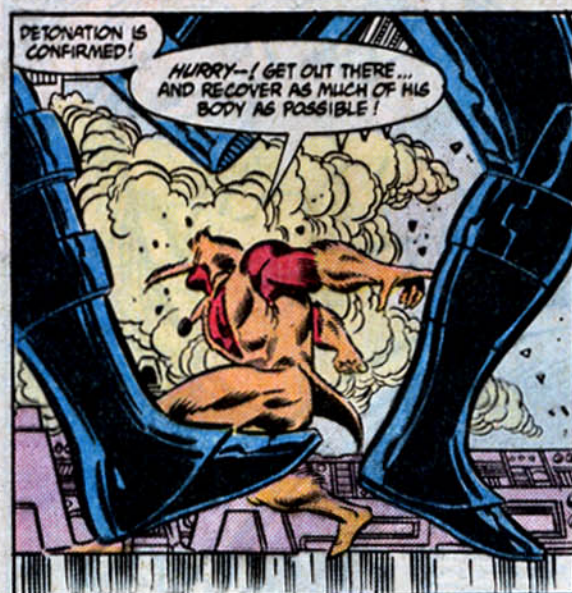
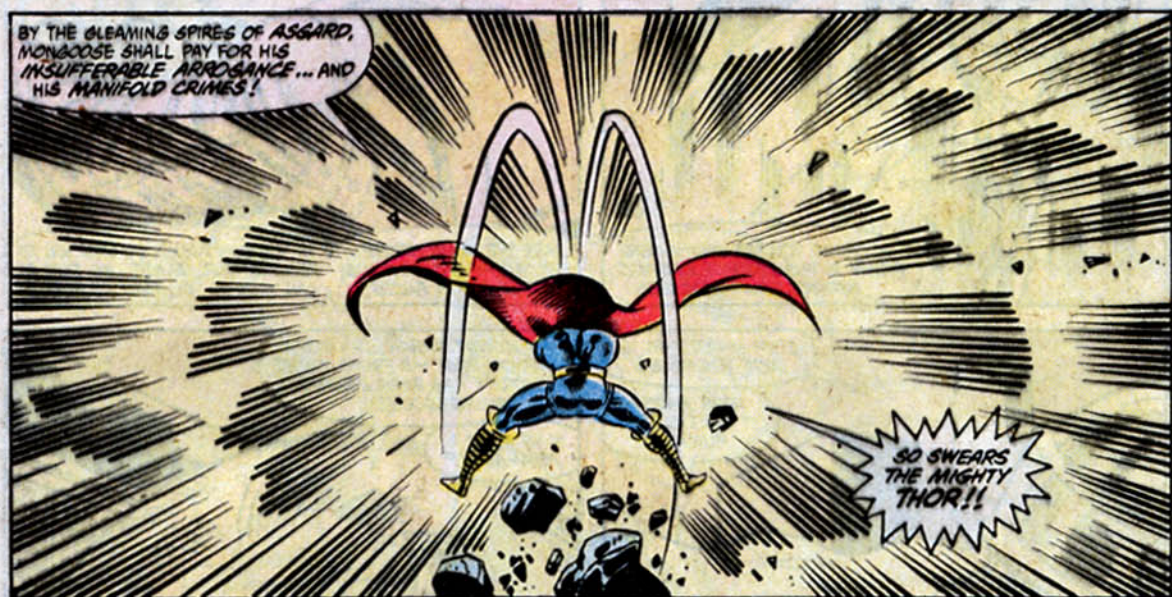
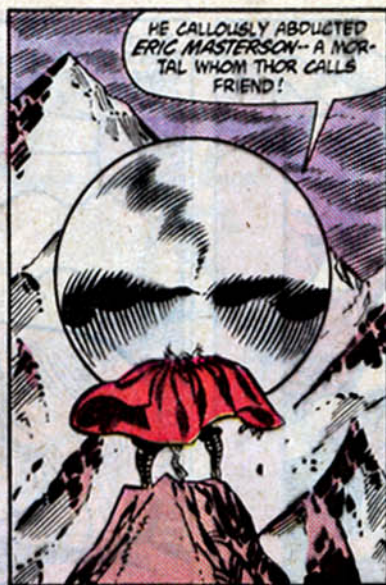
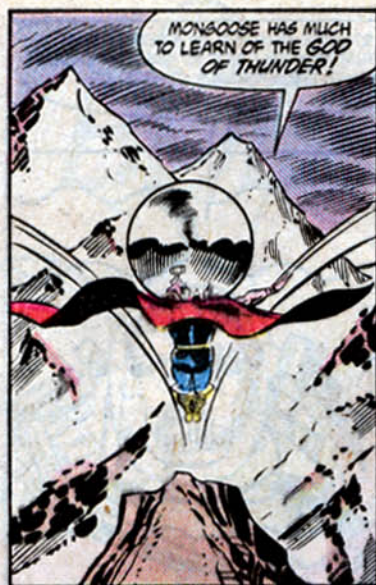
AND, EVEN AS THE COMMAND IS OBEYED, THE MIGHTY THOR CONTINUES TO STREAK TOWARD THE HIDDEN MOUNTAIN RETREAT...

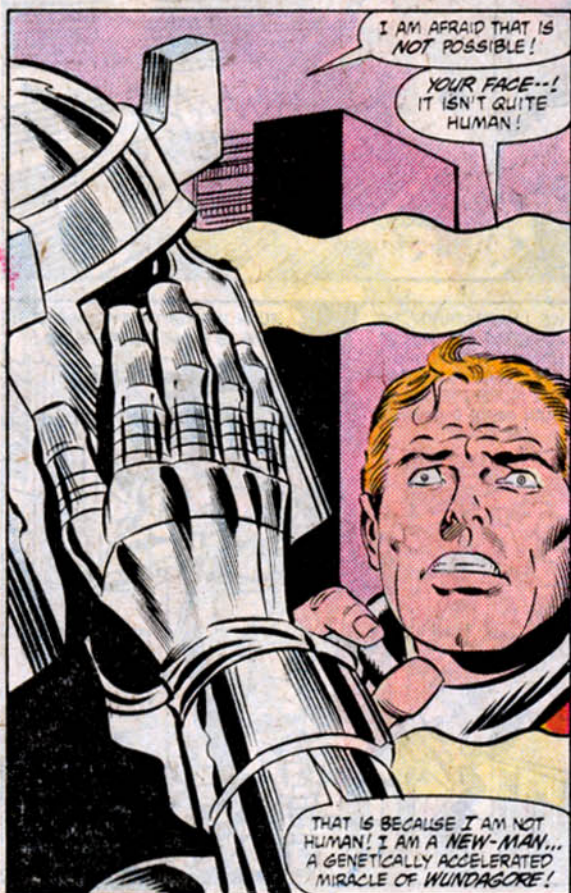
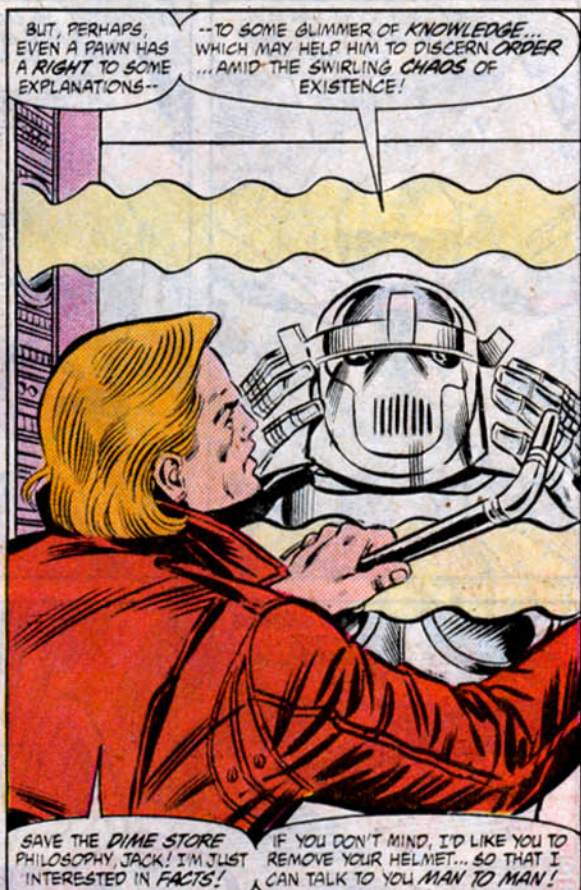
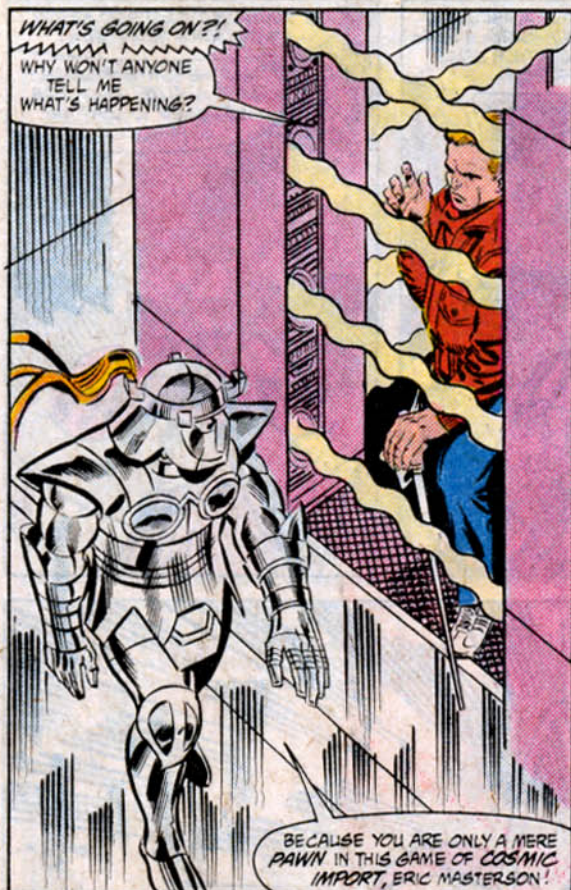
'TIS AS I SUSPECTED!

MONGOOSE DELIBERATELY LURED ME HERE -- TO THIS SPECTACULAR LABORATORY WHICH IS CALLED *MUNDASORE** BY ITS INHABITANTS!

* RECENTLY RESTORED TO ITS FORMER GLORY BY ITS ULTRA-EVOLVED INHABITANTS. --KUNDA - RALE

MAYHAPS, HE DID SO... BECAUSE HE FOOLISHLY BELIEVES THAT YOU APPROACHING MISSILE POSSESSES GREATER POWER THAN THE SON OF ODIN!







OUR MASTER IS THE MAN KNOWN AS THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY! WHILE WORKING IN HIS CHOSEN FIELD OF SCIENCE, HE DEVELOPED THE GENETIC ACCELERATOR... BUT HIS ACHIEVEMENT WAS NOT MET WITH UNIVERSAL ACCLAIM!

THIS IS A MOCKERY!

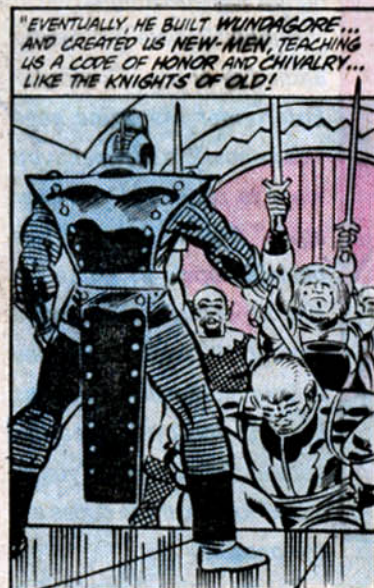
MAN HAS NO RIGHT TO TAMPER WITH EVOLUTION!



"UNDAUNTED, HE SUBJECTED HIS PET DALMATION TO THE RAYS OF HIS MACHINE... AND THE RESULT WAS A TRAGIC SUCCESS!"

WE THOUGHT IT WAS SOME SORT OF WILD BEAST!

YOU SHOT HIM -- YOU FOOLS!



"EVENTUALLY, HE BUILT WINDAGORE... AND CREATED US NEW-MEN, TEACHING US A CODE OF HONOR AND CHIVALRY... LIKE THE KNIGHTS OF OLD!"

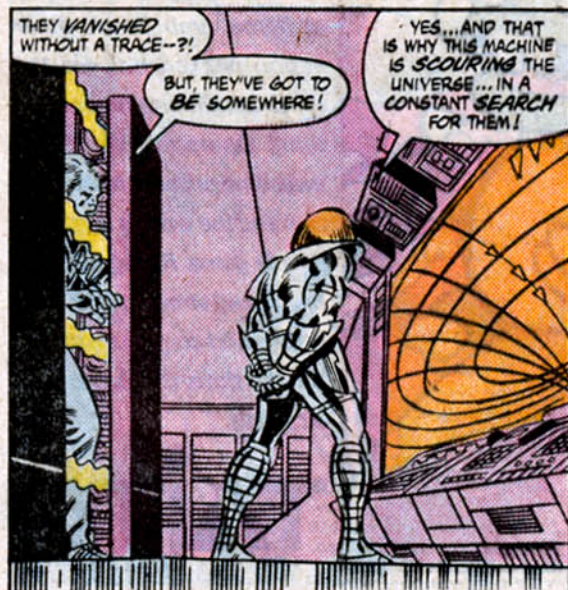


"RECENTLY, WITH THE AID OF HIS GATHERERS, ELIMINATORS, AND PURIFIERS, HE EMBARKED ON A PLAN TO ACCELERATE THE EVOLUTIONARY THRUST OF THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE! WE WOULD HAVE RUSHED MAN TOWARD HIS FINAL STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT!"



"BUT, SOMETHING WENT WRONG..."

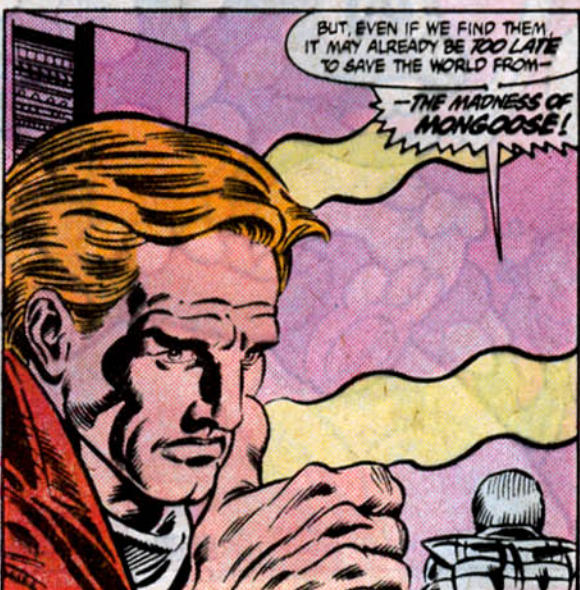
"OUR MASTER AND THE MAN-GOD CALLED HERCULES WERE EVOLVED TO THE POINT OF DISCORPORATION DURING THEIR STRUGGLE!"



THEY VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE--?

BUT, THEY'VE GOT TO BE SOMEWHERE!

YES... AND THAT IS WHY THIS MACHINE IS SCOURING THE UNIVERSE... IN A CONSTANT SEARCH FOR THEM!



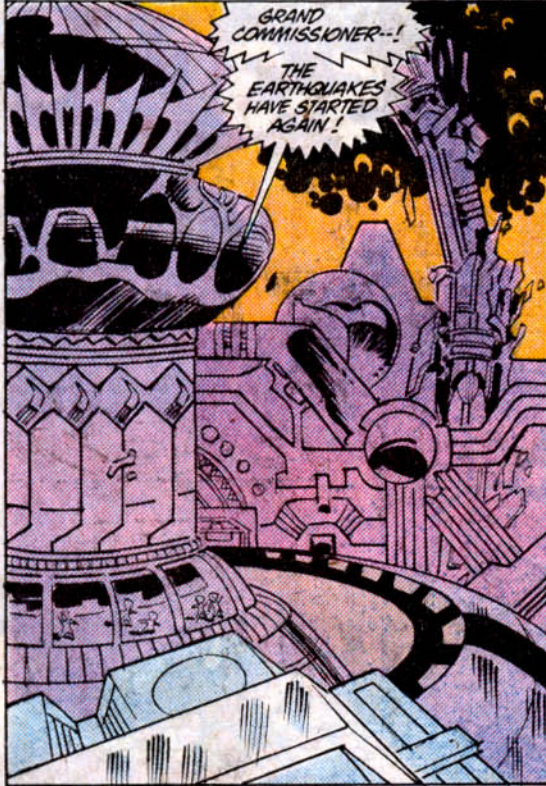
BUT, EVEN IF WE FIND THEM, IT MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM--

--THE MADNESS OF MONGOOSE!

AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT, FAR ACROSS THE UNIVERSE, IN THE DISTANT CONSTELLATION OF RIGEL, A STRIDENT VOICE SUDDENLY RINGS OUT...

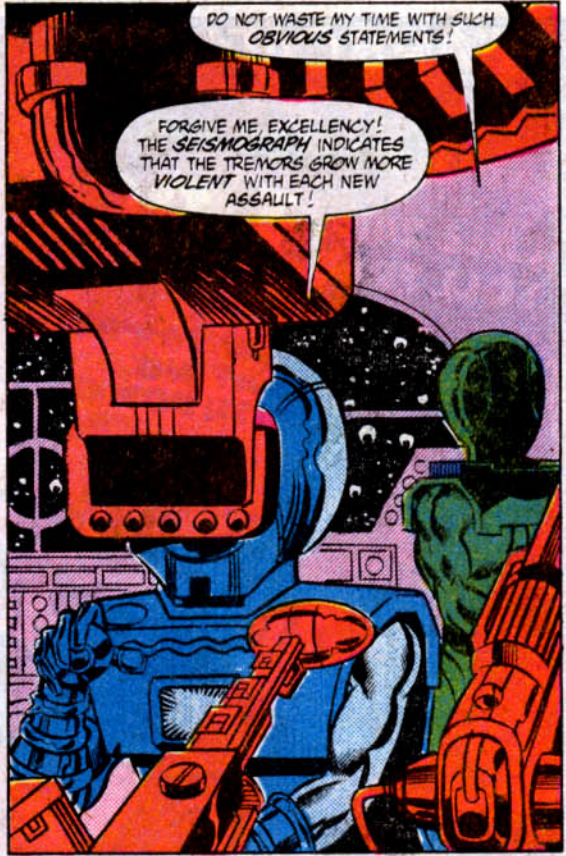
GRAND COMMISSIONER--!

THE EARTHQUAKES HAVE STARTED AGAIN!



DO NOT WASTE MY TIME WITH SUCH OBVIOUS STATEMENTS!

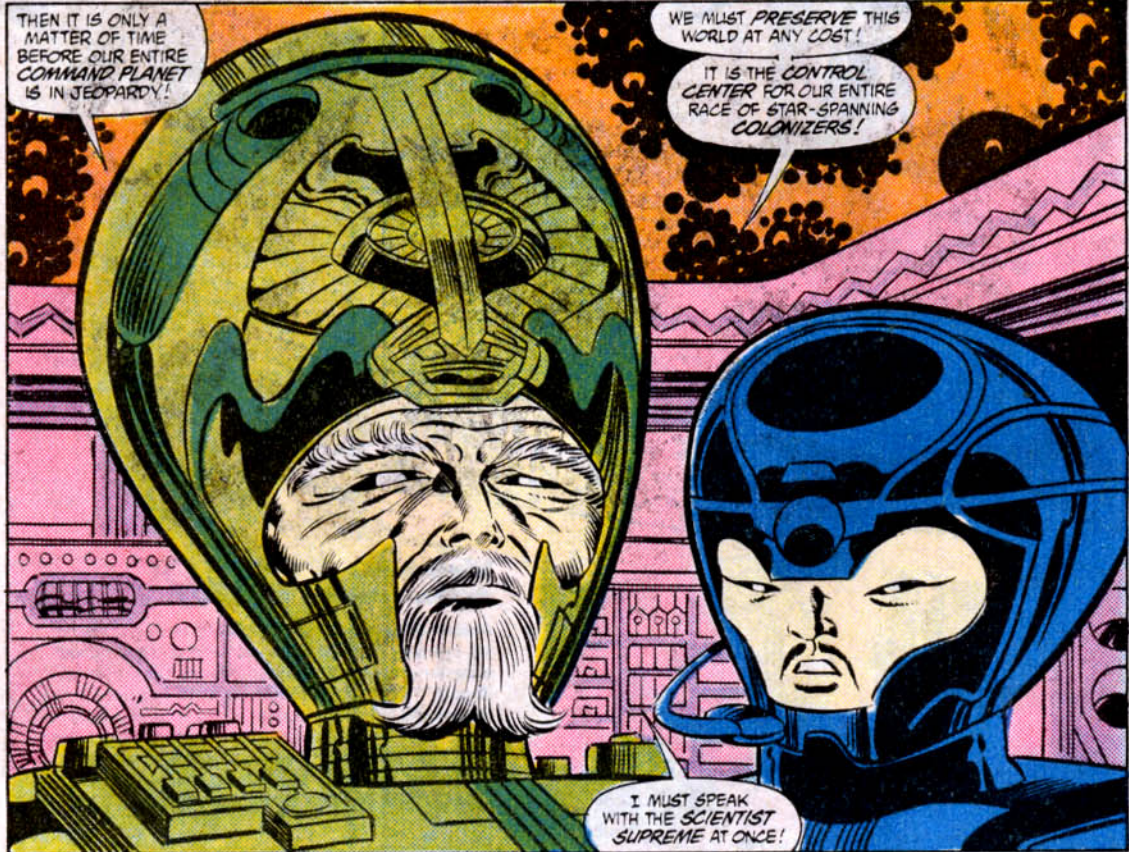
FORGIVE ME, EXCELLENCY! THE SEISMOGRAPH INDICATES THAT THE TREMORS GROW MORE VIOLENT WITH EACH NEW ASSAULT!



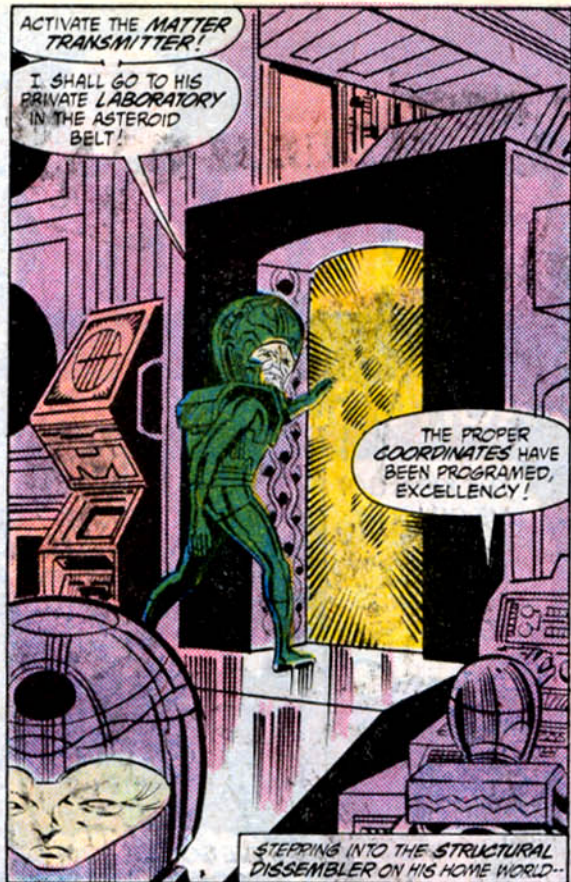
THEN IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE OUR ENTIRE COMMAND PLANET IS IN JEOPARDY!

WE MUST PRESERVE THIS WORLD AT ANY COST!

IT IS THE CONTROL CENTER FOR OUR ENTIRE RACE OF STAR-SPANNING COLONIZERS!



I MUST SPEAK WITH THE SCIENTIST SUPREME AT ONCE!

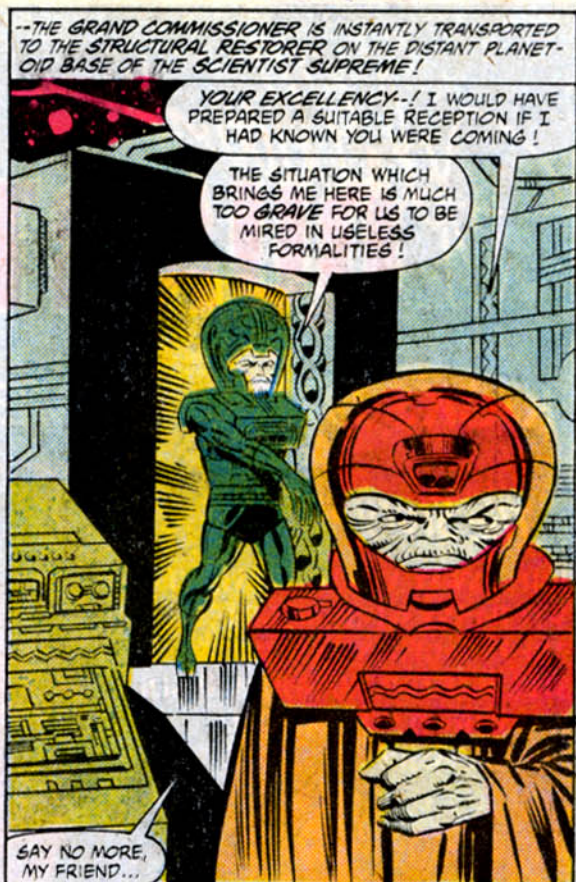


ACTIVATE THE **MATTER TRANSMITTER!**

I SHALL GO TO HIS PRIVATE LABORATORY IN THE ASTEROID BELT!

THE PROPER COORDINATES HAVE BEEN PROGRAMED, EXCELLENCY!

STEPPING INTO THE STRUCTURAL DISSEMBLER ON HIS HOME WORLD--

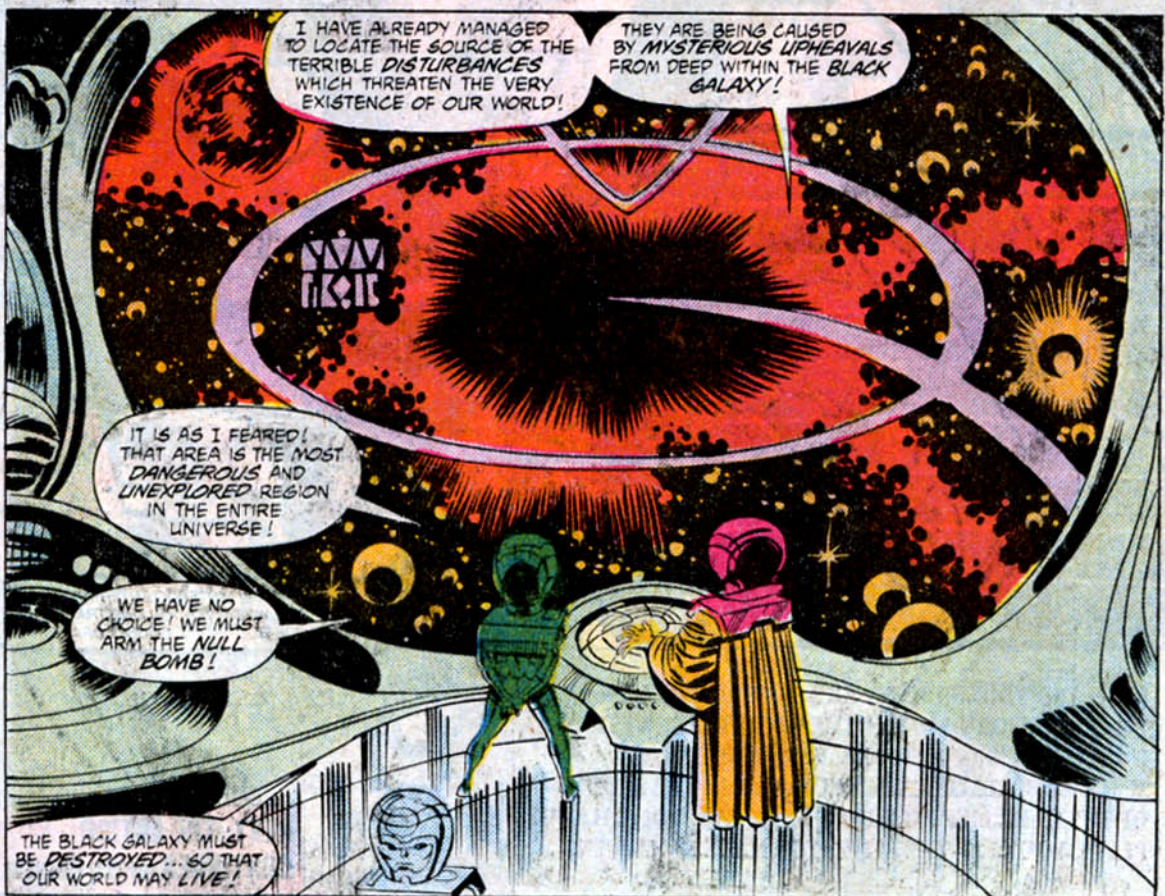


--THE GRAND COMMISSIONER IS INSTANTLY TRANSPORTED TO THE STRUCTURAL RESTORER ON THE DISTANT PLANET-OID BASE OF THE SCIENTIST SUPREME!

YOUR EXCELLENCY--! I WOULD HAVE PREPARED A SUITABLE RECEPTION IF I HAD KNOWN YOU WERE COMING!

THE SITUATION WHICH BRINGS ME HERE IS MUCH TOO GRAVE FOR US TO BE MIRED IN USELESS FORMALITIES!

SAY NO MORE, MY FRIEND...



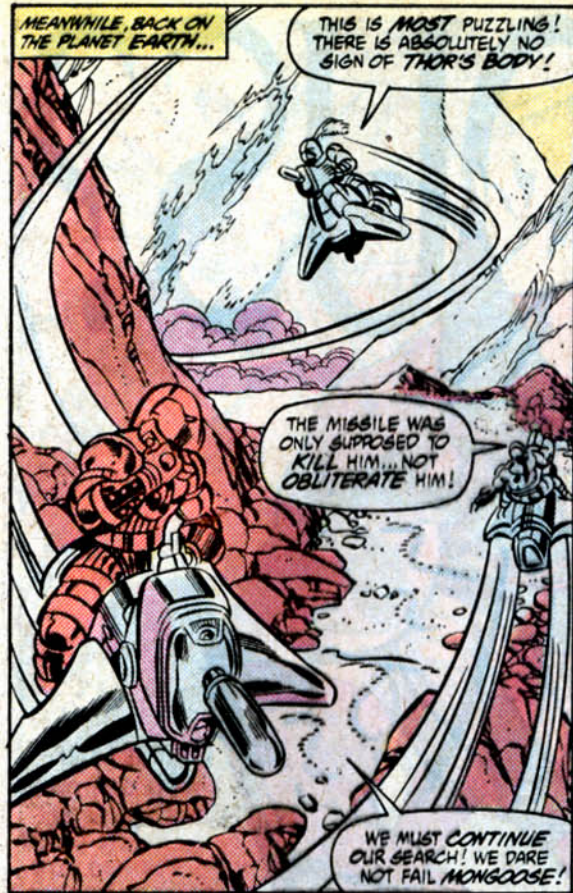
I HAVE ALREADY MANAGED TO LOCATE THE SOURCE OF THE TERRIBLE DISTURBANCES WHICH THREATEN THE VERY EXISTENCE OF OUR WORLD!

THEY ARE BEING CAUSED BY MYSTERIOUS LIPHEAVALS FROM DEEP WITHIN THE BLACK GALAXY!

IT IS AS I FEARED! THAT AREA IS THE MOST DANGEROUS AND UNEXPLORED REGION IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE!

WE HAVE NO CHOICE! WE MUST ARM THE NULL BOMB!

THE BLACK GALAXY MUST BE DESTROYED... SO THAT OUR WORLD MAY LIVE!

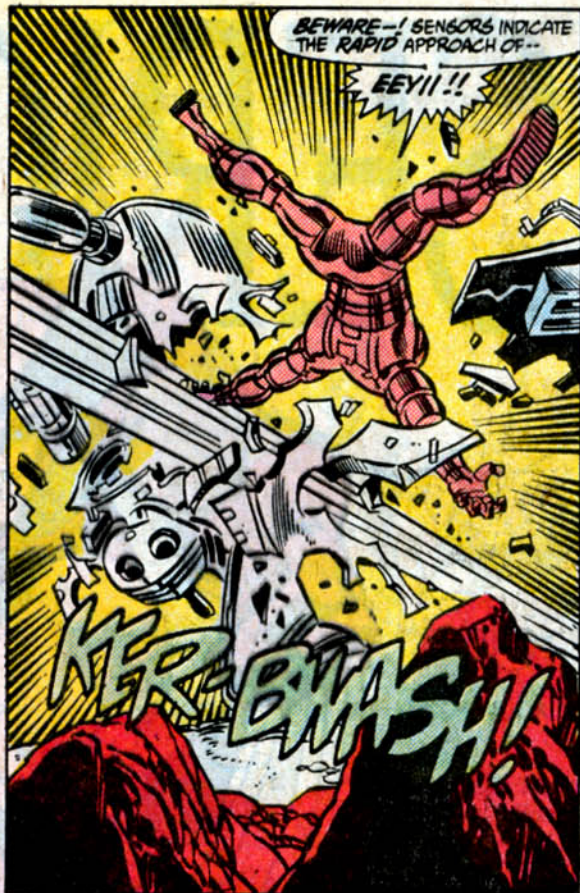


MEANWHILE, BACK ON THE PLANET EARTH...

THIS IS MOST PUZZLING!
THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO
SIGN OF THOR'S BODY!

THE MISSILE WAS
ONLY SUPPOSED TO
KILL HIM...NOT
OBLITERATE HIM!

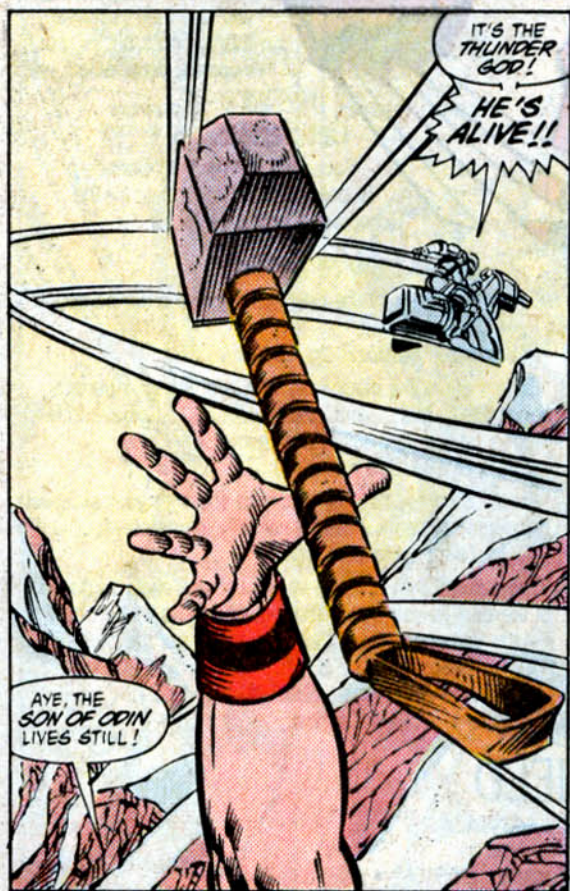
WE MUST CONTINUE
OUR SEARCH! WE DARE
NOT FAIL MONGOOSE!



BEWARE--! SENSORS INDICATE
THE RAPID APPROACH OF--

EEYII!!

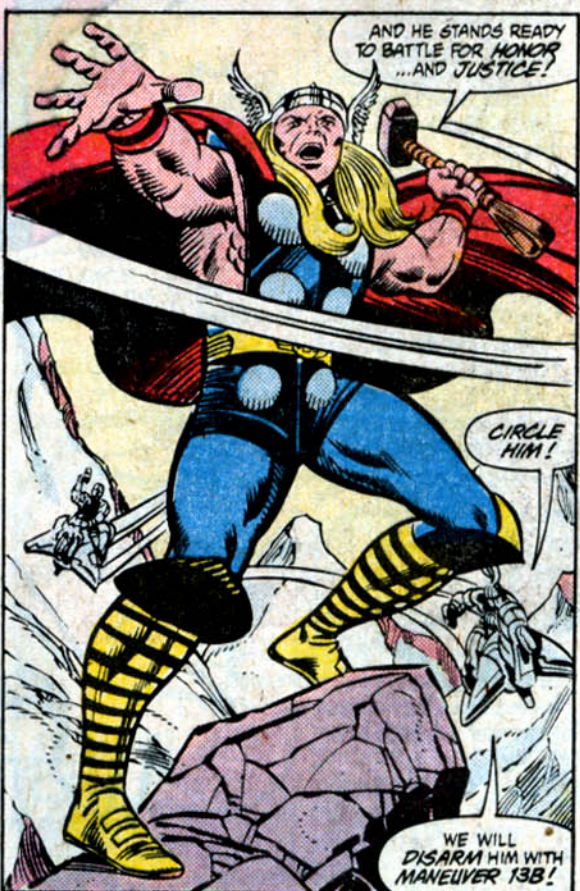
KER-BWASH!



IT'S THE
THUNDER
GOD!

HE'S
ALIVE!!

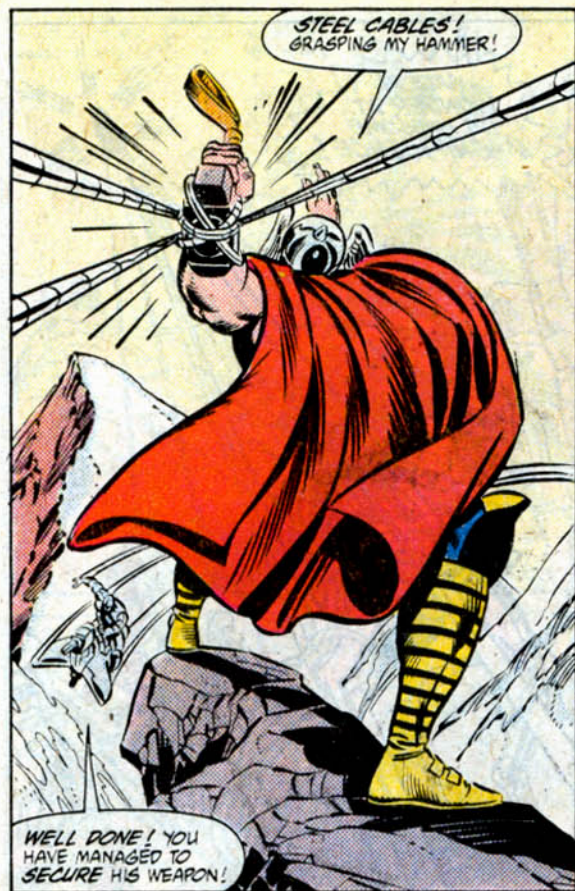
AYE, THE
SON OF ODIN
LIVES STILL!



AND HE STANDS READY
TO BATTLE FOR HONOR
...AND JUSTICE!

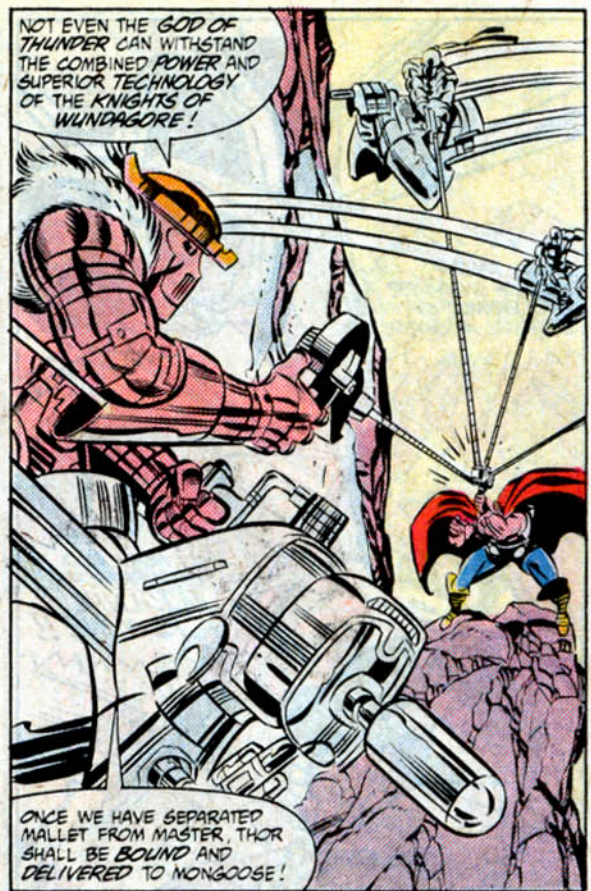
CIRCLE
HIM!

WE WILL
DISARM HIM WITH
MANEUVER 13B!



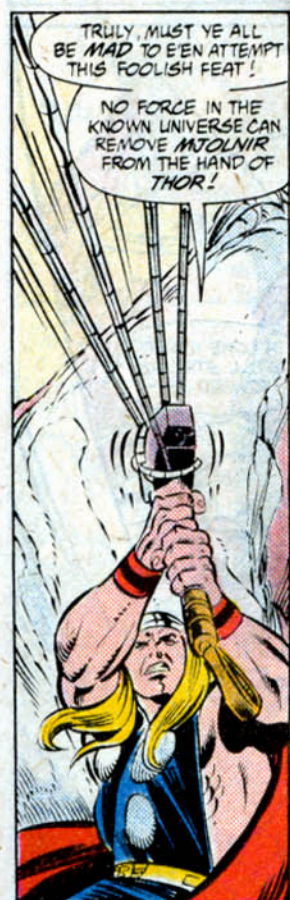
STEEL CABLES!
GRASPING MY HAMMER!

WELL DONE! YOU
HAVE MANAGED TO
SECURE HIS WEAPON!



NOT EVEN THE GOD OF
THUNDER CAN WITHSTAND
THE COMBINED POWER AND
SUPERIOR TECHNOLOGY
OF THE KNIGHTS OF
WUNDAGORE!

ONCE WE HAVE SEPARATED
MALLET FROM MASTER, THOR
SHALL BE BOUND AND
DELIVERED TO MONGOOSE!



TRULY, MUST YE ALL
BE MAD TO E'EN ATTEMPT
THIS FOOLISH FEAT!

NO FORCE IN THE
KNOWN UNIVERSE CAN
REMOVE MJOLNIR
FROM THE HAND OF
THOR!



INCREASE PRESSURE!
OUR ATOMIC STEEDS
WILL SUPPLY US WITH
ALL THE RAW
POWER WE NEED!

HE IS ONLY
ONE... WHILE WE
ARE MANY!

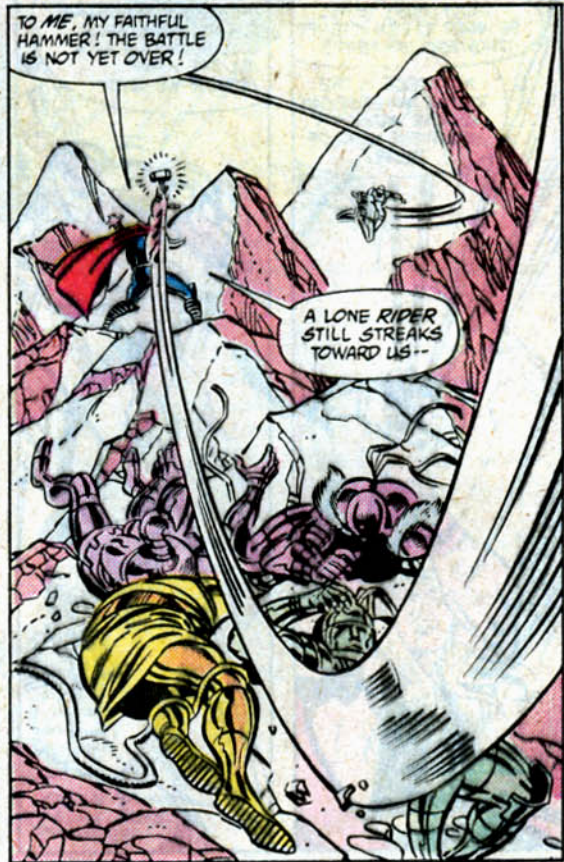
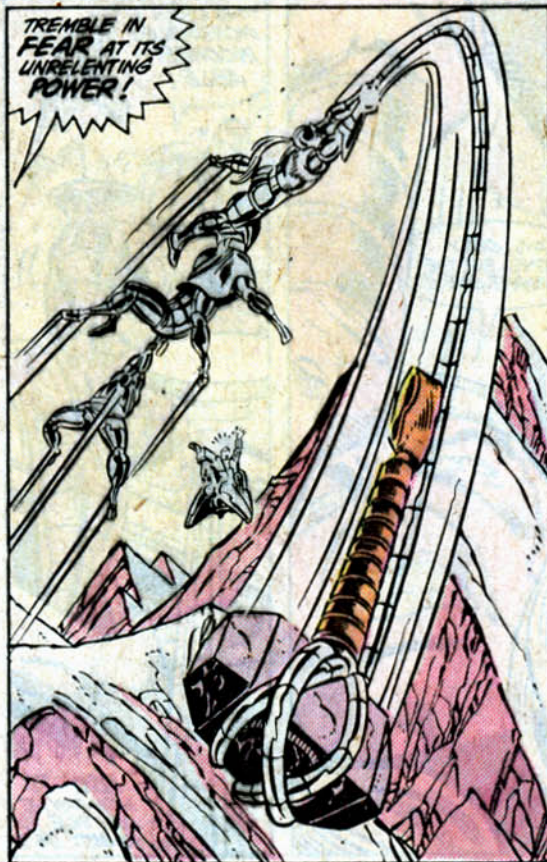
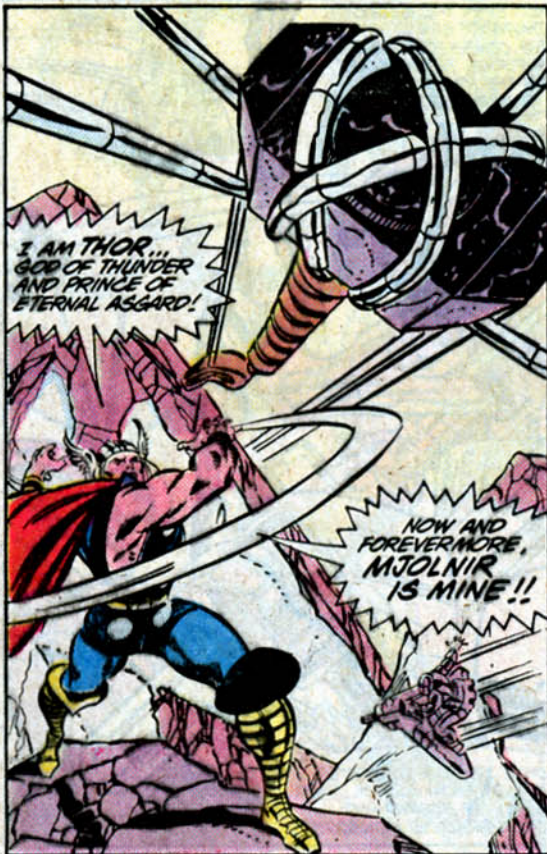


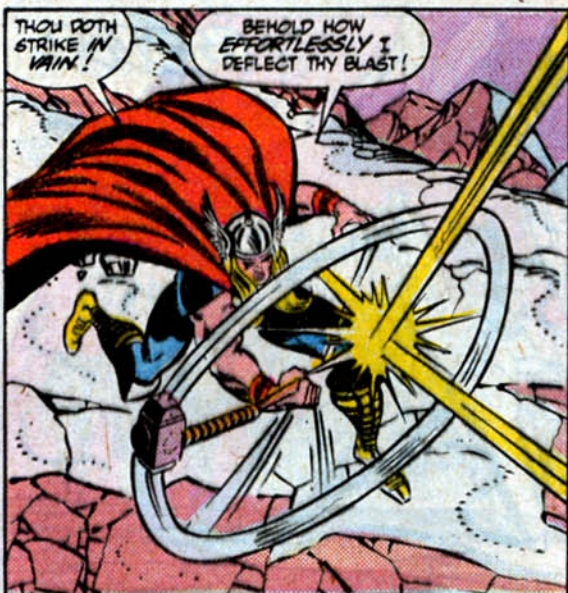
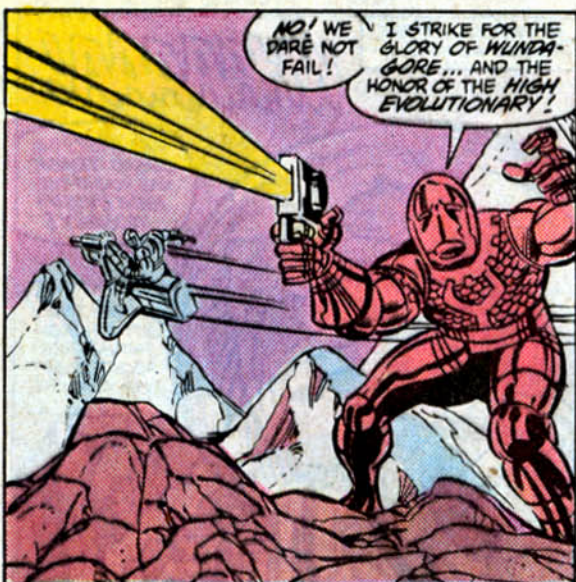
AYE... ONLY
ONE... BUT THE
RIGHT ONE!!

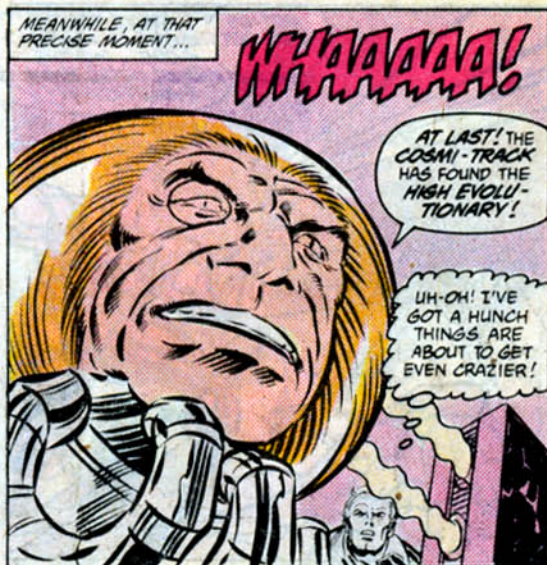


T-THE STRAIN IS
INCREDIBLE!
INCONCEIV-
ABLE!

HOW--?!
HOW CAN HE
CONTINUE TO
RESIST US?





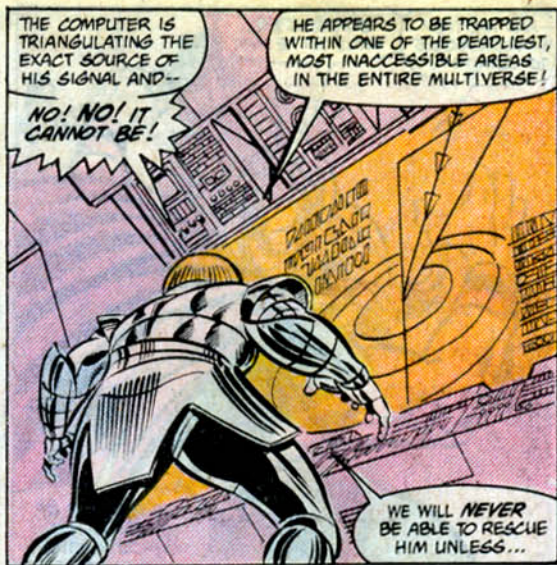


MEANWHILE, AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT...

WAAAAA!

AT LAST! THE COSMI-TRACK HAS FOUND THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY!

UH-OH! I'VE GOT A HUNCH THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET EVEN CRAZIER!



THE COMPUTER IS TRIANGULATING THE EXACT SOURCE OF HIS SIGNAL AND--

HE APPEARS TO BE TRAPPED WITHIN ONE OF THE DEADLIEST, MOST INACCESSIBLE AREAS IN THE ENTIRE MULTIVERSE!

NO! NO! IT CANNOT BE!

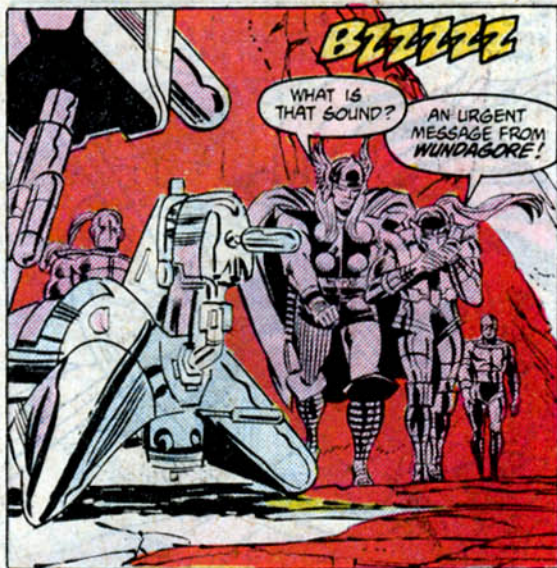
WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO RESCUE HIM UNLESS...



OUTSIDE... THE BATTLE IS OVER, THUNDER GOD!

HONOR FORBIDS US TO FIGHT ONE AS NOBLE AS YOU!

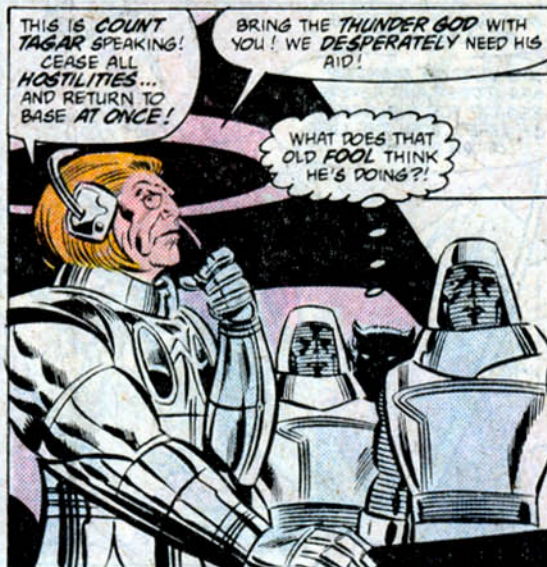
WE ARE YOURS TO DO WITH AS YOU WILL!



BZZZZ

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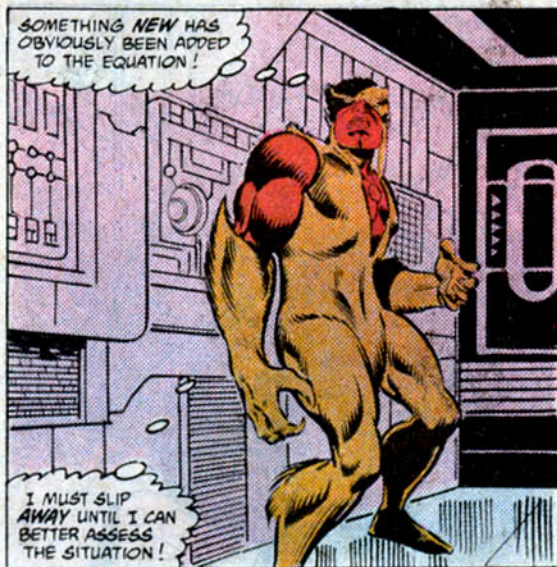
AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM WUNDAGORE!



THIS IS COUNT TAGAR SPEAKING! CEASE ALL HOSTILITIES... AND RETURN TO BASE AT ONCE!

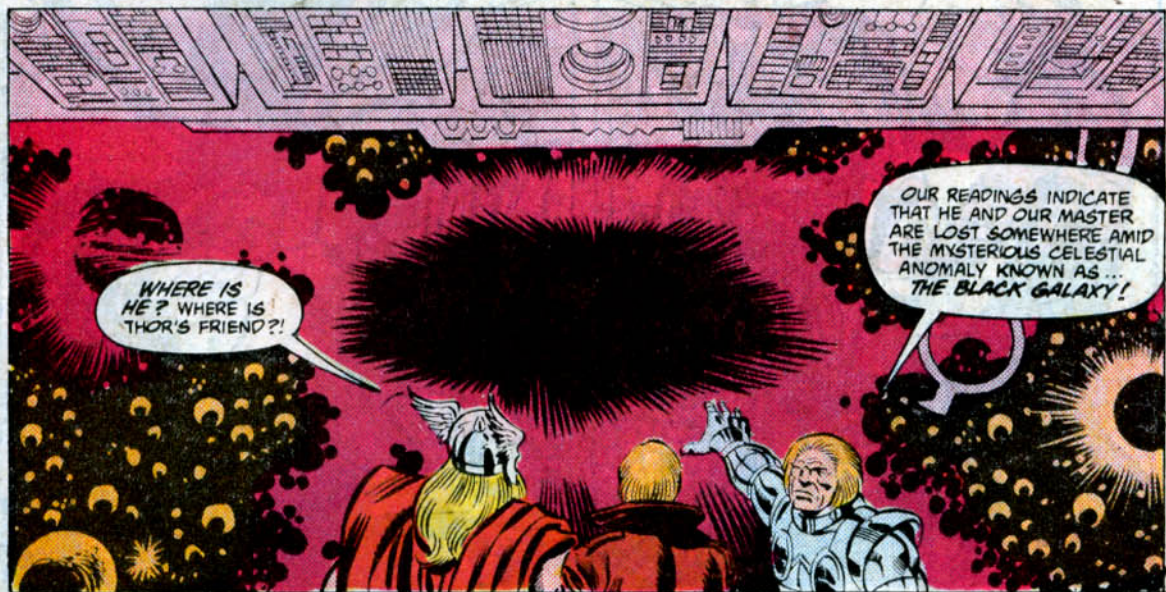
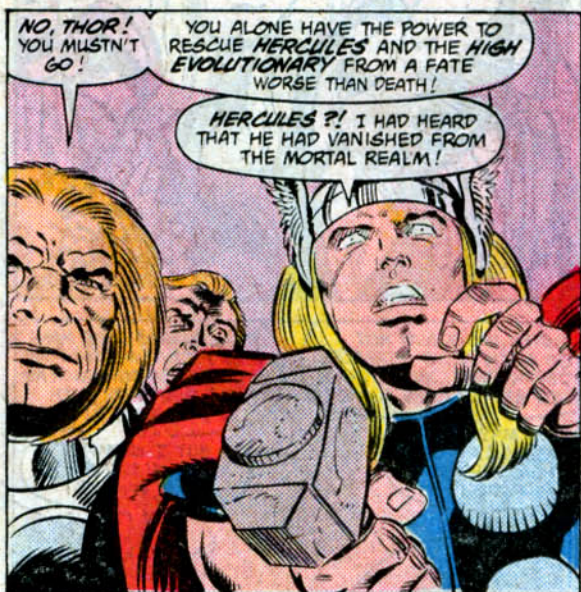
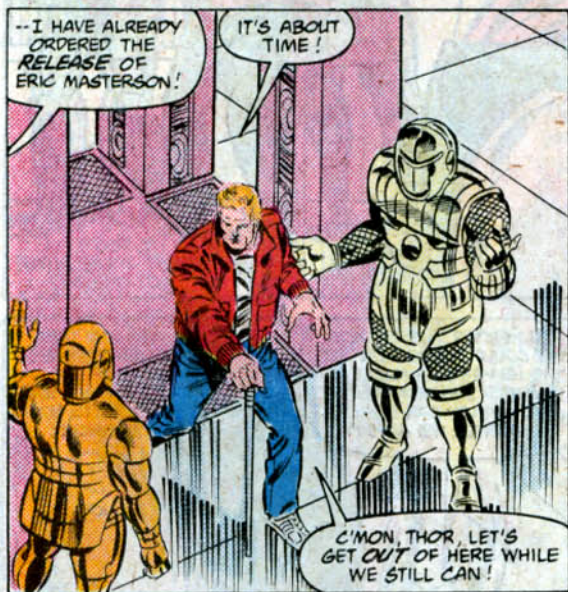
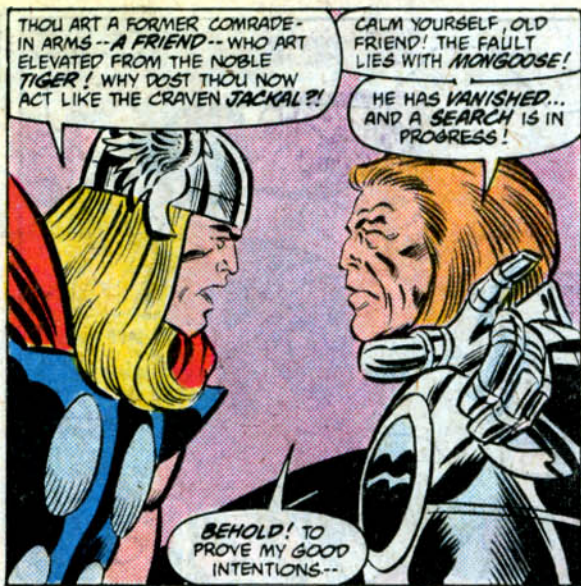
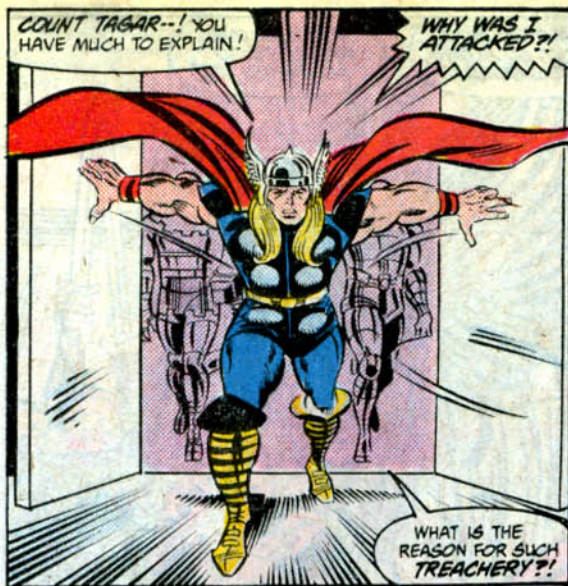
BRING THE THUNDER GOD WITH YOU! WE DESPERATELY NEED HIS AID!

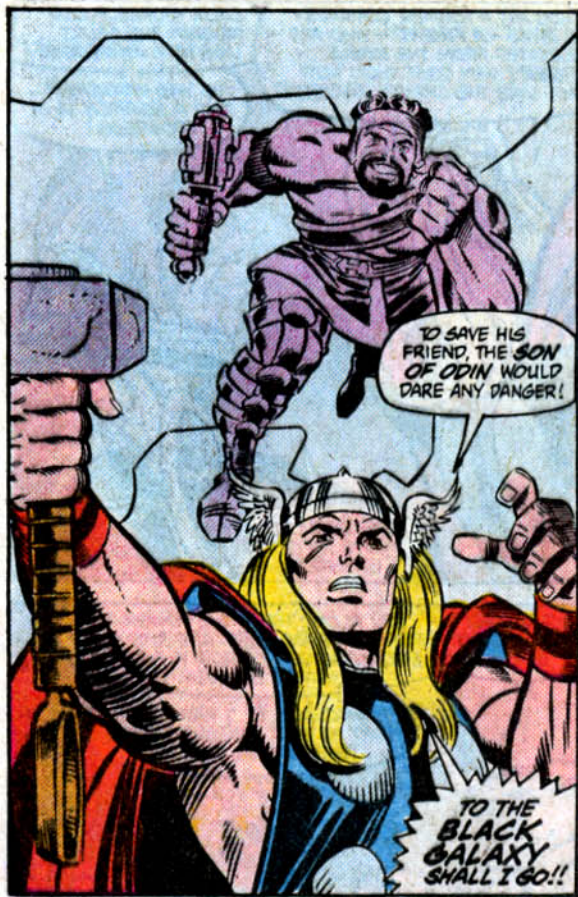
WHAT DOES THAT OLD FOOL THINK HE'S DOING?!



SOMETHING NEW HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN ADDED TO THE EQUATION!

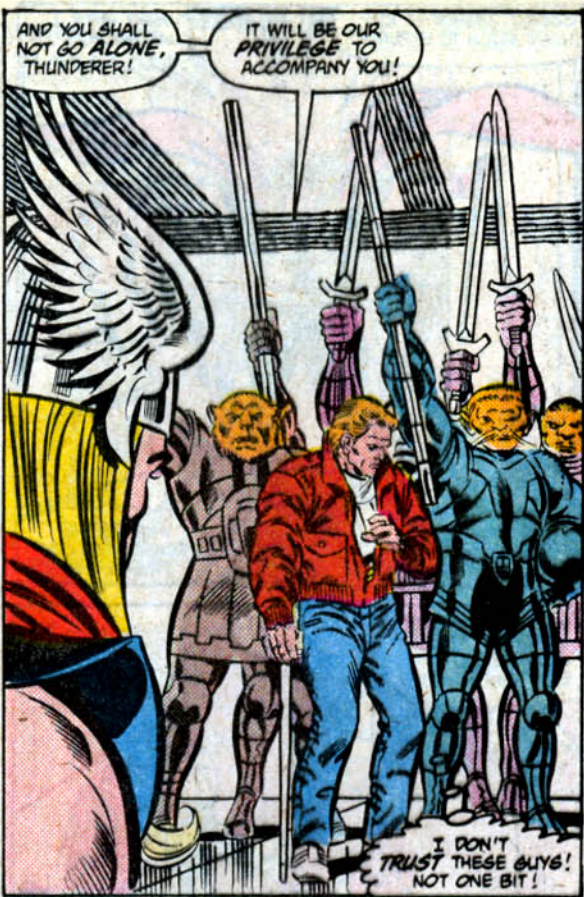
I MUST SLIP AWAY UNTIL I CAN BETTER ASSESS THE SITUATION!





TO SAVE HIS FRIEND, THE SON OF ODIN WOULD DARE ANY DANGER!

TO THE BLACK GALAXY SHALL I GO!!



AND YOU SHALL NOT GO ALONE, THUNDERER!

IT WILL BE OUR PRIVILEGE TO ACCOMPANY YOU!

I DON'T TRUST THESE GUYS! NOT ONE BIT!

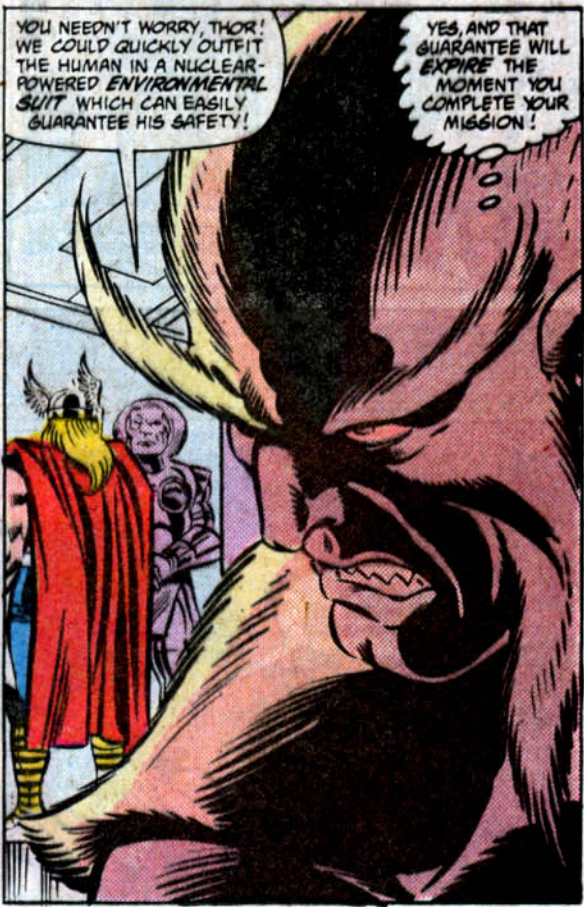


LISTEN, PAL, I MAY NOT BE MUCH IN THE MUSCLES DEPARTMENT... BUT I THINK I'D BETTER COME ALONG!

THY COURAGE DOES MANKIND PROUD, MORTAL! IN TRUTH, IT BE FOR SUCH AS THEE THAT THOR HATH E'ER BATTLED!

YOU MAY NEED A FRIENDLY FACE IF THE GOING GETS ROUGH!

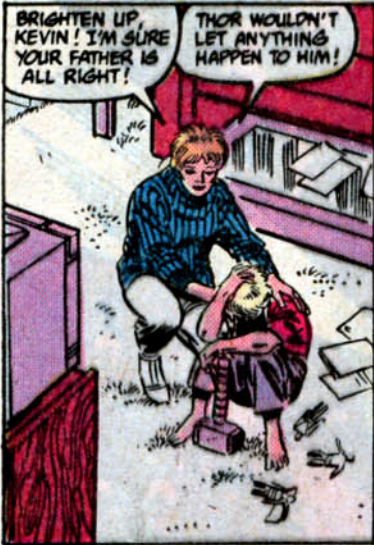
BUT I CANNOT ALLOW IT! TOO GREAT IS THE DANGER!



YOU NEEDN'T WORRY, THOR! WE COULD QUICKLY OUTFIT THE HUMAN IN A NUCLEAR-POWERED ENVIRONMENTAL SUIT WHICH CAN EASILY GUARANTEE HIS SAFETY!

YES, AND THAT GUARANTEE WILL EXPIRE THE MOMENT YOU COMPLETE YOUR MISSION!

A FEW MINUTES LATER, IN THE NEW YORK APARTMENT OF ERIC MASTERSON...



BRIGHTEN UP, KEVIN! I'M SURE YOUR FATHER IS ALL RIGHT!

THOR WOULDN'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO HIM!



LISTEN TO SUSAN, SON!

WHAT THE--?!

DAD! DAD! IS THAT REALLY YOU?!



THIS IS ACTUALLY A VERY SOPHISTICATED HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGE!

EVERYTHING'S FINE... BUT THOR AND I STILL HAVE SOME WORK TO DO!

YOU'RE HELPING THOR?! TOO COOL!!



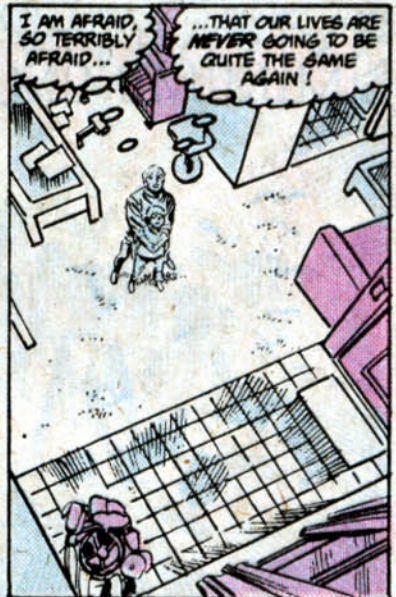
HEY, DAD, KNOW WHAT? I LOVE YOU!

I LOVE YOU, TOO, SON!



YOU AND SUSAN TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER! I'LL RETURN AS SOON AS I CAN!

OH, ERIC, I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS! YOU'RE ONLY AN AVERAGE GUY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE COMPANY OF GODS?



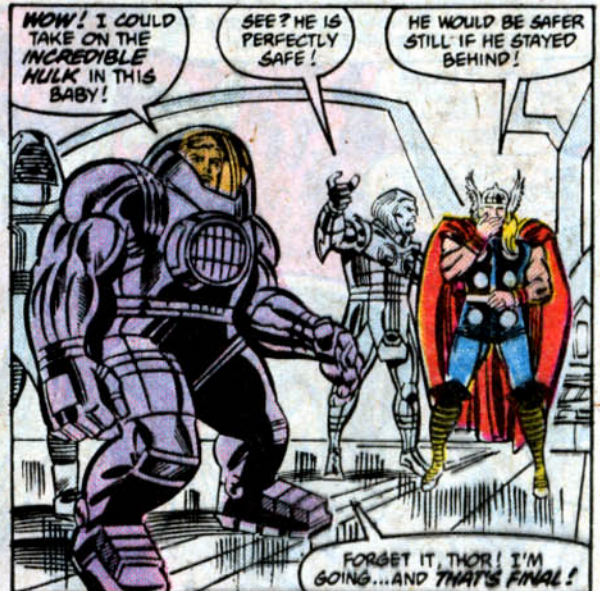
I AM AFRAID, SO TERRIBLY AFRAID...

...THAT OUR LIVES ARE NEVER GOING TO BE QUITE THE SAME AGAIN!



THANKS FOR ALLOWING ME TO MAKE THAT CALL, TAGAR!

STEP OFF THE PROJECTION PLATFORM, HUMAN! YOUR BATTLE ARMOR AWAITS!

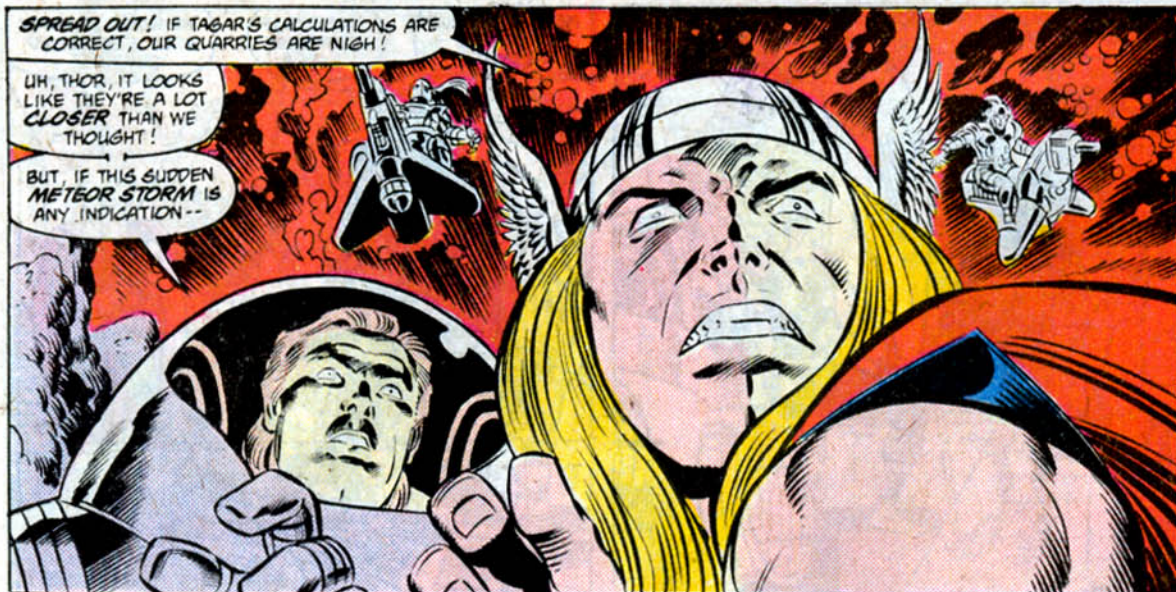
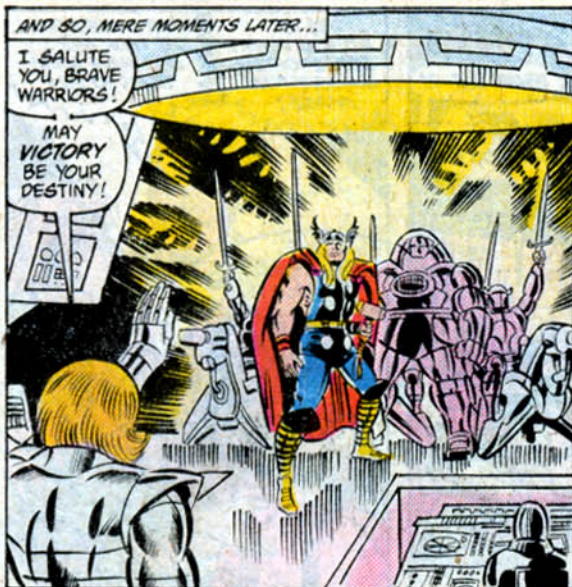


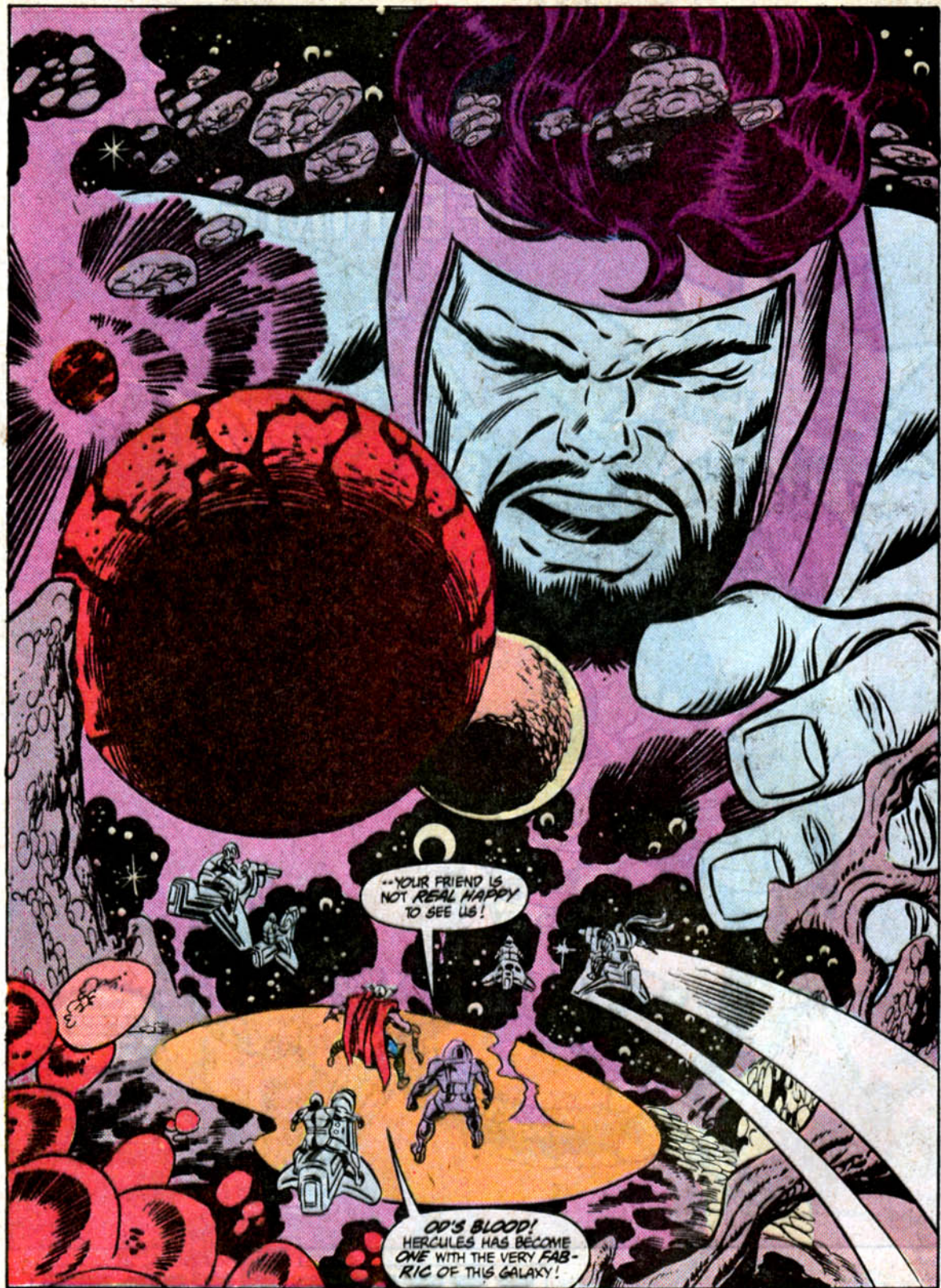
NOW! I COULD TAKE ON THE INCREDIBLE HULK IN THIS BABY!

SEE? HE IS PERFECTLY SAFE!

HE WOULD BE SAFER STILL IF HE STAYED BEHIND!

FORGET IT, THOR! I'M GOING...AND THAT'S FINAL!





**NEXT
ISSUE**

THE FATE OF HERCULES AND THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY! THE RETURN OF AN OLD FRIEND! THE STARTLING APPEARANCE OF A COSMIC ENTITY! AND A STUNNING ADVENTURE DEEP WITHIN!

"THE LIVING BIO-VERSE!"

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HOME OF THE MIGHTY NORSE GODS

HAVING SECURED THE SERVICES OF ULGAGG THE GRAND ENCHANTER, THE GOD OF THUNDER AND HIS NOBLE COMPANIONS EMBARK ON A SACRED MISSION FOR IMPERIAL ODIN, THE LIEGE LORD OF THE NORSE GODS...

WE JOURNEY TO A DESOLATE RAVAGED WORLD... WHICH WAS ONCE RULED BY A RACE OF EVIL MORTALS!

SO TERRIBLE WERE THEIR CRIMES, SO MONUMENTAL THEIR ARROGANCE, THAT THE HEAVENS WERE FORCED TO DEVASTATE THE ENTIRE PLANET!

FEAR NOT MY PRINCE! NO MATTER WHAT HORRORS AWAIT US, THOU CANST RELY UPON THE FLASHING SWORD OF FANDRAL -- AND THE MERCILESS MAZE OF HOGUIN!

SHUMFF: I HEARD NO MENTION OF THE LEGENDARY COURAGE OF VOLSTAGG!

NOR SHALT THOU WHILST SOBRIETY RULES!

"LET THERE BE LIFE!"

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BE SILENT ALL!

HOW CAN VOLSTAGG CONCENTRATE ON HIS CONJURING...WHEN HIS EARS ARE ASSAULTED BY SUCH WITLESS BANTER?!



AND HOW CAN THE REST OF US BE EXPECTED TO BREATHE...WHEN WE ARE ASSAULTED BY THY FOUL AND BITTER BREW?!

NOT SINCE I WAS LAST SUBJECTED TO MY OWN WIFE'S CULINARY CATASTROPHES, HAS VOLSTAGG EXPERIENCED SUCH PLUNGENT AROMAS!

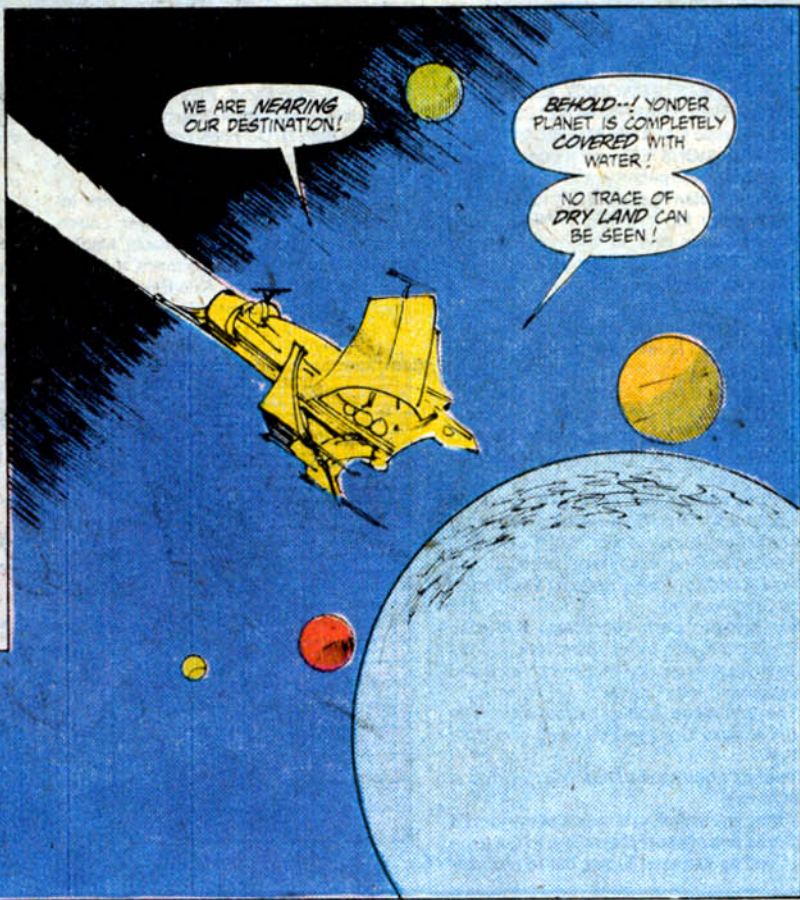


FROM THE LOOKS OF THEE, I METHINKS HER COOKING WAS NOT DISASTROUS ENOUGH!



THOU MAYEST SPEAK TRUE, WIZARD...

...BUT THE TIME FOR TALK IS PASSED!



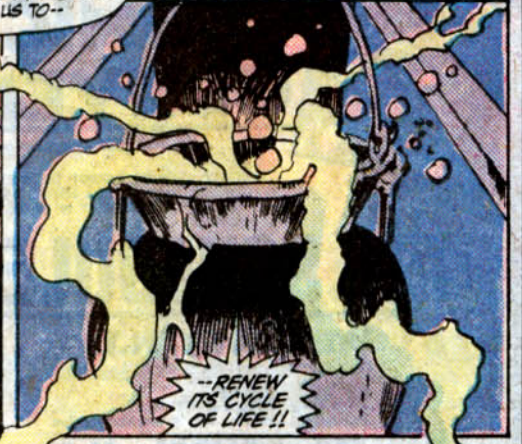
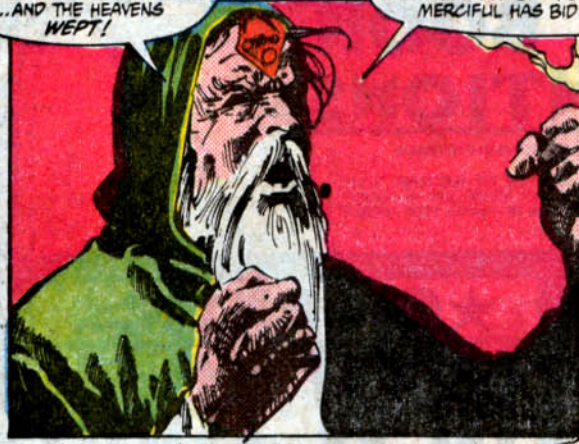
WE ARE NEARING OUR DESTINATION!

BEHOLD...! YONDER PLANET IS COMPLETELY COVERED WITH WATER!

NO TRACE OF DRY LAND CAN BE SEEN!

FOR UNTOLD CENTURIES
THE STORM CLOUDS RAGED
ABOVE THIS CURSED WORLD
...AND THE HEAVENS
WEPT!

NOW THAT IT HAS BEEN PURIFIED
OF ITS EVIL RACE, AND CLEANSED OF
THEIR TERRIBLE SINS, ODIN THE EVER-
MERCIFUL HAS BID US TO--

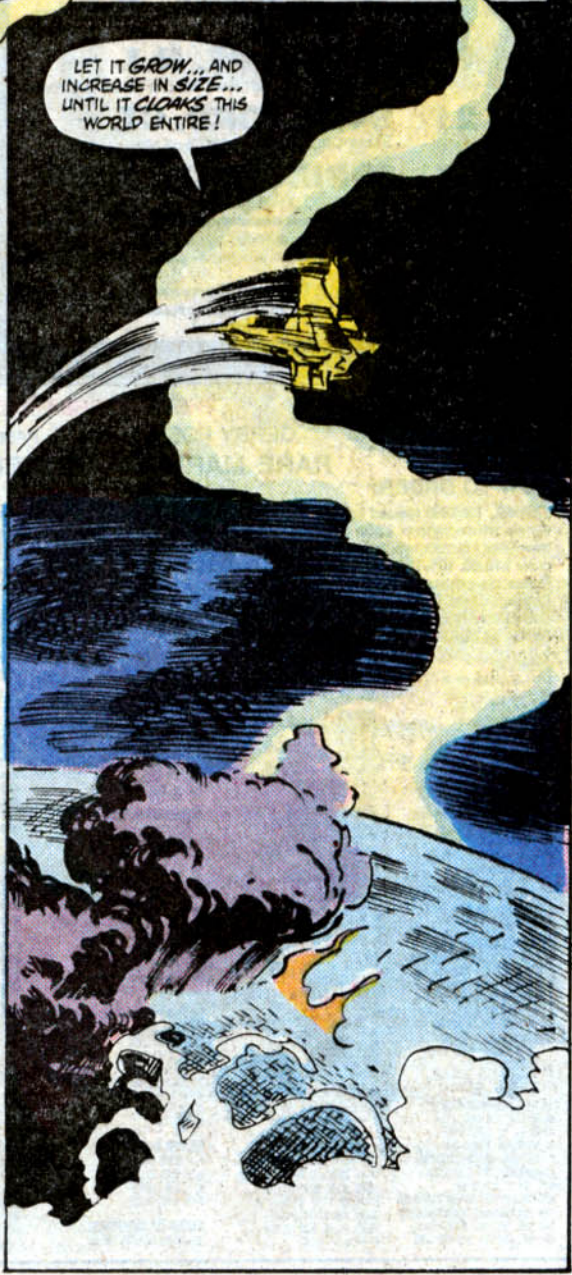


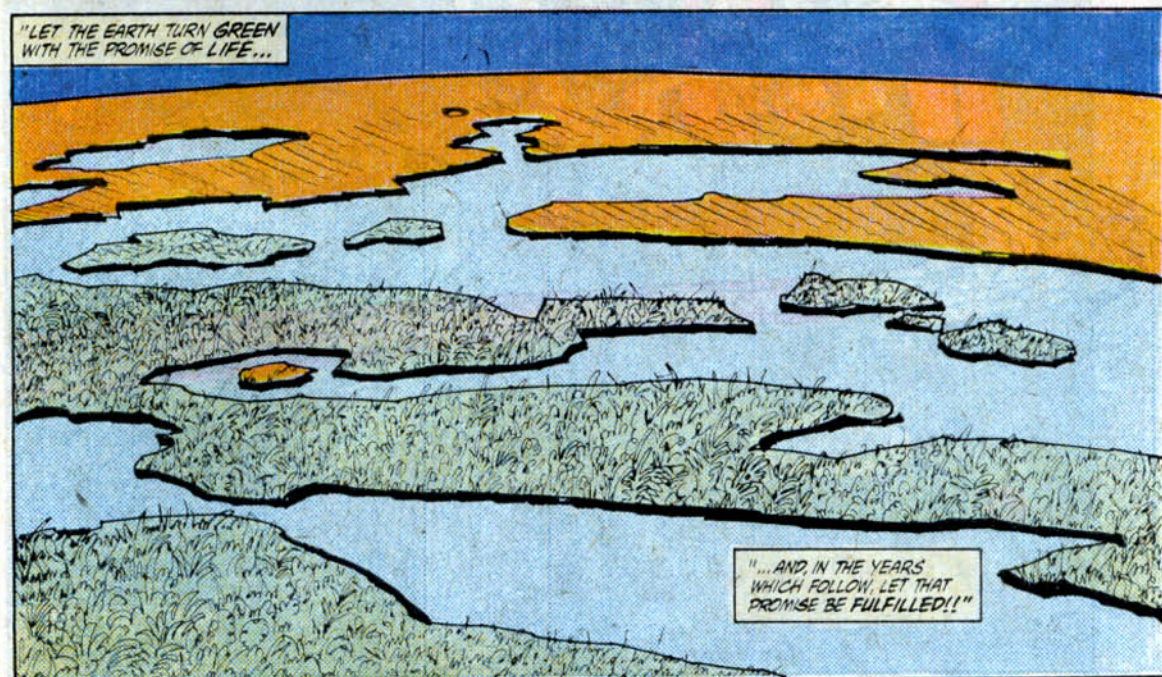
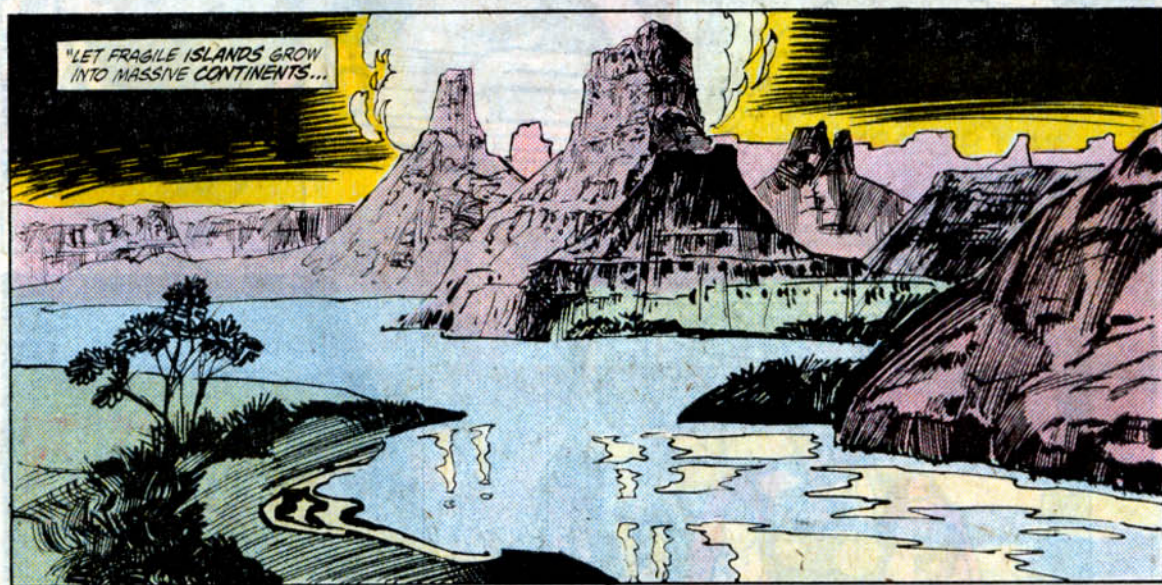
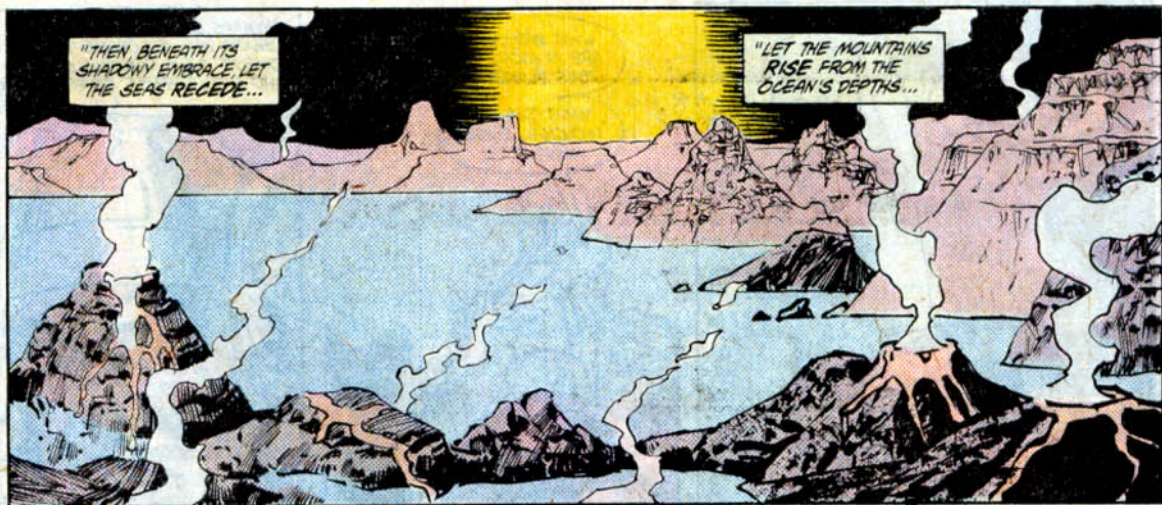
--RENEW
ITS CYCLE
OF LIFE!!

WITH A TWIG FROM
YGGDRASIL, THE TREE
OF LIFE, TO STIR MY
BREW, I CALL UPON THE
MIST OF THE
UNNAMED MAGES--!



LET IT GROW... AND
INCREASE IN SIZE...
UNTIL IT CLOAKS THIS
WORLD ENTIRE!







A NEW DAY
IS DAWNING FOR
THIS WORLD!
SO BE IT!!



WHAT WONDERS
ARE IN STORE FOR
THIS PLANET?

WHAT THRILLS
AND CHALLENGES
AWAIT IT?!

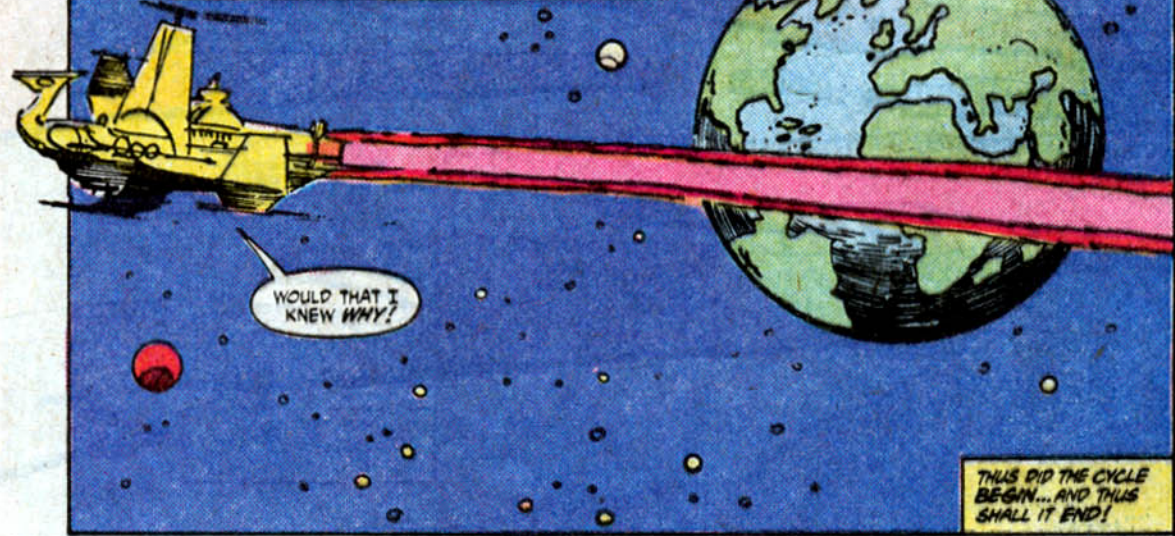


MAYHAPS, ODIN IN HIS ETERNAL
WISDOM WILL ALLOW US TO VIEW
SOME OF THEM, DASHING ONE...
AND EXPERIENCE OTHERS!



'TIS MOST OBVIOUS THAT YON WORLD HOLDS A
SPECIAL PLACE IN THY NOBLE SIRE'S HEART!

AYE, AND METHINKS IT SINGS
TO ME AS WELL...



WOULD THAT I
KNEW WHY?

THIS DID THE CYCLE
BEGIN... AND THIS
SHALL IT END!