



THE MIGHTY

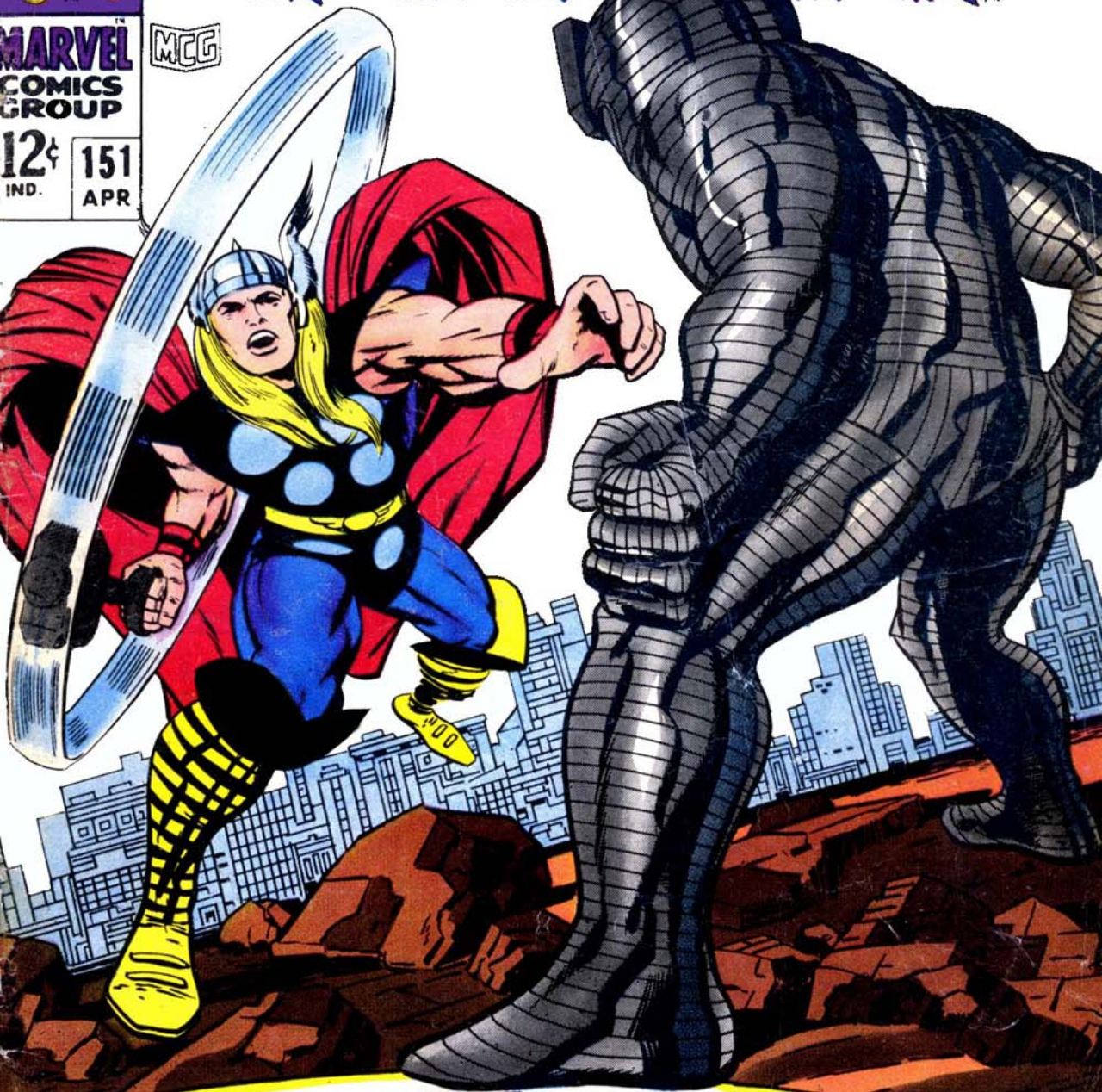
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--TO RISE AGAIN!

THE MIGHTY THOR!

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POWERFULLY
PRESENTED IN PULSE-
POUNING PANORAMASCOPE

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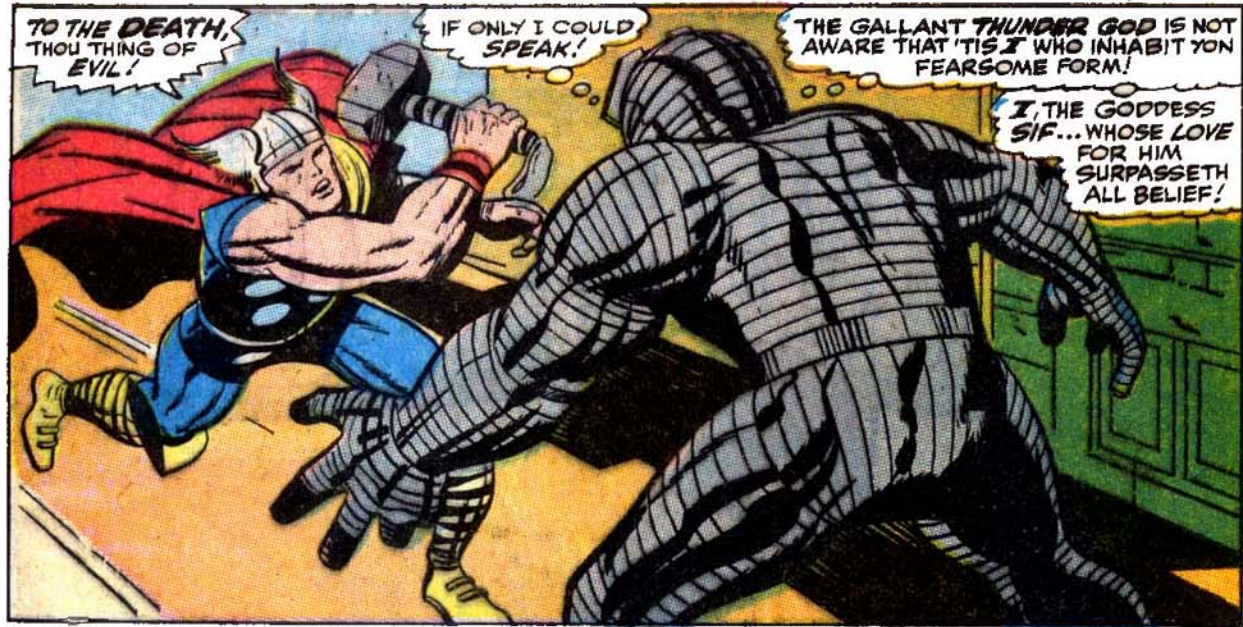
INSPIRED BY:
**ASGARD
ETERNAL!**

LET THE HEAVENS WEEP,
FOR IMPERIOUS ODIN
HATH STRIPPED THE ENCHANTED
POWER FROM HIS TRUE-BORN SON,
THE MIGHTY THOR! YET NOW, STILL
RESOLUTE, STILL UNAFRAID, STANDS
THE GOD OF THUNDER, FACING HIS
MOST INVINCIBLE FOE...THE UNLIVING
DESTROYER...AS YET UNAWARE
THAT THE SPIRIT OF SIF, HIS TRULY
BELOVED, IS GUIDING THE MONSTER
WHO STANDS BEFORE HIM!

AND NOW,
FOR
BLUDGEONING
BATTLE
BEYOND
COMPARE...

BY THE GOLDEN
GATES OF ASGARD,
WE MOST EARNESTLY URGE
THEE, O KEEPER OF THE
FAITH...

READ ON!

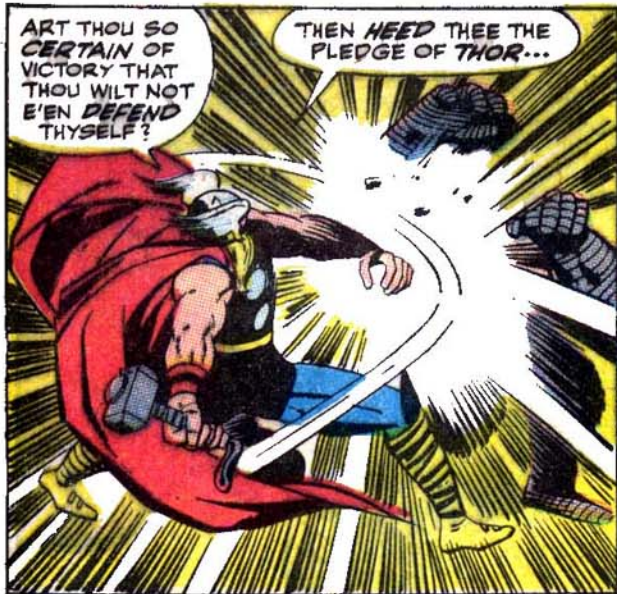


TO THE DEATH,
THOU THING OF
EVIL!

IF ONLY I COULD
SPEAK!

THE GALLANT THUNDER GOD IS NOT
AWARE THAT 'TIS I WHO INHABIT YON
FEARSOME FORM!

I, THE GODDESS
SIF... WHOSE LOVE
FOR HIM
SURPASSETH
ALL BELIEF!



ART THOU SO
CERTAIN OF
VICTORY THAT
THOU WILT NOT
E'EN DEFEND
THYSELF?

THEN HEED THEE THE
PLEDGE OF THOR...

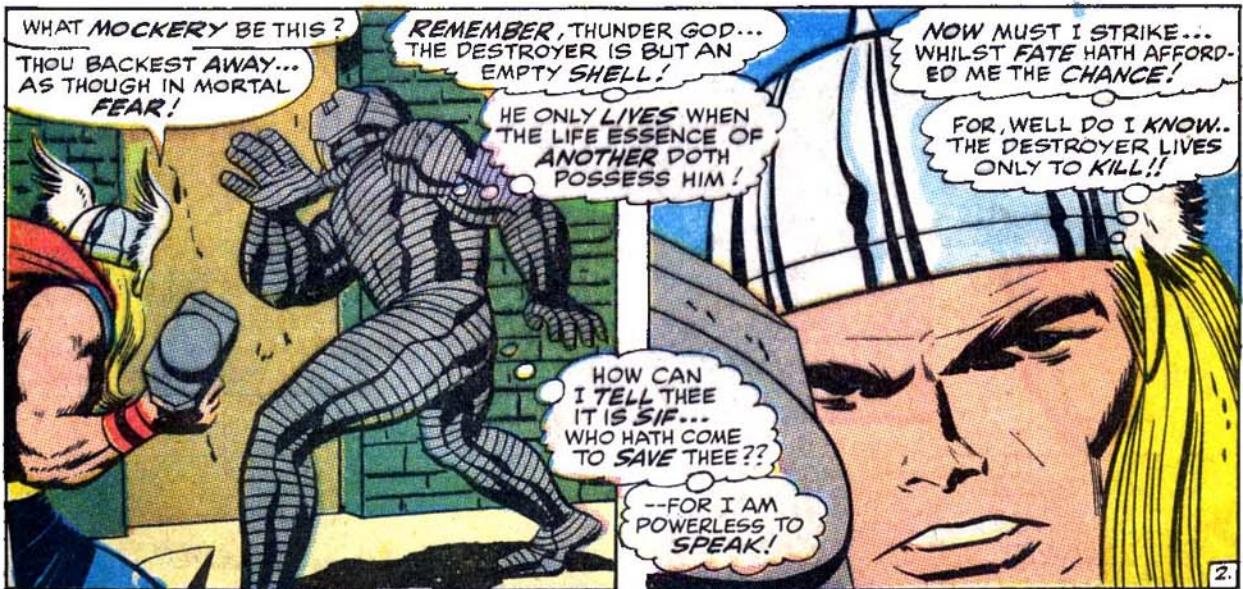


SO LONG AS
LIFE
ENDURES...

THE SON OF
ODIN
FIGHTS
ON!

NO, MY
LORD... NO!

I MUST MAKE
THEE REALIZE...
SOMEHOW!



WHAT MOCKERY BE THIS?
THOU BACKEST AWAY...
AS THOUGH IN MORTAL
FEAR!

REMEMBER, THUNDER GOD...
THE DESTROYER IS BUT AN
EMPTY SHELL!

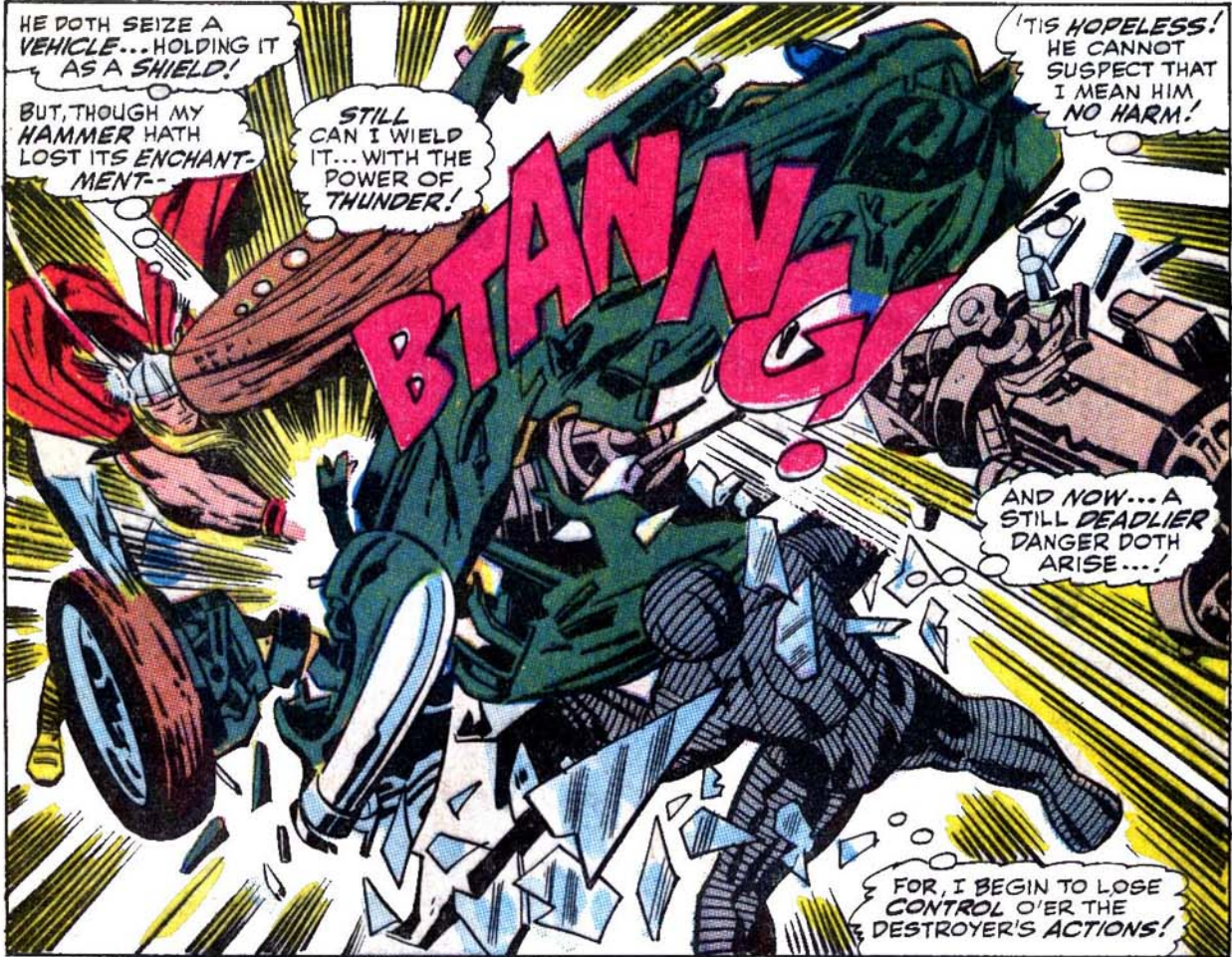
NOW MUST I STRIKE...
WHILST FATE HATH AFFORD-
ED ME THE CHANCE!

HE ONLY LIVES WHEN
THE LIFE ESSENCE OF
ANOTHER DOETH
POSSESS HIM!

FOR, WELL DO I KNOW..
THE DESTROYER LIVES
ONLY TO KILL!!

HOW CAN
I TELL THEE
IT IS SIF...
WHO HATH COME
TO SAVE THEE??

--FOR I AM
POWERLESS TO
SPEAK!



HE DOTH SEIZE A VEHICLE...HOLDING IT AS A SHIELD!

BUT, THOUGH MY HAMMER HATH LOST ITS ENCHANTMENT--

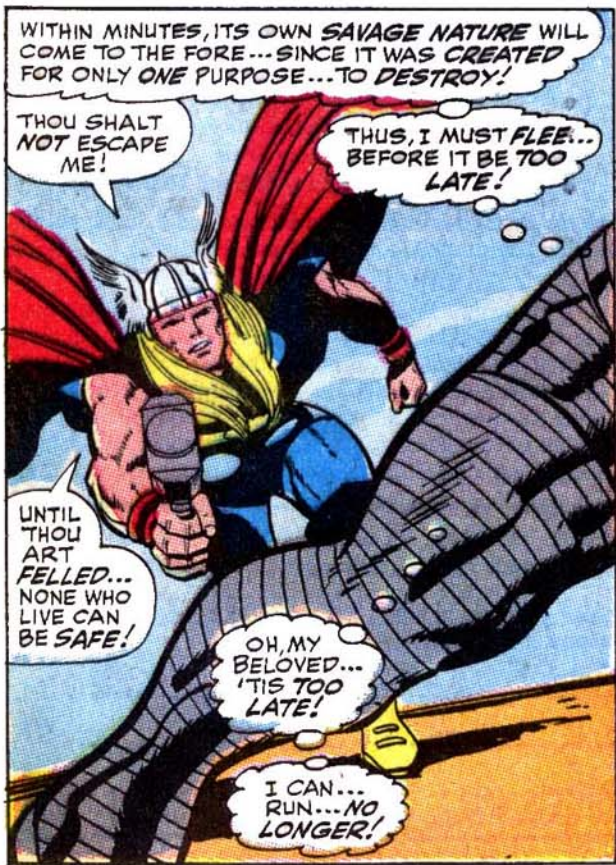
STILL CAN I WIELD IT... WITH THE POWER OF THUNDER!

BTANNNG!

'TIS HOPELESS! HE CANNOT SUSPECT THAT I MEAN HIM NO HARM!

AND NOW... A STILL DEADLIER DANGER DOTH ARISE....!

FOR, I BEGIN TO LOSE CONTROL O'ER THE DESTROYER'S ACTIONS!



WITHIN MINUTES, ITS OWN SAVAGE NATURE WILL COME TO THE FORE... SINCE IT WAS CREATED FOR ONLY ONE PURPOSE... TO DESTROY!

THOU SHALT NOT ESCAPE ME!

THUS, I MUST FLEE... BEFORE IT BE TOO LATE!

UNTIL THOU ART FELLED... NONE WHO LIVE CAN BE SAFE!

OH, MY BELOVED... 'TIS TOO LATE!

I CAN... RUN... NO LONGER!

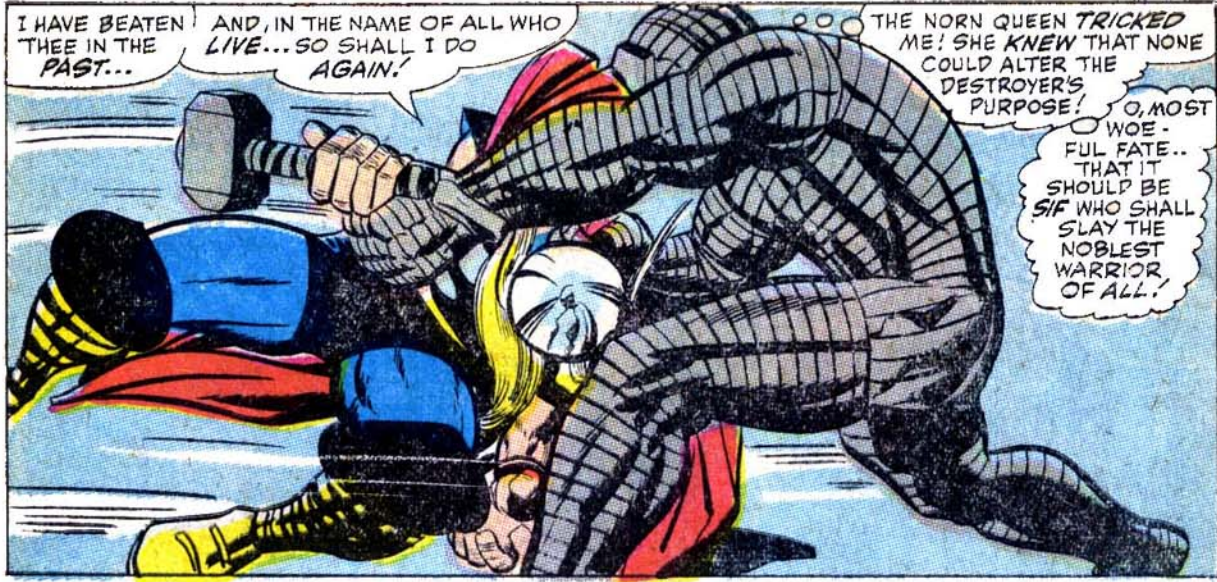


NO MORE DO I GUIDE THE DESTROYER...!

NOW, I AM BUT A PRISONER... TRAPPED WITHIN HIS DEADLY FRAME!

UHHH!... I KNEW THY POSE WAS BUT A RUSE!

BUT, 'T'WILL AVAIL THEE NAUGHT...!



I HAVE BEATEN THEE IN THE PAST... AND, IN THE NAME OF ALL WHO LIVE... SO SHALL I DO AGAIN!

THE NORN QUEEN TRICKED ME! SHE KNEW THAT NONE COULD ALTER THE DESTROYER'S PURPOSE!

O, MOST WOE-FUL FATE.. THAT IT SHOULD BE SIF WHO SHALL SLAY THE NOBLEST WARRIOR OF ALL!

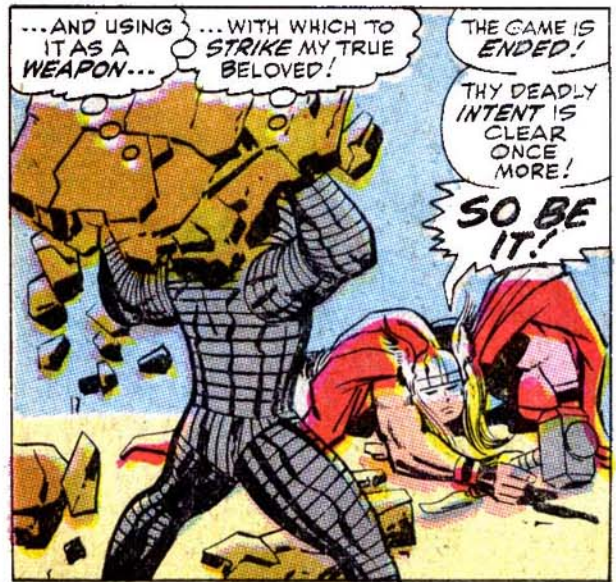


'TIS LIKE A NIGHTMARE...

... FROM WHICH THERE BE NO AWAKENING!



I CANNOT STOP MYSELF FROM SEIZING A MASS OF SOLID PAVEMENT...



...AND USING IT AS A WEAPON...

...WITH WHICH TO STRIKE MY TRUE BELOVED!

THE GAME IS ENDED!

THY DEADLY INTENT IS CLEAR ONCE MORE!

SO BE IT!



AND, AS THE UNEQUAL BATTLE RAGES, TWO PAIR OF BALEFUL, MERCILESS EYES OBSERVE THE CARNAGE WITH SAVAGE GLEE...

THE THUNDER GOD IS TRULY DOOMED!

DID I NOT PROMISE TO AID THEE, GOD OF EVIL?

SINCE TIME'S FIRST DAWNING, NEVER HATH LOKI SO FULLY RELISHED A MOMENT OF TRIUMPH!

FOR ARE WE NOT TRULY KINDRED SPIRITS...

BOTH THEE... AND THE QUEEN OF THE NORNS!



HOW WELL DID I TRICK THEE, GODDESS!

NOW, WHILST THY PHYSICAL FORM STANDS HELPLESS... DEVOID OF LIFE...

ALWAYS DID I DESPISE THEE! EVER HAVE I LOATHED THY BEAUTY... THY VALOR!

THE UNLIVING DESTROYER... NURTURED BY THINE OWN ASTRAL ESSENCE... SHALL SLAY THE ACCURSED THOR!

BUT NOW, THE VENGEANCE... AND THE TRIUMPH... ARE TRULY MINE!



SHE CAN NO LONGER HEAR THEE, ENCHANTED ONE!

BUT, WHAT OF BALDER! OUR TRIUMPH CANNOT BE COMPLETE WHILST HE DOTHS LIVE!

BUT, HIS DEATH WOULD BE A WASTE... FOR HE DOTHS PLEASE MINE EYES!

BRING THE PRISONER FORTH!



WHAT HAST THOU DONE TO THE MOTIONLESS SIF, UNSPEAKABLE ONE??

SAVE THY SCORN AND WRATH, BRAVE BALDER!

THE GODDESS STILL LIVES... AND MAY YET BE FREED... IF THOU WILT SERVE ME!

HOW SAY THEE?

BALDER SERVES NONE... SAVE ODIN!



AM I SO DISTASTEFUL,
THEN? DO TH MY BEAUTY
NOT INFLAME THEE?

IN BALDER'S EYES,
THERE CAN BE NO
BEAUTY WHERE EVIL
DWELLS!

AND, SAVE FOR LOKI,
THERE BE NONE MORE
VILLAINOUS THAN THEE!



NOT SO,
ASGARDIAN!



ONE
THERE
BE...

WHO NOW
SHALL SLAY
THEE ALL!

BUT, BEFORE WE
MEET THIS NEWEST
MENACE, LET US RETURN
TO EARTH, WHERE
YON BATTLE STILL
DOETH RAGE...



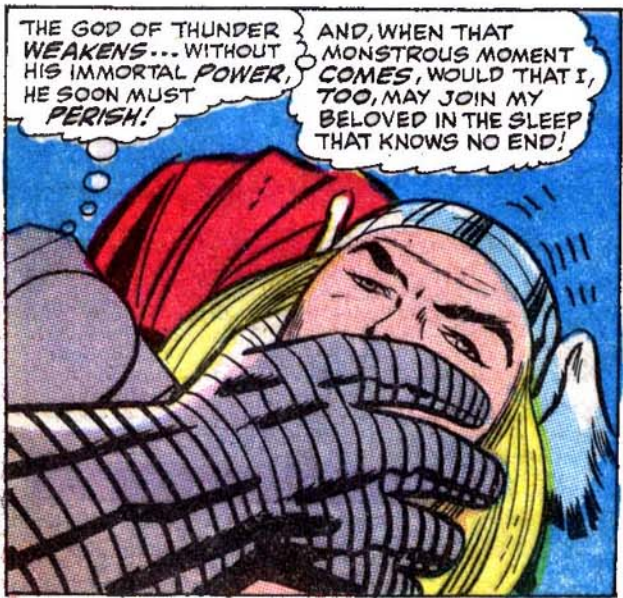
THOUGH THE DESTROYER LIVES,
ENNERVED BY MY OWN ASTRAL
SELF... I CAN SENSE NO MORE!

THE GODDESS SIF
IS TRAPPED... AS
THOUGH IN
A LIVING
DUNGEON!



THE GOD OF THUNDER
WEAKENS... WITHOUT
HIS IMMORTAL POWER,
HE SOON MUST
PERISH!

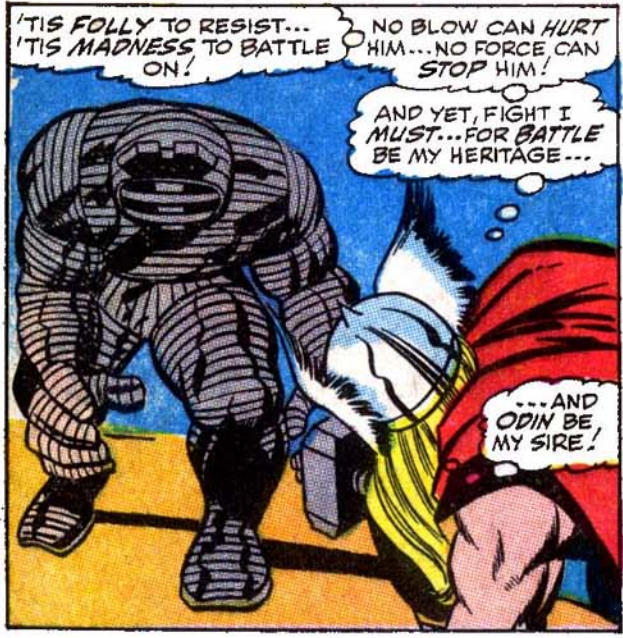
AND, WHEN THAT
MONSTROUS MOMENT
COMES, WOULD THAT I,
TOO, MAY JOIN MY
BELOVED IN THE SLEEP
THAT KNOWS NO END!



BUT, NO MATTER THE ODDS, THE SON OF ODIN
FIGHTS ON... AS ONLY THE THUNDER GOD CAN..!

GET
THEE BACK...
THOU EVIL
ABOMINATION!





'TIS FOLLY TO RESIST...
'TIS MADNESS TO BATTLE
ON!

NO BLOW CAN HURT
HIM...NO FORCE CAN
STOP HIM!

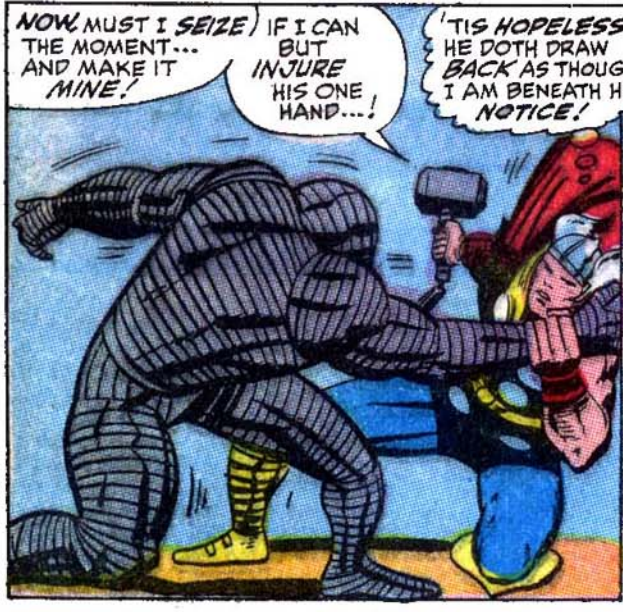
AND YET, FIGHT I
MUST...FOR BATTLE
BE MY HERITAGE...

...AND
ODIN BE
MY SIRE!



BKOOOM!

ONCE
AGAIN, MY
SPEED
HATH SAVED
ME!



NOW MUST I SEIZE
THE MOMENT...
AND MAKE IT
MINE!

IF I CAN
BUT
INJURE
HIS ONE
HAND...

'TIS HOPELESS!
HE DOTHS DRAW
BACK AS THOUGH
I AM BENEATH HIS
NOTICE!



WITHOUT
MY GODLY
POWER...I
BE HELPLESS
IN HIS HANDS!



O INDESCRIBABLE IGNOMINY! HE HURLS ME
ASIDE AS A CHILD DOTHS HURL A PLAYTHING!

A WARRIOR BORN
CAN HAVE NO FEAR OF
MOST UNTIMELY
DEATH...

BUT, IT ILL
BEHOVES THE
GOD OF THUNDER
TO BE THUS VANQUISHED...
WHILST WOEFULLY BEREFT
OF THE POWER WHICH BE
HIS NATURAL BIRTH-
RIGHT!



O, MOST NOBLE SIRE... WHY HAST THOU *DESERTED* ME??

I ASK NO FAVOR... I BEG NO QUARTER...

GRANT ME BUT THAT WHICH IS RIGHTFULLY MINE!

'TIS NOT FOR MYSELF I ASK...

DEATH HOLDS NO TERROR FOR HIM WHOSE HEART BE PURE!

BUT I HAVE PLEDGED TO PROTECT MANKIND!

THOUGH THEY BE NOT WITHOUT FAULT... THEY MUST NE'ER BE ABANDONED!

...AND NE'ER SHALL THEY BE!

SO SPEAKS THOR!

BUT, OF WHAT AVAIL IS COURAGE? OF WHAT AVAIL IS GRIM RESOLVE... AGAINST A FOE WHO CANNOT BE DEFEATED??



MY FATHER! MY FATHER!

WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?

AND, EVEN AS THE AGONIZED IMMORTAL BEGINS TO TASTE THE BITTER DREGS OF FINAL DEFEAT...

AT LAST! THRU PATIENT SORCERY I HAVE SUCCEEDED IN REPLACING THE MISSING CRYSTAL OF ETERNAL VIEW!

HOW GOES THE BATTLE BELOW?

BATTLE, SIRE...??

OF COURSE! THINKST THOU THE ALL-WISE HATH BEEN UNAWARE??

BUT, BY THY LEAVE, MOST OMNIPOTENT ONE...

THINE OWN TRUE SON... FLESH OF THY FLESH... BLOOD OF THY BLOOD... DOTH STRUGGLE FOR HIS VERY LIFE... AGAINST MOST HOPELESS ODDS...!

NOW STANDS HE ON THE BRINK OF CERTAIN DEATH! AND YET...!

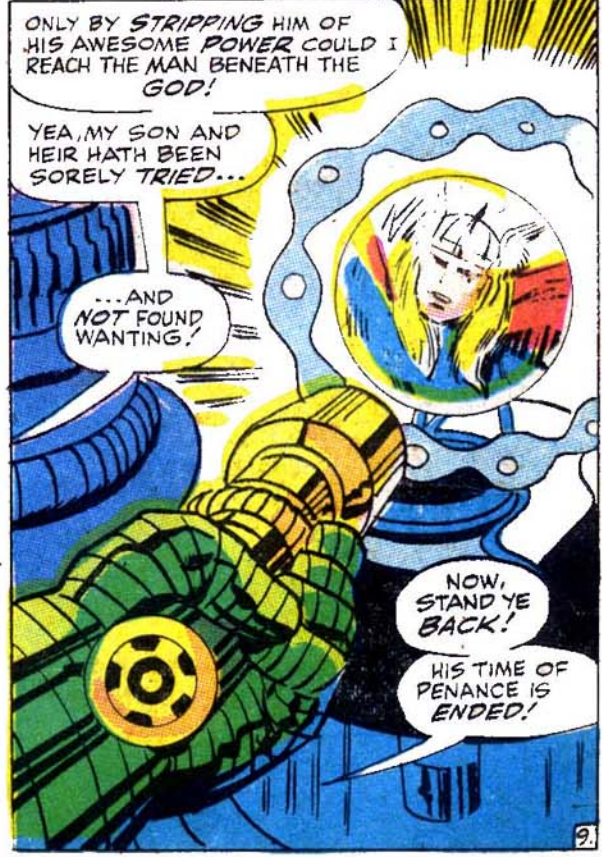
LET THY TONGUE BE STILL, MOST FAITHFUL ONE!



WELL DO I KNOW THOU HATH THOUGHT ME COLD...AND UNFEELING!

BUT, THERE WAS REGAL PURPOSE TO MY DEED!

FOR, THOR HAD LOST THE IMPERIAL ATTRIBUTE OF...TRUE HUMILITY!



ONLY BY STRIPPING HIM OF HIS AWESOME POWER COULD I REACH THE MAN BENEATH THE GOD!

YEA, MY SON AND HEIR HATH BEEN SORELY TRIED...

...AND NOT FOUND WANTING!

NOW, STAND YE BACK!

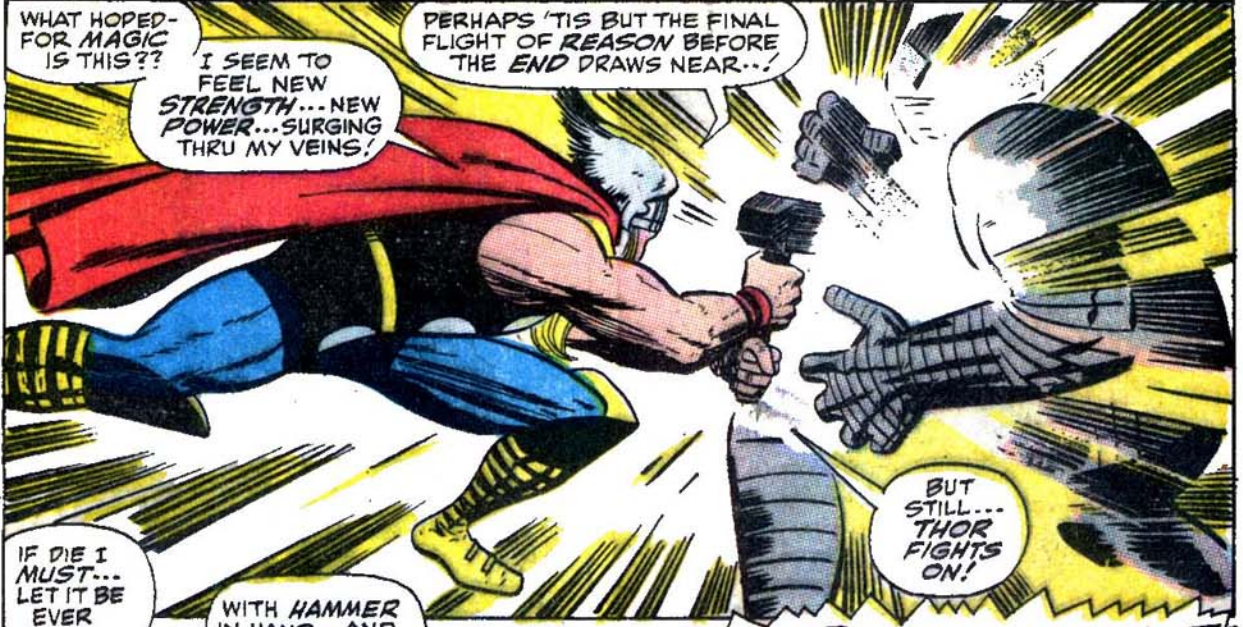
HIS TIME OF PENANCE IS ENDED!

FROM THIS MOMENT
FORTH... 'TIS MY WISH
SUPREME...

THOR BE
**THUNDER
GOD**
ONCE MORE!

I HAVE
SPOKEN!





WHAT HOPED-FOR MAGIC IS THIS??

I SEEM TO FEEL NEW STRENGTH...NEW POWER...SURGING THRU MY VEINS!

PERHAPS 'TIS BUT THE FINAL FLIGHT OF REASON BEFORE THE END DRAWS NEAR...!

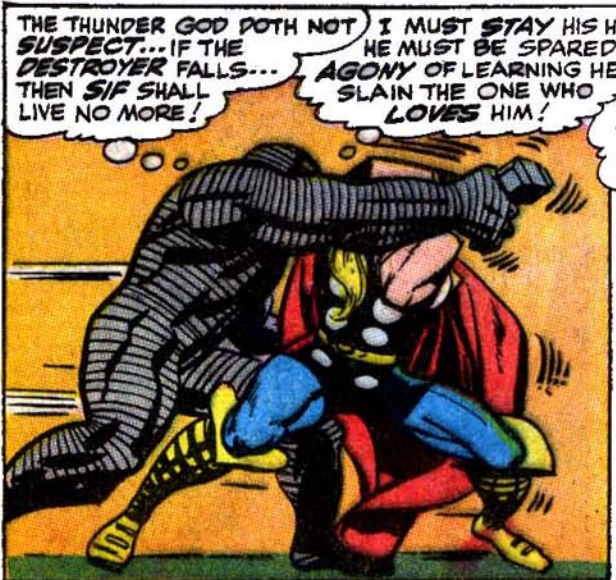
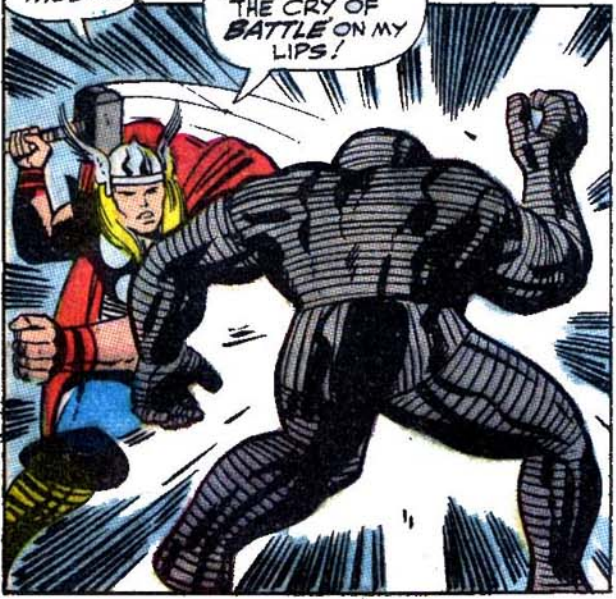
BUT STILL... THOR FIGHTS ON!

IF DIE I MUST... LET IT BE EVER THUS...

WITH HAMMER IN HAND...AND THE CRY OF BATTLE ON MY LIPS!



FOR ASGAAARD!



THE THUNDER GOD DOTH NOT SUSPECT...IF THE DESTROYER FALLS... THEN SIF SHALL LIVE NO MORE!

I MUST STAY HIS HAND! HE MUST BE SPARED THE AGONY OF LEARNING HE HATH SLAIN THE ONE WHO LOVES HIM!

BUT, IN SO DOING, I CANNOT STOP THE DESTROYER FROM STRIKING BACK!



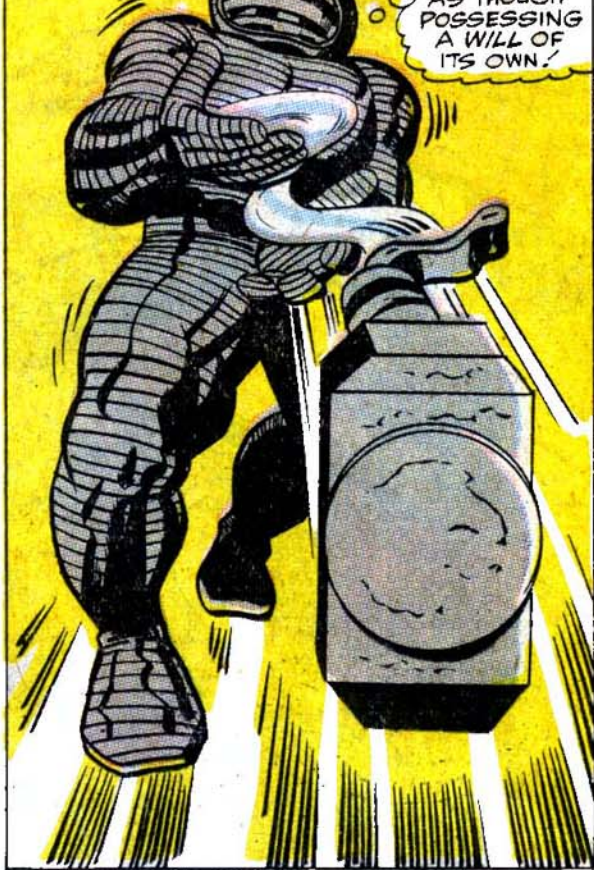
WAS EVER MAIDEN FACED WITH PROBLEM SUCH AS THIS??

THE HAMMER!! IT WRITHES IN MY HANDS LIKE A THING ALIVE!

EVEN THE DESTROYER'S DEADLY GRASP CANNOT LONG CONTAIN IT!

IT IS GONE...

SPEEDING TOWARDS ITS MASTER AS THOUGH POSSESSING A WILL OF ITS OWN!



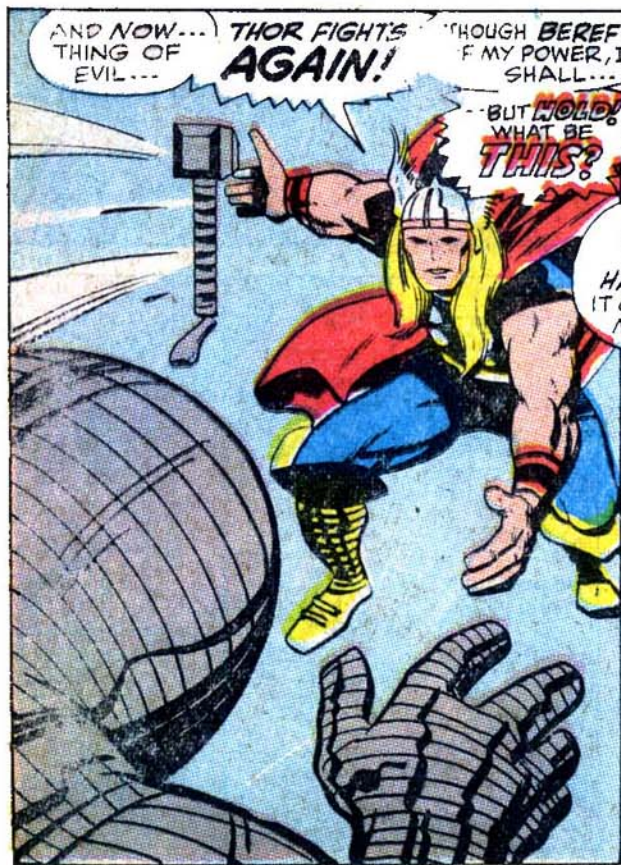
AND NOW... THING OF EVIL...

THOR FIGHTS AGAIN!

THOUGH BEREFT OF MY POWER, I SHALL...

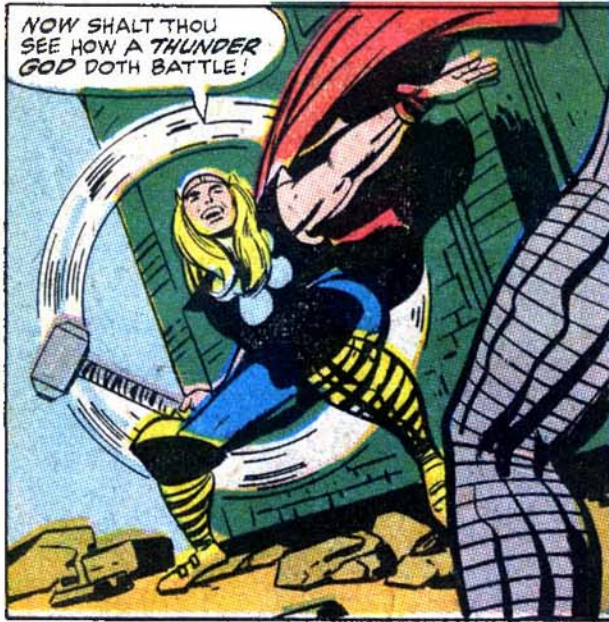
...BUT HOLD! WHAT BE THIS?

THE RETURN OF MY HAMMER... IT CAN ONLY MEAN...



THE POWER OF THOR HATH BEEN... RESTORED!

NOW SHALT THOU
SEE HOW A THUNDER
GOD DOTH BATTLE!

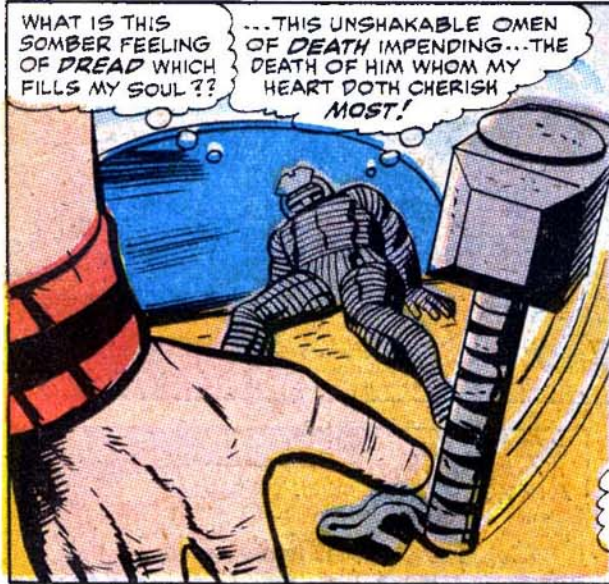


NO, MY LORD... I
BEG THEE... NO! 'TIS
SIF THOU... UHHH!



WHAT IS THIS
SOMBER FEELING
OF DREAD WHICH
FILLS MY SOUL??

...THIS UNSHAKABLE OMEN
OF DEATH IMPENDING... THE
DEATH OF HIM WHOM MY
HEART DOTH CHERISH
MOST!



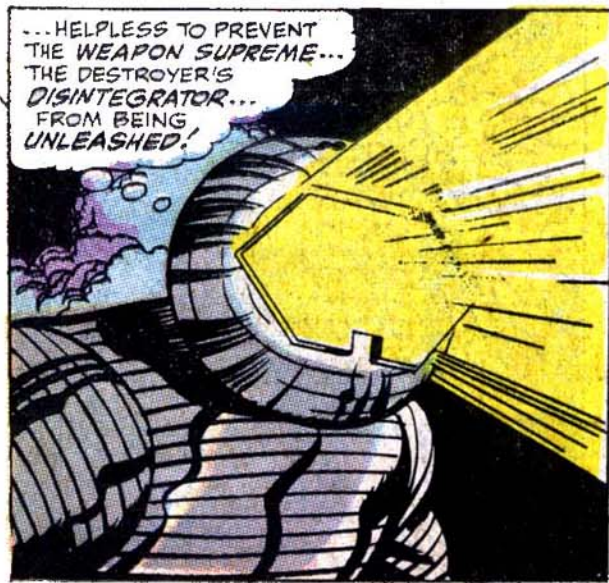
THE DESTROYER'S
VISOR... LIFTING
OPEN!

I MUST PREVENT
IT... AND YET... I
CANNOT!



MAY ASGARD
FORGIVE ME!! THE
GODDESS SIF IS...
HELPLESS!

...HELPLESS TO PREVENT
THE WEAPON SUPREME...
THE DESTROYER'S
DISINTEGRATOR...
FROM BEING
UNLEASHED!



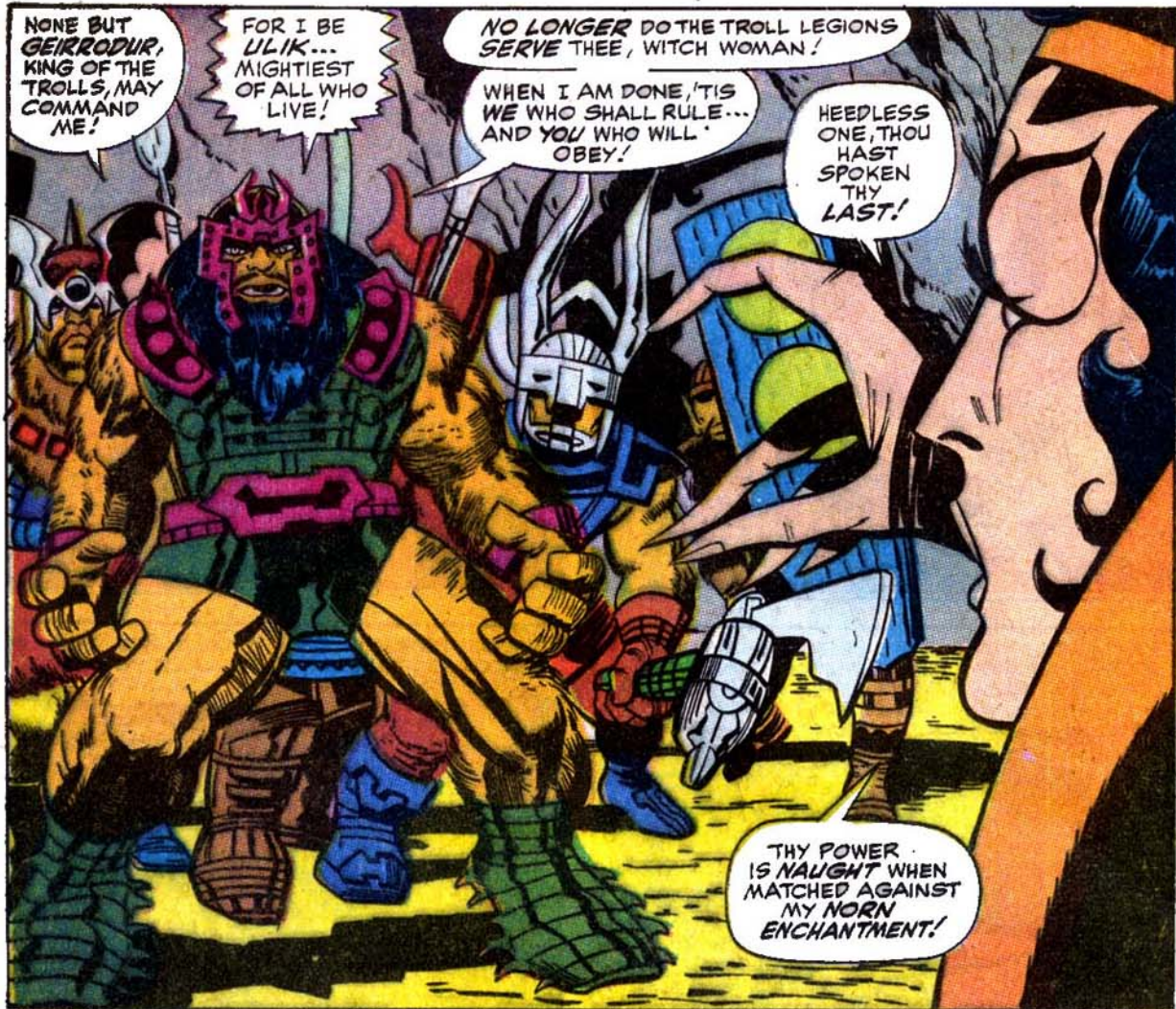
WE CAN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF WHAT MAY COME
NEXT... SO BEAR WITH US, WE PRAY, AS WE
RETURN TO THE REALM OF KARNILLA, QUEEN OF
THE NORNS...

YOU!! YOU
DARE
COME HERE...
TO THREATEN
ME?!!

COME NO CLOSER!
LOKI COMMANDS!

I DARE
ANYTHING!





NONE BUT GERRODUR, KING OF THE TROLLS, MAY COMMAND ME!

FOR I BE ULIK... MIGHTIEST OF ALL WHO LIVE!

NO LONGER DO THE TROLL LEGIONS SERVE THEE, WITCH WOMAN!

WHEN I AM DONE, 'TIS WE WHO SHALL RULE... AND YOU WHO WILL OBEY!

HEEDLESS ONE, THOU HAST SPOKEN THY LAST!

THY POWER IS NAUGHT WHEN MATCHED AGAINST MY NORN ENCHANTMENT!



...AS THOU NOW SHALT LEARN...

TO THINE EVERLASTING REGRET!

BUT...WHAT MADNESS IS THIS??

THOU ARE STILL STANDING!!



GAZE AT ME, MY QUEEN... AND TREMBLE!

ONCE WAS ULIK MIGHTIEST OF ALL THE TROLLS... IN THE DAYS WHEN THOR DID BEST ME!

BUT, NOW...

ULIK IS MIGHTIEST OF ALL WHO LIVE!



THE TROLL WIZARDS WHO SERVE KING GEIRRODUR HAVE ARMED ME WITH ENCHANTMENT YET STRONGER THAN THINE!

NOW IS ULIK TRULY SUPREME!

NOW SHALL KARNILLA MEET HER END!

QUEEN OF THE NORNS, I SEE THEE TREMBLE!

CAN IT BE THOU KNOWEST FEAR AT LAST?



BUT, ALL BE NOT YET LOST!

FREE ME... AND THE LADY SIF, AS WELL... AND BALDER'S SKILL SHALL COME TO THINE AID!

I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE!

I BREAK THE SPELL UPON THY BONDS!



HAVE I THY WORD? IF ULIK BE VANQUISHED, THOU SHALT MENACE ASGARD NEVERMORE!

WHAT?? VANQUISH ULIK??!

TRULY, THOU ART BEREFT OF REASON!!



UPON THEE WILL I TEST MY METTLE!... WHILE WAITING FOR THE GREATEST PRIZE OF ALL... THE ACCURSED THOR!

STRIKE AS THOU WILT!! BALDER STANDS FAST!!



AND, SPEAKING OF THE GOD OF THUNDER...

ONLY MY GODLY POWER... MY GODLY SPEED... COULD HAVE SAVED ME FROM THE DESTROYER'S BLAST!



BUT NOW... HE HATH FOLLOWED ME... INTO YON BLIND ALLEY...

WHERE E'EN MY SPEED CAN AVAIL ME NAUGHT!



THUS, 'TIS THE FINAL CONFRONTATION AT LAST!

...FROM WHICH ONLY ONE MAY EMERGE... ALIVE!!

NEXT!
"THE WRATH OF THE WARRIOR!"

THE ORIGIN OF THE INCOMPARABLE INHUMANS!

INHUMAN AT LARGE!

LEAVING THE HIDDEN ISLE OF ATILAN FOR HIS FIRST LOOK AT THE OUTSIDE WORLD, THE AQUATIC TRITON IS CAPTURED BY A CREW OF MOVIE-MAKERS ON LOCATION FOR THE FILMING OF A SEA-MONSTER TALE! AND NOW---

WOW! I WONDER WHO HIS MAKE-UP MAN WAS?

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S REAL!

WE'LL PUT HIM ON EXHIBITION BACK AT THE STUDIO!

WE'LL MAKE A FORTUNE OUT OF 'IM!

THEY DO NOT REALIZE I CAN ESCAPE WHENEVER I CHOOSE!

BUT FIRST, I WISH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM!

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HE COULD BE THE FIND OF THE CENTURY!

...UNLESS HE'S A PHONY...COOKED UP BY SOME OTHER STUDIO TO MAKE A LAUGHING STOCK OF ME!

NAH! HE'S GOTTA BE REAL! LOOK HOW LONG HE'S BEEN BREATHING UNDER THE WATER!



HOURS LATER...

HERE WE ARE!

JUST WAIT! I'LL GET THE RUBES GET A LOOK AT OUR LITTLE PRIZE CATCH!

AT LAST! MY CHANCE TO SEE HOW THE HUMANS LIVE IN THEIR OWN WORLD!



I HOPE THEY CAN GET A GLASS CAGE STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD 'IM!

HE'D SURE COOK UP A STORM IF HE EVER RAN LOOSE OUT THERE!

A CAGE... FOR TRITON?

AS THOUGH I'M NAUGHT BUT A SAVAGE BEAST?



NEVER!

HEY, YOU GUYS...COME A'RUNNIN'!!

HE'S BUSTIN' OUT!



STOP HIM!! DON'T LET 'IM GET AWAY....!

UNHHH!

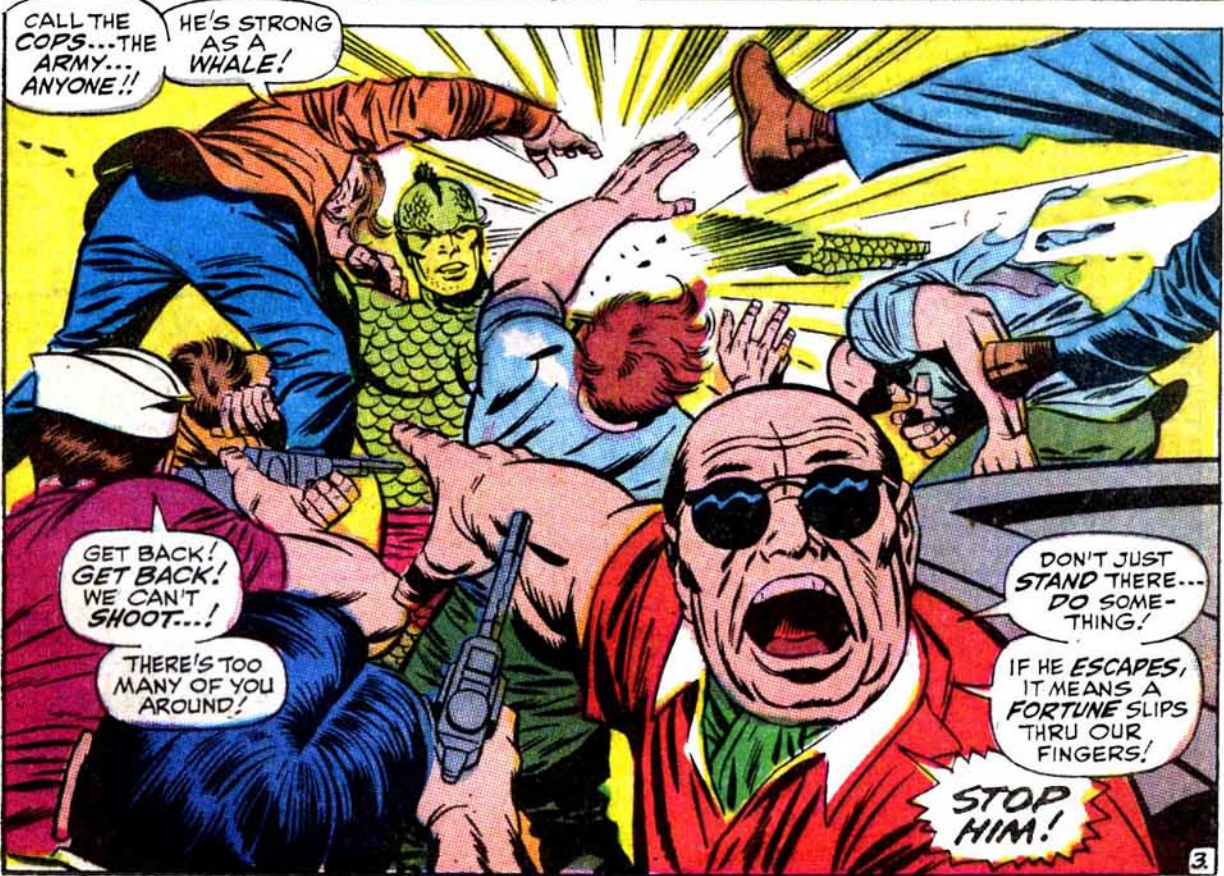
NO HUMAN SHALL STOP TRITON!



HE TALKS!! HIS NAME...IS TRITON!!

LOOK OUT!

STAY BACK! YOUR MEANINGLESS ASSAULT ...YOUR FUTILE WEAPONS... DO NOT IMPRESS ME!



CALL THE COPS...THE ARMY... ANYONE!!

HE'S STRONG AS A WHALE!

GET BACK! GET BACK! WE CAN'T SHOOT...!

THERE'S TOO MANY OF YOU AROUND!

DON'T JUST STAND THERE... DO SOMETHING!

IF HE ESCAPES, IT MEANS A FORTUNE SLIPS THRU OUR FINGERS!

STOP HIM!

BUT, THE SEA-BORNE INHUMAN'S STRENGTH IS FAR GREATER THAN EVEN HE SUSPECTED!

IN HIS ANGRY EFFORT TO AVOID RECAPTURE, TRITON SLAMS AGAINST THE SHIP'S MAIN MASTS, AND THEN...

HE TORE THE TUB APART... SINGLE-HANDED!

**ABANDON SHIP!
ABANDON SHIP!**

KRAK!

IT ISN'T POSSIBLE! NO ONE CAN WRECK A SHIP THIS SIZE... ALL BY HIMSELF!

SURE, SURE... WE ALL KNOW IT CAN'T BE DONE!

SO, HOW COME WE'RE ALL TAKING TO THE LIFEBOATS?!!

WHAT ABOUT THE MONSTER? HE REMAINED ON BOARD!

HE RUINED OUR MOVIE... SCUTTLED OUR SHIP... MADE A FOOL OF ME!

IT COULDN'T HAPPEN TO A BETTER GUY!

BUT, HE WASN'T BOTHERING US!

WE TRIED TO CAPTURE HIM!

SHUDDUP! WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH IT?



THE SHIP'S ENGINES...
EXPLODING!

ONLY IN THE SEA
CAN TRITON FIND
SAFETY!

MY LUNGS...
BEGINNING TO
ACHE!

I CANNOT
LONG BREATHE
OXYGEN... AS
DO THE HUMANS!



IT IS CLEAR THAT THEY
THINK OF ME AS A
MONSTER... AN ENEMY,
TO BE DESTROYED!

THUS, THE WISEST
COURSE WOULD
BE A RETURN TO
THE HIDDEN ISLE
OF ATTLAN!

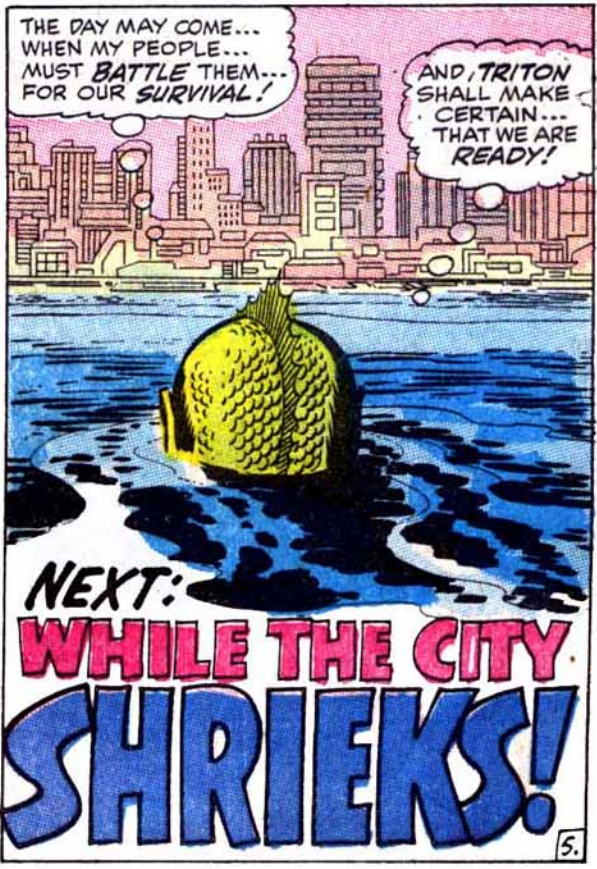
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BEAST!



NO! TRITON
SHALL NOT
FLEE!

THERE IS
STILL MUCH
FOR ME TO
SEE... MUCH
FOR ME TO
LEARN!

THE HUMANS ARE
NUMEROUS
BEYOND COMPRE-
HENSION... THEY
ARE QUICK TO HATE
... AND QUICK
TO FIGHT!



THE DAY MAY COME...
WHEN MY PEOPLE...
MUST BATTLE THEM...
FOR OUR SURVIVAL!

AND, TRITON
SHALL MAKE
CERTAIN...
THAT WE ARE
READY!

NEXT:
WHILE THE CITY
SHRIEKS!