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# THE MIGHTY THOR!

# LEST MANKIND FALL!

THOR IS POWERLESS TO STOP ME NOW!

THIS, NOTHING CAN SAVE THE HUMAN RACE!

MY LORD! THE FATE OF EARTH IS IN THY HANDS!

THOU MUST NOT FALTER!

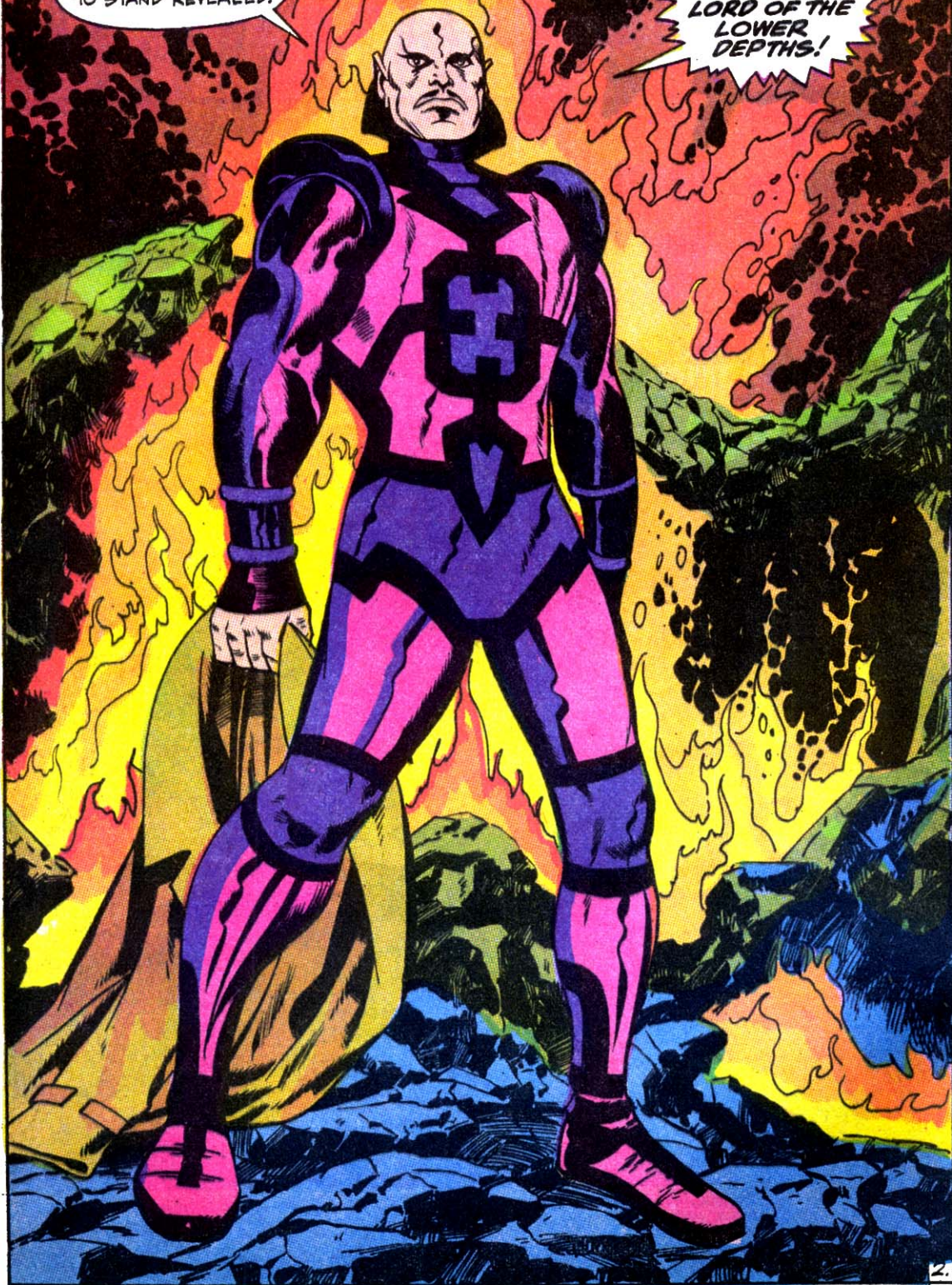
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AWAY  
WITH  
HUMAN  
RAIMENT!

THE TIME  
IS COME  
FOR THE  
MASTER OF THE  
NETHERWORLD  
TO STAND REVEALED!

... AS  
**PLUTO,**  
LORD OF THE  
LOWER  
DEPTHS!



**YOU SHALL BOTH REMAIN  
HERE... PRISONERS OF MY  
TIME FUNNEL!**

**WHILE I RETURN TO  
20TH CENTURY  
EARTH, WHICH LIES  
RIPE FOR CONQUEST!**

**THOR  
SAYS  
THEE  
NAY!**

**WHILST THE  
THUNDER  
GOD  
LIVES...  
MORTALS  
NE'ER  
SHALL BOW  
TO SUCH AS  
THEE!**

**AND SO  
SAYS  
SIF!**

**WOMAN-  
CREATURE...  
BE SILENT! IT  
IS YOU WHO WILL  
GIVE THE MASTER  
HIS VICTORY!**

**THE SON OF  
ODIN WILL NOT  
DARE DEFY PLUTO...  
WHILE YOU ARE IN  
OUR GUNSIGHTS!**

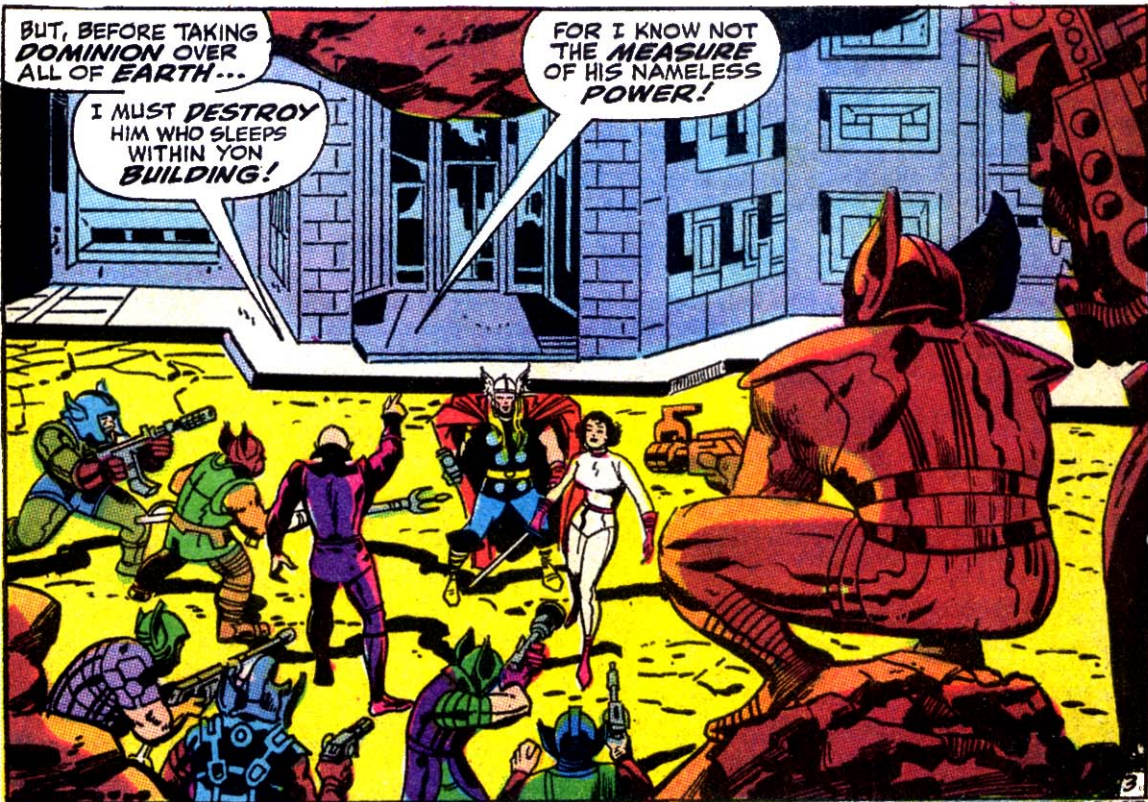
**STAY  
THY HAND,  
BESTIAL  
ONE!**

**MY LADY  
MUST BE  
SPARED!**

**BUT, BEFORE TAKING  
DOMINION OVER  
ALL OF EARTH...**

**I MUST DESTROY  
HIM WHO SLEEPS  
WITHIN YON  
BUILDING!**

**FOR I KNOW NOT  
THE MEASURE  
OF HIS NAMELESS  
POWER!**



AYE, TRUE BELIEVER, AS WE DID SEE **LAST ISSUE**, A STRANGE AND MYSTERIOUS ENTITY LIES WITHIN THE CAPTIVE **ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTER**... BUT, WE ARE NOT YET DESTINED TO LEARN ITS **SECRET!**

INSTEAD... IT IS NOW DECREED THAT WE HIE OURSELVES **THITHER** TO FABLED **ASGARD**, WHERE MOMENTOUS **EVENTS** NOW LIE A'BORNING...

FOR, 'TIS **HERE** THAT WE FIND THE NOBLE **BALDER**, VAINLY SEEKING TO OUT-RACE A HAUNTING **MEMORY**...

AM I **NE'ER** TO ESCAPE THE SPELL OF ENCHANTED **KARNILLA??**

AM I **NE'ER** TO DRIVE HER TAUNTING **VISAGE** FROM MY HEART??



THOUGH THOU HAST SPURNED MY **KISS**, ASGARDIAN... **NEVER** SHALT THOU BE FREE OF **KARNILLA'S MEMORY!**

**SUCH** IS THE PRICE THOU MUST **PAY**... **SUCH** IS THE **WILL** OF THE **QUEEN** OF THE **NORNS!**



BUT, **RENOUNCE** THINE OATH TO **ODIN**... AND MY **LOVE** SHALL MAKE THEE **FREE!**

**NEVER!!** THOUGH THOU ART **FAIREST** OF THE **FAIR**, **BALDER** IS **WARRIOR BORN!**



BEHOLD... THE SOVEREIGN SUPREME OF ALL HE SURVEYS!

ALAS, 'TIS NOT SO, MOST LOYAL ONE?

HE HATH THE POWER TO GRANT BALDER PEACE!



SIRE! THY ROYAL EARS DIDST HEAR MY LAMENT?!!

NOT A CRICKET CHIRPS... NOT A LEAF DOTH TREMBLE... SAVE THE ALL-FATHER HEARS!

E'EN WHILST STUDYING THE CHRONICLE OF HIM WHO IS CALLED GALACTUS, THY LIEGE IS SADDENED... FOR ODIN CAN HELP THEE NOT!



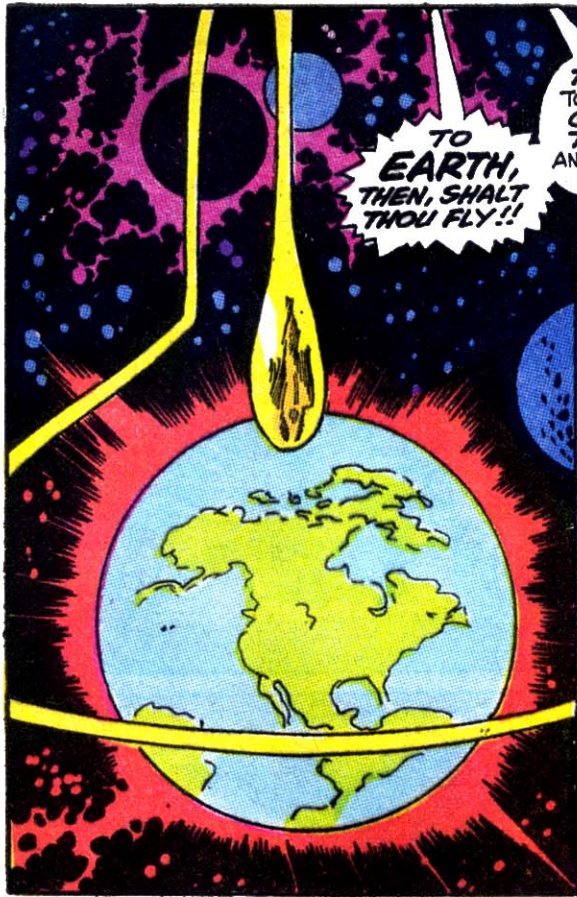
THOUGH MY POWER DOTH SURPASS ALL COMPREHENSION...

NOT EVEN I CAN ALTER THE EMOTION KNOWN AS LOVE!

THAT WHICH LIES WITHIN THE HEART OF MAN AND GOD... IS ETERNALLY INVIOLENT!



BUT, I CAN OFFER THEE ESCAPE ...AND SO I SHALL!

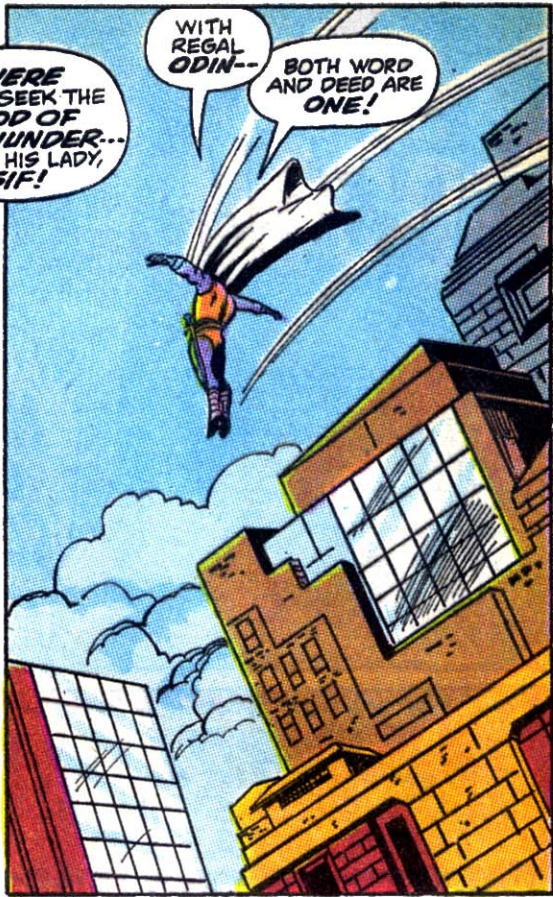


**TO EARTH, THEN, SHALT THOU FLY!!**

**THERE TO SEEK THE GOD OF THUNDER... AND HIS LADY, SIF!**

**WITH REGAL ODIN--**

**BOTH WORD AND DEED ARE ONE!**



**YONDER, IN THE HEART OF THE CITY... A STRANGELY GLOWING FUNNEL... OF UNEARTHLY CAST!**

**WHAT AWESOME WONDERMENT BE THAT?**

**AND... WHAT HATH IT TO DO... WITH THOR?**



**THOR!! WE'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN ABOUT HIM...!**

**STAND ASIDE, ASGARDIAN!**

**LADY... TO MY SIDE!**

**VILLAIN.. HOLD THY GROUND! THOU SHALT NOT PASS!**

**HE WHO LIES WITHIN THOSE WALLS MUST NOW BE PLUTO'S VICTIM!**

**THE ARM OF THOR SHALL SHIELD THEE!**

**WHATE'ER BEFALLS... WE FACE IT TOGETHER, MY PRINCE!**

THE SON OF ODIN  
DOETH NOT TIMOROUSLY  
AWAIT ATTACK!

WHILST BLOOD  
CAN BOIL...  
WHILST HEART CAN  
POUND...WHILST  
ARM CAN STRIKE...

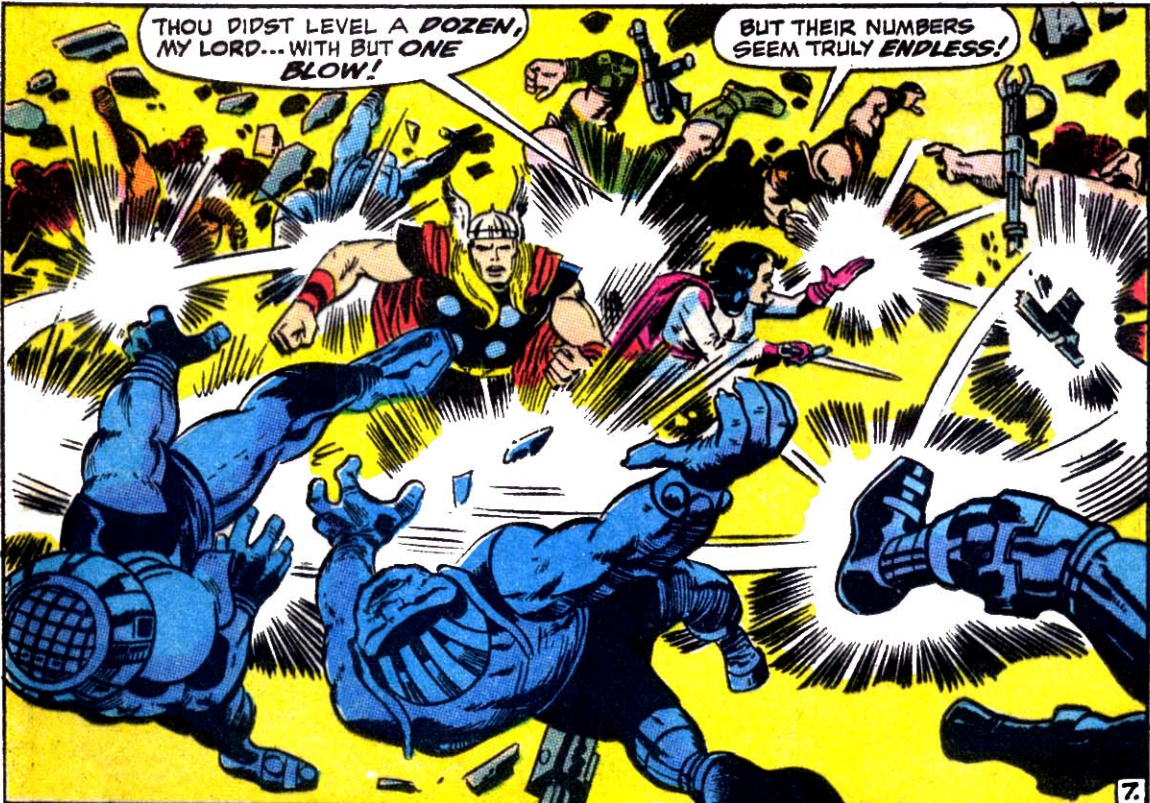
...SO  
STRIKETH  
THOR!!

FOR  
ASGARD!

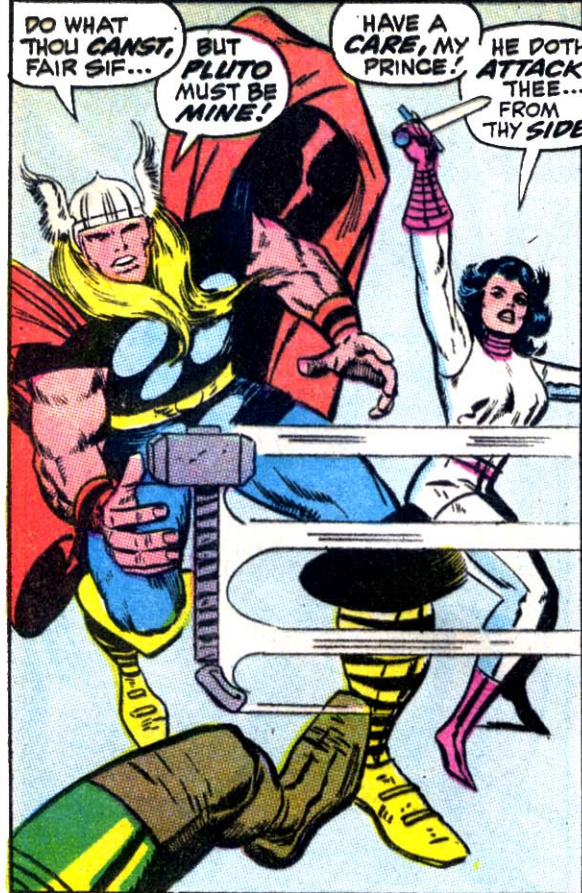


THOU DIDST LEVEL A DOZEN,  
MY LORD... WITH BUT ONE  
BLOW!

BUT THEIR NUMBERS  
SEEM TRULY ENDLESS!





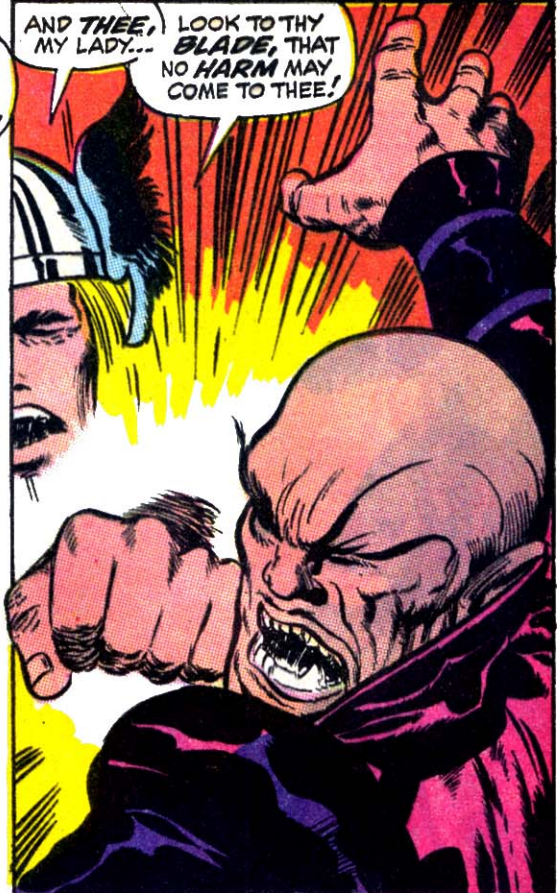


DO WHAT THOU CANST, FAIR SIF...

BUT PLUTO MUST BE MINE!

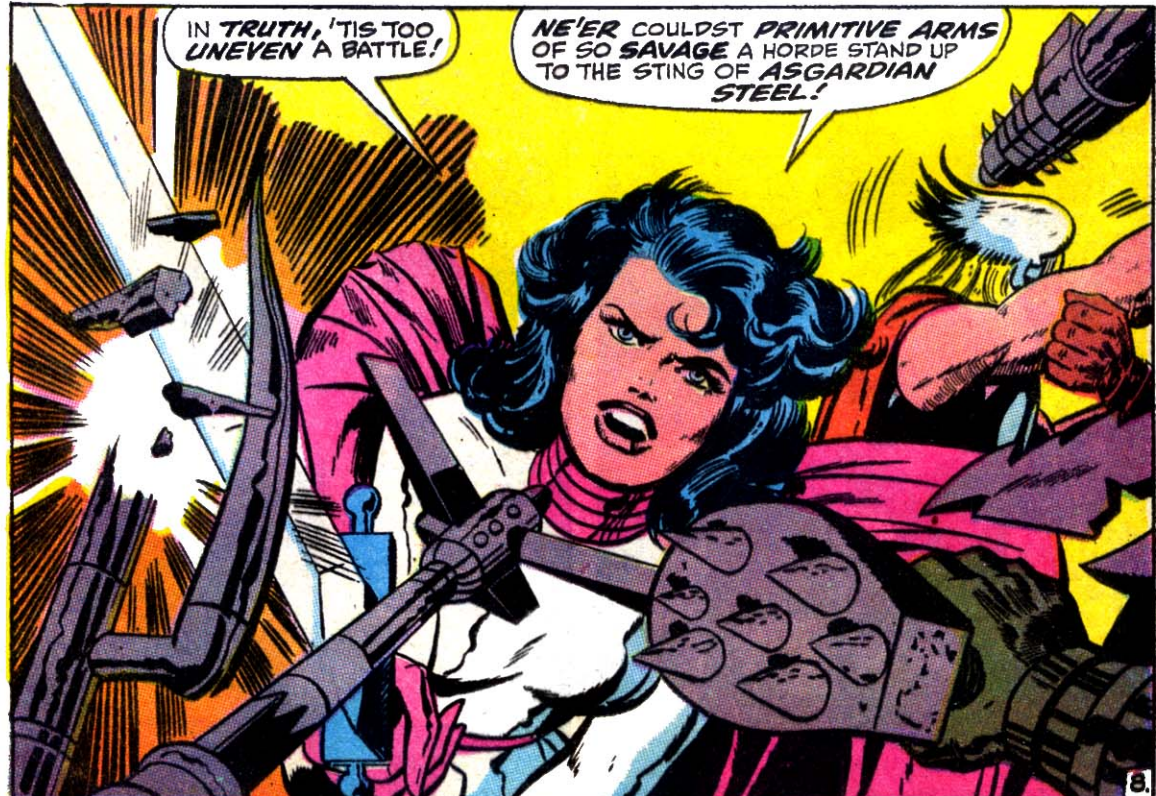
HAVE A CARE, MY PRINCE!

HE DOTTH ATTACK THEE... FROM THY SIDE!



AND THEE, MY LADY...

LOOK TO THY BLADE, THAT NO HARM MAY COME TO THEE!



IN TRUTH, 'TIS TOO UNEVEN A BATTLE!

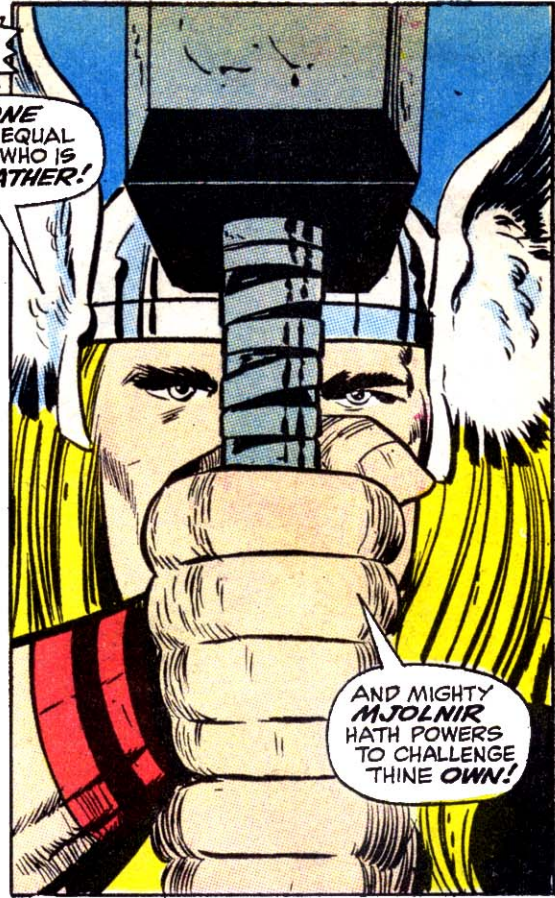
NE'ER COULDST PRIMITIVE ARMS OF SO SAVAGE A HORDE STAND UP TO THE STING OF ASGARDIAN STEEL!

THE STRENGTH OF YOUR LIMBS IS KNOWN FAR AND WIDE...

BUT PLUTO HAS POWERS TO MATCH THOSE OF ODIN HIMSELF!

THY WORDS BLASPHEME!

NONE IS THE EQUAL OF HIM WHO IS ALL-FATHER!



AND MIGHTY MJOLNIR HATH POWERS TO CHALLENGE THINE OWN!

... POWERS ENOW TO TRANSPORT US ALL BACK FROM WHENCE WE CAME!

YOU WOULD RETURN US TO THE 20TH CENTURY??

WITLESS ONE ... YOU WILL FARE NO BETTER AGAINST ME THERE!



MAKE HASTE, BELOVED !!

OUR FOES INCREASE IN DEADLY NUMBER!

AT THAT VERY INSTANT, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EERIE TIME FUNNEL...

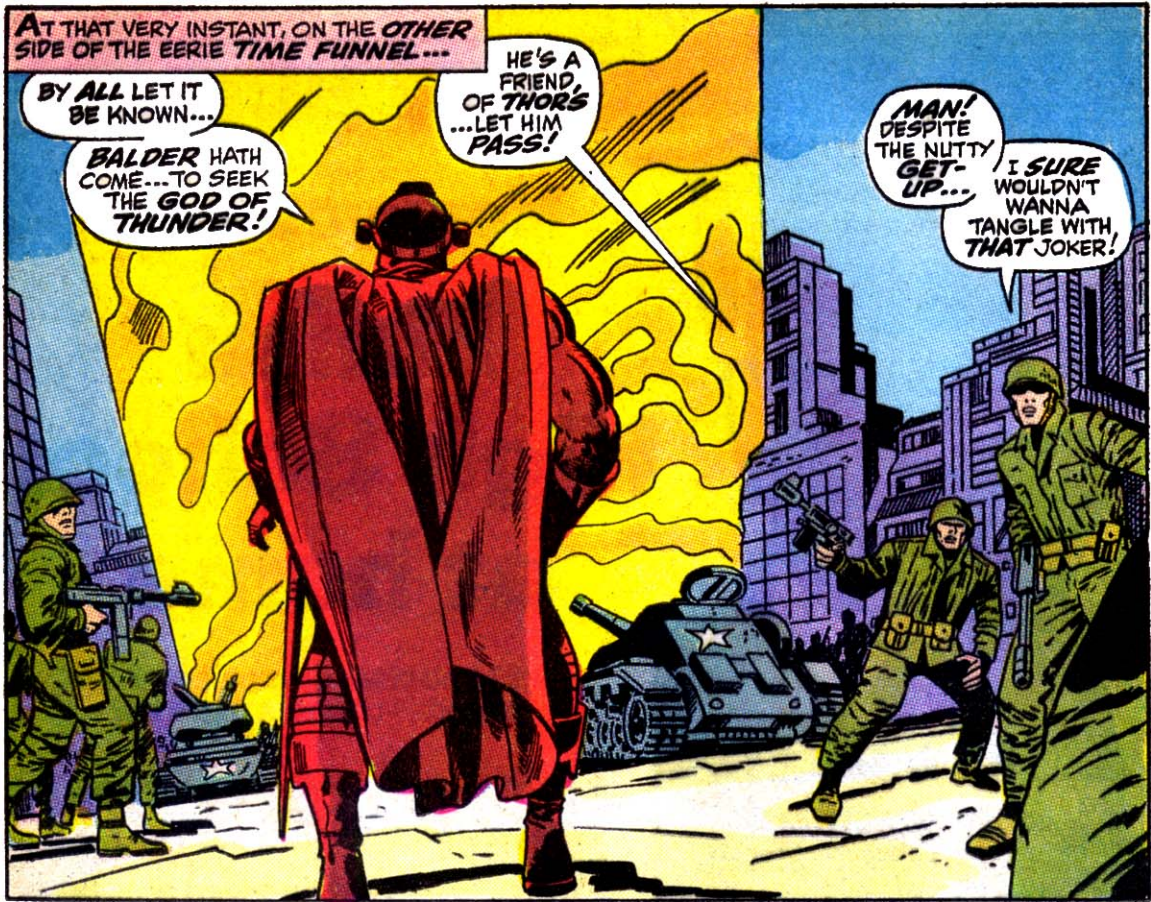
BY ALL LET IT BE KNOWN...

BALDER HATH COME... TO SEEK THE GOD OF THUNDER!

HE'S A FRIEND OF THOR'S... LET HIM PASS!

MAN! DESPITE THE NUTTY GET-UP...

I SURE WOULDN'T WANNA TANGLE WITH THAT JOKER!



WE'RE AS MUCH IN THE DARK AS YOU ARE, MISTER!

THAT MYSTERIOUS FUNNEL JUST APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE, AND SEEMED TO SWALLOW UP THE CITY'S ATOMIC RESEARCH BUILDINGS IN ITS CENTER!

LATER, WHEN THE GIRL... FOLLOWED BY THOR... CAME ALONG, THEY VANISHED INSIDE, AS WELL!

BUT... NOT E'EN MY BLADE CAN PIERCE YON VEIL!

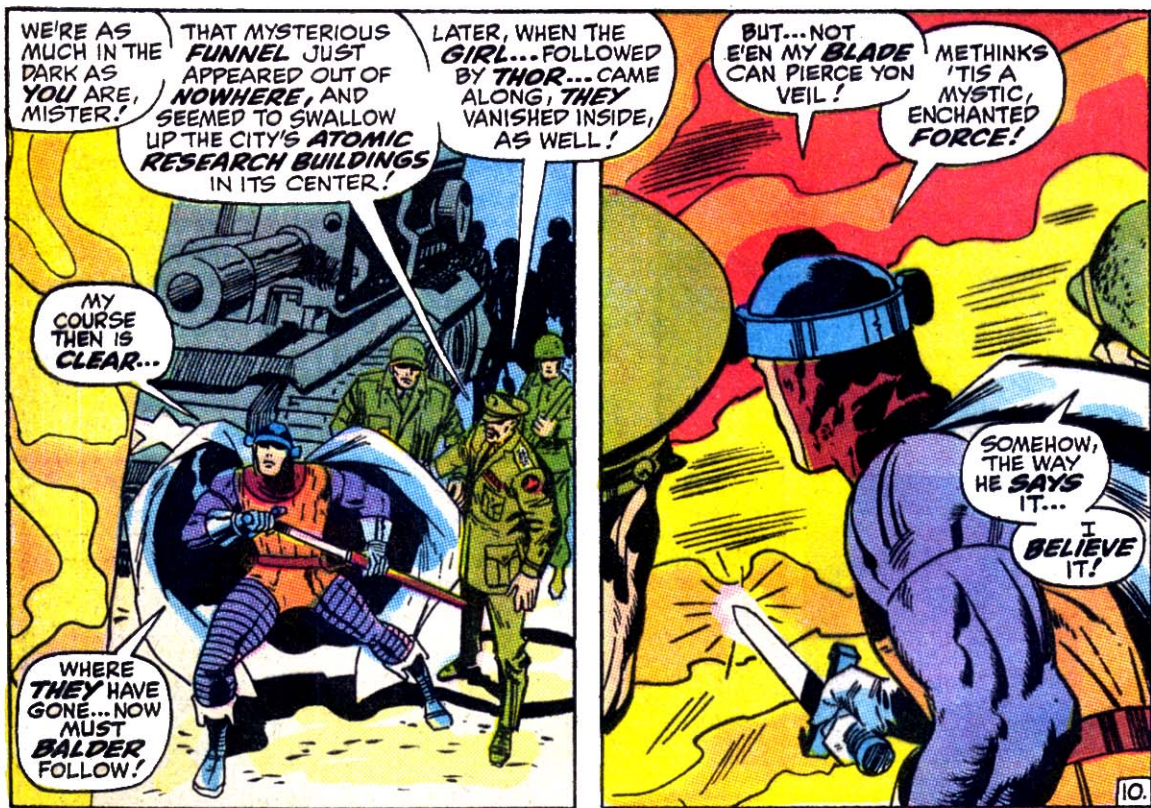
METHINKS 'TIS A MYSTIC, ENCHANTED FORCE!

MY COURSE THEN IS CLEAR...

WHERE THEY HAVE GONE... NOW MUST BALDER FOLLOW!

SOMEHOW, THE WAY HE SAYS IT...

I BELIEVE IT!



LET ALL  
STAND  
BACK!

SOMETHING  
DOETH MOVE  
WITHIN YON  
FUNNEL!

THE EYES AND  
EARS OF  
BALDER  
NOW BEAR  
WITNESS...

THE AWESOME  
CLANG OF MIGHTY  
M.JOLNIR  
DRAWS CLOSER...  
CLOSER...!?



BEFORE THE WARRIOR'S CRY CAN FADE... A FANTASTIC FLASH ILLUMES THE CITY...



... AND, NO SOONER DOES THE EERIE LUMINESCENCE SILENTLY DISSOLVE, WHEN...





LOOK!! COMING THRU THE VAPORS...!

'TIS PLUTO!

'TIS AS I FEARED!



GENERAL... WHO... WHAT... ARE THOSE CHARACTERS WITH HIM??

THEY MUST BE THE MUTATES THAT SIF REFERRED TO!

BUT, THERE'S ONLY A HANDFUL!

WHAT CAN THEY DO... AGAINST THE FORCES OF EARTH?

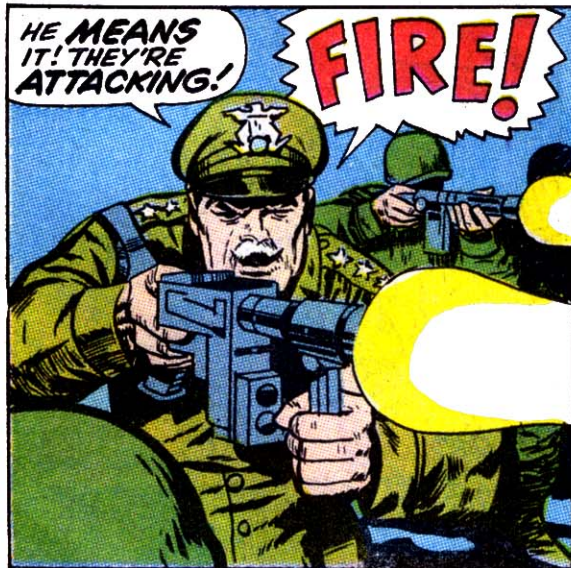


LET DOOMED HUMANITY JUDGE US NOT BY OUR NUMBERS!

AIDED BY THE PEERLESS POWER OF PLUTO, MY SAVAGE SLAVES CAN CONQUER A GALAXY!

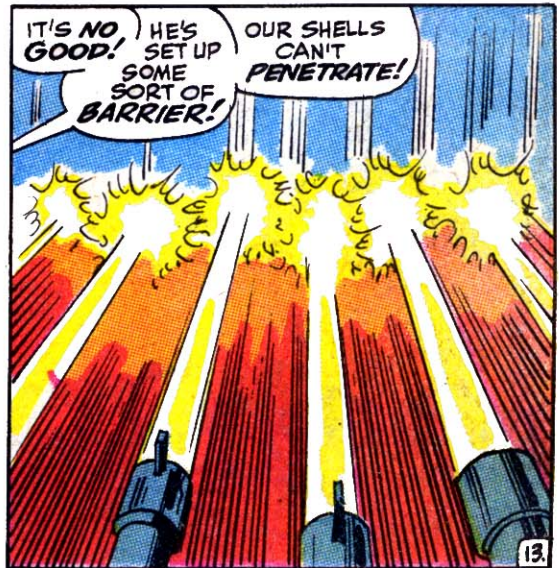
HEAR ME, MY MUTATES... THIS IS THE WORLD YOU WERE PROMISED!

AND NOW, IT IS YOURS TO TAKE!



HE MEANS IT! THEY'RE ATTACKING!

**FIRE!**



IT'S NO GOOD! HE'S SET UP SOME SORT OF BARRIER!

OUR SHELLS CAN'T PENETRATE!

NOW YOU SEE WHY I CAN CONQUER A WORLD... WITH BUT A HANDFUL!

NOTHING... SAVE THE MIGHT OF ASGARD!

NOTHING CAN SHATTER THE BARRIER OF PLUTO!



WHAT PLUTO CAN DO...

THOR CAN UNDO!

LET THE BARRIER CRUMBLE!



AND NOW... INTO THE FRAY!



AT THAT SELF-SAME INSTANT (ACCORDING TO OUR CELESTIAL STOPWATCH), ON FABLED MT. OLYMPUS, A FATEFUL MESSAGE IS BROUGHT TO THE AWESOME, ETERNAL ZEUS...

I BRING GRAVE TIDINGS, SIRE!

THY BANISHED BROTHER HATH SECRETLY DEPARTED FROM HIS STYGIAN REALM...

NOW THREATENS HE THE PLANET EARTH!

PLUTO... MENACING THE HUMAN RACE??!

HOW SAY THEE, GOOD MY LORD?

THOU KNOWEST WELL, ATHENA... NOT EVEN PLUTO MAY DEFY THE WILL OF ZEUS!

NOW SUMMON I THE PRIMORDIAL FORCES OF THE UNIVERSE ENTIRE!

THE TIME IS COME... TO ACT!

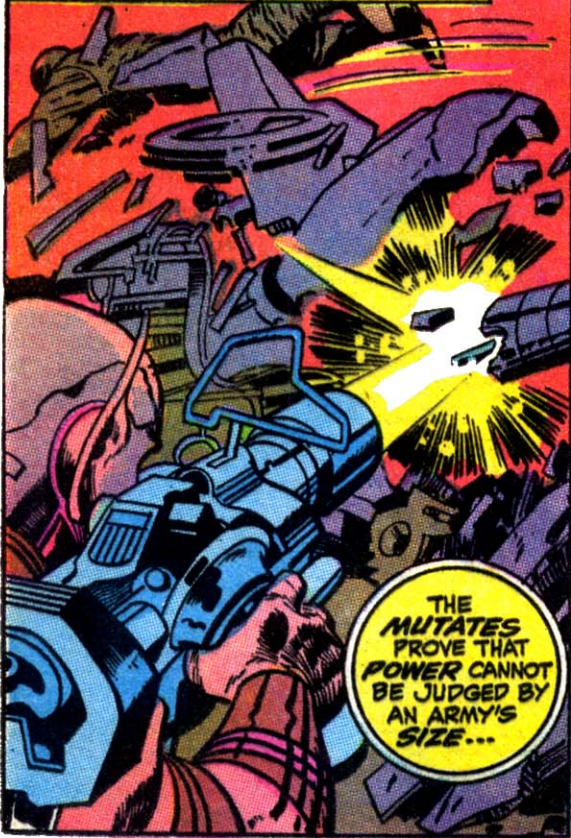


AND, SPEAKING OF ACTION... BACK ON OUR  
LITTLE FUN PLANET WE FIND MAN AGAINST  
MUTATE, HELPING TO LIVEN UP AN OTHER-  
WISE LACKLUSTER DAY...



AND NOW THAT  
YOU GET THE IDEA,  
ONWARD...

AS THOR AND PLUTO PREPARE FOR THE FINAL CONFRONTATION...

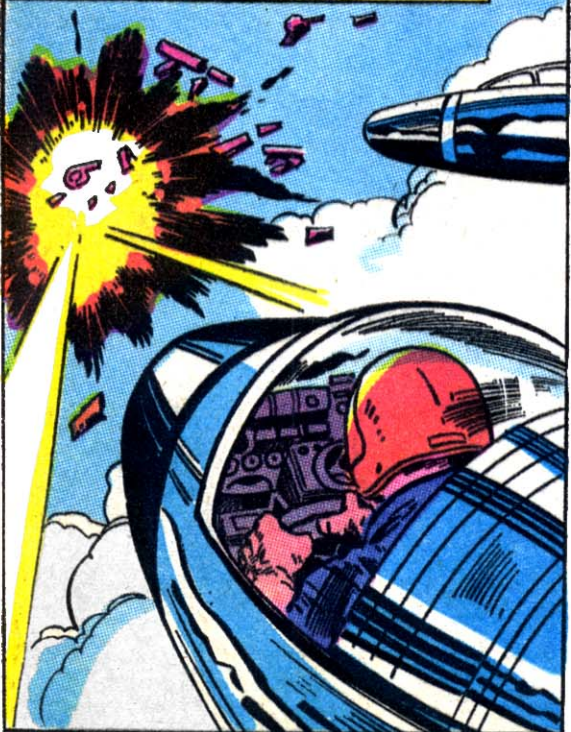


THE MUTATES PROVE THAT POWER CANNOT BE JUDGED BY AN ARMY'S SIZE...

ARMED WITH WEAPONS SUCH AS MEN HAVE NEVER KNOWN, THEY PLAN TO LEVEL AN ENTIRE CONTINENT...



BUT, MORTAL THOUGH IT IS... HUMANITY IS NOT DEFENSELESS...!



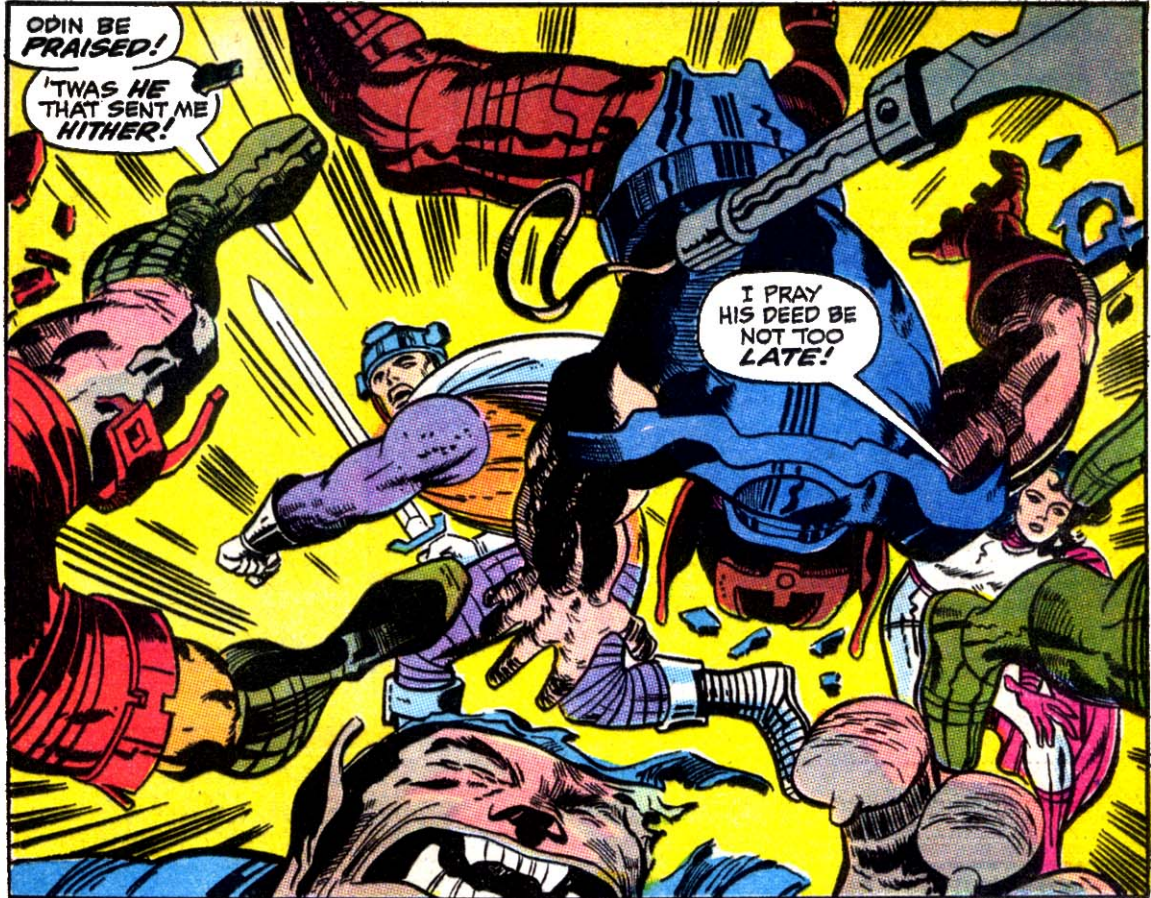
...NOR DOES IT FIGHT ALONE...!

AYE... AND AYE AGAIN, MY LADY!

NONE WHO LIVE SHALL BAR THE WAY!



TO THOR'S SIDE, BRAVE BALDER...!



ODIN BE PRAISED!

'T WAS HE THAT SENT ME HITHER!

I PRAY HIS DEED BE NOT TOO LATE!

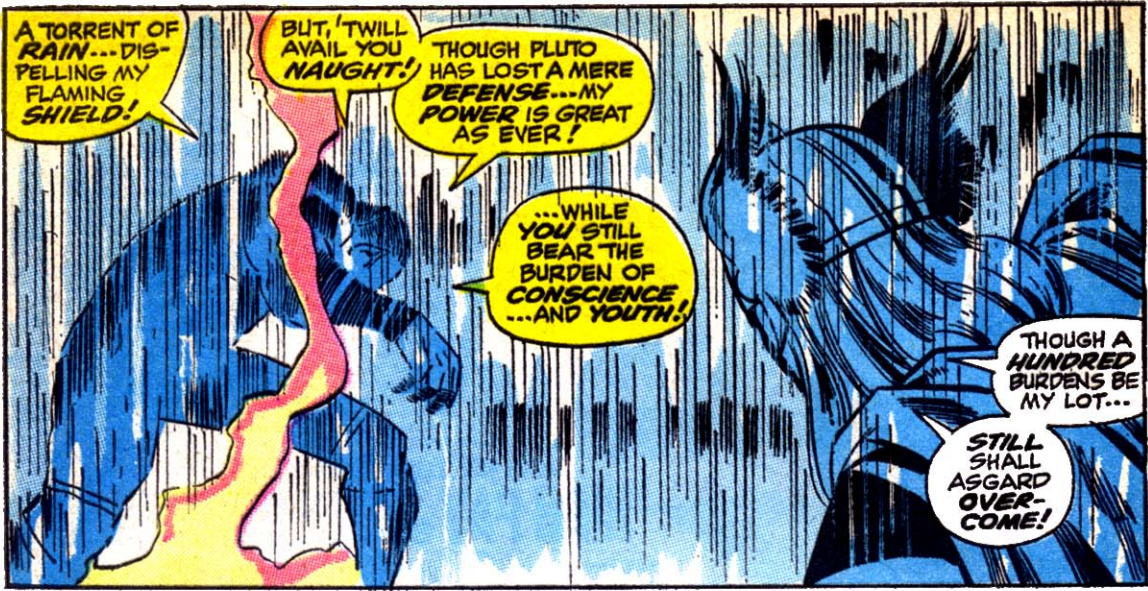
BEHOLD, THUNDER-GOD... THIS IS WHY THE VICTORY MUST BE MINE!

NONE MAY HARM ME WHEN I AM SHEATHED IN STYGIAN FLAME!

BUT... AS YOU SHALL SHORTLY SEE... PLUTO STILL MAY STRIKE AT WILL!

NOT WHILST THOR MAY CALL UPON...

THE POWER OF THE STORM!



A TORRENT OF RAIN...DISPELLING MY FLAMING SHIELD!

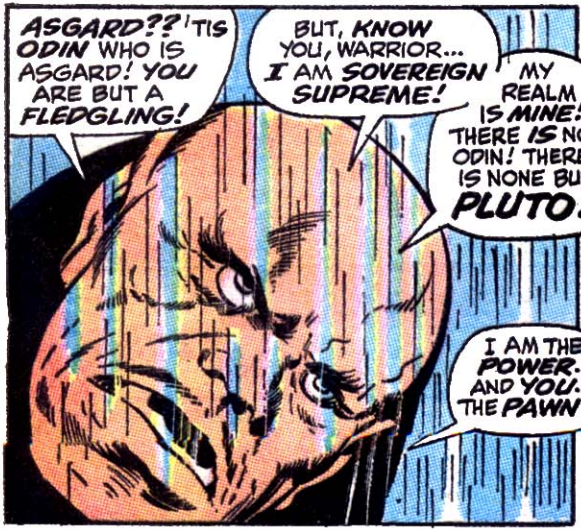
BUT, 'T'WILL AVAIL YOU NAUGHT!

THOUGH PLUTO HAS LOST A MERE DEFENSE...MY POWER IS GREAT AS EVER!

...WHILE YOU STILL BEAR THE BURDEN OF CONSCIENCE...AND YOUTH!

THOUGH A HUNDRED BURDENS BE MY LOT...

STILL SHALL ASGARD OVER-COME!



ASGARD?? 'TIS ODIN WHO IS ASGARD! YOU ARE BUT A FLEDGLING!

YOU, WARRIOR... I AM SOVEREIGN SUPREME!

MY REALM IS MINE!! THERE IS NO ODIN! THERE IS NONE BUT... PLUTO!

I AM THE POWER... AND YOU... THE PAWN!



NOW... WITH A SINGLE STYGIAN GESTURE...

I SHALL RID MYSELF OF YOUR INTERFERENCE...FOREVER!



FIRST, THOU SHALT ANSWER TO ME!

**ZEUS!**

NOT EVEN PLUTO MAY VIOLATE THE COVENANT ETERNAL!

OLYMPUS BE MINE... THE NETHERWORLD THINE!

SO IT IS WRITTEN... SO MUST IT BE!



BACK THEN GOEST THOU... AND THY SAVAGE SERVATORS AS WELL!

LET ALL BE AS IT WAS...  
**SO SAYETH ZEUS!!**

IT IS ENDED! THEY ARE GONE!

THE AWESOME ZEUS! METHINKS HE HATH TRULY SERVED US WELL!

I PRAY WE NE'ER SHALL SEE THE DAY... WHEN WE MUST STAND AGAINST HIM!

THEY... ALL VANISHED... AS SUDDENLY AS THEY FIRST APPEARED!

WHAT HAPPENED THERE... AT THE VERY END? WHAT WAS THAT SUDDEN BURST OF LIGHT?

VERILY, FOR ALL MANKIND... 'TWAS A NEW DAY'S DAWNING!

BELOVED! WHAT OF THE BEING WITHIN YON EDIFICE?

DID NOT PLUTO SAY... HE KNEW NOT THE MEASURE OF HIS NAMELESS POWER!

EVEN AS SIF'S LOVELY LIPS FINISH FRAMING HER FATEFUL WORDS... WITHIN THE SILENT BUILDING, A METAL CASK SLOWLY OPENS...

**NO ADMITTANCE!  
UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL SPECIMEN**

...AS THE MYSTERIOUS FIGURE WITHIN BEGINS TO BREATHE...

...SLOWLY AT FIRST... BUT THEN FASTER... FASTER... FASTER...

...UNTIL A GRASPING, GROPING HAND BREAKS THRU THE CRUMBLING SHEATH... TO REVEAL...

**NEXT THE BEING WITHIN!**