



THE MIGHTY

THOR

APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY

MARVEL COMICS GROUP

12¢ 153 IND. JUNE



-- BUT DR. BLAKE CAN DIE!

THE MIGHTY THOR!

"BUT DR. BLAKE CAN DIE!"

WELL DONE, THUNDER GOD!

THOU HAST HURLED DEADLY ULIK INTO THE BOTTOMLESS ABYSS OF SHADOWS!

BUT--MY HAMMER! IT HATH VANISHED!

'TWAS EVIL LOKI WHO DID SEIZE IT FROM WHENCE IT FELL, MY PRINCE!

LOKI-- IN POSSESSION OF ENCHANTED MJOLNIR?

THEN THE DANGER BE GREATER THAN E'ER BEFORE!

ANOTHER STAR-STUDDED SPECTACULAR BY:
STAN (THE MAN) LEE & JACK (KING) KIRBY

EMBELLISHED BY:
VINCE COLLETTA

LETTERED BY:
ARTIE SIMEK

NOW FEATURING:
THE MALEVOLENT MENACE OF LOKI!

BUT NOT EVEN **LOKI** POSSESSETH THE POWER TO LIFT MY URU MALLET!

TRUE, MIGHTY THOR! BUT, HE HATH STOLEN A PORTION OF MINE OWN MYSTIC NORN POWER!

THUS, THE NORN QUEEN'S ENCHANTMENT--ADDED TO HIS OWN SINISTER SORCERY--

SPEAK NO MORE! 'TIS ALL MOST PAINFULLY CLEAR!

THINE OWN POWERS-- COMBINED WITH HIS-- NOW MAKE **LOKI** THE MOST INVINCIBLE FOE OF ALL!

AND, WHAT OF THEE --WITHOUT THY HAMMER?

WILT THOR NOT SOON RETURN--TO MORTAL FORM?

ONLY SECONDS REMAIN! THOU MUST SEND ME AFTER HIM!

BY THE ENCHANTMENT THOU STILL POSSESS--ONLY THEE CANST DO IT!

ART THOU MAD, SON OF ODIN?

ALL THOU CANST GAIN FROM SUCH A MEETING IS-- DEATH!

NO MATTER! WHOSEVER DARES ABSCOND WITH HAMMER OF THOR, MUST LIVE TO FACE THE WRATH OF THOR!

BUT, THOU AND I HAVE EVER BEEN ETERNAL FOES--AND SO SHALL WE BE AGAIN!

IN TRUTH, THOU DIDST DEFEAT MY MOST ENEMY--THE MONSTROUS ULIK!

THE SIXTY SECONDS NOW ELAPSE!

SEND ME TO **LOKI**! I DEMAND IT--BY DEED OF BATTLE-- BY RIGHT OF VICTORY!

NAY! THOU WOULDST FACE THE GOD OF EVIL IN THY MORTAL GUISE!

NAUGHT BUT DOOM COULD BE THY FATE!

THUS DOES **KARNILLA** ACHIEVE TWO ENDS WITH BUT A SINGLE SPELL!

I NOW REPAY MY DEBT TO THOR--

AND, IN SO DOING, I SEND HIM TO MOST CERTAIN DEATH!

THEN LET SIF DIE AS WELL!

GODDESS, THOU SHALT HAVE THY WISH--!



DREADED HELA, GODDESS OF DEATH, DID NEARLY CLAIM ME ONCE--

BUT SHE MUST NOT COME FOR THEE, FAIR SIF!

NOW SHE SHALL HAVE HER CHANCE ANEW!

WHERE THOU GOEST, THERE SHALL SIF GO, TOO!

DEATH HOLDS NO TERROR FOR A GODDESS BORN!



MEANWHILE, ON A DIMLY-LIT STREET CORNER UPON THE PLANET EARTH--

HEY! WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?

I COULDA SWORN THERE WAS NO ONE THERE A SECOND AGO!

WELL, DON'T JUST STAND THERE, MAC-- SAY SOMETHING!

I HAVE-- NOTHING TO SAY!



OKAY, OKAY--I GUESS THERE'S NO LAW AGAINST NOT TALKING!

OPEN IT, MISTER! THERE'VE BEEN A LOT OF ROBBERIES IN THIS AREA, AND I'VE A RIGHT TO CHECK UP!

BUT WHAT'S IN THAT PACKAGE YOU'RE CARRYING?

ROBBERIES?

YOU THINK ME A COMMON THIEF?



THEN FEAST YOUR EYES UPON YON LITTLE TRINKET!

NEVER BEFORE HAVE YOU SEEN THE LIKE!

A HAMMER--LIKE THE ONE THOR CARRIES IN THE PICTURES I'VE SEEN!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO A COSTUME PARTY, WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?

CAREFUL! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO LIFT IT!



WHY NOT? IF YOU CAN CARRY IT, I DON'T FIGURE--HEY!

I CAN'T HOLD IT!-- IT SLAMMED TO THE GROUND--LIKE-- IT WEIGHS A TON!

THUD!



A TON?

HOW LAUGHABLE IS YOUR ESTIMATE!

NO EARTHLY SCALE EXISTS WHICH CAN MEASURE ITS TRUE WEIGHT!

YOU-- LIFTED IT AGAIN-- LIKE IT'S NOTHING!



BUT THEN, BEFORE ANOTHER WORD CAN BE UTTERED--

IT HAS CHANGED!

IT IS NO MORE THAN A SIMPLE WALKING STICK!

WHAT IN BLAZES IS GOIN' ON HERE?

JUST MY LUCK TO GET STUCK WITH A TWO-BIT HYPNOTIST!



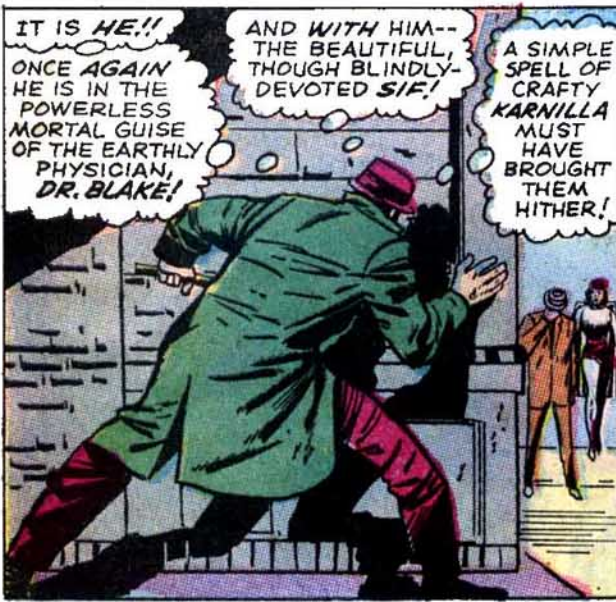
IF YOU'VE ANY MORE STUNTS LIKE THAT, GO PULL 'EM ON SOMEONE ELSE'S BEAT!

I'VE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO THAN WATCH A CORNY SLEIGHT-OF-HANDER PRACTICE HIS ACT!

IF THE HAMMER HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED-- IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING--

THE GOD OF THUNDER HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED, AS WELL!

THAT SUDDEN BLAZE OF LIGHT-- AROUND THE CORNER--



IT IS HE!! ONCE AGAIN HE IS IN THE POWERLESS MORTAL GUISE OF THE EARTHLY PHYSICIAN, DR. BLAKE!

AND WITH HIM-- THE BEAUTIFUL, THOUGH BLINDLY-DEVOTED SIF!

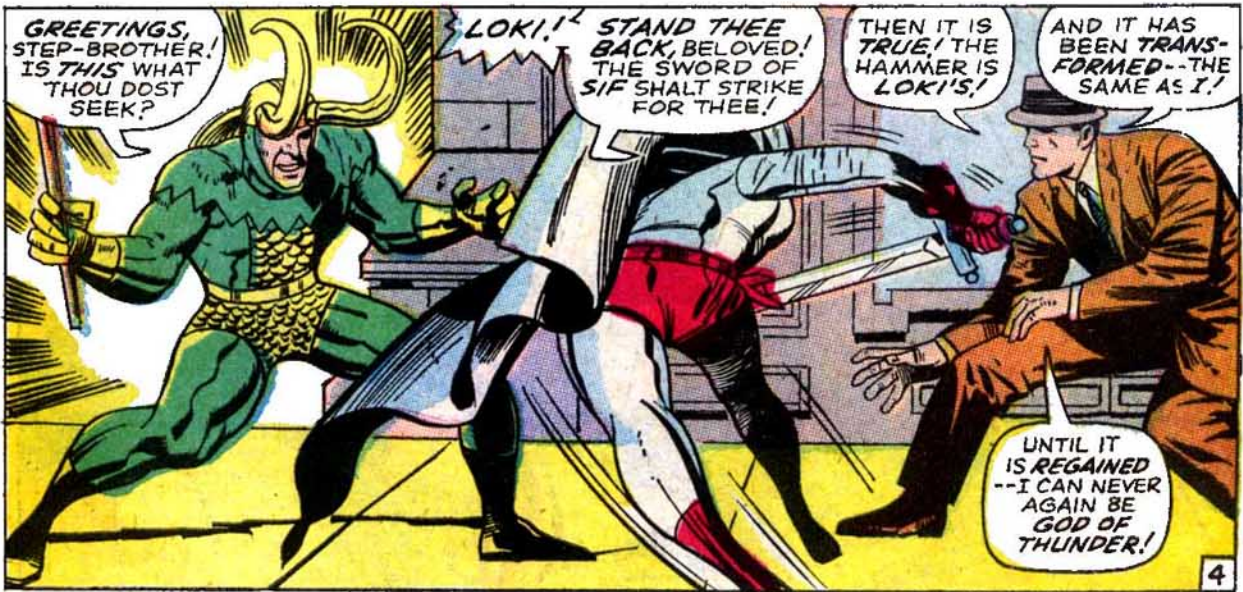
A SIMPLE SPELL OF CRAFTY KARNILLA MUST HAVE BROUGHT THEM HITHER!



NOW, LET ME FACE MY SUPREME-HATED BROTHER IN ALL MY GLORY!

SINCE THE MATCHLESS EVIL POWER OF LOKI IS NOW COMBINED WITH KARNILLA'S ENCHANTMENT--

IT IS I WHO AM THE STRONGER! IT IS HE WHO MUST PERISH!



GREETINGS, STEP-BROTHER! IS THIS WHAT THOU DOST SEEK?

LOKI!!

STAND THEE BACK, BELOVED! THE SWORD OF SIF SHALT STRIKE FOR THEE!

THEN IT IS TRUE! THE HAMMER IS LOKI'S!

AND IT HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED--THE SAME AS I!

UNTIL IT IS REGAINED --I CAN NEVER AGAIN BE GOD OF THUNDER!

**HAA! THE GODDESS
BATTLES LIKE A
TRUE ASGARDIAN!**

**WHAT A PITY
HER PROWESS
IS NOT THE
EQUAL OF HER
PASSION!**

**NO,
SIF--
NO!
STAY
BACK!**

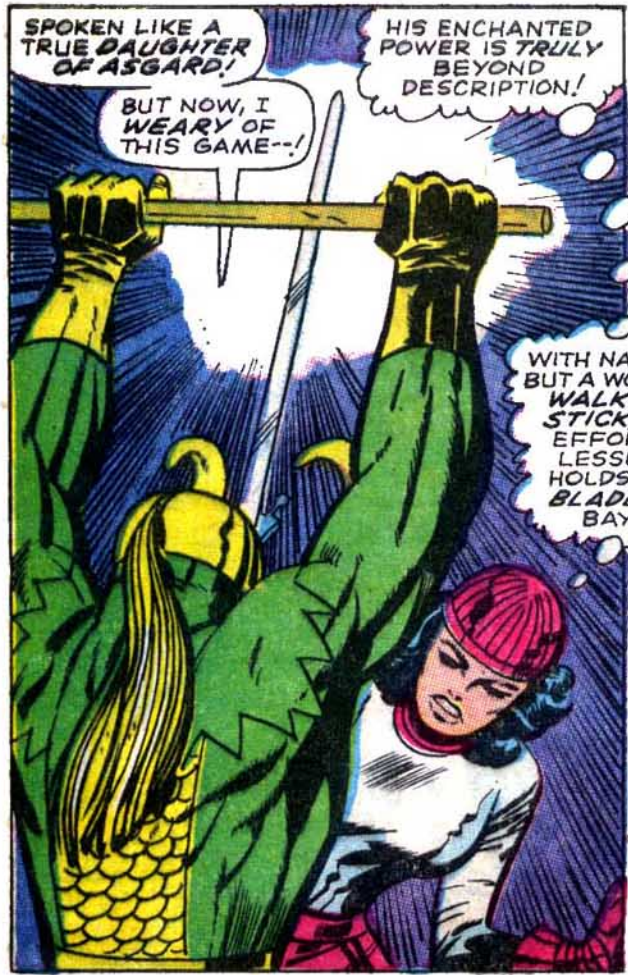
**DESPITE YOUR
SKILL--DESPITE
YOUR COURAGE--
YOU'RE NO MATCH
FOR LOKI!**

**HE HAS THE
STRENGTH
WHICH ONLY A
SON OF ODIN
CAN POSSESS!**

**AND, HE'S
TOTALLY
WITHOUT
MERCY--
WITHOUT
COMPAS-
SION!**

**HE'LL THINK
NOTHING OF
CAUSING
YOUR
DEATH--
SIMPLY
BECAUSE
YOU LOVE
ME!**

**BUT, WHAT
BETTER
REASON FOR
A GODDESS
TO DIE,
MY LORD?**



SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE DAUGHTER OF ASGARD!

BUT NOW, I WEARY OF THIS GAME--!

HIS ENCHANTED POWER IS TRULY BEYOND DESCRIPTION!

WITH NAUGHT BUT A WOODEN WALKING STICK, HE EFFORTLESSLY HOLDS MY BLADE AT BAY!



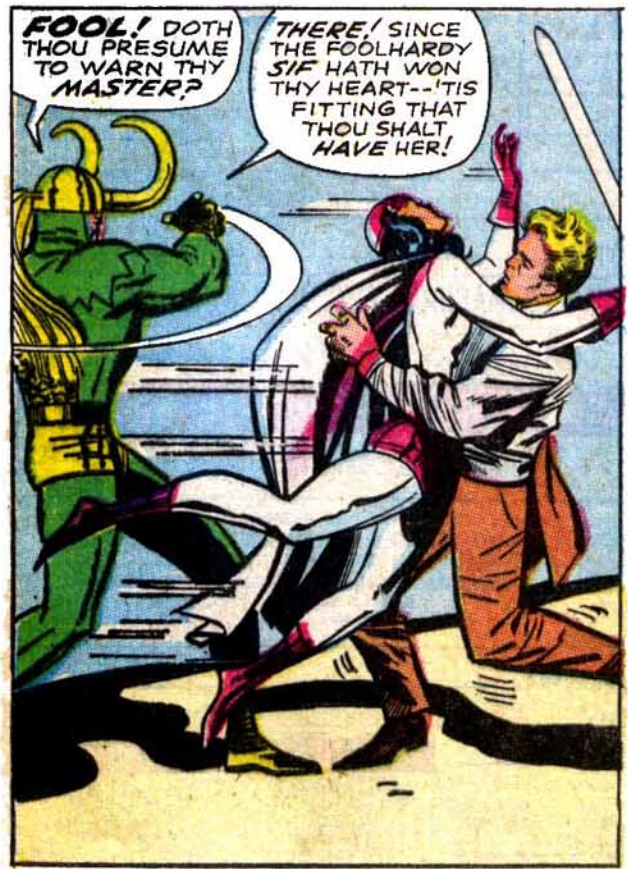
BEHOLD, ACCURSED ONE!

THOUGH THOU DOTH GAZE AT ME WITH THE EYES OF A MORTAL--

I KNOW 'TIS THE GOD OF THUNDER THAT SHALL WITNESS WHAT BEFALLS--!

DON'T DO IT, LOKI!

I WARN YOU!



FOOL! DOTH THOU PRESUME TO WARN THY MASTER?

THERE! SINCE THE FOOLHARDY SIF HATH WON THY HEART--'TIS FITTING THAT THOU SHALT HAVE HER!



AND, 'TIS EQUALLY FITTING--

--THAT THOU SHALT PERISH-- TOGETHER!



NO! HOW MUCH GREATER WILL BE THY SORROW-- IF THE FEMALE FALLS --BEFORE THINE EYES!

A MYSTIC NORN BLAST-- AIMED DIRECTLY AT HELPLESS SIF!



BE THANKFUL, MORTAL!

I SHALL LET THEE LIVE-- TILL THOU HAST SEEN THY LADY BREATHE HER LAST!

THERE'S STILL A CHANCE-- HOPELESS AS IT MAY SEEM--

IF I CAN TAKE HIM UNAWARES!

HE'D NEVER EXPECT-- THE LAME DR. BLAKE-- TO ATTACK HIM!



WHAT IS THIS?!!

ART THOU STRICKEN WITH HUMAN MADNESS?

THOU PRESUMEST TO ATTACK ALL-POWERFUL LOKI! WITH NAUGHT BUT A FRAGILE GARMENT?!!

YOU COLD-HEARTED ABOMINATION--

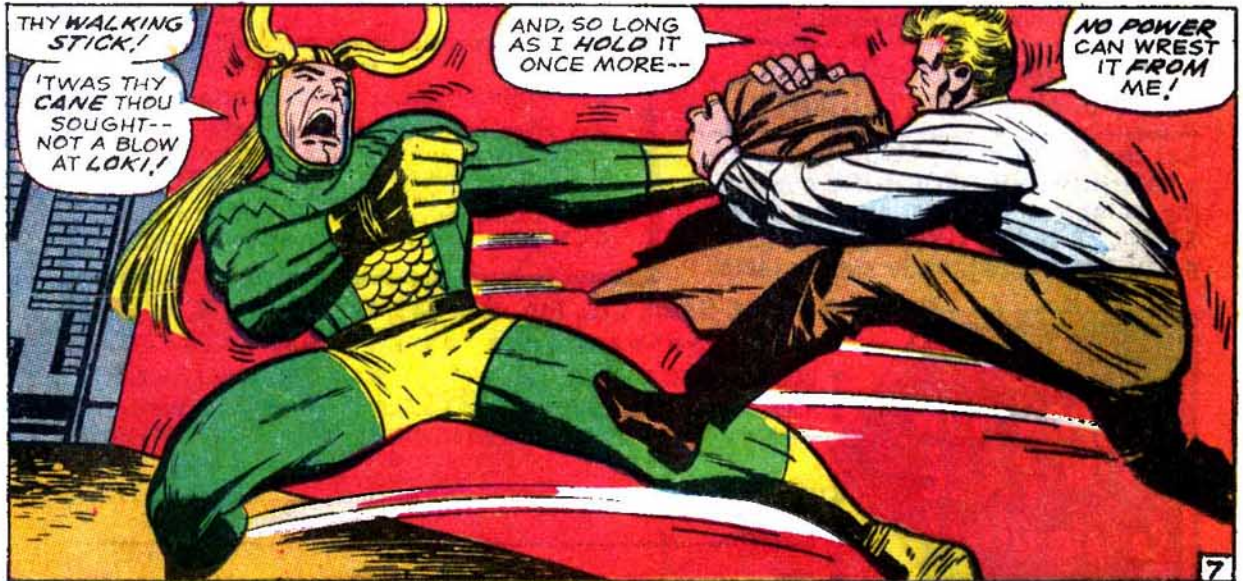
I'D ATTACK YOU WITH MY BARE HANDS-- IF I HAD TO CRAWL OVER HOT COALS--!



KNOW YOU THIS--

I COULD ANNIHILATE THEE WITH BUT A SINGLE GESTURE!

BUT, YOU DIDN'T-- AND NOW IT'S TOO LATE!



THY WALKING STICK!

'T WAS THY CANE THOU SOUGHT-- NOT A BLOW AT LOKI!

AND, SO LONG AS I HOLD IT ONCE MORE--

NO POWER CAN WREST IT FROM ME!



LET BUT ONE
MYSTIC RAY OF
DISSOLVEMENT
STRIKE THY
PERSON, AND--
=UMMHHH!=-

LET THE STING OF MY
HAMMER PUT AN END
TO THINE EMPTY
THREATS!



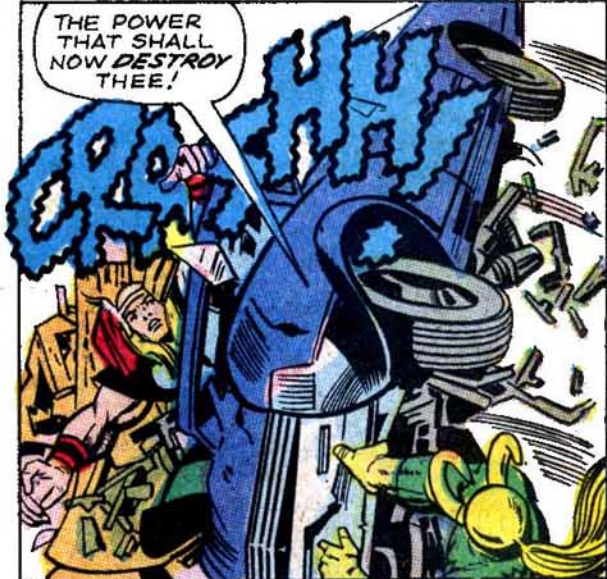
AND NOW--MOST VILE
OF VILLAINS--WHO
WOULD UNLEASH THINE
ONSLAUGHT AGAINST A
MAIDEN--!

THOU MAYEST EXPECT
AS LITTLE MERCY
FROM THOR AS THOU
DIDST GRANT TO MY
LADY SIF!

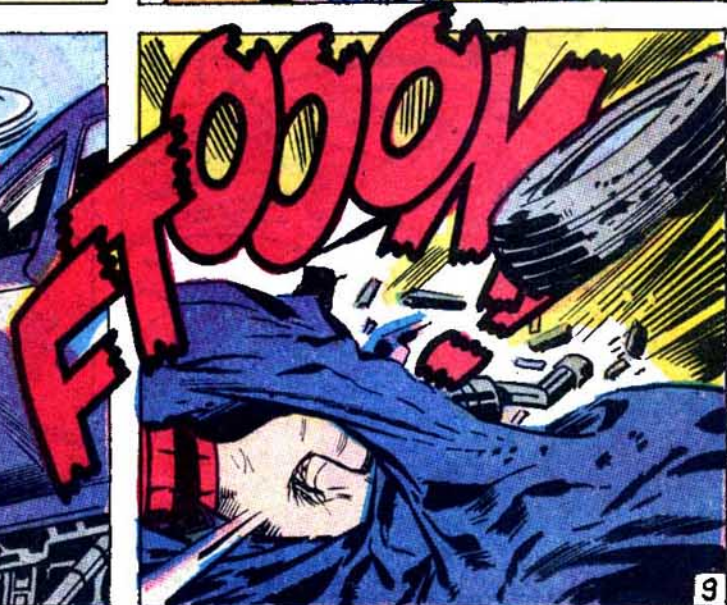
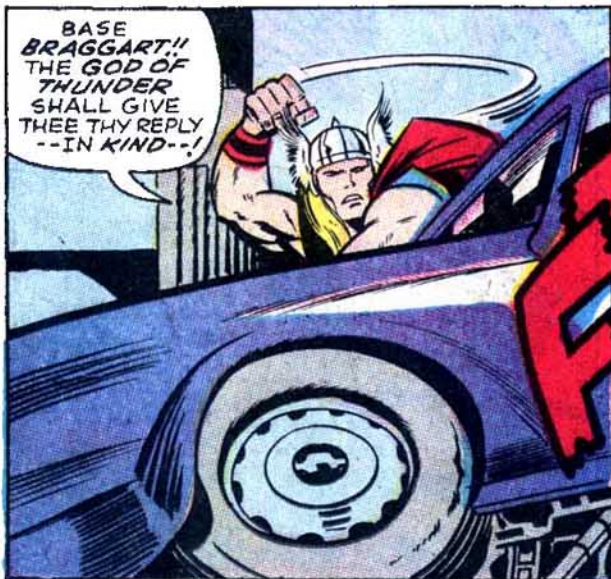
AGAIN
THOU HAST
FORGOTTEN
THE NEW
POWER OF
LOKI--



THE POWER
THAT SHALL
NOW DESTROY
THEE!



BASE
BRAGGART!!
THE GOD OF
THUNDER
SHALL GIVE
THEE THY REPLY
--IN KIND--!





BAH! NO SUCH SINGLE BLOW CAN BEST THE MASTER OF EVIL!



AY, BUT THERE BE OTHER BLOWS TO FOLLOW!

THEN HURL THEM, DOOMED ONE--IF THOU DAREST!



UNHEEDING FOOL! I KNEW THOU WOULDST CHARGE HEAD-LONG WITHOUT SUSPECTING A SUBTLE RUSE!

BTYAYNG!

SAFETY ZONE



RUSE INDEED!

WHAT MATTER SUCH USELESS GAMBITS TO THE MIGHTY THOR?!!



STILL THE ADVANTAGE BELONGS TO LOKI!!

BE NOT SO CERTAIN, SINISTER ONE!

THY WITLESS CODE WILL NOT PERMIT THEE TO SLAY A HELPLESS FOE!



IF THE FAIR SIF SHOULD COME TO HARM, NO ASGARDIAN CODE--NO POWER THAT BE--SHALL SAVE THEE FROM MY VENGEANCE!

BUT, HARK! E'EN NOW I HEAR HER CALL--!



MY LADY-- I AM WITH THEE!

THOR! I SHOULD'A FIGURED ANY GAL DRESSED LIKE HER WOULD BE TIED-UP WITH THE THUNDER GOD!

SHE'S IN A BAD WAY, MISTER!



SHE BE INJURED MORE SEVERELY THAN I SUPPOSED!

SUMMON THOU AN AMBULANCE! EVERY PASSING SECOND IS MOST CRUCIAL.

TOO BAD THE ONLY DOCTOR IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD IS OUT ON CALL NOW!

GET THEE GONE, MORTAL! THERE IS TIME FOR NO MORE TALK!



HE HATH DEPARTED!

NOW, 'TIS NOT THE MIGHT OF THOR THAT BE NEEDED--



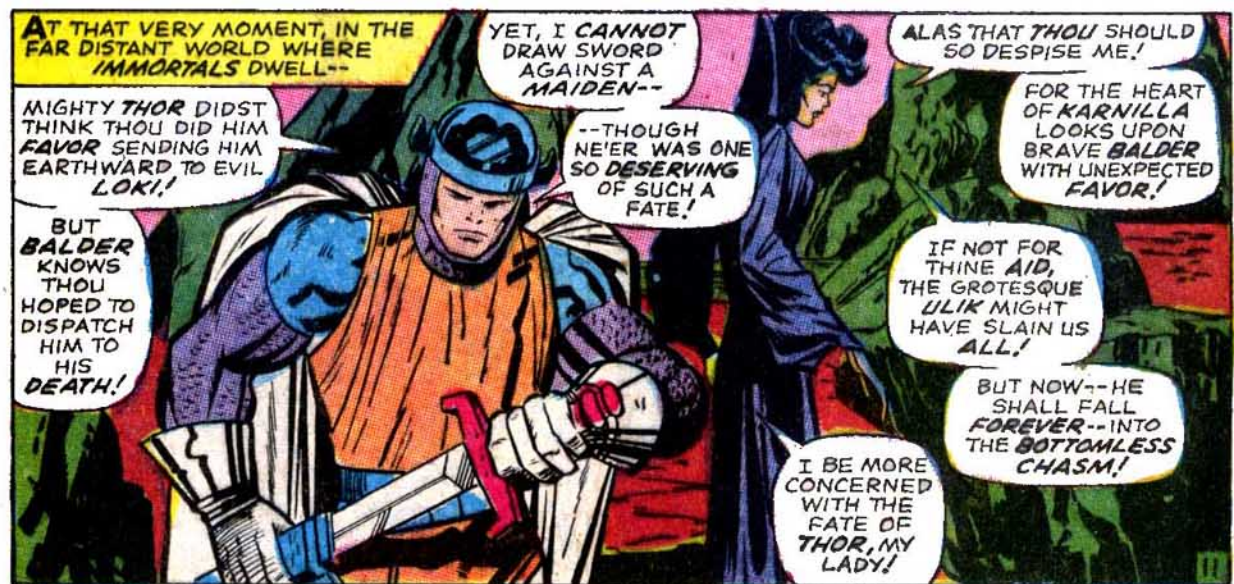
THUS, I TAP MY ENCHANTED MALLET TWICE SHARPLY ON THE GROUND--!

AND, BY THE URU POWER CONTAINED THEREIN--



--I BECOME DON BLAKE ONCE AGAIN!

FOR ONLY THE SKILL OF A TRAINED PHYSICIAN CAN SAVE MY BELOVED NOW!



AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN THE FAR DISTANT WORLD WHERE IMMORTALS DWELL--

MIGHTY THOR DIDST THINK THOU DID HIM FAVOR SENDING HIM EARTHWARD TO EVIL LOKI!

BUT BALDER KNOWS THOU HOPED TO DISPATCH HIM TO HIS DEATH!

YET, I CANNOT DRAW SWORD AGAINST A MAIDEN--

--THOUGH NE'ER WAS ONE SO DESERVING OF SUCH A FATE!

ALAS THAT THOU SHOULD SO DESPISE ME!

FOR THE HEART OF KARNILLA LOOKS UPON BRAVE BALDER WITH UNEXPECTED FAVOR!

IF NOT FOR THINE AID, THE GROTESQUE ULIK MIGHT HAVE SLAIN US ALL!

BUT NOW-- HE SHALL FALL FOREVER-- INTO THE BOTTOMLESS CHASM!

I BE MORE CONCERNED WITH THE FATE OF THOR, MY LADY!

THOUGH THE MENACE OF ULIK WAS GREAT AS ANY EVER KNOWN --IT NOW IS ENDED--

BUT THOU, KARNELLA, ART MORE DANGEROUS NOW THAN E'ER BEFORE!

NOT TO THEE, NOBLE BALDER!

EVEN THE QUEEN OF THE NORNS MAY HOLD GRATITUDE DEEP WITHIN HER HEART!

--GRATITUDE FOR THY HELP IN BANISHING THE INDESTRUCTIBLE ULIK!

BUT, EVEN AS THE MYSTERIOUS SORCESSERSS SPEAKS--

THIS CANNOT BE THE FATE OF THE MIGHTIEST TROLL OF ALL!

THE MATCHLESS STRENGTH OF ULIK SHALL SAVE HIM FROM A FALL ETERNAL!

NO ARMS BUT MINE CAN DO WHAT MUST BE DONE!

WITH ALL MY POWER-- I MUST REACH OUT-- AND SEIZE--AND THEN HOLD FAST!!

I DID IT!

I HOLD A LEDGE WITHIN MY HANDS!

BELOW ME--THE WALLS GROW SMOOTH AS GLASS!!

HAD I MISSED THIS CHANCE-- I WOULD HAVE FALLEN-- FOREVER!

BUT ULIK DID NOT MISS!!

NOW LET THE UNIVERSE BEWARE!!

BEYOND THE LEDGE --AN OPENING--A DEEP AND SILENT CAVERN!!

WHAT MANNER OF STRANGE, MYSTIC RIDDLE NOW CONFOUNDS ME?

--FILLED WITH ROCKS--THAT SHINE WITH BLINDING LIGHT!

WE SHALL ONE DAY LEARN THE ANSWER TO ULIK'S STARTLED QUERY-- BUT FIRST, ANOTHER PROBLEM DOTH AWAIT US--

IN A TENSE OPERATING ROOM, AT THE CITY HOSPITAL--

SHE'S BEEN STRICKEN BY SOME STRANGE MALADY--UNKNOWN TO MEDICAL SCIENCE!

--FOR, ONLY AN ASGARDIAN COULD FATHOM ITS TRUE NATURE!

WE ARE READY NOW, DOCTOR!

I CANNOT EXPLAIN LOKI'S NORN BLAST TO THEM!

AND YET-- DR. BLAKE SEEMS TO THINK HE HAS A CHANCE TO SAVE HER!

YOUR PATIENT IS ANESTHETIZED AND PREPARED FOR SURGERY!

ONLY THE GODLY KNOWLEDGE OF THOR-- COMBINED WITH THE SURGICAL SKILL OF DR. BLAKE-- CAN SAVE HER NOW!

SOONER OR LATER LOKI WILL FREE HIMSELF--AND FIND ME AGAIN!

IF I TRANSFORM MYSELF TO THOR BEFORE I'M DONE-- IT WILL MEAN-- SIF'S DEATH!

I PRAY I CAN COMPLETE THE OPERATION BEFORE THAT MOMENT COMES!

THE OPERATION IS SO DELICATE --THAT I CAN'T PERFORM IT WITH HIS MIGHTY FINGERS!

WE WILL BEGIN-- AT ONCE!

AND, EVEN AS THE MASTER SURGEON BEGIN THEIR FATEFUL TASK--

HE'S GONE-- AND WITH, THE GODDESS SIF!

BUT THEY WILL NOT LONG ESCAPE FROM LOKI!

A SIMPLE NORN SPELL NOW RENDERS ME INVISIBLE TO THE PUNY, UNCOMPREHENDING MORTALS--

--WHO SHALL ONE DAY PAY DREADFUL HOMAGE TO THE PRINCE OF EVIL!



NOT A MOMENT MUST I SQUANDER! BOTH THOR--AND THE STRICKEN, DYING SIF MUST BE FOUND AT ONCE!

I KNOW NOT HOW LONG THE POWERS OF KARNILLA WILL BE MINE TO EMPLOY--

BUT, WHILST I POSSESS THEM, LOKI IS THE THUNDER GOD'S MASTER!



THERE-- WITHIN THE MEMORY CELL OF YON HUMAN'S BRAIN, I HAVE FOUND WHAT I SEEK!

I NEED MERELY HASTEN TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL!



MY LONG-AWAITED VICTORY NOW DRAWS SO NEAR--

I CAN VERILY SAVOR THE TASTE OF ITS BITTER SWEETNESS!



POWER ALONE DOTH LEAD TO TRIUMPH!

AND, THIS DAY-- THE POWER IS LOKI!



WITH THOR DESTROYED --NO LONGER SHALL THE PLANET EARTH HAVE AN ASGARDIAN PROTECTOR!

INSTEAD, ALL SHALL BECOME MY GROVELLING SUBJECTS--

AND PAY ME HOMAGE--EACH DAY OF THEIR LIVES!



I HAVE FOUND HIM!

THERE HE STANDS-- HELPLESS TO DEFEND HIMSELF--LEST HIS LOVED ONE DIES!

HOW PERFECT A SETTING FOR MY MOMENT SUPREME!

THIS IS THE CRITICAL PHASE!

NOTHING MUST DISTRACT ME-- NOTHING!



NOW, LET ALL GAZE UPON THE VISAGE OF EARTH'S NEW MASTER!

I REMOVE MY SPELL OF INVISIBILITY!

'TIS TIME FOR ALL THE WORLD TO BEAR WITNESS TO MY POWER!

LOKI! AND I DARE NOT TURN--DARE NOT FACE HIM--OR SIF IS LOST--FOREVER!

I CAN'T FAIL NOW! THERE MUST BE A WAY! THINK, BLAKE-- THINK!

CARSON! THE EMERGENCY TANK! IT WILL STOP HIM LONG ENOUGH!

I DARE NOT CALL IT BY NAME--OR LOKI WILL SET UP A DEFENSE!

I PRAY THAT CARLSON UNDERSTANDS!



HE DID IT! BEFORE LOKI KNEW WHAT TO EXPECT!

EVEN AN ASGARDIAN CAN BE FELLED --BY A BLAST OF ETHER!



SLOWLY, DESPERATELY, THE SECONDS TICK BY, UNTIL AT LAST--

IT'S OVER! THE PATIENT WILL LIVE!

QUICKLY, TAKE HER TO THE RECOVERY ROOM!

BUT, DOCTOR-- WHAT ABOUT THAT COSTUMED MADMAN?

HE IS MINE TO DEAL WITH!

CLEAR THE ROOM! ALL OF YOU!



WE CAN'T LEAVE DR. BLAKE ALONE WITH A DANGEROUS PSYCHOPATH!

DON'T PANIC, NURSE! BLAKE IS NO FOOL!

HE MUST KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING!

NO MATTER WHAT YOU HEAR--NO MATTER WHAT YOU SEE--OR SUSPECT--

DON'T ENTER THIS ROOM FOR THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES!

THAT INTRUDER IS PROBABLY A MENTAL PATIENT OF HIS!

BLAKE WILL KNOW HOW TO HANDLE HIM!



SO, YOU SAVED THE GODDESS!

WELL, NO MATTER! IT IS THOU WHO ART THE PREY!

NO, LOKI! --IT ISN'T DR. BLAKE--

THAK!



'TIS THOR-- SON OF ODIN-- GOD OF THUNDER!

I, TOO, AM SON OF ODIN--

AND SOON--THE GOD OF EVIL SHALL SHARE THAT TITLE WITH NONE!

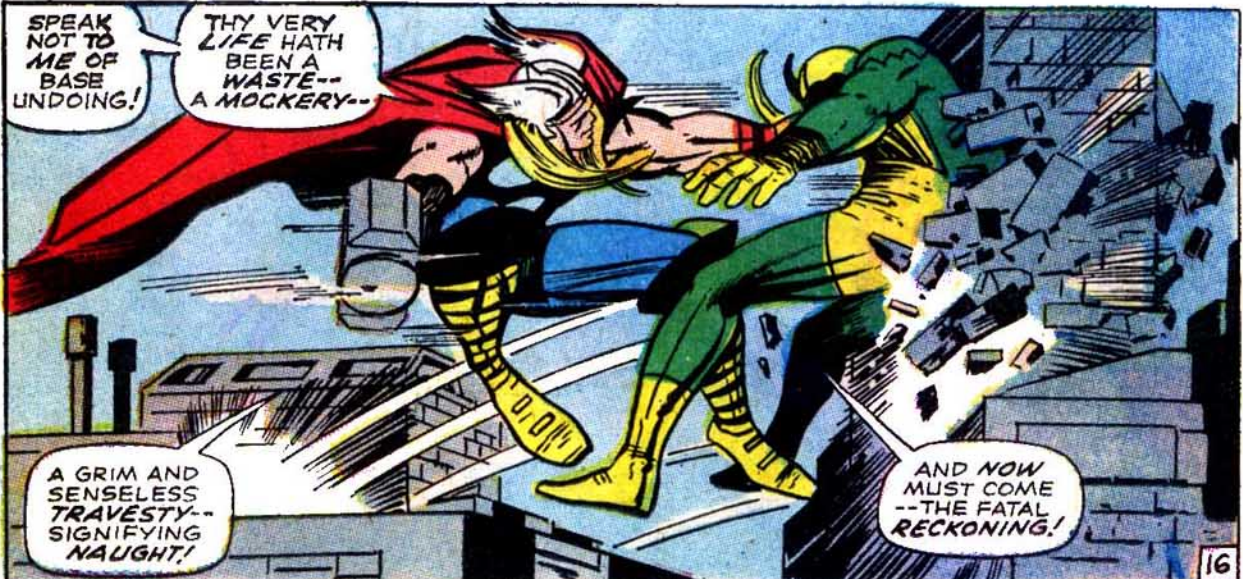


COME THEN, BASE-HEARTED BLACKGUARD!

WHATE'ER BEFALLS--WE SHALL NOT WAGE BATTLE NEAR THE SICK AND AILING!

EVER ART THOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE FATE OF OTHERS--

AND EVER HAS IT BEEN THINE OWN UNDOING!



SPEAK NOT TO ME OF BASE UNDOING!

THY VERY LIFE HATH BEEN A WASTE-- A MOCKERY--

A GRIM AND SENSELESS TRAVESTY-- SIGNIFYING NAUGHT!

AND NOW MUST COME --THE FATAL RECKONING!



YEA, COME IT SHALL!

BUT NOT AS THOU MIGHT WISH IT!

'TIS A NEW LOKI WHO DOTTH PUMMEL THEE -- A LOKI WHOSE STRENGTH IS GREATER THAN THINE!



AND, WHEN THOU ART CRUSHED--ALL OF EARTH SHALL GROVEL AT MY FEET!



THEN, FINALLY--ASGARD ITSELF SHALL BOW TO THE PRINCE OF EVIL!

THOR SAYS THEE MAY VILE MIS-CREANT!

FOR, AT LAST IS COME THE DAY OF LOKI--

NOW, AND FOREVER-MORE!



THINKEST THOU THAT STRENGTH OF LIMB ALONE MAY WIN THE DAY?

THEN WOULDST THE DINOSAUR STILL BE MASTER OF MIDGARD! THEN WOULDST THE WINGED PTERODACTYL STILL BE MONARCH OF THE SKIES!

BUT THERE BE OTHER FORCES OF WHICH THOU KNOWEST NAUGHT--!

THERE BE COURAGE --AND HONOR--AND A CAUSE FOR WHICH TO DIE!

BAH! EMPTY WORDS! HOLLOW WORDS! THOU HAST A CAUSE TO DIE FOR--

AND SURELY WILT THOU DIE FOR IT!

SEE HOW EFFORTLESSLY I TURN THEE INTO LIVING FROST!

KEEP THINE HONOR--AND THY CAUSE! THE ENCHANTMENT OF THE NORNS BE ALL THAT LOKI NEEDETH!



NOT SO, MOST HEINOUS BETRAYER!

BUT, WHAT OF THEE?

'TIS MIGHTY THOR WHO BE GOD OF THUNDER-- 'TIS I WHO BE MASTER OF THE ELEMENTS!

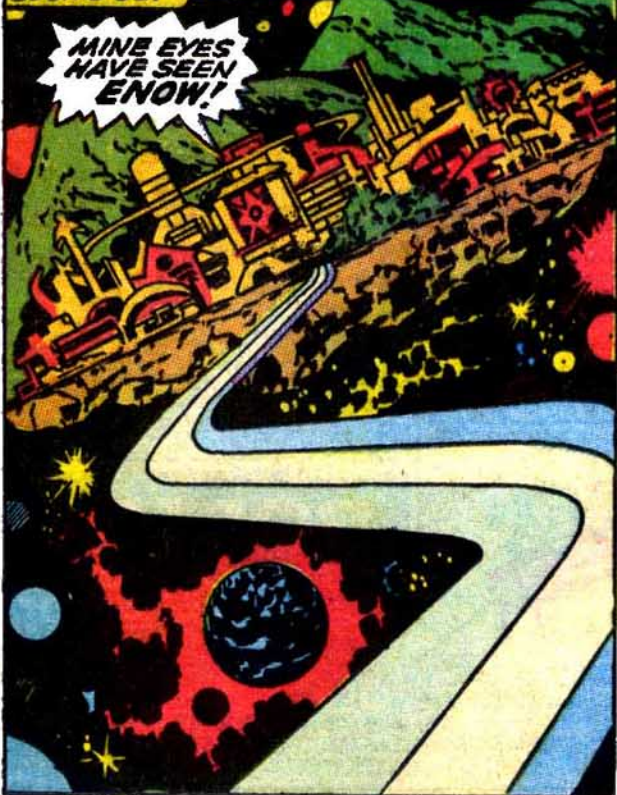
LET US SEE HOW LOKI FARES AGAINST MINE ICY BLOWS!



YON SPELL OF FREEZING COLD CANNOT AFFECT MY VENGEFUL LIMBS!

BUT THEN, IN FABLED ASGARD, A TROUBLED VOICE--DEEPER THAN A THOUSAND DRUMS--BOOMS OUT--

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN ENOW!



HOW IT DOTTH GRIEVE MY REGAL HEART TO WITNESS SUCH A SIGHT!

TWO SONS HAVE I! ONE, MOST TRULY NOBLE OF ALL THE REALM-- THE OTHER, VILLAINY INCARNATE!



AND YET, THEY BOTH BE BLOOD OF ODIN'S BLOOD-- FLESH OF ODIN'S FLESH!

AY, E'EN OMNIPOTENCE DOTTH HAVE ITS SORROW!

THOUGH I BE
POWER
ABSOLUTE
IN EVERY
MANNER--

STILL IS THE
PROVINCE OF
A LIVING
SOUL BEYOND
MY REGAL
REACH!

BUT, I MAY INDULGE
MY GRIEF NO LONGER!
YON BLUDGEONING
BATTLE, WHICH DOTHS
SORELY PAIN MINE
EYES--MUST CEASE
FORTHWITH!

A FAR GREATER
DANGER--MOST DIRB
AND DEADLY--DOTHS
APPROACH THE
HALLOWED REALM!

IT MUST BE
FACED--AND
MET--AND
FOUGHT--BY
ALL WHO PAY
ME HOMAGE!

SO
SPEAKETH
ODIN!

NO SOONER HAS THE FATEFUL ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED FROM THE LORDLY LIPS OF ASGARD'S LEIGE, WHEN--

AN ODIN-BOLT--
BLANKETING THE
HEAVENS WITH
CELESTIAL
FORCE!

IT HATH MELTED THY
MYSTIC FROST--AND
HURLED US APART--
WITHIN THE MEASURE
OF A HEARTBEAT!

PRITHEE, MOST
NOBLE SIRE--
DO NOT END
OUR COMBAT!

SO LONG AS
LOKI WALKS
UNPUNISHED,
THERE CAN
BE NO
PEACE!

BE THOU SILENT,
GOD OF THUNDER!
THE WILL SUPREME
IS NOT FOR THEE
TO QUESTION!

AGAIN THOU
HAST BEEN
MOST
UNTIMELY
SAVED!

BUT, LOOK THEE TO THY
LAURELS, THUNDER GOD!
THE FINAL VICTORY SHALL
YET BE MINE!

BEGONE, THING
OF EVIL! THY WORDS
ARE EMPTY AS THY
HEART!

I LEAVE
THEE,
THUNDER
GOD--

IT
MATTERS
NOT--

FOR THOR
STANDS EVER
READY!

BUT
NEVER
SHALT
THOU
KNOW
WHEN
NEXT
I
STRIKE!

HE HATH
VANISHED!
I STAND
ALONE
ONCE
MORE!

THE FAIR SIF
SHALL SOON
RECOVER--

AND ALL BE
WELL ON
MIDGARD!

BUT, WHAT OF
IMPERIAL
ODIN?

HIS VOICE, ME--
THOUGHT--WAS
MOST SORELY
TROUBLED!

'TIS CERTAIN
THERE BE
NEW
DANGER
TO THE
REALM!
AND, IF IT
BE SO--

THEN THOR SHALL FIGHT AGAIN!



NEXT
**THAT WHICH
ODIN
FEARS!**