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**X-MEN!** THE MOST UNUSUAL TEEN-AGERS OF ALL TIME!

# "WHERE WALKS THE JUGGERNAUT!"

LAST ISSUE WE SAW HOW **CAIN MARKO**, THE SINISTER STEP-BROTHER OF PROFESSOR X, STUMBLED ONTO THE LONG-LOST **TEMPLE OF CYTTORAK** DURING THE KOREAN WAR... DARING TO TOUCH THE FORBIDDEN RUBY, THEREBY TRANSFORMING HIMSELF INTO A **HUMAN JUGGERNAUT!**

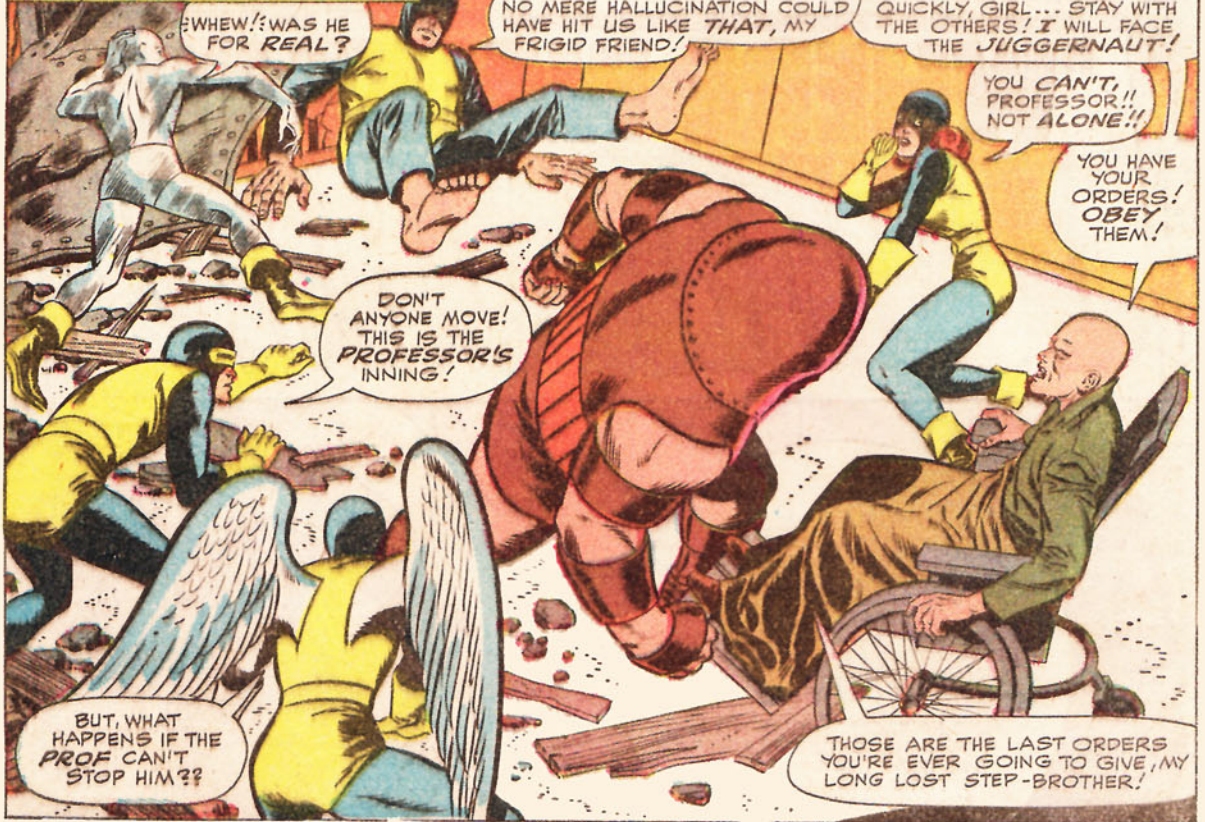
AND NOW, OBSESSED WITH A BURNING DESIRE TO DESTROY HIS STEP-BROTHER, HE HAS FOUND **PROFESSOR X** AT LAST...!

HE SMASHED THROUGH OUR STRONGEST DEFENSES AS THOUGH THEY WERE CARDBOARD! AND NOW, THIS IS THE MOMENT I'VE **DREADED** FOR YEARS!

STORY BY **SMLIN!**  
STAN LEE  
LAYOUTS BY **JOLLY**  
JACK KIRBY  
PENCILLING BY  
JAY GAVIN  
INKING BY  
JOE SINNOTT  
LETTERING BY **SWINGIN!**  
SAM ROSEN



AS THE DEADLY JUGGERNAUT STEADILY APPROACHES UNTIL HE IS ALMOST UPON THE MOTIONLESS PROFESSOR, THE OTHER X-MEN, DAZED AND SHAKEN, SLOWLY RECOVER FROM THE STAGGERING IMPACT OF THE RELENTLESS ATTACK...



WHEW! WAS HE FOR REAL?

NO MERE HALLUCINATION COULD HAVE HIT US LIKE THAT, MY FRIGID FRIEND!

QUICKLY, GIRL... STAY WITH THE OTHERS! I WILL FACE THE JUGGERNAUT!

YOU CAN'T, PROFESSOR!! NOT ALONE!!

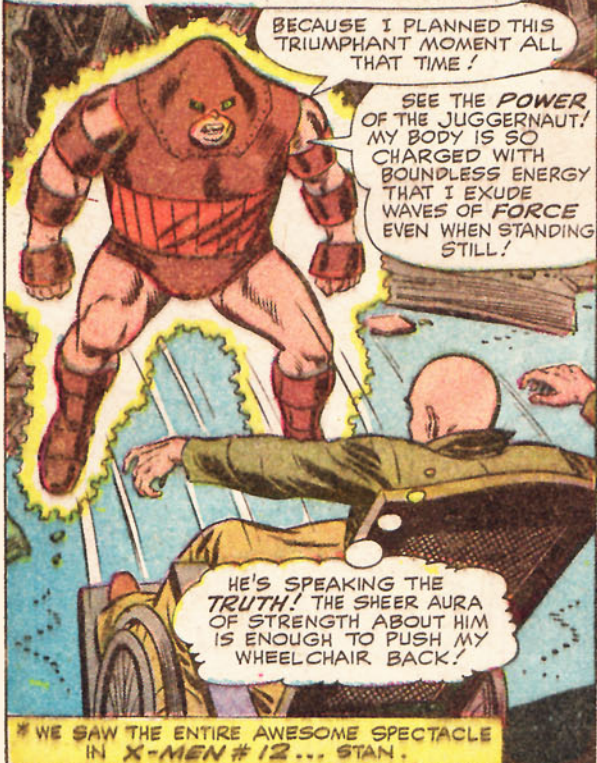
YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS! OBEY THEM!

DON'T ANYONE MOVE! THIS IS THE PROFESSOR'S INNING!

BUT, WHAT HAPPENS IF THE PROF CAN'T STOP HIM??

THOSE ARE THE LAST ORDERS YOU'RE EVER GOING TO GIVE, MY LONG LOST STEP-BROTHER!

IT TOOK ME ALL THESE YEARS TO FREE MYSELF OF THE TONS OF STONE I HAD BEEN BURIED UNDER IN KOREA \* ... BUT THE WAIT WAS WORTH IT!

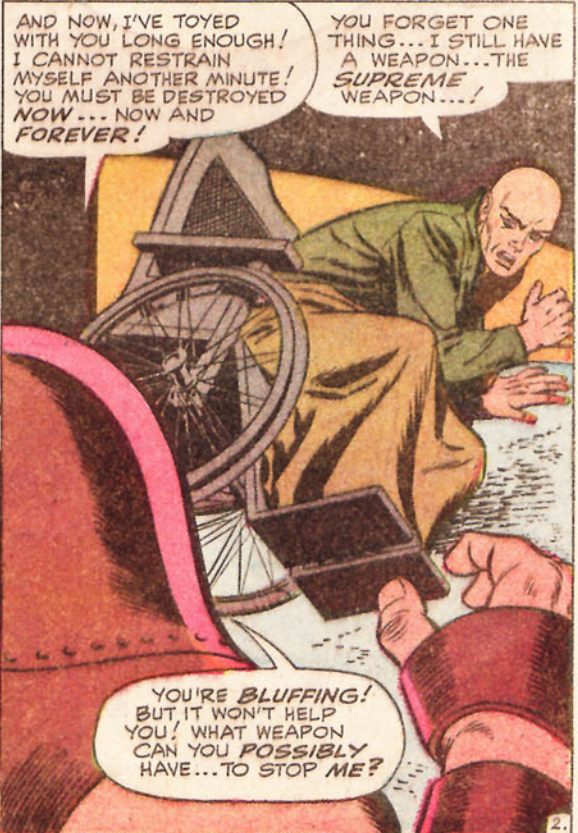


BECAUSE I PLANNED THIS TRIUMPHANT MOMENT ALL THAT TIME!

SEE THE POWER OF THE JUGGERNAUT! MY BODY IS SO CHARGED WITH BOUNDLESS ENERGY THAT I EXUDE WAVES OF FORCE EVEN WHEN STANDING STILL!

HE'S SPEAKING THE TRUTH! THE SHEER AURA OF STRENGTH ABOUT HIM IS ENOUGH TO PUSH MY WHEELCHAIR BACK!

\* WE SAW THE ENTIRE AWESOME SPECTACLE IN X-MEN # 12 ... STAN.



AND NOW, I'VE TOYED WITH YOU LONG ENOUGH! I CANNOT RESTRAIN MYSELF ANOTHER MINUTE! YOU MUST BE DESTROYED NOW ... NOW AND FOREVER!

YOU FORGET ONE THING... I STILL HAVE A WEAPON... THE SUPREME WEAPON...!

YOU'RE BLUFFING! BUT IT WON'T HELP YOU! WHAT WEAPON CAN YOU POSSIBLY HAVE... TO STOP ME??



MY MUTANT BRAIN!!

AFTER UTTERING THOSE THREE WORDS, PROFESSOR X LAPSES INTO DEAD SILENCE... CONCENTRATING... FOCUSING EVERY IOTA OF MENTAL POWER HE POSSESSES... SENDING A BEAM OF SHEER MENTAL ENERGY AT HIS ONCOMING FOE... A BEAM MIGHTY ENOUGH TO TOPPLE A MASTODON! BUT...

...AFTER REELING FROM THE INITIAL JOLT, THE JUGGERNAUT CONTINUES HIS DREAD ADVANCE...

THE CRIMSON BANDS OF CYTTORAK, WHICH GAVE ME MY POWER, ALSO GAVE ME MY PSIONIC HELMET, CAPABLE OF PROTECTING ME FROM ANY MENTAL ATTACK!

HE'S GONE TOO FAR!

X-MEN... ATTACK!

I'LL TACKLE HIM, CYCLOPS... AS WE PLANNED!

THERE! I'LL TRY TO TELEPORT HIM LONG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO MOVE THE PROFESSOR TO SAFETY!

THIS WON'T HELP YOU! I CANNOT BE STOPPED!

JUST A FEW SECONDS MORE... THAT'S ALL I'LL NEED!

I CAN'T HOLD HIM! HE'S SHATTERING MY TELEKINETIC POWER!

IT'S ALL RIGHT! YOU GAVE US THE TIME WE NEEDED! RELEASE HIM NOW!

WHRRRAK!

EXCELLENT, MY X-MEN! THAT WILL GIVE YOU A FEW MINUTES RESPITE!

I... NEVER FELT... SUCH SHEER POWER! MY HEAD... IT'S STILL ACHING!

I MADE THE HOLE AS DEEP AS I COULD! IT SHOULD HOLD HIM!

YOU'RE WHISTLIN' IN THE DARK, CYKE! YOU KNOW HE CAN FORCE HIS WAY OUT OF ANYTHING!

BUT, TILL HE DOES, WE HAVE A SECOND CHANCE!

EASY, SIR... YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT, NOW!

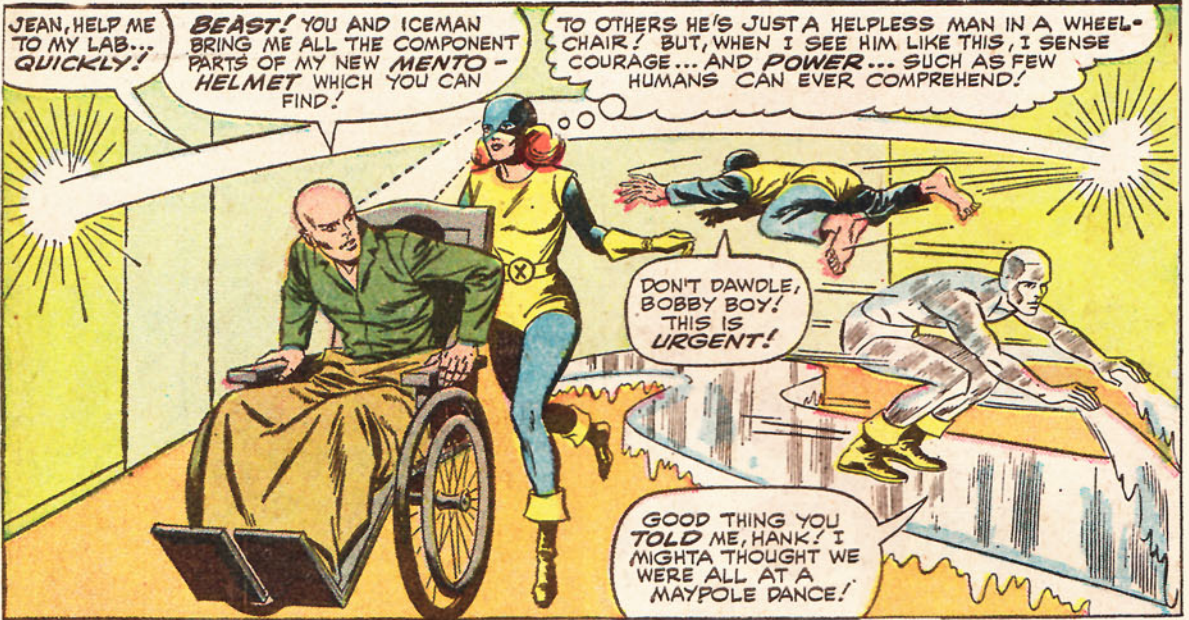
ANGEL, HELP THE PROFESSOR INTO HIS CHAIR!

I'LL DROP A FEW FORGET-ME-NOTS ON OUR PAL DOWN THERE!

WHAT'S OUR NEXT STRATAGEM, SIR?

WE MUST FIND SOMETHING TO SMASH HIS DEFENSE... TO INJURE HIM!





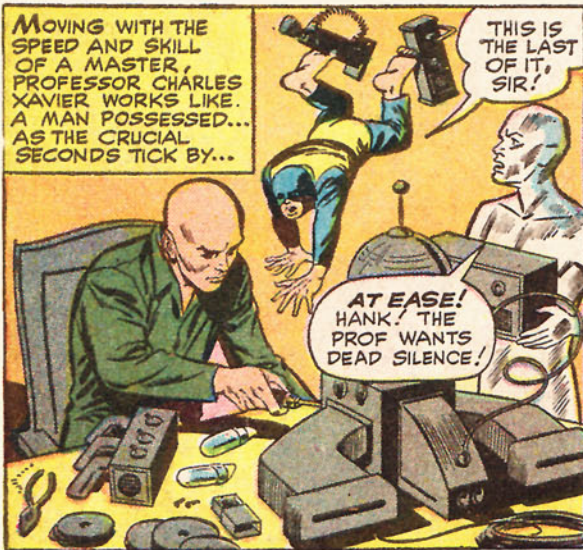
JEAN, HELP ME TO MY LAB... QUICKLY!

**BEAST!** YOU AND ICEMAN BRING ME ALL THE COMPONENT PARTS OF MY NEW **MENTO - HELMET** WHICH YOU CAN FIND!

TO OTHERS HE'S JUST A HELPLESS MAN IN A WHEEL-CHAIR! BUT, WHEN I SEE HIM LIKE THIS, I SENSE COURAGE... AND **POWER**... SUCH AS FEW HUMANS CAN EVER COMPREHEND!

DON'T DAWDLE, BOBBY BOY! THIS IS **URGENT!**

GOOD THING YOU TOLD ME, HANK! I MIGHTA THOUGHT WE WERE ALL AT A **MAYPOLE DANCE!**



MOVING WITH THE SPEED AND SKILL OF A MASTER, PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER WORKS LIKE A MAN POSSESSED... AS THE CRUCIAL SECONDS TICK BY...

THIS IS THE LAST OF IT, SIR!

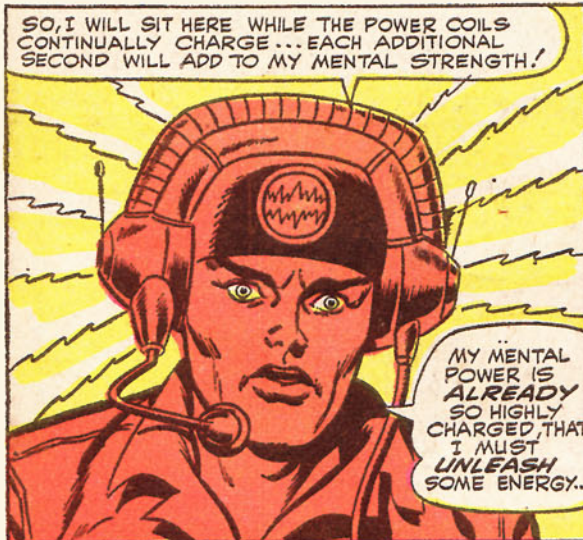
AT EASE! HANK! THE PROF WANTS DEAD SILENCE!



**THERE!** IT'S READY NOW!

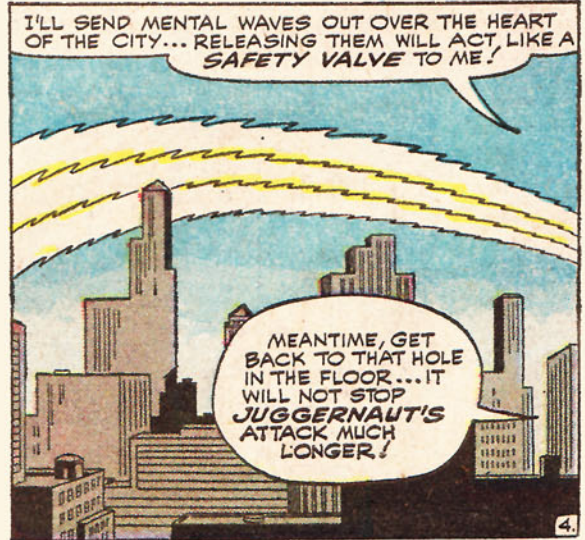
AS YOU MAY HAVE GUESSED, THE PURPOSE OF THIS DEVICE IS TO **INTENSIFY** MY BRAIN WAVES... MAKE THEM EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN THEY NORMALLY ARE!

BUT, THERE IS ALWAYS THE CHANCE THAT THEY WILL **STILL** NOT BE STRONG ENOUGH TO STOP THE **JUGGERNAUT!**



SO, I WILL SIT HERE WHILE THE POWER COILS CONTINUALLY CHARGE... EACH ADDITIONAL SECOND WILL ADD TO MY MENTAL STRENGTH!

MY MENTAL POWER IS **ALREADY** SO HIGHLY CHARGED, THAT I MUST **UNLEASH** SOME ENERGY...



I'LL SEND MENTAL WAVES OUT OVER THE HEART OF THE CITY... RELEASING THEM WILL ACT LIKE A **SAFETY VALVE** TO ME!

MEANTIME, GET BACK TO THAT HOLE IN THE FLOOR... IT WILL NOT STOP **JUGGERNAUT'S** ATTACK MUCH LONGER!

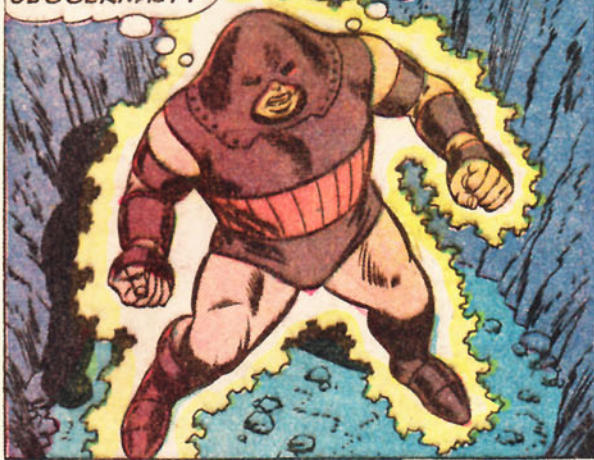
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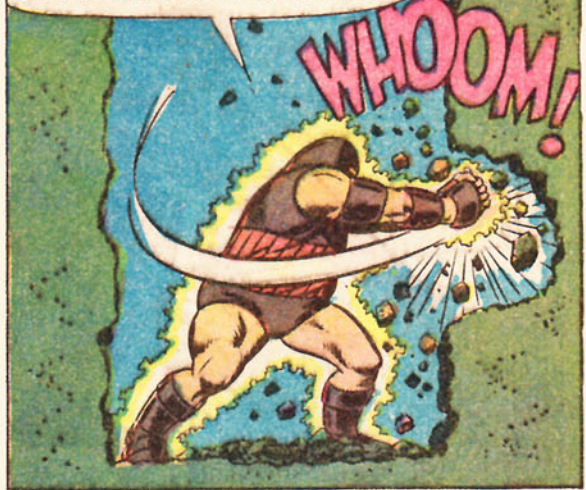
AND, EVEN AS THE PROFESSOR SPEAKS...

HAVEN'T THEY REALIZED YET THAT **NOTHING** CAN HOLD BACK THE **JUGGERNAUT**?

THIS SLIGHT DELAY WILL ONLY MAKE MY FINAL MOMENT OF TRIUMPH ALL THE MORE SATISFYING!



WHEN I RECEIVED MY POWER IN THE HIDDEN TEMPLE OF CYTTORAK, I BECAME **UNSTOPPABLE!** EVERYTHING MUST GIVE WAY TO THE **JUGGERNAUT'S** ATTACK... EVEN A SOLID WALL OF EARTH...!



THUS, NO PIT CAN HOLD ME... FOR I POSSESS THE POWER TO HAMMER MY OWN HAND AND FOOTHOLDS...



HE'S COMING, CYKE! I'LL SWOOP DOWN AND HEAD HIM OFF!

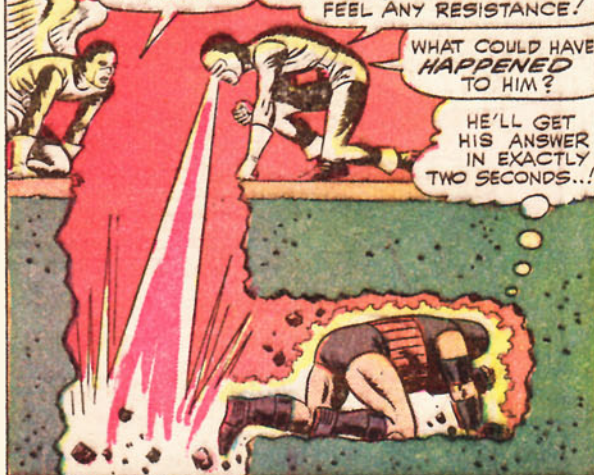


NO! STAY WHERE YOU ARE!

MY OWN FORCE BEAM IS STRONGER... AND LESS DANGEROUS!

THE FOOLS! I'LL SHOW THEM HOW EASILY I CAN CHARGE THROUGH THEIR LAUGHABLE DEFENSES!

IS IT WORKING? ARE YOU FORCING HIM BACK?

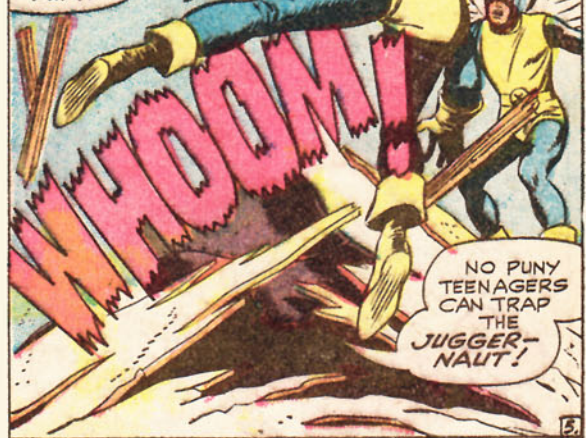


I CAN'T TELL! THE GLARE FROM MY OPTIC RAY IS TOO BLINDING! BUT... I DON'T FEEL ANY RESISTANCE!

WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM?

HE'LL GET HIS ANSWER IN EXACTLY TWO SECONDS...!

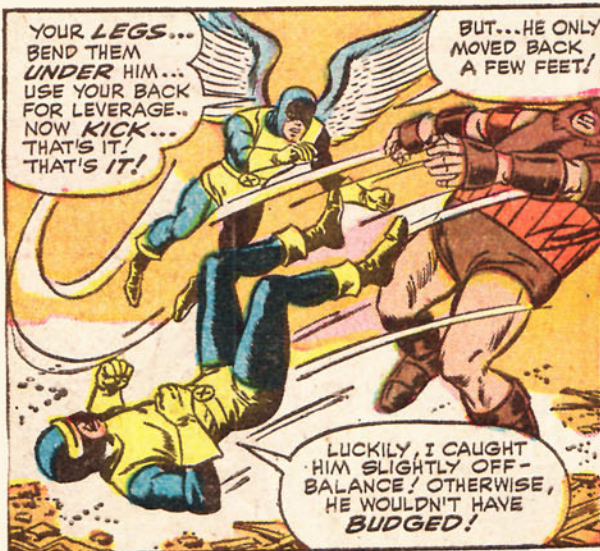
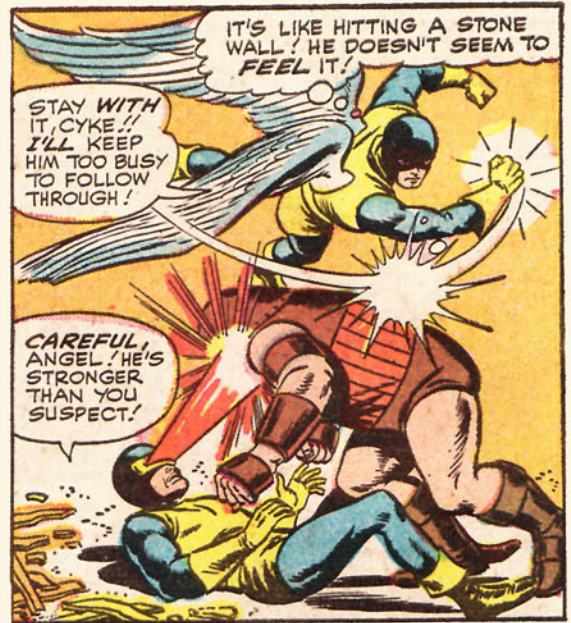
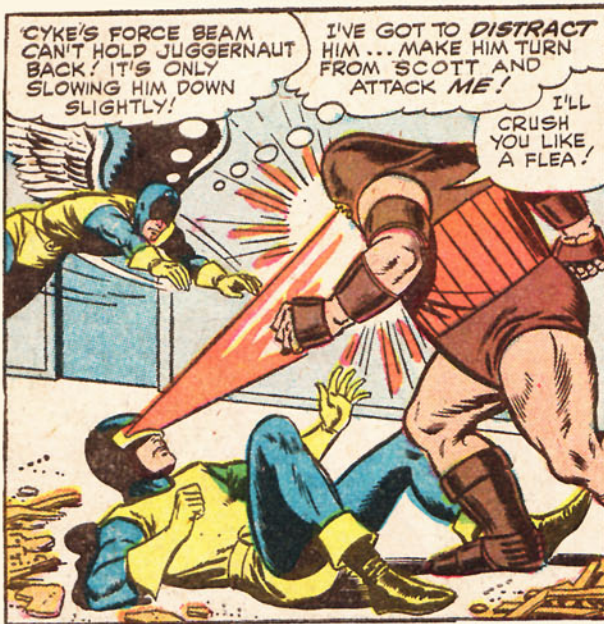
HE'S RIGHT UNDER US! ANGEL... QUICK... TAKE TO THE AIR!



CYKE!

NO PUNY TEENAGERS CAN TRAP THE JUGGERNAUT!

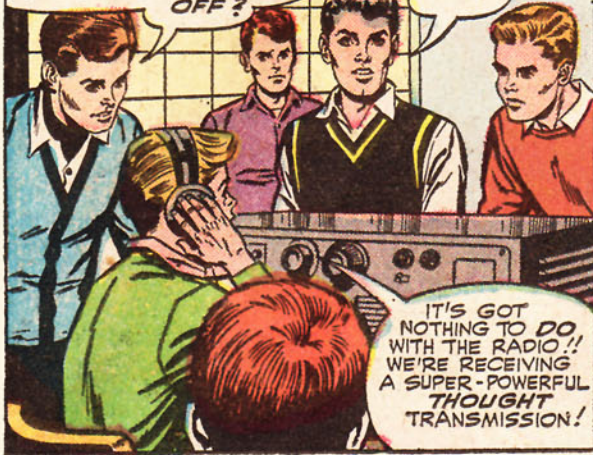






AND, IN ONE OF THE MANY **TEEN BRIGADE** HEAD-QUARTERS THROUGHOUT THE EAST, THE MESSAGE IS ALSO RECEIVED... EVEN BY SOME YOUTHS WHO ARE **NOT WEARING EARPHONES**...

I DON'T **GET IT!** HOW CAN WE RECEIVE A RADIO CALL WITH OUR SET TURNED **OFF?** THERE HASN'T BEEN A **SOUND**... AND YET, WE'RE **ALL HEARING IT!**



IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THE RADIO!! WE'RE RECEIVING A **SUPER-POWERFUL THOUGHT TRANSMISSION!**

EVEN WITH NO RADIO RECEIVER NEARBY TO MAGNIFY THE MENTAL IMPULSE, ONE MAN WITH EXTRA KEEN AUDITORY POWERS "**HEARS**" THE UNCANNY SOUND IN THE MIST OF A CROWDED COURTROOM...

PROCEED, MR. **MURDOCK!** I'M WAITING FOR YOUR **CROSS-EXAMINATION!** THAT STRANGE MENTAL CALL... SOMETHING UNCANNY IS TAKING PLACE!



IF NOT FOR THIS TRIAL, I'D CHANGE TO **DAREDEVIL** AND TRACE IT TO ITS SOURCE!

SORRY, YOUR HONOR! I WAS JUST... COLLECTING MY THOUGHTS!

WHILE, BACK AT PROFESSOR XAVIER'S PRIVATE SCHOOL IN WESTCHESTER...

PROFESSOR, LET US RUSH YOU AWAY FROM HERE, WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME!

**NO, JEAN!** I CAN'T RUN FROM THE **JUGGERNAUT!** IF I'M UNABLE TO STOP HIM... THINK WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN HE INVADES THE CITY!



CAN'T I GO AND HELP THE OTHERS NOW, SIR?

VERY WELL! DELAY HIM ALL YOU CAN! EACH SECOND GAINED INCREASES MY OWN POWER!

THEN, AT THAT MOMENT... **JEAN! BOBBY!** WHY DON'T YOU WHISK THE PROFESSOR TO SOME REMOTE SPOT.. AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE?



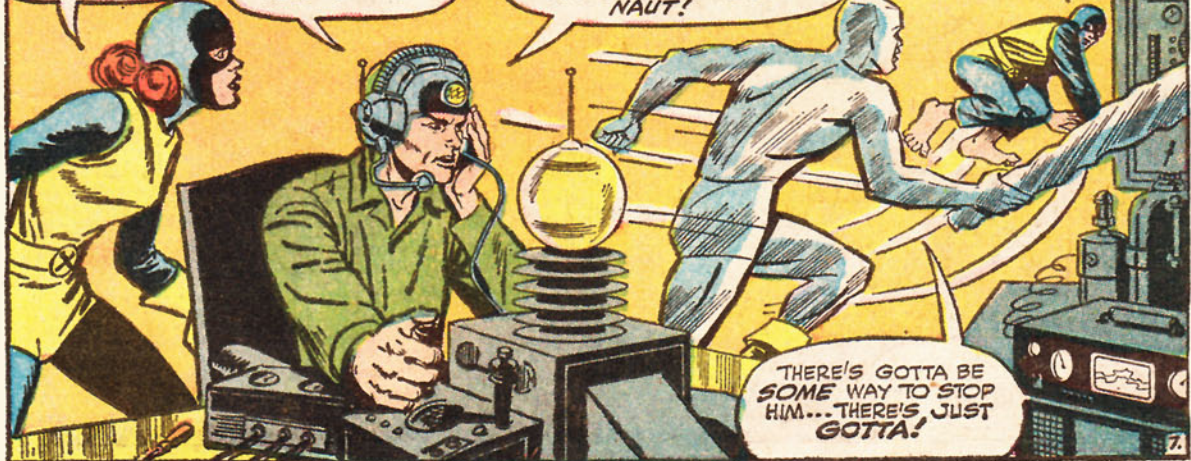
FLIGHT WILL SOLVE NOTHING, MY X-MEN! JOIN THE OTHERS, **BEAST!** JEAN, REMAIN WITH ME!

BUT, PROFESSOR... THEY MAY NEED **ME, TOO...**

YOUR CHANCE WILL COME, GIRL! FOR THE MOMENT, I NEED YOU HERE!

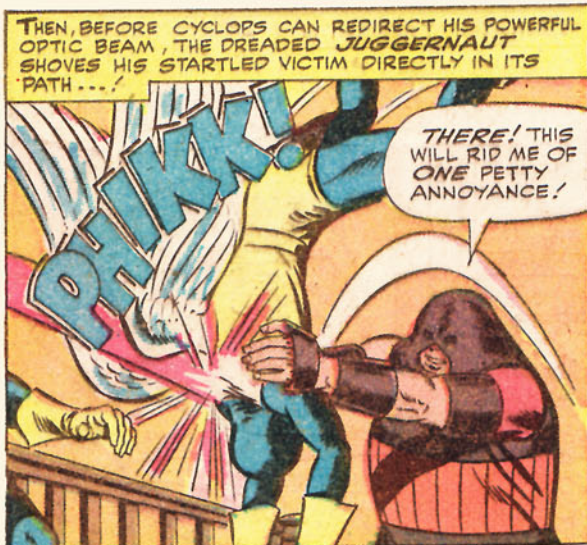
**CAREFUL, ICEMAN!** IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN A HASTILY-FORMED FROZEN CLUB TO AFFECT THE **JUGGERNAUT!**

**SCAMPER, BOBBY!!** WE'RE NEEDED!



THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME WAY TO STOP HIM... THERE'S JUST GOTTA!





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AND, EVEN AS THE BATTLE RAGES, TEENAGER **JOHNNY STORM** CLIMBS INTO A FRIEND'S RACING CAR IN A LOCAL GARAGE MANY MILES AWAY...

NOT A BAD LITTLE CRATE YOU'VE GOT HERE, CHARLIE! I HOPE I'LL BE ABLE TO JOIN YOU WHEN YOU TRY HER OUT ON THE SALT FLATS!

AW, YOU'LL PROBABLY BE CUTTIN' AROUND TOWN AFTER SOME NUTTY SUPER-VILLAIN, JOHNNY!

BEATS ME WHY ANYONE WOULD WANNA BE A COSTUMED CRIME-FIGHTER WHEN HE COULD SPEND HIS TIME WITH RACIN' CARS INSTEAD!

Y'KNOW SOMETHIN', FELLAS? I'VE OFTEN WONDERED THE SAME THING MYSELF! MAYBE I'M A MENTAL CASE AND DON'T KNOW IT!

UH-OH! THERE MAY BE MORE TRUTH TO THAT THAN I THOUGHT! NOW I'M BEGINNING TO HEAR THINGS... INSIDE MY BRAIN!

NO! I'M NOT HEARING THINGS! IT'S A MENTAL THOUGHT WAVE... AND IT'S SO STRONG I CAN ALMOST TOUCH IT!

HEY, JOHNNY... WHAT'S SHAKIN'? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU SAT ON A TACK!

CLAM UP, YOU GUYS! SOMETHIN'S GOIN' ON!

I KNEW IT! ANY MINUTE NOW HE'LL YELL FLAME ON 'N' GO FLYING OUTTA HERE!

IT'S FROM THE LEADER OF THE X-MEN! NOW THAT HE'S MADE CONTACT, HE'S BEAMING A MESSAGE RIGHT TO ME! THEY'RE IN TROUBLE... **BIG TROUBLE!**

HEY, JOHNNY! IF YOU'RE GONNA DAY-DREAM, DO IT AT DORRIE'S HOUSE, HUH? I WANNA FINISH WORKIN' ON MY CHARIOT!

BUT, HOW CAN I BE SURE? REED WARNED ME THAT ANY OF OUR OLD ENEMIES ARE APT TO SET ALL KINDS OF TRAPS FOR US... TO PREVENT HIS WEDDING FROM TAKING PLACE! \*

FOR ALL I KNOW, DR. DOOM COULD BE PLANTING THIS THOUGHT IN MY BRAIN, OR THE WIZARD!

ANYWAY, I HESITATED TOO LONG... THE CONTACT IS FADING AWAY... I'VE LOST IT!

\* DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT!... SEE THE GREAT F.F. ANNUAL #4, ON SALE NOW!... STAN. 9

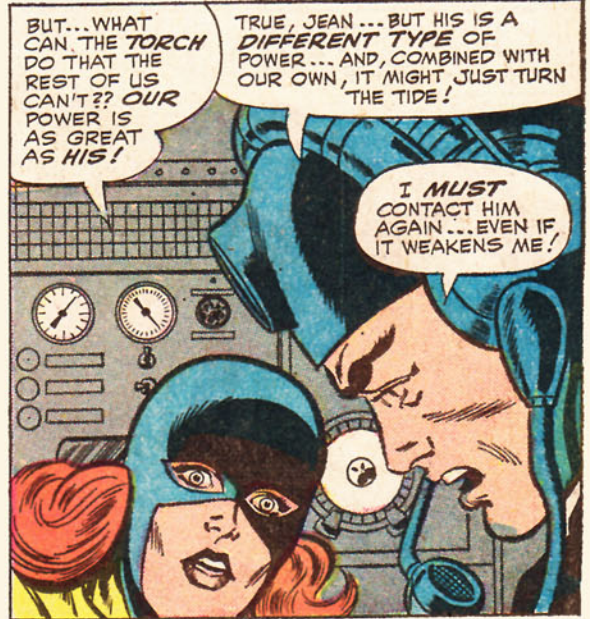




PROFESSOR!  
WHAT'S  
WRONG?  
WHAT IS  
IT?

I ACCIDENTALLY REACHED THE  
**HUMAN TORCH!** THEN, I THOUGHT  
OF A WAY HE COULD **HELP US...**  
BUT HE DIDN'T TRUST HIS SENSES!

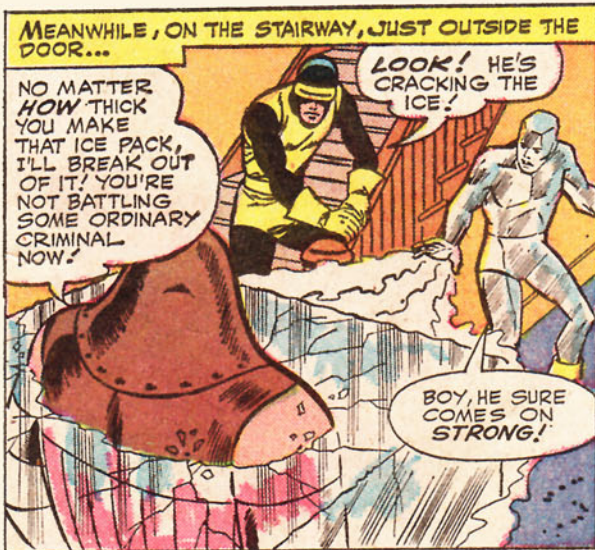
AND I DARE NOT WASTE TOO  
MUCH MENTAL ENERGY BY PRO-  
LONGING THE CONTACT IN ORDER  
TO **CONVINCE HIM!**



BUT...WHAT  
CAN THE **TORCH**  
DO THAT THE  
REST OF US  
CAN'T?? **OUR**  
POWER IS  
AS GREAT  
AS **HIS!**

TRUE, JEAN ... BUT HIS IS A  
**DIFFERENT TYPE** OF  
POWER... AND, COMBINED WITH  
OUR OWN, IT MIGHT JUST TURN  
THE TIDE!

I **MUST**  
CONTACT HIM  
AGAIN... EVEN IF  
IT WEAKENS ME!

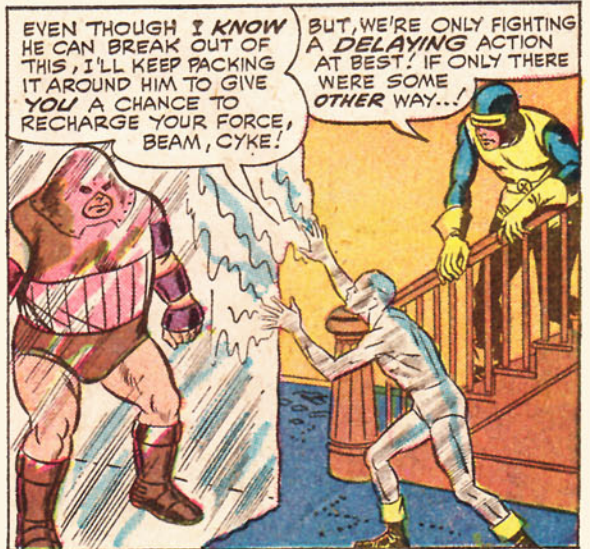


MEANWHILE, ON THE STAIRWAY, JUST OUTSIDE THE  
DOOR...

NO MATTER  
HOW THICK  
YOU MAKE  
THAT ICE PACK,  
I'LL BREAK OUT  
OF IT! YOU'RE  
NOT BATTLING  
SOME ORDINARY  
CRIMINAL  
NOW!

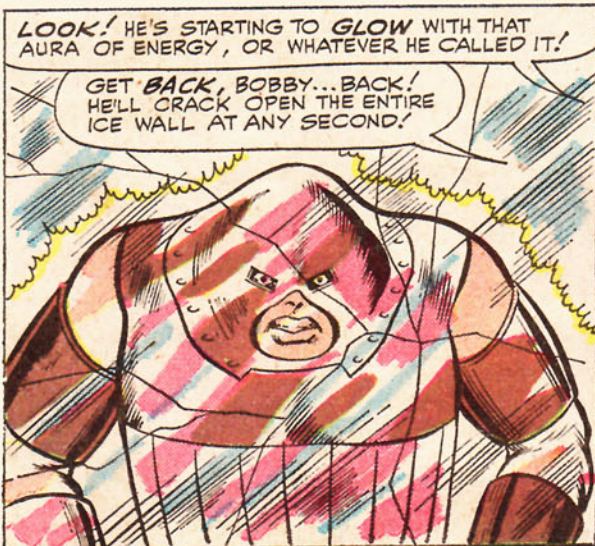
LOOK! HE'S  
CRACKING THE  
ICE!

BOY, HE SURE  
COMES ON  
STRONG!



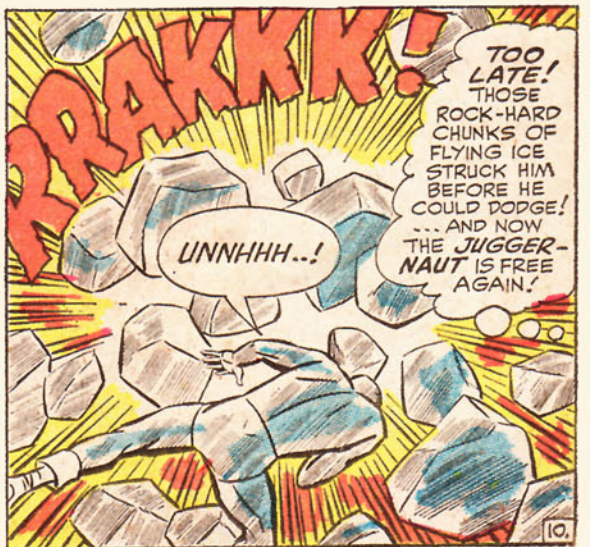
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW  
HE CAN BREAK OUT OF  
THIS, I'LL KEEP PACKING  
IT AROUND HIM TO GIVE  
YOU A CHANCE TO  
RECHARGE YOUR FORCE,  
BEAM, CYKE!

BUT, WE'RE ONLY FIGHTING  
A **DELAYING** ACTION  
AT BEST! IF ONLY THERE  
WERE SOME  
**OTHER WAY...**



LOOK! HE'S STARTING TO GLOW WITH THAT  
AURA OF ENERGY, OR WHATEVER HE CALLED IT!

GET **BACK**, BOBBY... **BACK!**  
HE'LL CRACK OPEN THE ENTIRE  
ICE WALL AT ANY SECOND!

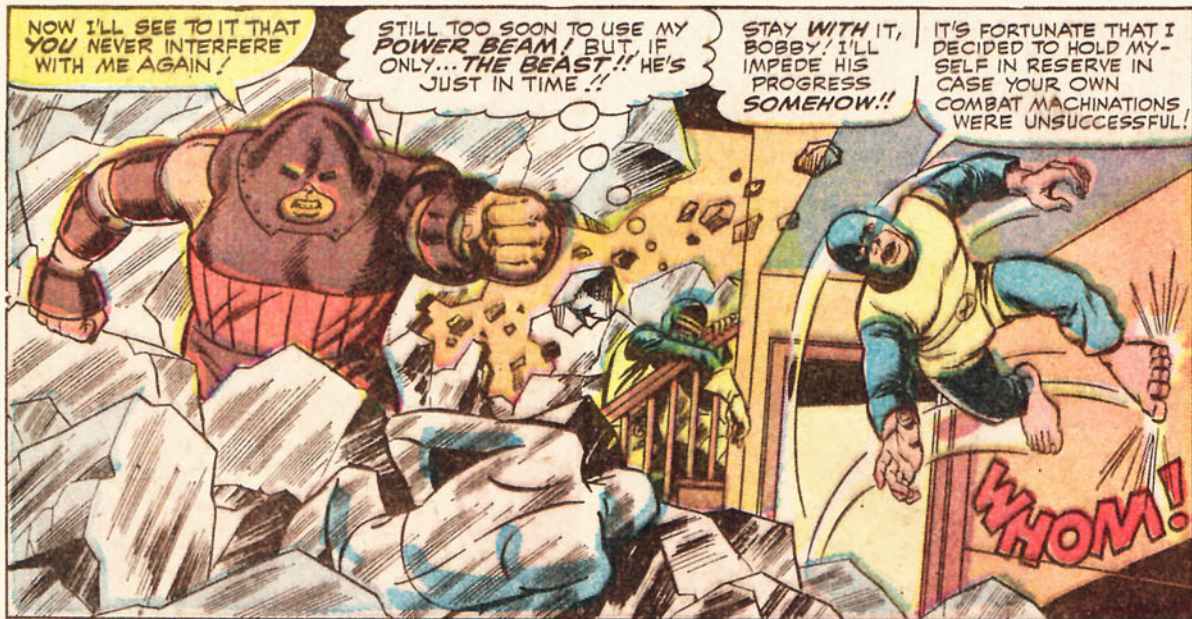


**KRAKKK!**

UNNHHH...!

**TOO LATE!**  
THOSE  
ROCK-HARD  
CHUNKS OF  
FLYING ICE  
STRUCK HIM  
BEFORE HE  
COULD DODGE!  
... AND NOW  
THE **JUGGER-  
NAUT** IS FREE  
AGAIN!





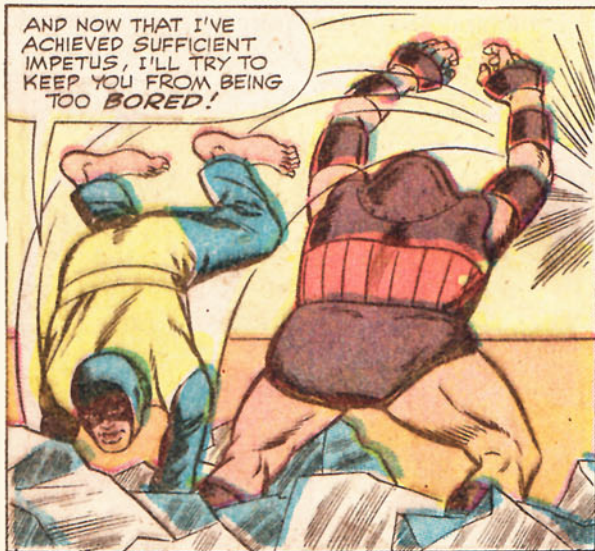
NOW I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU NEVER INTERFERE WITH ME AGAIN!

STILL TOO SOON TO USE MY POWER BEAM! BUT, IF ONLY... THE BEAST!! HE'S JUST IN TIME!!

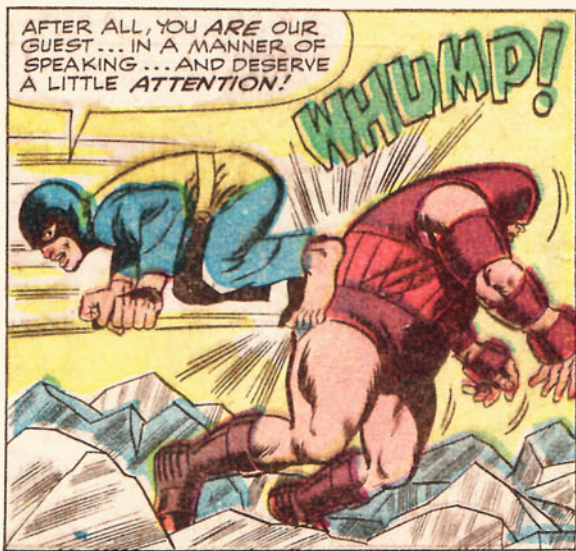
STAY WITH IT, BOBBY!! I'LL IMPEDE HIS PROGRESS SOMEHOW!!

IT'S FORTUNATE THAT I DECIDED TO HOLD MYSELF IN RESERVE IN CASE YOUR OWN COMBAT MACHINATIONS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL!

WHOM!



AND NOW THAT I'VE ACHIEVED SUFFICIENT IMPETUS, I'LL TRY TO KEEP YOU FROM BEING TOO BORED!



AFTER ALL, YOU ARE OUR GUEST... IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING... AND DESERVE A LITTLE ATTENTION!

WHUMP!



THUP!

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW AGILE YOU ARE... YOU CAN'T STOP ME FROM ADVANCING FORWARD... AND SOONER OR LATER I'LL MANAGE TO GRAB HOLD OF YOU...!!

WOK!

NOW THAT'S A DEPRESSING THOUGHT, IF EVER I HEARD ONE!

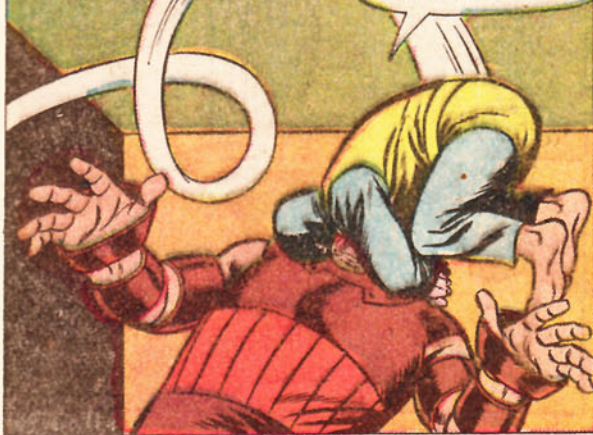
BOOM!  
BOOM!  
BOOM!



THEN SUDDENLY, A SHARP, POWERFUL, COMMANDING THOUGHT RINGS OUT IN THE BRAIN OF HANK MCCOY...!

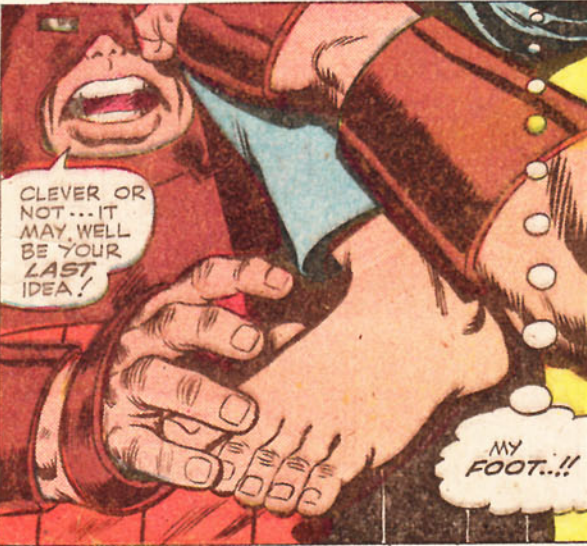
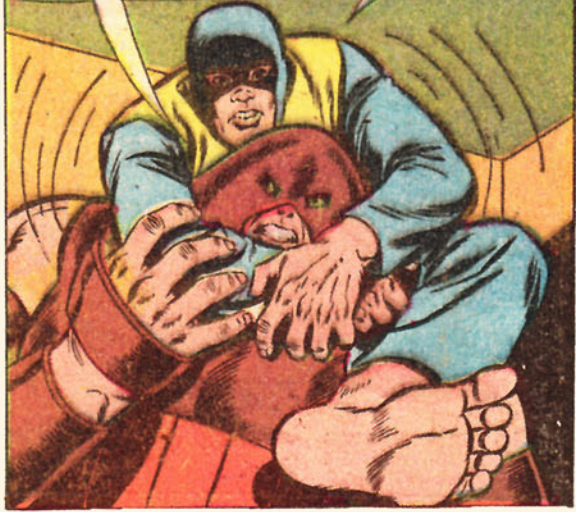
BEAST! LOOSEN HIS HELMET! IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO DEFEAT HIM!

WE MUSTN'T FORGET OUR MANNERS, JUG! A GENTLEMAN DOFFS HIS HAT WHEN ENTERING A ROOM!



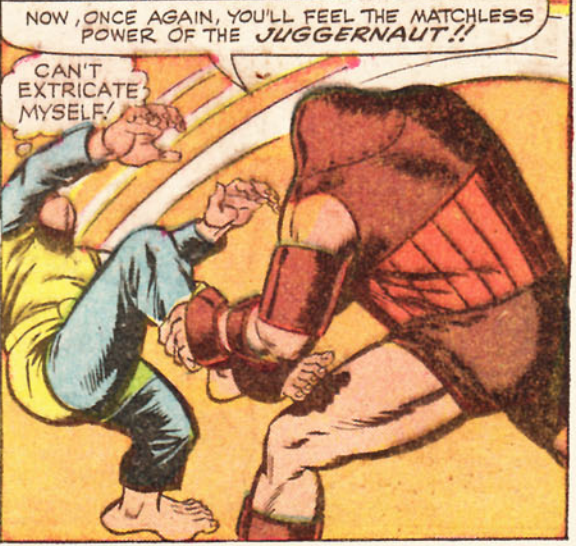
YOU FOOL! DID YOU EXPECT TO REMOVE MY HELMET BEFORE I COULD GRAB YOU??!

WELL, IT DID SEEM LIKE AN AWFULLY CLEVER IDEA AT THE TIME!



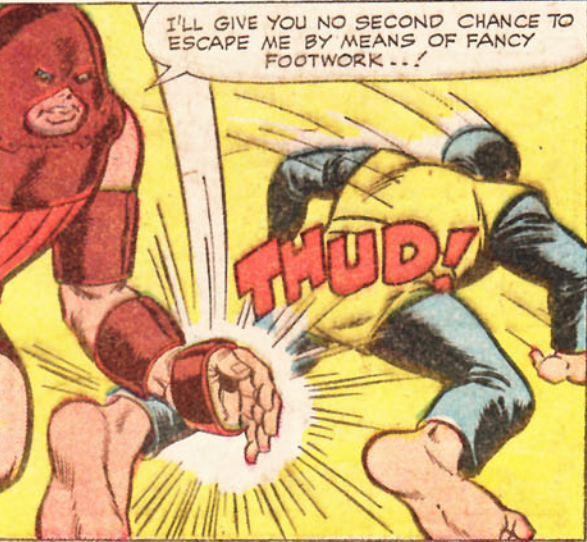
CLEVER OR NOT... IT MAY WELL BE YOUR LAST IDEA!

MY FOOT...!!



NOW, ONCE AGAIN, YOU'LL FEEL THE MATCHLESS POWER OF THE JUGGERNAUT!!

CAN'T EXTRICATE MYSELF!



I'LL GIVE YOU NO SECOND CHANCE TO ESCAPE ME BY MEANS OF FANCY FOOTWORK...!

THUD!



AND NOW THAT YOU'RE HELPLESS, I'LL... WHA...??

INJURING ONE FOOT DOESN'T RENDER THE BEAST HELPLESS! MY HANDS ARE EQUALLY DEXTROUS!

WHOOM!





BAH!! I'LL GET YOU, SOONER OR LATER!

**THWOK!**

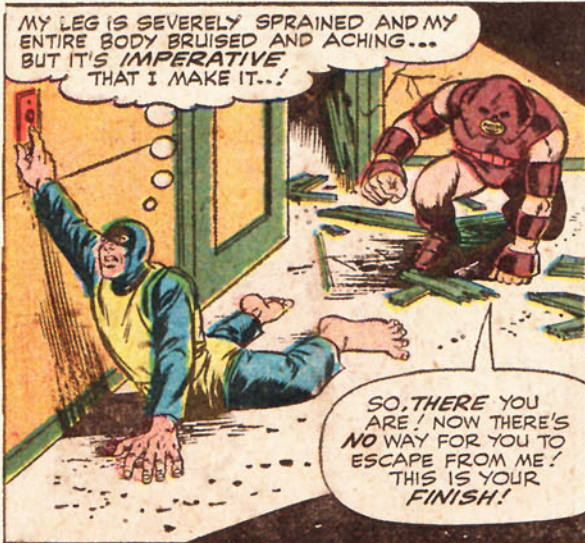
LATER, I HOPE!

HE'S HEADING JUST WHERE I WANT HIM!



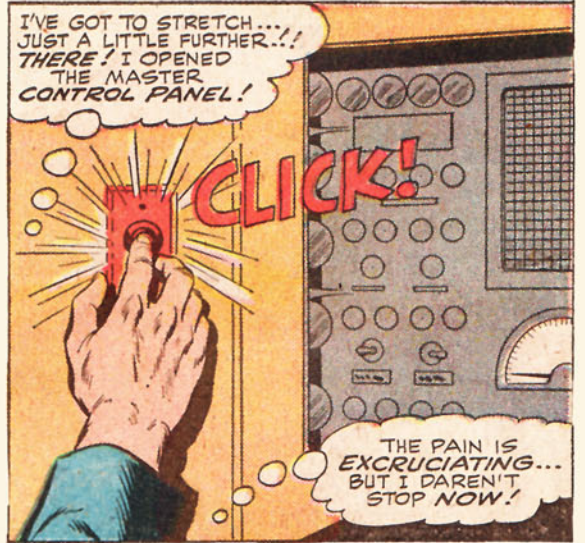
HE THREW HIMSELF INTO OUR DANGER ROOM! HIS MOMENTUM HURLED HIM TO THE FLOOR!

IF I CAN JUST REACH THE CONTROL PANEL BEFORE HE REGAINS HIS FEET!



MY LEG IS SEVERELY SPRAINED AND MY ENTIRE BODY BRUISED AND ACHING... BUT IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT I MAKE IT...!

SO, THERE YOU ARE! NOW THERE'S NO WAY FOR YOU TO ESCAPE FROM ME! THIS IS YOUR FINISH!



I'VE GOT TO STRETCH... JUST A LITTLE FURTHER...! THERE! I OPENED THE MASTER CONTROL PANEL!

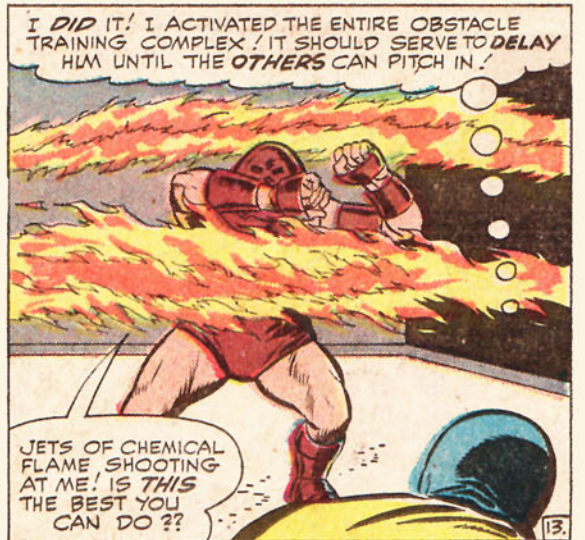
**CLICK!**

THE PAIN IS EXCRUCIATING... BUT I DAREN'T STOP NOW!



YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME! NOTHING CAN STOP ME FROM REACHING YOU!

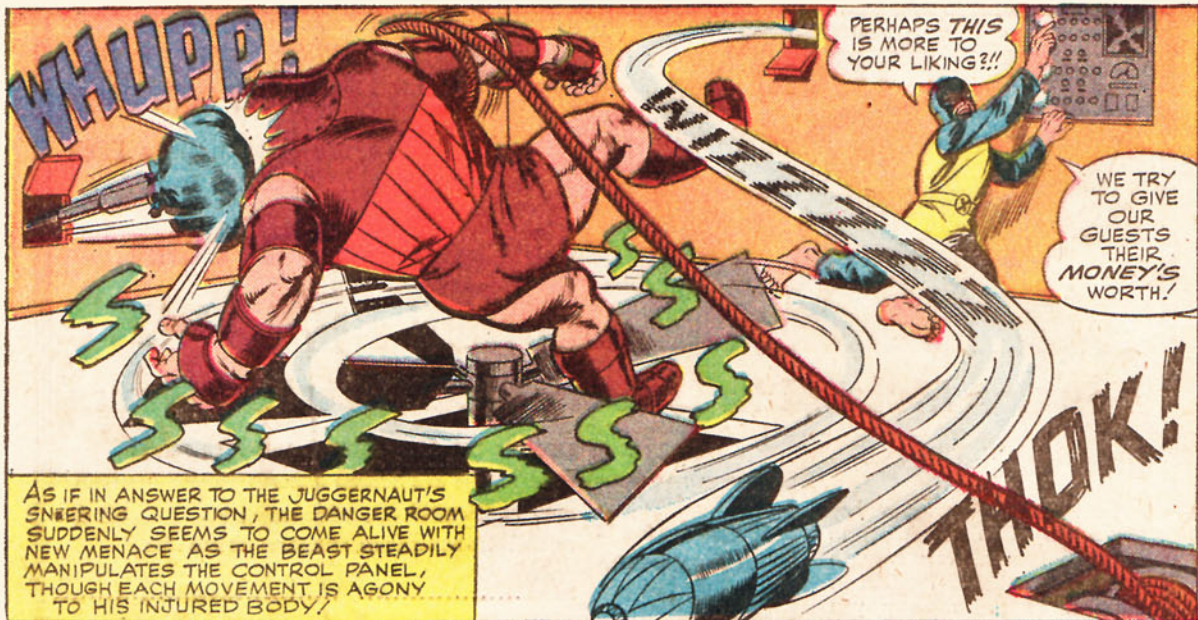
THAT, MY ARROGANT ANTAGONIST, REMAINS TO BE SEEN!



I DID IT! I ACTIVATED THE ENTIRE OBSTACLE TRAINING COMPLEX! IT SHOULD SERVE TO DELAY HIM UNTIL THE OTHERS CAN PITCH IN!

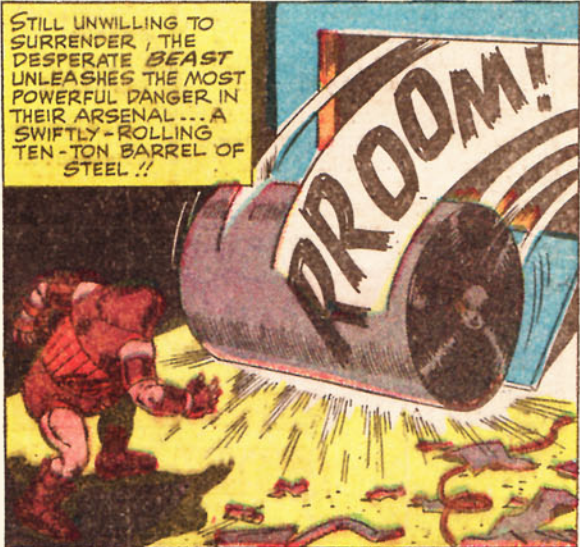
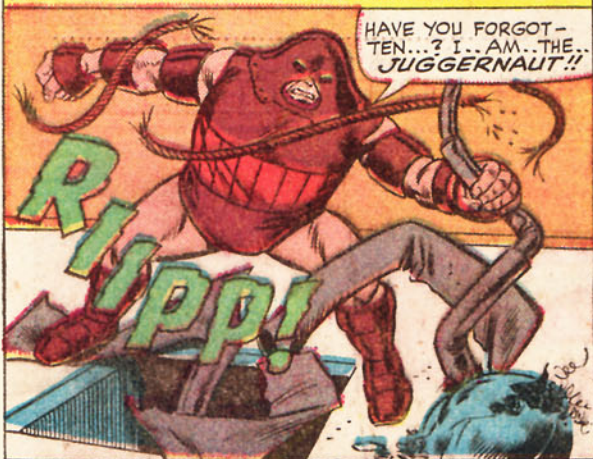
JETS OF CHEMICAL FLAME SHOOTING AT ME! IS THIS THE BEST YOU CAN DO??



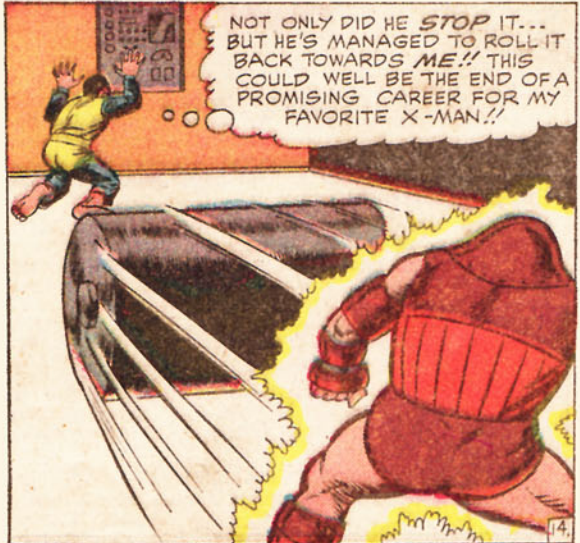
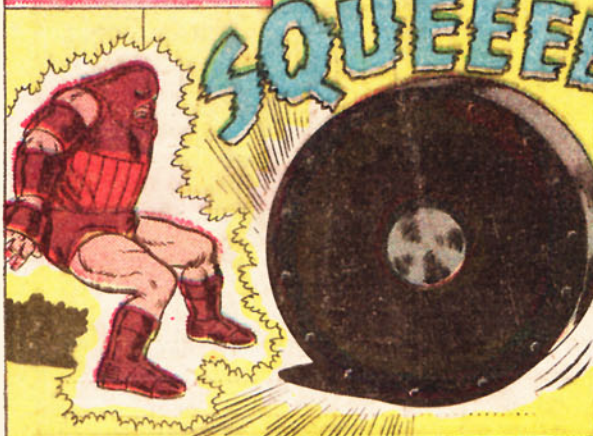


AS IF IN ANSWER TO THE JUGGERNAUT'S SNEERING QUESTION, THE DANGER ROOM SUDDENLY SEEMS TO COME ALIVE WITH NEW MENACE AS THE BEAST STEADILY MANIPULATES THE CONTROL PANEL, THOUGH EACH MOVEMENT IS AGONY TO HIS INJURED BODY!

BUT, THE SUPER-NATURAL POWER OF THE JUGGERNAUT IS ALMOST INCALCULABLE! DESPITE ALL THE DANGERS, HE FORGES AHEAD, SMASHING EACH AND EVERY BIT OF APPARATUS IN TURN!



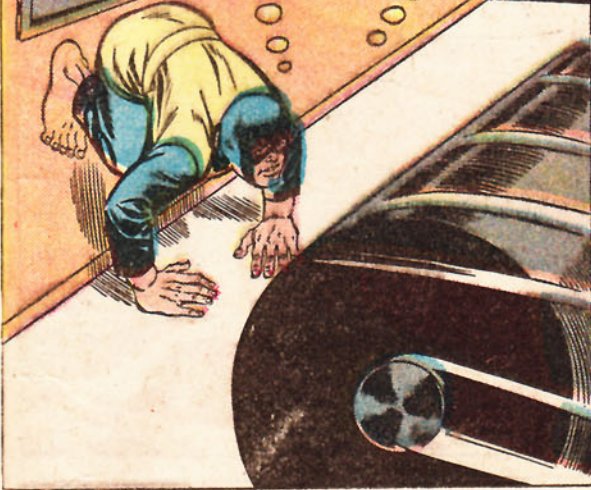
THUS, THE IRRESISTIBLE FORCE MEETS THE IMMOVABLE OBJECT... AN OBJECT FROM WHOSE BODY FLOWS A CURRENT OF SUCH POTENT ENERGY THAT THE MIGHTY STEEL ROLLER IS STOPPED COLD, BEFORE IT CAN STRIKE HIM!!



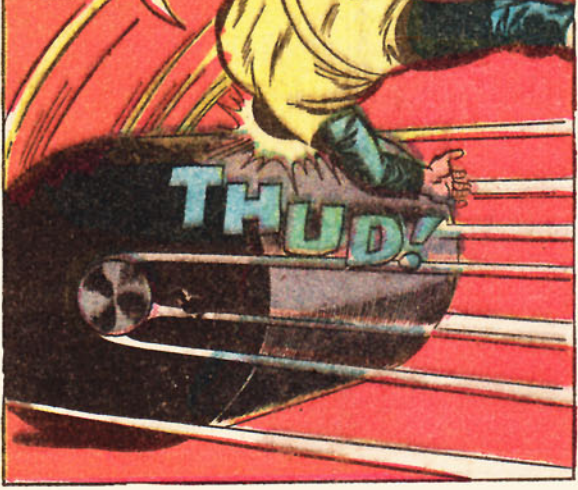


IT'S TOO LATE TO LOCATE THE BUTTON TO STOP THAT THING... I'VE ONLY ONE CHANCE...!

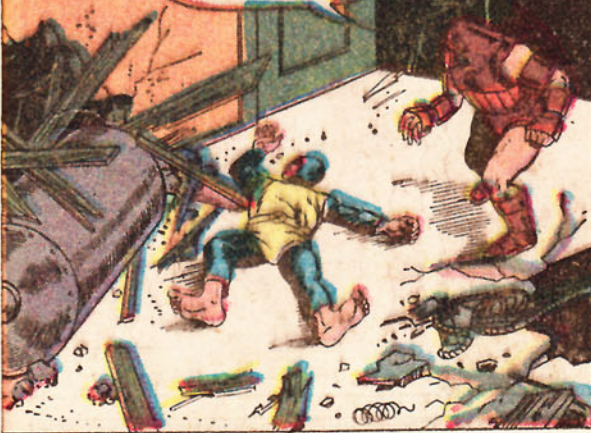
I MUSTN'T THINK OF THE PAIN... I'VE GOT TO USE MY LEGS...!!



...UHHHH!... BECAUSE OF MY LEG... COULDN'T LEAP HIGH ENOUGH... JUST... UHH!!



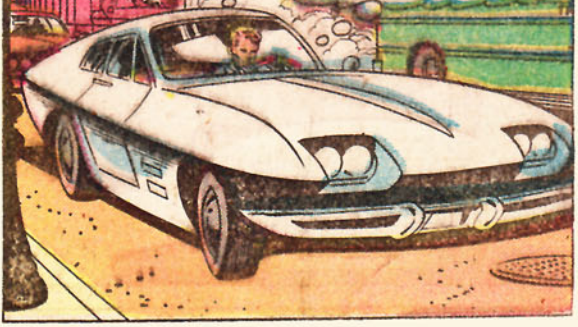
HE'S UNCONSCIOUS! HE CAN'T TROUBLE ME ANY MORE! I'LL CONTINUE ON TILL I TRAP XAVIER... THEN I'LL COME BACK AND FINISH THE BEAST... AND ALL OF THEM!



MEANWHILE, A THOUGHTFUL JOHNNY STORM DRIVES DOWN MADISON AVENUE, TRYING TO ARRIVE AT A MOMENTOUS DECISION...!

I'M RECEIVING THAT MENTAL CONTACT AGAIN! IT SEEMS GENUINE ENOUGH! BUT... DO I DARE TO TRUST IT!?

AWW, WHAT THE HECK! IF I WAS THE CAUTIOUS TYPE, I WOULDN'T BE A MEMBER OF THE F.F. IN THE FIRST PLACE! WHAT AM I SCARED OF??



GOOD! I HAVE DISPELLED THE CLOUD OF SUSPICION FROM HIS BRAIN! NOW, I MUST LEAD HIM TO US AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!



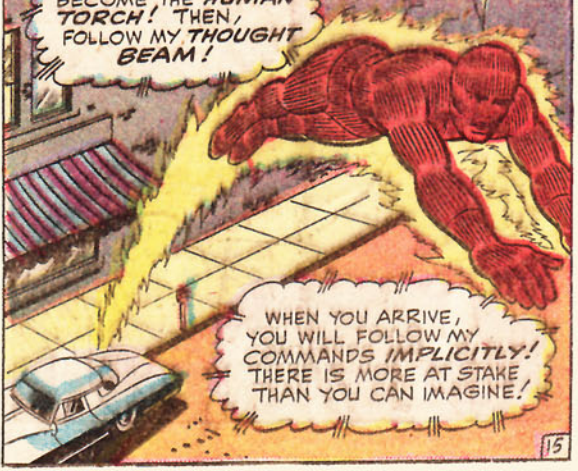
I SHALL DIRECT YOU TO WHERE YOU ARE NEEDED! YOU MUST RELAX! TRY TO THINK OF NOTHING! LET MY MIND GUIDE YOURS!



OKAY, MISTER! IT'S YOUR SHOW!

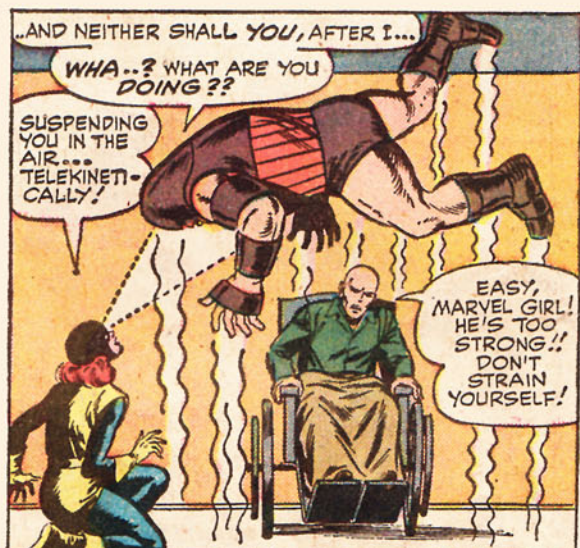
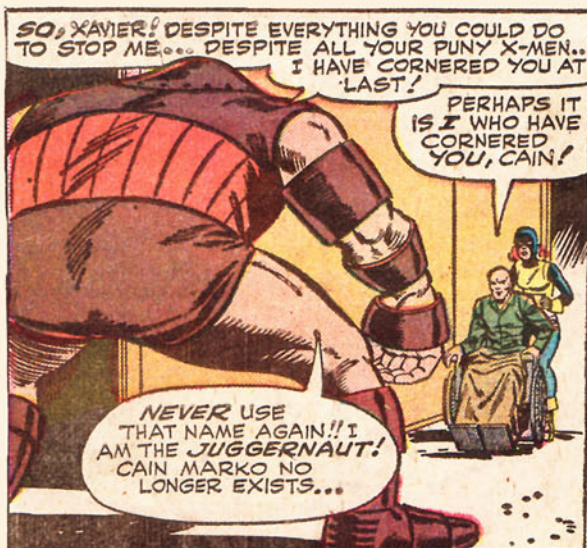
YOUR CAR IS TOO SLOW! PARK IT AND BECOME THE HUMAN TORCH! THEN, FOLLOW MY THOUGHT BEAM!

**FLAME ON!**



WHEN YOU ARRIVE, YOU WILL FOLLOW MY COMMANDS IMPLICITLY! THERE IS MORE AT STAKE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE!









WHOEVER HE IS... MY FLAMES DON'T AFFECT HIM! THERE'S SOME STRANGE SORT OF ENERGY FIELD AROUND HIM WHICH THEY CAN'T PENETRATE!

I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN THE X-MEN WOULDN'T NEED ANYONE UNLESS THEY WERE UP AGAINST SOMETHING SPECIAL!



KEEP ENCIRCLING HIM, TORCH... EVEN THOUGH IT SEEMS IN VAIN, YOUR MISSION IS TO CONFUSE HIM... TO KEEP HIM OCCUPIED WHILE MY X-MEN DELIVER THE FINAL BLOW!

A FINE THING! I'M DOIN' THE JOB OF A TEN-CENT PIN-WHEEL!

ALTHOUGH HE SITS QUIETLY, HARDLY MOVING A MUSCLE, THE MANY-FACED BRAIN OF CHARLES XAVIER IS PERFORMING MANY FUNCTIONS AT ONCE... AND ONE OF THOSE FUNCTIONS IS... SUMMONING WARREN WORthington THE THIRD... THE MUTANT ANGEL!

ANGEL! WHEREVER YOU ARE! COME TO ME! THIS IS PROFESSOR X... COME TO ME! WE NEED YOU!!



AND, A SHORT DISTANCE DOWN THE HALL, LYING AMONG THE DEBRIS WHERE HE HAD FALLEN, THE TALL, SLIM, WINGED X-MAN IS PRODDED BY THE POWERFUL THOUGHT COMMAND...

WE NEED YOU, ANGEL!! YOU MUST ANSWER MY SUMMONS!! WE NEED YOU...!!

THE PROFESSOR... CALLING? CAN'T LET HIM DOWN...



STILL WEAK... WOBBLY IN MY KNEES!! WON'T USE MY WINGS YET... HAVE TO SAVE MY STRENGTH... TO FIGHT JUGGERNAUT!

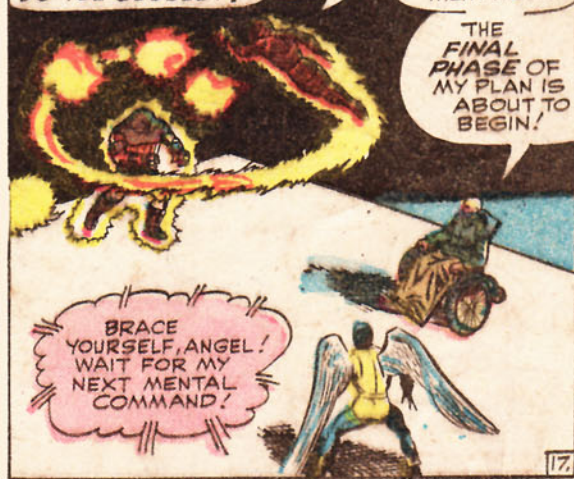
FLAMES.. UP AHEAD! IT LOOKS LIKE ...IT IS... THE HUMAN TORCH!



MY FIREBALLS AREN'T STOPPING HIM, PROFESSOR! WHAT ELSE DO YOU SUGGEST?

YOU MAY DISCONTINUE THEM NOW!

THE FINAL PHASE OF MY PLAN IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!



BRACE YOURSELF, ANGEL! WAIT FOR MY NEXT MENTAL COMMAND!





THE ANGEL IS STILL WEAK...ON THE VERGE OF EXHAUSTION! I MUST GAIN HIM A FEW MORE SECONDS!

**TORCH!**  
LAND IN FRONT OF JUGGERNAUT AND DO EXACTLY AS I TELL YOU! SPLIT-SECOND TIMING WILL BE ALL-IMPORTANT!

I KNEW YOU'D HAVE TO LAND SOONER OR LATER! NOW, YOU TOO ARE HELPLESS BEFORE ME!

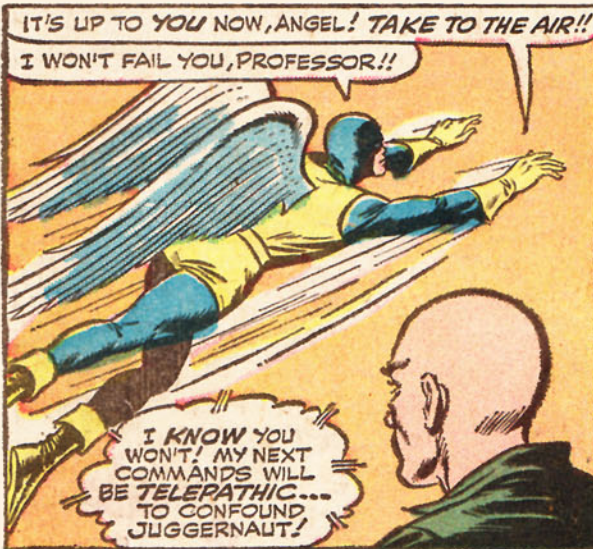
STAND READY TO BRING YOUR FLAME TO PEAK INTENSITY... LIKE AN EXPLODING FLASH BULB!



**NOW, TORCH... NOW!**

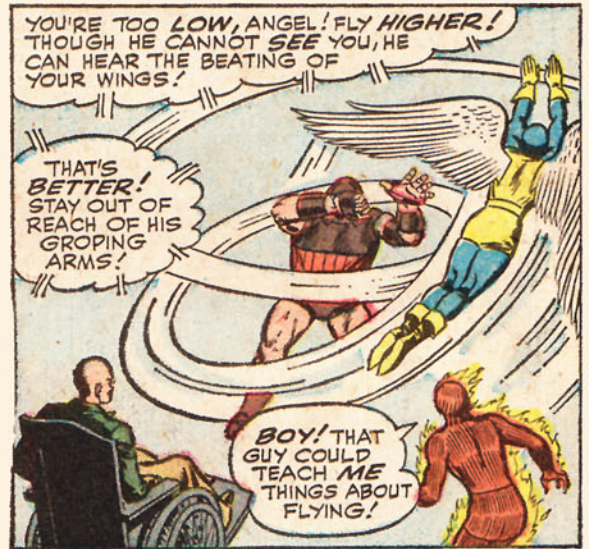
**PERFECT!** YOU BLINDED HIM TEMPORARILY! HE CANNOT FIGHT WHAT HE CANNOT SEE! YOU STAGGERED HIM!

THAT SUDDEN BRIGHTNESS!! MY EYES!! EVERYTHING IS SPINNING BEFORE ME!!



IT'S UP TO YOU NOW, ANGEL! TAKE TO THE AIR!! I WON'T FAIL YOU, PROFESSOR!!

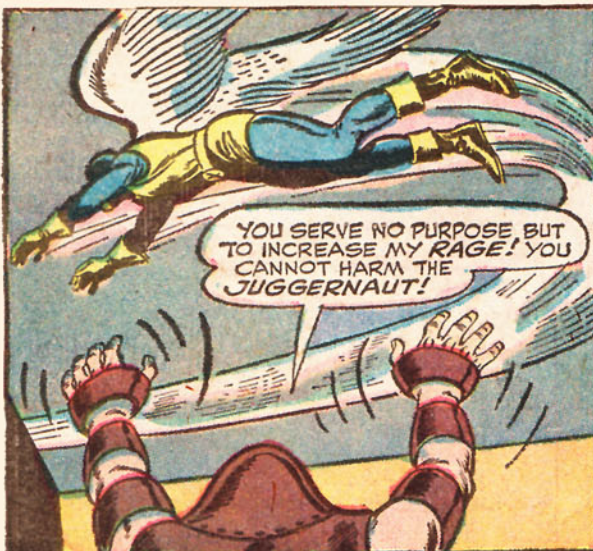
I KNOW YOU WON'T! MY NEXT COMMANDS WILL BE TELEPATHIC... TO CONFOUND JUGGERNAUT!



YOU'RE TOO LOW, ANGEL! FLY HIGHER! THOUGH HE CANNOT SEE YOU, HE CAN HEAR THE BEATING OF YOUR WINGS!

THAT'S BETTER! STAY OUT OF REACH OF HIS GROPING ARMS!

BOY! THAT GUY COULD TEACH ME THINGS ABOUT FLYING!



YOU SERVE NO PURPOSE BUT TO INCREASE MY RAGE! YOU CANNOT HARM THE JUGGERNAUT!



HE KINDA MAKES SENSE TO ME, PROFESSOR! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH BY HAVING THE ANGEL FLY AROUND HIM?

JUST WATCH...IT WILL SOON BECOME CLEAR TO YOU!

**NOW, ANGEL!** THIS IS THE INSTANT! DIVE! DIVE!



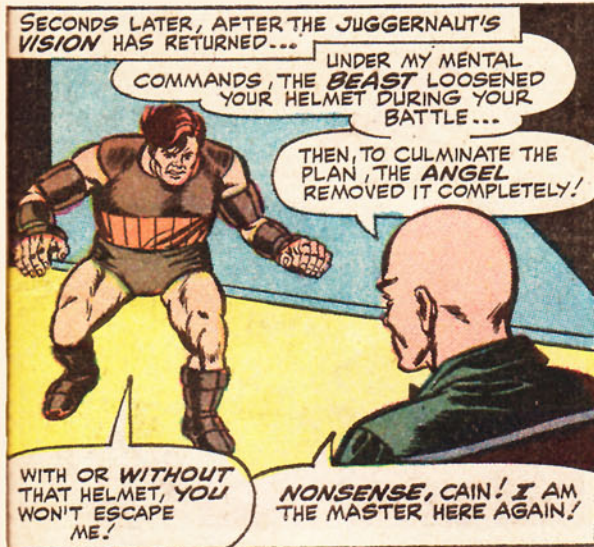


THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY CHANCE! EVERYTHING DEPENDS UPON IT!



YOU DID IT! HE'S VULNERABLE NOW!

MY HELMET!!



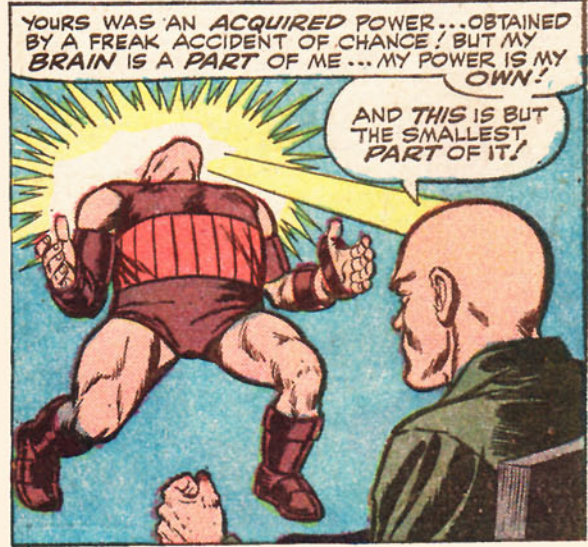
SECONDS LATER, AFTER THE JUGGERNAUT'S VISION HAS RETURNED...

UNDER MY MENTAL COMMANDS, THE BEAST LOOSENED YOUR HELMET DURING YOUR BATTLE...

THEN, TO CULMINATE THE PLAN, THE ANGEL REMOVED IT COMPLETELY!

WITH OR WITHOUT THAT HELMET, YOU WON'T ESCAPE ME!

NONSENSE, CAIN! I AM THE MASTER HERE AGAIN!



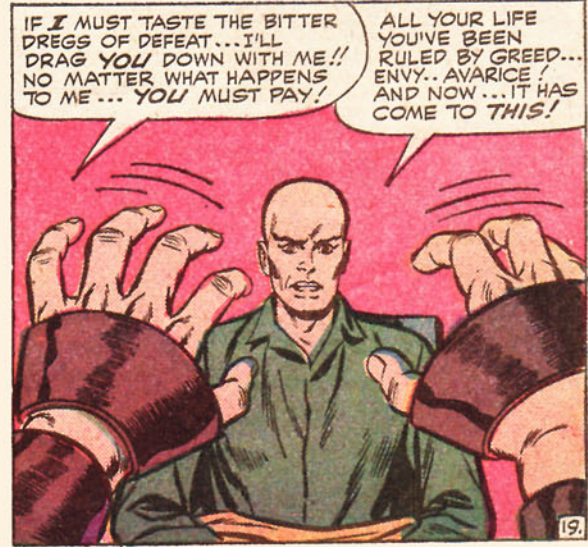
YOURS WAS AN ACQUIRED POWER...OBTAINED BY A FREAK ACCIDENT OF CHANCE! BUT MY BRAIN IS A PART OF ME...MY POWER IS MY OWN!

AND THIS IS BUT THE SMALLEST PART OF IT!



NO! YOU CAN'T BEAT ME! YOU CAN'T! YOU WERE ALWAYS THE WINNER...EVEN WHEN WE WERE YOUNG...I HATED YOU! I SWORE I'D VANQUISH YOU SOME DAY! AND I WILL...I WILL!

NEVER HAS THERE BEEN SUCH RAW HATRED...SUCH AN INSATIABLE DESIRE FOR VENGEANCE! THOUGH HIS BODY IS DEFEATED, HIS HATE IS PROPELLING HIM FORWARD!!



IF I MUST TASTE THE BITTER DREGS OF DEFEAT...I'LL DRAG YOU DOWN WITH ME!! NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO ME... YOU MUST PAY!

ALL YOUR LIFE YOU'VE BEEN RULED BY GREED... ENVY.. AVARICE! AND NOW...IT HAS COME TO THIS!



